

The Smith Family

A History of the Smith Family from Philip Schmidt, who emigrated from Germany to Pennsylvania in 1750, to Claire Smith, who died in 1991



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Introduction

This history spans seven generations of the Smith family. It begins with Philip Schmidt, a captain in the Germany Army, who emigrated from Germany to Pennsylvania in 1750, and ends with Claire Smith, who died in 1991 in Memphis, Tennessee. Philip Schmidt first settled on Antietam Creek in Washington County, Maryland, where he owned a mill house. In 1769 he moved with his wife and thirteen children to Fayette County in western Pennsylvania. Thirty years later, Philip moved to Steubenville, Ohio, where he lived the rest of his life. His son, Henry Smith, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Henry's son, Jacob H. Smith, moved with some of his brothers to Wayne County, Ohio, before 1820, and lived east of Wooster, Ohio, for the rest of his life. His son, Israel Smith, moved from Wayne County to Mercer County in western Ohio in 1840. Henry K. Smith served as sergeant in the Civil War and was mayor of Rockford, Ohio. His son, Clyde Van Smith, was elected Mercer County Surveyor. Clyde moved from Ohio to Searcy County, Arkansas, where he met and married Cora Bratton. They had seven daughters, before he died at the age of fifty in 1919.

The first part of this account concentrates on my direct-line ancestry, with the history of more distant relatives being in the latter two additions. The narrative is straight forward and rarely explains the historical setting in which events transpired.

The Smith Family is 134 pages long, has 33,154 words, 349 photographs and 11 maps. One of the things that I enjoyed most about compiling this account was visiting family sites and personally taking many of these photographs.

I chose a non-traditional way of showing the change in generations by stating the direct-line relationship of each individual to me, Richard T. Martin. For example: Philip Schmidt is given as my Sixth Great-Grandfather, and his son, Henry Smith is shown as my Fifth Great-Grandfather. This makes it clear when a generation has changed, but could be bothersome to non-related researchers. Older relatives will probably need to subtract a generation, while younger generations will need to add a generation or two so that Philip Schmidt becomes their Seventh or Eighth Great-Grandfather. Of course with the passing of years more generations will need to be added.

The Smith Family is one of thirty-two histories that I have written over the past twenty years. The other histories are *The Ashbrook*, *Barker*, *Beeson*, *Bond*, *Bowles*, *Bratton*, *Buckingham*, *Capps*, *Cocke*, *Farrar*, *Fulk*, *Hastings*, *Houghton*, *Huntington*, *Jefferson*, *Massey*, *Mattix*, *Morgan*, *Nisbett*, *Onyett*, *Phillips*, *Rogers*, *Sharp*, *Sidenbender*, *Smith (2)*, *Tinker*, *Van Gundy*, and *Whitney Family*. These books are also compiled with other information in two encyclopedic publications entitled *My Father's House* and *Worthy to Remember*. During this time I also wrote a history about my stepfather's ancestors, the Crocker family, which is entitled *Seasons to Remember*.

Remembering or honoring the dead is not new to man's history. The most notable

examples are the monuments in Egypt. The Romans are known to have venerated the memory of their noble ancestors. A thousand years ago the sons of Viking rulers placed rune stones over their father's burials. However, most of these monuments are now gone. Even more recently erected gravestones have not endured, having crumbled or eroded away. For example, in the Ancient Burying Ground in Hartford, Connecticut (the city's oldest cemetery), only 415 monuments remain of the original 6,000 burials. Most of our ancestor's homes vanished long ago, and many church and civil records are gone. Few persons, even among the wealthy, wrote personal histories and fewer yet survive to this day. Usually the best we can hope for is a few pieces of information about their lives and the circumstances in which they lived.

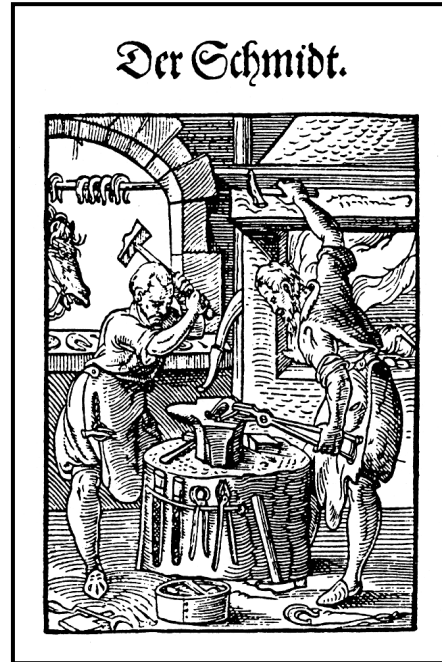
Since most of man's history has been lost, it is good to do what we can to record, remember, and appreciate "the old ones." This record is my attempt to preserve through photographs and the written word some of the history of my ancestors.

(A note to the LDS reader: Everyone named in this history has had their ordinance work completed with only a few exceptions—see 110 year rule.)

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A history of Philip Schmidt/Smith, Sixth Great-Grandfather, a Captain in the German army, who emigrated from Germany to Pennsylvania in 1750, to Clyde Van Smith, Great-Grandfather, a civil engineer, who was born in 1870 and had seven daughters.

The very first record of the family name Schmidt* was found in the province of Brandenburg, the birthplace of modern Germany. “Historically



Top right: Philip Smith (6th Great-Grandfather) was born in Germany, where his surname was Schmidt. Top left: Cologne, Germany, where Barbara Merkle (6th Great-Grandmother), wife of Philip Smith, may have been born. Above left: George Heap's engraved sketch of Philadelphia in late 18th century. Philip Smith arrived at the port of Philadelphia in 1750. Above right: Antietam Creek, 2004. Soon after arriving in America, Philip settled on Antietam Creek in Maryland.

known as Brandenburg-Prussia, bearers of the family name Schmidt were found in the northern provinces that were later to make up Prussia, where the name emerged in medieval times as one of the notable families of the region. There are numerous variations of the name Schmidt including: Fabricius (Latin form), Schmidt (northern Germany), Schmid (southern Germany), Schmitz, Schmied, Schmitt (Rhineland), and Smith (English)” (*Smith/Schmidt Genealogy Summary*).

**Descent of Philip Smith/Schmidt to Marion Sharp, Jr.: Philip Smith, 6GG; Henry Smith, 5GG; Jacob Smith, 4GG; Israel Smith, 3GG; Henry K. Smith, 2GG; Clyde Smith, GG; Claire Smith, Grandmother; Marion Sharp, Jr., Father.*

Philip Schmidt/Smith, Sixth Great-Grandfather

Philip Smith (6th Great-Grandfather; about 1725-1814), actually Philip Schmidt, was born about 1725 in Germany. “He was of royal (noble) descent, and held the rank and

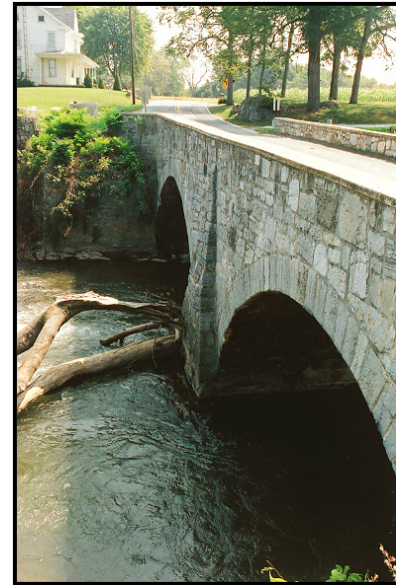


Top: Old print of Rotterdam in the 16th century. Right: Rotterdam, Netherlands, in 1893, and in April 2005 (above). Everything was destroyed in WWII. Lower right: Portsmouth, England, in April 2005. Philip and Barbara Merkle Smith (6th Great-Grandparents) left Rotterdam on the *Edinburgh*, stopped in Portsmouth, and arrived in Philadelphia on August 13, 1750. Most of the German immigrants to America in the 1700s passed through Rotterdam and made a stop in Portsmouth or Southampton, England, on their way to the New World.



title of ‘Captain of Shamoka.’ (Shamoka is probably a corruption of Schmorkau, the name of three towns in Germany. The largest of the three is located off Highway 97, northeast of Dresden, and Königsbrück, Germany. This town lies in the province of Saxony near the border of Brandenburg. Some of the problems with the name Shamoka are that it is very rare for a name to begin ‘Sh’ in

German, but very common for it to begin 'Sch;' also a name ending in 'a' is also rare, but an 'au' ending is more common. The location of this town in the eastern province of Brandenburg lends support to it being the right town, as Schmidt is an old name in

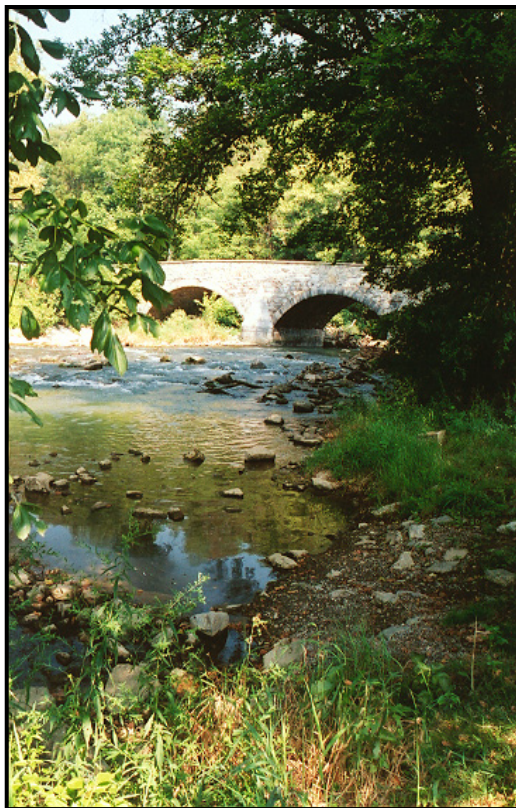
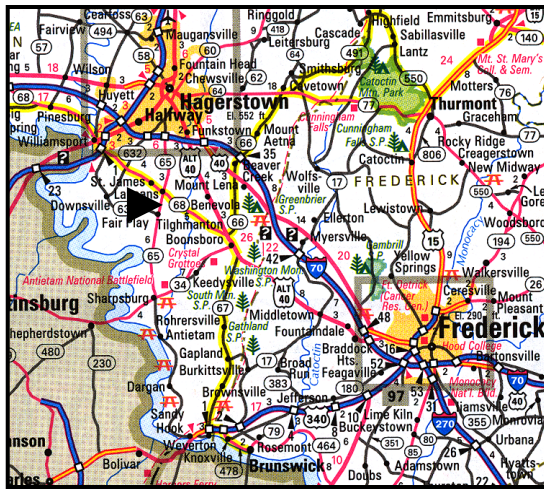


Top: Roxbury Mills Bridge built in 1824. A gristmill was located nearby. Above: Claggett's Mill Bridge built in 1840. Right: Mill Bridge built in 1839. All three bridges cross Antietam Creek at different places. Philip Smith (6th Great-Grandfather) lived on Antietam Creek from about 1750/1751 until he moved to Fayette County, Pennsylvania, in 1769.

that area of Germany. Nevertheless, his birthplace may have been elsewhere and perhaps he was only garrisoned in, or near, Schmorkau.) He was well educated and trained in the military of his Teutonic land. As a young man he fell in love with a young commoner named **Barbara Markley (Merkle)** (6th Great-Grandmother; born about 1730 in Germany; one web site says Cologne; died April 21, 1818, in Wayne County, Ohio; according to *English-German Surnames*, Merkle means "guardian of the boundary").

Asking permission to wed, he was refused because of the strict German laws and customs. Unable to accept the decision, he chose to leave the life of privilege and ease. He resigned his title and the young lovers eloped to Rotterdam, Netherlands, where they boarded the ship *Edinburgh* and sailed for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, after a stop in Portsmouth, England. The ship arrived in the port of Philadelphia on August 13, 1750, with 312 passengers and a crew under the command of Capt. James Russell, Master" (*Biographical Dictionary and Historical Reference Book of Fayette County, Pennsylvania*, pages 1107-1108, by Nelson, pub-

lished 1900—see Notes for the entire verbatim account). His ship was one of fifteen that sailed from Rotterdam to Philadelphia that year.



“The journey from German to Pennsylvania fell naturally into three parts. The first part, and by no means the easiest, was the journey down the Rhine to Rotterdam.” Gottlieb Mittelberger sailed for America in 1750; just two months after Philip Smith left Germany. He wrote, “This journey last from the beginning of May to the end of October, fully half a year, amid such hardships as no one is able to describe adequately with their misery. The cause is because the Rhine boats from Heilbronn to Holland have to pass by 26 custom houses, at all of which the ships are examined, which is done when it suits the convenience of the custom house officials. In the meantime the ships with the people are detained long, so that the passengers have to spend much money. The trip down the Rhine lasts therefore four, five and even six weeks. When the ships come to Holland, they are detained there likewise five to six weeks. Because things are very dear there, the poor people have to spend nearly all they have during that time.” Philip and Barbara probably missed this first part of the journey, as it appears that they first boarded their ship at the port of Rotterdam.

Above: Funkstown Bridge over Antietam Creek, built in 1833. It is located south of Hagerstown. Left: Arrow points to location of Antietam Creek, which flows from the border of Pennsylvania to the Potomac River. Map courtesy of Rand McNally, Copyright © 2003. Soon after arriving in America, Philip Smith took a patent to 68 acres of land and a mill house in eastern Washington County, Maryland, along Antietam Creek, called *Antietam Farms*. Here, eleven of his thirteen children were born. Philip’s farm may have been near Antietam Battlefield, site of the “bloodiest day” fought in the Civil War.

The second stage of the journey was from Rotterdam to one of the English ports. Most

of the ships called at Cowes, on the Isle of Wright, but a large number (thirty-two) stopped in Portsmouth. In England there was another delay of one to two weeks, when the ships were waiting either to be passed through the custom house or waiting for favorable winds. When the ships had for the last time weighed their anchors then, writes Mittelberger, "The real misery begins with the long voyage. For from there the ships, unless they have good wind, must often sail eight, nine, ten to twelve weeks before they reach Philadelphia. But even with the best wind the voyage lasts seven weeks."



"The third stage of the journey, or the ocean voyage proper, was marked by much suffering and hardship. The passengers being packed densely, 'like herrings,' as Mittelberger describes it, without proper food and water, were soon subject to all sorts of diseases, such as dysentery, scurvy, typhoid and smallpox. Children were the first to be attacked and died in large numbers. Mittelberger reports of thirty-two children that died on his ship."



"The terrors of disease, brought about to a large extent by poor food and lack of good drinking

water, were much aggravated by frequent storms through which ships and passengers had to pass. 'The misery reaches the climax when a gale rages for two or three nights and days, so that everyone believes that the ship will go to the bottom with all human beings on board. In such a visitation the people cry and pray most piteously. When in such a gale the sea rages and surges, so that the waves rise often



Top: Rose Mill Bridge over Antietam Creek, built in 1833. Above: Land next to Antietam Creek in Maryland. Philip's farm was located on this famous creek.

like mountains one above the other, and often tumble over the ship, so that one fears to go down with the ship; when the ship is constantly tossed from side to side by the storm



Above: Famous Burnside Bridge over Antietam Creek in Antietam National Battlefield Park. The handsome bridge, built in the 1830s, was the scene of thousands of casualties on October 23, 1862. From a high bluff next to the bridge, the Confederates were able to fire down on the Union soldiers.

‘Jacob’s Old Dutch Church,’ and even later as ‘Jacob’s Lutheran Church,’ had been established in 1768 southeast of Masontown, Pennsylvania. The building, a log cabin, had been constructed in 1765 and called ‘Riffle’s Fort’ by the three pioneer families of Riffles, Deffenbaugh and Franks. This church is the oldest Lutheran

and waves, so that no one can neither walk, or sit, or lie, and the closely packed people in the berths are thereby tumbled over each other, both the sick and the well—it will be readily understood that many of these people, none of whom had been prepared for hardships, suffer so terribly from them that they do not survive” (*Journey to Pennsylvania in the Year 1750*,

by Gottlieb Mittelberger, quoted in *Pennsylvania German Pioneers*, by William Hinke).

“After signing the oath of allegiance, Philip and Barbara soon traveled to Frederick County, Maryland (now eastern Washington County), where he took a patent to 68 acres of land and a mill house along Antietam Creek, called *Antietam Farms*. Here, eleven of their thirteen children were born.”

“In 1769, Philip, about 44 years of age, took patent to a tract of 315 acres of land in western Pennsylvania, Fayette County. At that time it belonged to Virginia’s District of West Augusta. It was known as *The Cottage* and was located on the headwaters of York’s Run, in the southeast part of George’s Township, situated ten miles southwest of Uniontown.” His land took up all the acreage slightly west of the corner of SR 3009 and T419, then east just beyond York Creek. Jacob’s Church and Creek were located one mile due west from his two-story log home. His land was surveyed on June 1, 1769.

“An independent Lutheran Church, known locally as the ‘Dutch Meeting House,’ later to be designated

Church west of the Appalachian Mountains. (*Jacob's Old Dutch Lutheran Church, Masontown, Pennsylvania*, Bicentennial booklet, published 1968.)

“The Philip Smith family united with the community in 1769, primarily to be with a German



Above: Path on Philip Smith's property in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Right: Three views of the cabin built by Philip Smith (6th Great-Grandfather) about 1769. Today, the cabin stands a few hundred feet from where it originally stood for some 230 years.

settlement and obtain more religious freedom. Philip taught parochial school in the small wooden church (a replica stands in the churchyard of the present church). Also, he was licensed to perform marriages and to conduct church services. Some of his family members are buried in Jacob's Lutheran churchyard.” For a “number of years after the building of their log church, their only church services were conducted by their schoolmasters.” About 1795 the congregation had about one hundred members. (*Jacob's Lutheran Church, Masontown, Pennsylvania.*)

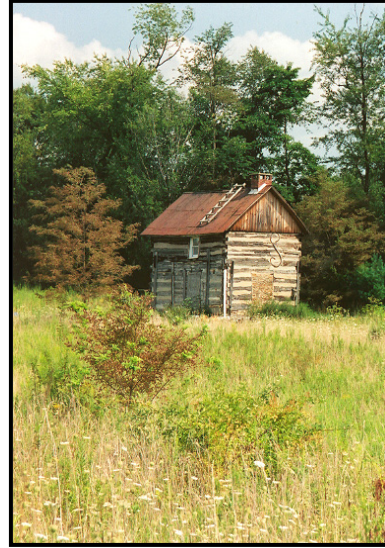
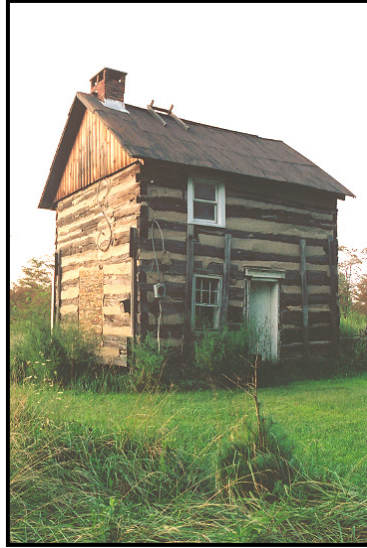


In 1781 Philip began selling parcels of his land: 50 acres to Daniel Menser; 206 acres to Daniel Menser in 1787; 65 acres to his son, George Smith in 1801; and 35 acres to Jacob First in 1802. He signed the deeds as 'Phillip Smith' and Barbara signed with her mark. (*Fayette County Deed Book A*, page 119; *Book C*, page 856; *Book E*, pages 6, 29, 168, and 205.)

Thirty years after moving to Fayette County, Pennsylvania, Philip sold his holdings for 700 pounds sterling (between 1797 and 1804) and moved to a site near Steubenville, Jefferson County, Ohio. There he acquired a patent

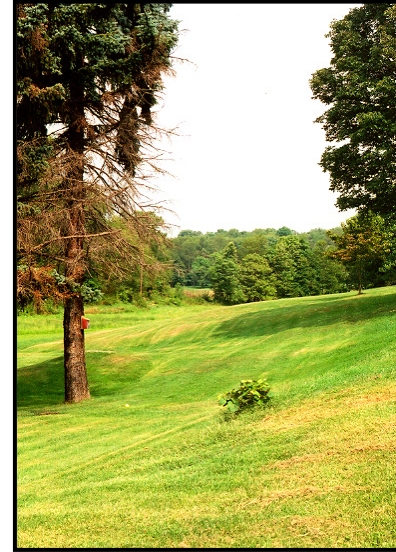
Top right: Two views of the Philip Smith's cabin located one mile east of Jacob's Lutheran Church in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Right: Land owned by Philip from about 1769 until about 1799.

grant in 1806 for 640 acres in Cross Creek Township. Over the next four years he sold parcels to Fred Brown, a son-in-law, 200 acres; to John Murchland, 160 acres; and to William Simon, 160 acres. (*Jefferson County, Ohio Land Deed Book, B*, pages 177, 237 and 263; *Book C*, 19 Feb 1812, page 531.) By 1812, Philip bought 257 acres in Wells' Mill (Mingo Bottom; now Mingo Junction) bordering the town of Steubenville from Bazaleel Wells for nine hundred dollars (in Section 34, 2nd Township, 1st Range). An entry in a Steubenville ledger says, "Philip Smith, Sr. lives near Wells mill on the hill" (*Spencer Ledger*,



page 172). Valentine and Philip, Jr., two of Philip's sons, are also mentioned in the ledger (pages 114 and 116). The ruins of Philip Smith's house near Steubenville may still be standing, but I was unable to locate them in August 2004, even though I did find his property.

Here he resided until his death two years later in 1814. "The administrators of his estate sold his land to Hans Wilson." He recorded his will in Jefferson County, Ohio, on May 18, 1814, and it was probated on June 14, 1814 (*Will Book I*, page 142; *Deed Book D*, page 393). In his will he listed his children as: **Henry**, Valentine, Barbara (born 1755 in Frederick County, Maryland), Nicholas, Betsey (born 1759 in Frederick County, Maryland), Philip II, Christiana (1766-1833), Eliza (born about 1765, in Frederick County), Abigail, George (1769-1805), Mary Polly (1771-1814 in Fayette County, Pennsylvania), Catherine (born 1763 in Frederick County; died 1857), and Margaret Smith (1773-1819, in Wayne County, Ohio; married Mr. Warner).



day and year above written
 { Phillip Smith Seal
 Barbara ^{his} Smith Seal
 mark

Top left: Road that runs along the side of land (top right) once owned by Philip Smith in the last quarter of the 18th Century. Above: Signature of Philip Smith and mark of his wife, Barbara Markley Smith (6th Great-Grandparents) on a deed dated in 1802 in Jefferson County, Ohio. (Clerk's copy of original signature and mark.) Philip read and wrote well enough to teach school.

Complete Will of Philip Smith: "In the name of God Amen. I Philip Smith Senior of Jefferson County in the state of Ohio considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of Sound mind and memory, Blessed be the almighty God for the same, do make and Publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say I recommend my body at my decease to be buried in a decent Christian like manner; I do commit my Spirit to God who gave it; then as to my worldly goods which I do possess I bequeath as follows). First to my beloved wife **Barbara** I Bequeath one third of all I do possess which she may dispose of at her death as she sees fit. To my daughter Margaret I give and Bequeath as much money as will purchase sixty Acres of

land at two Dollars per acre and when my wife and daughter Margaret's parts are taken

of my wife. The last will and testament of Philip Smith
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 this my last will and testament in manner and form following
 that is to say I recommend my body at my demise to be buried
 in a decent Christian like manner I do commit my spirit to
 God who gave it then as to my worldly goods which I do possess
 I bequeath as follows viz) First to my beloved wife Barbara I
 bequeath one third of all I do possess which she may dispose
 of at her death as she sees fit To my daughter Margaret I give &
 bequeath as much money as will purchase thirty Acres of land
 at two Dollars per acre And when my wife and daughter
 Margarets parts are taken out of my property and my debts paid
 my son is to have two thirds of the remainder to be divided among
 them each to have an equal share George children to have as
 much as any one of my sons Then my daughter Barbara
 Betsey Christiana Eliza Abigail & Philip children are to have
 each an equal share of the one third that will remain after my
 wife Barbara and daughter Margarets shares are taken out and
 my sons Henry Nicholas Valentine Philip & Georges children
 two thirds of the balance that remains after my wife and
 daughter Margarets shares are taken out. Then my said
 daughter and Philip children to have each an equal share
 of the said one third to my daughter Katherine I give and bequea-
 the one dollar I do hereby appoint Henry Smith and Valen-
 tine Smith my sons sole executors of this my last will and
 testament In testimony whereof I have signed and sealed
 this 18 day of May in the year of our Lord 1814.

Signed sealed published and declared by the
 above named Philip Smith Senior to be his last
 will and testament in the presence of us
 who have hereunto subscribed our names as
 Witnesses in the presence of the testator

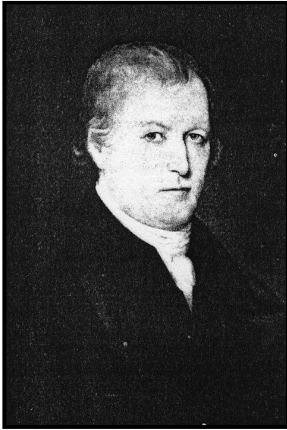
Robert Boyd ---
 Jacob T. Smith ---
 Henry Smith ---

Philip Smith
 his mark

Will of Philip Smith (6th Great-Grandfather), dated May 18, 1814, Jefferson County, Ohio.

out of my property and my debts paid my sons are to have two thirds of the remainder

to be divided amongst them each to have an equal share. George's children to have as much as any one of my own sons. Then my daughters Barbara, Betsey, Christiana,



Eliza, Abigail and Polly's children are to have each an equal share of the one third that will remain after my wife Barbara and daughter Margaret

shares are taken out and my sons **Henry**, Nicholas, Valentine, Philip & George's children two thirds of the balance that remains after my wife and daughter Margaret's shares are taken out. They my daughters and Polly's children to have each an equal share of the said one third, to my daughter Catharine I give and bequeath the one Dollar. I do hereby

appoint **Henry Smith** and Valentine Smith my sons sole executors of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal this 18 day of May in the year of our lord 1814." Philip his mark Smith.

I made by Moses McLeire. Accuses being made to a Plot of the same will make the Friends more fully appear — And all these Woods and Under this Way Waters and appurtenances what so ever to the s^d Tract of Land Belonging or in anywise appertaining. To have and to hold the s^d Tract of Land above mentioned and every part and Parcel thereof with Appurtenances to the s^d Daniel Mouser his Heirs and assigns To the only proper use and behoof of him the said Daniel Mouser his Heirs and assigns forever. And the s^d Philip Smith for him and his Heirs the s^d Land and Premises and every part thereof Against him and his Heirs and against all and every other Person and all persons what so ever to the s^d Daniel Mouser his Heirs and assigns Shall and will warrant and for ever defend by their Parents In Witness whereof we have here unto set our hands and seals the day and year above Written, Signed Sealed and Delivered In the Presence of us

James Hardin
John Hardin
Jacob Sullen

Philip Smith
Barbara Smith

Payette County This day personally appeared James Mouser

Philip Smith (6th Great-Grandfather) and Valentine Smith (5th Great-Granduncle) purchased land from Bezaleel Wells (top left) in 1812. Bezaleel became rich from land speculation and built a mansion (top) in Steubenville, Ohio (no longer standing). Above: Second page of Fayette County deed dated 1786 and signed by Philip Smith (6th Great-Grandfather) (clerk's copy). Philip could read and write, but on his will the clerk wrote for him to sign a mark. This may have been a mistake by the clerk because no mark was ever made on the document.

"Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Philip Smith Senior to be his last Will and testament in the presence of us who have here unto subscribed our names as witnesses in the Presence of the testator. Signed Robert Boyd, Jacob Smith and Henry Smith" (recorded at Steubenville, Ohio, in *Will Book 1*, page 142).

His wife, **Barbara Markley Smith**, moved to Wayne County, Ohio, to live with her

son, probably Nicholas Smith, until her death on April 21, 1819. Her will was one of the first recorded in Wayne County. (*Wayne County Will Book 1*, page 13, dated 1818.)

Last Will of Barbara Smith: "In the name of God Amen. I **Barbara Smith** of Wayne County, Ohio, being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory

Last Will of
Barbara Smith dec.

In the name of God, Amen,—
I Barbara Smith of Wayne County, Ohio, being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and Testament in the manner and form following (that is to say) I give and bequeath to my Daughter Margaret after my funeral expenses and legal debts are paid the remainder of my money and property of whatsoever kind it may be— And lastly I do hereby appoint Nicholas Smith my son sole executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.— In Witness whereof I have herewith set my hand and Seal this twenty sixth day of April in the year of Our Lord, One thousand, eight hundred and Eighteen. —
Barbara ^{her u} Smith

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the above named Barbara Smith to be her last will and testament in the presence of us who have herewith subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the Testator.— Valentine ^{his} Smith,
Elizabeth ^{mark} Richards, Isaac Burnet.

Above: Will of Barbara Smith (5th Great-Grandmother) probated in Wayne County, Ohio, in 1819. Barbara signed with her mark. Her son, Valentine Smith, signed his mark as a witness.

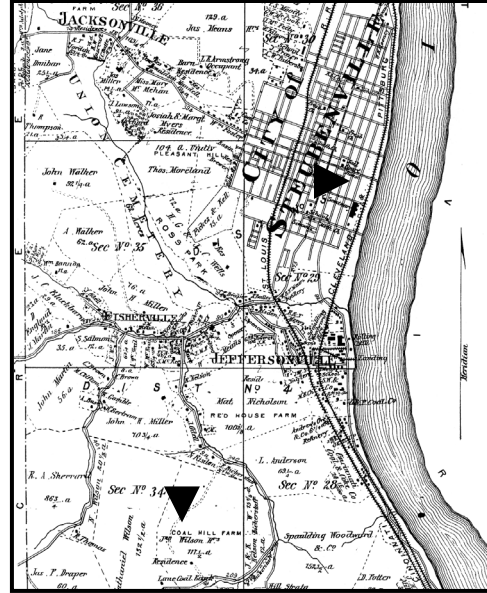
do hereby publish this my last will and Testament in the manner and form following (that is to say) I give and bequeath to my Daughter **Margaret** after my funeral expenses and legal debts are paid the remainder of my money and property of whatsoever kind it may be—And testify that I do hereby appoint **Nicholas Smith** my son sole executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made—In Witness wherefore I have herewith set my hand and Seal this twenty sixth day of April in the year of Our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and Eighteen. **Barbara her u mark Smith.**"

“Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the above received Barbara Smith to be her last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names and certify in the presence of the Testator.

Valentine his V mark Smith, Elizabeth her + mark Richards, Isaac Burnet.”



Children of Philip Smith, Sixth Great Grandfather



Abigail Appollinia Smith (Abalona Schmidt) (5th Great-Grandaunt) was born on December 31, 1767, on



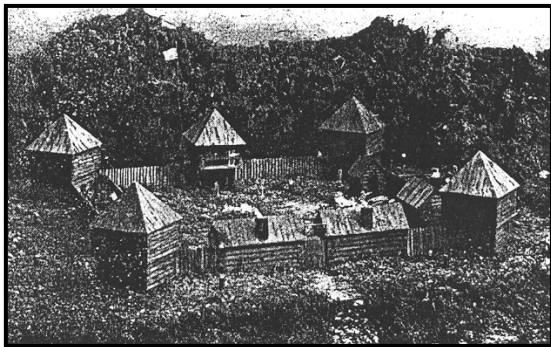
Above: 1800s map of Steubenville, Ohio. Philip Smith (6th Great-Grandfather) lived in the lower corner of section 34 until his death in 1814. Top left: Old building on part of his Ohio property. Left: Steubenville in 1840 and in 1920. Valentine Smith owned lots in downtown on 3rd Street.



Antietam Creek in Frederick County, Maryland (now part of eastern Washington County) and baptized in 1786 in Jacob's Lutheran Church in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. She died September 9, 1845, in German Township, Fayette County, and was buried beside her husband in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery.

She married George Franks (born September 23, 1765, at Wills Creek, Frederick County, Maryland; died December 12, 1839, in German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; he froze to death while hunting), son of Jacob Franks (born May 22, 1743, Germany; died February 5, 1802, in

Fayette County; Jacob's Lutheran Church was named after him; he built the original log cabin church in 1765) and Barbara Brandenburg or Brandeberry (born 1741, Germany; died October 12, 1839, in Fayette County, at the age of 98), in 1783 in Fayette County.



Top left: Reconstruction of Fort Steuben, 2004. Middle: Model of original fort. Above: Steubenville, Ohio; 3rd Street, where Valentine Smith (5th Great-Granduncle) lived from 1800 to about 1808, was just across the Ohio River on the left side of the bridge near the fort. Right: Federal Land Office on 3rd Street in Steubenville built in 1801. The Smiths had dealings here. Philip Smith moved to Steubenville in 1799 and lived there until his death in 1814.



Abigail and George Franks had eleven children: Conrad Franks (October 7, 1786-March 7, 1869, Apple Creek, Wayne County, Ohio; married about 1803 his cousin, Mary Magdaline Smith-daughter of Henry Smith, December 21, 1786-October 6, 1868; both buried in Apple Creek Cemetery in Wayne County, Ohio), Jacob Franks (January 17, 1797-after 1830, Apple Creek, Wayne County, Ohio; married about 1814, Margaret "Mary" Badger, 1789-October 1, 1872), Barbara Ann Franks (November 24, 1789-June 15, 1857, Montgomery Township, Ashland County, Ohio; married on September 11, 1814, Michael Riddle, Sr. born 1793), Ruth Franks (November

2, 1793-January 5, 1882, Wayne County, Ohio; married Thomas Badger, 1793-1849), Sarah Margaret Franks (November 22, 1794-February 22, 1883, in Knox Township, Holmes County, Ohio; married Mr. Kore/Corr/Kerr; second marriage about 1848 to Daniel Adam Miller, born about

1811), Jesse Franks (November 12, 1799-May 15, 1877, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; christened on April 13, 1800, in Jacob's Lutheran Church; buried Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery; married about 1816 Elizabeth Harding, December 20, 1800-April 1, 1839; married second on July 27, 1840, Drusilla Shotwell, born about 1811-1892), Michael S. Franks (January

Settlement made Between Philip
Smith & Nicholas Smith on the
Estate of Margaret Smith Dec.
account against Philip Smith
is \$168. 63 Cts
Dec 22. 1819
This article is to draw no interest
of Philip Smith agree to pay the above sum to said
heirs of the estate when demanded
Philip Smith
John Smith
Valentine G. Smith

Above: Note written and signed by Philip Smith II (5th Great-Granduncle) in 1819. His sons, Valentine Smith and John Smith, signed as witnesses.

