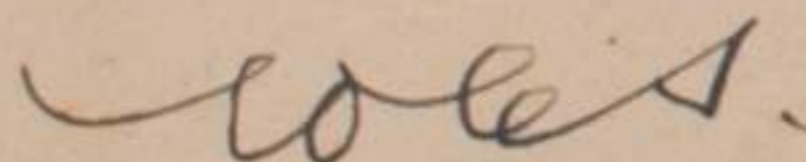


years and would have depended upon his memory, the discrepancy might be accounted for in that way. Furthermore, we find that errors are frequently made in dates by those who have copied records. As I remember, not having my data before me, the first William Simons in Woburn married Edith Phippen, who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