

## **Kentucky: A History of the State**

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**WILLIAM A. SIMMONS** was born May 10, 1843, in Hawkins County, Tenn. At the age of nine years he removed with his parents to Monroe County, Ky., where he now resides. At the beginning of the war he enlisted in Company G, Ninth Kentucky Infantry. After serving with this regiment for a short time he was, on account of sickness, discharged from service, and in 1863 re-enlisted, this time in Company C, Thirty-seventh Kentucky Mounted Infantry, first as a private, and was afterward promoted sergeant, and later served on detailed duty as hospital steward. He was in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Mt. Sterling and Winchester, besides numerous smaller battles and skirmishes.

His **father, James G. Simmons**, was born May 13, 1801, and came to Kentucky in 1852, where he purchased 500 acres of land and settled with his family. He was a farmer, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics a strong Republican. **He was a son of James Simmons, of North Carolina, one of the brave and unselfish men who fought to free this country from British tyranny, for which he afterward received a pension from the Government he assisted in establishing.** James G. Simmons (the father of our subject), married **Sallie Gillenwaters**. From this union sprang five sons and five daughters.

**William A. Simmons** married, September 7, 1871, **Melissa E.**, daughter of **Samuel and Hannah Yokley**. To them have been born **Laura F., James S., William J. K., Thomas M. K., John T. C. and Sallie L.** Mr. Simmons' early advantages for obtaining an education were limited, but by close application to study and some little assistance received in school, he has obtained a fair English education. He is the owner of a fine farm of 122 acres in good condition. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., also of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics a Republican.

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