

Naomi Jared Descendants
The Book of Jared
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Naomi Jared (William², John¹) born 27 September 1797 in Jackson Co., TN, d/o William & Elizabeth (Raulston) Jared – md John Simmons 5 October 1815. *As a boy John Simmons accompanied his parents to what is now Franklinton, LA. His sister Jane Simmons married Colonel James Raulston and remained in TN. When British invasion of Louisiana appeared imminent young Simmons joined the 13th La. Militia. In the engagements near the city the British were defeated with great losses.*

When the emergency was over, John Simmons contacted Colonel Raulston and accompanied him back to Nashville, TN. There he met and married Colonel Raulston's niece, Naomi Jared. They later moved to Missouri when the Civil War Began. He was a Southern sympathizer and it nearly cost him his life. Threatened with arrests for having served Confederate cavalry in his shop, he refused to be taken. His daughter Elizabeth seized a hoe and, holding its sharp point over the head of the Union soldier whose pistol was leveled at her father, shouted, "Shoot and I will sink this hoe in your brain!" This display of courage and devotion struck at the heart of the Union commander. He ordered his men out, congratulated Elizabeth, saluted and left.

*John Simmons died 1 Oct. 1868 and was first buried near Thomasville, MO. His wife Naomi Jared died in Mountain Grove, MO, 24 Dec. 1876 and was buried in the Old Cemetery. John's remains were later moved and reburied beside her. For information on a part of John Simmon's ancestry see *The Pickens Family* by Kate Pickens Day.*

Children of John & Naomi (Jared) Simmons are:

- ...Felecia Hughes Simmons – 3 July 1816, Putnam, TN – md
John Bird Nichols – s/o Bird & Elizabeth (Zachary) Nichols
- ...William Jared Simmons – 28 February 1819, Indian Creekm Jackson, TN
30 June 1888, Alma, AR – md Susannah Hahn - 22 Mar 1842, Cape
Girardeau, MO & Elizabeth Montgomery Lee – ca. 1868
- ...Simon Carlisle Simmons – 24 August 1820, Jackson, TN – 6 November
1894 – md Sarah Elizabeth Moody - 22 Sep 1862
- ...Robert Miller Simmons – 22 May 1822, Putnam, TN – 2 May 1898,
Salem, Dent, MO – md Julia Frances Leftwich – 3/13 Feb 1845, TN
- ...Jane Pickens Simmons- 10 September 1824, Putnam, TN, *died young*
- ...Moses Jared Simmons – 3 June 1827, Freestone, TN or TX
- ...Joseph Pickens Simmons – 28 July 1829, Putnam, TN – ca. 1897, Ada,
Pattc, OK- Buried: Rosedale Cemetery, Ada, Pontotoc, OK – md
Frances Virginia Mason - 10 Jun 1855, Putnam, TN

...Ruth Simmons – 22 November 1832, Freestone, TN or TX - md Roberts
 ...John T. Simmons – 23 July 1835, Freestone, TN or TX – ca. 1855,
 Ellis, TX – Elizabeth A. McMinn - 20 Nov 1859, Ellis, TX
 ...Anne or Anna Miller Simmons- 12 February 1839, Walnut Ridge, Lawrence
 Arkansas- 1910, Walnut Ridge, Lawrence, Arkansas – Buried: Walnut
 Ridge Cemetery, Arkansas – md Capt. Bergen Israel – December 1857
 ...Frank Israel – b. ca. 1858 – d. February 1951
 md Nettie Minerva Vincent – Both Buried: Walnut Ridge Cemetery, AR
Frank was a highly respected city official of Walnut Ridge for more than 55 years. He was elected the second marshal of the town and remained an officer for more than 50 years. he is quoted as saying, "The bad men of (my) early days were usually fighters, proud of their battles, boastful of victory, greatly cast down by defeat. But usually they fought fairly, not often resorting to a knife, gun or other weapon. A fair fist fight was regarded in those days, as offering among the best entertainment. When the excited cry of 'fight' rang out, the greater part of the male population hurried to the battle scene. To the law abiding citizen of those days unfair fighting was exceedingly distasteful. But a fair 'fist and skull' fight in the early days was often resorted to, to settle an argument, or just for the answer to the question, 'Who is the best man.' The famous Missouri outlaws Jesse and Frank James stopped at Walnut Ridge and Frank Israel talked to them. Pg. 349 Book of Jared by Eleanor M. Hall
 ...Elizabeth Jared Simmons - 30 October 1817, Putnam, TN –
 30 October 1906 – md 14 March 1833 John Bascom Lee –
 b. 14 March 1814 – d. 4 June 1857 - md Rev. Perry Upton

