

**Husband: Elvin Gaines Sims**

Born: 12 March 1817 in: Columbus County, North Carolina  
 Married: 27 November 1849 in: Pike County, Alabama  
 Died: 09 December 1895 in: Coffee County, Alabama  
 Father: James Sims  
 Mother: Avis Williams  
 Other Spouses:

**Wife: Zilphia Jeffcoat**

Born: Abt. 1828 in: Pike County, Alabama  
 Died: Bef. 1880 in:  
 Father: Benjamin Jeffcoat, Jr.  
 Mother: Mary Ann Johnson  
 Other Spouses: Mathew Driggers

**CHILDREN**

1	Name: James Johnson Sims	
M	Born: 1850	in:
	Married:	in:
	Died:	in:
	Spouse:	
2	Name: Margaret M. Sims	
F	Born: 1852	in:
	Married:	in:
	Died:	in:
	Spouse:	
3	Name: C. Hardy Sims	
M	Born: 1854	in:
	Died: Aft. 1930	in:
	Married: 20 March 1881	in: Pike County, Alabama
	Spouse: Louiza M. Jordan	
4	Name: Avis Sims	
F	Born: 1855	in:
	Died:	in:
	Married:	in:
	Spouse: Phillips	
5	Name: Celia Sims	
F	Born: 1856	in:
	Married:	in:
	Died:	in:
	Spouse:	
6	Name: Albert L. Sims	
M	Born: 1858	in:
	Married:	in:
	Died: Bet. 1860 - 1870	in:
	Spouse:	
7	Name: Zelphia Elizabeth Sims	
F	Born: 1862	in:
	Died:	in:
	Married: 17 September 1885	in: Coffee County, Alabama
	Spouse: William D. Jackson	

## Family Group Sheet

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8	Name: Nancy Ann Sims	
	Born: April 1864	in: Alabama
F	Died: 25 May 1892	in: Coffee County, Alabama
	Married: 18 July 1886	in: Coffee County, Alabama
	Spouse: Soasbe Johnson IV	
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9	Name: Lula Sims	
	Born: April 1875	in:
F	Died:	in:
	Married: 02 December 1890	in: Coffee County, Alabama
	Spouse: James Lawson Pridgen	
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<b>Husband:</b>	<b>Elvin Gaines Sims</b>
aka:	
Source:	Joyce Sims Severt, I feel the "G" in Elvin's name is for Gaines, a Jeffcoat name and on his headstone it says Elvin G. Sims.
Born:	12 March 1817
in:	Columbus County, North Carolina
Source:	(1) Bobby Sims, ("The Sims Connections" Published in 1999), Bobby says that Elvin was born between 1821 and 1822. (2) 1870 Pike County Census, Family # 191 shows Elvin to be a farmer, born in North Carolina and at the time of the census his age is given as 51 years old. According to that information, his date of birth would have been 1819 rather than between 1821-1823. (3) Limesprings Cemetery, Headston says Elvin G. Sims, born 12 March 1817 and died 9 December 1895.
Died:	09 December 1895
in:	Coffee County, Alabama
Source:	Limesprings Cemetery.
Relationship with Father:	James Sims - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Avis Williams - Natural
Reference number:	

**Medical**

Burial:	December 1895 Limesprings Cemetery, Geneva County, Alabama
Source:	Limesprings Cemetery.
Occupation:	Farmer
Source:	1850 Pike County Census.

**Notes**

Document number: 40838 Description number: 1  
 Number of acres: 40.1600 Accession number: AL1930\_\_474  
 Patentee Surname: Sims Patentee given name: Elvin  
 State name: Alabama  
 Volume: 1930 Page number: 474  
 Land office: Cahaba Aliquot part reference: NESE  
 Section number: 8  
 Township: 10 North Range: 19 East  
 Meridian or special survey area: St. Stephens Meridian  
 Title transfer authority: Sale-Cash Entries  
 Combined signature date: Feb. 2, 1852  
 Multiple patentees: N Multiple warrantees: N  
 Signature: Y Canceled document: N Subsurface rights reserved: N  
 Metes and bounds: N Fractional section: N

Document number: 48463 Description number: 1  
 Number of acres: 79.9750 Accession number: AL2050\_\_140  
 Patentee Surname: Sims Patentee given name: Elvin  
 State name: Alabama  
 Volume: 2050 Page number: 140  
 Land office: Greenville Aliquot part reference: S½NW  
 Section number: 10  
 Township: 10 North Range: 19 East  
 Meridian or special survey area: St. Stephens Meridian  
 Title transfer authority: Sale-Cash Entries  
 Combined signature date: Nov. 1, 1858  
 Multiple patentees: N Multiple warrantees: N  
 Signature: Y Canceled document: N Subsurface rights reserved: N  
 Metes and bounds: N Fractional section: N

From The Sims Connections, Elvin and Zilphia had the following children:

Albert Sims born 1848 in Alabama

Margaret M. Sims, born 1855 in Alabama

James Sims, born 1859 in Alabama

Katrina Sims, born 1860 in Alabama. (Kitura ?)

