

ADAM EDWARD SIMPSON

Adam Edward Simpson was born August 13, 1835, in Ballasodara, Ireland. He was the third son of Lord Edward Simpson, a tiller of the soil.

Adam, before his emigration, was also a farmer in the Emerald Isle, where he owned forty acres of land. A landowner in Ireland in his day was considered a man of no little distinction, but this fact alone was not strong enough to hold him to his native soil. During the great exodus of Irishmen to this country, he left the scenes of his boyhood and came to Canada, via New York in 1851. In 1858, he returned to Ireland where he married Harriett Farrell on August 16, 1858, at Cooldney (Coolaney), Ireland. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. G. H. Garrett. Harriett was 19 years, 10 months of age. She was born on October 31, 1838, in Ballasodara, Ireland.

Adam and his bride returned to Canada in late 1858, and settled in Elora, Canada. Elora was a small settlement and Guelph was the larger town where they went to many times. Fourteen children were born to this couple – nine in Canada, and five in Iowa. The boys of the family had their own baseball team, known as "The Simpson Brothers".

In 1873, they purchased farmland in Iowa, one mile and a half north of Highview – a small community halfway between Webster City, Iowa and Duncombe, Iowa. Today, in Duncombe, Iowa, a street is named "Simpson Street" after his family. Several of the brothers stayed in the area. Albert (Bert) became a prominent farmer on rich farmland a few miles south of the community. Medoph (Meddie) and Adam Jr. went into business in Duncombe, and for many years, Meddie owned and ran the Simpson Brothers General Store. Adam Jr. died in 1928 and Meddie, in 1945. Both are buried in the Washington Twp. Cemetery west of the city of Duncombe, Iowa.

Four of the children moved "out West" after their marriages. They lived in the Billings, Montana and Laramie, Wyoming areas. To this date, very little is known about these four families.

After selling the farm in 1900, Adam retired to Duncombe where he remained until his death on September 20, 1906. Harriett died on April 16, 1921.

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Adam Simpson (71 yrs old)

Born: August 13, 1835

At: Ballasodara, Ireland

Died: September 20, 1906

Buried: Washington Twp. Cemetery
Duncombe, Iowa

Harriett Farrell (83 yrs) old)

Born: October 31, 1838

At: Ballasodara, Ireland

Died: April 16, 1921

Buried: Washington Twp. Cemetery
Duncombe, IowaMarried: August 16, 1858 at Cooldney (Coolaney) Ireland
By Reverend G. H. Garrett

Children:

Adam Jr.

Born: November 19, 1859 at Elora, Canada

Married: Jennie

Jennie

Born: February 4, 1861 at Elora, Canada

Married: George Black

George

Born: March 3, 1862 at Elora, Canada

Married: 1st wife Ella
2nd wife Hannah (Anna)

Medolph (Meddie)

Born: December 25, 1864 at Elora, Canada

Married: Clara Beers

Maria

Born: November 25, 1866 at Elora, Canada

Married: John Price

Emma

Born: July 10, 1868 at Elora, Canada

Married: Will Shick

John

Born: March 10, 1870 at Elora, Canada

Married: Louisa Mae Murray

Maud

Born: November 25, 1871 at Elora Canada

Married: 1st husband Charles Neel
2nd husband Will Neel

Edith

Born: December 25, 1872 at Elora, Canada

Married: Charles Wicks

Children of Adam and Harriett (Farrell) Simpson

Albert	Born: November 26, 1874 at Highview, Iowa Married: 1 st Ida Rosetta Porter 2 nd Clara E. (Beers) Simpson
Charles Trevor	Born: January 8, 1876 at Highview, Iowa Married: Minnie Neel
Edwin (Edward)	Born: December 22, 1878 at Highview, Iowa Married: Lucy Martin
Walter	Born: November 12, 1880 at Highview, Iowa Married: Augusta Derby
Harriett	Born: May 12, 1883 at Highview, Iowa Married: 1 st John Creed 2 nd William (Bill) Martin

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Children of Adam and Harriett (Farrell) Simpson

Adam F. Simpson, Jr. (69 yrs)

Born: November 19, 1859

At: Elora, Ireland

Died: December 6, 1928

Buried: Washington Twp. Cemetery
Duncombe, Iowa

Jennie ??? (80 yrs)

Born: November 6, 1863

At:

Died: February 20, 1944

Buried: Washington Twp. Cemetery
Duncombe, Iowa

Adam F. Simpson and Medolph were in business as "Simpson Brothers General Store in Duncombe, Iowa. They resided in Duncombe, and both Adam and Jennie are buried in the Cemetery there.

Married:

Children:

Florence Adeline

Born: February 19, 1907 (Adopted)

Married: Clarence Oscar Housken

Marie

Born:

Married: R. Miland Godlove

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