26, 1801-April 11, 1868, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania; married on June 2, 1829, Catherine Fell, 1809-1852), Aaron F. Franks (November 24, 1795 or 1797-August 17, 1883, in Franklin Township, Wayne County, Ohio; married on October 18, 1823, Rebecca Sulifend, December 1802-February 11, 1868; second marriage to Angeline Zaring), Nancy Jane/Anne Franks (March 23, 1804-December 31, 1880, in German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; marriage on October 18, 1823, to Basil Sesler, 1791-1850; second marriage to John Lacrone), John Franks (November 10, 1806-April 21, 1880, Riley Township, Sandusky County, Ohio; married on March 29, 1828, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, Sarah Christopher, October 8, 1803-August 29, 1886; both buried in McPherson Cemetery in Sandusky, Ohio), and Abigail Franks (November 6, 1810-1895; married Joseph Haught, 1806-1880; both buried in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery). All of their children were born in German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Six of their nine children later moved to Wayne County, Ohio, as did a few grandchildren of the three that stayed in Pennsylvania.

Valentine Smith (5th Great-Granduncle) was born about 1754 on Antietam Creek in now eastern Washington County, Maryland, and died on October 22-31, 1830, in Wayne County, Ohio (Will probated on November 1, 1830, in Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio). His movable property was valued at \$572.70 on November 4, 1830. (*Wayne County Probate Number S-8.*)

“Valentine was in the 1790 census of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, listed with his wife, three sons and two daughters living in Georges Township. He moved to Jefferson County, Ohio,

Franklin 21st December 1829

Two Years from the first day of January next For
Value Recd I Promise to pay L Rice or order
Twenty Six Dollars in merchantable Wheat at market
Price delivered at Stubbs mill with interest after
one year from the first day of January next
This Note was given for a Tanning Mill
that is warranted to be good & do good busi-
ness, If not good the signer has the Privilege
of Returning it at the Factory of L Rice in
Prairie in the Month of March next at which
place the sd Rice agrees to furnish a mill
that shall be good in Exchange There for at
the same price
Valentine Smith Sent

Above: Note written and signed by Valentine Smith (5th Great-Granduncle) on December 21, 1829. Below: Land owned by Valentine Smith in Wooster Township in Wayne County, Ohio.

about 1800, where he owned lot 126 on 3rd Street, as well as lots 14 and 8, by patent from the government. These he sold from 1808 to 1811 and in 1808 he bought section 12 in Wooster Township, Wayne County,



Ohio. Later purchases were north $\frac{1}{2}$ 19, East Union Township in 1809 and north $\frac{1}{2}$ 13 in Wooster Township. His son, John V. Smith, took patent to southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ East Union Township and son in law, Leonard Richards, north $\frac{1}{2}$ section 7 of the same. In 1810 all of his family along with nephew George F. Smith (son of Philip II), widow Crawford and son Bazaleel, numbering 23 persons in all settled in Wayne County. He, three sons, and son-in-law, Daniel Dougherty, were among the 45 heads of households listed

on the census of 1810, Killbuck Township, Columbiana County (Wayne County had not been formed yet). He later bought land in Chester Township, the northwest 14,

which is Cedar Valley. Here his son, John V. Smith, built a flour mill." John V. Smith also built mills in East Union Township and Overton.

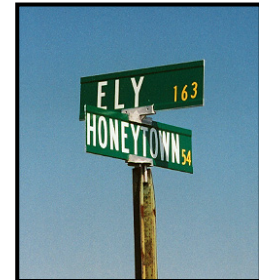


Top left: View of land once owned by Valentine and Nicholas Smith (5th Great-Granduncles) in Wooster Township, Wayne County, Ohio, in the early 1800s. The land bordered Ely and Honeytown Roads. Middle, lower left and above: Land once owned by Valentine Smith.



Valentine married Margaret (Margaretha) (born 1758) in 1776 and they had six children: John Valentine Smith (1775, or January 2, 1787, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania-January 24, 1852; married Mary Crawford in 1807), Mary Polly Smith (born about 1778; married Daniel Doughty/Doty, born 1779, in 1806), Aaron C. Smith

(May 6, 1781-September 4, 1853; married Mary, born 1782), Philip V. Smith (1782-1827 in Wayne County, Ohio; married Margaret Riddle in 1804, born 1782), Elizabeth Smith (about 1784-estimated 1866; married Leonard Richards), and Valentine Smith II (born 1786; married Jane).

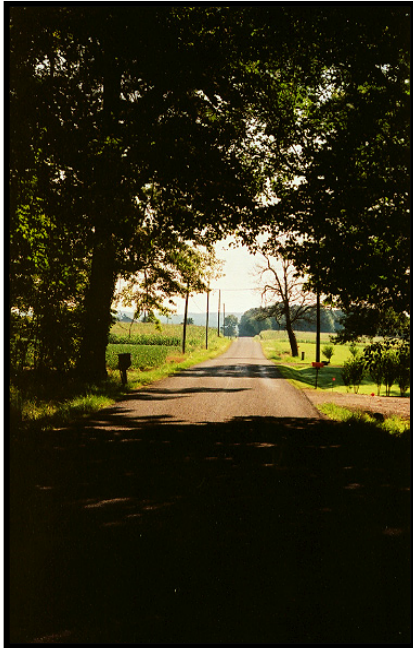



Nicholas Smith (Nicolaus Schmidt, 5th Great-Granduncle) was born about 1757 on Antietam Creek in (now) eastern Washington County, Maryland, and died in September 1832, in Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio. (Will of Nicholas Smith in *Wayne County Will Book 2*, page 160; Will of Elizabeth Ewing Smith in *Will Book 3*, page 90.)

He married Elizabeth Ewing (born about 1760/1761 in Pennsylvania-died 1843) on

September 27, 1807, in Connellsville, Fayette, Ohio. They did not have any children, but raised some of the children of his brother, George Smith, after he died.

“Nicholas took Wayne County Land Grants on December 15,



Nicholas Smith 

Above: Land owned by Nicholas Smith (5th Great-Granduncle) in Wooster Township, Wayne County, Ohio, in the early 1800s; Signature of Nicholas Smith on his will dated January 24, 1832.
Below: Note written and signed by Nicholas Smith on September 12, 1823.

1808; the southwest quarter of section 12, Wooster Township, where the Infirmary is, and on October 1, 1810, southwest 29, East Union Township where Dale Parrot lives. There is evidence that they were childless, but raised Valentine G. and Allen, and a daughter, all the younger children of his brother George. He was a Township Supervisor in 1828, Wooster Township. He is listed as a taxpayer in school district #5

*Recd Sept 12th 1823 of Senard
as executor of Phillip W. Senard
Richardy three Dollars and thirty
cents for funeral expenses
Nicholas Smith*

in 1826. In 1828 he bought 25 acres in southwest 30, East Union, adjoining his patent there. Upon his death in 1832 he willed his Wooster Township land to Valentine G. Smith, and his East Union land to Allen. Later 25 acres of this

were bought by his nephew, Enoch Smith, and incorporated into the present Smith farm (1852). His will mentions gifts to George and Samuel, sons of George, deceased, and

to Sarah, wife of Joseph Butterbaugh. His wife Elizabeth died in 1843 and left goods to Valentine G., Maria, and Nicholas W., her nieces and nephews.”

Nicholas sold 46 acres of land granted to him in Menallen Township in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, to Matthew Low in 1790. The deed was signed by both Nicholas and his wife Elizabeth N. Smith. (*Fayette County Deed Book A*, page 325.)

Above: Elizabeth Smith (wife of Nicholas Smith, 5th Great-Granduncle) made her mark on this note for fifteen dollars to the Executor of her husband's estate on December 19, 1838. Below: Second page of will of George Smith (5th Great-Granduncle) dated August 19, 1801, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

Will of Nicholas Smith:

“In the name of God Amen I Nicholas Smith of Wooster Township Wayne County Ohio being weak in body but of Sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be Almighty God for the same. Do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following Viz. First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth

Smith four hundred dollars in money to be held by my Executors and given to my wife as she may require. I also give unto my wife all that part of the mansion farm whereon I now live south of the lane with all the appurtenances for her to have and to hold during her natural Life. Also I give unto my wife all the goods furniture and property belonging to the mansion House and also I give unto my wife the olibak mare and two Cows and one Heifer. Also I give unto my wife thirty bushels of wheat, which is now in the barn, and sixty bushels of corn now in the Crib. Second I do also give and bequeath unto Valentine G. Smith the southwest quarter of section Twelve, Township fifteen in Range thirteen him his wife and heirs to have and to hold forever. Having due respect to the restriction with respect to the south side of lane, for the widow during her natural life. 3rd. Valentine Smith must give unto my wife Elizabeth yearly and every year twenty five bushels of wheat seventy bushels of Corn and twenty bushels of oats those to be given during her natural life. Valentine must also Deliver unto my wife Elizabeth yearly and every year during her natural life fifteen cords of wood to be

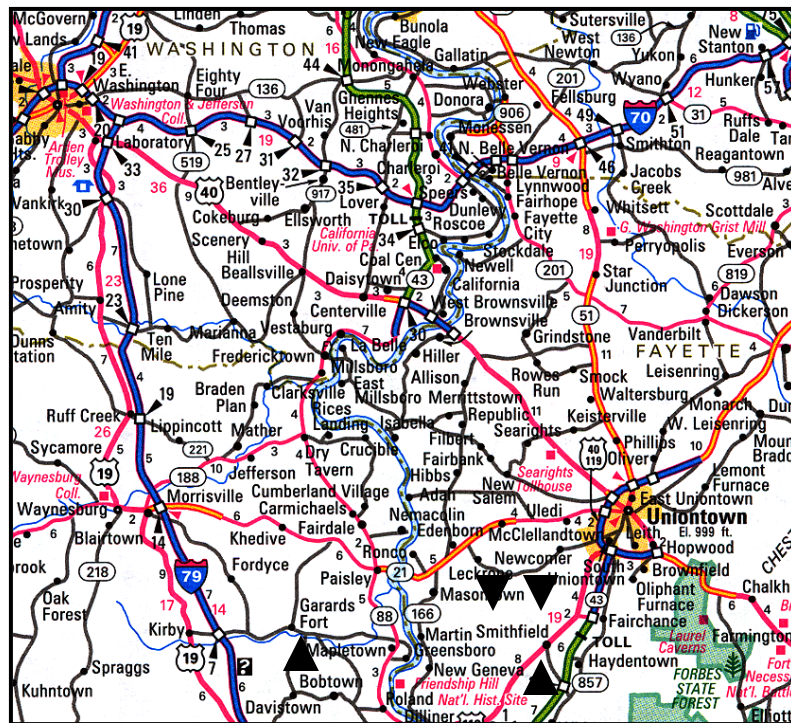
delivered at the mansion House. Valentine must also pay the taxes of the afore described quarter of land yearly 4 every year. 4th. I do also give and bequeath unto Allen Smith, Matilda his wife and heirs the south west quarter of section twenty nine Township

*in the ninth day of August 1801 in the
George Smith
march
Before me Alexander McLean Reg*

sixteen range twelve to have and to hold the above described quarter of land for ever, Except that part which I now fartherwise dispose. Allen is also to have that lot of land, which was conveyed to me by Robert

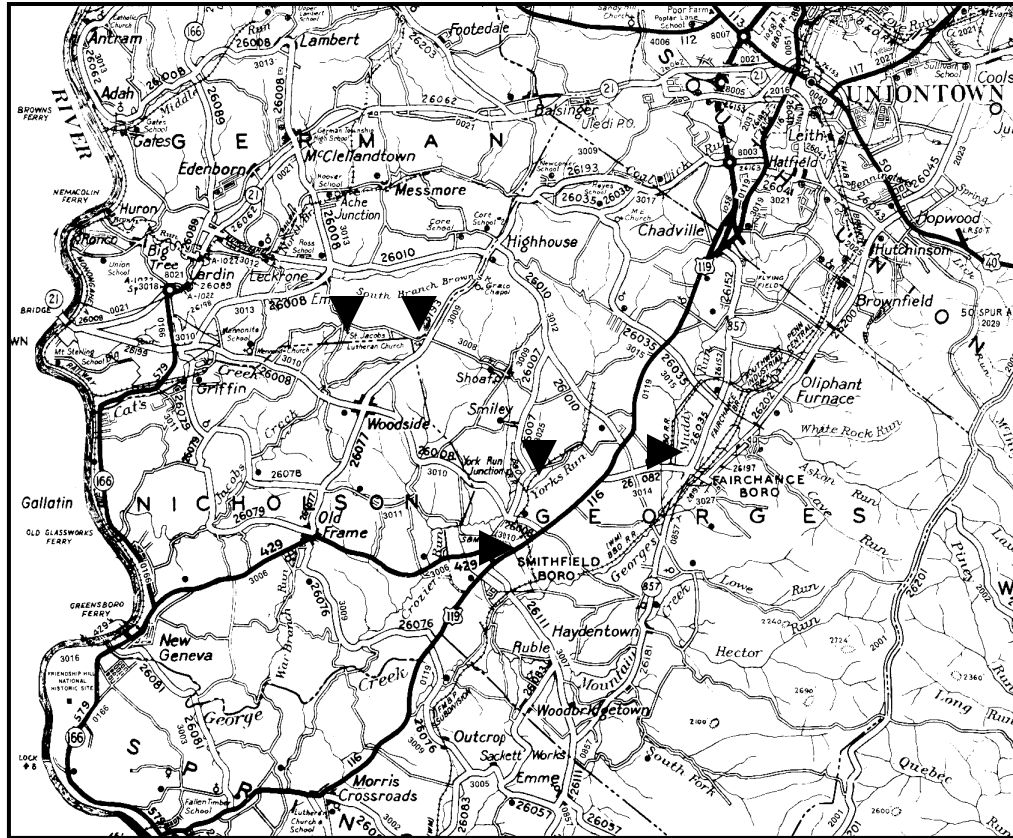
Armstrong and Mary his wife. Allen Smith must give unto my wife Elizabeth yearly and every year during her natural life ten bushels of wheat and forty lbs. sugar also

deliver to her at the mansion House five Cords of wood yearly during her natural life to be taken off that part reserved for her. I do also give and bequeath unto George Smith son to George Smith deceased two hundred dollars to be given by executors two years after my decease. 5th I do also give and bequeath unto Samuel Smith brother to George aforesaid, any (unreadable). 6th I do also give and bequeath unto Joseph Butterbaugh his wife Sarah and heirs thirty acres of land to be taken off the south east part of the south west quarter section twenty nine of Township sixteen in range twelve to be taken off so as to amount best with the land he already owns. Butterbaugh must give unto my wife Elizabeth ten lbs. of sugar yearly during her natural life. 7th. I do by this my will relinquish all Claims against Jacob and Elias Smith on account of money loaned to them for the



Top: Close-up of mark made by George Smith (5th Great-Grand-uncle) on his will dated August 19, 1801. When the county clerk made this copy of George's will he left off his mark. Above: Key family sites in Greene and Fayette County, Pennsylvania, arrows left to right: Garrard's Fort where Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather) served for a time during the Revolutionary War (the fort is no longer standing, but there is a historical marker at the site); Jacob's Lutheran Church and the cabin and land of Philip Smith (6th Great-Grandfather); Henry Smith's cabin and property; and Smithfield where a number of Smiths lived and are buried in Mt. Moriah Cemetery southwest of the downtown area. Map courtesy of Rand McNally and Company, Copyright © 2003.

use of therein. Further. 8th I will that all my lawful debts be paid by my Executors.
9th If there be any more money or property than what is already disposed of I will



Above: Location of important Smith family places in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Arrows left to right: Jacob's Lutheran Church, where Philip Smith (6th Great-Grandfather) attended church and taught school; also where Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather) is buried. Location of Philip Smith's cabin, built circa 1769 and his 365 acres. Smithfield, where Daniel Smith (4th Great-Granduncle) is buried in Mount Moriah Cemetery. Location of the cabin and land of Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather) on York's Run. Little White Rock Cemetery in Fairchance, where Solomon Smith (4th Great-Granduncle) is buried. Map courtesy of County Maps, C. J. Puetz, Copyright © 1999.

that it go to my wife. Lastly I do appoint George Harmon and George Boilston my whole and sole Executors of this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty two. Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Nicholas Smith to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto ascribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator. George C. Vallaningham, James Harmon, and Isaac Burnett. Signed **Nicholas Smith** (Seal)" (*Wayne County Probate Records, S-12*).



George Smith (5th Great-Granduncle) was born in 1761 on Antietam Creek in (now) the eastern portion of Washington County, Maryland, and died in September 1805 in Georges Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. He married Rebeka (about 1770-



Above: Abigail Smith Franks (5th Great-Grand-aunt; 1765-1845), “who departed this life / Sept. 9, 1845 in the / 78th year of her age.” Left: Barbary Franks, mother in law of Abigail Smith in Jacob’s Lutheran Cemetery.

1805 in Fayette County) and they had six children: Nicholas Smith (about 1792 in Fayette County-October 3, 1839 in Wayne County, Ohio; married about 1812 in Wayne County to Abigail Teaff, about 1792 in Fayette County-January 24, 1871, in Humboldt, Kansas), George Smith II (February 20, 1793, in Fayette County-November 20, 1876, in Richland County, Ohio; married Rachel), Jonathan George Smith (April 22, 1795, in Fayette County-November 20, 1876, in Richland County, Ohio; married Rachel), Eleanor “Nelly” Smith (September 18, 1797, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania), Valentine George Smith (March 23, 1801, in Fayette County-September 19, 1876; married on September 10, 1835, in Wayne County, Ohio, Margaret Stanley, born about 1801), Allan/Allen Smith (December 22, 1802, in Fayette County-December 22, 1845, in Wayne County, Ohio; married on March 24, 1825, in Wooster, Wayne, Ohio, to Mitilda Riddle, born about 1805), and



Samuel G. Smith (April 2, 1805, in Fayette County-May 15, 1879, in Holmes County, Ohio; married on April 18, 1827, in Holmes County, Ohio, to Maria McIntire, born about 1809).



Left: Gravestone of George Franks (1765-1821), husband of Abigail Smith (5th Great-Grandaunt), who froze to death on a hunting trip. Above: Home of E. W. Franks in Wooster Township, Wayne County, Ohio, about 1900. Below: Gravestones of Jacob Franks (right, father in law of Abigail Smith) and a son of Jacob (left) buried beside him.

The will of George Smith was recorded on August 9, 1801. (*Fayette County, Pennsylvania, Will Book 1*, page 81.) It lists his brother, Nicholas, his brother in law, George Franks, and his wife Rebeka. George Franks was

the administrator of George's will. After George died his brother Nicholas cared for some of his children.

Will of George Smith: "In the name of God Amen. I George Smith of Georges Township Fayette County, Pennsylvania am now not very well in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God. Calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die ordain this my Last will and testament that is to say Principally and first of all I give and Recommend my soul into the hand of almighty God that gave it and my body to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of



my Executors for which purpose I do appoint George Franks my brother in law, Nicholas Smith my brother, John Stough, these three men as my trusty friends I find for



Above: Three scenes of land owned by Philip Smith, II (5th Great-Granduncle) south of Highway 250 at Hometown Road in Apple Creek, Ohio.

my Executors and as God has blessed me with some worldly property it is my will that after my death so much should be sold on public sale of the movable property to pay my debts if those movables (that) can be spared will not pay all my debts then some convenient corner of my land shall be sold by my executors to pay my debts, then when my debts is paid I will all the rest of my property real and movable to my beloved wife Rebeka and my children for their maintenance, clothing and schooling as long as my wife Rebeka Remains my only widow and if the so Pesable work and live together as my sons come to the years of 18 they shall be bound to learn such a trade as they choose and the executors think good to bind them to If my wife Rebeka should get married again all my movable Property shall be sold at public sale then I will to my wife Rebeka 2 parts to be put on interest for my children in the Land Rented out and the third of the Land be for my sole wife the 2 parts for the children as above if my Wife gets married again and can and will get And raise them and give them learning if some would be young that the Executors thinned the could nod arn their Raising and Learning until they come to 18 years old the Executors shall pay as they can agree and think best of the before mentioned interest and rent for raising them If my wife Rebeka should marry again and leave until my youngest child

of my children shall come of 18 the girls and 21 the sons then shall the land be sold on

public sale and the interest of the third of the money shall be for my said wife during the rest equally divided amongst my children the money of my movable as they come to the years as mentioned again to Remember my beloved wife the above mentioned property shall not be sold after my debts is paid as long as my wife Remains my widow as above mentioned. That this is my last will and testament I declare with my hand and seal this nineteenth day of August 1801 in the presence of Philip Bowan. **George his mark Smith** (Seal).” (Spelling has been changed except when the meaning was uncertain.) His will was probated in Fayette County on September 16, 1805.



Philip Smith, II (Philip Schmidt, Jr., 5th Great-Granduncle) was born in February 1761, on Antietam Creek in (now) the eastern portion of Washington County, Maryland, and died on March 29, 1838, in East Union Township in Wayne County, Ohio. (Will of Philip Smith, Jr. in *Wayne County Will Book 2*, page 247, dated January 5, 1838, and probated January 11, 1838.)

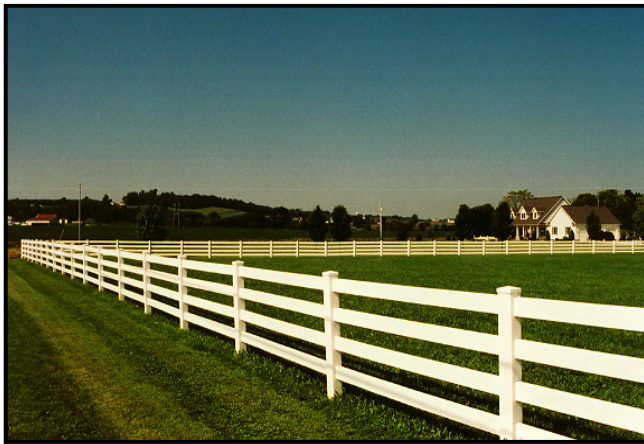


He married Agnes Waits (born about 1766 in Hampshire County, Virginia-died January 25, 1850 in Wayne County, Ohio; she was the daughter of John Waits, a Revolutionary War Soldier; all five of her brothers were also soldiers in the Revolution; she had moved with her father from Hampshire County, Virginia, to Fayette County, Pennsylvania, in 1782) about 1785 in Fayette County. They were the parents of ten children: Jonathan Philip Smith (June 1786, or July 2, 1785-June 24, 1862/1863, in Mechanic Township, Holmes County, Ohio; married Maria Abigail, maiden name unknown, March 22,



Above: Land owned by Philip Smith, II (5th Great-Granduncle) north of Highway 250 at Honeytown Road near Apple Creek, Ohio.

1788-May 3, 1864), George Philip Smith (January 27, 1788, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania-January 24, 1873; married Sarah Miller-March 18, 1793-November 7,



Above: Land of Philip Smith, II near Apple Creek. Right: Signatures of Philip Smith (5th Great-Grand-uncle) and Jacob Smith (4th Great-Grand-father) on the inventory of the estate of their brother in law, Frederick Brown, on October 9, 1816.

Philip Smith	01
Jacob Smith	1402
James Burnet	
} appraised	

1870-on May 2, 1812, in Jefferson County, Ohio), Christena Smith (January 3, 1789, or March 17, 1790, Fayette County, Pennsylvania-October 18, 1864, Wayne County, Ohio; married James McIntire), Philip Smith III (born October 6, 1792, in German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania-1853/1873; married Catherine Miller on March 2, 1815, in Steubenville, Jefferson, Ohio), Jacob Philip Smith (December 2, 1794, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania-before 1882; married Rebecca Miller on June 13, 1822, in Wayne County, Ohio), Valentine Philip Smith (October 11, 1796, Fayette County, Pennsylvania-before 1873; married Sarah Shivers on November 9, 1816, in Steubenville, Jefferson, Ohio), James Philip Smith (1798 in Pennsylvania-February 7, 1856, in Plain Township, Wayne County, Ohio; married Elizabeth), John P. Smith (1799-1880; married

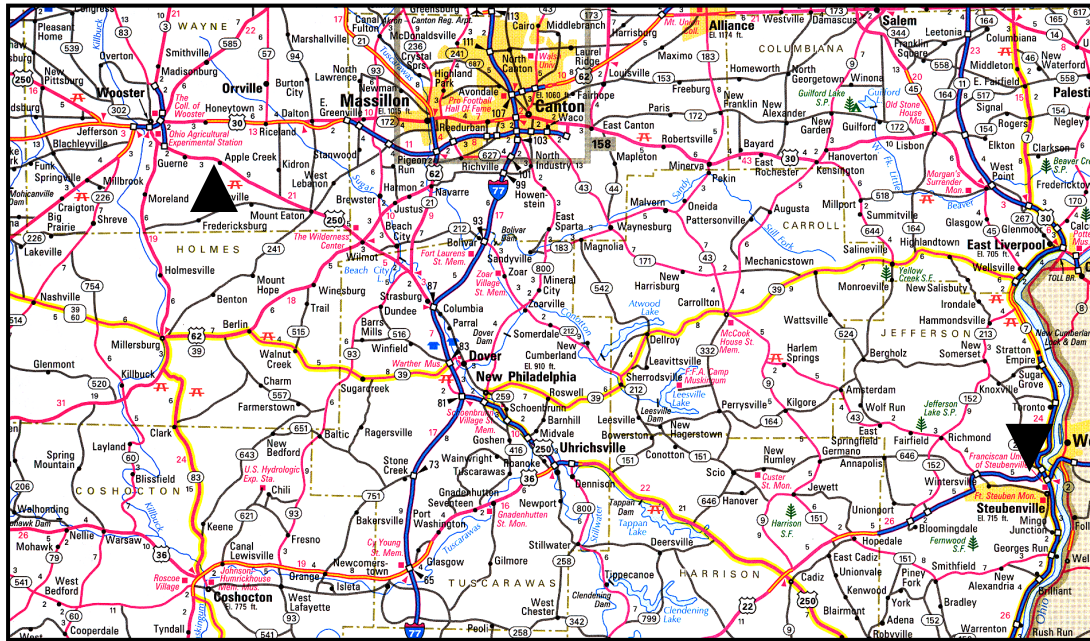
Mary McFadden on September 2, 1819), Agnes Smith (December 25, 1801, Jefferson County, Ohio-January 9, 1887; married Edward McFadden on May 13, 1824), and Nathan Waits Smith (August 3, 1804, Jefferson County, Ohio-April 29, 1885, Wayne County, Ohio; married Maria Waits-1806-December 1, 1899-on November 15, 1825, in Wayne County).

Philip was eight years old when his family moved from Frederick County, Maryland, to

Fayette County, Pennsylvania. In 1782, aged 21, he volunteered to serve as a substitute for his brother, Valentine Smith, who was married with two children. He served in one of the last campaigns of the Revolutionary War.

Philip Smith, II in the Revolutionary War

“Essentially, the war was over in the east when Crawford mounted his ill-fated expedition against the British and Indians at Sandusky, a minor skirmish, which took place on the



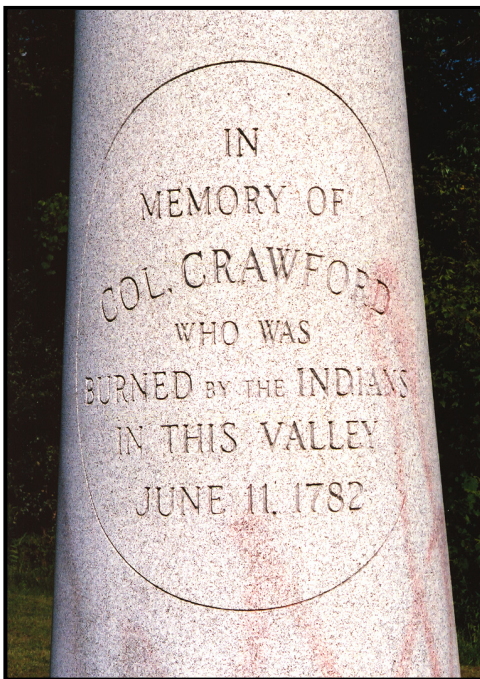
Above: Map of northeastern Ohio. Philip Smith (6th Great-Grandfather) died in Steubenville, Ohio (right arrow), in 1814. Valentine Smith, Philip Smith, II and Christena Smith Brown (5th Great-Granduncles and Aunt) moved from Fayette County, Pennsylvania, to west and northwest of Apple Creek, Wayne County, Ohio, after living in Steubenville for a few years. Jacob Smith (4th Great-Grandfather) and Mary Magdaline Smith Franks (4th Great-Grand-aunt) moved directly from Fayette County to Wayne County. Rand McNally and Company map.

banks of the Combahee River in Ohio, on August 27, 1782. It is considered to be the final battle on the eastern seaboard, although warfare continued in the American west and northwest. The Sandusky Campaign was an effort to eliminate the Indian raids, sanctioned and supplied by the British on settlers from Ohio and southwestern Pennsylvania. Furnishing their own provisions and equipment, approximately 350 volunteers, mostly from southwestern Pennsylvania, left Mingo Junction (south of Steubenville, Ohio) under the command of Colonel William Crawford, a former associate of George Washington.”

Philip stated that, “The captain of my company was named Beeson; he was from that part of Westmoreland which soon after became Fayette County. Beesontown, later Uniontown, was named in honor of him.”

“For eleven days they marched through the wilderness, avoiding open trails to avert discovery. They advanced to a place near the line of Wayne County, Ohio, ten miles south of Wooster,

where the army camped on Thursday evening, May 30th, 1782. That evening a seemingly trivial incident occurred, which caused great concern among the superstitious ones in the encampment. A fox, by some means, got into the lines, was surrounded by the men,



Above: Monument to Colonel William Crawford, who was tortured and burned to death near this monument east of Crawford in Wyandot County, Ohio.

shoulder to it. While in this position I was wounded in the elbow, which served to keep me in remembrance of the battle the rest of my life.”

“In the confusion attending the retreat, Philip became separated from his company.

but managed to escape unhurt. To the superstitious it seemed to be an ill omen, for as Philip is quoted as saying, ‘If the whole army is unable to kill a fox under such circumstances, what success can be expected against Indians?’ They proceeded westward through the area of Manchester, turning north and arriving in the Upper Sandusky, where a battle took place on June 4, 1782. After in-

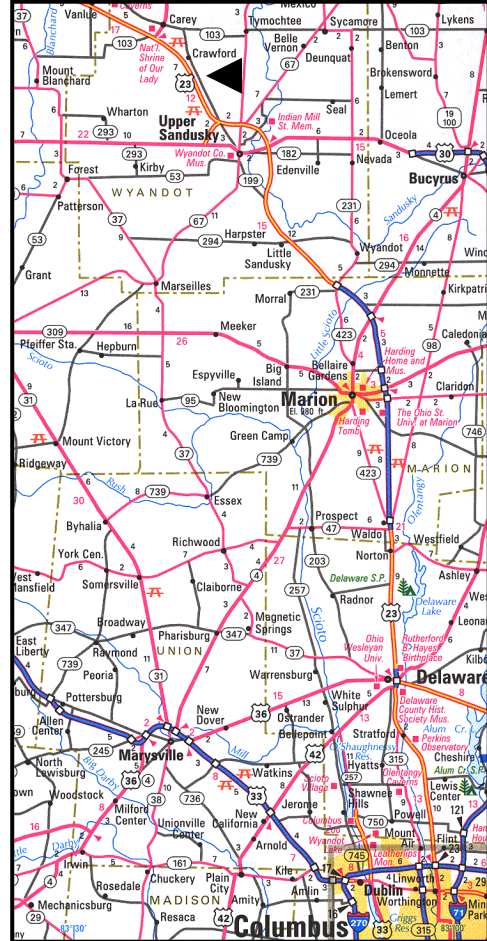
licting substantial losses on the enemy, Crawford’s Rangers were forced to flee when numerically stronger British reinforcements arrived from Detroit. Colonel Crawford returned to the fray to rescue a relative, but was himself captured, then tortured, and burned at the stake.”

Many of the Rangers were lost and scattered in the retreat through the swamps in the area. Philip was wounded in the elbow. He said, “About a hundred feet off, an Indian was hid in the tall grass, firing at me. I felt the bark of a tree, where I stood, fly in my face several times. Having discovered the position of the savage, I fired several shots; at the seventh one, catching sight of his body, I brought him down. No more balls came from that quarter. After waiting a reasonable time, I crawled along to find his body, but it had been dragged away. I could see plainly the trail of blood it made. I stood behind a small sapling to shelter myself from the bullets; but the tree was so small that I was compelled to stand with my

With him was a companion named Rankin, about whom nothing is known. Both had lost their horses. They had their muskets and ammunition with them, but were without provisions. Their guns were of little value to them, as they did not dare shoot for fear of the Indians. They were reduced therefore to a very meager diet, principally berries,



Above: Land between Upper Sandusky and Carey in Wyandot County, Ohio, where the Battle of Sandusky took place in 1782. Philip Smith (5th Great-Granduncle) fought at this battle and suffered many hardships returning to Fayette County, Pennsylvania. His commander, Col. William Crawford was captured and tortured to death by the Indians, the only American commander to suffer such a death in the Revolutionary War. Right: Location of the battle. Map courtesy of Rand McNally, Copyright © 2003.

