

# File Research Report

Jesse Simmons of Chattooga County, Georgia

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## RESEARCH OBJECTIVE

What are the origins of Jesse Simmons  
of Chattooga County, Georgia?

## ITEMIZED RESEARCH RESULTS

This is a listing of material on the origins of Jesse Simmons, born 1774-1775 in either North Carolina or Georgia, who appeared in the 1850 and 1860 censuses of Chattooga County, Georgia. This listing starts with his appearance in the 1860 census and works backward in time to see if his origins can be found.

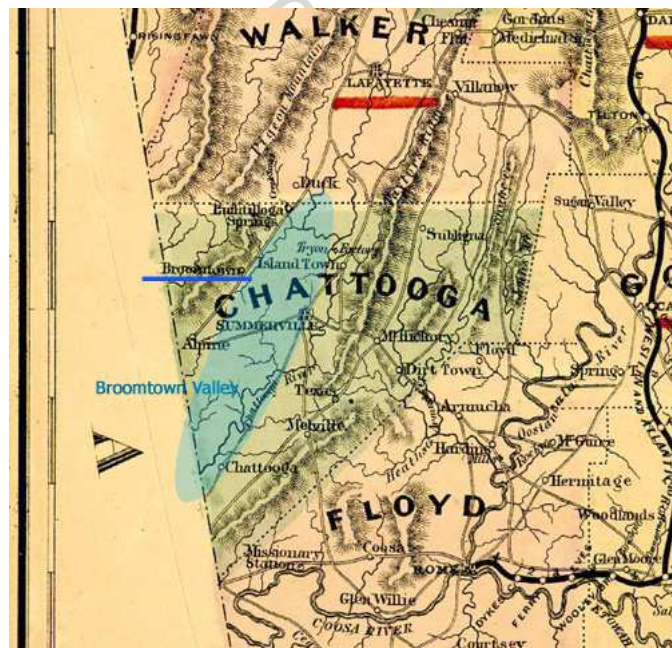
### 1. 1860 Census of Georgia

Household: W G Simmons (39), Rebecca C (28), Thos J (12), Wm A (10), Sarah E (9), Augusta G (5), James C (1), and Jessee Simmons (85), residing in Chattooga Valley, where W G was a farmer who owned real estate valued at \$2,300 and personal property at \$1,775 and was born in Georgia; Jesse owned personal property valued at \$500 and was born in Georgia.<sup>1</sup>

### 2. 1850 Census of Georgia

Household: Jas R Simmons (38), Mariah A (28), Wm J (4), Mary E (2), and Jessee (75), residing in Broom Town Valley where James was a millwright with real estate valued at \$1,000 who was born in Georgia. Jesse was a farmer and was born in North Carolina and was likely widowed.<sup>2</sup>

Broomtown was an old Cherokee village and no longer existed by the late Nineteenth Century. The Broomtown Valley cuts through northwest Chattooga County into Alabama, and this part of Chattooga contains militia district 927, where Jessee appeared in the 1840 census. It's likely that James R Simmons was head of household in the same residence that the family



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occupied in 1840 – see the 1840 census item.

Based on James being born in Georgia about 1811-1812, Jesse was in the state by this time (assuming this information is accurate), whether or not Jesse was born in North Carolina or Georgia (discrepancy between the 1850 and 1860 census).

### 3. 1850 Census

Sam<sup>l</sup> M Simmons resided in the Sam<sup>l</sup> Anderson household; his occupation was teacher, age 31, born in Georgia in 1818-1819. The residence was in the Dirt Town district, which was militia district 940.<sup>3</sup>

This person may be one of the “unknown” sons of Jesse in the 1840 and 1830 censuses based on his location and age. Samuel’s entry in the 1880 census notes his father being born in South Carolina and mother in North Carolina, which is not in agreement with other records of Jesse. Samuel’s information in included here although there is no proof of relationship.

