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**SMITHS  
OF LAUDERDALE COUNTY,  
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## INTRODUCTION TO SMITHS OF LAUDERDALE COUNTY

**John William Smith Jr.** became an orphan when he was only four years old. John was born 29 November 1859 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, during the turbulent years leading to the War between the States. On 20 April 1862, when John was only two years old, his father John W. Smith Sr. enlisted in Company E. Seventh Battalion, Mississippi Infantry, at Quitman in nearby Clarke County and was mustered into service in the Confederate States Army on 12 May of the same year.

John W. Smith Sr. served with the Seventh Battalion, Mississippi Volunteers, during the battles of Corinth and Vicksburg, Mississippi, and died in the spring of 1864, most likely while fighting in Georgia during one of the battles leading up to the siege of Atlanta. His only child was then four years old.

On 16 November 1858, John William Smith Sr. had married Martha J. Mathis. In the 1860 United States Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, John Sr., 22; Martha J., 23; John W., 9/12 month at the date of enumeration; and Mary L. Smith, 19, sister of John Sr., were living at dwelling #1321 next door to John and Mary's aunt and uncle, Marion and Mary Ann (Smith) Clarke. Mary L. Smith was looking forward to her marriage to F. Butler on 30 March of the next year. But then in 1862 the extended family's happiness was destroyed by war. Apparently Mary J. (Smith) Clark's husband was also killed in the War between the States, since on 6 April 1868 she married second H. H. Vinson in Clarke County, Mississippi.

Family tradition conflicts with official records concerning the death of Mary J. (Mathis) Smith. According to tradition, John Jr. became an orphan when he was six years old. Also according to that tradition, his mother died, and then before John's father went off to war, he put little John William up onto his horse and rode with him to the house of neighbors to ask them to take care of the child. However, a Martha J. Smith married a William J. Clark on 23 December 1868 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, with a relative of John W. Smith Sr. acting as bondsman. More likely, after the death of his father, John's mother married second William Clark, and when she died, perhaps in childbirth, William Clark, put his step-son, little John Smith, up onto the back of his horse and rode with him to the house of one of the boy's close circle of Smith relatives to ask that person to care for the boy. Both of the boy's parents had died by 1870.

No one knows who cared for the little orphan. Elaine Spires Smith, the author of this family history, has been unable to find John W. Smith Jr. in the 1870 United States Census. He does not appear to have lived in Lauderdale County at that time but may have lived with relatives in adjacent Clarke County. Repeated searches of census records have not revealed his whereabouts. John W. Smith Jr. died on 28 December 1927, and his wife Elizabeth (Sinclair) Smith died on 11 October 1949, long before present research began. Apparently no one now living questioned them concerning John's parents.

As Elaine Smith has researched her husband's family for over sixteen years, gradually it has become apparent why so little has been known about them. Not only had John W. Smith Jr., her husband's grandfather, been left an orphan when he was very young, but also John W. Smith Sr., her husband's great-grandfather, became an orphan when he was only 13 years old. To complicate the research, both the parents and grandparents of John Sr. were omitted in the 1850 United States Census population schedule. Both Wilkin and William Smith, father and grandfather of John Sr., appeared in the agricultural schedule of that census but did not appear in the population schedule. Apparently their names and names of many of their neighbors were skipped when the census taker copied the only extant version of the 1850 United States Census for Lauderdale County, Mississippi.

Finally, complicating research even further, in the 1940's some descendants of William Smith, great-grandfather of John W. Smith Jr., who wished to join the national societies Daughters of the

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American Revolution and Sons of the American Revolution, were victims of falsification of evidence concerning their Revolutionary War Ancestor. These family members had contacted a then prominent researcher in Laurens County, South Carolina, who provided them with a notarized statement that William Smith was the son of David Smith and Rebecca Lindley of Laurens County and Pendleton District, South Carolina. This researcher declared that information in her notarized statement came from the family papers of one of her ancestors who had been the solicitor of the Lindley and Smith families in Laurens County in the early and middle 1800's.

When Elaine Smith had finally researched her husband's family through to William Smith of Lauderdale County, Mississippi, she, an avid member of the Daughters of American Revolution herself, was delighted to learn that her husband was descended from Revolutionary War soldier David Smith and naturally wanted to research everything concerning him and his family in depth. But then the trouble began. The more Elaine researched, the more she doubted that David Smith was really William's father.

In her Revolutionary War pension application, Rebecca (Lindley) Smith, widow of David Smith, had declared under oath that she had given birth to nine children. But although nine children were cited in the application, none of them was named William. This fact troubled the author so much that she and her husband travelled to Georgia and South Carolina during the summer of 1991 to research the family first hand. There in the probate records of Walton County, Georgia, Elaine found the July 1857 estate settlement of Rebecca (Lindley) Smith. All of Rebecca's living children were mentioned, along with grandchildren who were the sons and daughters of her deceased son James. All of these family members had signed receipts for their portions of the estate, but there was no mention of a deceased son William or of any of his children. William Smith of Lauderdale County, Mississippi, was not the son of David and Rebecca (Lindley) Smith.

The author spent over a year researching David and Rebecca and all of their children. She compared ages of the Smith children in all of the censuses from 1790 through 1840 with other data concerning the children of David and Rebecca from cemetery and marriage records and the 1850 and 1860 censuses. All nine children mentioned in Rebecca's pension application were identified, but a William Smith was not found in that family. The family information found in Rebecca Smith's Revolutionary War pension application and estate settlement was confirmed by census records. The notarized statement provided descendants of William Smith during the 1940's by the Laurens County, South Carolina, researcher was definitely false.

By this time the author knew that she was in deep trouble with distant relatives of her husband who had joined patriotic lineage societies as descendants of Revolutionary War soldier David Smith. The only way that she could redeem herself was to prove their authentic lineage. After having spent a year researching lineage of David Smith, the wrong line, she returned to Bibb County, Alabama, records and continued to research William Smith's life step by step and year by year. The 1830 census for Bibb County provided the key piece of evidence. William Smith, with a wife and the appropriate number of children of appropriate ages, was living next to John Smith, a man of the correct age to have served in the American Revolution and to have been William's father.

