

of John of his first marriage), (Floyd County records: DB A, p. 190; DB B, p. 25; DB E, p. 377; DB R, p. 292; WB F, p. 486; DBL, p. 292. See also WPA Historical Inventory for Floyd County, 1938, #35, Jimmie Roop homeplace).

In 1782, Charles Simmons was listed as a member of Capt. Eason's Company in Botetourt County "for the purpose of carrying into execution this state's quota of Troops to serve the United States Army for the Term of three years, or during the War." His service record, if any, is not known.

Charles Simmons became a large landowner. In partnership with Thomas Hill, he acquired large tracts of land on the waters of Lost Bent, Easter & Little Camp Creeks and Skaggs Branch, making a total of approximately 2160 acres of land.

In 1795, he was given "leave to include his several claims of land on the waters of Beaver Creek, etc." The inclusive survey of 1460 acres on waters of Beaver Creek and Little River was recorded in 1799 (Montgomery County records).

Charles and Nellie Simmons moved to the Beaver Creek section, six miles north of the present town of Floyd, date unknown but perhaps in the 1790s. The tract of land on which they lived joined Hezekiah Sumner (in 1987 owned by the Lawson family). In 1820, Charles Simmons sold this place to John Lester II, 500 acres on the waters of Beaver Creek and the waters of West Fork, "being a part of the said Simmons inclusive survey and the former residence of the said Simmons," adjoining the land of Ezekiah (sic) Sumner (DB G, p. 516, Aug 5, 1820, Floyd County records).

John Lester II built another home for his family, date unknown, on the hill across the river from the Simmons place.

It appears that Charles and Nellie moved to their son William Simmons' place when they sold their home in 1820. Nellie may have died about 1821-22. The last deed she signed was on September 21, 1821. Charles may have died about 1834. The last official record is a deed, January 18, 1834, to John Lester II.

It is probable that they were buried in the Pine Tree Cemetery, later called the Simmons Cemetery, on the hill opposite the present Beaver Creek Church on Rt. 730, where William Simmons and other members of the Simmons and Lester families were buried. Field stones mark many graves. The cemetery is now overgrown with bushes and trees.

Charles and Ealoner (sic) Simmons joined Pine Creek Baptist Church on November 5, 1803. It is possible they were buried in Pine Creek Cemetery, if so, no tombstones have been found.

Charles Simmons disposed of all his property before his death and left no will. Large tracts were sold, and he deeded various pieces of property to his sons.