S M Simmons was a private in Company A (Capt Sharpe’s Company, Walker County Cavalry) of Culberson’s Battalion who enrolled 4 Jul 1863 and mustered in 4 Aug 1863 in Walker County for six months. Simmons was on the muster roll 29 Aug 1863 in Lafayette, Walker County and was noted as age 44 (born 1818-1819), height 6’-1”, dark hair, hazel eyes and occupation physician. He mustered out 3 Feb 1864 at Camp Iverson (now the site of the Savannah Airport, Chatham County). He was absent without leave when mustered out.<sup>4</sup>

### 6th Battalion Georgia Cavalry, State Guards<sup>5</sup>

Lt. Col. A. B. Culberson

Co. A	Walker Cavalry, Co. A	T. A. Sharpe	Walker
Co. B	Walker Cavalry, Co. B	John B. Rodgers	Walker
Co. C	Walker Guards	James M. Easterling	Walker
	Walker Cavalry		
Co. D	Boiling Spring Cavalry	William Mahan	Walker
Co. E	Pond Spring Cavalry	Joseph C. Hall	Walker
Co. F	Dirt Town Cavalry	John Jones	Chattooga
	District Town Cavalry		

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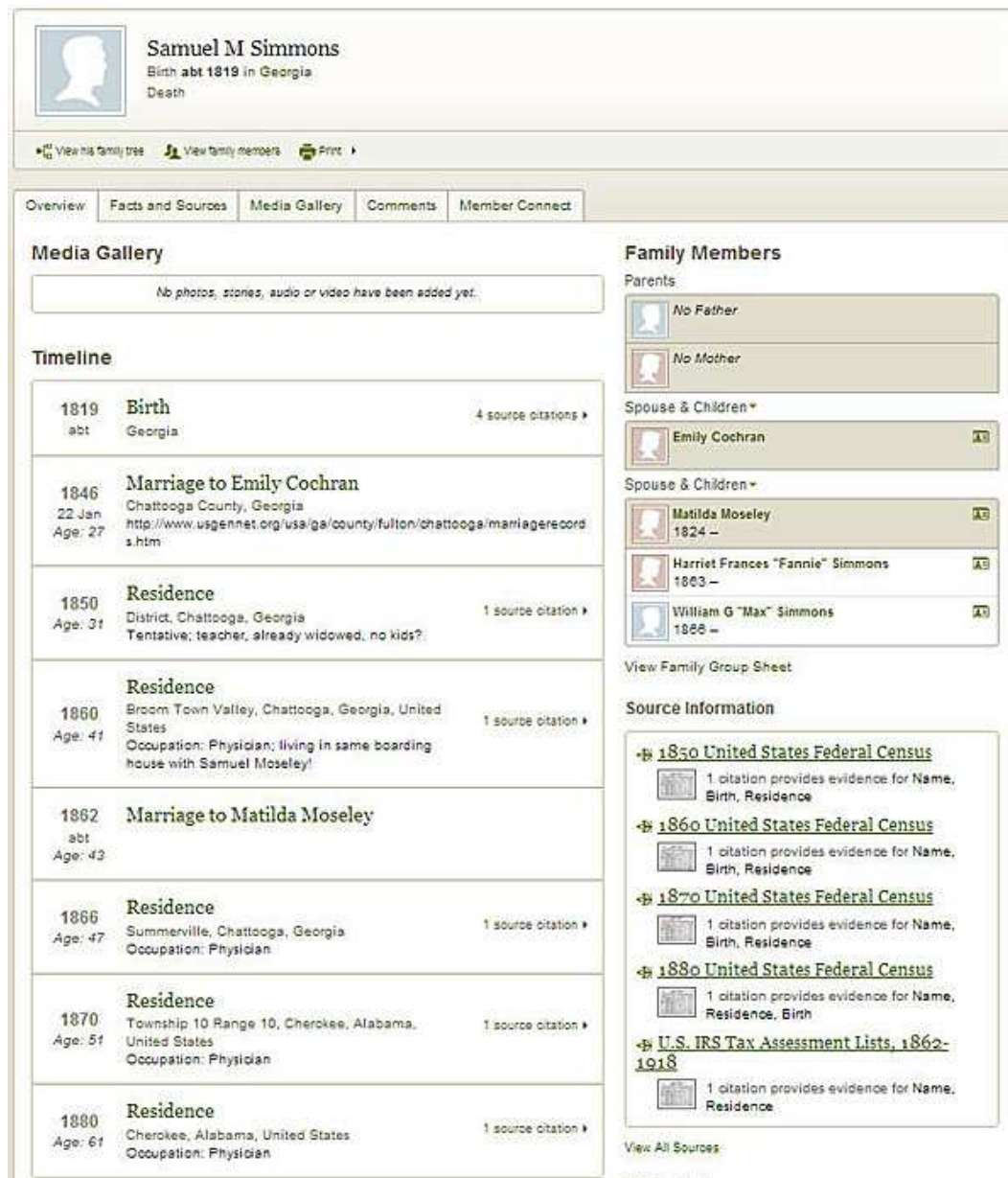
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Co. G Chattooga Cavalry

