

E. C. SIMMONS DIES; BIG HARDWARE MAN

Native of Maryland Succumbs in St. Louis—Incorporated First Private Business

FAVORITE WITH EMPLOYEES

E. C. Simmons, founder of the Simmons Hardware Co., the first private business to be incorporated in the United States, died yesterday afternoon in St. Louis.

F. J. Sample, a managing director of the company, is in charge of the Philadelphia branch of the Simmons business, at 425 Arch street.

Mr. Simmons was born in Frederick, Md., September 21, 1829. He began his business career in 1850. He incorporated the Simmons Hardware Co. in 1874. It was the first private firm to incorporate. During the intervening years the company grew until at present it has many branches and does an annual business of between \$10,000,000 and \$20,000,000.

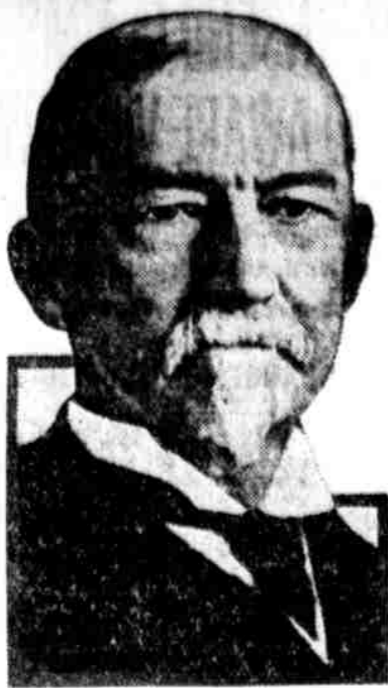
In January, 1907, Mr. Simmons was succeeded as president by his eldest son, Wallace D. Simmons. Since that time he and his associates have had entire charge of the business.

Mr. Simmons continued to take a strong interest in the business after his retirement, though only in an advisory capacity. He spent a part of every day, while he was in St. Louis, at his office. He was at his office only last Friday.

Mr. Simmons is survived by three sons, E. C. Simmons, the president, and Edward H. and George W. Simmons, who are vice presidents.

He was considered one of the biggest business men in the country and his advice was sought widely because of his broad view of conditions. In the Simmons organization he was known and loved by even the humblest of his employes, who found him at all times accessible and eager to help them in their own problems and to give them business advice.

It is said of him that it was his habit to call in individuals from among the younger men, talk things over with them and then keep in touch with them by letter and personal interview, pointing out mistakes, suggesting improved business methods and generally standing behind them until they had struck their gain. The death of the founder of the firm will in no way affect the management of the corporation.



E. C. SIMMONS
Founder of Simmons Hardware Co., first private business ever incorporated, who died yesterday at his home in St. Louis. He was born in Frederick, Md.

SAVANT HEADS MUSEUM

Dr. Leon LeGrain, of Paris, to Classify Sumerian Tablets

Classification of the Sumerian tablets in the museum of the University of Pennsylvania will be made by Dr. Leon LeGrain, of Paris, who has been appointed curator of the Babylonian section.

It is found, Dr. LeGrain asserts, that scholars of to-day are unable to decipher the meanings of the tablets.

"No matter how careful and accurate these scholars may be in their work," Dr. LeGrain explained, "all are likely to make mistakes. The knowledge concerning the ancient Babylonian language and writings is still much more indefinite than that regarding the writings of later periods."

INHERITANCE TAX IN STATE UPHELD

Nonresident Plea Rejected Where Most of Property Is in Pennsylvania

MAY HIT FRICK ESTATE

In an opinion by Justice Frazer and a concurring opinion by Justice Simpson, the Supreme Court today affirmed the Orphans' Court of Allegheny county in the appeal of Anson W. Burchard in the estate of Rosetta B. Hostetter, deceased.

The right of the state of Pennsylvania to about \$88,000 in direct inheritance tax and collateral inheritance tax is not only preserved in the Hostetter case, but the decision will apply to the estate of the late Henry C. Frick, estimated to be valued at \$150,000,000, which would set the state of Pennsylvania about \$7,000,000 in taxes if it should be held to be subject to direct inheritance and collateral tax.

\$3,500,000 Estate Involved

The Hostetter case involved tax on property aggregating \$3,500,000 located in Pennsylvania.

Theodore Hostetter and Rosetta Hostetter, who had lived in Pittsburgh for

many years, went to New York to reside in 1902, and took with them their youngest son, Theodore E. Hostetter, Jr. Thereafter they claimed New York as their residence. The father died and the son joined the army and was killed in France.

A dispute arose over the question whether the state of New York or of Pennsylvania was entitled to the direct inheritance and the collateral inheritance taxes, it being claimed that Lieutenant Hostetter, at the time he was killed, was a resident of New York. The Orphans' Court of Allegheny county directed the tax be paid, as the greater part of the property involved was located in Pittsburgh.