Elizabeth Jared Simmons (Lee) Upton (Naomi Jared 3, William 2, John 1).
 Daughter of John & Naomi (Jared) Simmons
 b. 30 October 1817, Putnam Co., TN; d. 30 October 1906.
 md. 14 March 1833 - 1st Rev. John Bascom Lee, b. 14 March 1814, d. 4 June 1857, leaving a family of small children.
 md. 2nd – Rev. Perry Upton who died and was buried in Arkansas during the Civil War. They had no children.

Frank A. Robinett has written about his grandmother, Elizabeth Jared (Simmons) Lee.

Elizabeth was a courageous a character as her times produced. As a widow with a number of small children she lived in a newly settled area during the turbulent times leading up to the Civil War. She then married Perry Upton, a Methodist preacher. When the tides of war threatened them with starvation, the family was loaded into a covered wagon and driven to Arkansas to be near relatives. He later died there. Before leaving Missouri they hid their valuables, such as they were, in what she called a 'begum tree.'

After the war she drove home and found everything she had owned burned and stripped. She drove sixty miles through the woods to get salt for her family to

use and to buy a cow, which she led home on foot. Wild fruit, berries, wild game and corn furnished the family's food. She carded her wool and wove it, and she raised and wove cotton for cloth. The family made all the clothes they wore.

She used the help of her children and built a log house. Later on she made her home for thirty years with my mother, and grandma was a respected person in our household. Never do I recall my father ever showing any displeasure at having a mother-in-law permanently living in his home. She always took first place. She lived a great life and died on her birthday – 89 years old. She was a devout Southern Methodist and was always seen in her place in church.

Children of John Bascom & Elizabeth Jared Simmons (Lee) Upton:

- ...Hester Ann Lee – b. 27 March 1837 – died in infancy
- ...Amanda Jane Lee – b. 28 December 1838 – d. 11 January 1853
- ...Martha Helen Lee – b. 15 April 1841, Putnam Co., TN – d. 11 January 1918
md 22 April 1860 William Argenbright – b. 16 October 1835, near Staunton, VA, and accompanied the Hulls to MO. He was a Confederate Infantry soldier in the Civil War. He was a carpenter until his death 5 May 1909.
Both Buried: Old Mountain Grove Cemetery, MO
- ...Elzina Emiline Lee – b. 6 August 1843 – d. 10 July 1879
Buried: Mountain Grove Cemetery, MO
md Rivers Burton – md James Farmer, a Union veteran of the Civil War. He was the first mayor of Mountain Grove, MO
- ...Elbert Allen Lee – 26 March 1845 – d. 22 October 1847
- ...John Alvin Rucker Lee – b. 9 March 1847, nr. Cape Girardeau, MO –
d. 31 August 1927 – md 1870 Nancy Margaret Finley –
John Alvin Lee came with his parents to Wright County as a boy. His father died 4 June 1857 when John Alvin was ten years old. His mother, Elizabeth was left with a number of young children of which he was the oldest boy. John Alvin Lee built the second frame building in Mountain Grove, the first sidewalk, the first drug store, and operated the store for 34 years. He put in the first telephone in Mountain Grove in 1896. Story by Robert F. Livingston
- ...James Cullen Lee – b. 20 January 1850, nr. Cape Girardeau, MO –
d. 10 February 1932, Douglas Co., MO – md 20 May 1880, Dent Co., MO
Caroline Elizabeth Via – b. 20 April 1857, Montgomery Co., MO –
Both Buried: Lone Star Cemetery, nr. Mountain Grove, MO
d/o Thomas Dabney & Elizabeth Ann (Norris) Via
James was a farmer most of his life but once taught in a subscription school. He was a naturalist and sportsman and kept his interest in fishing and hunting to the end of his life. He always gave his regular Thanksgiving and Christmas Gifts in the form of a wild turkey.
- ...Simon Bascom Lee – b. 20 January 1852 – d. 10 March 1854
- ...Sarah Naomi Lee – b. 12 March 1855 – md James H. Robinett
- ...Arabella Felicia Lee (Elizabeth Jared Simmons⁴, Naomi Jared³, William², John¹)

Born 3 July 1835 in Tennessee and came west with parents to Missouri.
Married John Ellis who was killed in the Civil War. He was buried in Vicksburg Cemetery. After the war she married Benjamin Upton.
She died 19 March 1903.