Samuel Hawkins

Chattooga

Samuel M Simmons can be traced through census and tax records and there is a family tree at Ancestry.com, created by Sherrie Moseley Hall:



**Samuel M Simmons**  
Birth abt 1819 in Georgia  
Death

View his family tree | View family members | Print

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### Media Gallery

No photos, stories, audio or video have been added yet.

### Timeline

1819 abt	<b>Birth</b> Georgia	4 source citations
1846 22 Jan Age: 27	<b>Marriage to Emily Cochran</b> Chattooga County, Georgia <a href="http://www.usgenet.org/usa/ga/county/fulton/chattooga/marriagerecords.htm">http://www.usgenet.org/usa/ga/county/fulton/chattooga/marriagerecords.htm</a>	
1850 Age: 31	<b>Residence</b> District, Chattooga, Georgia Tentative; teacher, already widowed, no kids?	1 source citation
1860 Age: 41	<b>Residence</b> Broom Town Valley, Chattooga, Georgia, United States Occupation: Physician; living in same boarding house with Samuel Moseley!	1 source citation
1862 abt Age: 43	<b>Marriage to Matilda Moseley</b>	
1866 Age: 47	<b>Residence</b> Summerville, Chattooga, Georgia Occupation: Physician	1 source citation
1870 Age: 51	<b>Residence</b> Township 10 Range 10, Cherokee, Alabama, United States Occupation: Physician	1 source citation
1880 Age: 61	<b>Residence</b> Cherokee, Alabama, United States Occupation: Physician	1 source citation

### Family Members

Parents

- No Father
- No Mother

Spouse & Children

- Emily Cochran

Spouse & Children

- Matilda Moseley 1824 -
- Harriet Frances "Fannie" Simmons 1803 -
- William G "Max" Simmons 1806 -

View Family Group Sheet

### Source Information

- 1850 United States Federal Census**  
1 citation provides evidence for Name, Birth, Residence
- 1860 United States Federal Census**  
1 citation provides evidence for Name, Birth, Residence
- 1870 United States Federal Census**  
1 citation provides evidence for Name, Birth, Residence
- 1880 United States Federal Census**  
1 citation provides evidence for Name, Residence, Birth
- U.S. IRS Tax Assessment Lists, 1862-1918**  
1 citation provides evidence for Name, Residence

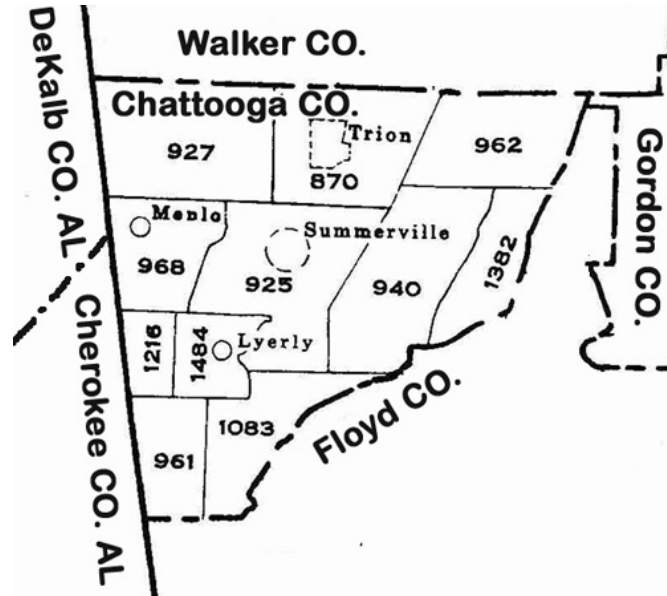
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## 4. 1840 Census of Georgia

