

November 8, 1947

Mrs. Maybelle Hook
Grayslake, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Hook:

I am a great grandson of Adolphus Simons, who was born February 4, 1781. It is my understanding that you are also related to him. My grandfather, Alfred Smith Simons was the son of Adolphus and Sally Eddy Simons, and Alfred Smith married Wealthy Mason.

I am getting data together for the publication of the genealogy of our family. I have the names of four generations of Simons, back of Adolphus, and think that the fifth generation preceding him was William Simons who left Woburn, Massachusetts during, or following, King Phillip's war.

Adolphus Simons was married four times, with his fourth wife, he spent some time at the home of his grandson, my father, Adolph Ezra Simons. On account of the age of the fourth wife, I am quite sure there were no children by this marriage. I shall be glad to know the names of his second and third wives, and of any children they may have had.

I am inclined to think that grandfather Alfred Smith Simons had a sister Juliette for whom he named his only daughter.

My sisters who visited you some years ago both passed away four years ago.

I shall greatly appreciate your help in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:jm

November 8, 1947

Secretary of the Cemetery
Jetmore, Kansas

Dear Sir:

Forty or more years ago, W. C. Gowdy was buried at Jetmore. It is my impression that he was buried beside his brother, Harrison Gowdy, at whose grave I placed a marker some years ago. I am now giving consideration to placing a marker at the grave of W. C. Gowdy. Please give me the date of his death, which I presume you have in your records.

I lived in Hodgeman County from March '78 until 1888 and my mother taught the opening school in the schoolhouse that was discarded some years ago for a larger and better one.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS: jm

November 5, 1947

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Attention: Mr. W. S. Downs

Gentlemen:

It is true that my letters have been somewhat infrequent, but I am now really trying to get down to business.

I find that the only names on my Simons chart whose forebears have not been developed are:

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(4) Esther Boomer, born March 31, 1791, died 1859, married Ezra Mason in 1811 at Ellisburg, Jefferson County, New York.

(5) Polly Dyer, wife of Asa Lewis of Stonington, Connecticut. They were married January 22, 1779, Rev. Nathaniel Eells officiating. Her brother went to England and was elected to parliament. In my memory there is some connection between the Dyers, Chesboroughs and Sheffields of England.

The numerals at the beginning of each name indicates the generation removed from me, counting myself as number 1. You might readily be able to find something about their antecedents. Esther Boomer was my great grandmother.

I am also interested in finding further data in regard to Dr. John Buckley, who was in the war of 1812. He was the great grandfather of Mrs. Simons. His son, Jacob Creth Buckley, reared a large family at Lawrenceburg, Anderson County, Kentucky and later moved to Illinois near or at Girard.

I am giving great care to accuracy in names and dates furnished you.

At your recent suggestion, I shall send you soon volumes 1 and 2 of the "Genealogies - Gawdy, Gauden, Goudie, Goldie, Gowdy, Goudy", and enclosed in volume 2 you will find carbon copy of a letter written by me to Mr. Mahlon M. Gowdy of Providence, Rhode Island, making a correction of certain items and also requesting certain omissions. I don't know who furnished the data originally, but they gave the date of my parent's marriage as the date of my birth, although my parents were married in '66 and I was born in '71.

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I also have a chart showing seventeen ancestors who were officers in the colonial wars. Doubtless, it would be desirable to include that chart in our published book.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

In the History of Woburn, Massachusetts, William Simonds, the son of William Simonds Sr. was born April 15, 1651. In the records at Enfield, Connecticut, the birth of William Simons is given as 1659. Realizing that William Simons, the son of the William Simons, Sr. of Woburn, left his home probably during, or immediately following King Phillip's war, which occurred in 1675, when he was but twenty-four years of age, and that probably he had no communication with his family afterwards, it would be very easy for him to figure that he was somewhat younger than he actually was. Furthermore - I find that errors in dates are frequently made in transcriptions. In any event - we find in the Enfield records, a William Simons about whom the only information given is that he was born in 1659 and died in 1738, and that the first name of his wife was Sarah. It also appears in the Woburn records that William Simons had a brother Benjamin, three years younger than himself, and we notice that the grandson of William Simons of Connecticut was named Benjamin Simons. The variation in the spelling of the name from Simonds to Simons matters but little. I have William Bradford's History of Plymouth Colony and I noticed one time when I had the book open before me, that relative to the name of Priscilla Mullines (whose romance with John Alden is quite well known) the last name, Mullines, was spelled in four different ways, ie., (on two adjoining pages, there were four variations in the spelling of that name). That was partly due to carelessness and partly due to the fact that poor spellers were the rule, rather than the exception.

William Simons who appears in Connecticut must have come from someplace and William Simons who disappears from the records

at Woburn, must have gone someplace. As four of his brothers were in King Phillip's war, it is more than likely that William of Woburn heard of the greater prospect for success in the Connecticut Valley and went there, never to return to Woburn.

As it was a good many years later before a postal system was established and there were no railroads, few well traveled dirt roads, and the people in general were too poor to travel - people who left home seldom returned.

