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Sims & Sims: Builders Keep It "All in the Family"

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The backbone of the American work ethic is the family business. From generation to generation, fathers (and moms) passed on the secrets of their craft to their sons (daughters too), and the sons assumed the reins of the family business until that day came when they too passed along these secrets to their children.

With the coming of the new millennium, a casualty of this new age of technology has been the demise of the family business.

Families are no longer held together by geography or economics. You send the kids off to college and the next thing you know, they've scattered to the four corners of the earth, seeking instead to chart their own course in life while you contemplate retirement in Florida.

There are instances though, where the family business has thrived, and continues to thrive.

Just ask Greg and Kevin Sims.

They have followed in the footsteps of their fathers, who in turn followed the footsteps of their fathers a generation ago.

Sims & Sims Builders is a third-generation residential construction company that started when their grandfathers, John and James, started Sims Brothers in the early 1950s.

When sons Ralph and Robert were old enough to handle hammer and saw, they were incorporated into the family business to form R & R Construction Company. Over the years, this company has become Robert Sims Homes.

And now, as Father Time relentlessly marches on, the younger generation, sons and cousins, Greg and Kevin have joined their fathers, and taken over the helm with Sims and Sims Builders.





(from top left) Kevin Sims, father Robert Sims, Greg Sims, and his father Ralph Sims of Sims & Sims Builders.
(right) John Sims, Robert Sims, James Sims and Ralph Sims.
The Sims family has been in the home construction business for more than 50 years and spanning three generations. Top photo, by Light Sources, Inc.

"This business wouldn't be where it is today without the valuable lessons taught by Pops (Ralph), Uncle Robert, and our grandfathers," said Greg Sims, of Sims Builders, the latest incarnation of the Sims family business. "Pride and craftsmanship is a part of our family's work, and our tradition. I learn from my Pops everyday, just like he learned from his."

"Me and my brother started in '72 right after I graduated from high school," Ralph said. "We took the business over from our fathers when bad health forced them to slow down, and we've been at it ever since."

Ralph and Robert learned their tools of the trade from their fathers.

"When I was big enough to cut a piece of wood, my Daddy had me out on the job site," Ralph said. "This was great on-the-job training. I've been able to take what I've learned over the years and pass that on to Greg. Robert's done the same with Kevin."

"Sometimes we get switched off," Greg added. "Sometimes I may be working with Uncle Robert for a couple weeks and Kevin works with Pops."

It is this newest generation of Sims builders that has carved out its own unique niche in the home-construction industry.

Remodeling.

"You look at an older home and you see quality products and true construction craftsmanship that you just don't see these days with the use of plywood and particle board," Greg said. "This is a chance for us to take something older and make it better. Upgrading the R-value of the insulation, new windows, all designed to make these older homes Jackson EMC Comfort Homes."

Sims is not lacking for ambition. His initial project is his own home, a 1954 ranch home that he moved 8 miles from its location at Blackshear Place to its new homesite on J.M. Turk Road.

"Moving the house was a massive undertaking," Sims said. "It took us more than five hours to go four miles. But when you look at the craftsmanship of construction that went into this home, and consider how much it would cost to build a home to these specifications today, the decision to move the house was an easy one. I couldn't afford to build a house like this new today."

Making a home a Comfort Home hasn't been done before in reconstruction and remodeling. It is a trend Sims and Sims hopes to continue.

"When you look at the costs associated with new construction, remodeling older homes is a very cost-efficient way to get more home, and better home for your money."

Sims & Sims Builders specializes in two types of remodeling services.

"There's new-construction remodeling that involves finishing what didn't get completed when the house was built such as additions and finishing basements, sunrooms and garages," Greg said. "The second is upgrading an older home, retrofitting the home for a new style."

This includes new kitchens, external siding, bathrooms, windows and roofing. Changing out your old wood siding and upgrading to more energy-efficient and maintenance-free vinyl siding, plus the upgrade of insulation.

"There just aren't many family businesses left like ours," Greg said.

If you are interested in finding out more information about remodeling your home, call Greg and Kevin Sims at 770-532-1930.

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