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Household of Jesse Simmons: one male 15-20, three males 20-30, one male 60-70 (Jesse), one female 15-20, one female 30-40, and one female 50-60, residing in militia district 927 (became the Teloga district).<sup>6</sup>



Militia district 927 covers most of Broom Town Valley where the family appeared in the 1850 census.

The makeup of the household can be explained as follows:

- one male 15-20 (Wilson Glenn)
- three males 20-30 (James Russell, unknown, Samuel M??)
- one male 60-70 (Jessee)
- one female 15-20 (Martha A)
- one female 30-40 (unknown)
- one female 50-60 (Jessee's wife, who is unknown)

James is assumed to be in the household because of his appearance with Jesse in the 1850 census and he does not appear elsewhere in the 1840 census. The two unknown males and one female may be children of Jessee and might be found in an 1830 census.

### 5. 1832 Cherokee Land Lottery

The 1832 Cherokee Land Lottery had one Jesse M Simmons of Taliaferro County, 604th militia district (adjacent to Wilkes County), receiving an allotment in the Cherokee Fourth District, Second Section, Lot 236 (now Gilmer County).<sup>7</sup> AccessGenealogy says this is the 9th District, 2nd Section as does the original book, so the transcription in the US GenWeb Archives is incorrect. There is a Jesse M Simmons in the 1840 census of Lee County, Georgia, which is in

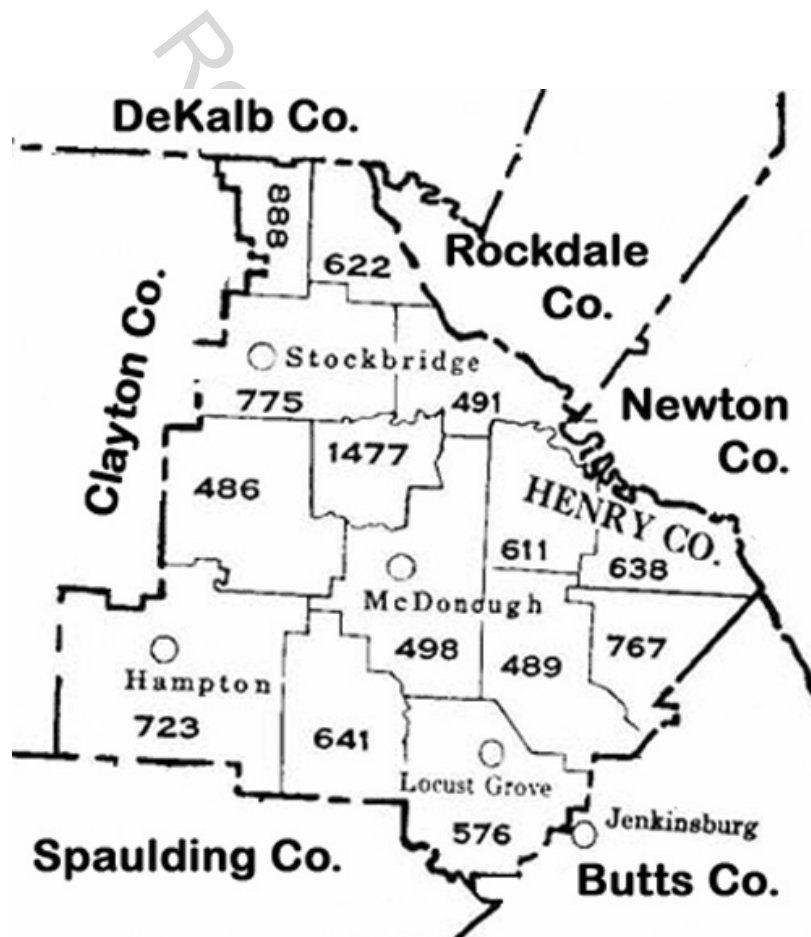
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southwest Georgia – likely not the same person? This Jesse M Simmons appears unrelated to Jesse Simmons of Chattooga County.

