

uncertainty as to the date of her birth, the date of the death of Charles' first wife, and the date of his second marriage, it cannot be definitely stated that Sarah was the child of the first marriage, but indications point to that conclusion. Sarah evidently died a few years after her marriage as the records show that John Ferrill married again on March 9, 1815.

Charles Simmons' wife died, date unknown, perhaps about 1786?.

Charles married the second time, Eleanor (Nellie) _____, ca. 1787?. The marriage record has not been found. There is some evidence and at least one source that she was Nellie Boothe. In 1929, my grandmother, Virginia Williams Peterman, told me that to the best of her knowledge Charles Simmons married a Boothe. Her sources of information would have been her mother-in-law, Paradine Lester Peterman, granddaughter of Charles Simmons, and her husband (my grandfather), Dudley Peterman, great-grandson of Charles Simmons.

In Descendants of George Boothe, 1737-1813, Montgomery County, Virginia, by Col. Lucian D. Boothe (1948), he records that Nellie Boothe, daughter of George Boothe, married Hulen Lester. His informant knew the connection but confused the generations. Nellie Boothe married Charles Simmons, their daughter, Nellie Simmons, married Hulen Lester.

George Boothe (1737-1813), father? of Nellie Boothe, lived in Rye, Westchester County, New York. His wife was Millicent Wright and they had nine (known) children. He and his brother Stephen Boothe moved to Montgomery County, Virginia, shortly before 1787 (Virginia Appalachian Notes, February 1983: "The Boothe Family of Floyd County, Virginia," by George Pesely). According to family tradition they lived for three years in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, before reaching Montgomery County.

George Boothe acquired more than 1300 acres of land in Montgomery County and appears to have lived, at least for the last years of his life, in the present White Oak Grove section (near Charles Simmons?). He died in 1813 and is buried in the Boothe Cemetery (also known as the Simmons Cemetery).

This cemetery is on the ridge above the former home of Daniel Simmons (great-grandson of George Boothe) on Little River, later the home of his son Everett Simmons. Everett Simmons maintained and took care of this cemetery during his lifetime. His daughter, Elizabeth Simmons Viers (b. September 14, 1919), in an interview on July 21, 1997, stated that her father had pointed out George Boothe's tombstone to her. She said it was a small stone down next to the fence under a big tree. She said that she could read the name of George Boothe and the inscription though she did not copy it at the time. The stone is now worn smooth by the weather and nothing remains of the inscription. Elizabeth Viers is the first and only person I have known who actually saw the name of George Boothe on the tombstone and can attest to its existence.

The first deed of record found for Charles Symonds (Simmons) is dated May 26, 1774, for a survey of 110 acres of land on Little River, made by the Loyal Land Company (Botetourt County records). This tract of land was in the present White Oak Grove section and was his first home. He later deeded it to Edward Simmons (son of his first marriage) and Charles Simmons (grandson, son