The author had previously seen one Revolutionary War pension application of this John Smith, but she had not realized that he had applied for pensions on two separate occasions in two different states and counties. From there on her work involved the standard research of census records and land and court records in Bibb County, Alabama, and in Fairfield and Edgefield counties, South Carolina. Slowly and carefully, she fit all the pieces of the puzzle together to make a whole, clearly connected family tree. William Smith of Lauderdale County, Mississippi, was the son of Revolutionary War soldier John Smith of Edgefield County, South Carolina.

## THE CASE OF A MISTAKEN REVOLUTIONARY WAR ANCESTOR

The family history of Smiths of Lauderdale County, Mississippi, unfolds as a sad story. Over a period of a hundred and fifty years William Smith, his father, his children, and his grandchildren struggled to provide for their large families from the clay and sand soil of Mississippi, Alabama, and South Carolina. Their enemies were war, poverty, sickness, and disease. Their strengths were their own courage and resolution and, especially, the strong family bonds that knit them together. The paper trail that they left behind them in area courthouses as they migrated from South Carolina to Alabama and Mississippi shows how often they needed to rely upon each other and their close neighbors to pull them through when times were bad. Yet through their entire history runs a note of triumph. In the end the family persevered.

John, William, Wilkin, John W. Sr., John W. Jr., and the rest of the early Smiths faced seemingly unbearable tragedies in their personal lives. But the legacy they left for their descendants is that Smiths are survivors. Eighth and ninth generation descendants are strong, happy, well-educated men and women who still believe in the importance of the family unit. Today close family ties persist. Although the little orphan boy of Lauderdale County, John W. Smith Jr., is deceased, along with all of his six sons and three daughters, a large family of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren survives to keep his memory alive.

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The author wishes to personally thank James T. Dawson of Lauderdale County, Mississippi, for his continued support and encouragement during the three years in which this work has been in progress. Early in 1990 Elaine Smith called Jim Dawson at Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History and asked if he would do some research for her on her husband's Smiths. At that time she only knew that her husband's great-grandfather, John W. Smith Sr., had been killed in the Civil War. Without Jim's broad knowledge of the the families of old Whynot and his perseverance and dedication to preserving the history and legends of Lauderdale County, this book would never have been possible. The author has in her files a stack of yellow legal size sheets of paper about two inches thick that identify the research that Jim has done in Lauderdale County and especially the correspondence between the two of them.

Thanks, Jim! We've come a long, long way together in only three years.

And thanks to you, too, Neal, for having such interesting ancestors. As a genealogist, I can now forget the frustrations of researching the Smiths and appreciate the name you gave me 39 years ago for its interesting history.

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Dear Jim:

Here is a preview of what is soon to come, about half of the whole book. Although more pages are actually typed, it is taking a long time to convert each and every page from my old IBM Proprinter 24E to this fantastic new Hewlett Packard Laser Jet 4. Some pages are still to be done. But I love it! This is like going from a Model T to a 1993 Mercedes. This printer has 47 scalable fonts compared to 1 on my old printer.

I still have the John Smith chapter to write. I've been waiting to receive Linda Cheek's new South Carolina Smiths book, ordered in December. Linda told me several months ago that it was at the printers and that I should receive it about now. I keep hoping that there might be something in it about William Smith's siblings or Revolutionary War John Smith's parents. Although I can write the chapter even if there is nothing to be gained from Linda's book, I still want to see her book before I write that chapter.

William Smith had quite a few brothers and sisters, but I know absolutely nothing about them.

Actually, I'm satisfied with what ~~we~~<sup>we</sup> have though. This book corrects the parents David Smith and Rebecca Lindley myth and the descent from S. C. Governor Thomas Smith myth. Of course, there may be errors in my book, but at least there is some proof behind everything. It is based upon fact and not upon hearsay and fiction.

When you look through the enclosed, you may think that the footnotes look as if they have taken a long time to do. Not so! They are not difficult to add at all. The difficult part have been the charts such as the doctor's bill on page 11. Those have been horrendous to transcribe from the NLQ font used with the Proprinter 24E to the Arial font I've used with the new HP 4. I must have spent three or four hours with that one doctor's bill. The problem is that things like that don't print out the same as they look on the computer monitor.

You may feel, as I do, that the footnotes might be better all printed at the end of the book rather than printed at the end of each chapter. But, unfortunately, my word processing program will not do that. In order to use different running heads at the tops of pages, I must divide the book into divisions (chapters).

Please remember that the whole thing is set up already with hidden type which will generate the index. So the index will be created automatically when the book is finished.

Have you noticed that this Microsoft Word 5 automatically adds a specified gutter margin for binding at the left side of odd numbered pages and at the right side of even numbered pages. I've specified .25 inch.

I haven't added an acknowledgement for your work as yet. Do you have any preference as to where I should put it? I could put it on the first inside page along with printing credits, a page that hasn't been typed as yet.

Mindy and Wally, Grant, Gavin, and Gretchen will be here tomorrow afternoon, and Brian and Parvaneh will be here on Easter Day. Neal is getting along very well after his prostate surgery. The doctor thinks that he removed all of the cancer, and the bone scan and MRI didn't show that it had spread outside of the prostate itself. Most likely Neal will start back to work a few days at a time next week.

I've been on spring vacation this week. Since we weren't able to travel anywhere due to Neal's surgery, I've been doing some housecleaning, windows and the garage, etc., and working at transcribing this book for the new printer.

Some friends and I are planning to travel to St. Louis the first week in August for the Federation of Genealogical Societies annual conference. The speakers at the last conference in Fort Wayne were outstanding. Neal and I are planning to spend nine days in Switzerland in July, traveling with the same group that we have been traveling with for about eight years.