### 6. 1831 Georgia Property Tax

In the 1831 Georgia Property Tax lists, there was a Jesse Simmons listed in Henry County, Capt McDaniel's district, Georgia militia district 775, Stockbridge: 1 poll, 202 ac, 2..3 quality, No. 30, district 6, waters of Cotton River (dividing Henry and Newton counties in NE part of Henry), with a tax of \$.695.<sup>8</sup> See map below for district location.



With only one poll noted this implies there was only Jesse over the age of 21 in the household, which would agree with the cited census data for Jesse of Henry County. Note the 1830 census for Jesse in Henry County – there is one male 20-29, who might have been only 20-21 at the time of the tax.

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Henry County was formed in 1821 from a part of Walton County and the Creek Lands.

#### 7. 1830 Census of Georgia

A search of Ancestry.com 1830 census records for J Sim\*, Jes\* Sim\*, J Sem\*, and Jes\*, Sem\* in Georgia shows the following candidates:

Jesse Simmons, Putnam County, Georgia, Capt Horace Shaw's district.

Household: one male <5, one male 5-10, one male 30-40 (Jesse), one female <5, one female 5-10, and one female 20-30.<sup>9</sup> Too young.

Jesse Simmons, Wilkes County, Georgia, 172nd militia district. Household: one male 15-20, one male 20-30, one male 60-70 (Jesse), one female 15-20, and one female 50-60, with four slaves.<sup>10</sup> Ages not in agreement with 1840 census.

Jesse Simmons, Hancock County, Georgia. Household: one male 50-60 (Jesse), one female 5-10, one female 15-20, and one female 40-50, with four slaves.<sup>11</sup> Ages not in agreement with 1840 census.

Jesse Simmons, Henry County, Georgia. Household: two males 5-10, two males 10-15, one male 15-20, one male 20-30, one male 50-60 (Jesse), one female 5-10, one female 15-20, one female 20-30, and one female 40-50. There were no slaves or free colored persons.<sup>12</sup>

This last family closely matches that of Jesse Simmons of Chattooga County in 1840 and there is no other family that is a candidate.

#### 8. 1827 Georgia Land Lottery

There was one Jesse Simmons drawing lots in the 1827 Land Lottery:

Draws lot in Lee County

Jesse Simmons, 15th day's drawing – March 23, of Wilikes [sic] County. Capt Green's district, section 1, district 22, tract no. 127, Lee County. Lot size was 202.5 ac. Residency was at least 3 years.<sup>13</sup> Jesse Simmons, age 60-70, resided in Wilkes County in the 1830 census (one male 15-20, one male 20-30, one male 60-70, one female 15-20, and one female 50-60) – not the right family.

#### 9. 1821 Georgia Land Lottery

There were two Jesse Simmons drawing lots in the 1821 Land Lottery:

Draws lot in Henry County

Jesse Simmons, of Hancock County, Clayton's militia district, lot 184, section 1, Henry County, 202.5 ac. Residency of at least 3 years.<sup>14</sup> A Jesse Simmons, age 50-60, resided in Hancock County in the 1830 census (one male 50-60, one female 5-10, one female 15-20, and one female 40-50) – not the right family. There was a James Simmons in Capt Clayton's district in the 1820 census of Hancock County but no Jesse.