While we can't use this man from Woburn as being definitely the first on our list, I think the probabilities indicate the close relationship we have inferred.

November 7, 1947

Dear Mrs. Anderson:

I looked over the Preyer Andreae volume of Genealogies and could not find very much connecting our own Carl Preyer with this well established European family.

I referred to Who's Who and find a very nice statement in regard to Mr. Preyer, which I believe, added to the general information we have regarding him, will enable us to have a suitable story if and when the time comes to use it.

No one in Lawrence, I am sure, holds Carl Preyer in higher esteem than I.

Cordially yours,

Ann Waller Reddy
Historical and Genealogical Research



1005 East Marshall Street
Richmond, Virginia

Oct 31 1947.

Mr W.C.Simons;
Journal- World,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr Simons;

I really believe the American Historical Society can do a better job for you than I can on tracing your ancestor through those various states ^{Buckley} ~~he~~ ~~visited~~ visited after he left Va. If they succeed in getting him back to a definite county of Va. perhaps I am in a position to do as thorough a job as any one as the source material is all here. But a large corporation like the American must have consultants in various western states, who do their research for them.

If they succeed in getting the Buckley back to any Va. county and you wish my services I will be happy to comply. Even Va. has 100 counties and all wills deeds and other books are not here in the Archives so when we get to a disputed point we often have to go to the county to settle the same.

Sincerely yours

Ann Waller Reddy
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Mr. W. C. Simons
The World Company
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Mr. Simons:

Your infrequent letters always seem to arrive during my absence from the office, but I am responding to yours of the 13th as soon as possible.

I would suggest that you forward to us the photostatic material that you mention, as well as the volumes of history and genealogy, including the history of Woburn, so that we can give you our estimate of compilation and can then turn all of this material over to one of our staff to work on without interruption.

I would suggest an express package as the best manner of forwarding the material and we will guard it with extreme care while it is in our possession, returning it to you when we have completed the work, should you authorize us to proceed with it, or immediately upon your notification that you do not wish us to serve you.

With kind regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

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W. S. Downs

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W. C. Simons

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Mr. P. E. Garrison
Editor Anderson News
Lawrenceburg, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Garrison:

So many years have elapsed since Jacob Creth Buckley and his children who were born there left for Illinois, I presume it is useless for you to try to find any data for me.

Jacob Creth Buckley may have been born in Lawrenceburg. His father, Doctor John Buckley, who was born in Virginia was a soldier of the War of 1812.

My wife is a great granddaughter of Doctor John Buckley and we are endeavoring to find out where he was born in Virginia and, if possible, who his parents were.

If you can help us, we will certainly appreciate it.

Respectfully yours,

WCS:ebp

W. C. Simons

October 27, 1947

Mrs. Ann Waller Reddy
1005 East Marshall Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Reddy:

A recent letter received from the City Clerk of Girard, Illinois gives the date of the death of Jacob C. Buckley as June 14, 1886, age sixty-seven years, five months and fifteen days. By this, we figured that he was born January 30, 1819. As I doubtlessly have told you, the first wife of Jacob Greth Buckley was Mary Elizabeth Seeders.

If you feel that this lead will be of any value to you in securing data in regard to Doctor John Buckley, the father of Jacob Greth Buckley, you may proceed with your investigation. If not, I shall turn the matter over to the American Historical Company, Inc. of 80-90 Eighth Avenue, New York, New York whom I have engaged to prepare copy for the publication of the Geanealogical record.

Respectfully yours,

WCS:ebp

W. C. Simons

Ann Waller Reddy
Historical and Genealogical Research



1005 East Marshall Street
Richmond, Virginia

Oct 4, 1947.

Mr W.C.Simons;
Dailey Journal & World
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr Buckley;

We have reached the point in your research where some out of Richmond searching has to be done and to do this we must send the money when we give the Order.

I believe some of the Census records should be searched and the local histories of the counties in which the ancestors lived. These local histories are usually to be found in the D.A.R. library at Washington or at the Congressional Library in the same city.

Of course we might not solve your case but again we might. It often a great deal of work to track an ancestor to the Va. county in which he was born.

I will be pleased to do some more on this case at any time; ~~and~~ I presume you mean your Simon^s records are to be published ; for we did not secure sufficient proofs on the Buckley line to have a nice Write up of that family. I am very glad to hear you joined the Society of Colonial Wars, for such entrance papers make an excellent record of your family for later generations.

Sincerely yours

Ann Waller Reddy
Ann Waller Reddy

AWR:f

October 27, 1947

American Historical Company, Inc.
80-90 Eighth Avenue
New York, New York

Attention: Mr. W. S. Downs

Dear Mr. Downs:

We call your attention to the fact that our letter of October 13 to you remains unanswered.

Since writing you I have heard from Girard, Illinois and find that Jacob Creth Buckley died June 14, 1886, age sixty-seven years, five months, and fifteen days and by this it may be easily figured that he was born January 30, 1819.