A friend who is editor of the Indiana Genealogical Society Newsletter has given me a new job, writing a column entitled "Once a Hoosier . . ." for the newsletter. The column will contain biographies of society members' 18th century ancestors who lived in Indiana but who moved on to other states. I've already received quite a few entries. The society wants me to put all of these in book form when enough have been collected.

I hope that you like the book. Let me know if you see typographical errors. There always seem to be errors no matter how many corrections I make. I wish that we could find graves of more of William and Wilkin's children. I think that some of them were buried in Clarke County. Do you know if that county has any sort of genealogical library or archives that I could write to -- or if the 1870 or 1880 census has been indexed for that county -- or if their cemetery records have been published?

*Claine*  
*See Page 3!*

*Picture*

**John William Smith Jr. (1859-1927)  
The little orphan boy of Lauderdale County.**



REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERAN JOHN SMITH

Chapter to be  
written - In still  
waiting for Linda Cheek's  
book, ordered in December, which  
should arrive any time now.

## WILLIAM AND SARAH (PHILLIPS) SMITH

**William Smith** was born on 9 January 1790 in Edgefield County, South Carolina.<sup>1</sup> He died in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, around the first of February 1851<sup>2</sup> and was buried in the cemetery of Ebenezer Baptist Church.<sup>3</sup> He married **Sarah Phillips** on 1 December 1812<sup>4</sup> most likely in Fairfield County, South Carolina. She died after 13 August 1855 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi.<sup>5</sup>

The name PHILLIPS is said to be derived from PHILPOT. Although traditionally Sarah Smith's name has been cited by the family as Philpot, no Philpots were neighbors of John Smith, William's father, in Fairfield County, South Carolina, in 1812, the year that William Smith is said to have married Sarah. However, a 24 May 1818 Fairfield County deed proves that John Smith's land bordered on that of Robert Phillips, indicating that William Smith more likely married Sarah Phillips.<sup>6</sup> Additional research is required to determine which one of the several Phillipeses living on the waters of Cedar Creek in Fairfield County in 1812 was Sarah's father.

In 1830 William and Sarah (Phillips) Smith were living with their growing family in Bibb County, Alabama, on a small farm next to that of William's parents, Revolutionary War veteran John Smith and his wife.

### Bibb County, Alabama, 1830 Census<sup>7</sup>

<b>William Smith</b>	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>
40+ (1790)	1 5- (1825-30) (Benjamin)	1 5- (1825-30) (Mary Ann)
	1 5+ (1820-25) (William Pinckney)	2 10+ (1815-20) (Lucinda)
	1 10+ (1815-20) (John)	(Catherine)
	2 15+ (1810-15) (Simpkin) (Wilkin)	1 30+ (1800-1790) (Sarah)
 <b>John Smith</b>	 <b>Males</b>	 <b>Females</b>
70+ (1759)		1 40+ but 50-
		1 60+ but 70-

An early tract book of Bibb County shows William Smith and his father John Smith among landowners for whom land purchases were entered in 1831 in the area surrounding Maplesville, which lay in township 21, range 12 east, of Bibb County.

### 1831 Land Entries, Bibb County, Alabama. Township 21, Range 12 East.

James Reid, Wilton Tucker, Burton Rucker, William Dunlap, William Smith,<sup>8</sup> John Smith,<sup>9</sup> James Broadhead,<sup>10</sup> and William Carroll.<sup>11</sup>

An undocumented manuscript found in the Maplesville, Alabama, public library states that the community of Maplesville, Mulberry, and Isabella was settled largely by settlers from Georgia and the Edgefield District of South Carolina, although a few families did migrate from the northern states. Some of these settlers were drawn to the area by land speculators who, after the Creek Indian War, had claimed public lands formerly owned by the Indians.

A survey drawn in 1829 for the town of old Maplesville reads as follows:

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"The State of Alabama, Bibb County. A survey laid off the town of Maplesville on the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 12, township 21, range 12 east, which is represented by the above plan and numbers, which is twenty-six lots of land which survey was made on March 10th, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine."

Old Maplesville lay about three miles east of the present Chilton County town, which was established in 1865. The old town was laid out at the intersection of two state stage roads. One, called the Fort Jackson Road, ran between Montgomery and Tuscaloosa, which was then the capital of Alabama. The other road, the Elyton Road, which later ran north and south from Birmingham to Selma, was completed only from Selma to Maplesville when the Smiths lived in that area, according to an 1846 map of stage coach roads.

The town of Maplesville was located on the bank of Mulberry Creek, which ran a course of almost thirty miles into the Alabama River. The creek furnished transportation as well as power for the mills that ground corn, a necessary food for the settlers. Mulberry Creek meandered through forests of magnificent pines and hardwoods which provided firewood and building materials for the pioneers and which sheltered plentiful game that provided meat for their tables. The creek itself furnished fish to supplement their diets.

Between 1830 and 1840, four more sons were born to William and Sarah Smith in Bibb County, Alabama, and four of their older children married there. On 9 April 1832 Wilkin married Martha Broadhead, the daughter of James Broadhead, and Catherine (Kitty) married William R. Richey, the son of Joseph Richey.<sup>12</sup> Lucinda married Jackson Richey about 1835, and John married Irena Lowe Alverson on 2 January 1838.<sup>13</sup>

The family of William and Sarah Smith can be found on the first page of the 1840 census of Bibb County, Alabama. Nearby lived the families of William and Jackson Richey, husbands of William and Sarah's daughters Catherine and Lucinda, and Nathan Pearson, whose daughter Mary married William Smith's son William Pinckney Smith in 1842 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi,<sup>14</sup> was a close neighbor. William's father, Revolutionary War veteran John Smith, was apparently deceased before 18 December 1839 and does not appear in the 1840 United States Census for Bibb County.