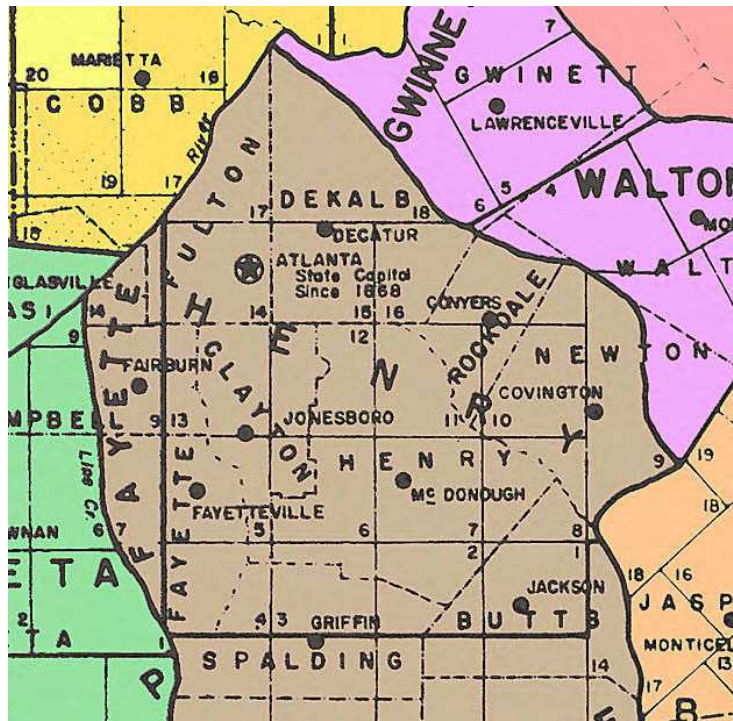
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Jesse Simmons of Jasper County, Pollards militia district, lot 150, section 8, Henry County, 202.5 ac. Residency of at least 3 years.<sup>15</sup> There was no Jesse Simmons in Jasper County in the 1820 or 1830 census, although there were Simmons in the 1820 census. See map below for location of section 8 of Henry County.



Section 8 is in the eastern-most part of today's Henry County, on the border with Newton and Butts Counties, a few miles east of McDonough, the county seat.

In 1823, there was an announcement in the *Georgia Journal*:

“202 1-2 acres of land situate in the 8th district of Henry county, known by lot No. 150, levied on as the property of Jesse Simmons to satisfy sundry fi fas [fieri facias] in favor of Zachariah Cox and others vs. said Simmons, levy made and returned to me by a constable”<sup>16</sup>

There followed a series of similar announcements in the *Georgia Journal* on 25 Feb 1823, 4 Mar 1823, 11 Mar 1823, 18 Mar 1823, and 25 Mar 1823 regarding lot 150. The name Wm H Kimbrough was listed in these later notices.

Jesse lost this particular Henry County lot. If he moved to Henry County, it wasn't to this location.

Although Jesse of Chattooga may have drawn lots in the lottery, there is insufficient evidence to support a connection to those listed.

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### 10. 1820 Census of Georgia

Jesse Semmons, Hancock County, Capt Cooper's district. Household: one male 16-26, one male 26-45, one female 26-45 and six slaves.<sup>17</sup>

This Jesse is too young and the family make-up doesn't match Jesse of Chattooga.

Jesse Semmons, Putnam County, Capt William Evans' district. Household: one male 16-26 (Jesse) and one female <10.<sup>18</sup>

Too young.

Jesse Simmons, Gwinnett County, John Gaddis district, Household: three males <10, one male 10-16, one male 16-19, one male 16-26, one male >45 (Jesse), one female <10, one female 10-16, and one female 26-45.<sup>19</sup>

Gwinnett County was formed in 1818 from a part of Jackson County and the Cherokee Lands.

The makeup of the household can be explained as follows:

- three males <10 (James Russell, unknown, Samuel M??)
- one male 10-16 (unknown)
- one male 16-19 (unknown)
- one male 16-26 (same as male 16-19)
- one male >45 (Jesse)
- one female <10 (unknown)
- one female 10-16 (unknown)
- one female 26-45 (likely wife of Jesse)

This leaves a lot of unexplained children but is still the closest match to Jesse of Chattooga. If this is the correct household, note that both Wilson Glenn and Martha A were born after 1820.

### 11. 1812 Georgia Tax List

Jesse Simmons in Hancock County, Capt Harper's district: 2 polls, 200 ac oak land, Logdam waters, granted to Hathorn; multiple other Simmons on same page.<sup>20</sup> Cannot locate Hathorn in census of 1820. There were two polls indicating a second person over 21 – this wouldn't match the family of Jesse of Chattooga if this second person were the son; however, this second poll could be a male relative or an apprentice or a live-in laborer.