1850 Pike County Census: Page 52, # 339, Enumerated 24 October 1850

Sims, Elvin, 28, North Carolina, Farmer

Zilphia, 20, Alabama

The 1860 Pike County Census has the following:

Family # 787

Simms, Elvin (?), I\*, 45, m, NC (1815)\* indicates illiterate

Gilpha (?), 28, f, AL (1832)

James J., 9, m, AL (1851)

Margaret M., 5, f, AL (1855)

Albert L., 2, m, AL (1858)

Kitura A. D., 6/12ths, F, AL (1860)

Celia Taylor, 12, f, GA. (1848)

1870 Pike County Census: Beat 10, Goshen Hill, Enumerated 4 August 1870

Family 191, page 213

Sims, Elvin, 51, (1819) 4 years difference from 1860 census

Zilphia, 40, (1830) 2 years difference from 1860 census

Johnson, 20, (1850) This must be James Johnson; age appears within normal range

Margaret, 18, (1852) 3 years difference from 1860 census

Hardy, 16, (1854) Is this Albert L.? Regardless, 4 years difference from 1860 census if it is

Avers, 15, (1855) Is this Kitura A. D.? If so, 5 years difference from 1860 census

Celia 14, (1856) Is not shown as Taylor here and 4 years difference from 1860 census

Nancy, 12, (1858) Nancy should have been listed on the 1860 census were she a child of Elvin and Zilphia, but doesn't appear to be listed

Lizzie, 8, (1862) Lizzie should have been listed on the 1860 census as well but isn't.

1880 Mitchells, Pike County Census

Sims, Elvin, 60, From N. C., Farmer (1820) 1 year difference in 1870 and 5 years in 1860 census

Margaret, 23, (1857) 5 to 6 years difference from 1870 census and 2 in 1860

Aves, 20 (1860) 5 to 6 years difference from 1870 census; if this is Kitura A. D. then the age is in line with the 1860 census.

Secile, 18, (1862) 6 years difference from 1870 census (I have no idea if this is supposed to be Celia Taylor or not)

Nancy, 16, (1864) 6 years difference from 1870 census

Elizabeth, 12, (1868) 6 years difference from 1870 census

Lula, 8, (1872) This one is O. K.

The inconsistency completely baffles me! I can see that Zilphia is listed in 1860 and 1870 but not 1880 leading me to believe that she must have died before 1880; could it have been as a result of complications of childbirth and perhaps occurred around the time of the birth of the last child, Lula? Were Zilphia not alive when the 1880 census was taken then perhaps Elvin (who was listed as illiterate in 1860) could have been confused as to the dates of birth, or perhaps Margaret who appears to be the oldest child at home gave the information and didn't know.

The list of Elvin and Zilphia's children has been compiled from census information and The Sims Connections covering the periods from 1850 to 1880.

Comments from Ann Cline on 6 November 2003 who is related to this family.

I think you may like to know or may already know, I believe Elvin Sims is buried in Limesprings Cemetery, Geneva County. He is buried beside his grandson, Homer Colin Pridgen, the son of Lula Sims and James Lawson Pridgen. Lula is also buried in this cemetery. A Celia and Hardy Sims are there as well. The Lizzie Jackson and Dock (William) Jackson are my great grand parents. Lizzie was Hardy Sims sister so if Lula was Hardy's sister then they were also Elvin's children if I understand all this information. Also the Nancy A. who was married to Soasby Johnson. I have information on this family as well. Ann Cline

**Marriage Information**

Wife:	Zilphia Jeffcoat
Married:	27 November 1849
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Pike County, Alabama
Source:	Pike County Marriage Record, Book 2, page 14, The marriage records says, "Mrs. Zelphia Driggers" and that would indicate a previous marriage that as of 16 July 2001, I have not verified.

