



THE FIRST FAMILY OF THE VIRGINIA SOCIETY

Bill met BJ (Bobbie-Jean Welden) on a blind date for the Marine Corps Birthday at the University of South Carolina. They were married at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island SC on Oct 27, 1973.

BJ is a Navy Junior, daughter of Dr. Bob and Jean Welden (hence, her acronistic name), the eldest of three children. Her father was a Navy dentist for 27 years, and the family moved up and down the East coast with one tour in Taiwan. When he retired from the Navy, he set up his dental practice in Beaufort, SC.

Bill and BJ have lived in Charleston, SC (twice), Camp LeJeune, NC, Rota, Spain, Newport, RI, New Orleans, LA, Virginia Beach, VA (twice), Tunis, Tunisia and Marine Corps Base, Quantico, VA (twice). They now reside in the neighborhood of Montclair in Dumfries, VA.

BJ is a Contract Specialist with MCCA (Marine Corps Community Services) on Marine Corps Base, Quantico. She administers roughly 80 contracts that help the Marines and their families. She is a member of the Prince William Resolves Chapter, VADAR where she is an Honorary Regent, and a District Vice Chairman. She is also a member of the Mayflower Society, the Daughters of Founders and Patriots, Colonial Dames, XVII Century and a Senior member of the "Light Horse Harry" Lee Society, V.S.C.A.R. and a Senior State Chairman for two State Committees for the V.S.C. A.R.

Bill and BJ have two children, Heather and Will (William L. Simpson, III).

Heather is a third-grade teacher at the International School of Stuttgart, a member of the Prince William Resolves Chapter, VADAR, where she has served as a Chapter Officer, elected 3 times, an Outstanding Junior, and has served as a District V Chairman. She is currently an Associate member of the Palatinate Chapter, DAR Units Overseas-Germany. She was a member of the "Light Horse Harry" Lee Society, and served both in Society- and State Officer positions.

Will is studying for a degree in History, is a member of the Colonel Fielding Lewis Chapter, and a member of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America (O.F.P.A). He also served as a Society Officer and State Chairman for the "Light Horse Harry" Lee Society, V.S.C.A.R., and is currently the Senior Registrar for the "LHHL" Society and a State Chairman for the V.S.C.A.R.

- BJ Simpson