

Horace Simeon Windsor

1808-

Horace Simeon Windsor was the youngest child born to Richard and Elizabeth Windsor on November 22, 1808. He married Matilda Ann Allison. They had only one child, John Horace Windsor.

Horace Simeon Windsor was a Fairfax County neighbor of George Washington and his wife's father had been associated with Washington in management of Mount Vernon. Then Horace Simeon Windsor made considerable money in business in the deep south before bringing his wife and their son, John Horace Windsor, seven, to Cooper County to live.

Horace Simeon Windsor made a trip to Cooper County, Missouri in the fall of 1838, and acquired a half section of land in Clarks Fork township. The Virginian returned the following spring with his family. They brought two slaves, blooded live stock and other material and cultural heritage's from plantations of the Old Dominion. Clearing of the virgin soil was begun and the family prospered. He named his home *Deer Park*. A high fence slanting inward surrounded it. Deer could leap the fence to get in but were unable to get out. He could kill bucks on his lawn at will.

Horace Simeon Windsor built the first brick house in Clarks Fork township. Levelled by a tornado, it was restored with the original bricks. Slaves dug clay on the farm and, under direction of one Drinkwater, a brickmaker and bricklayer who supervised construction of the farm home, enough extra bricks were burned to build a dwelling on College Hill at the east end of Locust street in Boonville. There George Caleb Bingham did many of his early paintings.

Horace Simeon Windsor was a wealthy man and loaned much money.

Slave population in Missouri was 120,000 in 1860. Most were well treated. Master's valued them. It is said that Horace Simeon Windsor told the approximate age of slaves by pinching skin on back of their hands. If loose, dry and rigid, it indicated age. If soft and relaxing, it meant youth.