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<b>Wife:</b>	<b>Zilphia Jeffcoat</b>
aka:	
Source:	(1) Bobby Sims, ("The Sims Connections" Published in 1999), Information in Bobby's book says that the correct spelling is Zilphia. (2) Pennie Brewer, "Electronic," "Elvin married Mrs. Zelphia Jefcoat Driggers". (3) Broderbund Family Archive #255, Ed. 1, Information on the Driggers family contained on this CD. On this CD, Zilphia is shown as a Driggers. It is possible she married a Jefcoat before marrying Elvin Sims.
Born:	Abt. 1828
in:	Pike County, Alabama
Source:	(1) 1870 Pike County Census, The 1870 census shows Zilphia being 40 years old so she would have been born in 1830, 2 years BEFORE the 1832 that the 1860 census shows. This family was illiterate and as such, a good reason why there is so much inconsistency in dates. Since they couldn't read or write, they had to rely on memory and I believe they simply forgot! (2) Mary Hopper.
Died:	Bef. 1880
in:	
Source:	
Relationship with Father:	Benjamin Jeffcoat, Jr. - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Mary Ann Johnson - Natural
Reference number:	

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<b>Child:</b>	<b>James Johnson Sims</b>
aka:	
Source:	(1) Robert Pink, "Electronic," Information received by e-mail on 4 April 2001. E-mail address: AlexSS2@aol.com URL: <a href="http://hometown.aol.com/alexss2/myhomepage/heritage.html">http://hometown.aol.com/alexss2/myhomepage/heritage.html</a> . (2) 1870 Pike County Census. (3) 1880 Pike County Census.
Born:	1850
in:	
Source:	Robert Pink, "Electronic," Information received by e-mail on 4 April 2001. E-mail address: AlexSS2@aol.com URL: <a href="http://hometown.aol.com/alexss2/myhomepage/heritage.html">http://hometown.aol.com/alexss2/myhomepage/heritage.html</a> .
Died:	
in:	
Source:	
Relationship with Father:	Elvin Gaines Sims - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Zilphia Jeffcoat - Natural
Reference number:	

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<b>Child:</b>	<b>Margaret M. Sims</b>
aka:	
Source:	(1) Robert Pink, "Electronic," Information received by e-mail on 4 April 2001. E-mail address: AlexSS2@aol.com URL: <a href="http://hometown.aol.com/alexss2/myhomepage/heritage.html">http://hometown.aol.com/alexss2/myhomepage/heritage.html</a> . (2) 1870 Pike County Census. (3) 1880 Pike County Census.
Born:	1852
in:	
Source:	Robert Pink, "Electronic," Information received by e-mail on 4 April 2001. E-mail address: AlexSS2@aol.com URL: <a href="http://hometown.aol.com/alexss2/myhomepage/heritage.html">http://hometown.aol.com/alexss2/myhomepage/heritage.html</a> .
Died:	
in:	
Source:	
Relationship with Father:	Elvin Gaines Sims - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Zilphia Jeffcoat - Natural
Reference number:	

**Medical****Notes****Marriage Information****Marriage Notes**

<b>Child:</b>	<b>C. Hardy Sims</b>
aka:	
Source:	(1) 1870 Pike County Census. (2) Barney and Vella Stephens. (3) 1930 Enterprise Coffee County Census, "Harty" is shown as 73, placing his year of birth at ca. 1857.
Born:	1854
in:	
Source:	1930 Enterprise Coffee County Census, "Harty" is shown as 73, placing his year of birth at ca. 1857.
Died:	Aft. 1930
in:	
Source:	1930 Enterprise Coffee County Census, "Harty" was alive and living with his daughter, Mattie or Mittie M. Sims in Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama with his wife, Louiza, "Liza". 1930 Enterprise, Coffee County Census, Enumeration District # 20 Marion Jackson (Charles Mason or Marion Jackson), 32, Mattie M., wife, 39, (Mittie ?) Both married first time when they were 18 which indicates this is the second marriage. Jimmie D. Jackson, 12, Mamie L., 10, John W., 8, *Liza Sims, 76, married at 23 *Harty Sims, 73, married at 21, Liza and Harty are father and mother-in-law to Marion Jackson. *Liza is Louiza Jordan, *Harty is C. Hardy Sims.
Relationship with Father:	Elvin Gaines Sims - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Zilphia Jeffcoat - Natural
Reference number:	

**Medical**

Burial:	Limesprings Cemetery, Geneva County, Alabama
Source:	Limesprings Cemetery, No dates appear on the headstone.

**Notes**

1930 Enterprise, Coffee County Census

Enumeration District # 20

Marion Jackson (Charles Mason or Marion Jackson), 32,

Mattie M., wife, 39, (Mittie ?) Both married first time when they were 18 which indicates this is the second marriage.

