

State of Illinois
Military and Naval Department
Springfield

FLT-CMF-0531
May 8, 1934

Mr. W. C. Simmons,
% The Lawrence Daily Journal-World,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of May 5, 1934, regarding the military service of Alfred Smith Simmons, you are informed that the records of Civil War veterans do not show a soldier by the name of Alfred S. Simmons in volume 8. The name Alfred Simmons with a different middle initial appears in volume 8, however the name Alfred S. Simmons appears in a different volume. If it is consistently possible I would appreciate you furnishing me the following information in order to make it possible for me to identify the service which you are seeking: date of birth, place of residence and occupation at time of enlistment, color of eyes, color of hair and height.

Upon receipt of your reply, another examination will be made of the records of this department. In reply kindly make reference to file No. 0531, FLT-CMF.

Yours truly,

C. E. Black

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The Adjutant General.

Alfred Smith Simmons was born in
Plymouth, Chenango Co N. Y. Dec 21-1809
He was 51 years old when the Civil War began and I do not
know how soon he enlisted, but he is said to have dyed
his hair, and to have given his age as younger than
he really was. His wife died March 29, 1860, so he was
foot loose. He was blue eyes, of good build, probably about
5 feet 10 inches tall - and active and vigorous. He died at
Grays Lake, Ill, where he is buried the date not later
than 1896, perhaps somewhat earlier. Late in life he married
Mrs Emily Ray, of Grays Lake. He was a musician, but probably
was a private in military service - May have enlisted from Waukegan