### Bibb County, Alabama, 1840 Census<sup>15</sup>

William Smith	Males	Females
50 - 70 (born 1790)	2 5- (1835-40) (James M.) (David S.)	1 5+ (1830-35) (Mary Ann)
	3 5+ (1830-35) (Samuel Eliza) (T. Elkanna) (Benjamin)	1 40+ (1790-1800) (Sarah)
	1 10+ (1820-30) (William Pinckney)	

Sometime after the marriages of William and Sarah's four older children in Bibb County, Alabama, the family began its removal to Lauderdale County, Mississippi. Lauderdale County had not been organized until 1833, after the Choctaw Indian Cession of 1832, and Wilkin Smith apparently had removed from Alabama to Mississippi in 1838 or early 1839 after the death of James Broadhead, his wife's father. Wilkin was in Bibb County, Alabama, for the Broadhead estate sale in 1838, along with

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his father and William and Jackson Richey, his brothers-in law, but was settled in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, by 1839.<sup>16</sup>

Movies such as *Gone with the Wind* provide thrilling visions of Southern ancestors living on grand antebellum plantations, where lovely dark-haired mothers and daughters glided gracefully through long open hallways in hooped skirts or sat gracefully fanning themselves on broad columned porticoes waiting for their menfolk to return home. But this was far from the situation of the Smith family.

Although the majority of settlers of Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama owned their own land in the early 1800's because land was so inexpensive, only a fourth of them could be classed as well-to-do planters. The other three-fourths were mainly woodsmen, herdsman, fishermen, or, like the Smiths, yeomen farmers. Yeomen farmers each owned around fifty acres of land, more or less, which they gradually cleared and worked themselves, sometimes with the help of one or several slaves. While the large planters usually belonged to the Whig party and were Presbyterians, Episcopalians, or Catholics, yeomen farmers usually followed the politics of Andrew Jackson and were Methodists or Baptists.<sup>17</sup>

The Smiths were Baptists, and they owned no slaves in Alabama or Mississippi. Although John Smith, William's father had owned a slave back in Fairfield County, the family brought no slaves to Alabama. A family with as many growing sons as the Smiths didn't need slaves to work their land.

Times had been difficult in Bibb County in the late 1820's and early 1830's while Wilkin Smith and his brothers were growing up. Money was scarce, and, as was the custom on the frontier, cotton receipts, meat, game, and produce were accepted in lieu of cash. But the economy worsened to such a point that the year 1837 became known as "the panic of 1837."<sup>18</sup> In the more "flush times" of 1836, the Alabama legislature had issued bonds to increase the branches of the State Bank in Huntsville. The result was a financial panic during which the price of cotton dropped to 5 3/4 cents per bale and farmers were almost giving it away after paying costs of baling.<sup>19</sup> William and his older sons worried about how they were going to provide for their wives and small children. A small farm could not provide for one family in such hard times, let alone two or more.

But reports were filtering back to Central Alabama from Mississippi of new land being opened up that could be settled by pre-emption.<sup>20</sup> In 1836, \$1,304,000 worth of Mississippi land was newly offered for settlement.<sup>21</sup> A man merely moved into the newly opened territory, picked out a piece of good land, marked it by girding a few trees, built himself first a rude shelter, such as a lean-to, and then laid the first four logs for a cabin. The technicalities of entering a claim and having the land surveyed could be handled later. The time had come for the older Smith boys, who had apparently been farming with their father or in-laws, to move on.

An early settler, Wilkin Smith, William's eldest son, first paid taxes in Lauderdale County in 1839.

### **Lauderdale County, Mississippi, 1839 Tax Roll**

Wilkin Smith - 1 poll; Tax .37 1/222

Although their father and their brother-in-law, William Richey, still owned land back in Bibb County and were not yet in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, Wilkin and his brother Simkin both appeared in the 1840 Lauderdale County poll tax roll.

### **1840 Lauderdale County, Mississippi, Poll Tax List**

Wilkins Smith - 1 poll, Tax .37 1/2

Simkins Smith - 1 poll, Tax .37 1/2

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One William Smith also appeared in the 1840 Lauderdale County, Mississippi, poll tax list. However, this was not the father of Wilkin and Simpkin. William and his wife Sarah remained in Bibb County, Alabama, with their younger children until after the death of William's elderly father, Revolutionary War veteran John Smith, sometime before 18 December 1839, trying to scratch out a living from their heavily mortgaged farm.

Periodically, clusters of families related to William and Sarah Smith drifted into Lauderdale County, Mississippi, from Bibb County, Alabama, between 1835 and the early 1840's. In May 1837, William Clark, the brother-in-law of Sarah (Phillips) Smith, joined Harmony Baptist Church just over the line from Lauderdale County in what is now Sumter County, Alabama. In June of that year, William Clark's wife Elizabeth Melinda also became a member of that church.<sup>23</sup> An August 1840 Lauderdale County deed proves that William Clark's wife was Elizabeth Melinda Clark,<sup>24</sup> and a family letter from Burtrez Westrip to a Mrs. Williamson of Winder, Georgia, reveals that Mrs. Clark was formerly Elizabeth (Melinda) Phillips, the sister of Sarah (Phillips) Smith.<sup>25</sup> [See Appendix, Allied Families: Clarke.]

Also, a John Smith shown living alone in the 1840 Lauderdale County, Mississippi, census appears to have been a brother of William.

### **1840 U. S. Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi** 497 John Smith, 1 male over 40<sup>26</sup>

This same John Smith appeared in the 1850 United States Census agricultural schedule for Lauderdale County, living between William and Wilkin Smith with 30 acres of improved land valued at \$155.<sup>27</sup> William's son John and his wife Irena Lowe Alverson may have lived with this "Uncle John" Smith after their removal to Lauderdale County, and John Jr. disposed of the elder John's land after his death before July 1852.