Jimmie D. Jackson, 12,

Mamie L., 10,

John W., 8,

\*Liza Sims, 76, married at 23

\*Harty Sims, 73, married at 21,

Liza and Harty are father-in-law and mother-in-law to Marion Jackson.

\*Liza is Louiza Jordan

\*Harty is C. Hardy Sims

<b>Marriage Information</b>	
Wife:	Louiza M. Jordan
Married:	20 March 1881
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Pike County, Alabama
Source:	(1) Barney and Vella Stephens. (2) Pike County Marriage License, Book 9, p. 273, Sims, C. H. to Stephens, Louiza.

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<b>Child:</b>	<b>Avis Sims</b>
aka:	
Source:	(1) Robert Pink, "Electronic," Information received by e-mail on 4 April 2001. E-mail address: AlexSS2@aol.com URL: <a href="http://hometown.aol.com/alexss2/myhomepage/heritage.html">http://hometown.aol.com/alexss2/myhomepage/heritage.html</a> . (2) 1870 Pike County Census. (3) 1880 Pike County Census.
Born:	1855
in:	
Source:	Robert Pink, "Electronic," Information received by e-mail on 4 April 2001. E-mail address: AlexSS2@aol.com URL: <a href="http://hometown.aol.com/alexss2/myhomepage/heritage.html">http://hometown.aol.com/alexss2/myhomepage/heritage.html</a> .
Died:	
in:	
Source:	
Relationship with Father:	Elvin Gaines Sims - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Zilphia Jeffcoat - Natural
Reference number:	

**Medical**

Burial:	Limesprings Cemetery, Geneva County, Alabama
Source:	Limesprings Cemetery, No dates appear on the headstone and the name is shown as Avers Phillips but she is in a lot with her brother C. Hardy, sister Celia, and father Elvin Sims.

**Notes**

<b>Marriage Information</b>	
Husband:	Phillips
Beginning status:	Married

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<b>Child:</b>	<b>Celia Sims</b>
aka:	
Source:	(1) Robert Pink, "Electronic," Information received by e-mail on 4 April 2001. E-mail address: AlexSS2@aol.com URL: <a href="http://hometown.aol.com/alexss2/myhomepage/heritage.html">http://hometown.aol.com/alexss2/myhomepage/heritage.html</a> .
	(2) 1870 Pike County Census.
	(3) 1880 Pike County Census.
	(4) 1860 Pike County Census, On this census Celia is shown as Celia Taylor (Celia Taylor, 12, f, GA. (1848)).
Born:	1856
in:	
Source:	Robert Pink, "Electronic," Information received by e-mail on 4 April 2001. E-mail address: AlexSS2@aol.com URL: <a href="http://hometown.aol.com/alexss2/myhomepage/heritage.html">http://hometown.aol.com/alexss2/myhomepage/heritage.html</a> .
Died:	
in:	
Source:	
Relationship with Father:	Elvin Gaines Sims - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Zilphia Jeffcoat - Natural
Reference number:	

**Medical**

Burial:	Limesprings Cemetery, Geneva County, Alabama
Source:	Limesprings Cemetery, No dates on headstone.

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<b>Child:</b>	<b>Albert L. Sims</b>
aka:	
Source:	1860 Pike County Census.
Born:	1858
in:	
Source:	
Died:	Bet. 1860 - 1870
in:	
Source:	Joyce Sims Severt, Albert L. Sims appears as a 2 year old on the 1860 census but is absent from the 1870 and subsequent censuses indication that he died during the times they were taken.
Relationship with Father:	Elvin Gaines Sims - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Zilphia Jeffcoat - Natural
Reference number:	

**Medical****Notes****Marriage Information****Marriage Notes**

<b>Child:</b>	<b>Zelphia Elizabeth Sims</b>
aka:	
Source:	(1) Robert Pink, "Electronic," Information received by e-mail on 4 April 2001. E-mail address: AlexSS2@aol.com URL: <a href="http://hometown.aol.com/alexss2/myhomepage/heritage.html">http://hometown.aol.com/alexss2/myhomepage/heritage.html</a> . (2) 1880 Pike County Census. (3) 1870 Pike County Census.
Born:	1862
in:	
Source:	Robert Pink, "Electronic," Information received by e-mail on 4 April 2001. E-mail address: AlexSS2@aol.com URL: <a href="http://hometown.aol.com/alexss2/myhomepage/heritage.html">http://hometown.aol.com/alexss2/myhomepage/heritage.html</a> .
Died:	
in:	
Source:	
Relationship with Father:	Elvin Gaines Sims - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Zilphia Jeffcoat - Natural
Reference number:	

**Medical**

Burial:	Limesprings Cemetery, Geneva County, Alabama
Source:	Limesprings Cemetery, No dates on headstone.