Jacob Creth Buckley was the father of Mrs. John Keineke "Louisa Jane Buckley" who was born in Lawrenceburg, Anderson County, Kentucky. As she was the oldest of a large family of children, the family must have been residents in Kentucky for a good many years. Jacob Creth Buckley was the son of Doctor John Buckley, who was a veteran of the War of 1812 and who was buried in Lawrence, Kansas while visiting a son in Lawrence.

Hoping to hear from you, I remain

Respectfully yours,

WCS:ebp

W. C. Simons

October 13, 1947

American Historical Company, Inc.
80-90 Eighth Avenue
New York, New York

Attention: Mr. W. S. Downs

Dear Mr. Downs:

One of the last letters written you, by myself, was dated September 10, 1946 and is doubtless in your files.

I hesitated to send you the original copy of my family tree some six or seven feet long, not so much for fear lest it be misplaced after it reached you, as that it might be lost in transit. I now have photostatic copies of my original tree, which I can send you, and should there be any portion of same that is indistinct, I could give you a copy of same from the scroll in my possession.

I have bound copies of the genealogies of the Eddy and Gowdy lines and doubtless, you have copies of these volumes in your library. I have made an outline of several ancestral lines from the earliest data in my possession, down to myself. Perhaps all other lines are so distant as to hardly warrant particular space.

I find that the Luther line comes into my tree in three different places - once, as I recall - on my father's side and twice on that of my mother. The Cole line comes into both my paternal and maternal lines and one man is my great great grandfather on one line and my great great great grandfather on another.

You will note by referring to my letter of September 10, 1946, that I believe the first

Simons of my line appears as William Simons of Woburn, Massachusetts and that his son, William about whom only the birth is listed, is the first William Simons of my line which appears in the records at Enfield, Connecticut.

As we are prepared to put the genealogy into book form, your service to me would be to prepare the copy for same from the data that I furnish you, and any additional data that your records might produce.

I have tried to secure some data in regard to the genealogy of my wife who was born Mary Gertrude Reineke. Her father, John Reineke, came from Germany when he was a child, and we have a photograph of the record of the birth of his mother. As Mr. Reineke was born in Bremerh~~aven~~en, it is possible that old records there have been destroyed by the war. But, I am inclined to believe that the simple fact of his birth and the name of his maternal grandparents, might be an adequate record on that side. Mrs. John Reineke, the mother of Mrs. Simons, was a Buckley. Her father was Jacob Creth Buckley, probably born in Kentucky (I may have the place of his birth), and her grandfather was Dr. John Buckley, who served in Captain Ellison's Company in the War of 1812. I have his military record, but do not have the place of his birth. I shall be glad to know more about the Buckley family and to include it in the genealogy to be prepared by you and to be published by ourselves. Please tell me what data to send you and how to send it. I am sorry to have delayed the matter as long as I have, but I have not been entirely idle.

If you do not have a history of Woburn, Massachusetts I can send you either the bound volume or a copy of the data regarding the family of William Simons. I had hoped to secure some aid in regard to the Buckley family from Ann Waller Reddy, 1005 E. Marshall Street, Richmond, Virginia, but so far, I have had little practical return for the money I have sent her.

As I am now 76 years of age and my wife is 72, I shall be glad to have this matter attended to at as early a date as possible.

In regard to the number of copies to be printed, I had thought that a sufficient number for my children and grandchildren, with perhaps a few copies for genealogical libraries would be sufficient. I shall be glad to have you advise me as to the number to be published. I just now note that in my letter of September 10, 1946, in the last paragraph, I suggest that perhaps fifty copies would be sufficient. I shall be glad to hear from you soon and to get the work started.

Cordially,

October 13, 1947

Mr. J. H. Church
City Clerk
Girard, Illinois

Dear Mr. Church:

This is a belated answer to your letter of July 10 addressed to Mr. W. C. Simon. Please note that the name should be Simons.

I enclose \$5.00 for the kindness you have shown me and I would appreciate it if you could give me a complete copy of the data on the stone of J. C. Buckley's grave in Girard. Also, if possible, on that of the grave of Monroe Buckley, who was a member of our family of Buckley's.

Noting the name of Miss Molly Cole of Atwater, Illinois, the name of Cole appears on my family tree on both my maternal and paternal lines. You might also give me the data on Aunt Jane Buckley, who was buried on the J. C. Buckley lot.

The name Seeders is that of the wife of one of the Buckley's.

I shall be glad to hear from you.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS: jm
Enc.

Girard, Ills.
Oct. 20th, 1947.

Mr. W.C. Simons,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I received your letter of October 13th, a few days ago. With check inclosed for services rendered you. I thank you very much for this.

You stated that you would like some other information.

Following is the data as nearly as I can give you.

Jefferson
J. Monree son of
J.C. & M.E. Buckley
Died Oct. 13-1881
17 Yrs. 7 Mo. 2 days.

Mary Elizabeth Seeders

Jacob C. Buckley
Died June 14-1886
Aged 67yrs. 5Mo. 15 Days.