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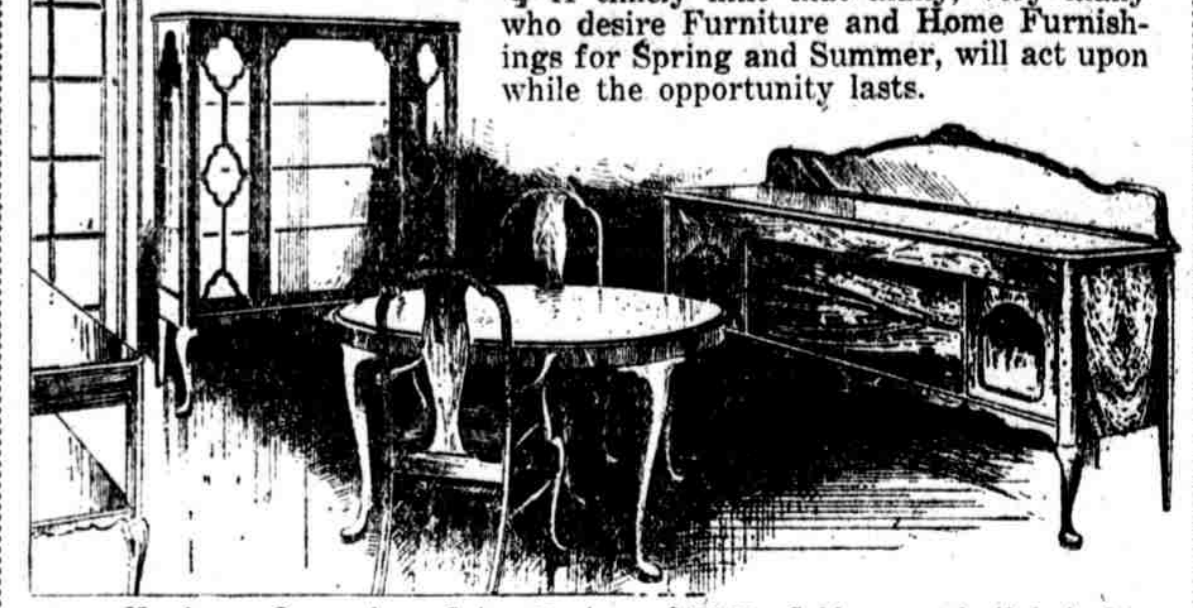
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| Overstuffed Suites, Tapestry-covered loose cushion seats, mahogany frame, 3 pieces, \$260.00. Many other fine Overstuffed Suites, up to \$1,400.00. | Dining Room Suites, Jacobean Oak, 4 pieces, \$229.00. | Bedroom Suites, Mahogany, (Adam style) 4 pieces, \$525.00. |
| Davenport, Fumed Oak, leather cushion seat, \$105.00. | Dining Room Suite, Golden Oak, (Queen Anne style) 4 pieces, \$298.00. | Bedroom Suite, Mahogany, (Louis XVI style) 4 pieces, \$490.00. |
| Table Desks, from Golden Oak at \$12.50 to Mahogany at \$75.00. | Dining Room Suite, American Walnut, (Queen Anne style) \$275.00. | Bedroom Suite, Walnut, (Queen Anne style) 4 pieces, \$325.00. |
| Boudoir Desks, from Fumed Oak at \$17.50 to Mahogany at \$42.00. | Dining Room Suite, Jacobean Oak, 4 pieces, \$340.00. | Bedroom Suite, Walnut, (Adam style) 4 pieces, \$287.00. |
| Bookcases, from Jacobean Oak at \$29.00 to Mahogany at \$95.00. | Dining Room Suite, Mahogany (Queen Anne style), 4 pieces, \$390.00. | Bedroom Suite, Mahogany finish, (Louis XVI style) 4 pieces, \$381.00. |
| Secretary Bookcases, from Golden Oak at \$49.00 to Mahogany at \$345.00. | Buffet, Fumed and Golden Oak, beginning at \$32.50. | Bedroom Suite, Mahogany, (Adam style) 4 pieces, \$425.00. |
| Tea Wagons, Oak, Walnut and Mahogany, \$25.00 to \$48.50. | Buffet, Mahogany, (Queen Anne style) \$89.00. | Bedroom Suite, Mahogany, 4 pieces, \$348.00. |
| Hundreds of Chairs, from a sturdy Oak Rocker, at \$4.50 to a handsome, Tapestry-covered easy Wingback Chair, at \$150.00. | Extension Tables, Golden Oak, \$32.75. Fumed Oak, from \$37.50 to \$89.00. Mahogany, \$45.00 to \$150.00. | Chiffonets, Brown Mahogany, \$70.00 to \$140.00. |
| | China Closets, Mahogany and Mahogany finish, from \$29.50 to \$375.00. | Wardrobes, Mahogany and Mahogany finish, \$45.00 to \$92. |
| | Serving Tables, Mahogany, \$31.50 to \$78.00. | Chiffonets, Mahogany, (Queen Anne style) \$120.00. |
| | China Closet, Walnut, (William and Mary style) \$82.00. | Chiffonets, Mahogany, (Louis XVI style) \$90.00. |
| | | Brown Beds, from \$16.50 to \$95.00. Enameled Beds, from \$8.00 to \$54.00. |

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Taupe Coney Coats 165.00	89.50
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Taupe Nutria Coats 295.00	195.00
Jap Mink Coats 545.00	395.00
Taupe Squirrel Coats 325.00	395.00
Natural Squirrel Coat 575.00	445.00

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Hudson Seal \$24.50	\$14.50
Natural Squirrel 24.50	17.50
Aust. Opossum 37.50	24.50
Raccoon 37.50	24.50
Natural Mink 55.00	39.50
Jap Mink 55.00	39.50
Stone Martin 110.00	64.50
Hudson Bay Sable 125.00	74.50

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Reduced from	Sale Price
Hudson Seal \$24.50	\$14.50
Aust. Seal 29.50	17.50
Beaver 32.50	19.50
Taupe Nutria 37.50	24.50
Skunk 55.00	34.50
Nat. Squirrel 75.00	44.50

SCARFS

Reduced Sale Price	from Price
Beaver \$37.50	\$24.50
Brown Fox 37.50	24.50
Taupe Fox 37.50	24.50
Black Lynx 39.50	29.50
Jap Cross Fox 65.00	49.50
Skunk 85.00	59.50
Scotch Mole 47.50	34.50
Australian Seal 24.50	14.50