

Robert Moorman Sims

South Carolina historical marker - Rock Hill, SC

"Robt. Moorman Sims. Born Fairfield county; Capt. CSA. On April 9, 1865, carried flag of truce that led to the surrender of Lee's forces at Appomattox. Later a S.C. senator from Lancaster county 1868-70; Secy. of State 1876-80. Sims began the beautification of State House grounds. Died in Columbia 1898."

Sims was the son of Dr. James Mitchell Sims and Annie Lee Johnston. Was educated by private tutors in early years....admitted to the Arsenal Academy in Columbia on Jan. 1, 1853. Transferred to the Citadel Jan. 1, 1854. Graduated Citadel in November of 1856.

Married Catherine Luckey (1st wife); married Ada Walton Sims (2nd wife) and became planter in Waxhaw section, Lancaster district.

Joined the 6th S.C. Volunteers in 1861; Capt. and Adj. Genl. on Gen. Longstreet's staff. Carried the famous flag of truce that ended the war at Appomattox.

Member of the Constitutional Convention of 1865. State senator ;868-70; Secy of State 1876-80. Was later connected with the Customs House. Master of the York Grange in 1872. Died in Columbia Dec. 9, 1898. Buried in Elmwood Cemetery.