

Company B, 120th OVI



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SIMMONS, John R. 23 September 1862 John Ramsey SIMMONS

1st Sergeant Simmons was 21 when he entered service.

Appointed Sergeant from private 1 Sept. 1863; 1st Sergeant on [date not given]; transferred to Co. E, 114th OVI on 27 Nov 1864. Transferred to Co E 48th OVI 24 July 1865. Mustered out 14 Oct 1865.

Father: Amassa SIMMONS

Mother: Anne RAMSEY

Birth: 19 Sep 1841 Richland Co OH

Marriage: Phillipine HARTING, 5 Jan 1868 Austin Co TX

Death: 23 June 1922

Cemetery: Pilgrims Rest Cemetery, Industry , Austin Co TX

Pension Index: John R SIMMONS, E 48th, E 114th, and B 120th OH Inf. Invalid filed in TX, 13 Aug 1890, Application 913196, Certificate 782446, filed in TX. Widow, Phillipine SIMMONS, filed 30 June 1922 in TX. Pension Card: John died 23 June 1922, Application 1191138, Certificate 926713, filed at Industry, TX.

The following information was contributed by George A. Simmons, great grandson of John Ramsey Simmons.

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John R. Simmons was born 19 Sept 1841 in Richland County, OH. He is the son of Amassa Simmons and Anne Ramsey. Amassa Simmons was a farmer living in Worthington Township. That is where John Ramsey Simmons was born. They were living there in Worthington Township at the time John R. joined the 120th.

Siblings of John Ramsey Simmons:

John himself: born 19 Sep 1841, Richland Co. OH

Thomas Simmons, bn. 9 Oct 1843, Richland Co., OH; d. 25 Oct 1922 Richland Co., OH

Isabelle Simmons, bn. 5 Dec 1846, Richland Co.

Andrew Ramsey Simmons, bn. 30 Jul 1848, Richland Co.

Martha Jane Simmons, bn. 4 Apr 1852, Richland Co.

Nathan Ramsey Simmons, M.D., bn. 25 Apr 1855, Richland Co.; d. 1935 Mansfield, OH.

Amon Bidison Simmons, bn. 21 Dec 1858, Richland Co.; d. 1939 in Oklahoma

Harmon Milo Simmons, bn. 21 Sep 1861, Richland Co., d. 1947, Richland Co.

John R. was a 21 year old school teacher when he enlisted as a private in the 120th Ohio Vol. Inf. Regt. He was one of the very lucky ones to make it through the war unscathed. He was transferred into the 114th Ohio, and he fought at Fort Blakely, Alabama. He was then transferred into the 48th Ohio, served in Galveston and was discharged in Houston on 14 Oct 1865. He was a First Sergeant at the time of discharge. [A bit of irony here: He fought against my mother's grand uncles at the battle of Arkansas Post in Jan, 1863. The two uncles were taken prisoner and transported to Springfield, IL where they both died of disease.]

I have no record of him ever going back to Ohio, but I assume he did go back to visit his relatives at some time. He migrated to Industry, Austin County, Texas where he became a school teacher there in Industry. He met a girl - Phillipine HARTING - who immigrated to Austin County in 1857 with her family from Prussia. Date of marriage in Austin County, TX is 5 Jan 1868. He and Phillipine raised their children there in Industry. All children were born in Industry. The children were:

Eleanor, born 26 Oct 1868

Leonora, bn. 14 Oct. 1871

Anna, bn. 12 Dec 1874

Clotilda, bn. 7 May 1874

George, bn. 7 May 1874

Arminda, bn. 24 Jul 1880

Homer, bn. 17 Nov 1882

John R. Simmons' date of death is 23 June 1922. He is buried in Industry, Austin County, Texas in the Methodist Church cemetery.

1850 Census, Perry Twp, Richland Co OH, Dwelling 25, Family 25: Amasa SIMMONS, age 34 OH, farmer; Anna, age 31 OH; John, age 9 OH; Thomas, age 7 OH; Isabell, age 5 OH; Andrew, age 2 OH.

1860 Census, Worthington Twp, Richland Co OH, Dwelling 75, Family 79: Amasa SIMMONS, age 44 OH, farmer; Anna, age 41 OH; John, age 18 OH, student; Thomas, age 16 OH, farmer; Isabella, age 14 OH; Andrew, age 11 OH; Martha, age 8 OH; Nathan, age 5 OH; Amon, age 1 OH.

1870 Census, Precinct 5, Austin, Post Office Industry, TX, Dwelling 24, Family 24: John SIMMONS, age 28 OH, school teacher; Philippina, age 24 Bremen; Eleonor, age one TX.

1880 Census, Precinct 5, Austin Co, TX, Dwelling 260, Family 262: John R. SIMMONS, age 38 OH, teaching school, parents born OH; Philippine, wife, age 33 Prussia, parents born Prussia; Eleanore, daughter, age 11 TX; Lenore, daughter, age 8 TX; Anna P, daughter, age 5 TX; George C, son, age 3 TX.

1890 Veterans Schedule, Precinct 5 Austin Co, TX: Line 1, House 60, Family 60, John R. SIMMONS, 1st Sergt, Co E 48th OH Inf. Post Office, Industry, Austin Co TX. Disabiltiy rheumatism, right hip Comments: enlisted in Co B 120th OVI said regt. consolidated afterwards with 48th OH Vol.

1900 Census, Precinct 5, Austin Co TX, Dwelling 253, Family 255: John R. SIMMONS, age 58 OH, born Sept 1841, married 32 yrs, farmer, parents born OH; Philipine, wife, age 54 Germany, born Nov 1845, married 32 yrs, 7 children/6 still living, parents born Germany, came to US 1859, lived in US 41 yrs; Anna, daughter, age 25 TX, single, born Dec 1874, ; Arminda, daughter, age 19 TX, single, born July 1880; Homer, son, age 17 TX, single, born Nov 1882.

1910 Census, Precinct 5, Austin Co, TX, Family 142: J R SIMMONS, age 68 OH, first marriage, parents born OH, farmer on general farm: Philippine, wife, age 64 Germany, first marriage, parents born Germany; came to US in 1857; Anna, daughter, age 29 TX, single, no occupation.

1920 Census, Precinct 5, Austin, TX, Dwelling 65, Family 67: John R. SIMMONS, age 78 OH, parents born OH, no occupation; Phillipine, wife, age 74 Germany, naturalized, parents born Germany, no occupation; Anna, daughter, age 45 TX, single, no occupation.

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