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Samuel Simonton was born in Perry county, Pennsylvania, on February 28, 1838. He was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Baxter) Simonton.

In 1847, he went with his parents to Wills county, Illinois. At Joliet, Illinois, he learned the trade of printer. In 1855 he moved with his parents to Sauk Rapids, Minnesota.

In 1860, Mr. Simonton went to Saint Cloud. Here he took a claim of eighty acres which he disposed of in 1866.

In 1862, he went to Illinois where he learned telegraph operating. He was employed in this work for the next few years. In 1867, he returned to Saint Cloud.

Later he joined his brother, Joseph H., as partner of the Sauk Centre Herald. In August, 1879, they sold this paper to Charles Hendryx.

In 1873, Sam Simonton married Lydia Coons, of Ohio. They had one son, Edwin L. Simonton.

Interviewed: Mr. & Mrs. Ben Simonton
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FROM THE CENSUS RECORDS OF 1860

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Samuel Simonton

Age 22

Sex

Male

Occupation

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Born

Pennsylvania

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE SAMUEL SIMONTON BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Edwin B. Simonton	July 1, 1872	Sauk Centre	Samuel Simonton	

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Lydia		A	87	3	

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Samuel Simonton and Lydia A. Coans

Married at Sauk Centre, December 25, 1870

By: L/ L. West., Justice of the Peace

Witnesses: Lency A. Coans and Perry H. Chance

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