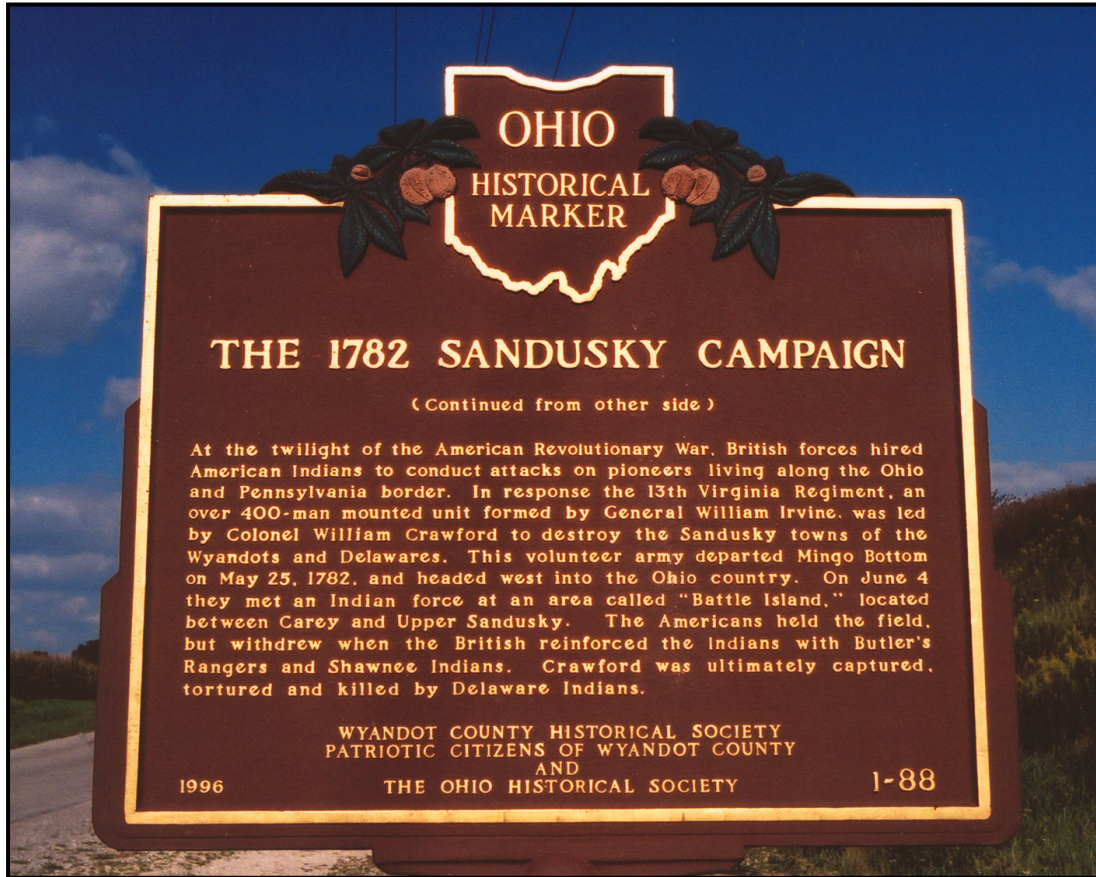


roots and young birds, when they could be caught. They traveled usually by night, prudently avoiding all trails. After a while they came across an Indian pony, which they resolved to kill for food. As they were afraid to shoot it, Philip attempted to dispatch the animal with his tomahawk. However the pony

was reluctant to participate in the ritual, dodging all blows aimed at its head. Finally, Rankin held his hat over the pony's eyes, permitting Philip to deal a blow, which felled the animal. The animal was eviscerated, its liver removed and broiled, providing the two men a welcome relief from the fiber diet they had been consuming."

"The third night of their retreat, two men on horseback overtook them, and they continued traveling together until a steam was reached having high banks. As Philip

leaned down to take a drink, they were ambushed by four Indians, evidently having followed them from the plains. A bullet passed harmlessly over Philip's head, but the two men on horseback were killed instantly, falling into the stream. Seizing the gun of one of the men that had been shot, Philip ran up the bank and turned to fire at the



Above: Ohio historical marker near the Crawford monument, about two miles east of Crawford, Ohio.

Indians. The Indians perceiving their danger, dodged behind trees unharmed. In the meantime, Rankin, who was also unharmed, was running for his life. Philip threw aside the gun and ran after his companion. The latter, mistaking him for an enemy, three times turned to shoot him, but Philip, following the Indian's example saved himself by 'treeing.' Rankin finally discovered who was so intensely pursuing him when he slackened his pace and was joined by Philip. The two ran on together and escaped the savages. Having been with them but a few hours, the men who were killed were unidentified. Philip and Rankin continued their escape into the daylight hours, fearing pursuit by the Indians. Shortly afterward, they came upon a deserted Indian camp, which had just been abandoned. A man lay there, dead and scalped, whose body was still warm. He had drawn his hand over the scalp-wound several times, indicating that he had been scalped alive. Evidently, he had been shot while still on horseback. It was the opinion of both Rankin and Philip that he was not one of the volunteers, as he rode a shod horse and, to their knowledge, none of the Rangers had ridden horses with shoes. Seemingly, the Indians had fled immediately after the killing, for reasons

unknown. The fires were still burring, over which hominy was cooking. This, the two half-starved men tasted, but did not eat for fear that it might be poisoned. After leaving this camp, no more Indians were seen, albeit, that night, as Rankin was making

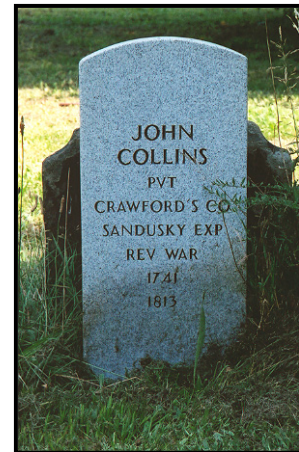


himself a pair of moccasins from the skin of a horse they had found (his moccasins having worn out), savages were heard at a great distance. They immediately extinguished

their fire and continued their journey. Ten days after the battle they arrived home safely, but foot-sore, nearly naked and almost perishing from hunger” (*An Historical Account of the Expedition*

Against Sandusky Under Colonel Crawford in 1782,

by C. W. Butterfield, published in 1873; Some of the details in Butterfield’s account were drawn from the *Memoirs of Philip Smith*, furnished by his grandson, Albert Smith, of Centreville, Indiana).

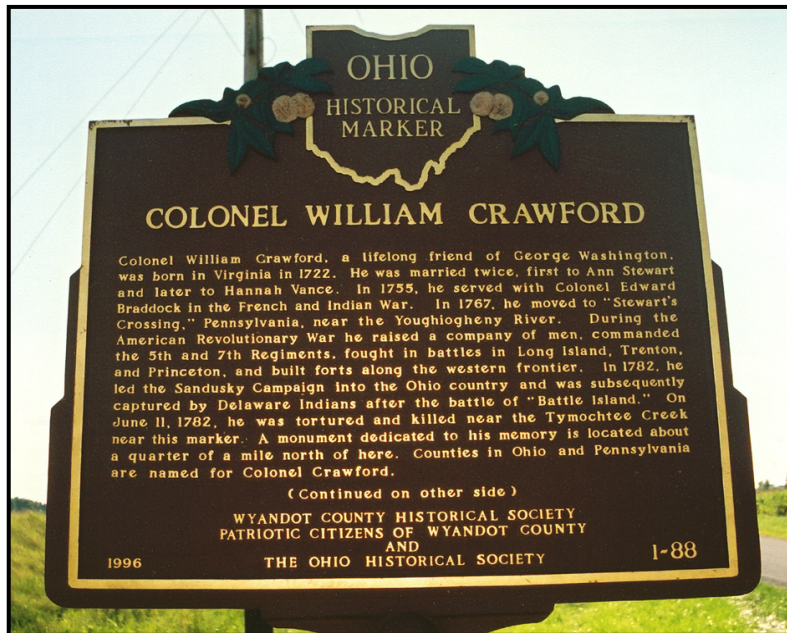


Top right: Land in the valley where Col. Crawford was killed near the Crawford Monument. **Gravestone of a fellow soldier, John Collins,** who also served in the Sandusky Expedition with Philip Smith. **Above:** Hand mill and 1824 mill used by the Wyandot Indians, who fought the soldiers of the Sandusky Expedition in 1782.

“Back in Pennsylvania, he married Agnes Waits, daughter of John Waits, who with his five sons had served in the Revolution. Before that he had attempted to erect a cabin near Steubenville, but was driven away by Indians. The 1790 Census of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, lists Philip Smith, wife, two boys and a girl. The baptism records of Jacob’s Church list the birth of four of his children. When his father

came to Jefferson County, Ohio, around 1800, Philip II, then age 39, brought his family there. He bought 160 acres from Bazaleel Wells in 1806 located in Steubenville Township,

Jefferson County, section 28. Three years later he sold it back when he was preparing to move to Wayne County.”



“The first land grant patented by Philip II



in Wayne County was dated September 30, 1809, and located in section 13, Wooster

Township. At that time only 20 patents had been granted in Wayne County. He came here to build a cabin and clear seven acres of land located west of CR 54 just south of TR 163, where the Kenneth Spencer farm is today (also described as being located south of Ely Road along CR 54). Then in March of 1812, his second and third sons, George P. Smith and Philip Smith III, along with son in law, James McIntire, built a raft on Cross Creek in Jefferson County, loaded it with goods and floated it to the Ohio River, down to Marietta, up the Muskingum River, Tuscarawas River, and Killbuck Creek to Big Springs north of Holmesville. They came the rest of the way by land. An account of this journey is given in *History of Wayne County*, page 233, by Douglas” (*Descendants of Philip Schmidt*, page 3, by Richard Smith).

I shall have more than an equal share as before and meaning a share and a half, and unto their heirs and assigns forever, and lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my said sons John Smith and Nathan Smith to be the Executors for this my last will and testament Revoking and annulling all former wills by me made and testifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight.

Signed, published and declared by the above named Philip Smith as and for his last will and testament in presence of us at his Request have signed as witnesses to the same

Daniel Casey
Samuel Orr

Philip Smith

Top: Ohio Historical Marker dedicated to the memory of Colonel William Crawford and another view of the Crawford Monument. Colonel Crawford lost his life trying to save his brother. Above: Will of Philip Smith, II (5th Great-Grand-uncle), written and signed by him on January 5, 1838, in Wayne County, Ohio. He died a few days later before January 11th.

“The story of Philip Smith, who was shot in the arm, and who became separated from his command, is one of interest. He was but a young man, a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1761. He was likewise one of the pioneers of Ohio, and came to Wayne County in 1811.



Top left: Apple Creek, Ohio, in 1889. Descendants of Philip Smith II, Valentine Smith, Christena Smith Brown, and Mary Smith Franks continue to live in Wayne County today. Middle: Old Presbyterian Cemetery Apple Creek at sunset, September 2004. Lower left: View of Presbyterian Cemetery looking north.



He was the father of Nathan W. Smith, of Wooster Township” (*History of Wayne County, Ohio*, page 221).

“Navigating the Killbuck and Salt Creek—The following reminiscences were contributed by Nathan W. Smith, of Wooster Township: In 1812 Philip Smith dispatched a boat load of goods up these streams from the Ohio River, with his sons George and Philip, and James McIntire

in charge. The boat was a ‘dug out,’ 68 feet long by 3 ½ feet wide, carved out of a solid log. It was made several miles up Cross Creek, in Ohio, where it was launched and passed down the river to within three miles of Wellsville. Here the cargo was

placed on board, consisting of four, four-horse wagon loads of goods, and on March 20th, 1812, they embarked on the trip for the then distant Wayne County. They moved down the Ohio to the mouth of the Muskingum, and up that river and its tributaries to



the mouth of the Killbuck; thence up that stream to the mouth of Salt Creek, near Holmesville; thence to a point above Holmesville, where the goods were unloaded, at Morgan's residence, at the Big Spring."



Top left: Old Presbyterian Cemetery Apple Creek. Above: Gravestones of Philip Smith (5th Great-Granduncle; 1761-1838) and his wife, Agnes Waits Smith (1766-1850). The church once stood behind their monuments. Left: Philip Smith's monument.

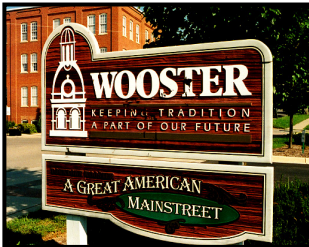
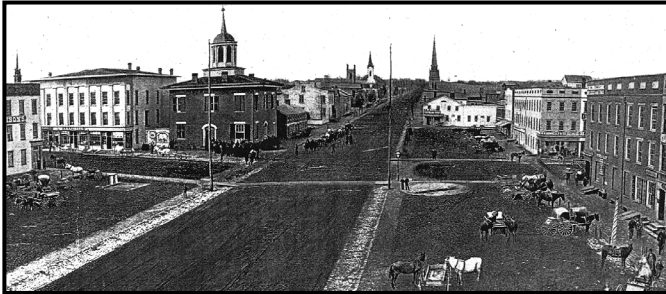
"Almost one month was occupied in making this passage. This was the first craft that had navigated the Killbuck, which passage was accomplished with great difficulty, as they frequently had to cut their way through driftwood" (Ibid, page 233).

Philip Smith II owned land south of the junction of Highway 250 and CR 302, just west of Apple Creek, Wayne County, Ohio, as well as other properties. His brother, **Nicholas Smith** (4th Great-Granduncle), owned the land immediately south of this acreage.

Today, Highway 49 cuts across their property. There was also a creek that fed into Apple Creek that flowed through their land.

"An incident took place in the Smith Settlement located east of Wooster, as described in *History of Wayne County*, page 376, by Bowen. Settlers were alarmed by what appeared to be a rifle fire. Many

started back toward Steubenville. James McIntire was selected to go make an investigation. He found it to be other settlers chopping and burning out a log to make a trough. This settlement was in sections 12 and 13, Wooster Township, where Philip II, Valentine, Nicholas and Henry took out grants. This is the area along the west side of CR 54 a mile on both sides of County Home Road



and some land on the East Union side of CR 54.” Other lands taken up by Philip II: 1814—southwest 24; northwest 25 Franklin Township; southwest 25 Franklin, later sold to son Jacob P. Smith; northeast 32 East Union



Top left: Wooster, Ohio, in 1889. Above: Gravestone of Philip Smith, III (1820-1845) grandson of Philip Smith (5th Great-Granduncle). Left: Gravestone of Nathan Waits Smith (1804-1885), son of Philip Smith (5th Great-Granduncle). Buried beside Nathan are his wife Maria, and three children: Hiram, Matilda and Ellen Smith in Old Presbyterian Cemetery in Apple Creek, September 2004.

Township, later assigned to Alex Robinson in 1819; 1815—southwest 4 Salt Creek Township, sold to J. Lawrence in 1827; southwest 11 Franklin; 1816—southwest 29 East Union, sold to William Cunningham for southwest 36 Franklin, which he later sold half to son Jacob P. Smith in 1829 and half to son Nathan Smith in 1831. He sold north ½ 13 Wooster to son James P. Smith.

“Philip Smith, II and his family were active Presbyterians. His name and that of many of his children including George, Valentine, and James are listed as members of the

brick church torn down in 1843. A wooden church was erected soon thereafter. The four youngest children were married by Rev. Thomas Barr. Philip was president of the the Temperance Society of the church, the first one west of the Allegheny's, it is said. His grandson, Hiram Smith, son of Nathan, died in 1852 while attending Western

Due Philip Smith the sum of Twenty dollars for value
Recd as witness my hand this 5th day of Jan 1838
Witness George P. Smith Philip Smith
J. P. Smith

Above: Note written and signed by Philip Smith, III, son of Philip Smith (5th Great-Granduncle) on January 5, 1838; witnessed by his brother, George P. Smith. Below: Agnes Smith, wife of Philip Smith deceased, made her mark on this note, dated April 1, 1841/1842; and witnessed by her son, Jacob P. Smith.

Theological Seminary, having graduated from Jefferson College. He was 27. His sons, James and Valentine, purchased pews in the wooden church when it was erected.”

April 1841 No 3
Recd of John & Nathan W
Smith as above sixty dollars
pursuant to the will of Phil
ip Smith Dec^d for the year
1841
Recd by me Agnes Smith
mark
Hiram Smith
April 1st 1842 No 4.
Recd of John & Nathan W
Smith as above sixty dollars
pursuant to the will of Philip
Smith Dec^d for the year 1842
Witness Agnes Smith
Jacob P. Smith

“In 1836, at age 75, Philip sold his farm in Wooster Township to Thompson and Lake. He bought six acres in section 20, East Union (the house at the end of Smith Lane) along US 250. He also reserved ten adjoining acres in section 29 when he sold it to George P. Smith in 1832. He lived here until his death in 1838 at age 77. He is buried in grave 17, row 33, the first row next to the site of the old wooden church. Agnes lived until 1850 and is buried there beside him” (*Descendants of Philip Schmidt*, page 4, by Richard Smith). The heirs sold this property in 1852.

Christena Smith (Christena Schmidt) (5th Great-Grandaunt) was born on April 1, 1766, on Antietam Creek in Frederick County (now eastern Washington County), Maryland, and died on September 19, 1833, in East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio.

Christena Smith married Frederick Brown (born 1756 in Pennsylvania-died August 1816 in Wayne County, Ohio) about 1793 in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of eight children: John J. Brown (December 17, 1794-1861; married Sarah Mercer on April 25, 1820), Hannah Brown

(1797; married Andrew Alexander), Elizabeth Brown (1799; married Mr. Worley), Abigail Brown (1801; married Mr. Thompson), George Brown (about 1802-May 13, 1852; married Elizabeth Lawrence [died June 28, 1848] on April 15, 1823), Ruth Brown (1803; married William Applegate on December 29, 1813), Mary Brown (1804; married Mr. Bergen), and Anna Brown (February 5, 1805; married Thomas McKee).

off and arising from the ~~late~~ one half of the part of my farm which may not be otherwise appropriated shall be equally divided amongst my children as above enumerated
And lastly I do hereby ordain nominate and appoint my beloved wife Christena as executrix & my son John and my son George as soon as George arrives at the age of twenty one years to be Executors of this my last will & testament to do and perform every act necessary for the due execute of this will & every part thereof and so revoking disannulling & rendering void all wills &c heretofore by me made and making this will my only will and testament &c
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand affixed my seal this twenty third day of August A.D. one thousand eight hundred & sixteen
Frederic Brown
Signed sealed published & declared by the said Frederick Brown as his last will & testament in the presence of us the Subscribers
Daniel Kirkpatrick

Christena and Frederick moved to Wayne County, Ohio, via Jefferson County, Ohio, in the spring of 1814, to a 400-acre tract, part of which Frederick and his son John had cleared the previous summer and fall (Christena's brothers: Valentine, Nicholas, and Phillip II, settled nearby). They were one of the first family units in the area. (*History of Wayne County, Ohio*, published in 1889.) In 1813 he patented section 24, Franklin Township and then section 19 in East Union Township. He owned 1,200 acres in this area. They were

part of 'Smith Settlement' around Honeytown in the early years after 1810. Their sons and grandsons were leaders in the Edinburgh Presbyterian Church. One became a minister and another, a famous lecturer; a granddaughter, Nellie Brown, graduated from Boston College. Fred died in 1816; his being the first will probated in Wayne County.

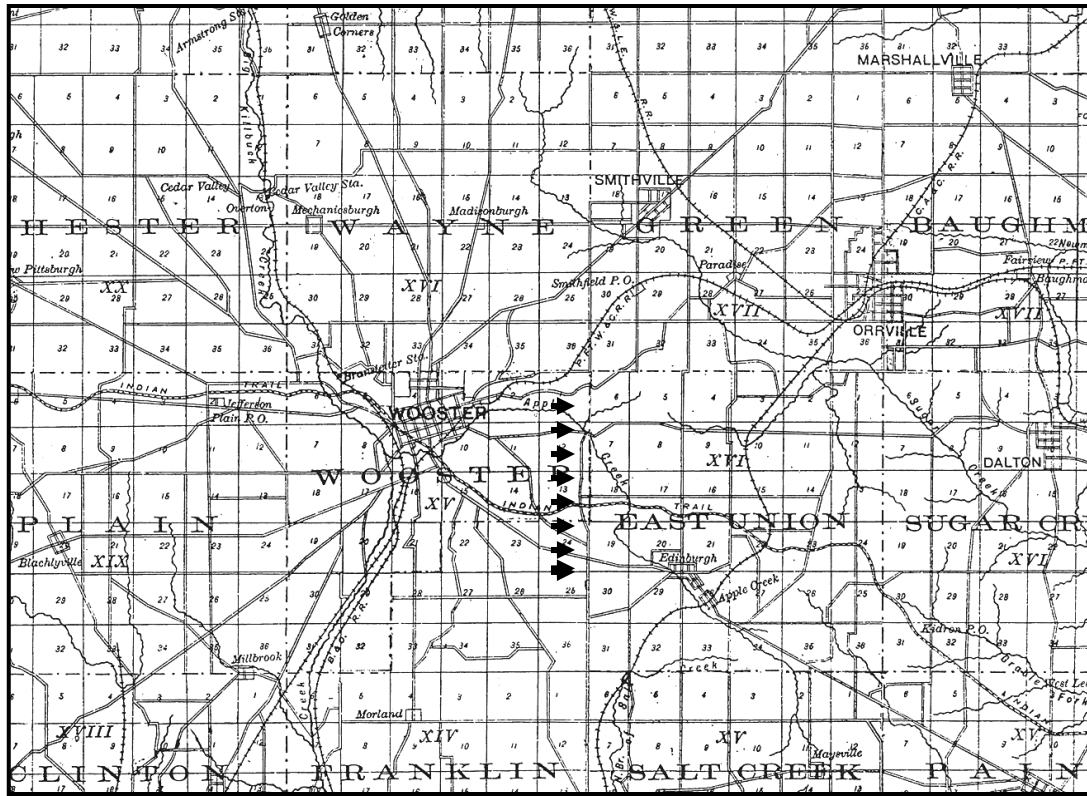
Philip Smith (4th Great-Granduncle), Isaac Burnet, and Jacob Smith (4th Great-Grandfather) completed their inventory of the estate of Frederick Brown on October 9, 1816. His movable property was valued at \$1,482.44, later revised to \$1,603.49, which was considered a large estate in the early 1800s. (*Wayne County Probate Record B-1*.)

hand affixed my seal this
just A.D. one thousand eight
Frederic Brown
declared by the said

Top: Will written and signed by Frederic Brown, husband of Christena Smith (5th Great-Grandaunt), dated August 16, 1816. His will was the first one probated in Wayne County, Ohio. **Above:** Close-up of his signature. Frederic Brown's estate was one of the largest in Wayne County in his day.

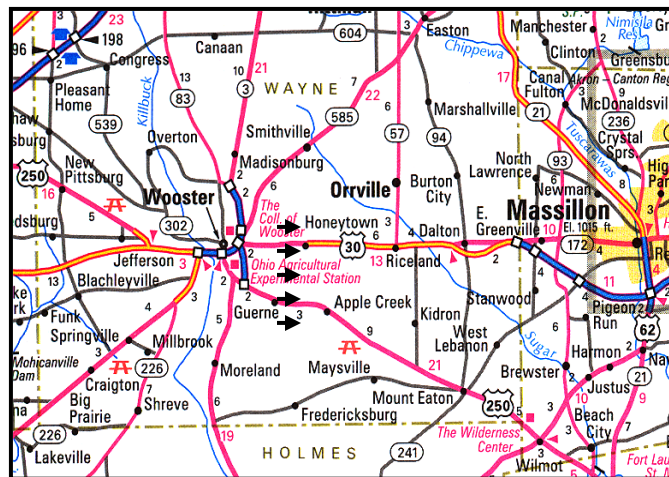
Will of Frederick Brown, written by himself on August 23, 1816: "In the name of God Amen. I Frederick Brown of Wayne County Wooster Township and State of Ohio—Being weak in Body but of Sound and perfect mind & memory Blessed be God

for his Mercies Calling to mind the uncertainties of this mortal and transitory life do make ordain Establish declare & publish this my last will and testament in manner &



Above: Map made in 1889 showing the townships of Wayne County, Ohio. Valentine Smith, Philip Smith II, Christena Smith Brown (5th Great-Granduncles and Aunt), children of Philip Smith; Jacob Smith (4th Great-Grandfather) Mary Magdaline Smith Franks (4th Great-Grand-aunt), and children of Henry Smith, settled mainly along the Honeytown Road (County Road 54) in Wooster and East Union Township between Highway 30 and 250. Philip and Nicholas also owned many acres of land south of 250 at the Honeytown Road. They also owned many acres of land in other parts of the county. Below: Modern map of Wayne County courtesy of Rand McNally, Copyright © 2003.

form following—That is to Say principally & first of all I Recommend my Soul into the hands of God who gave it and my Body I Commit to the Earth from Whence it Came to be buried in a decent and Christian manner at the discretion of my herein after recited Executors—and as to Such Worldly Goods of which it has pleased Almighty God to



bestow on me while in the life I will and bequeath as follows: After paying all my Just debts & funeral Expenses I will & Bequeath to my dearly beloved Wife Christiana Brown the one third part of all my moveable property together with all my wearing apparel also one half of the Rents or profits of the farm on which we now live. I also leave her at liberty to Reside on said farm during her natural life in the mansion house in which we now live—and with regard to the residue of my personal property I will Bequeath as follows (Item) That is to be Equally divided Betwixt my Sons and daughters with the Exception of my daughter Mary who is to have one hundred dollars more & my daughter Ann also one hundred dollars more of Said personal property than any of the Rest of My Children. I do further allow the whole of my personal property to be appraised in the usual way as Soon after my death as the nature of the Circumstances will admit of Said personal property not to be divided as aforesaid until my youngest Child Comes to the years of Eighteen—the residue of the Rent after deducting my wife's those is to be affixed to Schooling & Such other niceties as are needful for those of my children who are not of age—It is further allowed that after my youngest child has arrived at Eighteen years—when the division of my personal property is to take place the one half of the Rental of the before mentioned—is to be applied to discharge all public charges that may be Justly due from my estate to the public and also for the Support of the Gospel in this place of the Presbyterian order—Item And whereas John Davies a Child who now lives with me



Above: Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. The log structure is a replica of the original church, where Philip Smith (6th Great-Grandfather) attended meetings and taught school from 1770 until about 1800. Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather), Elisabetha/Elizabeth Grovenstadt/Grandstaff Smith (5th Great-Grandmother; no grave-stone), Abigail Smith Franks (5th Great-Grandaunt), and Henry Smith (4th Great-Granduncle) are buried here.

provided he continues with my family to do usual work Suitable to his age and abilities Shall be Schooled as much as necessary to Receive a Sufficiency of necessary Clothing



Above: Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery. The two tall gravestones on the left are those of Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather) and his second wife, Margaret Sheeter. The original meetinghouse was located on their left. Below: Memorial marker to Elizabeth Riffle, the first person buried in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery in 1766.

& when he arrives at the age of twenty one years he is to Receive one hundred dollars in Clothing & Such as he may stand in need of Said Sum to be paid out of my personal Estate anything in this will to the contrary notwithstanding provided as before Recited he continues with my family until he arrives at the age of twenty one years but if he should not so continue then & in that case he forfeits the last bequeathal. Item It is further allowed that my Eldest son John Brown to have the North West quarter of Section twenty seven Number Sixteen Range Number twelve to have &

enjoy all the privileges Rights titles & Interests thereof as his own Individual property for Ever with liberty to Sell & dispose of the Same as to him Seemeth meet—Item I do further bequeath to my Second Son George Brown the South East quarter of Section No. Nineteen of Township No. Sixteen of Range No. twelve to have & to hold the Said quarter Section of land as his own Individual property. Item. It is hereby further allowed that the farm on which we now live Consisting of the South East Quarter of Section No. twenty four & No. fifteen of Range No. thirteen and the Southwest quarter of Section No. nineteen of T. No. Sixteen of R. No. Twelve Shall Remain unsold for and during the natural life of my wife for the purposes heretofore Expresses—And it is further allowed that at the death of my wife the aforesaid farm Shall then and in that case be Sold to the highest & best bidder by my Executors and the money arising from the Sale there to be Equally divided between my Children namely Hannah now the Wife of Andrew Alexander—My daughter Elizabeth—My daughter Abigail—My daughter Mary—Son George, My daughter Anny—I do Recommend my youngest Son George to Live on the farm on which we now live on to farm the Same at Such Reasonable Date my Executors Shall allow and any money which may remain unexpended at the death of my wife of any arising from the one Half of the Rent



of my farm which may not be otherwise appropriated Shall be equally divided amongst my Children as above Enumerated—And lastly I do hereby ordain nominate and appoint my beloved wife Christiana as Executrix & my Son John and my Son George as Soon as George arrives at the age of twenty one years to be Executors of this my last will & testament to do and perform Every act necessary for the Execution of this will & Every part thereof and So revoking disannulling & Rendering void all wills I heretofore by me made and making this will my only will and testament—In witness whereof I have here unto Set my hand affixed my Seal this twenty third day of August A. D. one thousand Eight hundred & Sixteen. Frederick Brown (Seal).”

Henry Smith, Fifth Great Grandfather

Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather) was born on February 25, 1752, on Antietam Creek in Frederick County (now eastern Washington County), Maryland, and died on March 10, 1838, in German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. The oldest child of Philip and Barbara Markley Smith, he was named Heinrich Schmidt, but later it was Anglicized to Henry Smith. He was a military scout, Minute Man, served in the militia, fur trader and possibly a farmer.



Above: Gravestone of Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather; 1752-1838) in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery, August 2004. Henry was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

“When Henry Smith reached his majority, he left the paternal roof to make for himself a name and a fortune. He went down stream until he came to York Run proper, where he took up a tract of land containing two hundred and eighty-four acres along the northern bank of the creek (located ‘south of the home place’), which was patented to

him by Charles Biddle (President of Supreme Executive Council in 1787). Here he built a log cabin and for four years lived a bachelor's life."

Henry Smith: Revolutionary War Soldier

"When the dark days of the Revolutionary War broke out he was one of the first to leave his home and enroll himself in the defense of his country as a sacrifice, if need be,



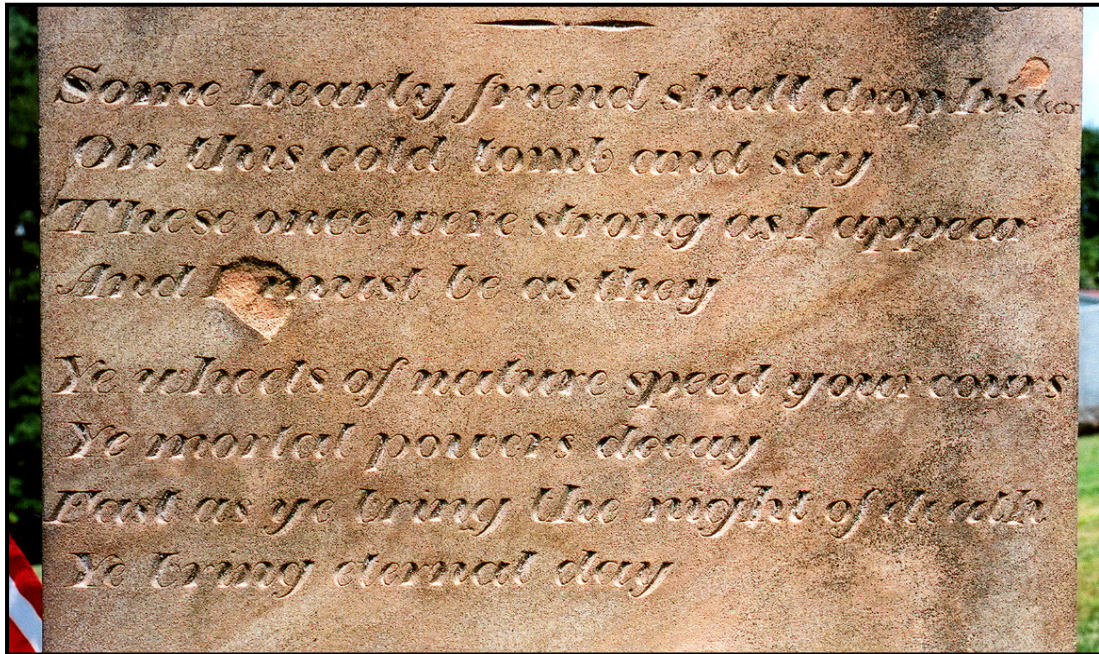
Above: Close-up of Henry Smith's gravestone. The inscription reads: "HENRY SMITH / who departed this life March / 10th D. 1838. In the 87th year of his age."

to that end. He was one of the 'Minute Men' of 1776. He was the father of thirteen children by two marriages, all of whom are now (1900) dead" (*Biographical Dictionary and Historical Reference Book of Fayette County, Pennsylvania*, page 1107-1108, by Nelson, published 1900).

As a Revolutionary War soldier, Henry served in a Ranger Company from Bedford County under the command of Captain Samuel Paxton. He also served in a company of the 1st Battalion of Bedford County under Captain James McKinney. This section of Pennsylvania was Bedford County until 1773, then Westmoreland County, Virginia, until 1783.

Henry's pay for 18 months service in the army as one of the 'New Levies' amounted to forty-five pounds in 1780. (*Pennsylvania Archives*, Series 6, Volume 4, page 8.) Henry received a pension for his service. The jacket of his war pension record reads: "Name, Henry Smith, Sr.; Rank, Indian Spy; Annual Allowance \$26.66; Sums received, \$79.98;

Description of Service, Pennsylvania Indian Spy; Placed on pension, April 21, 1834; Commencement of pension, March 4, 1831; Age 81.”



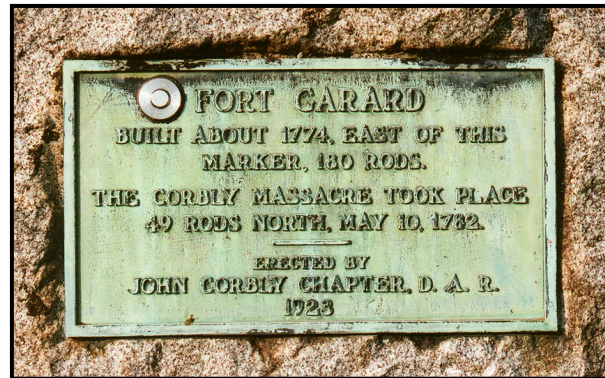
Above: The second part of inscription on Henry Smith’s gravestone reads: “Some nearby friend shall drop In / On this cold tomb and say / These once were strong as I appear / And must be as they / Ye wheels of nature speed your course / Ye mortal powers decay / Fast as ye bring the night of death / Ye bring eternal day.” Lower right: Gravestone of C. Stough (born April 7, 1758; died July, 8, 1827), son of Henry’s second wife, Margaret Sheeter Stough. He is buried next to them.

His complete application for a Revolutionary War service pension, copied from the original: “State of Pennsylvania, Fayette County. On this 21st day of March A. D. 1834, personally appeared before one Samuel Nixon, one of the Judges of the Court of Commissioners of said County and state of Pennsylvania, Henry Smith senior a resident of the same county did state aforesaid aged 81 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.”

“That he volunteered under Captain Walters for a term of three months in the year 1774 to serve as a scout or Indian Spy and was marched to the head waters of Ten Mile Creek in Greene County, Pennsylvania and was generally forted at Ruffles/Riffles Fort when not on the scout—After this tour, he again volunteered under Captain Joseph Brown for one month in the year 1776—He was



marched to the waters of Whiteley Creek Greene County, Pennsylvania and fortified in at Garard's Fort. After this month's service was executed he came home, but was again called out with his claf (the original pension record



Left: Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather) was twice assigned to Fort Garard for part of his duty during the Revolutionary War. The fort is no longer standing, but originally stood near the church. He also journeyed to Hannah's Town (below) to help the settlers there, but the Indians burned it in 1782.

says 'claf,' but perhaps should be 'clas') one month, the citizens were at this time clafed and each claf had to take its turn. This was in the year 1776; he was marched to Garard's Fort again on Whitely Creek and was commanded by

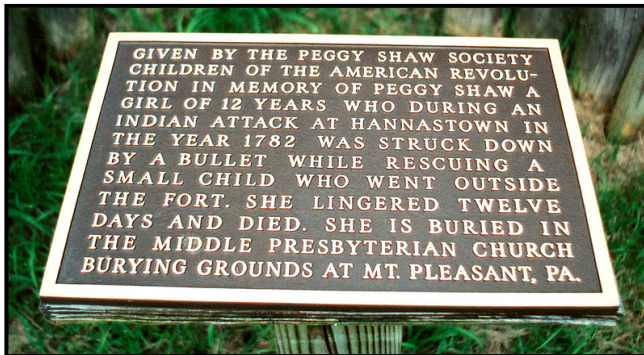
Captain Joseph Brown—during this month he was on the scout as a spy to protect the

frontier—He further states that he was again called out with his Claf under Col. Springer for one month in the year 1779 and was sent to Col. Evans Fort in Virginia on the waters of the Monongahela River and was engaged during the month as a spy—(He was again called to go out in his Clap for one month in the year—he does not recollect—he was ordered to search to Dichern Creek by Col. Springer and was stationed at Barns' Fort—he does

not recollect the name of the Captain who commanded him at the fort). He was after this called to go to Hannah's Town, which was burned by the Indians. He was called to go for one month, the year he does not recollect—But could not go and hired in



his place his Brother Philip—After this he was again called to go with his claf for one month by Col. Springer, the year he cannot state. He could not go and hired for this



Above: Hannah's Town, which is located about thirty miles east of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A 12-year-old girl was shot while rescuing a small child in the Indian attack of 1782 (marker inside fort). Henry Smith was sent to help the town. Below: Many of the forts that Henry was assigned to were stockades like that below.

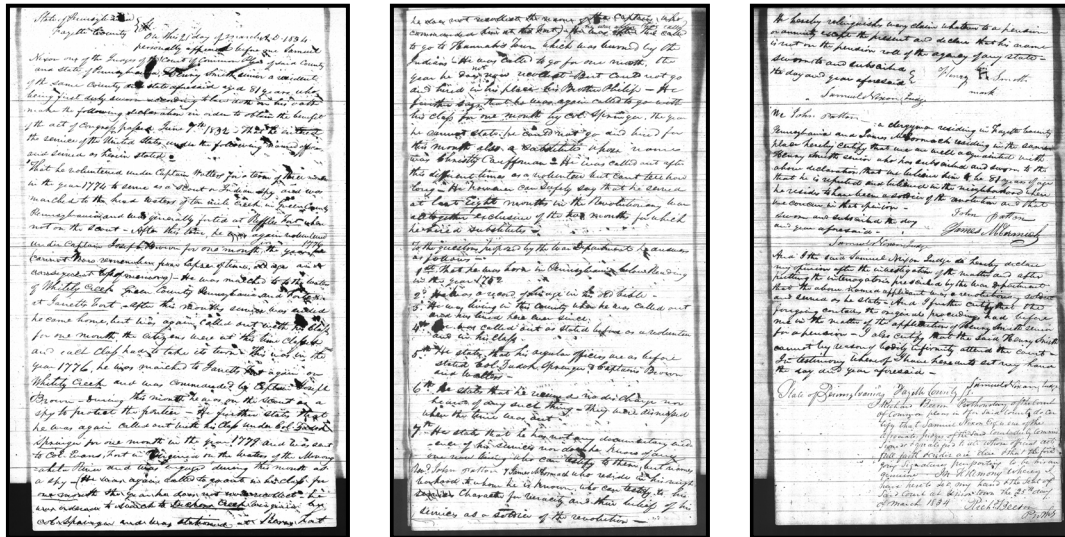
month also a substitute whose name was Christy Caufforman—He was called out after the difficult times as a volunteer, but can't tell how long—He however can safely say that he served at least Eight months in the Revolutionary War altogether exclusive of the two months for which he hired a substitute.”

“To the questions proposed by the War Department he answered as follows: 1st that he was born in Pennsylvania below Reading in the year 1752. 2nd He has a record of his age in his old Bible.

3rd He was living in this county when he was called out and has lived here ever since. 4th He was called out as stated before as a volunteer and in his clafs. 5th He states that his regular officers are as before stated: Col. Fodor, Springer & Captains Brown and Walters. 6th He states that he signed no discharge nor can he account of any such thing—They were dismissed when the time was out. 7th He states that he has not any documentary ever—of his services nor does he know of any one now living who can testify



to them, but names Rev. John Patton & James McCormack who reside in his neighborhood to whom he is known who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his service as a soldier of the revolution.”



Above: Revolution War pension application for Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather) dated March 21, 1834. Henry was awarded a pension based on his testimony. Below: Close-up of mark made by Henry on his pension application.

“He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn and subscribed this day and year aforesaid.
Henry his H mark Smith.
Samuel Nixon, Judge.”

We John Patton, a clergyman residing in Fayette County, Pennsylvania and James McCormack residing in

the same do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Henry Smith senior who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration. That we believe him to be 81 years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion—sworn and subscribed this day and year aforesaid. Signed: John Patton; James McCormick.”

“And I the said Samuel Nixon, Judge do hereby declare my opinion after the investigation of the matter and after hunting the interrogations prescribed by the war department that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and seemed as he states—And further certified the forgoing contract the original proceedings had before me in the matter of the application of Henry Smith senior for a pension—I also certify that the said Henry Smith cannot by reason of bodily infirmity attend the court—In testimony

whereof I have herewith set my hand this day and year aforesaid. Signed: Samuel Nixon, Judge.”

“State of Pennsylvania, Fayette County. I Richard Beeson Prothonotary of the Court of Commissioners in the said county do certify that Samuel Nixon Esq. is one of the official judges of the said court duly commissioned, signed and qualified to all, whose official acts full faith & credits are due & that the foregoing signatures purporting to be his are genuine. In Testimony wherein I have hereto set my hand & the Seal of Said Court at Uniontown the 25th day of March 1834. Signed: Richard Beeson” (*Revolutionary War pension claim, S. 22516 for Henry Smith*).

Henry Smith was awarded a pension of “26 dollars and 66 cents per annum to commence on the 4th day of March 1831. Certificate of Pension issued the 12th day of April and sent to Uniontown, Pennsylvania arrears to the 4th of March 1834—80 dollars. Semi-annual allowance ending 4th September 1834, 13 dollars and 33 cents for a total of 93 dollars and 33 cents.” This was all done according to the guidelines issued by the United States Revolutionary Claim Act of 1832.



Above: Gravestone of Margaret Sheeter Smith, wife of Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather). The inscription reads: “In Memory of “MARGARET SMITH / who departed this life / Dec. 24th A. D. 1859 Aged 76 / years 3 months & 5 days. / Yet gracious Lord where shall I flee / Thou art my only trust / And still my soul would cleave to thee / Tho prostrate in the dust / My flesh shall slumber in the ground / Till the last trumpets joyful sound / Then burst the chains with sweet. Surprise / And in my Savior’s image rise.” Margaret was the widow of George Stough when she married Henry in 1798. Two of her children by Stough are buried next to her in Jacob’s Lutheran Cemetery.

“Henry purchased several tracts of land in Wayne County, Ohio, which he later sold to

his sons. It appears that he never lived there. He took patent to the north half of section 12 in Wooster Township on October 10, 1808, and to the northeast quarter section 24 in Franklin Township on May 29, 1809. His sons, which bought land and moved to Wayne County, were Elias, Henry, Jr., Nicholas, and **Jacob H. Smith.** Henry served as an official for Jacob's Old Dutch Church.

Will of Henry Smith, Fifth Great-Grandfather

"In the name of God. Amen. I Henry Smith of George Township Fayette County and State of Pennsylvania being weak of

** In the name of God Amen. I Henry Smith of George Township Fayette County and State of Pennsylvania being weak of body but of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made in manner and form following viz 1st I will my Soul to God who gave it and my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner 2nd I will to my beloved wife Margaret Smith one third of my personal estate during her life and one third of the proceeds of my real estate also during her life and at the decease of my wife Margaret it is my will that the remaining (and if any) arriving from personal Estate dated as aforesaid to my wife Margaret shall descend to my daughters Rachel Susanna and Elizabeth except twenty dollars of said fund I will to my wife's daughter Sarah Smith - 3rd I will to my four first sons Elias Henry and Nicholas each of them one horse with one hundred dollars which I have already given them - 4th I will to my two sons Solomon and Daniel my mansion or home place to be equally divided between them Solomon to have the South end of said place and Daniel to have the North end of said place each to have an equal number of acres to them their heirs or assigns forever And if I do not dispose of my Mountain place it is my will that said Mountain place shall be equally divided between my two sons Solomon and Daniel I will them their heirs or assigns forever but both places shall be subject to the dower of my wife and the legacies of my daughters hereafter mentioned 5th I will to my seven daughters Barbara Mary Magdalen, Selma, Christina Rachel Susanna and Elizabeth, two hundred and sixty dollars each of them, and to daughter Selma I will thirty dollars exclusive of the before mentioned sum of two hundred and sixty dollars as she has received no furniture It is my will that my Executor sell my personal property and after paying my just debt and necessary expenses together with my just dower then to distribute between my*



Above: Gravestone of a Stough son of Margaret Smith, wife of Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather). He is buried next to his mother. Left: Will of Henry Smith, dated February 29, 1832, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

just four daughters the remaining two thirds of my personal Estate according to these several legacies but if the said remaining two thirds should pay the first four daughters their legacies and a balance yet remaining their said balance shall be equally divided amongst the other three according to their legacies and if the two thirds of my personal property is insufficient to the before mentioned legacies and expenses it is my will that my two sons Solomon and Daniel pay the whole balance so remaining to be paid into the hands of my executor within the term of seven years after my decease which shall be a fund to pay the said legacies But if my sons Solomon and Daniel shall refuse or neglect to pay the before mentioned balance within the said term of seven years then in that case it is my will that my Executor take into his possession said home place and rent the same until the proceeds thereof arising shall satisfy said legacies nevertheless one shall not be bound for the other and each shall pay an equal share I will to my wife Margaret my Horse and three cows and the small cow adjoining on the North side of the house and my corner Rightward during her life and the privilege of keeping one Milk Cow on the said land with or on Daniel's part of the home place and one bed and bedding during her life to be appraised and included in her dower - And it is hereby constituted and appointed James Brownfield of George Township Fayette County Pennsylvania my sole executor of this my last will and testament In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty ninth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two
Signed and attested 23 To the Register of Fayette County Whereas Henry Smith is in presence of ad 3 Whereas Henry Smith is

body but of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made in manner and form following-viz 1st I will my Soul to God who gave it and my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner. 2nd I will to my beloved wife Margaret Smith one third of my personal estate during her life and in the proceeds of my real estate also during her life and at the decease of my wife

Margaret it is my will that the remaining funds (if any) arriving from personal Estate willed and aforesaid to my wife Margaret shall descend to my daughters Rachel, Susanna and Elizabeth, except twenty dollars of said fund I will to my wife's daughter

Sarah Smith—3rd I will to my four first sons **Jacob**, Elias, Henry, and Nicholas each of them one horse worth one hundred dollars which I have already given them—4th I will to my two sons Solomon and Daniel my mansion or home place to be equally divided between them. Solomon to have the North end of said place and Daniel to have the South end of said place, each to have an equal number of acres to them their heirs assigns forever. And if I do not dispose of my Mountain place, it is my will that said Mountain place shall be equally divided between my two sons Solomon & Daniel Smith them their heirs or assigns forever, but both places shall be



Above: Mark of Henry Smith on his will dated February 29, 1832. Below: Home of Henry Smith on York's Run. Henry built his log cabin about 1770. Later added on to and given different sidings, it was occupied until just a few years ago, but is now dilapidated.



sum of the two hundred and sixty dollars as she has received no furniture. It is my will

subject to the dower of my wife and the legacies of my daughters hereafter mentioned—5th I will to my seven daughters Barbara, Mary Magdalene, Salome, Christena, Rachel, Susanna and Elizabeth, Two hundred and sixty dollars each of them, and to daughter Salome I will thirty dollars exclusive of the before mentioned

that my executor Sell my personal property and after paying my just debts and necessary expenses together with my wife's dower then to distribute between my first four daughters the remaining two thirds of my personal Estate according to their several legacies but if the said remaining two thirds should pay the first four daughters their legacies and a balance



Above: Back view of Henry Smith's home. Left: Pond located about a hundred feet from Henry's cabin. Lower left: View of Henry's property from his back door.



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seven years after my decease which shall be a fund to pay the said legacies. But if my sons Solomon and Daniel shall refuse or neglect to pay the before mentioned balance within the said terms of seven years then in that case it is my will that my Executor take into his possession said home place and rent the same until the proceeds therein rising shall satisfy said legacies nevertheless one shall not be bound for the other and each shall pay an equal sum. I will to my wife Margaret my Stove and Stove room and the small room adjoining on the North side of the house and my corner Cupboard during

her life and the privilege of keeping one Milk Cow on the farm with or on Daniel's part of the home place and one bed and bedding during her life to be appraised and included in her dower. And I do hereby constitute and appoint James Brownfield of George Township Fayette County Pennsylvania my sole executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and Seal this twenty-ninth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two. **Henry his H mark Smith.** Signed and sealed in Fayette County aforesaid Henry Smith" (*Fayette County Will Book 2*, page 111).

In 1777 Henry married **Elisabetha Grovenstadt**, later Anglicized to **Elizabeth Grandstaff** (5th Great-

Grandmother) in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Elizabeth was born in 1758 at York's Run in Fayette County and died on August 10, 1796, in Fayette County. She was buried in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery. They had nine children: **Jacob H. Smith**, Elias Smith, Nicholas Smith, Magdalena Smith, Susanna "Susan" Smith, Mary Smith, Barbara Smith (born 1785 in Fayette County; died February 29, 1832), Salome Smith (born April 8, 1787), and Henry Smith.

After Elizabeth died, Henry married Margaret Sheeter Stough in 1799, Fayette County, widow of George Stough, brother of



This page: Original log home of Henry Smith can be seen in two of these interior photographs, August 2004. Stairway to second story. Although the home is collapsing the grounds are attractive.

Rev. John Stough, one of the pastors of Jacob's Lutheran Church. She was born September 29, 1764, and died December 24, 1839, in Fayette County, where she was buried in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery. Henry and Elizabeth had six children: Rachel Smith (born 1799), Daniel Smith, Salome Smith, Magdalena Smith, Suzanna Smith (born 1801), and Solomon Smith (born 1804).



Henry died on March 10, 1838, and was buried in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery, in German Township, near Masontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. He and his second wife have excellent, monuments, styled the old way, erected over their



This page: Land once owned by Henry Smith in the late 1700s and early 1800s. Original fireplaces in his home.

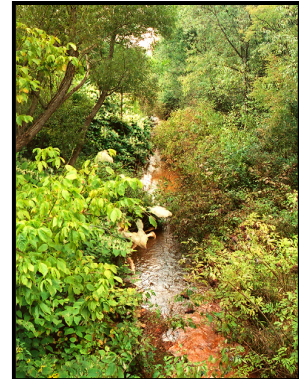
graves. To find the cemetery go southeast from Masontown on Highway 21 toward Smithfield. Turn left (northeast) on Walnut Hill Road (SR 3003) and go maybe two miles to a road and turn left to the church and cemetery.

Children of Henry Smith and Elizabeth Grandstaff

There are two different profiles of **Henry Smith, Jr.** (4th Great-Granduncle). The first shows him being born on June 16, 1776, and dying on October 11, 1855. He married Catherine

(1768-January 26, 1861) and they were the parents of eight children: Sarah Smith (July

20, 1804-August 12, 1870; buried in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery); Abigail Smith (September 16, 1806-January 12, 1869; buried in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery);



This page: Land owned by Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather) from about 1770 until his death in 1838. A large house located a quarter mile from Henry's home (above). York's Run (top right). Henry's home was located at the corner of Smithfield High House Road and Sleepy Hollow Road (below).

George Peter Smith (January 1813-August 11, 1819; buried Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery); Mariah Smith (spelled Maria on gravestone; 1817-October 10, 1891; buried in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery); William Smith (November 17, 1819-November 19, 1901; buried in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery); Selina Smith (1820-March 17, 1897; buried in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery); Malinda Smith (spelled Belinda on gravestone and will; 1825-March 23, 1894; buried in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery); Mary Smith (name is only known from Henry's will); and Joseph Smith (some list him as a child, but he was probably a grandson; August 1, 1848-May 19, 1869; buried in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery).



"This Henry was a member of Jacob's Lutheran Church and is buried close to Henry Smith, Sr." Note that all of the above children of Henry Smith, except for Mary, are buried together in Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery near the grave of Henry Smith, Sr. It seems that they never married. All names are taken from Henry's will recorded in

Fayette County Will Book 3, page 207, which is in the courthouse in Uniontown, Pennsylvania.



Another account outlines his history as follows: He was born on November 11, 1791, and died on February 1, 1872. He married Keziah (Kezia) Davis (born March 29, 1798, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; died November 10, 1831, in Fayette County; buried Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery, Smithfield, Fayette County) in 1817, at Connellsville in Fayette County; and they had six children: David Davis



Smith (May 16, 1820, Uniontown, Pennsylvania-July 30, 1900; married about 1815, Sarah Ann Bryson; born January 10, 1825, in Uniontown), Elizabeth Smith (April 11, 1818, in Connellsville, Pennsylvania; married about 1840, Stewart Speers, born about 1815);



This page: Gravestones of Henry Smith (4th Great-Granduncle) (left) and his children in Jacob's Lutheran Cemetery. Above clockwise: George Peter, Selina, William and Maria Smith.

Hannah Smith (born about 1824), James Bolivar Smith (November 19, 1826-April 27, 1909; married February 7, 1850, Mary B. Bryson; February 13, 1828-October 16, 1896);



Mary Smith, and Eliza Jane Smith. "This Henry was a member of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Smithfield, Pennsylvania, where he served as a Deacon until the death of his wife Keziah. He is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in Uniontown, Pennsylvania."



After Keziah Davis died in 1836, Henry married Leah Fields (born 1795) and they had seven children: Henry P. Smith (about 1835-about 1905), Isaac Fields Smith (1837-1911), Elmer or Elias Minton Smith (about 1839), Mary or Sarah Maria Smith (about 1841 in Fayette County, Pennsylvania-about 1873; married James Gaddis, about 1865), Harriet Melvina Smith (born before 1844; married Joseph Bogar), Alice Smith (born before 1844), and Louis Smith (born before 1844). After Leah Fields died Henry married Eliza Wilkey/Wilkie (born before 1840) and they had three children: Elmer Smith, Alice Smith, and Lewis Smith.

This page: Family of Henry Smith (4th Great-Grand-uncle). Top left to right: Sarah Smith (1804-1870), Felinda Smith (1829-1894), and Abigail Smith (1806-1869). Above left: Monument erected by a descendant of Henry and Catherine Smith next to their original grave-stones. Above right: Catherine Smith (1786-1861), wife of Henry Smith. All of Henry's many children, except one, are buried beside him. Most of his daughters never married and died with their Smith surname.

Mary Magdaline Smith (4th Great-Grandaunt) was born on December 21, 1786, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and died on October 6, 1868,

in East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio. She married her first cousin, Conrad Franks, son of George Franks and Abigail Smith (born October 7, 1786, German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania-died March 7, 1869, in Apple Creek, Wayne County, Ohio), about 1803. They had ten children: Rebecca Franks (June 25, 1807, Fayette County, Pennsylvania-after 1870, Riley Township, Sandusky County, Ohio; married November 5, 1826, at Wooster, Wayne, Ohio, John Miller), Elizabeth S. Franks (1811 Fayette County-1881 Sandusky County, Ohio; married May 9, 1830, in Wayne County,

Ohio, Benjamin Miller; second marriage to Uriah M. Franks), George S. Franks (April 21, 1813, Fayette County, Pennsylvania-January 27, 1888, at Gratiot County, Michigan;



Above: Double monument of Solomon Smith (4th Great-Granduncle), who died Mar. 22, 1877, and his wife, Mary, who died April 18, 1871, in Little White Rock Cemetery in Fairchance, Pennsylvania. Top right: Little White Rock Church. Right: Little White Rock Cemetery; Solomon's gravestone is in the foreground. Below: Land near Solomon's home.

married November 29, 1834, Barbara Ann Miller, in East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio), Isaac Charles Franks (August 5, 1815, in German

Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania-August 7, 1896, in Franklin Township, Wayne County, Ohio; married Lucretia Smith on September 5, 1839, in Chester Township, Wayne County, Ohio), Sarah Franks (December 23, 1817, in East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio-November 22, 1865, in Clyde, Sandusky County, Ohio; married Conrad Miller, Jr. on December 5, 1835, in East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio), Cornelius Franks



(about 1820 in Ohio-1883/1896, in Orange Township, Ionia County, Michigan; married November 23, 1841, Sarah Ann Franks, in East Union Township, Wayne County,



Above: Land near Solomon Smith's home in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. **Right:** Gravestone of Squire Smith (son of Solomon Smith, 4th Great-Granduncle), who died in 1841 at the age of seven. **Below:** Mt. Moriah Cemetery, where Mary Smith, first wife of Solomon, is buried (lower left hand corner).

Ohio), Aaron Franks (May 5, 1822, in Apple Creek, Wayne County, Ohio-September 2, 1889, in Franklin Township, Wayne County, Ohio; married Malenda McConnell, on November 28, 1844, in East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio), John Ramsey Franks

(November 5, 1824, in Apple Creek, Wayne County, Ohio-December 20, 1905, in East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio; married Elizabeth Miller, on June 19, 1856, in Wayne County, Ohio), Catherine Franks (June 10, 1827, Wayne County, Ohio-December 16, 1911, at Clyde, Sandusky County, Ohio; married Andrew Miller on June 25, 1846, in Wayne County, Ohio; married second, Thomas Wiley, III), and Delilah J. Franks (July 3, 1830, in East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio-February 1, 1917; married George Hook Miller, on April 9, 1854, in Wayne County, Ohio).



Elias Smith (4th Great-Granduncle) was born on June 1, 1789, and died January 12, 1854, in Richland County, Ohio. He married Elizabeth Beerbower (born April 10, 1790,



in Pottsdam, York County, Pennsylvania; died August 27, 1865) in 1818 and they had eleven children: Amy Smith (born about



1810), Henry Smith (born December 17, 1812, in German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; married Margaret B. Carr-born about 1816-on November 13, 1838, in Wayne County, Ohio), Jacob

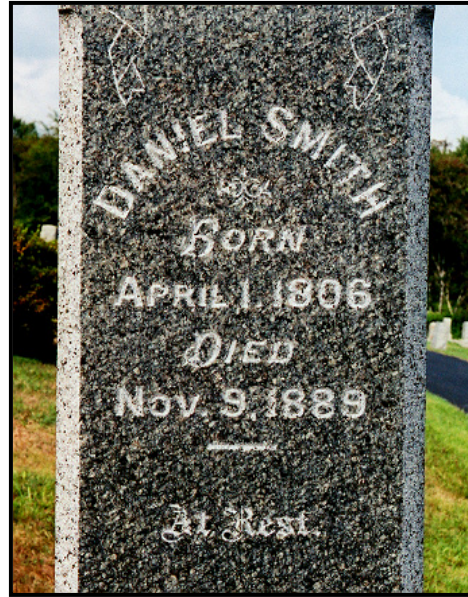
Smith (born December 17, 1814, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania; married Elizabeth First on March 6, 1838, in Wayne County, Ohio), Peter Burtram Smith (born 1816 in Wayne County, Ohio; married Sarah First on October 4, 1839, in Wayne County, Ohio), Sarah Smith (born February 5, 1819, in Wayne County, Ohio-December 28, 1895, in Indiana; married James McFadden about 1838 in Wayne County), John Stough Smith (born February 28, 1821, in Wayne County; married

Margaret Burnet on July 6, 1843, in Wayne County, Ohio), Rebecca Smith (born 1822 in Wayne County; married Benjamine Leech), Kisiah Smith (born 1823; married David Potter), Elizabeth Smith (born about 1825), Jonas G. Smith (born June 27, 1827, in Wayne



Top left: Mt. Moriah Cemetery and Church in Smithfield, Pennsylvania. Top right: Gravestone of Mary Smith (1807-1830), first wife of Solomon Smith (4th Great-Granduncle). Above: Gravestone of Kezia Davis Smith (left, 1798-1831), wife of Henry Smith of Smithfield (possibly 4th Great-Granduncle).

County, Ohio; married Esther J. Leech), and Enoch Smith (born 1826 in Wayne County-died May 6, 1894, Texas; married Mary A. Christee, on January 6, 1853, Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio).



Nicholas Smith (4th Great-Grand-uncle) was born on December 17, 1793, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and died in 1836. He married Leah McCoy (1789-1850) on November 26, 1826, and had three children: McCoy Smith, Serena Smith, and Elizabeth Smith.

Above: Gravestone of Daniel Smith (4th Great-Granduncle) in Mt. Moriah Cemetery, August 2004. Lower left: Inscription on same monument for Elizabeth Smith, wife of Daniel. Middle: Gravestone of Andrew Smith (1842-1926) son of Daniel. Lower right: Highway 119, going into Smithfield and by Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

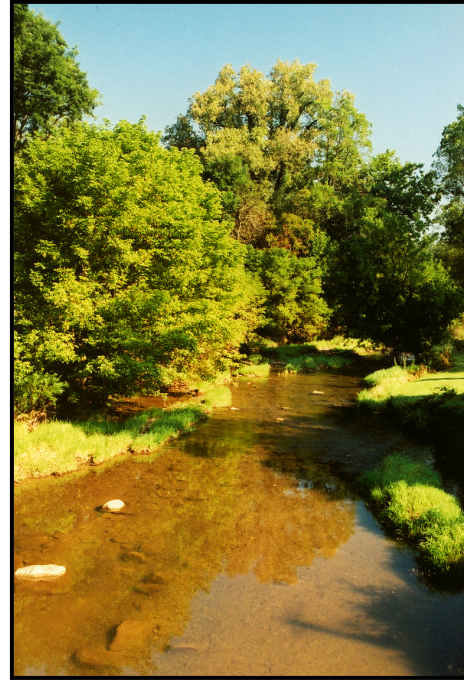


Christina Rachel Smith (4th Great-Grandaunt) was born January 28, 1796. She married Benjamin Miller (born about 1796) on May 9, 1830.

Children of Henry Smith and Margaret Sheeter

After his first wife died, Henry Smith, Sr. (5th Great-Grandfather) married Margaret (Margaretha) Sheeter (1764-1839), in 1798, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. She was the widow of George Stough. Henry and Margaret had five children:

Rachel Smith (born June 21, 1799, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania), Daniel Smith, Solomon Smith, Elizabeth Smith, and Susanna Smith (born July 25, 1801, in Fayette County; christened on August 23, 1801, in Jacob's Lutheran Church).



Above: Land once owned by Jacob Smith (4th Great-Grandfather; 1780-1848) in the 1820s off Highway 30 at Honeytown Road (County Road 54). Right: Apple Creek runs through Jacob's land. Below: Note written and signed by Jacob Smith on April 15, 1847.

Solomon Smith (4th Great-Granduncle) was born on January 12, 1799, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, (another account says he was born January 12, 1804, and christened on June 10, 1804, in Jacob's Lutheran Church) and died March 22, 1877, in Fayette County. He was buried in White Rock Cemetery,

Fairchance, Fayette County. He married Mary Rothruck (March 1807-January 30, 1830,

*On or before the 1st of Oct 1847
I promise to pay to Amos Fisher
or order the sum of Forty dollars for no less
Received this 15th day of April 1847
The Rev. G. Smith.
Jacob Smith*

in Fayette County; buried in Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery, Smithfield, Fayette County) and they had two children: Jonathan Smith (born 1824; married Hanna Riffle)

and Margaret Smith (born about 1828; married Jacob Johnson). Solomon married Mary Polly Hayden (1814-about 1874 in Fayette County; buried in White Rock Cemetery)



Above: Smithfield, Pennsylvania (1887), where Solomon and Daniel Smith (4th Great-Granduncles) once resided, and near the home of Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather). Right: Gravestones of Jacob and Sarah Smith (4th Great-Grandparents) in Old Presbyterian Apple Creek Cemetery. Below: Note dated March 21, 1848, with the mark of Sarah Smith (4th Great-Grandmother).



on August 13, 1832, as his second wife and they had five children: Elizabeth Ann Smith (December 9, 1836-September 9, 1913; married Jacob Snyder Hayden), Kesiah Smith (July 28, 1839-September 17, 1926; married Lucian Leech), Squire Smith (March 6, 1834-September 28, 1841), Albert Hayden Smith (August 12, 1843-September 12, 1909; married Mary Ellen Nixon on February 29, 1868; May 6, 1851-March 16, 1932) and Mary Louise Smith (November 18, 1850-March 4, 1931; married on August 5, 1873, Albert Johnson).

*Received March 21 1848 of James Hurst
administrator of the estate of Jacob T. Smith deceased the
sum of one thousand dollars it being the amount of
money allowed me for my support for one year from
the death of my husband Jacob T. Smith deceased
Sarah T. Smith
mark*

Daniel Smith (4th Great-Granduncle) was born April 1806, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania; christened on May 18, 1806, in Jacob's Lutheran Church, and died November 9, 1899,

in Fayette County. He married Elizabeth Rothruck (born May 1, 1806-died April 2, 1897, in Fayette County) on August 17, 1826, in Fayette County and both are buried in Mt.



Left: Gravestone of Sarah Smith (4th Great-Grandmother) in Old Presbyterian Cemetery (above) in Apple Creek, Ohio, September 2004. The inscription reads: "SARAH / Wife of / JACOB H. SMITH / Died / Oct. 13, 1860 / Aged / 76 years & 29 ds."

Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery, Smithfield, Fayette County. They were the parents of eight children: Henry Smith (June 15, 1827, in Fayette County-1914; married Matilda Ann Deyarmon; 1828-1900), Louisa Smith (February 25, 1829, in Fayette County-November 12, 1839, in Fayette County; buried Mount Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery), Lydia Margaret Smith (May 3, 1831, in Fayette County-September 25, 1896, in Fayette County; married John Anderson), David R. Smith (August 3, 1834, in Fayette County-August 10, 1870), Samuel Miller Smith (January 15, 1837, in Fayette County), Orlando Smith (June 1, 1839, in Fayette County-March 31, 1850, in Fayette County; buried in Mount Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery), Andrew Jackson Smith (February 17, 1842, in Fayette County-December 11, 1926, in Fayette County; buried in Mount Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery; married on May 24, 1863, Eliza Jane Deyarman; July 8, 1840-February 13, 1884, in Fayette County; married second on December 25, 1890, Miranda M. Anderson; 1844-1914 in Fayette County; both wives are buried beside Andrew), and Daniel Porter Smith (September 9, 1846, in Smithfield, Fayette County-February 27, 1910, in Smithfield; married on August 12, 1865, Margaret Hertzog Malaby; May 16, 1846 in Smithfield-July 10, 1903, in Smithfield; both are buried in Mount Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery).

A biography of Daniel Smith and his son, Daniel P. Smith, was printed in *Biographical Dictionary and Historical Reference Book of Fayette County, Pennsylvania*, pages 1107-1108, by Nelson, in 1900. "Daniel Smith (4th Great-Granduncle), son of Henry, was born April 1, 1806, in the house now occupied by his son, Daniel P. Smith, on York's run (Fayette County, Pennsylvania). This farm consists of one-half of the original tract taken up by Henry in 1787, and is without encumbrance of any kind, and one of the best-cultivated farms in Georges Township. Daniel Smith was practical in all he did and what he did was well done. He was a man who by the nature of his makeup made his friends love him. He was warm hearted and generous to a fault, a good and fluent conversationalist, hospitable in the extreme, courteous to all, ever ready to greet a stranger and entertain a friend. On August 17, 1826, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Rothruck, daughter of David Rothruck, of Woodbridgetown, by Rev. John Patton. In 1831 he united himself with Mount Moriah Baptist Church of Smithfield, and was an advocate of Baptist doctrine and a supporter of the church up to his death. Daniel Smith had eight children, four of whom are living (1900): Andrew J. Smith, Henry Smith, Samuel M. Smith, and Daniel P. Smith, the subject of this sketch."

"Daniel P. Smith was born in Georges Township on the same farm and in the same house in which his father was born, on September 9, 1846. He was reared on the farm and educated in the district schools of the township and George's Creek Academy. He always continued himself to agricultural pursuits, and like his progenitors is a practical agriculturist, well versed in all that pertains to his chosen vocation. He is also a breeder of Delaino sheep, which yield a superior quality of wool. For nine consecutive years he efficiently filled the offices of school director and auditor. He married Miss Margaret Malaby, daughter of Henry and Mary Malaby, August 12, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have four children, all-living: Frank Smith, Mary E. Smith (who resides in Iowa), Lonnie M. Smith and Stanley Smith. Mrs. Smith was born in Nicholson Township, May 16, 1846. They are both members of Mount Moriah Baptist Church of Smithfield, of which Mr. Smith is a deacon. Politically he is Democratic in his views."

Elizabeth Smith (4th Great-Grandaunt) was born October 12, 1808, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and died September 22, 1880. She married Philip Sturgis Field (July 28, 1806-November 25, 1874) and they had at least one child: Mary Margaret Smith.

Jacob H. Smith, Fourth Great-Grandfather

Jacob H. Smith (4th Great-Grandfather) was born on January 12, 1780, on York Run, Georges Township, northeast of Smithfield in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Before 1820 Jacob moved from Fayette County, Pennsylvania, to Wayne County, Ohio. His uncles Philip, Valentine and Nicholas Smith settled large tracts of land nearby. Jacob is listed in the Wayne County 1820 Census of Wooster Township. In 1830 and 1840, he is listed in Franklin Township.

Jacob purchased his father's land in Wayne County. This land is located about two

miles east of Wooster, Ohio, at the point where Highway 30 meets County Road 54. Highway 30 runs through the middle of his property.



Above: Gravestone of Jacob H. Smith (4th Great-Grandfather). The inscription reads: "JACOB SMITH / Died / Feb. 20, 1848 / Aged / 68 years / 4 mos, 8 das." Right: View from the top of Old Presbyterian Cemetery, where Jacob is buried. The old Presbyterian Church building where he worshipped once stood nearby, but was torn down many years ago.

He married **Sarah** (4th Great-Grandmother), who was born about 1784 in Ireland, and



died in Wayne County on October 13, 1860. Jacob died February 20, 1848, when he was 68 years old. They are buried beside each other in the Old Presbyterian Cemetery in Apple Creek, Wayne County.

"One son, Cornelius Smith (born about 1823 in East Union Township in Wayne County) is listed in a Smith History, but the author (of *Philip Schmitz Descendants*) is unaware of any other records for this family."

Jacob and Sarah were the parents of three sons: Henry Smith (about 1804/1820), Cornelius Smith (about 1804/1820) and **Israel Smith** (1805). All three sons were probably born in Ohio.

Henry Smith (3rd Great-Granduncle; born about 1804/1820) moved from Wayne County, Ohio, to Seneca, Mercer County, Ohio. He died in Defiance County, Ohio. Nothing more is known about him.

Cornelius Smith (3rd Great-Granduncle; born about 1804/1820) was Postmaster at Edinburgh and Apple Creek Stations, East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio.

Israel Smith, Third Great-Grandfather

Israel Smith (3rd Great-Grandfather; 1805-1857) married **Matilda Wade** (3rd Great-Grandmother; about 1810-1848) in Wayne County, Ohio, in 1829. He moved across the state to Mercer County, Ohio, in 1840. There he settled in Dublin Township, Number 6, in 1842, and lived there until his death in April 1857. After Matilda died in 1848, Israel married Mary Ann Baltzell in 1850 in Mercer County, Ohio.



He probably did not have any children by his second marriage.



Israel and Matilda had nine children: James Finley Smith (1831-1877), Zannan A. Smith (1833/1834-before 1924), Miss Smith (died as an infant), Cornelius B. Smith (1836-1911), John W. Smith (1838-1903), **Henry K. Smith** (1841-1924), Jacob Smith (1844-died young),



Sarah Ellen Smith (1846/1847-before 1924) and Matilda Smith (1848/1849-died young). The five oldest children were probably born in Wayne County, Ohio, and the four youngest children were born in Mercer County, Ohio. Possibly, John was born in Washington County, Iowa, instead of Wayne County.

Top: There are a number of Amish communities near Apple Creek in Wayne County, Ohio. One article states that it has the highest concentration of Amish in the world. Descendants of Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather) continue to live in Wayne County to the present day. **Above:** Roebuck Cemetery near Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio, where James Finley Smith (2nd Great-Granduncle) and his first wife, Phebe, are buried. It is situated on a pleasant farm, where corn is grown in summer. In fact the cemetery can be difficult to see from the road when the corn is high. **Left:** Gravestone of James Finley Smith (2nd Great-Granduncle; 1831-1877). James' second wife was Alvina Sidenbender, who is buried in Riverside Cemetery. She was a widow for thirty years after James died in 1877.

Israel and Matilda are buried in an unknown cemetery near Rockford, Ohio. They are not listed in any local cemetery record.

James Finley Smith (2nd Great-Granduncle; 1831-1877) was a farmer in Dublin Township near Rockford, Ohio. After his first wife, Phebe, died, he married Alvina Sidenbender, the



sister of **Maria Jane Sidenbender**, my second great-grandmother. He died of tuberculosis when he was forty-six years old in 1877. He and Phebe had three children: Della F.



Smith (1857/1858-after 1952), who lived to be over 95 years old; Olive "Ollie"



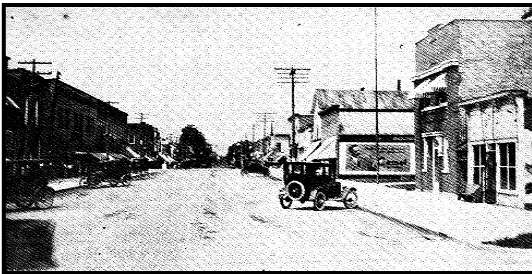
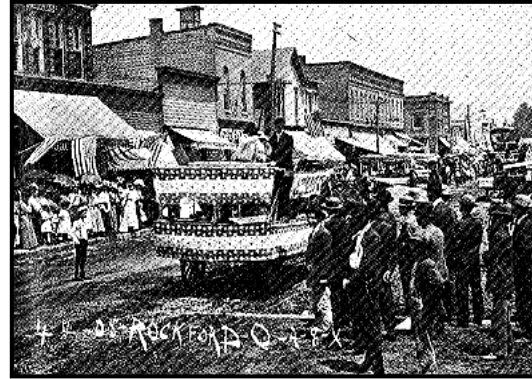
Smith (1858/1859), and Frances Smith (1861/1862).

Top left: Gravestone of Phebe Smith, first wife of James F. Smith (2nd Great-Granduncle). Top right: Gravestone of Alvina B. Sidenbender Smith (2nd Great-Grandaunt), second wife of James F. Smith (2nd Great-Granduncle). Above: Rockford, Ohio, in 2002 and about 1900 (right).

Zannan A. Smith (2nd Great-Granduncle; 1834/6-before 1924) lost an eye when he was a boy. He became a dry goods merchant and was still living in Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio, when he was thirty-four in 1870. He eventually

moved to Coffey County, Kansas, where he continued his dry goods business.

He was living in Crown, Webster County, Missouri, in 1911. Zannan and his wife,



Top right: Rockford, Ohio, Fourth of July parade in 1908. Top left: Cabin built by Anthony Shane in 1819 near Rockford. Middle left: Rockford about 1910. Above: Gravestones of Cornelius Smith (2nd Great-Granduncle) and his wife, Nancy Hedges, in Riverside Cemetery. Left: Gravestones of James F. Smith (2nd Great-Granduncle) and his wife, Phebe, in Roebuck Cemetery.

Hannah, had at least two children: Clara Emma Smith (1858/1859) and Charles Smith (1859/1860-after 1911). Charles Smith had a large family.

Cornelius B. Smith's (2nd Great-Granduncle; 1836-1911) biography was published in 1896 in *Biographical History of Mercer County, Ohio*, pages 550-551.

“Cornelius Smith, a distinguished citizen of Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio, eminent as a banker and prominent as an agriculturist, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, August 4, 1836, a son of Israel and Matilda (Wade) Smith (3rd Great-Grandparents) who settled in Mercer County in 1840.”

“Mr. and Mrs. Israel Smith were natives of Ohio, and were here married. In 1838 they removed to what is now Washington county, Iowa, but in 1840 returned to Ohio,



Above: John W. Smith, Civil War Soldier (2nd Great-Granduncle; 1838-1903), and his wife, Harriet Blake (1844-1896), in Riverside Cemetery.

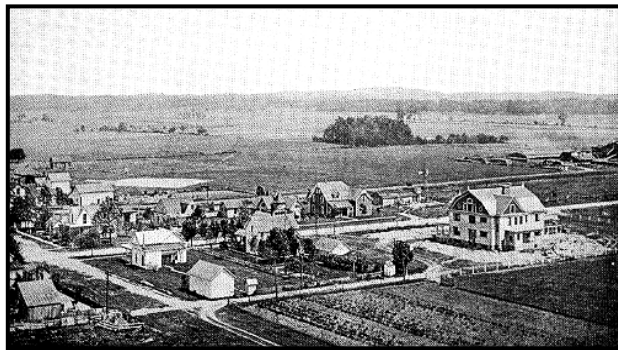
County, Kansas; Jacob, deceased; Cornelius, our subject; John W. and **Henry** of Rockford, Ohio; Sarah Ellen, wife of George Griffin, of Lincoln Nebraska; and two infants, deceased. The lamented mother of this family was called away in 1848.”

“Cornelius Smith, the subject proper of this memoir, was early inured to the toils and hardships of pioneer farm life, received as good an education as the schools of his early day afforded, and assisted on the home farm until twenty years of age, and then began working out as a farm hand by the month for his own benefit. A short time thereafter, however, he began farming on his own account, and this occupation he has never since entirely relinquished. In 1863 he moved to Rockford which town he has

journeying in a wagon with their family, which then comprised five children, intending to settle on some land which Mr. Smith had traded for in Van Wert county. On the way, Mr. Smith stopped in Mercer County at the house of an old settler-a Mr. Guy-with whom he left his family while he went forward to Van Wert County to inspect his land. This he found to be too swampy for his purpose, and so at once returned to Mercer County, where two years later, he purchased section Number 6, in Dublin Township, in Godfrey’s reservation, upon which he made settlement, and which he began to improve, but of which he subsequently sold one half. The remaining half he continued to improve and reside upon until his death in April 1857, in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics a democrat. He became one of the solid men of the county, and was greatly respected for his purity of character and intrinsic merit as a man. To his marriage with Miss Matilda Wade were born nine children as follows: J. Findlay, farmer, deceased; Z. A., a merchant of Coffey

ever since made his place of residence. Here, in connection with his farming interests, he has for five years engaged in mercantile business, and in 1888 he purchased a quarter interest in the Bank of Rockford; in 1892 he withdrew from this bank, and the following year (April 1893) organized the Rockford Savings bank, associating with himself J. S. Riley, his son-in-law, and doing a general banking business, which continues to increase day by day. His present farm of fine arable land comprises many acres, which he personally superintends in conjunction with his banking interest.”

“Cornelius Smith was united in marriage March 29, 1860, with Miss Nancy E. Hedges, daughter of Colonel W. B. Hedges, and was born March 24, 1840. This union has been the happier by the birth of five children, but nevertheless the parents have suffered severely through the heavy hand of affliction bereaving them of three of their offspring, viz.: William, Elmore and Jenney. The surviving two are: Nimmie, who was born January 20, 1861, and is now the wife of J. S. Riley, co-partner with Mr. Smith in the banking business at Rockford, and Carroll C. who lives at home with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics, Mr. Smith is a staunch democrat who has filled the office of justice of the peace—more from a sense of public duty than from any desire of holding a public position. He has always held the welfare of Rockford and the county of Mercer ‘grappled to his soul with hooks of steel,’ and has been generous in his pecuniary outlay toward the promotion of their material advancement. He is recognized as one of the most progressive and sagacious businessmen in the county, and socially he and his family stand at the center of a circle of its most highly respected citizens.”



Top: Overview of Riverside Cemetery in Rockford, Ohio, looking east. Middle: View of Rockford looking south, 2002. Above: South Rockford about 1910. Israel and Matilda Smith (3rd Great-Grandparents) were among the first settlers in the Rockford area in 1840.

Cornelius died in 1911 and is buried near the right entrance of Riverside Cemetery, which is located just outside of Rockford, Ohio.



Above: Riverside Cemetery in Rockford, Ohio, where Cornelius Smith (2nd Great-Granduncle), John Smith (2nd Great-Granduncle) and Henry K. Smith (2nd Great-Grandfather) are buried. Below: 40th Ohio Infantry monument (2008) at Chickamauga, Georgia, where John Smith fought in 1864.



John W. Smith
(2nd Great-Granduncle; 1838-1903) served as a private in Company D, 40th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment in the Union Army during the Civil War.

His regiment was mustered on December 7, 1861. Most of the regiment's early action was in Kentucky. From January 8 to February 1, 1862, they occupied Paintsville, Kentucky. In February, the regiment was ordered to Nashville and then to Franklin, Tennessee, where they helped repulse Van Dorn's attack on Franklin, April 10, 1863. From September 7-22, they participated in the Chickamauga, Georgia, Campaign and were in the Battle of Chickamauga, September 19-21. They were in the siege of Chattanooga, Tennessee, from

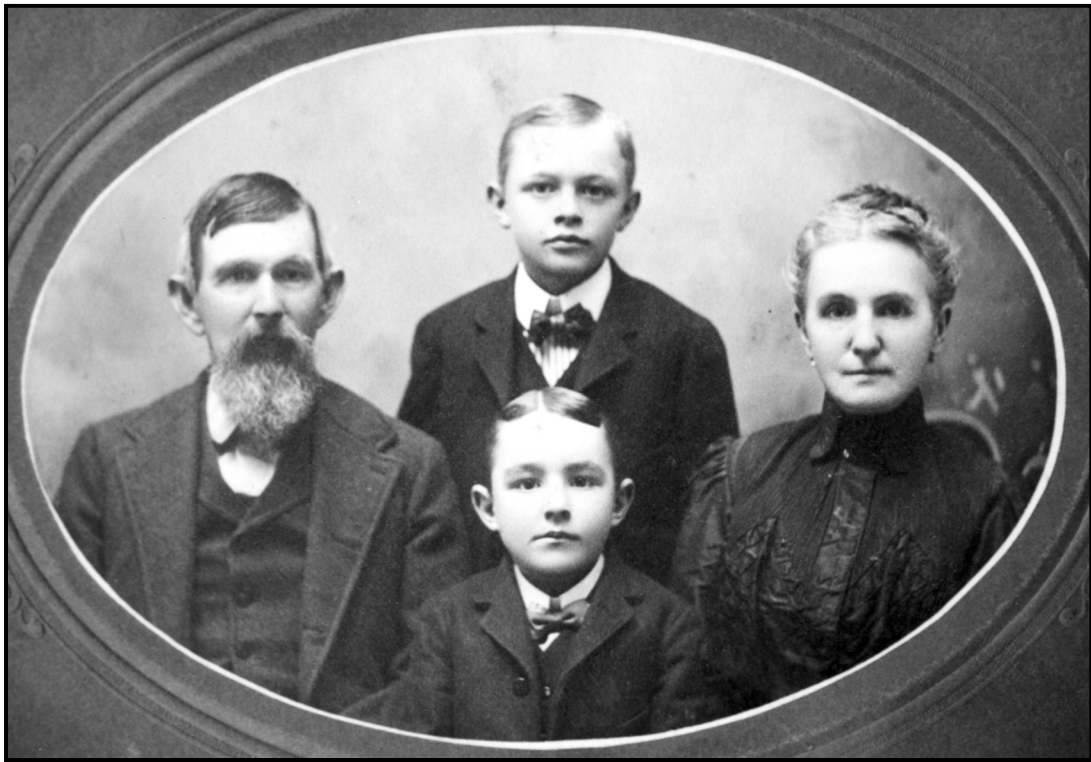
September 24 until November 23, 1863, and participated in the Battles of Lookout Mountain and Mission Ridge, November 23-25, 1863.

The 40th was assigned duty at Whiteside, Alabama, until February 1864, and participated in the Atlanta, Georgia, Campaign from May 1 to September 8, 1864. In this campaign the regiment was in the Battles of Resaca, Adairsville, Dallas, New Hope Church, Allatoona Hills, Marietta and Kenesaw Mountain. From July 22-August 25, 1864, John Smith and his regiment was in the Siege of Atlanta. From August 31 until September 1, 1864, they fought in the Battle of Jonesboro, Georgia. On October 7, 1864, the men of Company D were mustered out at Pilot Knob, Georgia, and returned home. The regiment lost 237 men. Six officers and 96 enlisted men were killed in battle and 1 officer and 134 enlisted men died from disease. (*Compendium of the War of the Rebellion*, page 1515, by Frederick Dyer.)

John married Harriet Blake and had at least two children: William Blake Smith (1868) and Ellen Smith (1869); Ellen never married.

Henry K. Smith, Second Great-Grandfather

Henry K. Smith's (2nd Great-Grandfather; 1841-1924) obituary was printed in the



Above: Henry K. Smith and Maria Jane Sidenbender Smith (2nd Great-Grandparents) with their grandchildren, Wade Smith (standing center) and Dole Smith (Great Uncles).

Rockford Press a day or two after his death on August 6, 1924, in Rockford, Ohio.

“‘Leaves have their time to fall, and flowers to wither at the north wind’s call, and stars to set, but O Death, Thou hast all seasons for thine own.’ But the hand of death was

stayed and Henry K. Smith was permitted to live pass the three score years and ten that testify of above ordinary strength of man. He was the last of a family of eight, six sons and two daughters of Israel and Matilda Smith. Mr. Smith was born near Rockford,



Above: Monument to Henry K. Smith and Maria Jane Sidenbender Smith (2nd Great-Grandparents) in Riverside Cemetery, Rockford, Ohio.



Ohio, April 18, 1844, and departed this life from his home in Rockford, August 6, 1924, at the age of 83 years, 3 months and 18 days.”

“March 27th, 1866, he was united in marriage with **Maria Jane Sidenbender** (2nd Great-Grandmother; 1845-1928) and to this union a son and daughter



Three generations of the Smith family lived in Rockford, Ohio; i.e. Israel Smith, Henry K. Smith and Clyde Smith.

was born. Both have preceded their father in death. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have spent their entire married life in Rockford where he was a successful merchant (dry goods). He was interested in town and community and for a while served as mayor of the village.”

“During the Civil War he served his country in the 99th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. (Henry served as a Sergeant in Company D or F, 99th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Union Army). He was a member of the Rockford Lodge of Free Masonry and was much interested in the order and development of the principles of Masonry.”

“He was converted in a Union meeting conducted by the pastors of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches and united with the Methodist church during the pastorate of Rev. C. A. Moore. Since that time he has served the church faithfully and has been devoted to the principles of right. He has been faithful in his attendance at services and many of his closest friends testify of his change and loyalty. His last years have been spent beautifully in his home where he had rest from the toils of his more active days and among his friends and associates who highly respect him. He will be missed among his friends. He leaves to mourn his loss his faithful devoted companion of 58 years of wedded life, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and a large acquaintance and friendship.”



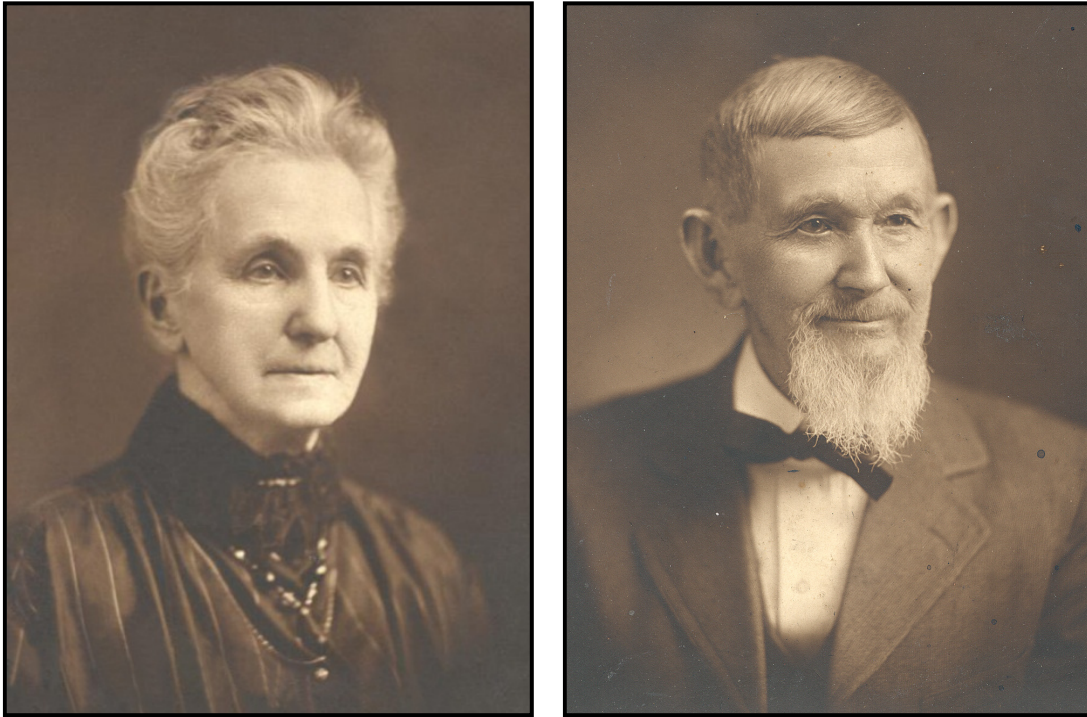
“The funeral service was held Friday afternoon from the M. E. church, conducted by Rev. B. S. Nichols. Present with the relatives and friends were the Order of the Eastern Star, and Shanes Lodge, Number 377, F. & A. M., the later conducting their funeral rites. The burial was made in the Riverside cemetery.”

Above: Gravestones of Henry K. Smith and his wife, Maria Jane Sidenbender Smith (2nd Great-Grandparents). Both of their parents were early settlers of Rockford, Ohio. Henry was a Civil War soldier, mayor of Rockford and a Mason.

In 1870 Henry and his wife, Maria Jane Sidenbender, lived just four doors down from Joseph Sidenbender (3rd Great-Grandfather), his father-in-law.

Henry began his service in Company D or F of the 99th Ohio Regiment on August 6, 1862.

His regiment saw their first action in the Civil War at the Battle of Perryville, Kentucky,



Above: Henry K. Smith, 1841-1924, and his wife, Maria Jane Sidenbender Smith, 1845-1928 (2nd Great-Grandparents). Below: Stones River Battlefield near Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Henry was a sergeant in the 99th Ohio Infantry Regiment, which fought in this battle. His regiment saw most of their action near this pike (lower right). Lower left: Stones River.

on October 8, 1862, where they were kept as a reserve unit. Then they marched from October 16-November



7, 1862, to Nashville, Tennessee, where they did duty until December 26, 1862, when they advanced on Murfreesboro, Tennessee. From December 26, 1862, until January 3, 1863, the regiment was engaged in the Battle of Stones River also known as the Battle of Murfreesboro.



Top left: The Confederates crossed this field in their attack on the Union position at Stones River. **Above:** The 99th Ohio was stationed on the left of this pike near the trees. **Right:** Various fields where fighting took place at the Battle of Stones River. This is the final battle that Henry Smith (2nd Great-Grandfather) fought in before being honorably released to go home.

After the Battle of Stones River, Henry received an honorable

discharge at Nashville, Tennessee, on February 17, 1863. The discharge was due to physical disability. (Certificate of Service from the Secretary of War for Henry Smith.)

Henry's Regiment occupied Murfreesboro, until June 1863. On September 19 and 20, 1863, the Regiment fought another major battle at Chickamauga, Georgia. After their defeat at Chickamauga, the 99th and the rest of the Union Army withstood the Confederate siege of Chattanooga from September 24-November 23, 1863. On November 23-25, 1863, the regiment took the offensive again at the Battles of Lookout Mountain and

Mission Ridge, which were Union victories. After the fighting in November 1863, they made camp at Shellmound, Georgia, until February 1864.



Above: James Blunner, in Union uniform, standing at the approximate location of the 99th Ohio at Stones River from December 30, 1862, to January 3, 1863. Right: Battlefield scenes at Stones River. Below: The oldest Civil War monument in the country was erected in 1863 at Stones River.

From May 1, 1864, until September 8, 1864, the 99th participated in the Atlanta, Georgia, Campaign. They saw many battles during this operation: Tunnel Hill, May 6-7, 1864; Demonstration on Rocky Raced Ridge, May 8-11; Buzzard's Roost Gap, May 8-9; Demonstrations on Dalton, Georgia, May 9-13; Battle of Resaca, May 14-15; Near Kingston, May 18-19; Near Cassville, Georgia, May 19; Advance



on Dallas, May 22-25; Operations on line of Pumpkin Vine Creek and battles about Dallas, New Hope Church and Allatoona Hills, May 25-June 5, 1864; Operations about Marietta and against Kennesaw Mountain, June 15-17; Muddy Creek, June 17; Noyes Creek, June 19; Kolb's Farm, June 22; Assault on Kennesaw, June 27; Nickajack Creek, July 2-5; Ruff's Mills, July 3-4; Chattahoochee River, July 5-17, and Decatur, July 19. From July 22-August 25, 1864, the 99th Regiment participated in the Siege of Atlanta, Georgia. After the fall of Atlanta, they made a flank movement on Jonesboro, Georgia, August 25-30, and were in the Battle of Jonesboro, August 31-September 1864, and Lovejoy Station, September 2-6, 1864. They

pursued General Hood's army into Alabama, from October 3, to October 26, 1864.



In November and December, the 99th did their duty in the Nashville Campaign. On November 30, 1864, they defeated Hood's army at the Battle of Franklin, Tennessee, and again at the Battle of Nashville, Tennessee, December 15-16, 1864. They pursued the remnant of Hood's army to the Tennessee River, December 17-28, 1864. On the last day of 1864, the 99th was consolidated with the 50th Ohio Infantry Regiment.

The 99th Regiment lost a total of 342 men in the war. Four officers and 80 enlisted men died in battle and 2 officers and 256 enlisted men died from disease. (*Compendium of the War of the Rebellion*, page 1540, by Frederick Dyer.)



Top right: Monument to the 99th Ohio Regiment at Chickamauga. Top left: Location of artillery abandoned at the Battle of Stones River by the Union Army on the first day of battle. Above: Clyde Van Smith (Great-Grandfather) about age 17. This and the photograph on the next page are the only known pictures of Clyde Smith.

Henry and Maria had two children: Nellie Smith (1867-before 1870) and **Clyde Van Smith** (1868-1919). Both children were born in Rockford, Ohio.

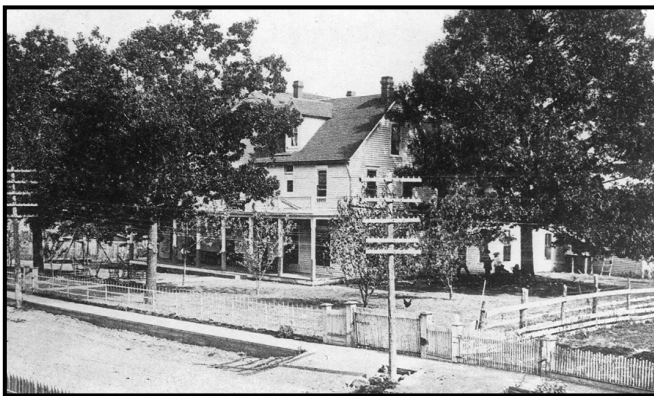
Clyde Van Smith, Great-Grandfather

Clyde Van Smith (Great-Grandfather; 1868-1919) was born in 1868, the second child of Henry K. Smith and Maria Jane Sidenbender. His older sister, Nellie Smith



Above: Clyde Van Smith (Great-Grandfather) at Leslie, Arkansas. Below: Bratton Hotel in Marshall, Arkansas, where Clyde Smith met his wife, Cora Bratton, in 1900.

(January 1, 1867-before 1870), died in childhood. After Nellie died, Clyde was raised as an only child. Clyde graduated from the Rockford public schools in 1887. He



studied civil engineering at the University of Columbus. In April 1891, at the age of twenty-three, he was elected county surveyor of Mercer County, Ohio. He married Lillian Jordan (1870-1962) in the early 1890s, whom he had known in high school. They had two children: **Wade Smith** (about 1893-about 1919) and **Dole Smith** (1894-1918). Clyde was accused of doing something illegal while serving

as county engineer and was convicted and sentenced to jail. Other men were accused, but only Clyde, the youngest elected official, was found guilty. Some people felt that he was used as a “scapegoat.” His marriage did not do well, and after about eight years

of marriage, Clyde and Lillian divorced. After these unhappy events, Clyde decided to move away from Rockford and Mercer County and start a new life.

His work led him to do surveying in Arkansas. While he was surveying Searcy County, Arkansas, he stayed at the Bratton Hotel in Marshall, Arkansas. There he met **Cora Bratton** (Great-Grandmother; 1881-1966), who was working at the hotel for V. Bratton, her cousin. She was eighteen when she met Clyde and he was thirty-one. He did not tell her that he had been married before or that he had any children. Clyde married Cora on September 18, 1900, in Searcy County, Arkansas. They moved to Oklahoma for a year or two before moving back to Searcy County, where they continued to live for the next fifteen or sixteen years. They moved to Little Rock, Arkansas, for a short time before Clyde passed away. Six of their seven daughters were born in Searcy County. After the birth of their second daughter, Clyde confessed to Cora that he had been previously married and that he had two sons.



Above: College photograph of Dole Smith (Great-Uncle) about 1915. While serving in the U. S. Army in France, Dole contracted influenza, which soon became pandemic, killing 20 to 100 million people worldwide. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery (below).

Clyde died unexpectedly of heart disease on July 4, 1919, at the age of fifty-one. He died in Tampa, Florida, where the family was staying so that their thirteen-year-old daughter, Margaret, could receive treatments for blood



Mary Josephine Smith (1903-1988), Margaret Nell Smith (1905-1919), **Clara Bell "Claire"**

poisoning. **Margaret Smith** (1905- 1919) died the next day on July 5, 1919. Their bodies were taken by train to Little Rock, Arkansas, where they were buried in Oakland Cemetery. My grandmother, **Claire Smith** (1907-1991), was only eleven years old when her father died.

Clyde and Cora were the parents of seven daughters: Maria Kate "Katherine" Smith (1901-1977),

Smith (1907-1991), Henry Etta Smith (1909-1986), Helen Marion “Marian” Smith (1911-1949) and Ann Van Gundy Smith (1916-1986). All of their children were born in

Searcy County, Arkansas, except for “Katherine,” who was born in Canadian County, Oklahoma.

A letter written in the early 1950s by a lady that knew Clyde Smith and his family sheds further light on Clyde’s early life.

“I knew Clyde as a young man. His father and mother were members of old families in this community. Clyde was a very brilliant fellow. I think he was in the first class that Rockford High School graduated and Lillian (his first wife) was in the next class. They married soon after her commencement. They had two sons and I had both of them in school, both bright, sweet boys. I was fond of both of them. The second boy died in France in World War I.”

“Clyde was elected county surveyor when quite young and as the gossip was in those days, there was a gang of crooks in the courthouse, especially among the commissioners. Arrests



Top: Rebecca Martin, great-grandniece (one and one half years old), at the grave of Dole Smith in Arlington National Cemetery in 1997. Dole’s body was sent from France and buried here. By mistake his monument was inscribed with the name Dolf instead of Dole. The inscription reads: “DOLF M. SMITH / MARYLAND / PVT / BASE HOSP 42 / OCT 27, 1918.” The war ended fifteen days after he died. **Above:** Ron Martin visiting the Smith Plot in Oakland Cemetery in Little Rock, Arkansas, where his ancestors Clyde Smith (Great-Grandfather), Cora Bratton Smith (Great-Grandmother), Helen Smith (Great-Aunt) and Nellie Smith (Great-Aunt) are buried.

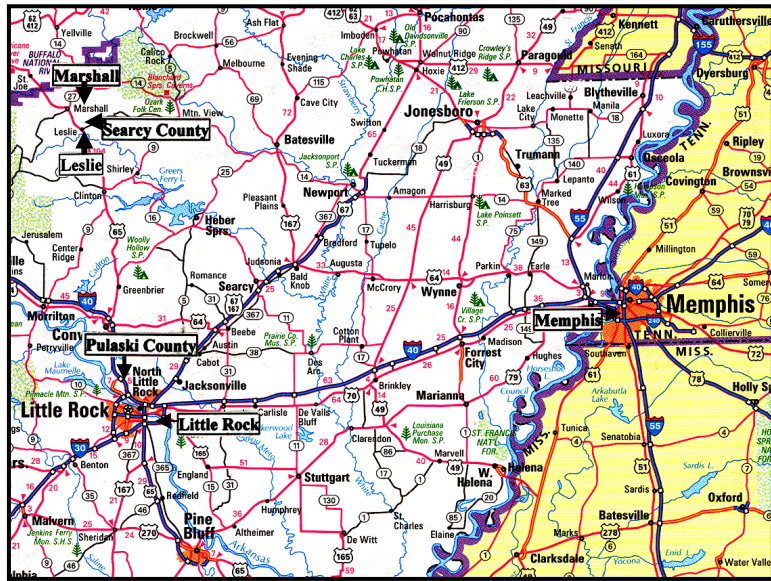
were made and when the prosecution was completed Clyde was the only one sentenced, which upset the Rockford people.”

“After some time he left Rockford and as far as I know nobody knew where he was for years, then the word came back that he had married and had a family.”

“Lillian later met Clyde’s other family (after his death). And they wanted her to come back to visit them. They wrote for her to come at different times. She visited one winter on her way to California and she said that they were all just lovely to her.” (Lillian married twice after her first marriage to Clyde. Her second husband was killed in an automobile accident and her third husband was a missionary that she met in a retirement home. They traveled to Wales and Europe together.)

News of Clyde’s death was printed in the *Rockford Press* in Rockford, Ohio, in 1919.

“Falls Heavily—Clyde V. Smith and Daughter, Margaret, Pass Away at Tampa. Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Smith received the sad news last Thursday afternoon telling them of the death of their only son, Clyde V. Smith, who had passed away suddenly of heart disease at Tampa, Florida; where the family had been residing for the benefit of their daughter, Miss Margaret, who had been suffering for several years from blood poisoning. This first sad message was followed by another telling that the daughter had also died in a hospital at Tampa, bringing a double portion of bereavement



Top: Smith family residences in Arkansas and Tennessee. Map courtesy of Rand McNally and Company, Copyright © 2003. Above: Gravestone of Helen M. Smith Shaw (Great-Aunt) in Oakland Cemetery. Helen’s niece, Carol Bradshaw, said that Helen was a wonderful person. She was kindhearted and thoughtful, but suffered many personal tragedies. She got tuberculosis; suffered great pain and eventually lost a leg from a car accident; her husband was unfaithful; and her son crippled by polio. But her family always loved her, and grieved at her loss.

to the family. The bodies were taken to their home in Little Rock, Arkansas, where they were laid to rest.”



Above: Gravestones of Clyde Van Smith (Great-Grandfather) and his daughter, Margaret “Nellie” Smith (Great-Aunt), in Oakland Cemetery in Little Rock, Arkansas. They died one day apart. Below: Dewey L. Acree, first husband of Maria Kate “Katherine” Smith (Great-Aunt), who died of tuberculosis. They are buried in Oakland Cemetery.



“Clyde Van Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Smith, was born in Shanes Crossing, now Rockford, Ohio, on October 15, 1868. He graduated from the Rockford public schools in 1887 and afterward studied civil engineering at the University of Columbus. In April 1891 he was elected county surveyor of Mercer County. About twenty years ago, he went to the western states and later settled in Little Rock, Arkansas.”

“The sympathy of many relatives and friends goes out to the aged parents and the family in this hour of great sorrow, the passing out of a son and his daughter.”

Dole McClure Smith (Great-Uncle; 1894-1918) died while serving as a soldier in the American Army in France during World War I. Dole had graduated from Rockford High School and then went on to study chemistry at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Bacteriology from 1913 until he graduated in 1916. He then moved to Baltimore, Maryland, where he went to work as a chemist for Burrough Brothers Wholesale

Manufacturing Chemist. In Baltimore, he lived at 108 East Madison. When the United States entered the First World War, Dole enlisted as a private in the Army on June 5, 1918, in Baltimore. He was assigned duty in the medical department as a chemist and a bacteriologist and attached to Base Hospital 42 of the 11th Infantry Division in France.



Above: Gravestone of Robert Van Shaw, son of Helen Smith Shaw (Great-Aunt). Left: Overview of the Smith Plot in Oakland Cemetery, located about three miles southeast of downtown Little Rock, Arkansas.

While serving in this capacity, Dole became ill with bronchial pneumonia and died on October 27, 1918. The war ended fifteen days later. The dean of his college, Clarence Halball, wrote his condolences to Henry K. Smith (2nd Great-Grandfather) in a letter dated January 2, 1919.

“Dear Sir: The Sad news of the death of your grandson, D. M. Smith, of the class of 1916 of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, has been received and we appreciate the trouble that you have taken to inform us of the fact. He was a fine young man and his death is a loss to his profession as well as to his family. The College has had upward of five hundred of its graduates and students in the Service and of this number more than a score have paid ‘the great price’ by giving their lives. I feel sure that at some time in the future the names of those heroes will form an honor roll on a tablet in the College and in that way be an inspiration to future generations of students. Yours in sincere and sympathetic understanding, Clarence Halball, Dean.”

Dole was buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D. C. In May 1997 I visited Dole Smith’s grave in Arlington, accompanied by my wife, Karen, and baby daughter, Rebecca. It was probably the only visit that anyone had made to his grave in over twenty years.

Wade “Gunboat” Smith (Great-Uncle; about 1893-about 1919) was the oldest son of Clyde Smith (Great-Grandfather). “He married a very sweet girl named Cora and they had a daughter (Betty—Mrs. Donald Hoffine of Rockford, Ohio) that seems to be a sweet person. She is very active in the E. U. B. Church here (Rockford). Wade was a good

worker and for a while things went pretty well with him and his family, but he began drinking. His wife had to go to work and in time they separated for good.” (Cora later married a well-to-do farmer.)

At the time of his father’s death in 1919, Wade went down to Arkansas and was killed (cause unknown; possibly an accident). His mother, Lillian, went down to take care of his body and that is how she met Cora Bratton Smith (Great-Grandmother) and six of Clyde’s daughters. She visited them again on a separate trip to California some time later. Clyde’s family encouraged her to visit them and she appreciated their kindness and love. (Information from a letter written about 1950 by Miss Clara L. Penn, a school teacher in Rockford, Ohio.)

Maria Kate “Katherine” Smith’s (Great-Aunt; 1901-1977) first husband, Dewey Acree, died from tuberculosis. Carol Lee Sharp Bradshaw, daughter of Claire Smith and niece of Katherine, told me that she loved “Uncle Dewey” and always wanted to be near him. Because he had tuberculosis, they would try to keep her away, but she would crawl under his bed and hide so that she could be close to him.



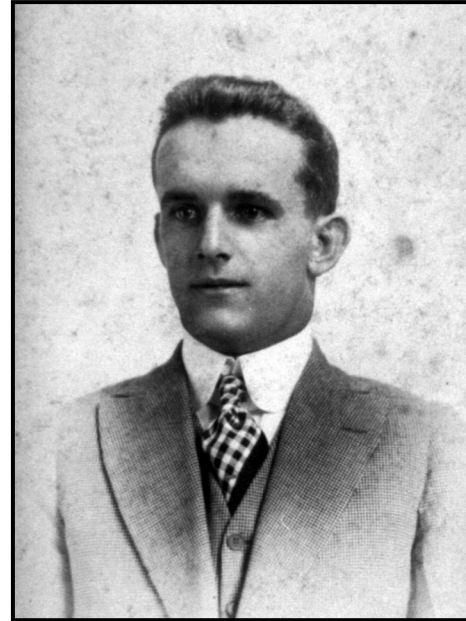
Above: Maria Kate "Katherine" Smith (Great-Aunt; 1901-1977). Below: Gravestone of Katherine Smith and her husband, Elmer Spraggins, in Forest Hills Cemetery, Little Rock, Arkansas.



Katherine was born in Canadian County, Oklahoma, but grew up in Searcy County, Arkansas. She advanced her education by studying law through an extension course at what is now Tampa University in Tampa, Florida. Katherine worked as an

insurance investigator for Lawrence Gouldman Company, Inc., and during World War II,

she worked for Gaddis Taylor Insurance Adjusters at Tyler, Texas. Following the war, she and her second husband, Albert Connerly, returned to Little Rock, and she became associated with C. R. Rush Insurance Adjusters. She traveled by car throughout the State of Arkansas and Texas as an insurance adjuster. Later, she was Dr. Joe Shuffield's



Top left: Henrietta Smith (Great-Aunt; 1909-1986). Above: George Barney Warner (age 19 in 1914), Henrietta's first husband. Left: Henrietta's gravestone in Forest Hills Cemetery in Little Rock.



secretary until his accidental death and continued with Shuffield and Nixon until her retirement. While working for doctors Shuffield and Nixon, she became interested in the Medical Assistants and served as State President and President of the Pulaski County Medical Assistants. A scholarship known as the "Katherine Spraggins Scholarship Fund" was established at Texarkana College in Texarkana, Arkansas, for two years. \$250 was given to two students

each year who were interested in studying to become medical assistants.

My sister, Cathy Ann Sharp Martin, told me an interesting experience she had with Katherine. Cathy had joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and wanted to share her newfound truths with her great-aunt. She told Katherine about Joseph Smith and the revelations that he had received. When she had finished, Katherine told her great-niece that she believed



everything she had told her and that she knew it was true. Cathy asked, "How can you know so quickly that what I have said is true?" Katherine replied, "Many years ago I was told that the oldest child of Pat would bring the truth to the family. By that I know that what you have told me is true." She only wondered why it had taken Cathy so long. Katherine later requested that the family perform all the necessary temple work for her.

After Katherine's second husband Albert Connerly died in 1949, she married Paul Goodman, but they divorced in September 1953. She then married Elmer Spraggins in 1954. She was living with Elmer at 17821 Smith Lane in Little Rock, Arkansas, when she died on Thursday, June 30, 1977, at

*Sunday, February 11,
1945; taken on the
steps of the War
Memorial, Little
Rock, Arkansas*

Top: Mary Josephine Smith (Great-Aunt) about seventeen years of age. Right: Mary in 1945 and (above) the note she wrote on the back of this photograph.



the age of 76. Katherine was buried Saturday, July 2, 1977, at Forest Hills Cemetery in Little Rock, Arkansas. She never had any children.

Mary Josephine Smith (Great-Aunt; 1903-1988) worked at a bank chaired by her aunt's husband, Ed Mays, in St. Louis, Missouri, in the 1930s. She was a legal secretary



Above: Mary Josephine Smith (Great-Aunt; 1903-1988). Left: Mary with her husband, Alexander D. Smith, in 1943.

for much of her life. She regularly sent money to her mother to help support the children of her sister, Claire. Dignified and graceful, she was an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and loved history. She stayed active all of her life and even traveled to Europe when she was in her early eighties.

I visited "Aunt Mary" almost every year from the middle 1970s until her death by a stroke in 1988. She bought the home of my parents at

2608 Boulevard Street in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1954, and lived there for the rest of her life. This is the same house that they owned when I was born in 1953. Her sister, **Henry Etta Smith** (Great-Aunt; 1909-1986), lived with Mary for at least ten years, until her death in 1986.

I felt close to my great-aunts. Aunt Henry Etta once asked me, “Do you really think there is life after death?” I said, “I am sure that life is eternal and that we will live forever.”



Henry Etta knew that she did not have long to live and although she hoped that I was right, she was unsure.

My father was always close to Aunt Mary and she helped him many times in his life. He disappointed her, but she always loved him. When he died he was staying at a house that Mary owned. Mary and Henrietta never had any children of their own.

Margaret Nell Smith (Great-Aunt; 1905-1919) was afflicted for years with blood poisoning and died at the age of 13 on July 5, 1919; this was a day after her father died.

Helen Marian Smith (Great-Aunt; 1911-1949) suffered more than most people are called to in her short life. She was a wonderful person. Her niece, Carol

Sharp Bradshaw, told me that she never heard her say an unkind word about anyone. She remembered Helen once saying, “Let’s make sure that we don’t say

Above: Mary Smith Van Loon in March 1977. Right: Mary in front of her Little Rock home at 2608 Boulevard Street in 1978/1979.

anything bad about anyone.” Even though she had very little money, she found a way to send presents to Carol. Carol nicknamed her “Aunt Hodie.” Her son, Robert “Bobby” Van Shaw (1936-1970), contracted Polio when he was



fifteen months old. The rest of his life he was bound to a wheelchair. He was intelligent and went on to graduate from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 1966. He was an honorary member of the National Honor Society, but died when he was only thirty-four years old in 1970.

Helen had contacted tuberculosis probably from working in close quarters at her sewing job, and subsequently went to a tuberculosis hospital for five years. Meanwhile, her husband, Alfred Kenneth Shaw, carried on an extra-marital affair. Once when Helen was in the hospital she received flowers from her husband. When she read the card she discovered that the flowers had been delivered to her by mistake. They were intended for her husband's girlfriend.

Helen was hurt in an automobile accident and her leg was severely injured. For a whole year the doctors try to save it and



Top: Helen Smith Shaw (Great-Aunt; 1911-1949) or her sister, Ann Van Gundy Smith. **Above:** Alfred K. Shaw, Jr., son of Helen Smith (Great-Aunt), with his aunt, Mary Smith. This photograph was taken at the funeral of Henrietta Smith, Mary's sister, in 1986. **Left:** Robert Van Shaw, 1936-1970, son of Helen Smith Shaw. Robert was a healthy boy until he contacted the polio virus at the age of one and a half. He was crippled for the rest of his life and died at the age of 34.

gave her morphine to help her withstand the pain. After a year on the prescribed

drug, she became addicted. Ultimately, the doctors were unable to save her leg and it was amputated. Carol remembered her grandmother, Cora Bratton Smith (Great-Grandmother), telling her not to give “Aunt Hodie” any money. She did not understand why at the time, but later understood it was so Helen would not buy any morphine.



Helen suffered greatly from all the tragic events of her life, and the addiction made her miserable most of the time. One day it was too much for her, and she swallowed rat poisoning. She died at the age of thirty-seven, July 6, 1949. It was on July 4th and 5th that her sister, Margaret, and her father had died. Just four and a half months earlier she had given birth to her second son, Alfred Kenneth Shaw, Jr. (February 24, 1949-present). At her funeral, Helen’s husband threw himself on her casket and wept and wept.

Helen’s husband, Alfred Kenneth Shaw, died in 1970. His obituary was printed in the Arkansas Gazette on Monday, December 14, 1970.

“Alfred K. Shaw, Sr. aged 61 of Route 1, Scotland in Van Buren County, a pipe fitter, died Saturday at his home. He was a member of Hunter Memorial United Methodist Church and Seamfitter Local 155. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Vina Whitlatch Shaw, a son, Alfred K. Shaw, Jr., who is stationed with the Army in Vietnam; two brothers, Allen and T. H. “Bill” Shaw of Little Rock, and three sisters, Miss Ruby Shaw and Mrs. Ruth Spicer of Little Rock and Mrs. Mildred Parker of North Little Rock.”



Left: Ann Van Gundy Smith (Great-Aunt; 1916-1986). Above: Ann “Gundy” Smith and her husband, Gordon Jarstad. Ann married Gordon in Tampa, Florida, and they later moved to Green Bay, Wisconsin, where she died in 1986. They were married for forty years.

Ann Van Gundy Smith (Great-Aunt; 1916-1986) married Gordon Jarstad and moved to Green Bay, Wisconsin. She and Gordon had four children: Judith Ann Jarstad (1947-present), Carl Bratton Jarstad (1950-present), Jacque Jarstad (1953-present) and Lisa Jarstad (1956-present). She died in Green Bay when she was sixty-nine years old in 1986.

See Biography of Claire Smith, Grandmother.

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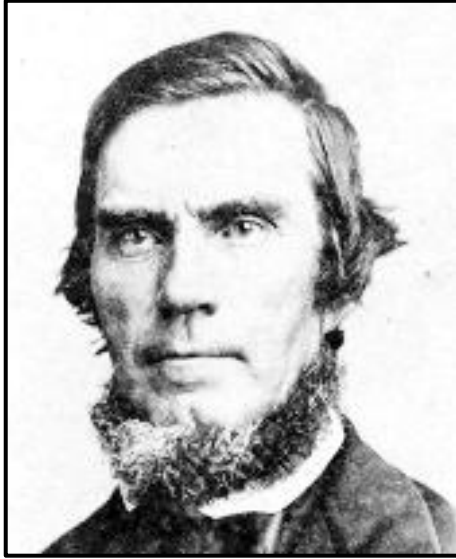
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Above: Family of Judith Jarstad, daughter of Ann “Gundy” Smith Jarstad (Great-Aunt).

Additional Smith History

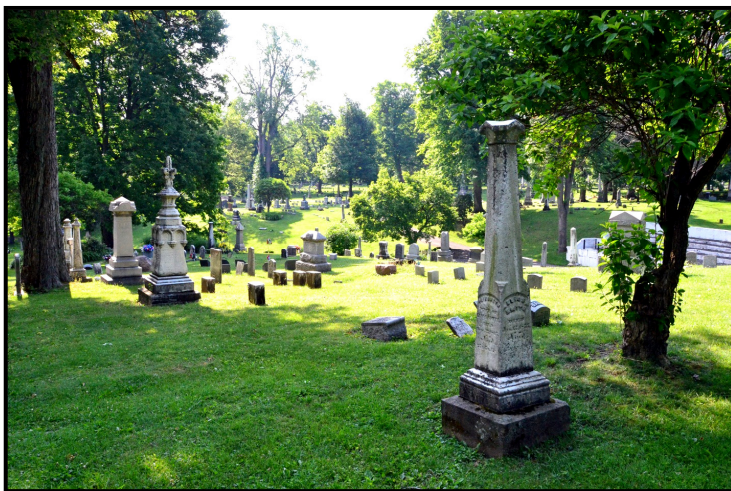
Elias “Eli” Smith (4th Great-Granduncle; 1789-1851) and his wife, Elizabeth Beerbower Smith (born April 12, 1790; died September 27, 1865; daughter of Philip Bierbruer,



Above: Elias “Eli” Smith (4th Great-Granduncle; 1789-1854). Photograph courtesy of Vera Johnson. Right: Richard Martin standing beside the monument of Elias Smith, his fourth great-granduncle, in Mansfield Cemetery (below), Mansfield, Ohio; June 2012.



1758-1811, and Elizabeth Stough, 1749-1809), were buried in Mans-



field Cemetery in Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio. None of their eleven children are buried here, which probably means that they were no longer living in Mansfield at the time of their deaths.

Elizabeth Beerbower Smith’s obituary: “ELIZABETH SMITH—died at the residence of her daughter, Sarah McFadden, in Huntington

County, Indiana, of congestive chills, on the 27th of September 1865.”

“Elizabeth Smith, late widow of Elias, and mother of Jonas and Enoch Smith, of this city, died at the advanced age of seventy five years and five months. Her remains were brought by her affectionate children to the residence of her son, Jonas Smith, in this city, and on Friday the 29th of September interred by the side of her late husband in Mansfield Cemetery.”



“Mrs. Smith was born in York County, Pennsylvania, on the 12th day of April 1790, and while yet a child, removed with her father’s family to the state of Virginia, where she resided until her marriage, and in 1815 removed to the state of Ohio, where she resided until her death, with the exception of short intervals she spent with a son and daughter in the state of Indiana. At the age of 15 years she united with the Lutheran church under the pastoral care of the Rev. Dr. Stough, her maternal uncle, and continued a faithful and consistent member of the same until her



Top: Two photographs of Elizabeth Beerbower Smith (1790-1865), wife of Elias “Eli” Smith (4th Great-Granduncle). Photographs courtesy of Vera Johnson. **Above:** Close-up of inscriptions on monument of Elias (“died Jan. 12, 1855”) and Elizabeth Smith (“died Sep. 27, 1865”).

death. She died as she had lived, calm and peaceful, trusting in her Savior to guide her through the dark valley and shadow of death to the bright Canaan beyond. Peace to her

quiet repose, and may our last end be like unto hers.” (*Richland Shield and Banner*, October 11, 1865, Volume 25, Number 20.)



Top left: Moonrise over the graves of Elias and Elizabeth Smith in Mansfield, Ohio, June 2012. Above: Gravestones of Mary Magdalena Smith Franks (4th Great-Grandaunt; 1786-1868) and her husband, Conrad Franks (1786-1869), in Old Presbyterian Cemetery (left) in Apple Creek, Wayne County, Ohio. Lower left: The largest concentration of Amish in America is in Wayne County, Ohio. I had just left Old Presbyterian Cemetery when I saw this couple walking to church along the main highway on a beautiful Sunday morning in June 2012.

Until March 2012, I didn't know where Elias and Elizabeth Smith were buried. I had searched various places over the years, including *Find a Grave* on the Internet. I decided to check *Find a Grave* again because that site has had a tremendous increase in the number of burials posted in the past two or three years. This time they were listed and, what

was even better, their photographs were also shown. The picture of Elias Smith (4th Great-Granduncle) is one of the oldest facsimiles of an ancestor in my entire database

(photograph taken before 1854). I decided also that I wanted to visit their graves, which my brother and I did in June 2012. We arrived at the burial ground with about an hour of



light left in the day. Immediately, a problem became apparent; the cemetery was huge, and unlike most cemeteries where the oldest monuments are all in one section, this burial ground had mixed the old and new gravestones together. We split up and began searching, but were unsuccessful and were concerned that we may not be able to locate Elias' gravestone before it got dark. I felt that I should go down this one lane

Above: Monuments of Mary Magdalena Smith Franks (4th Great-Grandaunt; 1786-1868) and her husband, Conrad Franks (1786-1869), in Old Presbyterian Cemetery in Apple Creek, Ohio. The inscriptions on their gravestones read: "MARY / WIFE OF / CONRAD FRANKS. / DIED / Oct. 6, 1868. / AGED / 82 Yrs. 9 mons. 6 ds." [and] CONRAD FRANKS / DIED / Mar. 7, 1869. / AGED / 83 Yrs...." Below: Conrad served as a soldier in the War of 1812.



and about ten minutes later found their monument. My brother, Ron, thought that I had



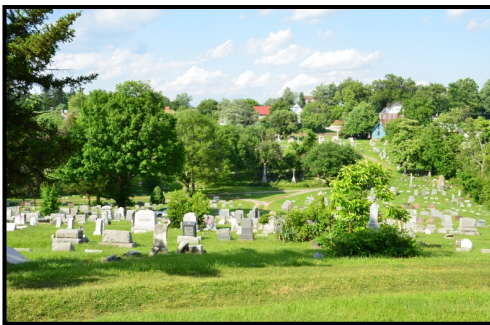
been guided because he had said a prayer that I

would find it. It was a special moment and within minutes the sun had set and a full moon had come up over the horizon (see previous page). It was important on many levels, but especially because my brother died two months later from a heart attack.

Mary Magdalena Smith Franks (4th Great-Grandaunt; 1786-1868) and her husband Conrad Franks (1786-1869) are buried in Old Presbyterian Cemetery in Apple Creek, Wayne County, Ohio. Photographs of this cemetery are shown earlier in this history, but when I visited the grave-

yard before I didn't know that Mary and her husband were buried there. My brother and I were passing through Wayne County in June 2012, and decided to visit the graves of some of our ancestors buried there. We were at the top of the cemetery when I

recognized, much to my surprise, the twin monuments of Mary Smith Franks and her husband, Conrad Franks. I don't know how I missed them before (I've been to the



Top: The contrast between some elements of modern society and the Amish is striking as in these two photographs taken just minutes apart on the same highway near Apple Creek, Ohio, in June 2012. **Above right:** Gravestone of Henry Smith (4th Great-Granduncle; 1791-1872) in Oak Grove Cemetery (middle left) in Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. **Above left:** Grave marker of Harriet Smith Boger (1847-1916), daughter of Henry Smith (above).

burial ground at least four times over the years), but I was grateful to finally find this time.

Henry Smith (4th Great-Granduncle; 1791-1872) and his third wife, Eliza Wilkins Smith (1815-1883), are buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Four of Henry's children are also buried here: Henry P. Smith (1835-1905), Elias Milton Smith (1839-1879), Alpheus Estep Smith (1843-1881), and Harriet Melvina Smith Boger (1847-1916). This information was found in March 2012. My brother, Ron, and I visited and photographed their gravestones in June 2012.

Ann or Anna Van Gundy Smith Jarstad (Great-Aunt; 1916-1986) and her husband, Gordon Kermit Jarstad (born December 4, 1914; died August 31, 1987), are buried in



Above: Monument of Eliza Wilkins Smith (1815-1883), third wife of Henry Smith (4th Great-Granduncle), in Oak Grove Cemetery (top left) in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. Middle left: Gravestone of Henry P. Smith (1835-1905) (son of Henry Smith, 4th Great-Granduncle), and his wife, Margery Smith (1840-1873). Lower left: Grave marker of Joseph Boger (1838-1915), husband of Harriet Smith Boger (1847-1916), daughter of Henry Smith (above).

Woodlawn Cemetery in Allouez, Brown County, Wisconsin. Allouez is next to Green Bay, Wisconsin. Gordon served as a 1st Lieutenant during World War II.

Mary Jane Smith Van Loon (Great-Aunt; 1903-1988) and her husband, Jacob Arthur Van Loon (1887-1952), are buried in Crocker Memorial Park in Crocker, Pulaski County, Missouri. Jacob was a World War

I soldier, serving as a private in the 387th Missouri Infantry of the 97th Division. Mary and Jacob had a good marriage and she always wished that he had lived longer.



Top left: Gravestone of Gordon Jarstad (1914-1987), husband of Ann or Anna Van Gundy Smith Jarstad (Great-Aunt; 1916-1986), in Woodlawn Cemetery (top right) in Allouez, Wisconsin. Middle left: Grave marker of Jacob Van Loon (1887-1952), husband of Mary Jane Smith Van Loon (1903-1988) (left) in Crocker Memorial Park in Crocker, Missouri. Mary lived most of her life in Arkansas, but was buried in Missouri.

Jacob Van Loon was the son of John Wesley Van Loon (born April 21, 1856, in Shelby County, Illinois; died May 21, 1933, in Missouri) and Nancy Elizabeth Robertson Van Loon (1864-1937). They had sixteen children all born in Pulaski County, Missouri: William Horace Van Loon (1882-1960), John Nolph Van Loon (1883-1961), Charles Thomas Van Loon (1885-1961), Jacob Arthur Van Loon (1887-1952), Infant son (1889-1889), Mert Ira Van Loon (1889-1889), Emma Parthena Van Loon Hamilton (1890-1971), Bert Edward Van Loon (1893-1930), Mert Everett Van Loon (1893-1924), Nora Van Loon (1895-1895), Dora Van Loon (1895-1895), Augusta Jane Van Loon (1897-1968), James Claude Van Loon (1899-1954), Edith Rebecca Van Loon (1901-1981), Edna Van Loon (1901-1902), and Oliver Earl Van Loon (1904-1964).

Quoted at the beginning of *The Smith Family* are excerpts from the Biography of Daniel Porter Smith in *Biographical Dictionary and Historical Reference Book of Fayette County, Pennsylvania*, pages 1107-1108, by Nelson, published 1900. Here is the complete account.

“Daniel Porter Smith (grandson of Henry Smith, 5th Great-Grandfather), a leading farmer of Georges township (Fayette County), is one of six sons whose genealogy can be traced back for more than two centuries and some of whose paternal ancestors could boast of the old Teutonic royalty, who, by nature, were lovers of freedom and liberty and scorned that tyrannical government which holds any people in bonds of tyranny. They pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honors in the cause of their adopted country in the dark days of her history, which tried the souls of men. These honored sires left their homes of ease and comfort, forsaking friends and firesides made sacred by the ties of relationship which even distance could not sever, and for the sake of posterity took up their lonely abode in an unknown wilderness where the war whoop of the Red man and the piercing scream of wild beasts were the only sounds which greeted their ears. Such men deserve a place, not only in local, but in national history.”

“Almost a century and a half ago one **Philip Smith** (6th Great-Grandfather), who, at that time held a commission in the German army, with the title of ‘Captain of Shamoka,’ became enamored of the charms of a fair German gretchen in the person of **Miss Barbara Markley** (6th Great-Grandmother). After having sued in vain for her hand in marriage he resolved to resort to a clandestine union; and in order to preclude the possibility of being annoyed by the rigorous marriage laws of their native country, they resolved to abandon it at once and forever. They accordingly set sail for America in 1750. After a long voyage, they landed on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay and took up their residence in the adjacent colony of Maryland, settling on Antietam Creek in Frederick County, where they remained for a period of nineteen years, and reared a large family, all of whom were worthy and some of them conspicuous citizens of their country. **Henry Smith** (5th Great-Grandfather), the father of Daniel, and the first of Philip’s children, was born on Antietam Creek in 1752. In 1769, when Henry was in his seven-teenth year, the father being seized with a desire to penetrate deeper into the unbroken and still unknown wilderness, left his adopted colony and sought a home in Western Pennsylvania, which at that time was called the ‘far west.’ He settled in Fayette County, on land now owned by W. S. Kyle, John Davis and Eli Deffenbaugh, on the headwaters of York’s Run, in Georges Township. In choosing this site, Philip Smith had an honorable and praiseworthy object in view. He had been born and raised in the faith and tenets of the church that Martin Luther founded and established in the face of the most bitter persecution and strongest opposition known to history. The history of the Reformation, his love for freedom of conscience, his birth in the faith—these made Philip Smith a Lutheran. In this, his new location, the Franks, the Riffles, the Everleys and some others formed a Lutheran colony and built a rude log church near the site of the present Lutheran Church in Georges Township. This is why he chose this location. Here the scenes of his childhood came vividly before his eyes. He saw his mother lead her boy to the old church in far-off Fatherland. He afterwards left Fayette County and removed to Wayne County, Ohio, where he owned land, but died en route to Steubenville, Ohio.”

“When his son, **Henry Smith** (5th Great-Grandfather), had reached his majority, he left the paternal roof to make for himself a name and a fortune. He went down stream until he came to York Run proper, where he took up a tract of land containing two hundred and eighty-four acres along the northern bank of the creek, which was patented to him

by Charles Biddle (President of Supreme Executive Council in 1787). Here he built a log cabin and for four years lived a bachelor's life. When the dark days of the Revolutionary War broke out he was one of the first to leave his home and enroll himself in the defense of his country as a sacrifice, if need be, to that end. He was one of the 'Minute Men' of 1776. He was the father of thirteen children by two marriages, all of whom are now dead. His first wife was **Miss Elizabeth Grovendstadt** (5th Great-Grandmother). His second wife was Margaret Sheeter, widow of George Stough, brother of Rev. John Stough, one of the pastors of Jacob's Lutheran Church. Henry died March 10, 1838, and his wife December 21, 1839."

"**Daniel Smith** (4th Great-Granduncle), son of Henry, was born April 1, 1806, in the house now occupied by his son, Daniel P. Smith, on York's run. This farm consists of one-half of the original tract taken up by Henry in 1787, and is without encumbrance of any kind, and one of the best-cultivated farms in Georges Township. Daniel Smith was practical in all he did and what he did was well done. He was a man who by the nature of his makeup made his friends love him. He was warm hearted and generous to a fault, a good and fluent conversationalist, hospitable in the extreme, courteous to all, ever ready to greet a stranger and entertain a friend. On August 17, 1826, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Rotruck, daughter of David Rotruck, of Woodbridgetown, by Rev. John Patton. In 1831 he united himself with Mount Moriah Baptist Church of Smithfield, and was an advocate of Baptist doctrine and a supporter of the church up to his death. Daniel Smith had eight children, four of whom are living (1900): Andrew J. Smith, Henry Smith, Samuel M. Smith, and Daniel P. Smith, the subject of this sketch."

"Daniel P. Smith was born in Georges Township on the same farm and in the same house in which his father was born, on September 9, 1846. He was reared on the farm and educated in the district schools of the township and George's Creek Academy. He always continued himself to agricultural pursuits, and like his progenitors is a practical agriculturist, well versed in all that pertains to his chosen vocation. He is also a breeder of Delaino sheep, which yield a superior quality of wool. For nine consecutive years he efficiently filled the offices of school director and auditor. He married Miss Margaret Malaby, daughter of Henry and Mary Malaby, August 12, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have four children, all-living: Frank Smith, Mary E. Smith (who resides in Iowa), Lonnie M. Smith and Stanley Smith. Mrs. Smith was born in Nicholson Township, May 16, 1846. They are both members of Mount Moriah Baptist Church of Smithfield, of which Mr. Smith is a deacon. Politically he is Democratic in his views."

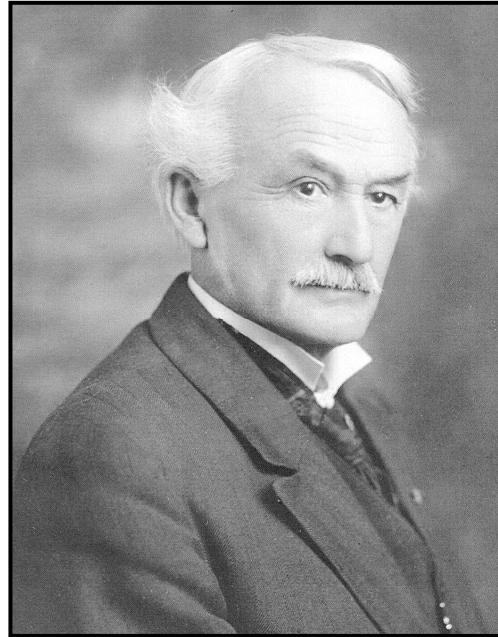
Philip Smith (4th Great-Granduncle; 1761-1838) was born in January 1761, probably in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. A historical sketch of his life was included in *Commemorative Biography of Wayne County, Ohio*, pages 575-576. The book was published in 1889.

"Philip Smith was of German ancestry and came to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1812. [It is interesting to note that there were only 332 people living in Wayne County in 1810.] He located on a tract of timberland (in Wooster Township) and after clearing seven acres, built a cabin and went to Steubenville, Ohio, for his family; returning to this

country the same spring. He improved his land and made it his home until his death. His widow survived him until 1850, dying when 84. His wife (Agnes) was from Fayette



Above: Gravestone of David Davis Smith (son of Henry Smith, 4th Great-Granduncle) in Aultorest Memorial Park, South Ogden, Utah. Right: James Ayers Smith (1848-1924 or 1929), son of David Smith, and grandson of Henry Smith, 4th Great-Granduncle. He was the founder of Smithsonian Business College in Ogden, Utah. Lower right: James with his wife, Christina.



County, Pennsylvania. She was a member of Jacob's Lutheran church. They had a family of ten children, all of whom are deceased [1888]."

Philip was a Revolutionary War Soldier and served in Captain Benson's Company from Pennsylvania. Next to his tombstone in Old Presbyterian Cemetery in Apple Creek, Wayne County, Ohio, is a DAR marker. A photograph of his gravestone is on the cover of *Wayne County, Ohio Burial Records*. He died March 30, 1838.

Philip Smith (4th Great-Granduncle) owned land south of the junction of Highway 250 and CR 302, just west of Apple Creek, Wayne County, Ohio. His brother, **Nicholas Smith** (4th Great-Granduncle), owned the land immediately south of this acreage. Today, Highway 49 cuts across their property. There was also a creek that fed into Apple Creek that flowed through their land.



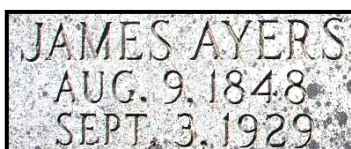
Nicholas Smith (4th Great-Granduncle; born 1762/1783) was a trustee of Franklin Township in Wayne County, Ohio, in 1826.

Agnes Waits (wife of Philip Smith, 5th Great-Granduncle) was the daughter of John Waits, who served before and during the Revolutionary War in the First Light Dragoons of Virginia, with commission of coronet until he resigned in 1782. Born on April 14,



Above: James Smith with a graduating class from his Smithsonian College in the early 1900s.
Below: Gravestone of James Ayers Smith (Grandson of Henry Smith, 4th Great-Granduncle) and his wife, Tennie E. "Christina" Tharp Smith, in Aultorest Memorial Park in Ogden, Utah.

1730, in Middlesex County, Virginia, he was granted a Fairfax patent on the Cacapon River in 1750. For his service he received land in Fayette County, Pennsylvania (then Virginia) located in German Township called 'Germany,' patented in 1785, after moving there in 1782.



David Davis Smith (1820-1900) was the son of Henry Smith

(4th Great-Granduncle; 1791-1872). He moved to Ogden, Utah, where he died on July 30, 1900, and was buried in Aultorest Memorial Park on 36th Street in South Ogden. Although he lived in Utah, he was not a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He married Sarah Ann Bryson in 1842 and they were the parents of eleven children:

Arthur, Nettie, Louise, Elmer, Charles, Sherman, Mary, David, Ann, William, and James Ayers Smith.



Above left: Gravestone of Elmer Smith (son of Henry Smith, 4th Great-Granduncle) and his wife, Mary McClure Smith, in Woodburn, Iowa. Above middle: Monument of Floy Smith (1874-1882), who died at seven years of age in Wahoo, Nebraska. She was the daughter of James Ayres Smith (grandson of Henry Smith, 4th Great-Granduncle). Top right: Paul Smith (son of James Ayres Smith) at the age of 19 in 1912 at Lagoon (Utah). Right: Paul's gravestone; his wife, Catherine Russell Smith, was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. They lived in Preston, Idaho, for 36 years, where they are buried. Below: Jay Alyson Smith (1879-1944), and his sister, Anna Smith Moore (1870-1946), children of James Ayres Smith. Both died in Ogden, Utah.



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James Ayers Smith (1848-1924), David's youngest child, achieved distinction as the founder of Smithsonian Business College in Ogden, Utah, in September 1891. "Its name "was later changed to Intermountain Business College, Moench University of Business, and Ogden Business College. In 1959 the name was changed to Stevens-Henager College. The main campus is located in Ogden. Branch campuses were established in Provo in 1978, Salt Lake City in August 1999, Logan in October 2001, and Boise, Idaho, in April 2004. The Salt Lake City campus moved to a new building located in Murray, Utah, in 2006."

James Ayers Smith was born on August 9, 1848, in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, lived in Wahoo, Saunders, Nebraska, where he was editor of the Wahoo Wasp in 1882, and

moved to Ogden, Utah, about 1890. He married Christina Evelyn Tharp on December 1, 1869, in Bloomfield, Davis, Iowa, and they were the parents of nine children: Anna, Evalena, Floy, Dayrel, Jay, Clyde, William, Lillian, and Paul Smith. None of James' family ever became members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, but one or more of his descendants may have joined the church. James was a Professor of Business at Smithsonian Business College.

James' daughter, Floy Alice Smith (1874-1882), died in Wahoo before the family moved to Utah. She was buried in Sunrise Cemetery in Wahoo on March 10, 1882.

Mary Miller Smith (1830-1915) was a daughter of Henry Smith (4th Great-Granduncle). She married Jacob Springer Bosley and they had at least two children: Montaville and Cora Bosley. Mary was born on October 19, 1830, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and died on March 17, 1915, in Dexter, Iowa. She was buried with her husband in Dexter Cemetery.

Elmer B. Smith (1854-1912) was a son of Henry Smith (4th Great-Granduncle). He was born near Uniontown, Pennsylvania, and moved to Iowa in 1882. He married Catherine McClure on March 6, 1884, in Albia, Iowa, and they had two children: Sylvia and Claude Smith. Elmer was fifty-eight years old when he died in 1912, and was buried in Woodburn Cemetery, Woodburn, Iowa.

John Louis Smith (1858-1918) was a son of Henry Smith (4th Great-Granduncle). He died in Mount Vernon, South Dakota, on September 26, 1918, but was buried in Woodburn Cemetery in Woodburn, Iowa.

Important note: As stated earlier in this Smith history, previous researchers of the family of Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather) have listed two different men as Henry Smith, the son of Henry above. If the Henry Smith (1791-1872) that is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, is indeed the son of Henry Smith, 5th Great-Grandfather, then James Ayers Smith and his family that settled in Utah are definitely relatives. Otherwise the Henry Smith (1776-1855) that is buried with his family in Jacob's Lutheran Cemetery in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, is the son of Henry Smith, 5th Great-Grandfather. Since this fact has not been established one way or another, both men are listed as 4th Great-Granduncles.

Additional Smith History II

I have found most of this new Smith information at *Ancestry.com* and *Find a Grave*. Some of the previous recorded history is repeated here for ease of reference.

Philip Schmidt/Smith, Sixth Great-Grandfather

Philip Smith (6th Great-Grandfather; about 1725-1814), actually Philip Schmidt, was born about 1725 in Germany. Ancestry.com states that he was born May 18, 1725, in Pfalz Cologne, Koln, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany, and died June 14, 1814, in Steub-

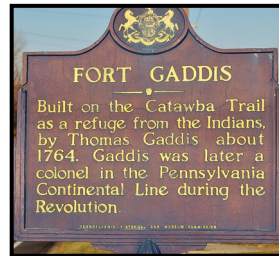
enville, Jefferson, Ohio. He married **Barbara Markley** (6th Great-Grandmother; born 1730 in Palatinate, Germany; died April 21, 1818, in Wayne County, Ohio) in 1750 in Frederick County, Maryland.



Above and left: Replica of 1750 ship, similar to the *Edinburg* that brought Philip Schmidt (5th Great-Grandfather) from Germany to Philadelphia on August 13, 1750. Lower left: Built in 1764, the Gaddis house/fort, is the oldest known building in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and the second oldest log cabin in Western Pennsylvania. (Located 2 miles south of Uniontown off old U. S. Route 119.) Philip Schmidt/Smith moved his family from Maryland to Fayette County in 1769.



John Franks (son of Abigail Smith, 5th Great-Grandaunt, daughter of Philip Smith, 6th Great-Grandfather) born November 10, 1806, in German Township, Fayette, Pennsylvania; died April 21, 1880, Riley Township, Sandusky County, Ohio) married Sarah "Sally" Christopher (born October 8, 1803;



died August 29, 1886; both buried in McPherson Cemetery in Sandusky, Ohio), on March 29, 1828, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and had three known children: Mary Elizabeth Franks (born January 17, 1835; died December 28, 1899; buried in McPherson Cemetery in Clyde, Ohio; married John F. Miller on December 5, 1861, and had four known children: Albert Owen Miller [born July 14, 1862, in Wayne County, Ohio; died February 11, 1942, in Sandusky County, Ohio; married Emma Rhodes, 1865-1941, and had 8 children: Aaron A. Miller, born August 1889 in Ohio; Stella A. Miller, born February 1892 in Ohio; John Dellman Miller, born April 17, 1894, in Lucas County, Ohio; Edward S. Miller, born March 1896 in Ohio; Kathryn Miller, born August 1898 in Sandusky County, Ohio; Thelma Miller, born 1901/1902 in Sandusky County, Ohio; Marian T. Miller, born 1906/1907 in Sandusky County, Ohio, and Pearl M. Miller, born October 10, 1908, in Sandusky County, Ohio] David Miller, 1862-1917, Sarah E. Miller, 1863-1865, and Mary Jane Miller, 1865-1948), David Christopher Franks (born

September 27, 1837, in Uniontown, Pennsylvania; died April 5, 1935, in Danbury, Ottawa, Ohio; buried in McPherson Cemetery in Clyde, Ohio; married Mary Ellen Lancaster [1852-1929; of Tiffin, Ohio], on March 4, 1876, and had five children: Clarence P. Franks [of Clyde, Ohio], David C. Franks Jr. [post-



This page: Gravestones of David Christopher Franks (1837-1935), Aaron F. Franks (1841-1927), and his wife, Hila Lucinda Andrus (1855-1941), and Mary Elizabeth Franks Miller (1835-1899), in McPherson Cemetery in Clyde, Sandusky County, Ohio. David, Aaron and Mary were children of John Franks (son of Abigail Smith, 5th Great-Grandaunt). **Right:** Albert Owen Miller (1861-1942; son of Mary Elizabeth Franks Miller), holding a grandchild. **Below:** Obituary of Mary Elizabeth Franks Miller.

master of Clyde] Eva Franks, 1878-1956, Sarah F. Franks, 1879-1969, and unknown), and Aaron F. Franks (born September 7, 1841, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania; died December 1, 1927, in Clyde, Ohio; buried in McPherson Cemetery in Clyde, Ohio; married Hila Lucinda Andrus and had three known children: Eria Stanley Franks, 1878-1964, George Christopher Franks, 1837-1935, and Aaron F. Franks, 1841-1927).

Death of Mrs. Mary E. Miller
After sixteen weeks of painful illness from dropsy, Mrs. Mary E. Miller died at her home in Lucas county Dec. 23rd, aged 64 years, 11 months and 11 days. The remains were brought to Clyde on the two o'clock train on the Wheeling Saturday afternoon and conveyed to her old home in Riley township.
Mary Elizabeth Franks was born in Fayette county, Pa., Jan. 17, 1835. She moved to Riley township in 1853. She was married to John F. Miller in 1860. He died in 1865. Three children were born to them, two sons and one daughter, all of whom are living. Deceased also leaves three brothers and one sister: D. O. Franks, of this place, George, of Middleton, Mich. and Aaron and Mrs. John Lamm, of Riley township.
The funeral took place from the home of her sister at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, services being conducted by Rev. S. J. McConnell.

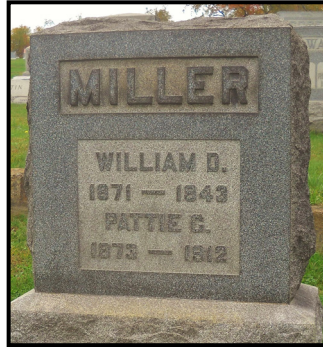


John and Sally Franks were living in Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, at the time their son, David Christopher Franks, was born in 1837. In 1844 they "moved to Ohio and settled on a tract of farm land near Ashland, Ohio. Later the family moved to Sandusky County, Ohio [where they were pioneer residents], and purchased a farm north of Clyde." (Source: Obituary of David Frank, who lived to be 97 years old.)



Henry Smith (4th Great-Grandfather) was a Revolutionary War soldier. Belle Elizabeth Miller applied for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and gave her lineage as follows: Belle Elizabeth Miller was the daughter of William Daniel Miller (born February 25, 1871, in Georges Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania;

died July 10, 1943, in Jeannette, Pennsylvania; married January 15, 1891, probably in Fayette County, Pennsylvania) and Pattie Gilmore Shoaf (born February 27, 1873, in South Union Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; died October 31, 1912, in Georges Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania). Pattie Gilmore Shoaf was the daughter of Basil Howell Shoaf (born in November 4, 1836 in Georges Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; died July 24, 1912, in Georges Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania) and Mary Margaret Field (born Jan-



uary 15, 1838, in Georges Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania) and Mary Margaret Field (born Jan-

Above: Monuments of Mary Shoaf (1838-1923; great-granddaughter of Henry Smith, 4th Great-Grandfather), Pattie Miller (1873-1912; daughter of Mary Shoaf), and their husbands, in Mt. Moriah Cemetery in Smithfield, Fayette, Pennsylvania. Left: John Franks (1806-1880; son of Abigail Smith, 5th Great-Grandaunt, daughter of Philip Smith, 6th Great-Grandfather) and his wife, Sarah Christopher Franks (1803-1886). Below: Their monument in McPherson Cemetery in Clyde, Sandusky, Ohio (section 1).

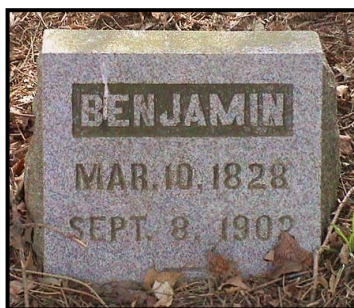
uary 15, 1838, in Georges Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; died February 11, 1923; married May 24, 1858, probably in Fayette County, Pennsylvania). Mary Margaret Field



was the daughter of Phillip Sturgis Field (born July 28, 1805, in Georges Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; died November 25, 1874, in Georges Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania) and Elizabeth Smith (born September 16, 1808, in Georges Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; died September 22, 1880). Elizabeth Smith was the daughter of Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather; born 1752 in Frederick County, Maryland; died March 10, 1838, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania) and Elizabeth Grovenstadt.

Philip Smith (1792-1873; son of Philip Smith, 5th Great-Granduncle) was born on

October 6, 1792, in Georges Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and died January 21, 1873, in East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio. He married Catherine Miller (1795-1880) on March 2, 1815, in Steubenville, Jefferson, Ohio, (and/or Rebecca Miller, 1801-1882, in 1822) and had 12 children: Rebecca Smith (born 1824), Susannah Smith (1825-1883), Louisa A. Smith (1828-1851), John M. Smith (born 1829), Melinda Smith (1831-1894), Nancy Smith (born 1832), Rebecca Smith (born 1834), Nathan Smith (born 1835), Catherine Smith (born 1835), Philip Smith (born 1838 of Wayne County, Ohio), Mary Smith (1839-1919), and Martha Smith

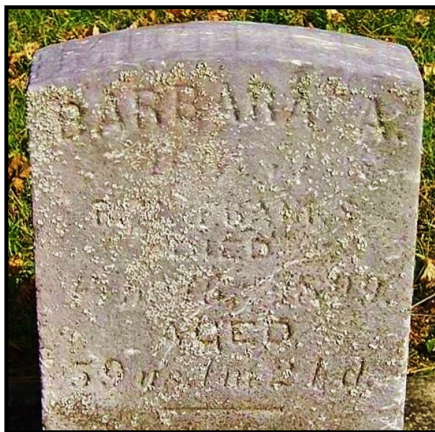
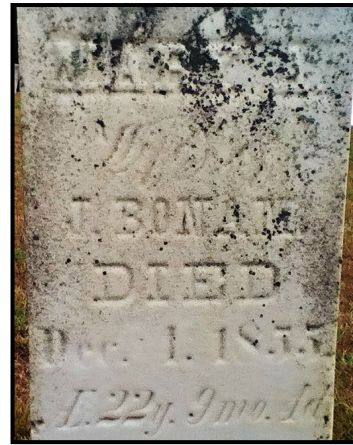


(born 1841). Philip resided in Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio, in 1850; lived in Vermillion, Ashland County, Ohio, in 1860, but eventually returned to Wayne County, Ohio, where he died in 1873.

Top right: Monument of John Kibler Miller (1807-1865) and missing gravestone of his wife, Rebecca Franks (1807-1875; daughter of Mary Smith, 4th Great-Grandaunt), in McPherson Cemetery (section 1) in Clyde, Sandusky, Ohio. **Above:** Gravestone of Benjamin Miller (1828-1902; son of Rebecca Franks) in Matthew Cemetery in Ionia, Michigan. **Left:** Monument of Catherine M. Miller (1828/1829-1863; daughter of Rebecca Franks) in McPherson Cemetery in Clyde, Ohio.

Rebecca Franks (1807-1875; daughter of Mary Magdalena Smith, 4th Great-Grandaunt, and Conrad Franks, son of Abigail Smith Franks, 5th Great-Grandaunt) was born June 25, 1807, in German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and died October 31, 1875, in Clyde, Riley Township, Sandusky, Ohio. She married John Kibler Miller (born June 8, 1807, in Pennsylvania; died July 15, 1865, in Clyde, Sandusky, Ohio; son of Andrew Miller, 1778-1826, and Catherine Kibler, 1788-1842) on November 25, 1826, in Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio, and had 14 children: Benjamin Miller (born March 10, 1828, in Wayne County, Ohio; died September 8, 1902, in Sebewa Corners, Ionia County, Michigan; buried in Matthew Cemetery in Ionia, Ionia County, Michigan; married Mary Ann Gilbert, 1832-1903, and had at least four children: Peter Wilson Miller, 1853-1915; Rebecca Miller, 1855-1924; Rosa Ann Miller, 1862-1926, and Clarence Benjamin Miller, 1877-1936), Catherine Miller (born June 5, 1828/1829, in Wayne County, Ohio; died December 5, 1863; buried in McPherson Cemetery in Clyde, Ohio; married Thomas Wiley, 1824-1907, and had at least one child: Aaron F. Wiley,

1862-1943), Esther Miller (born September 10, 1831, in Wayne County, Ohio; died December 29, 1856; buried in McPherson Cemetery in Clyde, Ohio; married Richard Gault, 1824-1899, and had at least one child: Moses Gault, 1854-1854), Mary Ann Miller (born July 2, 1833, probably in Wayne County, Ohio; died December 4, 1855, in Sandusky County, Ohio; buried in McPherson Cemetery in Clyde, Ohio; married Jeremiah Bonam, 1829-1914), Conrad



J. Miller (born in December 1833 in Wayne County, Ohio; died in 1911 in Ionia County, Michigan; married Elizabeth Ann Franks,

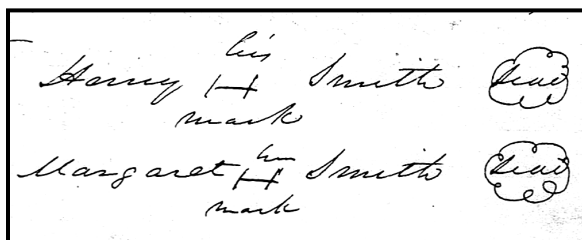
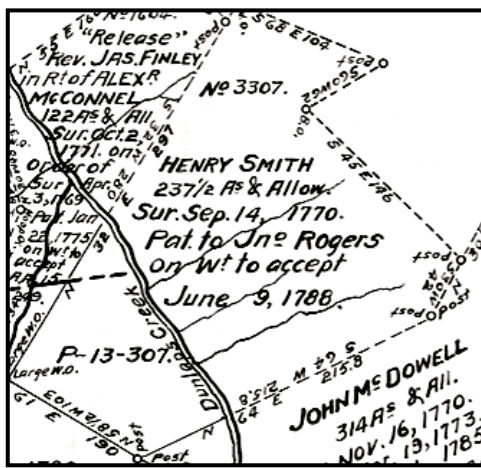
1835-1913, and had at least six children: Mary Ann Miller, 1860-1884; John W. Miller, 1861-1919; Rebecca J. Miller, 1863-1951; Alvin Miller, 1865-1908; Leander Miller, 1868-1933, and Laura J. Miller, 1872-1886), William Allen Miller (born May 4, 1836; died October 4, 1904; buried in Greenlawn Cemetery in Delta, Fulton County, Ohio; married Charlotte Swart, 1844-1918; had two known children: James M. Miller, 1863-1907, and Norton Miller, 1876-1906), Barbara Ann Miller (born December 24, 1840, in Ohio; died February 16, 1899, in Gratiot County, Michigan; buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Middleton, Gratiot County, Michigan; married Reuben E. Franks, 1831-1905, and had three known children: Mary Catherine Franks, 1857-1931; Andrew M. Franks, 1861-1898, and Edna B. Franks, 1878-1922), Aaron F. Miller (born March 25, 1841; died January 12, 1926, in Fulton County, Ohio; buried in Greenlawn Cemetery in Delta, Fulton County, Ohio), Alexander E. Miller (born March 25, 1844, in Ashland County, Ohio; died in 1901 in Gratiot County, Michigan; buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Middleton, Michigan; married Phoebe Almina Hagerman, 1859-1935, and had three

Top right: Monument of Mary Ann Miller Bonam (1833-1855; daughter of Rebecca Franks, daughter of Mary Smith, 4th Great-Grandaunt) in McPherson Cemetery in Clyde, Ohio. Top left: Monument of Conrad J. Miller (1833-1911; son of Rebecca Franks) and his wife, Elizabeth Ann Franks (1835-1913), in East Sebewa Cemetery in Ionia County, Michigan. Above: Gravestone of Alexander E. Miller (1844-1901; son of Rebecca Franks) and his wife, Phoebe Almina Hagerman (1859-1935), in Greenwood Cemetery in Middleton, Gratiot, Michigan. Left: Monument of Barbara A. Miller (1840-1899; daughter of Rebecca Franks) in Greenwood Cemetery in Middleton, Gratiot, Michigan.

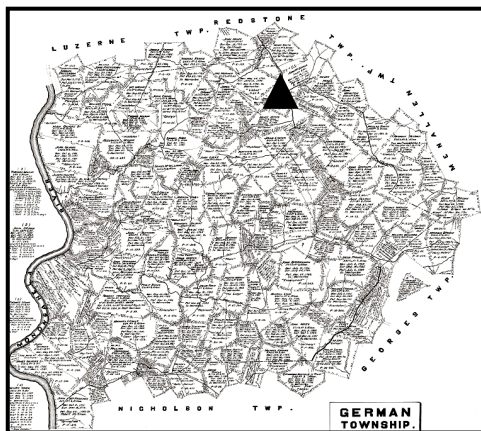
known children: Adrian Allen Miller, 1883-1973; Benjamin Miller, 1888-1966, and Orville Miller, 1894-1968), Oliver C. Miller (1845-1865), George W. Miller (born 1846), Willard Miller (1850-1860), Zachariah Miller (1850-1854), and Edward Miller (1855-1860). Rebecca resided in Riley Township, Sandusky County, Ohio, from before 1860 until her death in 1876.

The German Ancestry of Philip Schmidt

Note: The German ancestry of Philip Schmidt, Sixth Great-Grandfather, has not been confirmed and is presented here only as a possibility.



Above: Marks of Henry Smith (5th Great-Grandfather; 1752-1838) and his second wife, Margaret Sheeter (1764-1839), on a deed conveying land to his son, Elias Smith (1789-1854), on May 14, 1829, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Left: Henry Smith's plat of 237 1/2 acres of land in German Township in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, on June 9, 1788. Lower left: Location of Henry's land in the far north-east corner of German Township.



Johann Paul Schmidt, Possible Seventh Great-Grandfather

Johann Paul Schmidt (possible 7th Great-Grandfather) was born in 1701 in Rohrbach, Alchach-Friedberg, Bayern, Germany, and died April 19, 1767, in Schmidterhoff, Winnweiler, Bayern, Germany. He married **Anna Elisabetha Forster** (also spelled Anna Elizabeth Foster;

possible 7th Great-Grandmother; born 1700 in Steinweiler, Germersheim, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany; died in Steinweiler) on July 7, 1722, in Schmidterhoff, Winnweiler, Bayern, Germany, and had three children: Anna Esther Schmidt (born January 17, 1724, in Schmidterhoff, Winnweiler, Bayern, Germany), **Philip Schmidt** (born May 18, 1725, Schmidterhoff, Winnweiler, Bayern, Germany; died June 14, 1814, in Steubenville, Jefferson, Ohio), and Johann Peter Schmidt (born September 18, 1726, in Potzbach, Winnweiler, Bayern, Germany).

After Anna, assumedly, died, Johann married second, Anna Hauck (born 1699 in Steinweiler, Germersheim, Rhineland-Pfalz, Germany; died 1759 in Steinweiler; daughter of Johann Bartholomaeus Hauck [born 1658 in Billigheim, Neckar-Odenwald-Kreis, Baden-

Anderson & Keanig
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 Philip & Smith
 Nicklas & Hart
 Robert & E. B.

Rohrbach, Alchach-Friedberg, Bayern, Germany; died 1787), and Johann Jakob Schmidt (born October 3, 1742, in Steinweiler, Ansbach, Bayern, Germany; died December 31, 1813, in Rohrbach, Alchach-Friedberg, Bayern, Germany). Another site also lists Johann Carl Philippus Schmidt (born April 27, 1729, in Potzbach, Winnweiler, Bayern, Germany; died 1814 in Steubenville, Jefferson County, Ohio) as a son.

George Schmidt (possible 8th Great-Grandfather) was born in 1670 in Rohrbach, Alchach-Friedberg, Bayern, Germany, and died on March 5, 1766, in Rohrbach, Alchach-

Friedberg, Bayern, Germany. He married **Anna Maria Heck** (possible 8th Great-Grandmother; born 1670 in Rohrbach, Alchach-Friedberg, Bayern, Germany; died in same town) in 1699.

Johann Jacob Schmidt, Possible Ninth Great-Grandfather

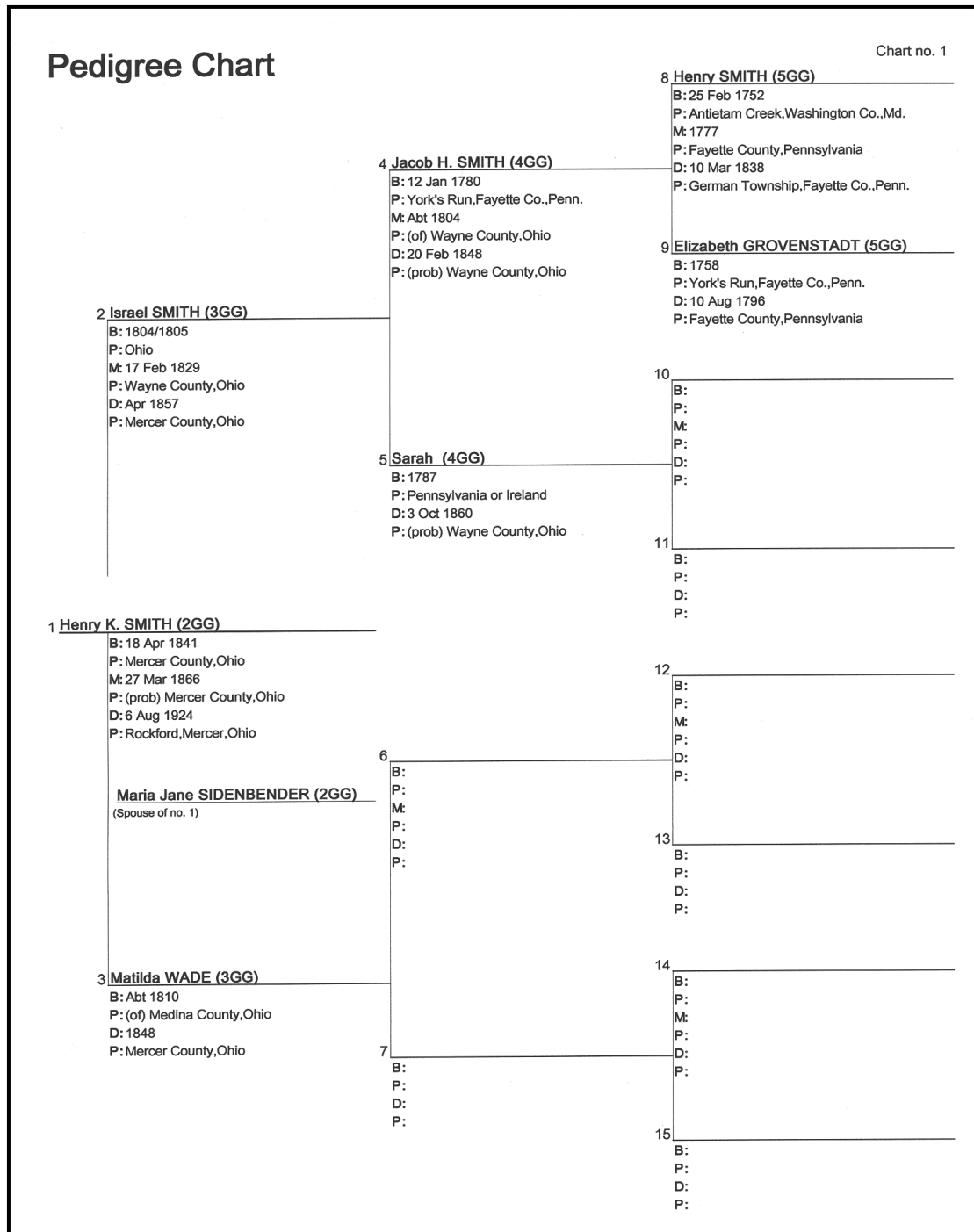
Johann Jacob Schmidt (possible 9th Great-Grandfather) was born in Holzgerlingen, Boblingen, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany, and died on December 5, 1670. His wife is unknown.

Hans Jacob Schmidt, Possible Tenth Great-Grandfather

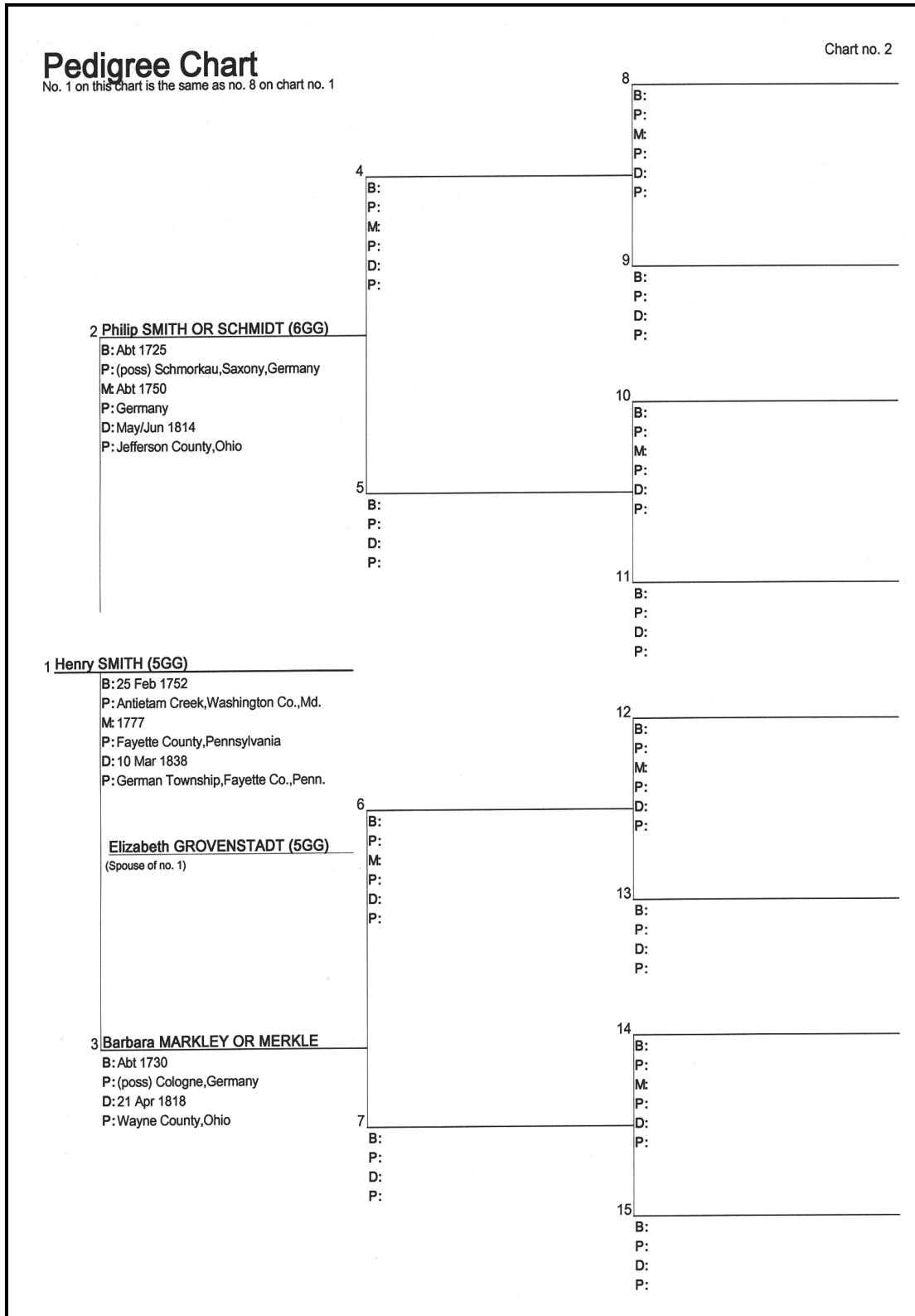
Hans Jacob Schmidt (possible 10th Great-Grandfather) was born February 14, 1643, in Schwarzwald, Gotha, Thuringen, Germany, and died January 19, 1692, in Holzgerlingen, Boblingen, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany. His wife is unknown. (Note: The German ancestry of Philip Schmidt has not been confirmed and is presented here as only a possibility.)

Smith Pedigree Charts and Family Group Sheets

Pedigree Chart #1



Pedigree Chart #2



Clyde Van Smith

Great-Grandfather

Family Group Record

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Husband		Clyde Van SMITH (GG)					
Born	15 Oct 1868	Place	Rockford, Mercer, Ohio	LDS ordinance dates		Temple	
Died	4 Jul 1919	Place	Tampa, Hillsborough, Florida	Baptized	6 Dec 1979	PROVO	
Buried	10 Jul 1919	Place	1552 Maple St. in Oakland Cemetery, Little Rock, Arkansas	Endowed	15 Mar 1980	PROVO	
				SealPar	24 Sep 1980	LOGAN	
Married	18 Sep 1900	Place	Searcy County, Arkansas	SealSp	24 Sep 1981	LOGAN	
Other Spouse	Lillian JORDAN						
Married	Abt 1890	Place	(prob) Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	23 Oct 1992	DALLA	
Husband's father	Henry K. SMITH (2GG)						
Husband's mother	Maria Jane SIDENBENDER (2GG)						
Wife		Cora Luberta BRATTON (GG)					
Born	23 Sep 1881	Place	Wiley's Cove, Searcy, Arkansas	LDS ordinance dates		Temple	
Died	26 Nov 1966	Place	Little Rock, Pulaski, Arkansas	Baptized	13 Jan 1977	PROVO	
Buried	28 Nov 1966	Place	Roselawn Memorial Park, Little Rock, Pulaski, Arkansas	Endowed	13 Jan 1977	PROVO	
				SealPar	13 Jan 1977	PROVO	
Wife's father	Benjamin BRATTON, JR. (2GG) (Union Civil War Soldier)						
Wife's mother	Mary Fredonia REDMAN (2GG)						
Children		List each child in order of birth.		LDS ordinance dates		Temple	
F	Maria Kate "Katherine" SMITH						
Born	25 Jun 1901	Place	Canadian County, Oklahoma	Baptized	26 Jan 1979	SLAKE	
Died	30 Jun 1977	Place	Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas	Endowed	20 Mar 1979	SLAKE	
Buried	2 Jul 1977	Place	Forest Hills Cemetery, Little Rock, Arkansas	SealPar	12 Jan 1980	SLAKE	
Spouse	Dewey ACREE						
Married	27 Apr 1921	Place	(of) Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas	SealSp	30 Apr 1997	DALLA	
Spouse	Albert CONNERLEY						
Married	Abt 1935	Place	(of) Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas (Died 1949)	SealSp	1 May 1997	DALLA	
Spouse	Paul E. GOODMAN						
Married	(D)	Place	Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas	SealSp	1 May 1997	DALLA	
Spouse	Elmer SPAGGINS						
Married	9 Jul 1954	Place	(of) Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas	SealSp	30 Apr 1997	DALLA	
F	Mary Josephine SMITH						
Born	25 Jan 1903	Place	Marshall, Searcy County, Arkansas	Baptized	1990	LOGAN	
Died	6 Oct 1988	Place	Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas	Endowed	1990	LOGAN	
Buried	9 Oct 1988	Place	Crocker, Pulaski County, Missouri	SealPar	4 Sep 1990	LOGAN	
Spouse	Alexander D. SMITH						
Married	24 Dec 1943 (D)	Place	Fort Richie, Washington County, Maryland	SealSp	1 May 1997	DALLA	
Spouse	James A. VANLOON						
Married	25 Oct 1951	Place	Searcy County, Arkansas	SealSp	31 Aug 1990	LOGAN	
F	Margaret Nell SMITH						
Born	18 Jul 1905	Place	Leslie, Searcy County, Arkansas	Baptized	5 Feb 1980	SLAKE	
Died	5 Jul 1919	Place	Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida	Endowed	10 Mar 1980	SLAKE	
Buried	10 Jul 1919	Place	Maple St. in Oakland Cemetery, Little Rock, Arkansas	SealPar	1 Apr 1980	SLAKE	
F	Clara Bell "Claire" SMITH (Grandmother)						
Born	16 Sep 1907	Place	Leslie, Searcy, Arkansas	Baptized	23 Oct 1992	DALLA	
Died	8 Sep 1991	Place	Memphis, Shelby, Tennessee	Endowed	8 Jan 1993	DALLA	
Buried	11 Sep 1991	Place	5668 Poplar Ave., Memorial Park, Memphis, Tennessee	SealPar	18 Feb 1993	DALLA	
Spouse	Marion Carlos SHARP Sr. (Grandfather)						
Married	12 Sep 1923 (D)	Place	Lonoke County, Arkansas	SealSp	23 Oct 1992	DALLA	
Spouse	Edward or Ed CARTWRIGHT						
Married	Abt 1939 (D)	Place	(of) Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas	SealSp	1 May 1997	DALLA	
Spouse	Floyd WILSON						
Married	30 Apr 1948 (D)	Place	Pulaski County, Arkansas	SealSp	1 May 1997	DALLA	
F	Henry Etta "Henrietta" SMITH						
Born	22 Oct 1909	Place	Elberta, Searcy County, Arkansas	Baptized	20 Jan 1989	LOGAN	
Died	22 Aug 1986	Place	Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas	Endowed	8 Feb 1989	LOGAN	
Buried	24 Aug 1986	Place	Forest Hills Cemetery, Little Rock, Arkansas	SealPar	17 Mar 1989	LOGAN	
Spouse	George B. WARNER						
Married	16 Oct 1933	Place	Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida	SealSp	1 May 1997	DALLA	
Spouse	Ben BROWNE						
Married	1946	Place	Atlanta, Fulton Co., Georgia	SealSp	1 May 1997	DALLA	
Spouse	Carl ADAMS						
Married	1958	Place	Greenville, Washington County, Mississippi	SealSp	30 Apr 1997	DALLA	
F	Helen Marion SMITH						
Born	29 Oct 1911	Place	Elberta, Searcy County, Arkansas	Baptized	5 Feb 1980	SLAKE	
Died	6 Jul 1949	Place	Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas	Endowed	27 Feb 1980	SLAKE	
Buried	8 Jul 1949	Place	Oakland Cemetery, Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas	SealPar	11 Dec 1981	LOGAN	
Spouse	Alfred Kenneth SHAW						
Married	18 May 1934	Place	Pulaski County, Arkansas	SealSp	24 Sep 1981	LOGAN	

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Husband	Clyde Van SMITH (GG)		
Wife	Cora Luberta BRATTON (GG)		
Children	List each child in order of birth.	LDS ordinance dates	Temple
7 F	Ann Van Gundy SMITH		
	Born 27 Nov 1916	Place Marshall, Searcy County, Arkansas	Baptized 24 Oct 1988 LOGAN
	Died Apr 1986	Place Green Bay, Brown County, Wisconsin	Endowed 14 Feb 1989 LOGAN
			SealPar 17 Mar 1989 LOGAN
	Spouse	Gordon Kermit JARSTAD	
	Married 30 Dec 1945	Place Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida	SealSp