**July Term 1852.** The said administrator (John Smith) also filed & presented an account of sales of Land belonging to the estate of John Smith deceased amounting to one hundred & fifty eight dollars & seventy five cents, which being probated, was ratified & ordered to be recorded.<sup>28</sup>

Back in Bibb County, Alabama, William Smith struggled to save his land in the midst of the continuing panic of the late 1830's. In debt and with scant prospects for the future, on 22 December 1838, he signed an indenture in which he agreed to release to David S. Boyd of Bibb County, Alabama, a 41 and 17/100 acre tract of land known as the east half of the northwest quarter of section twenty-five in township twenty-one and range twelve of Bibb County, Alabama, certain livestock including twelve head of cattle and a one-year-old colt, and a brass clock, provided that he did not pay to Boyd \$375 on or by the first of December 1840.<sup>29</sup>

Unhappily, William continued so deeply in debt that on 18 December 1839 he signed a second, similar indenture in which he agreed to release to William Johnson and Frederick Dane of the town of Selma, Dallas County, Alabama, merchants and partners in the firm W. Johnson and Company, two tracts of land including 78.86 acres in the southwest quarter of section twenty-four in township twenty-one, range twelve, and 25 acres south of Mulberry Creek in the northeast quarter of the east half of section twenty-three, range twelve, if he did not pay to Johnson and Dane \$215.00 on the first of January 1841. In the indenture he stated that he was indebted to Johnson and Dane for \$215.00 due to a promisory note which he had signed earlier.<sup>30</sup> [See Appendix for a photocopy of this indenture.]

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The above 78.86 acres of land is the same 78.86 acres in the southwest quarter of section twenty-four in township twenty-one north, range 12 east, St. Stephens, that was granted to William AND JOHN Smith on 24 May 1831. William's sale of this land proves that he was the son of Revolutionary War veteran John Smith and that he had mortgaged and lost his father's portion of the 78.86 acres, as well as his own portion, after his father's death sometime before 18 December 1839.

Since no further deeds exist to indicate that William sold his Bibb County land before removing to Lauderdale County, Mississippi, we must conclude that he was unable to pay the above mortgages and therefore lost all of his land in Alabama for nonpayment of debts.

Sometime between 1840 and 1841, William and Sarah sorrowfully packed their few belongings and set out in ox-drawn farm wagons along with the Richeys, the Pearsons, and other neighbors from Bibb County, Alabama, to join other family members in Lauderdale County, Mississippi. Sadly enough, both William Richey and Nathan Pearson had also lost property in Bibb County after mortgaging land because of debts incurred during the Alabama "panic of 1837."<sup>31</sup>

William and Sarah were settled in Lauderdale County by 12 May 1842, when William gave his approval in the marriage of his son William Pinkney Smith to Mary Pearson, the daughter of Nathan Pearson, the Smith family's neighbor both in Bibb County, Alabama, and in Lauderdale County.<sup>32</sup>

On 29 July 1847 William Smith and Sarah Smith were among the fourteen charter members who signed the "Covenant and Abstract of Principles of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church" in Lauderdale County. Others of this group had also removed from Bibb County, Alabama.

We, the undersigned members of the Baptist Church, have agreed to unite ourselves together in a church capacity near the residence of Roland Strange and in order to promote a cause of Christ Kingdom here on earth.

### Males

William V. White  
Wright Pigford  
\* William Smith  
Allen Christian  
William V. H. White  
Kinsey Boney  
James Bradley

### Females

Lucretia Pigford  
\* Sarah Smith  
Amanda Christian  
Sarah M. White  
Elizabeth Boney  
Martha A. McElroy  
Diana E. White<sup>33</sup>

William owned 40 acres of land in section 12, township 6, range 17E,<sup>34</sup> located due east of the Mt. Gilead church.<sup>35</sup> The 1850 agricultural schedule, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, showed (18) William Smith with 30 acres of improved land and 50 acres of unimproved land valued at \$160; farm implements valued at \$55; livestock including 2 horses, 2 milch cows, 2 working oxen, 5 sheep, and 7 swine, valued at \$165; and produce during the year of 100 bushels Indian corn, 5 bales of ginned cotton, 20 bushels of peas and beans, and 50 bushels of sweet potatoes.<sup>36</sup> Happier times appeared to have arrived for the struggling family.

But, as if foreshadowing troubled times ahead for their community, the families of William Smith and of many of the close neighbors who were enumerated on the same page as he in the 1850 agricultural schedule for Lauderdale County were omitted in existant copies of the general 1850 United States Census population schedule for Lauderdale County. Among these neighbors were (8) A. G. Hunt, (9) Owen Culpepper, (10) Ambrose Culpepper, (11) Simeon Culpepper, (12) John Shamberger, (13) William Northrop, (14) Wilkin Smith, (15) Silva (Silvia) Wooton, (16) John Smith, (17) Joseph Finley, (19) Ephraim Owens, (20) John M. Williams, and (21) George Wilkenson (sic.), to name but a

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few.<sup>37</sup> Because all of these men appeared in the 1850 agricultural schedule, they must have been enumerated in the general population schedule, for which information was gathered at the same time as information for the agricultural schedule. However, the census taker, in making one or both of the required two copies of the original population schedule, unfortunately skipped an entire page of names on the only surviving copy of that schedule.