### 12. 1809 Georgia Tax List

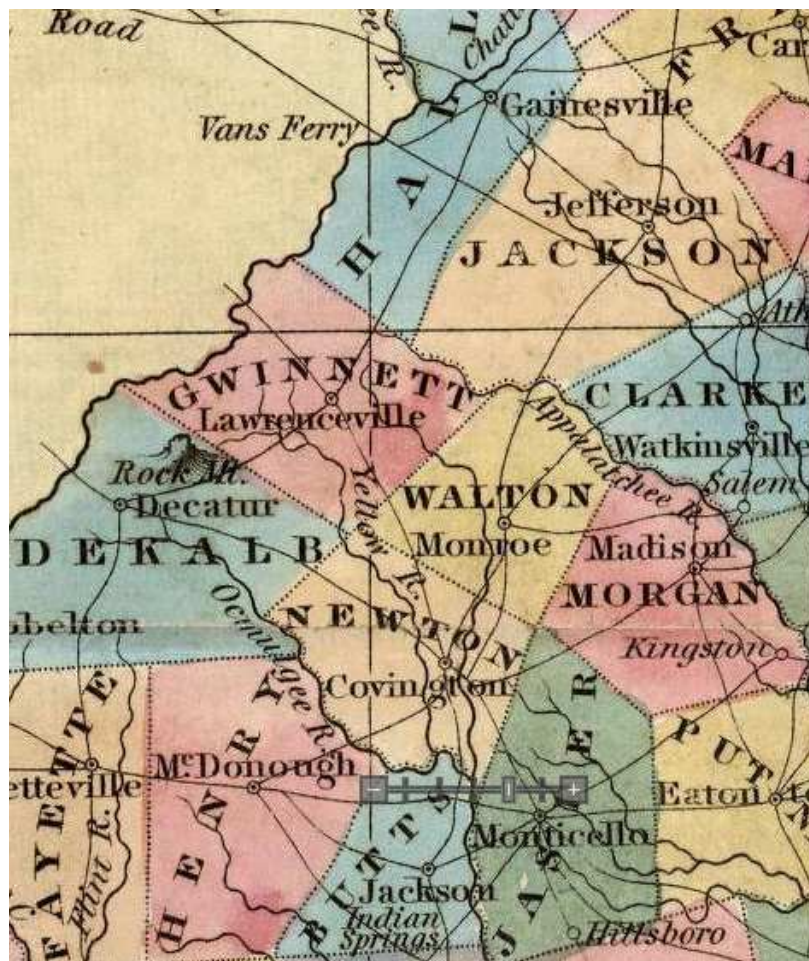
Jesse Simmons in Jackson County, Capt Samuel Windham's district: 172 ac hickory land, granted to Williamson, Jackson County, Williamson creek, adjoining [Robert]Howard, tax \$.5275.<sup>21</sup> Williamson creek now in Walton County, which took part of Jackson County in 1818. There is no Simmons or Semmons in the Jackson County census of 1820, the earliest available.



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It's helpful to see the proximity of the counties in the 1820-1840s: Jackson, Gwinnett, Henry, Jasper



### CONCLUSIONS

Jesse Simmons of Chattooga County in the 1850 and 1860 census is the same person as Jesse Simmons of 1830 Henry County and is possibly the same as the Jesse Simmons of 1820 Gwinnett County. Samuel M Simmons has been tentatively identified as another son of Jesse – he fits the 1830 and 1840 census data. The Land Lottery records and the tax records are inconclusive and have not proven helpful in locating Jesse earlier than 1830 although a number of families have been excluded from consideration.

Other records that might help are newspapers, tax, and court records in 1810-1830 in the several counties of interest. The state archives and the county historical societies and court houses need to be examined.

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### ENDNOTES

<sup>1</sup> 1860 U.S. census, Chattooga County, Georgia, population schedule, page 565A, dwelling 260, family 260, W G Simmons; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 16 May 2013); citing National Archives microfilm publication M653, roll 116.