**Notes**

<b>Marriage Information</b>	
Husband:	William D. Jackson
Married:	17 September 1885
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Coffee County, Alabama
Source:	Coffee County Marriages, Book I, p. 215, "Z. L. Sims md. J. A. Jackson 9/17/ 1885, by W. D. Bryan, a Justice of the Peace , recorded in I-215 " Why he is listed in the marriage records as J. A. Jackson and yet is listed as William D. in others is something that needs to still be investigated. (7 June 2005).

**Marriage Notes**

<b>Child:</b>	<b>Nancy Ann Sims</b>
aka:	
Source:	(1) 1870 Pike County Census. (2) 1880 Pike County Census. (3) Hazel Bates. (4) Joyce Severt, I strongly suspect Nancy's initial stands for Ann but at this time, 27 January 2004, I will not enter it as I don't have any real proof.
Born:	April 1864
in:	Alabama
Source:	(1) Limesprings Cemetery, Birth: April 1862 Death: May 25, 1893 Inscription says: In memory of Nancy; wife of Sosbey Johnson; born Apr 1862; died May 25, 1893: In love he lived, in peace she died, her life was craved, but God denied. (2) Hazel Bates, Hazel's information and that of many other Johnson researches have Nancy's date of birth as 1862 and many also show her as a Simmons.
Died:	25 May 1892
in:	Coffee County, Alabama
Source:	Hazel Bates, Died in childbirth.
Relationship with Father:	Elvin Gaines Sims - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Zilphia Jeffcoat - Natural
Reference number:	

**Medical**

Burial:	May 1892 Zoar Cemetery, Elba, Coffee County, Alabama
Source:	Zoar Cemetery Headstone.

**Notes**

Zoar Holiness Church Cemetery---Located on Highway 331 West, North of Elba (West of Zions Chapel) . Her headstone can be seen at:  
<http://www.trackingyourroots.com/Zoar/zoar.htm>

Nancy Johnson  
wife of Sosbey Johnson  
b. April 1862  
d. 25 May 1893

From John Chatham:

"Nancy Sims was born 1862 died 1898; Married Soasbe Johnson, they had three children Surala , Bennie, James Elvin and Nancy died in child birth with Willie. Willie is buried beside his mother @ Zoar Cemetery out side of Elba Alabama.

I hope this helps. I have some more Johnson information if you need it. I am reading the Johnson family tree book now. I went by Zoar church Tuesday 9 December 2003. I live in Lee County, 60 miles from Montgomery, 28 miles from Columbus, Georgia and 135 from Birmingham, Alabama."

<b>Marriage Information</b>	
Husband:	Soasbe Johnson IV
Married:	18 July 1886
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Coffee County, Alabama
Source:	Coffee County Marriages, Book I, p. 296, Shown as Soasbe Johnson and Nancy Simmons.
Ending status:	Death of one spouse

**Marriage Notes**

<b>Child:</b>	<b>Lula Sims</b>
aka:	
Source:	(1) Robert Pink, "Electronic," Information received by e-mail on 4 April 2001. E-mail address: AlexSS2@aol.com URL: <a href="http://hometown.aol.com/alexss2/myhomepage/heritage.html">http://hometown.aol.com/alexss2/myhomepage/heritage.html</a> . (2) 1880 Pike County Census, Lula is shown as being 8 years old in the 1880 Pike County Census.
Born:	April 1875
in:	
Source:	(1) Hazel Bates, Has date of birth as April 1875. (2) Margaret Barton, Born April 1875 in possibly Pike County, Alabama.
Died:	
in:	
Source:	
Relationship with Father:	Elvin Gaines Sims - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Zilphia Jeffcoat - Natural
Reference number:	

**Medical**

Burial:	Limesprings Cemetery, Geneva County, Alabama
Source:	(1) Limesprings Cemetery. (2) Hazel Bates.

**Notes**

<b>Marriage Information</b>	
Husband:	James Lawson Pridgen
Married:	02 December 1890
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Coffee County, Alabama
Source:	(1) Hazel Bates. (2) Coffee County Marriages, Book 3, p. 259.

**Marriage Notes**