



# Simonson, Sarah E. Firth (born c.1852) Diaries, 1872-1916.

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#### Diarist

Sarah E. Firth Simonson was born c.1852 on Long Island, NY, where she resided with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Firth, along with three sisters, Henrietta, Libbie, Alice, and a brother, Edgar. On October 14, 1874, she married Charles M. Simonson; they had two sons, Alfred and Herbert. Simonson and her husband worked on a farm that was located about where the entrance to NY Tech is currently, opposite Valentine Lane, and perhaps a bit to the west.

The bulk of the collection is comprised of Simonson's diaries, which were written over a period of 44 years and were based on life events. Also included are newspaper articles, personal items, and ephemera.

## Reference Materials

Name: Sarah E. Firth  
Residence (City, County, State): North Hempstead, Queens, NY  
Est. Birth Year: about 1852  
Birthplace: NY  
Race: White  
Gender: Female

**<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nynassau/1870nhcf.html>**

Sarah and her husband, Charlie, worked on a farm. They harvested items such as chickens, hens, eggs, berries, cherries, milk, potatoes, wheat, corn, lettuce, lima beans, currants, turnips, cabbage, and apples. Charlie would often go to the city to sell these items. He would also travel to Glen Cove, Sea Cliff, Westbury, and Hicksville to sell products.

**Sarah E. Firth Simonson Diary, Jan. 1, 1876 – Dec. 31, 1876**

Charles M. Simonson and Sarah Elizabeth Firth married on October 14, 1874.

**<http://longislandgenealogy.com/kristina/S.htm>**

### Funeral of E. Harper Firth Impressive Ceremonies at the Hempstead Presbyterian Church

East Williston, Jan. 21 – The funeral of the late County Engineer of Nassau County, Edgar Harper Firth, took place from the Presbyterian Church, Hempstead, Saturday afternoon, and in spite of the severely cold weather, was largely attended, many people driving a long distance to pay their last respects to the deceased.

Preceding the service at the church was a short prayer service at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Firth, the parents of the deceased, which was attended by the members and relatives of the family.

**Sarah E. Firth Simonson Diary, Jan. 1, 1901 – Dec. 18, 1901**

Invitation: Mrs. Abram Griffin announces the marriage of her daughter Sarah Alletta to Mr. Alfred Firth Simonson on Saturday, the twelfth of November, 1910 Glen Head, L.I.

**<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~rbillard/invites.htm>**

Escape in Crossing Crash  
Man and Woman Unhurt When Train Smashes Wagon Carrying Them

Mineola, L.I., Sept. 26 – While crossing the Long Island Railroad on the Roslyn Road, a station wagon, in which was Miss Henrietta Firth of Glenhead and Herbert Simonson, was struck by a Mineola Fair special train.

Mr. Simonson was driving and Miss Firth sat in the back seat. The country is open at this point, with the railroad tracks stretching straight away in either direction.

The horse got over the track in safety. The two occupants were thrown out, the wagon wrecked, and the horse ran away. Mr. Simonson and Miss Firth were taken to the Nassau Hospital, where it was found they were only shaken up.

**New York Times, September 27, 1911**

Alfred Firth Simonson

Birth: Unknown

Death: May 8, 1949

Of Wheatley Hills, Long Island, NY. Husband of Sarah (Griffin) Simonson, brother of Herbert.

**<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=Simonson&GSbyrel=in&GSdyrel=in&GSob=n&GSsr=41&GRid=31818240&>**

Alfred Firth Simonson of Wheatley Hills, L.I. on May 8, 1949, husband of Sarah Griffin Simonson and survived by a brother, Herbert Simonson. Services at his late residence at 2 P.M. Wednesday, May 11. Interment Friends Cemetery, Westbury, L.I.

**New York Times, May 9, 1949**

The Sarah E. Firth Simonson Collection is arranged in two series:

- I. Diaries. Arranged chronologically.
- II. Personal Items, Newspaper Clippings, and Ephemera. Arranged chronologically.

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## Series II: Personal Items, Newspaper Clippings, and Ephemera

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