

**CRAWFORD COUNTY
TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS**

**SIMONS
CEMETERY**

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SIMONS FAMILY CEMETERY

Two graves of the Simons family, located about 1/8 mi. NNW of the SE cor of the NE 1/4 of Sect. 28 Twp 27 Rg. 24, which is 2 mi. W. of Cato, where the road turns (only) south. The house or cabin where the Simons family lived was higher up the hill to the NE, and these graves are on the SW slope of the hill, trees & brush covering the top of the hill from the graves upward, and pasture land from there on down to the S & W.

The father's grave is to the N of the daughters:

Samuel Clay Simons
born May 13 1829
died Oct. 21 1864

Cynthia Jane Simons
dau. of S.C. & M. A. Simons
born Apr 8 1858
died Aug 20 1866

Do not sorrow any longer
For the dear one gone to rest
While you weep she may be smiling
In her Savior's sheltring breast.

Some further notes:

Mr. Perry Evans, who was born & has lived all his life 1 mi. E of this spot, walked with us to the site of the 2 graves. He believes his father lived where he now lives at the time that Mr. Simons was murdered. He thought that Mrs. Simons was having a baby at the time the shooting took place. The 8 year old child buried by her father died nearly 2 years later, so apparently the baby lived. (He thought it was the baby that died.)

11-17-1970, the two Reynolds brothers who live just S of Cato told us they own the farm where these 2 graves are located, and they believed the child died of pneumonia.

Mr. Evans recalled that Sam Simons of Pawnee Station (Anna) was related to this Simons family, as was Perry Hill of near Farlington, or his wife. Ben Louderback, now in his 90's of Girard was a bro. of Mrs. Sam Simons.

1870 cen. Sherman Twp.:

#64-67	Simons, Mary A.	30	keeping house	2000	810	North Carolina
	John W.	17	At home			Indiana
	Peter P.	16	"			"
	Samuel C.	8				Kansas
	Andrew C.	5				"

This family is also listed in the 1865 State Cen., Eight Mile Strip of Bourbon Co. (now Crawford Co) # 5; and in the Agricultural Census with same.

Archie Simons, now retired, who farmed north of Girard and with his wife ran an upholsterv shop in Girard for some years, had heard the story of the shooting of a family member. His grandfather was John W. Simons, who had brothers Peter, Sam and Andrew, so without doubt Samuel Clay Simons was Archie's great-grandfather. (1974)