Jane E. Buckley
wife of
J.C. Buckley
May 4-1833
Jan. 6-1918

*2nd wife and
no relation to
10 children by
1st wife.*

This is as appears on the stones.
There is some smaller lettering on the bottom of the
Jacob C. Buckley stone that I cannot make out.

Hope this will help you .

Thanking you again.

Yours truly.

J.H. Church.

J. H. Church.

*Jacob C. Buckley
by Jan 30, 1819*

Do get him to
give you the
2 dates

answered
7/18/47

Simons

Girard, Ills.
July 10th, 1947.

Mr. W. C. Simon,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of June 30th, 1947 was received by me several days ago. I have been trying to find out something about Jacob Creth Buckley.

Was it possible that Jacob Creth Buckley was married twice. Why I speak in this way is this.

I knew an Aunt Jane Buckley who lived in Atwater, Illinois. Went to see her many times when a young boy.

I think she was a sister of James Cole's wife. Who lived on a farm near Atwater, Ills.

I find a Cemetary lot in Girard Cemetary with a stone on with this name of J.C. Buckley on same.

There is also a stone on the lot with a son buried there by the name of J. Monroe Buckley. Died at age 17 yrs.

I also called over the telephone to a Miss Molly Cole, Atwater, Ills.

I told her I would give ~~her~~ you her name and address so that you might get in touch with her if you liked. She might be able to give you some more information.

I trust that you may be able to find more that will help you find where Mr. Buckley was born.

Secretary of the cemetary here has no records back as far as when Mr. Buckley was burried here.

Aunt Jane Bucklet died here or rather Atwater, Ills.

Jan. 6th, 1818 Buried on J.C. Buckley lot.

If this information is worth any thing to you, or may help to you in giving you alead to something more ~~defant~~ nearly what you would like to know. I hope it will.

If worth any thing, you may send what you think right.

J. H. Church
City Clerk.

no date
no date

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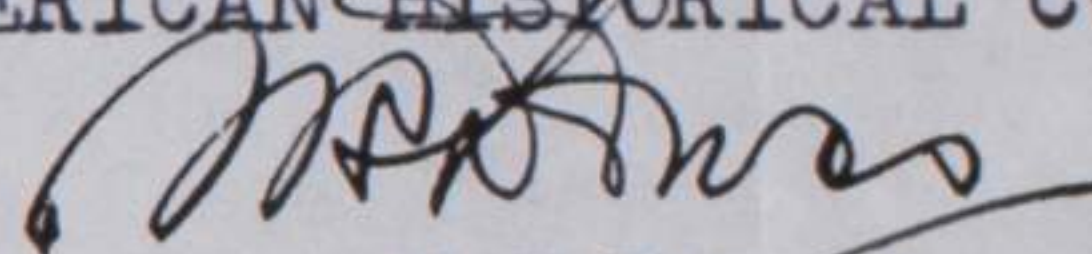
Dear Mr. Simons:-

Your letter of July 27th, referring to our correspondence of late last year, is before me, and I am replying at once to assure you that possession of such valuable charts and family data as you mention is so much a part of our daily experience that the safe-guarding of such materials is a part of our routine. While the knowledge of our work for Mr. Stuart has given you some confidence in us, you may further reassure yourself nearer home by a line to Mr. J.E. Lawrence, editor of the Lincoln, Nebraska, "Star", who has recently had some opportunity of acquainting himself with our affiliated organization and with whom I have been in correspondence touch after he met personally two of our official group. Miss A.L. Benton, of the Hammond and Stephens Co. in Fremont, Nebraska, also knows us, as does Dr. Frank E. Mossman, at Southwestern College, at Winfield, in your State. So much for the safety of the material.

If you chart and supplementary data contain the type of information included in the Stuart book, we will engage to place it in that form. If you have only names and dates, without the biographical material that the Stuart book contains, and wish this added by us, so far as possible, this is a service which we could render. This applies also to the checking of the Simons identity and relationship referred to in your letter of the 27th.

We shall be glad indeed to work with you and to give you the estimate requested for preparing the copy for the printer.

Cordially yours,
THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL COMPANY, INC.


W.S. Downs

WSD:MAG

September 10, 1946

American Historical Company, Inc.,
80-90 Eighth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Attention: Mr. W. S. Downs

Dear Mr. Downs:

A couple of letters have passed between us concerning my desire to have you compile and edit data for a genealogical record of my family. As I have previously informed you, I have a family scroll, perhaps six feet long and containing hundreds of names compiled by the late Mrs. Shields of Chicago. I have a lot of supplementary data in addition to that on the chart.

