

Children of Adam and Harriett (Farrell) Simpson

Edwin (Edward) Simpson (69 yrs)

Born: December 22, 1878

At: Highview, Ia.

Died: April 16, 1947

Buried: Elmwood Cemetery
Renwick, Iowa

Lucy Martin (76 yrs)

Born: October 10, 1883

At:

Died: December 26, 1959

Buried: Elmwood Cemetery
Renwick, Iowa

Settled in Renwick, Iowa and then went to Sherburn, Minn.

Married: 1902

Children:

Arnold

Born:

Married: 1st wife Marie Nagle – Divorced2nd wife Blanche Berkness – Deceased3rd wife Valores Holkelsen

Rex

Born

Married: Gertie Johnson

Cleone

Born: December 17, 1907

Lived at Renwick, Ia.

Married: Andrew Vergil Erwin

Edward Charles

Born:

Lived at Lanesboro, Minn.

Married: Fern Dreger

Norma

Born:

Lived at Sherburn, Minn.

Married: Lloyd Gieser

Reuben

Born:

Lived at New York Mills,
Minn.

Married: Blanche Anderson

Ione

Born:

Lived at Lanesboro, Minn.

Married: Elmer Frostrom

Marvelle

Born:

Married: 1st husband Alfred Hoyler – Divorced2nd husband George Stewart

Harold

Born:

Lived in Rapid City, So. Dakota

Married: Ann Zacher

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EDWARD A. SIMPSON

A figure of dominating force in the agricultural life of Wright County, Iowa, is Edward A. Simpson, who as a man of unusual attainments, has long held precedence as one of the authorities on farm life in his community. A member of one of the pioneer families of Iowa, he has contributed in no small way to the prosperity of that state as a thriving center of industry. His life has been marked with large and definite accomplishment and by reason of his strong attributes of character, he is held in high regard by those in his profession. The success, which has come to him, has been well deserved.

Edward A. Simpson was born in Hamilton County, Iowa, on the 22nd of December 1879, and is the son of Adam and Hattie (Farrell) Simpson, natives of Ireland. Adam Simpson, before his immigration, was 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 Mr. Simpson to his native soil, and during the great exodus of Irishmen to this country he left the scenes of his boyhood and came to the United States. He arrived in New York in 1867 and from there went directly to Webster City, Iowa, where he bought a farm and continued to work in his chosen field of endeavor until 1900. After selling the farm near Webster City, he retired to Duncombe, Iowa, where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson reared a family of fourteen children: Myra, Jennie, Adam, George, Meady, Emma, John, Maud, Bertha, Edith, Charles, Edward, Walter and Hattie.

The common schools of Hamilton County, Iowa, furnished the early educational advantages for Edward Simpson, who was a pupil there until he was seventeen years old when he quit school to begin to work for his father. Two years before his marriage he worked on the farm and then at the age of twenty-three rented a farm in Wright County, Iowa, where he continued in the occupation of farming for seven years. At the end of that time he was able to purchase a farm of his own, and chose Boone Township in the same county, as a favorable place for investment. In that locality he bought one hundred and sixty acres at sixty-eight dollars an acre. The farm has proved to be one of agricultural wealth and Mr. Simpson has been able to make all the improvements necessary for the success of its management. The land is well tiled and over seven thousand dollars have been spent in modern improvements. Corn and small grain are the principal crops the corn averaging forty bushels to the acre and the grain, thirty-five. Most of the grain is used for feeding the large number of hogs, of which a carload is sold annually. Throughout his residence in Wright County, Mr. Simpson has given evidence of his ability and love of industry and has fully proved that he understands his vocation.

In 1902 Edward A. Simpson was united in marriage to Lucy Martin, the daughter of Henry and Ella Martin, resident of Boone Township. Her education included the course at the Renwick high school and after completing her studies in that school she made her home with her parents on the farm. There were five children in the Martin family. To Mr. and Mrs. Simpson the following children have been born: Arnold, Rex, Cleone, Edward, Norma and Ruby. The children are all living at home.

Mr. Simpson has always expressed a deep interest in the affairs of education in his community and his ability to solve problems pertaining to school administration was proved when he served in the office of president of the school board in his township for a period of two years. At the present time he holds the position of township clerk. In his religious views he gives his support to the Methodist church of which he is a member. The political interests of Mr. Simpson have always centered a-round the Republican party and he continued to work untiringly for its cause. His efforts along political lines have been amply rewarded with offices of public trust, which he has held with honor.

