

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