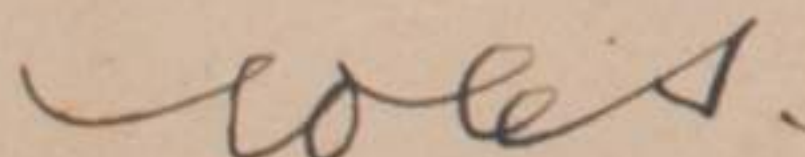
I find that in the records at Enfield, ~~Minnesota~~ ^{Conn.} there is an account of four generations of Simons earlier than my great grandfather, Adolphus Simons. I have not been able to ascertain definitely the first Simons in our line in America, but from circumstantial evidence, it would appear that we are descended from William Simons of Woburn, Massachusetts, who evidently arrived in America in about 1635. There is an adequate account of this family in the history of Woburn. In the list of the children of this William Simons, the birth of a son, named William is mentioned and while in the case of all of the other children, births, marriages and deaths have been reported, no further reference is given of William. It appears, however, that at least four of the brothers of William took part in King Phillip's war. It seems plausible to me that William Simons either accompanied his brothers, or was interested in their stories of the better opportunities in Connecticut, left Woburn and never returned. The date of his birth does not exactly match that given for the first William Simons in Connecticut, but as he would have been absented from his family for many

years and would have depended upon his memory, the discrepancy might be accounted for in that way. Furthermore, we find that errors are frequently made in dates by those who have copied records. As I remember, not having my data before me, the first William Simons in Woburn married Edith Phippen, who was first married to a man named Haworth, this data also appearing in the Woburn history.

Most of the other lines are quite well established. About the only branch that has not been developed is that of Miss Boomer, who became the wife of one of my Simons' ancestors. This data appears on the chart with no further reference in regard to her or her family. Many of the lines extend into foreign countries. The Olney's, Carpenter's, Luther's and others go back many generations. The Eddy family published a genealogy and apparently my great grandmother was the daughter of Olney Eddy of Plymouth, New York. The Gowdy genealogy deals in general with the European background of the family, which, in America, begins with Simon Gowdy who was married in Boston in 1710, the Rev. Cotton Mather performing the ceremony.

I have done little work on this matter during the past five or ten years, but prior to that time I gave it a good deal of time and I feel that unless my records are put into permanent form, they will be of little value to my children. My idea as expressed to you before, would be to have you take my data, including my family chart and prepare it for publication. As we have a complete book publishing plant, we could handle that part of the work, altho, we should be pleased to have you make separate figures in regard to the cost of a limited edition. Including my wife and myself, there are now twenty members of our family. As my four children are married, fifteen copies would cover my direct descendants. However, I have a few cousins, and I should think it would be desirable to place a few copies with libraries, to wit: Newbery, Kansas State Historical Library, etc. You could doubtless suggest where a few such books might be placed, but I would think that not more than fifty copies would be advisable in any case. I should like to have the matter nicely done, but not in an extravagant manner. Please advise me as to probable cost and instruct me as to what data you would like to have me send you. As I reached the age of seventy-five in July, the work should not be long delayed.

Respectfully yours,



W. C. Simons

A.W.Reddy 1005 E.Marshall St Richmond Va.

Mr W.C.Simons
Journal -World
Lawrence Kansas

*Mr Simons grandmother
was Elizabeth Seelers
many*



SAVE THE EASY WAY
UNITED STATES POSTAGE
BUY U.S. BONDS ON
PAYROLL SAVINGS

Ann Waller Reddy
Historical and Genealogical Research



1005 East Marshall Street
Richmond, Virginia

Jul 3, 1947.

Mr W.C. Simons;
Journal World,
Lawrence Kansas.

Dear Mr Simons;

A great deal of work has been done on your case. I am surprised that you appear not to have read the report carefully. That marriage in Greenbriar in 1811 seems to have been the first Mrs JOHN BUCKLEY.

You will notice also that the BUCKLEYS had already settled in Greenbriar county and of course you can understand that \$30.00 could not allow for a trip to that county (which should be made) to follow this up. The fare from here is \$12.20 and two days are lost one in going and one in coming. We covered pretty well most of the Va. BUCKLEYS and the Greenbriar branch come nearer to fitting than the others. We find here JESSE . JOHN, Jeremiah, all in the same county and later they all show to gether in the same county in Ky.

Of course there is ANN BUCKLEY whos husband had moved out of the state but she is not a likely possibility for JACOB CREATH BUCKLEY ^{Death} would have meant a reunion of this couple.

We also located JACOB CREATH & WM BUCKLEY as Baptist ministers. I am sure you will realize that a great deal of work has been done. It may not mean a great deal now but it will when more material is gathered.

Those land Taxes of Anderson Co. Ky. were done at the Ky. Historical Society in Frankfort, Ky.

Some more research is needed on this problem, and I can not promise it will work out; but it seems that it should for judging from the names it seems we have the correct family.

Sincerely yours

Ann Waller Reddy
Ann Waller Reddy

ANDERSON CO. TAXES

1827
Samuel Buckley... 3 Blacks 4 Horses \$800.00

LAND TAXES

1827
Thomas J. Buckley100 acres Ky Pines, Arnold \$2314.00
" " " 34 " "
" " " 58 " "
" " "160 " " Woodford entry

1828
Samuel Buckley100 " Benson Cr.-- Hayden \$640.00
Thomas J. Buckley Same as in 1827 -- The woodford entry \$2684.00
is Jas. Wathers

1829
Thomas J. Buckley....198 acres Kentucky Ry. - Arnold \$25.00
" " "130 " - Woodford-- Jas. Wathers Blurred
Samuel Buckley5 Blacks 7 Horses 5 Children \$910.00
Jeremiah Buckley 3 Children

1830
Thomas J. Buckley... 198 acres Anderson by R. \$2110.00
... 130 acres Woodford by R.
Samuel Buckley 4 Blacks 8 Horses..... \$1000.00

1833
Thomas J. Buckley258 acres Anderson Arnold Entry
..... 55 " Woodford - Wathers \$2346.00
" " " 58 " - Netheson

Jeremiah Buckley \$100.00
John Buckley \$1260.00
Samuel Buckley

1835
Samuel Buckley28 acres Benson Cr.- Peyton Entry
" " 6 Blacks 5 Horses \$1570.00
John Buckley125 acres Crooked Cr. \$368.00
Thomas J. Buckley198 " Arnold Entry
" " " 68 " Netheson " \$2750.00
" " " 65 " Woodford Co. - Wathers
Jeremiah " .

ANDERSON CO. TAXES

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|------|-------------------|----------|----------------|----------|-----------|
| 1837 | Thomas J. Buckley |127 | acres Anderson | Blacks 1 | \$500.00 |
| | " " " |126 | " " | | \$2724.00 |
| | " " " |68 | " Woodford | | |
| | " " " |18 | " " | | |
| | John Buckley |160 | " Crooked Cr. | | \$680.00 |

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

BIRTHS

Susan L. Leeders 15 Dec. 1856 Wm. Leeders of Mary Dawson.

DEATHS

27 Feb. 1833 Margaret Buckley age 33 years, born Mercer Co.,
Parents Isaac and Lydia Cosson.

MARRIAGES

James H. Buckley to Lavinia Johnson -- 14 May 1839

Samuel Buckley to Margaret Capon 17 June 1839.

BUCKLEY Sec. 23 E. RANDOLPH CO.
BUCKEY

ANDERSON CO. 876-9 N. W.

1780 --1936

Names of men in Anderson Co. 1827:
JEREMIAH Buckley, Ferryman.

MARRIAGES in Anderson Co. 1830--1835:

1834 Aug. 11,

John C. Lillard to Frances Buckley.

Anderson News, founded 1877 by Judge John (Jack) F. Willson, carried on but a short while and sold to Charles E. Kincade ... Claude Buckley purchased the paper from Mr. Kincade and a few years later sold it to J. P. Boswell..... Boswell disposed of the plant to F. R. Leland in 1884, who published the paper 5 years and sold it to J.M.B. Birdwhistle and Harry Buckley.

The Providence Church was built about 1825 under the auspices of JERRY BUCKLEY and others.

In October 1834, it was ordered that Josh Buckley view and make alterations in the Buckley Ferry Road.

September 30, 1947

Mrs. Ann Waller Reddy
1005 E. Marshall Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Reddy:

I do not believe that I have heard from you since your letter of July 11, 1947, which was forwarded to me to our cabin in Minnesota. I notice in this letter that you mention Joshua Buckley and his family. What connection have you found between Joshua Buckley and Dr. John Buckley?

I also enclose a letter dated July 10, received from J. H. Church, City Clerk of Girard, Illinois. If there is anything in this of interest to you, make a note of it and then return the letter to me for my files.

I shall shortly place my data in the hands of an eastern historical society for publication in book form. I have just ordered photostatic copies made of my family tree and also of my ancestors who were officers in the Colonial Wars. I shall send the copies to the Historical Society, as I hesitate to have the originals leave my possession. *the list of*

Trusting that you have been successful in your quest, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS: jm
Enc.

Ann Waller Reddy
Historical and Genealogical Research



1005 East Marshall Street
Richmond, Virginia

Jul 11, 1947

Mr W.C.Simons;
Journal World,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr Simons;

It looks to me as though your man came from Greenbriar which would place his family earlier in Augusta County Va.

I believe the first thing to be done would be to have the 1870 Census searched; he did not seem to be in Lawrenceburg 1870 so if you could locate him at that year we would get a good deal of official information about him and if he was an M.D. that would be shown and proved in a Census report.

From the taxes I sent you it seems he moved about from Greenbriar to Wythe or some of the other south west Va. counties. If these children were left any money we should be able to get the guardian's reports and these should give official proof of the parentage.

I think it will take about \$50.00 to get some extra things I wish from Ky. the Census from Washington if you can locate the residence in 1870 and a trip to South west Va. to follow the migrations of that Joshua Buckley and his family.

I like those semi circular charts very much. For long line one has to use a folding chart but in working the chart with the least folds is the best. You can work the 5 generations; and any line you desire to carry out further start with one on the old chart and add the 5 more to it. For keeping in your own files these charts are very fine but I make a chart of the families on which I work and that chart gets a great deal of wear and I like to make it on a sheet of paper just the size of the sheets I use in research so that it is all pinned or fastened together with the working sheets -

The same set of family names are found together in Greenbriar section and in the Ky. section; this looks very much as though we are on the right track.