Children of Arabella Felicia Lee (Ellis) Upton & John Ellis:

- ...Cordelia Ellis – b. ca. 1855 – md W. Homas Perry (1852-1902). She died in 1939. Both are buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, Mountain Grove, MO
- ...Naomi Adeline Ellis – 8 April 1854 – md Nathan Oliver Salsman, - born 20 November 1852 in Hartville, MO d. 2 December 1937. She died in August 1946 in OK
- ...Martha Salsman – md Mr. McKay
- ...William Carroll Ellis – born 14 October 1857 – md 1st Lizzie Boler (1857-1888) buried in Old Cemetery, Mountain Grove, MO – md 2nd Stella Mary Snodgrass, b. 16 August 1864, d. 1 January 1927. He died 1 September 1935 and with Stella is buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, Mountain Grove, MO. Will Ellis was active in the poultry, feed and cattle business. He was Postmaster for Mountain Grove during both Cleveland administrations.
- ...John M. Ellis – born in Wright Co., MO, 13 October 1859. *The following story was related concerning him by his cousins Frank and Clifton Robinett: John had a beautiful forty acre tract of farm land. He planted the entire acreage to corn, and the neighbors looked with envy at his well cultivated field with its wavy foot-high stalks. Then disaster fell. John awoke one morning to see eighteen inches of snow covering the landscape. A few icy stalks of his corn pushed their way through the snow like rigid stubs. Disappointed and heartsick cousin John swore he would never farm again. He sold his forty acres that day and took a train to the Northwest. After two weeks in the Portland drizzle he had had enough. "This is not for me," he said. "This climate is too wet even for ducks."*
He brought a ticket on a steamboat and went to San Francisco. He soon found that brawling, husky, young city too full of 'sharks' for an inexperienced Missouri farm boy.

He tried Los Angeles next. He took a week to examine the hot, thirsty sand dunes covering the entire county. He concluded that he would not give a 'slick nickel' for the whole county. He boarded the stage and started across Arizona, new Mexico, Texas, and Louisiana. At new Orleans he bought a steamer ticket back up the Mississippi to Missouri.

Back at Norwood, when the Frisco Railroad was being built, he went into the grocery business. There he remained to live out the balance of his 95 years. he was a successful groceryman at home with several stores.

John Ellis married Harriet Elizabeth Rinck 27 January 1886. She was born 4 January 1866 and died in 1952. He died 29 June 1954. They are buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, Mountain Grove, MO.

- ...Mary Ann Ellis – born 9 January 1862 in Wright Co., MO; md William S. Sherrell, born 1 August 1849 and died 17 March 1925. She died 5 January 1940, and both are buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, Mountain Grove, MO.
- ...Sarah Elizabeth Ellis – born Wright Co., MO – md John R. Reberry; died 9 March 1954
- ...Nella Leona Upton – born 4 August 1873 to Arabella and her second husband, Benjamin Upton; md 2 September 1896 Reuben Mauck of Wright Co., MO. She died 22 February 1943 at Lynn, MO, and was buried at Mountain Grove, MO.
- ...Etta Upton – md Lee Cochran, a school principal. They died in Springdale, AK and are buried there. Etta also taught school.



Five Generations
Seated: Elizabeth Jared Simmons
(Lee) Upton,
Arabella Felicia Lee (Ellis) Upton.
Standing: Naomi Adeline (Ellis)
Salsman, Martha (Salsman) McKay,
and daughter.



James Cullen Lee Family (about 1905)
Front row: L to R: Effie Amy,
Carolina Elizabeth (Via), James Cullen,
Naomi Lydia
Back Row: L to R: Myrtle Elizabeth,
Ernest Simon, Pearl, Lilath