Parents – Edwin (Ed) and Lucy (Martin) Simpson

Arnold Simpson

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Valores Holkelsen

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Married: 1st wife Marie Nagle – Divorced
2nd wife Blanche Berkness – Deceased
3rd wife Valores Holkelsen

Children:

Charles

Born:

Married: Doris Gettler

Leo

Born:

Deceased at age 16

Married:

Jerome

Born:

Married: Pamela Esping

Carol Jean

Born:

Married:

Neal

Born:

Deceased at age 15

Married:

Shirley

Born:

Married:

Parents – Arnold and Valores (Holkelsen) Simpson

Charles Simpson

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Doris Gettler

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Married:

Children:

Colleen

Born:

Married:

Larry

Born:

Married:

Parents – Arnold and Valores (Holkelsen) Simpson

Jerome Simpson

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Pamela Esping

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Married:

Children:

Stacy Kristin

Born:

Married:

Parents – Edwin (Ed) and Lucy (Martin) Simpson

Rex Simpson

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Gertie Johnson

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Married:

Children:

Richard (Dick)

Born:

Married: Alice Schroder

Donald

Born:

Married: Ann Marie Kledzik

Parents – Rex and Gertie (Johnson) Simpson

Richard (Dick) Simpson

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Alice Schroder

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Married:

Children:

Donna

Born:

Married:

Rex Allen

Born:

Married:

Parents – Rex and Gertie (Johnson) Simpson

Donald Simpson

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Ann Marie Kledzik

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Married:

Children:

Patricia Lynn

Born:

Married:

Mark

Born:

Married:

Parents – Edwin (Ed) and Lucy Simpson

Andrew Vergil Erwin (70 yrs. old)

Born: February 23, 1904

At: Birds, Illinois

Died: January 24, 1975

Buried: Elmwood Cemetery
Renwick, Iowa

Cleone Velve Simpson (70 yrs. old)

Born: December 17, 1907

At: Renwick, Iowa

Died: November 19, 1978-Belmond, Iowa

Buried: Elmwood, Cemetery
Renwick, Iowa

Vergil and Cleone resided on a farm near Renwick, Iowa for 39 years. He was active in the United Methodist Church, the Mason Lodge, the Order of the Eastern Star and the White Shrine. Cleone was a graduate of the State Teachers College in Cedar Falls, Iowa, a member of the United Methodist Women's Society, Gertrude Chapter No. 500, Order of the Eastern Star of Renwick and Sharon Chapter No. 14 of the Order of White Shrine of Jerusalem. She was also active in the 4-H Club activities and church work.

Married: June 17, 1926 at Mason City, Iowa

Children:

Lloyd Andrew

Born: 1927 at Renwick, Iowa

Married: Betty Espland Lived in Renwick, Ia.

Lucy LaVonne

Born: August 30, 1931 at Renwick, Iowa

Married James Howard Dirksen

Edwin LeRoy

Born: 1938 at Renwick, Iowa

Married: Olga Ortega Caudra

Updated January 2006

Parents – A. Vergil and Cleone (Simpson) Erwin

Lloyd Andrew Erwin

Born: 1927

At: Renwick, Iowa

Died: Deceased 1985

Buried: Elmwood Cemetery
Renwick, Iowa

Betty Espland

Born: 1931

At:

Died: Deceased 2001?

Buried: Elmwood Cemetery
Renwick, Iowa

Married: July 1, 1950

Children:

Craig

Born: 1951

Married: Maureen Davis

Steven Eugene

Born:

Married:

Trudy Lynn

Born: November 8, 1955

Married:

Gary

Born:

Married: Kim Hohensee

Updated May 2004

Parents – Lloyd and Betty (Espland) Erwin

Craig Erwin

Born: 1951

At:

Died:

Buried:

Maureen Davis

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Married: July 28, 1973

Children:

Todd Andrew

Born: 1977

Married:

Parents – Lloyd and Betty (Espland) Erwin

Gary Erwin

Born: 1950

At: Renwick, Iowa

Died:

Buried:

Kimberly Hohensee

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Gary and Kimberly live in Mesa, Arizona.

Kimberly is the daughter of Roland W. Hohensee from Renwick, Iowa.