Sincerely yours

Ann Waller Reddy
Ann Waller Reddy

*What connection
has Joshua Buckley
to Dr John Buckley?*

Ann Waller Reddy
Historical and Genealogical Research



1005 East Marshall Street
Richmond, Virginia

Apl 27 1947.

Mr W.C. Simons;
Journal-World,
Lawrence Kansas.

Dear Mr Simons;

Your retainer and chart received. I know you realize that we lack a good deal of information before we start this search in Va.

I have ordered some Census search in Washington D.C. for we must have the name of the Kentucky county in which JOHN BUCKLEY lived before we can explore there; to see if we can where the BUCKLEYS came from in Va. before they pioneered to Ky.

This ancestor must have studied medicine late in life in fact after he was age 29 because you state he served as private in the war of 1812. This would be unusual if he had been at that time a Doctor.

I have to get some Ky and some Washington D.C. work done before I can start with the Va. end of the research. Some times I get prompt co-operation and again there are delays; so do not expect a report too soon. However I always do my research as promptly as I can.

Sincerely yours

Ann Waller Reddy
Ann Waller Reddy

AWR:f

BUCKLEY is a very good name in Va. Large family in Frederick another one Loudoun and another still in Pittsylvania co. while smaller families in Augusta, Charlotte Henrico, and Richmond County. In searching these if we have no leads we take the largest group first, but this is sometimes so time consuming so I have written to Washington and Ky for some help, before I start a routine search.

June 30, 1947

City Clerk,
Girard, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Jacob Creth Buckley who died at Auburn, Illinois and was buried at Girard, and his wife Mary Elizabeth Seeders Buckley, who died February 25, 1867 in Girard, Illinois, were the grandparents of my wife, Mrs. Gertrude Reineke Simons, her mother having been Louisa Jane Buckley Reineke, the oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Creth Buckley.

Will you kindly turn to your records and see if the place of birth of Jacob Creth Buckley is given. He was born in Kentucky but I do not know where. He lived at Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, where many, if not all, of his ten children were born.

We trust that your charge for this service will be reasonable.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:jm

June 30, 1947

Miss Ann Waller Reddy
Historical and Genealogical Research
1005 East Marshall Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Miss Reddy:

In your letter of April 27 you say our retainer and chart received. I am wondering if I sent you practically the same chart which I now enclose. This chart contains all the information that I have in regard to the Buckley family.

You will note that Jacob Creth Buckley, the father of Louisa Jane Buckley Reineke, the mother of Mrs. Simons, died at Auburn, Illinois and is buried at Girard, Illinois. His death probably occurred not earlier than the 80's and not later than 1891 or 1892. It is possible that the place of his birth may be found in the records at Auburn or at Girard. His wife was born in Kentucky and died in 1867 in Girard, Illinois.

I have been a little disappointed in not having secured at least some data for the \$30.00 we have paid. Giving the entire list of the Buckylys, including Dr. Buckley's children by two wives, it would seem that some of these names would probably be found in the record of some of the Buckylys, which might give you a lead. Do you think it probable that the Newberry Library at Chicago would have something about the Buckylys, inasmuch as two or three or more generations of Buckylys were born and made their home in Illinois.

I shall be glad to hear from you further and if you feel that you have done all that you can, we will consider the matter closed and will simply include in our genealogy the record as we have it. On the other hand, we are not willing to spend an indefinite amount with no greater hope of success than you have given us so far. I shall be pleased to hear from you further.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:jm

June 2, 1947

Mrs. Elizabeth Wheeler Francis
Francis - Moore Company
1222 Union Avenue
Memphis, 4, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Francis:

Your letter of the 30th addressed to me evidently was sent for the purpose of securing publicity for your book.

It so happens that at this time I am seeking information in regard to the ancestors of Dr. John Buckley who was born in Virginia and moved to Kentucky, where he served in the War of 1812.

Will you please take the time to look up your Buckley record and see if you can help me secure additional data in regard to Dr. Buckley. His granddaughter, Louisa Jane Buckley, daughter of Jacob Creth Buckley, was the mother of Mrs. Simons. We find that a son of Dr. John Buckley was named Jacob Creth Buckley and we believe he was named for a well known and popular Evangelist of that name. Writing from memory, as my data is at home, I think Jacob Creth Buckley was married to a woman named Seeders.

I expect to publish in the near future, a small edition of the genealogy of the Simons - Gowdy - Cook - Collins - Mason - Luther - Cole - Carpenter - Olney - Eddy and other lines connected with my ancestry. The book will not be for sale, but if you can give me the helpful data on the Buckley family, I shall be glad to send you a copy of this genealogy when it is published, and will also publish something in regard to "Lost Links" in the Journal-World.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:jm

April 11, 1947

Miss Anne Waller Reddy
1005 East Marshall Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Miss Reddy:

You have been recommended to me as a genealogist by Mrs. J. A. Johnston of the Virginia Historical Society.