Clyde Van Smith

Great-Grandfather

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Husband		Clyde Van SMITH (GG)			
Born	15 Oct 1868	Place Rockford, Mercer, Ohio	LDS ordinance dates	Temple	
Died	4 Jul 1919	Place Tampa, Hillsborough, Florida	Baptized 6 Dec 1979	PROVO	
Buried	10 Jul 1919	Place 1552 Maple St. in Oakland Cemetery, Little Rock, Arkansas	Endowed 15 Mar 1980	PROVO	
			SealPar 24 Sep 1980	LOGAN	
Married	Abt 1890	Place (prob) Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp 23 Oct 1992	DALLA	
Other Spouse	Cora Luberta BRATTON (GG)				
Married	18 Sep 1900	Place Searcy County, Arkansas	SealSp 24 Sep 1981	LOGAN	
Husband's father	Henry K. SMITH (2GG)				
Husband's mother	Maria Jane SIDENBENDER (2GG)				
Wife		Lillian JORDAN			
Born	1869	Place (of) Mercer County, Ohio	LDS ordinance dates	Temple	
Died	17 Jul 1962	Place (prob) Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio	Baptized 23 Oct 1992	DALLA	
			Endowed 12 Feb 1993	DALLA	
			SealPar		
Other Spouse	Walter MCCOY				
Married		Place	SealSp		
Other Spouse	Rev. <Living>				
Married	1951	Place Cincinnati, Hamilton, Ohio	SealSp		
Wife's father	Mr. JORDAN				
Wife's mother					
Children List each child in order of birth.			LDS ordinance dates	Temple	
1	M	W. Wade SMITH			
	Born	Abt 1893	Place Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized 19 Oct 1999	PROVO
	Died	Abt 1919	Place (prob) Arkansas	Endowed 19 Oct 1999	PROVO
				SealPar 19 Nov 1999	PROVO
	Spouse	Cora			
	Married	Abt 1915	Place (of) Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp 22 Oct 1999	PROVO
2	M	Dole McLelum SMITH (World War I Soldier--Died in Service)			
	Born	22 Nov 1894	Place Celina, Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized 5 Oct 1983	LOGAN
	Died	27 Oct 1918	Place Base Hospital 42, 11th Division, France	Endowed 25 Oct 1983	LOGAN
	Buried	Dec 1918	Place Arlington National Cemetery, Washington D.C.	SealPar 23 Oct 1992	DALLA

Henry K. Smith

Second Great-Grandfather

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Husband Henry K. SMITH (2GG)					
Born	18 Apr 1841	Place	Mercer County, Ohio	LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Died	6 Aug 1924	Place	Rockford, Mercer, Ohio	Baptized	10 Oct 1973 SGEOR
Buried	8 Aug 1924	Place	Riverside Cemetery, Rockford, Mercer, Ohio	Endowed	14 Dec 1973 SGEOR
				SealPar	16 Jan 1974 SGEOR
Married	27 Mar 1866	Place	(prob) Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	9 Mar 1985 DALLA
Husband's father	Israel SMITH (3GG)				
Husband's mother	Matilda WADE (3GG)				
Wife Maria Jane SIDENBENDER (2GG)					
Born	6 Apr 1845	Place	Mercer County, Ohio	LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Died	26 Apr 1928	Place	Ross County, Ohio	Baptized	18 Jan 1984 LOGAN
Buried	28 Apr 1928	Place	Riverside Cemetery, Rockford, Mercer, Ohio	Endowed	8 May 1984 LOGAN
				SealPar	16 May 1984 LOGAN
Wife's father	Joseph SIDENBENDER (3GG)				
Wife's mother	Ann VAN GUNDY (3GG)				
Children List each child in order of birth.				LDS ordinance dates	Temple
F	Nellie SMITH				
Born	1 Jan 1867	Place	(prob) Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	26 May 1987 LOGAN
Died	Bef 1869	Place	(prob) Mercer County, Ohio	Endowed	1 Sep 1987 LOGAN
				SealPar	18 Dec 1987 LOGAN
M	Clyde Van SMITH (GG)				
Born	15 Oct 1868	Place	Rockford, Mercer, Ohio	Baptized	6 Dec 1979 PROVO
Died	4 Jul 1919	Place	Tampa, Hillsborough, Florida	Endowed	15 Mar 1980 PROVO
Buried	10 Jul 1919	Place	1552 Maple St. in Oakland Cemetery, Little Rock, Arkansas	SealPar	24 Sep 1980 LOGAN
Spouse	Lillian JORDAN				
Married	Abt 1890	Place	(prob) Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	23 Oct 1992 DALLA
Spouse	Cora Luberta BRATTON (GG)				
Married	18 Sep 1900	Place	Searcy County, Arkansas	SealSp	24 Sep 1981 LOGAN

Israel Smith

Third Great-Grandfather

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Husband				Israel SMITH (3GG)					
Born	1804/1805	Place	Ohio	LDS ordinance dates		Temple			
Died	Apr 1857	Place	Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	26 Apr 1985	DALLA			
Buried	Apr 1857	Place	Cemetery near Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio	Endowed	26 Apr 1985	DALLA			
				SealPar	27 Apr 1985	DALLA			
Married	17 Feb 1829	Place	Wayne County, Ohio	SealSp	17 Apr 1981	OGDEN			
Other Spouse	Mary Ann BALTZELL								
Married	18 Jul 1850	Place	Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	1 Jul 1981	SLAKE			
Husband's father	Jacob H. SMITH (4GG)								
Husband's mother	Sarah (4GG)								
Wife				Matilda WADE (3GG)					
Born	Abt 1810	Place	(of) Medina County, Ohio	LDS ordinance dates		Temple			
Died	1848	Place	Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	26 Apr 1985	DALLA			
Buried	1848	Place	Cemetery near Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio	Endowed	13 Sep 1986	DALLA			
				SealPar	30 Apr 1997	DALLA			
Wife's father									
Wife's mother									
Children				List each child in order of birth.		LDS ordinance dates		Temple	
M	James "Finley" SMITH								
	Born	26 Apr 1831	Place (prob) Wayne County, Ohio	Baptized	9 May 1986	DALLA			
	Died	7 Feb 1877	Place Mercer County, Ohio	Endowed	3 Apr 1987	DALLA			
	Buried	9 Feb 1877	Place Roebuck Cemetery, Mercer County, Ohio	SealPar	30 May 1987	DALLA			
	Spouse	Phebe A. SLATER							
	Married	16 Aug 1855	Place Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	2 Jul 1981	SLAKE			
	Spouse	Alvina B. SIDENBENDER							
	Married	9 Apr 1865	Place Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	20 Apr 1982	JRIVE			
M	Zannan A. SMITH								
	Born	1833/1834	Place (prob) Wayne County, Ohio	Baptized	9 May 1986	DALLA			
	Died	Bef 1924	Place (poss) Webster County, Missouri	Endowed	25 Apr 1987	DALLA			
				SealPar	30 May 1987	DALLA			
	Spouse	Hannah SCHLATER							
	Married	Abt 1859	Place Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	1997	DALLA			

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3	M	Cornelius B. SMITH							
		Born	4 Aug 1836	Place	Wayne County, Ohio	Baptized	31 Mar 1884	LOGAN	
		Died	1911	Place	Mercer County, Ohio	Endowed	17 Apr 1884	LOGAN	
		Buried	1911	Place	Riverside Cemetery, Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio	SealPar	12 May 1884	LOGAN	
		Spouse	Nancy E. HEDGES						
		Married	29 Mar 1860	Place	Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	10 Jul 1881	SLAKE	
4	M	John W. SMITH (Union Civil War Soldier)							
		Born	9 Jul 1838	Place	Ohio	Baptized	9 May 1886	DALLA	
		Died	13 Jul 1903	Place	Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio	Endowed	15 May 1887	DALLA	
		Buried	15 Jul 1903	Place	Riverside Cemetery, Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio	SealPar	30 May 1887	DALLA	
		Spouse	Harriet BLAKE						
		Married	4 Mar 1866	Place	Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	28 May 1897	DALLA	
5	M	Henry K. SMITH (2GG)							
		Born	18 Apr 1841	Place	Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	10 Oct 1873	SGEOR	
		Died	6 Aug 1924	Place	Rockford, Mercer, Ohio	Endowed	14 Dec 1873	SGEOR	
		Buried	8 Aug 1924	Place	Riverside Cemetery, Rockford, Mercer, Ohio	SealPar	16 Jan 1874	SGEOR	
		Spouse	Maria Jane SIDENBENDER (2GG)						
		Married	27 Mar 1866	Place	(prob) Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	9 Mar 1885	DALLA	
6	M	Jacob SMITH							
		Born	1843/1844	Place	Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	9 May 1886	DALLA	
		Died	Childhood	Place	Mercer County, Ohio	Endowed	28 Nov 1886	DALLA	
						SealPar	3 Apr 1887	DALLA	
7	F	Sarah Ellen SMITH							
		Born	1846/1847	Place	Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	20 Dec 1884	DALLA	
		Died	Bef 1924	Place		Endowed	Mar 1885	DALLA	
						SealPar	9 Mar 1885	DALLA	
		Spouse	George GRIFFIN						
		Married	Abt 1867	Place	Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	28 May 1897	DALLA	
8	F	Matilda SMITH							
		Born	1848/1849	Place	Mercer County, Ohio	Baptized	9 May 1886	DALLA	
		Died	Died Young	Place	Mercer County, Ohio	Endowed	10 Sep 1886	DALLA	
						SealPar	3 Apr 1887	DALLA	

Jacob H. Smith

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Husband Jacob H. SMITH (4GG)							
Born	12 Jan 1780	Place	York's Run, Georges Twp., Fayette Co., Pennsylvania	LDS ordinance dates		Temple	
Died	20 Feb 1848	Place	(prob) Wayne County, Ohio	Baptized	24 Nov 1942	SLAKE	
Buried	22 Feb 1848	Place	Old Presbyterian Cemetery, Apple Creek, Wayne, Indiana	Endowed	12 May 1943	SLAKE	
				SealPar	27 Apr 1985	DALLA	
Married	Abt 1804	Place	(of) Wayne County, Ohio	SealSp	27 Apr 1985	DALLA	
Husband's father	Henry SMITH (5GG)						
Husband's mother	Elizabeth GROVENSTADT-GRANDSTAFF (5GG)						
Wife Sarah (4GG)							
Born	1787	Place	Pennsylvania or Ireland	LDS ordinance dates		Temple	
Died	3 Oct 1860	Place	(prob) Wayne County, Ohio	Baptized	6 Nov 1942	SLAKE	
Buried	5 Oct 1860	Place	Old Presbyterian Cemetery, Apple Creek, Wayne, Indiana	Endowed	27 Nov 1942	SLAKE	
				SealPar			
Wife's father							
Wife's mother							
Children List each child in order of birth.				LDS ordinance dates		Temple	
1	M	Israel SMITH (3GG)					
	Born	1804/1805	Place	Ohio	Baptized	26 Apr 1985	DALLA
	Died	Apr 1857	Place	Mercer County, Ohio	Endowed	26 Apr 1985	DALLA
	Buried	Apr 1857	Place	Cemetery near Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio	SealPar	27 Apr 1985	DALLA
	Spouse	Matilda WADE (3GG)					
	Married	17 Feb 1829	Place	Wayne County, Ohio	SealSp	17 Apr 1981	OGDEN
	Spouse	Mary Ann BALTZELL					
	Married	18 Jul 1850	Place	Mercer County, Ohio	SealSp	1 Jul 1981	SLAKE
2	M	Henry SMITH					
	Born	Abt 1810	Place	(prob) Ohio	Baptized	27 Apr 1985	DALLA
	Died		Place	Defiance County, Ohio	Endowed	26 Apr 1985	DALLA
					SealPar	27 Apr 1985	DALLA
3	M	Cornelius SMITH					
	Born	Abt 1820	Place	East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio	Baptized	26 Apr 1985	DALLA
	Buried		Place	Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio	Endowed	26 Apr 1985	DALLA
					SealPar	27 Apr 1985	DALLA
	Spouse	Elizabeth BEERBOWER					
	Married	12 Nov 1850	Place	Wayne County, Ohio	SealSp	24 Apr 1981	OGDEN

Henry Smith

Fifth Great-Grandfather

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Husband Henry SMITH (5GG)				LDS ordinance dates		Temple
Born	25 Feb 1752	Place	Antietam Creek, Washington County, Maryland	Baptized	29 Jul 1992	PORTL
Died	10 Mar 1838	Place	German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Endowed	25 Sep 1992	PORTL
Buried	12 Mar 1838	Place	Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Fayette County, Pa.	SealPar	7 Oct 1992	PORTL
Married	1777	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	7 Oct 1992	PORTL
Other Spouse	Margaret SHEETER					
Married	1799	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	18 Feb 1993	PORTL
Husband's father	Philip SMITH OR SCHMIDT (6GG)					
Husband's mother	Barbara MARKLEY OR MERKLE (6GG)					
Wife Elizabeth GROVENSTADT-GRANDSTAFF (5GG)				LDS ordinance dates		Temple
Born	1758	Place	York's Run, Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	2 Jun 1931	SLAKE
Died	10 Aug 1796	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Endowed	7 May 1934	SLAKE
Buried	12 Aug 1796	Place	Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Fayette County, Pa.	SealPar	15 Mar 2005	PROVO
Wife's father						
Wife's mother						
Children List each child in order of birth.				LDS ordinance dates		Temple
M	Jacob H. SMITH (4GG)					
Born	12 Jan 1780	Place	York's Run, Georges Twp., Fayette Co., Pennsylvania	Baptized	24 Nov 1942	SLAKE
Died	20 Feb 1848	Place	(prob) Wayne County, Ohio	Endowed	12 May 1943	SLAKE
Buried	22 Feb 1848	Place	Old Presbyterian Cemetery, Apple Creek, Wayne, Indiana	SealPar	27 Apr 1985	DALLA
Spouse	Sarah (4GG)					
Married	Abt 1804	Place	(of) Wayne County, Ohio	SealSp	27 Apr 1985	DALLA
F	Barbara SMITH					
Born	1785	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	29 Jul 1992	PORTL
				Endowed	16 Sep 1992	PORTL
				SealPar	7 Oct 1992	PORTL
F	Mary Magdalena SMITH					
Born	21 Dec 1786	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	29 Jul 1992	PORTL
Died	6 Oct 1868	Place	East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio	Endowed	25 Sep 1992	PORTL
				SealPar	7 Oct 1992	PORTL
Spouse	Conrad FRANKS					
Married	Abt 1803	Place	(of) Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp		
F	Salome SMITH					
Born	8 Apr 1788	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	17 Jun 1952	SLAKE
				Endowed	16 Jun 1953	SLAKE
				SealPar	28 Oct 1954	SLAKE
M	Elias SMITH					
Born	1 Jun 1789	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	10 May 1985	IFALL
Died	12 Jan 1854	Place	Richland County, Ohio	Endowed	24 May 1985	IFALL
				SealPar	6 Aug 1985	IFALL
Spouse	Elizabeth BEERBOWER					
Married	1818	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp		
M	Henry SMITH					
Born	11 Nov 1791	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	29 Jul 1992	PORTL
Died	1 Feb 1872	Place		Endowed	25 Sep 1992	PORTL
Buried	3 Feb 1872	Place	Uniontown, Fayette, Pennsylvania	SealPar	28 Oct 1954	SLAKE
Spouse	Keziah DAVIS					
Married	1817	Place	Connellsville, Fayette, Pennsylvania	SealSp	2 Sep 1954	SLAKE
Spouse	Leah FIELDS					
Married	Abt 1834	Place	(of) Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp		
Spouse	Eliza WILKEY OR WILKIE					
Married	Abt 1860	Place	(prob) Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp		
M	Nicholas SMITH					
Born	17 Dec 1793	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	29 Jul 1992	PORTL
Died	1836	Place		Endowed	25 Sep 1992	PORTL
				SealPar	7 Oct 1992	PORTL
Spouse	Leah MCCOY					
Married	26 Nov 1826	Place	(of) Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp		
F	Christina Rachel SMITH					
Born	28 Jan 1796	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	29 Jul 1992	PORTL
				Endowed	25 Sep 1992	PORTL
				SealPar	7 Oct 1992	PORTL
Spouse	Benjamin MILLER					
Married	9 May 1830	Place	(of) Fayette Countv, Pennsylvania	SealSp		

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Husband Henry SMITH (5GG)			
Wife Elizabeth GROVENSTADT-GRANDSTAFF (5GG)			
Children List each child in order of birth.		LDS ordinance dates	Temple
9	F Susanna "Susan" SMITH		
	Born 25 Jul 1801	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized 17 Nov 1992 PORTL
			Endowed 19 Jan 1993 PORTL
			SealPar 18 Feb 1993 PORTL

Henry Smith

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Husband Henry SMITH (5GG)			
	Born 25 Feb 1752	Place Antietam Creek, Washington County, Maryland	LDS ordinance dates
	Died 10 Mar 1838	Place German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized 29 Jul 1992 PORTL
	Buried 12 Mar 1838	Place Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Fayette County, Pa.	Endowed 25 Sep 1992 PORTL
			SealPar 7 Oct 1992 PORTL
	Married 1799	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp 18 Feb 1993 PORTL
	Other Spouse Elizabeth GROVENSTADT-GRANDSTAFF (5GG)		
	Married 1777	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp 7 Oct 1992 PORTL
	Husband's father Philip SMITH OR SCHMIDT (6GG)		
	Husband's mother Barbara MARKLEY OR MERKLE (6GG)		
Wife Margaret SHEETER			
	Born 29 Sep 1764	Place (of) Fayette County, Pennsylvania	LDS ordinance dates
	Died 24 Dec 1839	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized 17 Nov 1992 PORTL
	Buried 26 Dec 1839	Place Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Fayette County, Pa.	Endowed 9 Dec 1992 PORTL
			SealPar
	Wife's father		
	Wife's mother		
Children List each child in order of birth.		LDS ordinance dates	Temple
1	F Rachel SMITH		
	Born 1799	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized 19 Nov 2002 CHICA
			Endowed 8 Nov 2003 CHICA
			SealPar 7 Apr 2004 CHICA
2	F Suzanna SMITH		
	Born 1801	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized 17 Nov 1992 PORTL
			Endowed 19 Jan 1993 PORTL
			SealPar 18 Feb 1993 PORTL
3	M Solomon SMITH		
	Born 12 Jan 1804	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized 17 Nov 1992 PORTL
	Buried	Place White Rock Cemetery, Fairchance, Fayette, Pennsylvania	Endowed 9 Dec 1992 PORTL
			SealPar 15 Jan 1993 PORTL
	Spouse Mary ROTHUCK		
	Married Abt 1823	Place (of) Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp
	Spouse Mary Polly HAYDEN		
	Married 13 Aug 1832	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp Cleared
4	M Daniel SMITH		
	Born Apr 1806	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized 17 Nov 1992 PORTL
	Chr. 18 May 1806	Place Jacob's Lutheran Church, Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Endowed 19 Jan 1993 PORTL
	Died 9 Nov 1899	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealPar 18 Feb 1993 PORTL
	Buried 11 Nov 1899	Place Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery, Smithfield, Fayette, Pennsylvania	
	Spouse Elizabeth ROTHUCK		
	Married 17 Aug 1826	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp
5	F Elizabeth SMITH		
	Born 12 Oct 1808	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized 17 Oct 2000 IFALL
	Died 22 Sep 1880	Place	Endowed 27 Oct 2000 IFALL
			SealPar 19 Sep 2002 IFALL
	Spouse Philip Sturgis FIELD		
	Married Abt 1831	Place (prob) Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp
6	F Salome SMITH		
	Born Abt 1802	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania (poss. born in 1810 or 1812)	Baptized 17 Nov 1992 PORTL
			Endowed 9 Dec 1992 PORTL
			SealPar 18 Feb 1993 PORTL
7	F Magdalena SMITH		
	Born Abt 1802	Place Fayette County, Pennsylvania (poss. born in 1810 or 1812)	Baptized 17 Nov 1992 PORTL
			Endowed 9 Dec 1992 PORTL
			SealPar 18 Feb 1993 PORTL

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Husband Philip SMITH OR SCHMIDT (6GG)					
Born	Abt 1725	Place	(poss) Schmorkau, Saxony, Germany	LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Died	May/Jun 1814	Place	Jefferson County, Ohio	Baptized	23 Nov 1990 JRIVE
				Endowed	27 Feb 1991 JRIVE
				SealPar	26 Oct 1990 JRIVE
Married	Abt 1750	Place	Germany	SealSp	22 Oct 1999 PROVO
Husband's father					
Husband's mother					
Wife Barbara MARKLEY OR MERKLE (6GG)					
Born	Abt 1730	Place	Germany	LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Died	21 Apr 1818	Place	Wayne County, Ohio	Baptized	26 Apr 1985 DALLA
				Endowed	27 Apr 1985 DALLA
				SealPar	31 Mar 2005 PROVO
Wife's father					
Wife's mother					
Children List each child in order of birth.				LDS ordinance dates	Temple
M Henry SMITH (5GG)					
Born	25 Feb 1752	Place	Antietam Creek, Washington County, Maryland	Baptized	29 Jul 1992 PORTL
Died	10 Mar 1838	Place	German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Endowed	25 Sep 1992 PORTL
Buried	12 Mar 1838	Place	Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Fayette County, Pa.	SealPar	7 Oct 1992 PORTL
Spouse	Elizabeth GROVENSTADT-GRANDSTAFF (5GG)				
Married	1777	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	7 Oct 1992 PORTL
Spouse	Margaret SHEETER				
Married	1799	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	18 Feb 1993 PORTL
M Valentine SMITH					
Born	Abt 1754	Place	Antietam Creek, Washington County, Maryland	Baptized	29 Jul 1992 PORTL
Died	22/31 Oct 1830	Place	Wayne County, Ohio	Endowed	25 Sep 1992 PORTL
				SealPar	7 Oct 1992 PORTL
Spouse	Margaret or Margaretha				
Married	1776	Place	(of) Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	12 Mar 1993 OGDEN
F Barbara SMITH					
Born	1755	Place	Frederick County, Maryland	Baptized	29 Jul 1992 PORTL
				Endowed	16 Sep 1992 PORTL
				SealPar	7 Oct 1992 PORTL
M Nicholas SMITH					
Born	Abt 1757	Place	Antietam Creek, Washington County, Maryland	Baptized	26 Apr 1985 DALLA
Died	Sep 1832	Place	Wooster, Wayne, Ohio	Endowed	27 Apr 1985 DALLA
				SealPar	27 Apr 1985 DALLA
Spouse	Elizabeth EWING				
Married	27 Sep 1807	Place	Donnelsville, Ross, Ohio	SealSp	2 Apr 1981 SGEOR
F Betsey SMITH					
Born	1759	Place	Frederick County, Maryland	Baptized	29 Jul 1992 PORTL
				Endowed	25 Sep 1992 PORTL
				SealPar	7 Oct 1992 PORTL
M Philip SMITH II					
Born	Feb 1761	Place	Antietam Creek, Washington County, Maryland	Baptized	26 Apr 1985 DALLA
Died	29 Mar 1838	Place	East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio	Endowed	27 Apr 1985 DALLA
Buried	31 Mar 1838	Place		SealPar	27 Apr 1985 DALLA
Spouse	Agnes WAITS				
Married	Abt 1785	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	12 Mar 1993 OGDEN
M George SMITH					
Born	1761	Place	Antietam Creek, Washington County, Maryland	Baptized	29 Jul 1992 PORTL
Died	Sep 1805	Place	Georges Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Endowed	16 Sep 1992 PORTL
				SealPar	7 Oct 1992 PORTL
Spouse	Rebeka				
Married	Abt 1791	Place	(of) Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	
F Catherine SMITH					
Born	1763	Place	Frederick County, Maryland	Baptized	29 Jul 1992 PORTL
Died	Aft 1814	Place		Endowed	25 Sep 1992 PORTL
				SealPar	7 Oct 1992 PORTL
F Eliza SMITH					
Born	Abt 1765	Place	Frederick County, Maryland	Baptized	29 Jul 1992 PORTL
				Endowed	25 Sep 1992 PORTL
				SealPar	7 Oct 1992 PORTL

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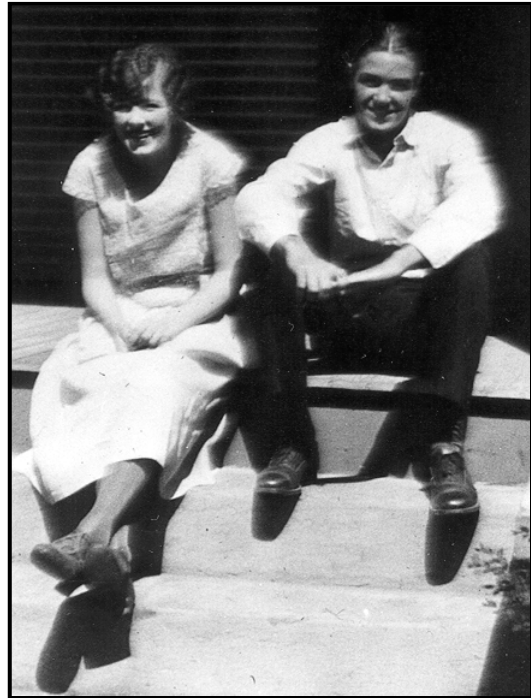
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Husband		Philip SMITH OR SCHMIDT (6GG)						
Wife		Barbara MARKLEY OR MERKLE (6GG)						
Children		List each child in order of birth.			LDS ordinance dates		Temple	
10	F	Christiana SMITH						
		Born	1 Apr or Sep 1766	Place	Antietam Creek, Washington County, Maryland	Baptized	29 Jul 1992	PORTL
		Died	19 Sep 1833	Place	East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio	Endowed	25 Sep 1992	PORTL
		Buried	21 Sep 1833	Place	Family farm, East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio	SealPar	7 Oct 1992	PORTL
		Spouse	Frederick BROWN					
		Married	Abt 1793	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	7 Jan 1994	ARIZO
11	F	Abigail Appollinia SMITH						
		Born	31 Dec 1767	Place	Antietam Creek, Washington County, Maryland	Baptized	29 Jul 1992	PORTL
		Died	9 Sep 1845	Place	German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Endowed	28 Aug 1992	PORTL
		Buried	11 Sep 1845	Place	Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Fayette County, Pa.	SealPar	7 Oct 1992	PORTL
		Spouse	George FRANKS					
		Married	1783	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	SealSp	1 Feb 1996	IFALL
12	F	Polly SMITH						
		Born	Abt 1771	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	29 Jul 1992	PORTL
						Endowed	25 Sep 1992	PORTL
						SealPar	7 Oct 1992	PORTL
13	F	Margaret SMITH						
		Born	Abt 1773	Place	Fayette County, Pennsylvania	Baptized	29 Jul 1992	PORTL
						Endowed	16 Sep 1992	PORTL
						SealPar	7 Oct 1992	PORTL

Claire Smith

A Biography by Her Grandson, Richard (Sharp) Martin

When I was about nine or ten years old, I remember visiting my grandmother while she was living in an apartment in Houston, Texas. She greeted us warmly and gave me a big hug. She had a fair complexion and was very slim. She smoked cigarettes and the strong smell of tobacco permeated the air. I sat



Above: Claire Smith (1907-1991), age sixteen, and Marion Sharp (1905-1988), age eighteen, about 1923. Claire was four days shy of her sixteenth birthday when she married Marion, and had four children before her twenty-fourth birthday.

quietly not knowing what to say. I could not remember seeing her before, and, sadly, if my mother had not told me that she was my grandmother, I would not have recognized her.

Claire Smith* was born on September 16, 1907, in Searcy County, Arkansas. Her father died when she was eleven years old. Her family moved from Searcy County, Arkansas, to Little Rock, Arkansas, just before her father's death in 1919. While attending high school, Claire met Marion Sharp. They began dating in 1922, when he was a senior, and she was a sophomore. They became romantically involved and their parents thought it best that they get married. On September 12, 1923, four days before Claire's sixteenth birthday, they were married. The next year my father, Marion Carlos Sharp, Jr., was born.

****Claire Smith was the mother of four children (Marion, Alice, Ronald, and Carol Sharp) and the grandmother of seventeen grandchildren: Cathy, Ronald, Nancy, Richard, Samuel and Jody Sharp; Sheryl, Sandy and Christie Herrick; Lincoln, Vickie and Marcia Davis; Sharyn, Debra, Jerald, Susan and Barbara Bradshaw.***

Marion, Senior got a job with the Rock Island Railroad. Claire stayed at home and was helped by her mother, Cora Bratton Smith. By the time she was twenty and a half years old she had three children: **Marion Carlos Sharp, Jr.** (1924-1980) Alice Joyce



Above: Claire Smith Sharp and her first-born baby son, Marion Sharp, Jr. (Father), about 1924.

Sharp (1925-1996), and Ronald Clair Sharp (1928-1988). Marion believed that Claire would not be able to raise the children well and proposed that they allow his aunt to adopt Ronald. Claire consented and she never saw her son again until she was in her seventies. All of her life she regretted having allowed her son to be adopted, even if the adoption was within her husband's family. She cried many times when she reflected on her decision. Her last child, Carol Lee Sharp (1931-present 2012), was born three years later in 1931. All four of her children were born in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Claire and Marion, Sr. had marital difficulties and divorced after ten years of marriage in 1933. The economic depression of the 1930s was in its depth and the family had many hardships, but with the physical, moral and financial help of Cora Smith and Claire's sisters, the family managed to make ends meet. Carol Sharp Bradshaw, Claire's youngest child, said that Claire once saw Marion in downtown Little Rock after their divorce

and that Claire came home and cried and cried.

Claire's second marriage was to Ed Cartwright, which ended in divorce. Claire married again in 1948 to Floyd Wilson. Carol said that Claire's marriage to Floyd was more for economic reasons than for love. Floyd liked to drink and he got Claire into the habit of drinking alcohol more than she normally would. Their marriage lasted nine years and they divorced in 1957. She never remarried.

Claire was close to her sisters and would often visit them in Little Rock. Claire moved back to Memphis, Tennessee, and spent the last years of her life living at 2152 East River Trace Drive, Apartment Number 1, in Memphis. I visited Claire a number of times at this apartment. In the 1980s, we had three Sharp family reunions. In

1983 Carol Sharp Bradshaw, Alice Sharp Herrick (Aunts), Lincoln Davis (Uncle), Ron Martin (Brother) Sharyn Bradshaw Owen (Cousin), Grandmother Claire and I had the first family reunion in Memphis. We all went out to eat together and toured



Left: Claire Smith about 1958. Above: Claire and her sisters. Left to right: Claire, Ann, Henrietta and Mary Smith. Lower left: Floyd Wilson (second husband of Claire Smith). Below: Claire at work in April 1969.

“Mud Island” as a family. Everyone enjoyed themselves. It was the first time that the entire family, including Lincoln, had ever gotten together. We met together again in Memphis in 1985. The last Sharp family reunion was in 1987 at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel in Dallas, Texas.



Claire wrote me a letter on Saturday night November 6, 1982, from her home on East River Trace in Memphis.



Just a few days previous to writing this letter, her son, Lincoln, whom she had named Ronald, visited her for the first time.

“Dearest Richard, Karen and the little stranger, if he has arrived: I hope you will forgive my negligence in writing you, and have thought every day I would write to



Above: Claire probably in the late 1940s. Right: Claire with her sister, Mary Smith Van Loon, 1980s.

thank you for the wonderful thing you did in locating Ronnie. Only you could have accomplished that. I had no idea where he was. No one would tell you, and I feel so much better knowing he is well and happy. I enjoyed their visit so much, and wished you could have been here.”

looking forward to meeting him. Oh, yes, if he has red hair don't be alarmed. Your great-grandfather Smith had red hair. Also, your great-grandmother Smith and I have hoped every time that one of the children would inherit it.”

“Has Jr. arrived yet? I am presuming he will be a boy. I sure am

“Karen, how are you feeling? Fine I hope. Carol is fine, and often asks about you and Richard. I am looking forward to the time you can come up for a visit. Of course you know I have moved. I have a much nicer apartment, and like it out here.”

“I am glad I expected Ronnie, otherwise when I opened the door, I would have had quite a shock. He resembles Junior so much, and seeing him standing there in the breezeway—I would have flipped. Carol came over that night, and the first thing she said was that he looked so much like Junior. Although when you see Carol and Ronnie together, their resemblance is startling. I liked Judy very much; she is very attractive.”



“I hope you are doing fine—please let me know when or if the baby has arrived and do take care of yourselves.”

“All My Love, Grandmother—Mamma Claire—whichever you prefer.”

“PS: And thanks again for the wonderful thing you did for me. I love you very much.”

The most meaningful discussion I ever had with my grandmother was by telephone in 1986. We talked about the family, and she gave me many thoughtful, pleasant insights into the lives of our relatives that she had known. In our discussion, she was considerate and non-judgmental in her opinions of other family members.

A couple of months before Lincoln Davis died in 1988, he drove from his home in Abilene, Texas, to Memphis, Tennessee, to see Claire. He stayed with his mother for three days by himself for the first time. Lincoln did not realize that he was to pass away soon at the age of sixty. Just four months earlier his father, Marion, Sr., had passed away, and I think he felt a spiritual need to know his family better.

Claire was always a heavy smoker. The fact that she lived to be almost eighty-four-years-old is a testament to her natural, strong physical nature. Her funeral in Memphis on September 10, 1991,



Top: Claire with her son, Lincoln Davis, and daughter, Carol Bradshaw, in 1982. It was the first time Claire had seen Lincoln in 54 years. Above, left to right: Lincoln Davis (son), Claire, Ron Martin (grandson) and Patricia Bowles (daughter in law), 1987.

was the last time that a Sharp reunion was held. Carol and Alice (Aunts), Cathy (Sister), Ron (Brother), Carol’s family, and I all met for the last time. Aunt Alice died in 1996.

Sources

- Personal Knowledge of Claire Smith.
- Personal Knowledge of Carol Sharp Bradshaw, daughter of Claire Smith.



- Records and letters of Claire Smith in possession of Richard T. Martin.

MRS. CLAIRE WILSON, 83, of Memphis, retired night auditor for Rice Hotels in Houston, died Sunday at St. Francis Hospital after a short illness. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Memorial Park. Memorial Park Funeral Home has charge. Mrs. Wilson leaves two daughters, Mrs. Alice Joyce Herrick of Sioux City, Iowa, and Mrs. Carol Bradshaw of Memphis, and 15 grandchildren.



Top: Claire's grave (left corner) in Memorial Park Funeral Home Cemetery in Memphis, Tennessee. Left: Gravestone of Claire Smith Sharp Wilson, mother of Marion Sharp, Jr., Lincoln Davis, Joyce Sharp and Carol Sharp. Above: Claire's obituary. Lower left: End of letter written by Claire to her grandson, Richard Martin, in 1983.

Give Karen & the baby my love - also
 love -
 and lots of love to you.
 Shantana Claire

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