Disaster struck the Smith family again in late summer and fall of 1850 and winter of 1851, this time in the form of sickness. First, Sarah became seriously ill and was treated almost daily by Dr. James E. Knott from 17 August 1850 through August 25. Then son Jack became ill, and William himself succumbed to the sickness by September 19. For a while it seemed as if the whole family was ill and then the entire neighborhood. Dr. Knott's bill appears in the probate records of William Smith as evidence of the extent of the illness.<sup>38</sup>

1850		William Smith To James E. Knott Dr		amt brot forward	\$52.00
Aug 17	To Visit mileage & medicine wife	4.00	Sept 25	To 30 gr Quinine 6/	.75
18	" Do Do Do	4.00	Oct 4	" " " 6/	.75
19	" " " "	4.00		" 1 Z/ Nitre & Paregoric 2/-	
				1 Z Ether 12/	.50
20	" " " "	4.00	17	1 lb Sulph Ether 12/	1.50
21	" " " "	4.00		8 Z Nitre & Paregoric 12/	1.50
23	" " " "	4.00	Nov 4	To Visit mileage & medicine (self	4.00
	" " Quinine (son 4/	4.00	6	Do Do Do	5.00
25	" Visit mileage & medicine wife	4.00	7	Do Do Do	4.00
	" Medicine for son 6/	.75	8	Do Do Do	4.00
27	" Visit mileage & medicine 32/-	4.00	9	Do Do Do	4.00
30	" " " "	4.00	11	Do Do Do	4.50
Sep 17	" 1 Box Purg Pills pr son Jack	.25	15	Do Do Do	5.00
	" 20 gr Quinine 4/- Prescription 8/-	1.50	26	To 12t Nitre Munatic Acid 16/-	2.00
19	" Visit mileage & medicine			" 1 pt spts Ntre & Sy nap squills 8/	1.00
	(self night 7.00			" 1/4 lb cream tatar 2/	.25
21	" " " "	4.00	29	" Visit mileage medicine (self	4.00
23	" Sulph Ether per son Jack 2/	.25	Dec 4	To Medicine pr son 4/	.50
	" Blue mass 2/- Quinine 4/- Pres 8/-	1.75			
	\$52.00				\$95.25

What was this dreaded disease that struck down this entire family? Malaria is certainly one possibility considering the time of year and the use of quinine in treating the symptoms. Without doubt the hordes of swarming mosquitoes had to have been a factor. Any number of fatal diseases were carried by them, and there was little that pioneer families could do to protect themselves from them.

William's condition became so serious that by 29 September 1850 the family took him to nearby Clarke County, probably at the recommendation of his son William Pinckney Smith, who lived in that county. There he was under the care of doctors O. G. Eiland, Huges, and Olive for several days.

### 29 September 1850 To O. G. Eiland Dr

To mileage & visit to W. Smith in Clark County Medicine & attendance three nights and two days & consultation with Drs Huges & Olive. \$100.00<sup>39</sup>

William Smith died about the first of February 1851 after an illness of four months. Evidence of his death is found in *Lauderdale County, Mississippi, Probate Court Book C*, dated 14 February 1851.<sup>40</sup>

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"This day come in open court Wilkin Smith and made application to the court to order the estate of Wm. Smith deceased into the hands of the Sheriff for administration. It was thereupon ordered by the court that R. B. G. Harper sheriff take charge of and administer on the estate of William Smith deceased according to Law."

An undated article entitled "Ebenezer Cemetery is Getting a New Look" in *The Meridian Star* refers to William Smith's place of burial. Although William Smith apparently died in the Alamucha area, members of his family may have moved his body to the Whynot area, where most of them lived, to be buried in the church yard of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

"The first to be buried in this cemetery was William Smith who was born in 1790 and died in 1813. [Error. This should read "and died in 1851."] He is the great-great grandfather of Mrs. Marvin Pickard of Causeyville, who is in charge of the fund set up specifically to help restore Ebenezer Cemetery."

Strangely enough, given names of William Smith's wife and minor children do not appear in Lauderdale County probate records, and no guardians were appointed for the children. In May 1851, upon report of Jesse B. Eaves, Brantly Shamberger, and James W. Suttle, commissioners, the court set aside provisions for the widow and orphans of William Smith, deceased: 100 pounds of sugar, 1 bbl. of flour, 1/2 bbl. of molasses, and 1 keg of lard.<sup>41</sup>

A month earlier Jebal B. Hancock, Judge of Probate of Lauderdale County, had appointed Jesse B. Eaves, James W. Suttle, and Brantly Shamberger as commissioners to select and set aside out of the effects of the estate of William Smith for the widow of the deceased the following articles which were exempt from tax levy under the law: three feather beds and bedding, two spinning wheels, two pairs cotton cards, one loom, a washpot, one oven and lid, one-half dozen plates, one-half dozen knives and forks, one dish, one half dozen cups and saucers, one-half dozen spoons, one coffee pot, one churn, one milk pail, one water bucket, one wash tub, one-half dozen common chairs, one dining table, two cows and calves, twenty head of stock hogs, fifty bushels of corn, five hundred pounds of pork or bacon, one horse not to exceed in value one hundred dollars, and plantation utensils sufficient for one male laborer.<sup>42</sup>

However, the estate of William Smith was so small that the commissioners were not able to select all of the articles named. The list of household equipment that they submitted included only two beds and bedding, five head of hogs, five common chairs, and thirty pounds of bacon, rather than the amount provided by law. Farm equipment included one sweep, one shovel, one scooter, one weeding hoe, one turning plow and gear, and one grubbing hoe.<sup>43</sup>

After the allowance of equipment was set aside by the court for his widow Sarah, William Smith's estate was then appraised by Eaves, Suttle, and Shamberger. It consisted of only one large chest, appraised at \$2.00; one dinner pot, \$ .50; one spider and lid, \$ .75; one dish, \$.25; one tin bucket and tin cup, \$ .50; one small tin bucket and wash pan, \$ .50; one small yoke of oxen, \$25.00; one wagon, \$20.00; 3000 pounds of cotton @ \$2.00 per hundred, \$60.00; and one turning plow, \$ .75.<sup>44</sup> The total worth of William's worldly goods was \$110.75. Sad, but not surprising considering the troubled times in which he and Sarah had lived. Yet the real legacy that William Smith left behind at his death was a much more valuable living legacy, the twelve children that he and Sarah had raised together.

Because William's land had to be sold to pay the debts incurred during the family's illness, no property remained in his estate to be distributed to his children. Therefore, no guardians were appointed to safeguard his minor children's interest in the estate. When property doesn't exist, guardians are not appointed.



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Sarah (Phillips) Smith appeared with her three youngest sons -- Elkanna, David S., and James M. in the 1853 Mississippi State Census, Lauderdale County.

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Mrs. Sarah Smith, 3 males, 1 female<sup>45</sup>

Sarah (Phillips) Smith was still living on 13 August 1855 when Sheriff R. B. G. Harper, administrator of William's estate, appeared before the probate court of Lauderdale County and showed that there were not sufficient effects in the estate to give property to the widow and asked to be discharged as administrator.<sup>46</sup> She apparently died after 13 August 1855 and before June-July 1860, the dates of enumeration of the 1860 United States Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi. She was buried in the cemetery of Ebenezer Baptist Church, near Causeyville.<sup>47</sup>

### CHILDREN OF WILLIAM SMITH AND SARAH PHILLIPS:

1. **Wilkin Smith**, born about 1813 in South Carolina.
2. **Simpkin**, born about 1813 in South Carolina.
3. **Catherine Smith**, born about 1814 in South Carolina.
4. **John A. (Jack) Smith**, born about 1814 in South Carolina.
5. **Lucinda Smith**, born about 1816 in South Carolina.<sup>48</sup>
6. **William Pinckney Smith**, born 15 November 1820 in South Carolina.
7. **Benjamin Smith**, born about 1825 in South Carolina or Alabama.<sup>49</sup>
8. **Mary Ann Smith**, born about 1829 in Alabama.
9. **Samuel Elisha Smith**, born about 1831 in Alabama.<sup>50</sup>
10. **T. Elkanna Smith**, born about 1831 in Alabama.
11. **David S. Smith**, born 26 February 1833 in Alabama.
12. **James M. Smith**, born 1834 in Alabama.

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<sup>5</sup>Lauderdale County, Mississippi, *Probate Records*, volume F, 1855-1856, p. 136.

<sup>6</sup>Fairfield County, *South Carolina Deed Book AA*, pages 182-184.

<sup>7</sup>1830 United States Census, Bibb County, Alabama, page 146.

<sup>8</sup>William Smith was the great-great-great grandfather of David Neal Smith of Elkhart, Indiana.

<sup>9</sup>John Smith, the Revolutionary War pensioner, formerly of Edgefield County, South Carolina, was the father of William Smith and the great-great-great-great grandfather of David Neal Smith of Elkhart, Indiana.

<sup>10</sup>James Broadhead, whose daughter Martha married Wilkin Smith, the son of William Smith, was the great-great-great grandfather of David Neal Smith of Elkhart, Indiana.

<sup>11</sup>Undocumented manuscript found in the Maplesville, Alabama, public library.

<sup>12</sup>*Bibb County, Alabama Marriage Book C*, pages 198-199, copied from microfilm at the South Bend, Indiana, Stake of the Church of the Latter Day Saints on 1 July 1992 by Elaine Spires Smith.

<sup>13</sup>*Bibb County, Alabama Marriage Book D*, pages 83-84, copied from microfilm at the South Bend, Indiana, Stake of the Church of the Latter Day Saints on 1 July 1992 by Elaine Spires Smith.

<sup>14</sup>Lauderdale County, Mississippi, *Marriage Book A*, pages 73-74.

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- <sup>15</sup>1840 United States Census, Bibb County, Alabama, page 95. The family of a William Smith is found in the 1840 census of Lauderdale County, Mississippi, that in some respects matches the family of William and Sarah (PHILLIPS) Smith; however, the William Smith, aged 40+, and his wife, ages 30+, are both 10 years too young to be William and Sarah (PHILLIPS) Smith. Also, only two sons born between 1820 and 1830 are shown with this family. William and Sarah (PHILLIPS) Smith had four sons born within this time period.
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- <sup>23</sup>Harmony Baptist Church Minutes, May and June 1837.
- <sup>24</sup>Lauderdale County, Mississippi, deed book, 24 September 1840, pages 182-183.
- <sup>25</sup>Letter from Burtrez J. Westrip, then of 211 Linden Avenue, Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Mrs. Daniel Williamson, dated 14 March 1949. This letter was sent to Elaine Smith by Elmer Joe Hardegree of Winder, Georgia, who received it from his cousin Dana Smith Gode.
- <sup>26</sup>*A Transcription and Index of the 1840 Census for Lauderdale County, Mississippi*, compiled by Fred W. Edminston, Meridian, Mississippi: Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History, 1988.
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- <sup>28</sup>*Lauderdale County, Mississippi, Probate Record Book D*, pages 42-43.
- <sup>29</sup>*Bibb County, Alabama, Deed Book C*, page 439-440, copied from microfilm at the South Bend, Indiana, Stake of the Church of the Latter Day Saints on 8 July 1992 by Elaine Spires Smith as follows:

The State of Alabama, Bibb County. This indenture made the 23 of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty eight between William Smith of the first part and David S. Boyd of Bibb County, Alabama, of the second to wit witnesseth that the said William Smith for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred and seventy-five dollars to him in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged had granted \_\_\_ and sold released and confirmed unto the said David S. Boyd his heirs and assigns forever all that tract of land known as the East half of the Northwest quarter of Section twenty five in Township twenty one Range twelve in the district of land subject to sale at Cahawba Alabama containing forty one and 17/100 of an acre more or less also twelve head of Cattle one Colt one year old -- also one Brass clock to have an to hold the above bargained land and property to the said David S. Boyd his heirs and assigns to the sole and only proper use benefit and behoof of the said David S. Boyd his heirs and assigns forever provided always said these presents are upon this express condition that if the said William Smith pay to the said David S. Boyd the just and full Sum of three hundred and seventy five dollars on or before the first day of January Eighteen hundred and forty according to the condition of a certain note of hand bearing even date herewith executed by the said William Smith to the said David S. Boyd then these presents and the said note shall cease and determine and be null and void but in case of nonpayment of the said Sum of three hundred and seventy five dollars any part thereof so to become due at the time above limited for the payment thereof then in that case it shall and may be lawful for the said David S. Boyd his heirs and assigns and the said William Smith doth herein empower and encharge the said David S. Boyd his heirs executors administrators and assigns to grant bargain and sell the said land and property or any part or parcel thereof with the appurtenances at public vendue and on such sale to make and execute to the purchaser or purchasers his heirs or their heirs and assigns forever good ample and Sufficient deed of conveyance in the law rendering the overpayments if any there be to the said William Smith his heirs executors and administrators after deducting the costs and charges of such sale and vendue as aforesaid giving under my hand and seal this the December 22nd 1838