<sup>2</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Chattooga County, Georgia, population schedule, page 353B, dwelling 8, family 8, Jas R Simmons; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 16 May 2013); citing National Archives microfilm publication M432, roll 64.

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<sup>4</sup> "Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Georgia," microfilm publication M266 (Washington, DC: National Archives and Records Service, no date), roll 36, index cards for S M Simmons, Pvt, 6th Battalion, Cavalry (State Guards); digital image, *Fold3* (<http://www.fold3.com/image/29296052/> : accessed 22 May 2013).

<sup>5</sup> Michael A Purdy, "Georgia Cavalry Units," *Georgia Confederate Units* (<http://freepages.military.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~pudig/GACav.htm> : accessed 22 May 2013), entry for 6th Battalion Georgia Cavalry, State Guards.

<sup>6</sup> 1840 U.S. census, Chattooga County, Georgia, militia district 927, population schedule, page 146B, line 25, Jesse Simmons; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 16 May 2013); citing National Archives microfilm publication M704, roll 38.

<sup>7</sup> "1832 Cherokee Land Lottery," transcription, *US GenWeb Archives* (<http://www.usgwarchives.net/ga/galand.htm> : accessed 16 May 2013), 1832 2nd Section - District 4 (Cherokee), entry for Jesse M Simmons.

<sup>8</sup> Henry County, Georgia, 1831 Tax List, 80-1, Jesse Simmons; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 16 May 2013); citing Georgia, Property Tax Digests, 1793-1893, 140 volumes, Georgia Archives, Morrow, Georgia.

<sup>9</sup> 1830 U.S. census, Putnam County, Georgia, population schedule, page 180B & 181A, line 15, Jesse Simmons; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 16 May 2013); citing National Archives microfilm publication M19, roll 20.

<sup>10</sup> 1830 U.S. census, Wilkes County, Georgia, population schedule, page 292B & 293A, line 26, Jesse Simmons; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 16 May 2013); citing National Archives microfilm publication M19, roll 21.

<sup>11</sup> 1830 U.S. census, Hancock County, Georgia, population schedule, page 167B & 168A, line 6, Jesse Simmons; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 16 May 2013); citing National Archives microfilm publication M19, roll 18.

<sup>12</sup> 1830 U.S. census, Henry County, Georgia, population schedule, page 235B, line 23, Jesse Simmons; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 16 May 2013); citing National Archives microfilm publication M19, roll 18.

<sup>13</sup> Martha Lou Houston, compiler, *Reprint of Official Register of Land Lottery of Georgia 1827* (Columbus, Georgia: Martha Lou Houston, 1928), 45; digital image, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/catalog/267288> : accessed 16 May 2013).

<sup>14</sup> "1821 Land Lottery," transcription, *US GenWeb Archives* (<http://www.usgwarchives.net/ga/galand.htm> : accessed 16 May 2013), 1821 Georgia Land Lottery Rabb - Sylvan, entry for Jesse Simmons.

<sup>15</sup> "1821 Land Lottery," transcription, *US GenWeb Archives* (<http://www.usgwarchives.net/ga/galand.htm> : accessed 16 May 2013), 1821 Georgia Land Lottery Rabb - Sylvan, entry for Jesse Simmons.

<sup>16</sup> *Georgia Journal*, 19 Nov 1822, p. 4, col. 1; digital image, *Georgia Historic Newspapers: Milledgeville* (<http://milledgeville.galileo.usg.edu/milledgeville/search> : accessed 22 May 2013).

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<sup>18</sup> 1820 U.S. census, Putnam County, Georgia, population schedule, page 157, line 14, Jesse Semmons; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 16 May 2013); citing National Archives microfilm publication M33, roll 7.

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<sup>20</sup> Hancock County, Georgia, 1812 Tax List, 27, Jesse Simmons; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 16 May 2013); citing *Georgia, Property Tax Digests, 1793-1893*, 140 volumes, Georgia Archives, Morrow, Georgia.

<sup>21</sup> Jackson County, Georgia, 1809 Tax List, 68-9, Jesse Simmons; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 16 May 2013); citing *Georgia, Property Tax Digests, 1793-1893*, 140 volumes, Georgia Archives, Morrow, Georgia.