My wife's great grandfather was Dr. John Buckley, born in Virginia and served in the War of 1812 in a Kentucky regiment. His son was Jacob Creth Buckley who lived in Kentucky. Mrs. Gertrude Reineke Simons is a daughter of Louisa Jane Buckley who married John Reineke. I think I have all of the record necessary in regard to Mr. Reineke, but we should like to know more of the Buckley background and possibly that of the Creth. Will you please advise me if you are in a position to secure this data for me and what the probable cost will be.

You may be interested in knowing that I have served as president of the Kansas State Historical Society and of the Douglas County Kansas Historical Society.

Mrs. Ella Glenn Shields of Chicago did quite a lot of work for me. I have many New England lines worked out and possibly might aid you if you were interested.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons
President

WCS: jm

April 17, 1947

Miss Ann Waller Reddy
1005 E. Marshall Street
Richmond, Virginia

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Dear Madam:

I have before me your letter of April 14 and send you herewith check for \$30.00 which entitles us to three day's research in the records in Richmond to find the county from which Dr. John Buckley came, and his hereditary background. I am inclined to believe that your search will not be difficult.

Dr. John Buckley, born in Virginia, was a Private in Captain Jacob Ellistons Company of Johnsons Mounted Regulars Kentucky Volunteers of 1812.

Dr. John Buckley was married twice and my wife is a descendant of the first marriage. We do not know the name of his first wife, but inasmuch as their son was named Jacob Creth Buckley, it may be presumed that his mother's name was Creth. I have filled out the blank which you sent, which gives you all of the information that I have in regard to my wife's background. This is not quite true, because I know the names of the brothers and sisters of No. 3 and the names of the brothers and sisters of No. 2, together with the names of their children. I do not, however, think that this information would aid you in your search for the background of Dr. John Buckley.

On my own side of the family, I have the record of many lines for ten or more generations.

I am not particularly interested in Coats of Arms, of which there are quite a number in my ancestry.

I have served as president of the Kansas State Historical Association and I am still a director of same.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS: jm
Enc.



Virginia Historical Society

A MERGER IN 1946 OF

VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY (1831) AND CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION (1896)

The Lee House
707 EAST FRANKLIN STREET
Richmond 19,

April 8, 1947.

Dear Mr. Simons:

We do not have a connected account of the Buckley family but as they lived in at least ten or more counties, where their wills were probated or their estates settled before the year 1800, the task would be a much greater one than the small staff of this Society could undertake.

Should you wish to continue this search, I take pleasure in giving you the name of Miss Anne Waller Reddy, 1005 East Marshall Street, Richmond 19, Virginia.

Very truly yours,

Peter Johnston

Mrs. J. A. Johnston
Assistant Secretary.

JAJ:kc

Mr. W. C. Simons,
c/o The Lawrence Daily Journal-World,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Private in Capt. Jacob Elliston's Co
of Johnson's mounted Reg. Kentucky
volunteers (1812) g.g.d. Nat No 5022

no. no 534 g.g. d. 1812 Nat.

no. 5021 ~~Louisa J.~~ Buckley

Rennick, no. no. 5021

March 18, 1947

Virginia State Historical Society
Richmond, Virginia

Gentlemen:

I am interested in learning something of the background of the Buckley family. My wife's mother was Louisa Jane Buckley, born in Kentucky. Her grandfather was Dr. John Buckley who was a Private in Captain Jacob Elliston's Company of Johnson's Mounted Reg. Kentucky Volunteers (1812) g.g.d. Nat. No. 5022. These data/letters and number may refer to his record in the War of 1812. He was born in Virginia and moved to Kentucky. I think that his son was Jacob Creth Buckley, probably born in Kentucky and the Creth may indicate the maiden name of his wife.

I am preparing a genealogy of my ancestry for publication and I should like to have as complete data as possible regarding the forebears of Mrs. Simons. Please advise me in regard to the matter and if there are to be charges, please let me know what they are so I can send check.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:jm

July 7, 1947

Miss Ann Waller Reddy
Historical and Genealogical Research
1005 East Marshall Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Miss Reddy:

I am enclosing a chart filled in as thoroughly as we are able to get it. Apparently, the Dr. John Buckley family, including a number of his children, went to Auburn and Girard, Illinois at a fairly early date. Mrs. Simons' grandfather, Jacob Creth Buckley, died in Auburn, Illinois and is buried in Girard. It was there that he was married to Mary Elizabeth Seeders. I notice in your report, you have the name, which I presume you meant to be Seeders, spelled Leeders. If you attempted to look up Leeders, you were on the wrong line.

You will note on the chart that on the left-hand side, I have shown that the name of the first wife of Dr. John Buckley is unknown, but their children were Samuel, Jacob Creth Buckley and Jane, who married Charles Scott. Of the second wife of Dr. John Buckley, eight children were born, but we are not particularly interested in looking up the children of the second wife, as Mrs. Simons' ancestors came from the marriage with the first wife.

What do you think of the chart itself, one that was worked out by a Lawrence gentleman and was printed and handled by ourselves under the name of The World Company.

I shall be glad to have you go ahead and see if you can find out more about the antecedents of Dr. John Buckley, and the name if possible, of his first wife, who would be the great grandmother of Mrs. Simons.