Married: June 27, 1981

Children:

Adam

Born:

Married:

Alex

Born:

Married:

Parents – A. Vergil and Cleone V. (Simpson) Erwin

James Howard Dirksen

Born:

At:

Died: October 14, 2001

Buried: Harlington Cemetery
Waverly, Iowa

Lucy LaVonne Erwin (74 yrs old)

Born: August 30, 1931

At: Wright Co., Renwick, Iowa

Died: December 30, 2005

Buried: Harlington Cemetery
Waverly, Iowa

James was a High School Principal in the Waverly-Shell Rock Schools. LaVonne was a teacher in Durant and Rockwell City and a substitute teacher after marriage in the Waverly-Shell Rock Schools. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and Women of the Church. She was a Sunday School teacher and Vacation Bible School Teacher and a member of Xi Gamma Phi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi and Bridge group.

Married: July 19, 1953 at Renwick, Iowa

Children:

Susan Kay

Born: September 8, 1960 – adopted

Married: 1st Timothy Anderson
2nd Jim Duehr

Thomas James

Born:

at Waverly, Iowa

Married: Robin ?

Ann Elizabeth

Born:

Married: ? Fahrer

Updated January 2006

Parents – James Howard and Lucy LaVonne (Erwin) Dirksen

1st Timothy Anderson

2nd Jim Duehr

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Susan Kay Dirksen

Born: September 8, 1960

At: Waverly, Iowa

Died:

Buried:

Susan was adopted.

Married:

Children:

Tim Anderson is the father.

Lindsey

Born:

Married:

Michael

Born:

Married:

Jim Duehr is the father.

Betsy

Born:

Married:

Joe

Born:

Married:

Emma

Born:

Married:

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Parents – James Howard and Lucy LaVonne (Erwin) Dirksen

Thomas James Dirksen

Born:

At: Waverly, Iowa

Died:

Buried:

Robin ?

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Married:

Children:

Ashley Dowdy

Born:

Married:

Evan

Born:

Married:

Ethan

Born:

Married:

Parents – James Howard and Lucy LaVonne (Erwin) Dirksen

? Fahrer

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Ann Elizabeth Dirksen

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Married:

Children:

Lucy

Born:

Married:

Casey

Born:

Married:

Andrew

Born:

Married:

Aidian Dirksen

Born:

Married:

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Parents – A. Vergil and Cleone V. (Simpson) Erwin

Edwin LeRoy Erwin

Born:

At: Renwick, Iowa

Died: 1995

Buried:

Olga Ortega Caudra

Born:

At.

Died:

Buried:

Resided in Amarillo, Texas.

Married:

Children:

Marla Lynn

Born:

Married:

Edwin LeRoy Jr.

Born: June 27, 1965 at San Francisco, California

Married:

Updated January 2006

Parents – Edwin (Ed) and Lucy Simpson

Edward Charles (Eddie) Simpson

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Fern Dreger

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Last known addresses – Lanesboro and Winona, Minnesota areas

Married:

Children:

Eugene

Born:

Married: Marilyn Bostrack

Clark

Born:

Married: Muriel Rasmussen

Dennis

Born:

Married: Dorothy Harlen

Vicki Lynn

Born:

Married: Dennis Decker

Parents – Edward and Fern (Dreger) Simpson

Eugene Simpson

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Marilyn Bostrack

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Married:

Children:

Mark

Born:

Married: Marilyn Pierce

Denise

Born:

Married: Steven Brown

Tonya

Born:

Married: Anthony Mosepoh

Parents – Edward and Fern (Dreger) Simpson

Clark Simpson

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Muriel Rasmussen

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Married:

Children:

Patrick

Born:

Married:

Mike

Born:

Married:

Wendy Lou

Born:

Married:

Parents – Edward C. and Fern (Dreger) Simpson**Dennis Simpson****Born:****At:****Died:****Buried:****Dorothy Harlen****Born:****At:****Died:****Buried:****Married:****Children:****Melissa Ann****Born:****Married:****Sara****Born:****Married:**

Parents – Edward C. and Fern (Dreger) Simpson

Dennis Decker

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Vicki Lynn Simpson

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Married:

Children:

Sasha

Born:

Married:

Danielle

Born:

Married:

Parents – Edwin (Ed) and Lucy Simpson

Lloyd Gieser

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Norma Simpson

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Last known address – Sherburn, Minnesota

Married:

Children:

Pearl May

Born:

Married: Lester Johnson

Donald

Born: (Deceased at age 1)

Gerald

Born:

Married: Myrna Dunker

Parents – Lloyd and Norma (Simpson) Gieser

Lester Johnson

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Pearl May Gieser

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Married:

Children:

Victoria

Born:

Married:

Wanda

Born:

Married: Ramior Silva

Parents – Lloyd and Norma (Simpson) Gieser

Gerald Gieser

Born:

At:

Died:

Born:

Myrna Dunker

Born:

At:

Died:

Born:

Married:

Children:

James Lloyd

Born:

Married:

Lisa

Born:

Married:

Parents – Edwin (Ed) and Lucy Simpson

Reuben Simpson

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Blanche Anderson

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Married:

Children:

Eddie Ray

Born:

Married: Pamela Kettle

Gary

Born:

Married: Fern Abkin

Dean Arthur

Born:

Married: Kathleen Marie Anderson

Lynn Allen

Born:

Married: Marianne Von Ruden

Sandra Joe

Born:

Married: Darrel Hunter

Parents – Reuben and Blanche (Anderson) Simpson

Eddie Ray Simpson

Born:
At:
Died:
Buried:

Pamela Kettle

Born:
At:
Died:
Buried:

Married:

Children:

Rhonda

Born:
Married:

ReNee

Born:
Married:

Parents – Reuben and Blanche Simpson

Gary Simpson

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Fern Abkin

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Married:

Children:

Parents – Reuben and Blanche Simpson

Dean Arthur Simpson

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Kathleen Marie Anderson

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Married:

Children:

Brent Alan

Born:

Married:

Kristen Marie

Born:

Married:

Beth Leona

Born:

Married:

Beth and Sara are twins.

Sara Rose

Born:

Married:

Sara and Beth are twins.

Parents – Reuben and Blanche Simpson

Lynn Allen Simpson

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Marianne Von Ruden

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Married:

Children:

Matthew Alan

Born:

Married:

Megan Ann

Born:

Married:

Michele Lynn

Born:

Married:

Parents – Reuben and Blanche Simpson**Darrel Hunter****Born:****At:****Died:****Buried:****Sandra Joe Simpson****Born:****At:****Died:****Buried:****Married:****Children:****Travis Dean****Born:****Married:****Tatum Jo****Born:****Married:**

Parents – Edwin (Ed) and Lucy Simpson

Elmer Frostrom

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Ione Simpson

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Married:

Children:

LeRoy

Born:

Married: Nancy Mulcahy

Patsy

Born:

Married: Ralph Sorum

Sharon

Born:

Married: Paul Olness

Parents – Elmer and Ione (Simpson) Frostrom

LeRoy Frostrom

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Nancy Mulcahy

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Married:

Children:

Michael Leray

Born:

Married:

Jennifer Ione

Born:

Married:

Erick Arthur

Born:

Married:

Kerstin Ann

Born:

Married:

Parents – Elmer and Ione (Simpson) Frostrom

Ralph Sorum

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Patsy Frostrom

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Married:

Children:

LeAnn Jennifer

Born:

Married: Gary Olson

Joan Christine

Born:

Married: Robin Drake

Steven Wayne

Born:

(Deceased at 15 yrs)

Janel Marie

Born:

Married:

Mark Anthony

Born:

Married:

Parents – Elmer and Ione (Simpson) Frostrom

Paul Olness

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Sharon Frostrom

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Married:

Children:

Todd Patrick

Born:

Married:

Jeffrey John

Born:

Married:

Parents – Edwin (Ed) and Lucy Simpson

George Stewart

Born:

At:

Died: September 11, 1971

Buried:

Marvelle Simpson

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Lived in Minnesota.

Married:

1st husband Alfred Hoyler – Divorced

2nd husband George Stewart

Children:

Pamela Stewart

Born:

Married: Vernon Hofmann

Valerie Stewart

Born:

Married: James Olson – 2nd husband

Parents – George and Marvelle (Simpson) Stewart

James Olson

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Valerie Stewart

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Married:

James Olson is the 2nd husband.

Children:

Rickie

Born: is the child of Valerie's previous marriage.

Married:

James Thomas

Born:

Married:

Angela Dawn

Born:

Married:

Parents – Edwin (Ed) and Lucy Simpson

Harold Simpson

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Ann Zacher

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Lived at Rapid City, South Dakota

Married:

Children:

Benjamin

Born:

Married:

Eddie

Born:

Married:

Susan

Born:

Married: Neil Volmer

Sharon

Born:

Married: Tim Fairman

Sandra

Born:

Married: Douglas Herzog

Parents – Harold and Ann (Zacher) Simpson

Neil Volmer

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Susan Simpson

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Married:

Children:

Mario Scott

Born:

Married:

Tyson Lee

Born:

Married:

Parents – Harold and Ann (Zacher) Simpson

Douglas Herzog

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Sandra Simpson

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Married:

Children:

Cassandra Marie

Born:

Married:

Nichole Diane

Born:

Married: