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William Simpson Sr. was born on 14th of October 1755 in Prince William County, Virginia, and was the son of John and Hannah Simpson (Ref: Simpsonette, Vol. 1, page 4, dated 4th January 1976).

He was married to Elizabeth Cheshier or Chesser, who was born in Prince William County, Virginia in 1761 and was the daughter of John Chesser. John Chesser left a will dated 21st October 1779 that was proved on 7th August 1780 (Prince William County. Va. Will Book G, pages 89-90). In the will he mentions his wife Sythey Chesser and his children, Jane, Nancy, Mary, John, Cloa (Cleo?) and Elizabeth Chesser.

William Simpson Sr. served in the militia during the Revolutionary War from September 1777 to December 1777 under Captain Volantine Patton in the regiment commanded by Colonel Ewell and Major James Ewell. He re-entered the service as a volunteer in January 1781 and again served under Captain Patteon and "Colonel Major Armstrong." He was discharged in April of 1781.

In his pension application he states he was born in Prince William County, Virginia on 14th October 1755- that he resided there when called into service and remained there about four years after the close of the war, then moved to Halifax County, Virginia, where he lived for about eight years; then moved to Henry County, Virginia for about ten years and thence to Tennessee (county not stated) where he lived for about eleven years. His last move was to Wayne County, Illinois where he lived at the time of his application.

On the 3rd of June 1844, Tolliver Simpson, son of William Simpson Sr. and wife Elizabeth Chesser, applied for a pension based on his father's service on behalf of himself and his brothers and sisters. (The Claim was rejected-Claim R-9596).

Included in this application was an affidavit of James Cheshier, of Fayette County, Illinois dated 25th December 1843, in which he states that "in his youthful days he resided in Prince William County, Virginia and had a cousin whose maiden name was Elizabeth Cheshier who was married to William Simpson....and that he also knows that the said William Simpson served as many as two tours of duty in the Revolutionart War-one of which was under Captain Samuel Love in the same company with this deponent."

William Simpson Sr. died on 21st of March 1839 in Wayne County, Illinois. His wife Elizabeth Cheshier Simpson died on the 7th of July 1839, also in Wayne County. They both are buried in the Simpson Cemetery, located a mile north of Burnt Prairie, Illinois, White County, Illinois, however the cemetery is located in Wayne County, Illinois.

Tolliver Simpson, was the eldest son and he stated in his affidavit dated 3rd of June 1839 that "Elizabeth Simpson, his mother, remained a widow until her death on 7th of June 1839.

William Simpson Sr. and his wife Elizabeth Cheshier had the following children:

- i. Polly Simpson 3/, b. 15 April 1785, probably Prince William County, Va. No other information.
  - ii. Tolliver Simpson 3/, b. 31 January 1787, probably Prince William County, Va.
  - iii. John Baptist Simpson 3/, b. 16 August 1789 probably Halifax County, Va. No other information.
  - iv. Eddie or Eddy Simpson (daughter) 3/, b. 31 December 1791, Halifax County, Va., married a Mr. Nixon.
  - v. William Simpson Jr. 3/, b. 25 June 1794 Halifax County, Va.
  - vi. Ellis Simpson 3/, b. 7 March 1797 probably Henry County, Va.
  - vii. Zachariag Simpson 3/, b. 6 June 1799 Henry Co., Va.
  - viii. Susannah or Suckay Simpson 3/, b. 22 September 1802 Henry County, Va. (Revolutionary War Records states birth was 29th September 1802).
  - ix. Margaret (Peggy) Simpson 3/, born 3 January 1805, probably in Tennessee.
  - x. Daniel Boone Simpson 3/, b. 18th April 1807 probably in Tennessee.
  - xi. Betsy Simpson 3/, b. 14th January 1809, probably in Tennessee, married a Mr. Williams.
- ii. Tolliver Simpson 3/, son of (William Sr. 2/, John 1/) was born on 31st January 1787 probably in Prince William County, Virginia. He came to White County (later Wayne Co.) Illinois in 1816 and homesteaded land. (Weare, p. iii-republished in the Simpsonette, Vol. 1, Number 4, November 1976, page 1). He married Lucy Roberts, born 1 April 1793 in Virginia. Tolliver Simpson 3/ died on 20th August 1852 and his wife Lucy died on 10th July 1856. They both are buried in the Simpson Cemetery, Wayne County, Illinois. Children:
1. Alexander G. Simpson 4/, b. 21 October 1815 Rutherford County, Tennessee.
  2. William A. Simpson 4/, b. 16 December 1816 Rutherford County, Tennessee.

3. John D. Simpson 4/, b. 4 April 1818, probably in Wayne County, Illinois.
4. James S. Simpson 4/, b. 9 January 1821 Wayne County, Illinois, died 15 September 1843; buried in the Simpson Cemetery, Burnt Prairie, Ill..
5. M.A. or Bob Simpson 4/, b. ca. 1823 Wayne County, Illinois.
6. Andrew or May Simpson 4/, b. ca. 1825 Wayne County, Illinois.
7. Daniel P. Simpson 4/, b. 22 November 1826 Wayne County, Illinois; died 27 October 1861; buried in Simpson Cemetery.
8. Eliza J. Simpson 4/, b. ca. 1830 Wayne County, Illinois.
9. Rebeka Simpson 4/, b. 28 January 1834 Wayne County, Illinois; died 6 June 1854.
10. Elias Simpson 4/, b. ca. 1835.

Alexander G. Simpson 4/, son of (Tolliver 3/, William Sr. 2/, John 1/) married 1st on 31st January 1837 in White County, Illinois to Susan Gray (b. 19 May 1818 in Illinois, daughter of Daniel & Susan Gray). She died 22 January 1847 in White County, Illinois and is buried in the Simpson Cemetery. He married 2nd time on 19 December 1860 in White County, Illinois to Elizabeth Fenton (b. 23 January 1823 in Illinois). Alexander Simpson 4/ died on 23 January 1894 in White County, Illinois and is buried in the Simpson Cemetery.

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