Test Thomas Davis

William Smith (seal)

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- <sup>30</sup>*Bibb County, Alabama, Deed Book D*, pages 164-166, copied from microfilm at the South Bend, Indiana, Stake of the Church of the Latter Day Saints on 8 July 1992.
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- <sup>33</sup>"Covenant and Abstract of Principles of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church" as published in *Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Lauderdale County, Mississippi*, edited edition, abstracted by Janice Harrison, compiled by Jim Dawson (Meridian, Mississippi: Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History, 1990), page 2.
- <sup>34</sup>Lauderdale County Deeds.
- <sup>35</sup>*Mt. Gilead Baptist Church*, page 7.
- <sup>36</sup>1850 United States Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, agricultural schedule, p. 931, #18.
- <sup>37</sup>1850 United States Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, agricultural schedule, p. 931.
- <sup>38</sup>*Lauderdale County, Mississippi, Probate Court Records*, volume D, 9 February 1852, page 268.
- <sup>39</sup>*Lauderdale County, Mississippi, Probate Court Records*, volume C, 14 February 1851, page 269.
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- <sup>43</sup>*Lauderdale County, Mississippi, Probate Court Records*, volume C, page 84.
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- <sup>48</sup>1850 United States Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, page 358.
- <sup>49</sup>1850 United States Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, page 363, dwelling 543, beat 5.
- <sup>50</sup>1850 United States Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, page 365, dwelling 579.

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### 1. WILKIN SMITH

**Wilkin Smith**, born about 1813 in Fairfield County, South Carolina; died between 15 November 1851 and 9 December 1851 in the old Whynot area of Lauderdale County, Mississippi;<sup>1</sup> married **Martha<sup>2</sup> (Patsy) Broadhead** in Bibb County, Alabama, 9 April 1832, by Elijah Parnall, J.P. William Smith gave his consent, and James Broadhead witnessed.<sup>3</sup> The fact that William Smith gave consent for Wilkin indicates that Wilkin was under legal age for marriage. A 160 year old piece of torn paper survives in the files of Bibb County, Alabama, showing William's consent for Wilkin's marriage and the signatures of both William Smith and James Broadhead.

Martha (Broadhead) Smith, daughter of James Broadhead, was born about 1813 probably in Edgefield County, South Carolina, and died about 15 November 1851 in the old Whynot area of Lauderdale County, Mississippi.<sup>4</sup> [See Allied Families: Broadhead.]

#### CHILDREN OF WILKIN SMITH AND MARTHA BROADHEAD:

1. **Sylvia Smith**, born about 1834 in Alabama.
2. **Sarah Ann (Sally) Smith**, born about 1836 in Alabama.
3. **Jane Smith**, born about 1837 in Alabama.
4. **John William Smith**, born about 1838 in Alabama.
5. **Mary L. (Polly) Smith**, born about 1841 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi.
6. **Rebecca (Becky) Smith**, born in Lauderdale County, Mississippi.
7. **Amanda M. Smith**, born 6 November 1851 in Whynot, Lauderdale County, Mississippi.

[See Chapter 5: Descendants of Wilkin and Martha (Broadhead) Smith.]

### 2. SIMPKIN LARKIN SMITH

**Simpkin Larkin Smith**, born about 1813 in South Carolina, died before 1890; married first about 1845, **Charity J. Wilson**, born about 1830,<sup>5</sup> died before 20 January 1862. Simpkin Smith married second **Mary Clark**, 20 January 1862, in Lauderdale County, Mississippi.<sup>6</sup> Mary (Clark) Smith died before 21 July 1877 when Simpkin Smith married third Mrs. **Caroline Shack** in Lauderdale County.<sup>7</sup> Jim Dawson, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, historian, believes that Charity (Wilson) Smith may have been the daughter of Ephrain Wilson of the Alamucha area of Lauderdale County and that Mary Clark may have been the daughter of William and Elizabeth Melinda (Phillips) Clark.

Brother Simpkin Smith and Sister Charity Smith were received by Ebenezer Baptist Church of the Causeyville area from Mount Gilead Baptist Church in March 1850.<sup>8</sup> In December of that year Simpkin donated \$1.50 to the church for the pastor's use. The family is found in the 1850 census.

#### 1850 Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, page 358, dwelling 469.

Smith, Simkin	36	GA
Charity J.	19	GA
Seaborn R.	4	MS

Simpkin is found in the 1850 Mississippi Agricultural Schedule, Lauderdale County. According to Jim Dawson's notes, Simpkin owned 80 acres of land in the south half, northwest quarter of section 17, township 6, range eighteen east. He lived just a bit northwest of his brother Wilkin.<sup>9</sup>

#### 1850 Agricultural Schedule, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, page 917, #3.

**Simpkin Smith**, 14 acres improved land, cash value \$100, value of farming implements \$10, 1 horse, 1 milch cows, 2 working oxen, 1 other cattle, 4 sheep, 12

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swine, value of live stock \$169, 75 bushels Indian corn, 15 bushels oats, 3 100 pound bales cotton, 100 pounds wool, 100 bushel sweet potatoes, 50 pounds butter.

In April 1852 Simpkin Smith, together with his brothers John and William, purchased a wagon and a yoke of oxen from the estate of their father William Smith. The sale appears to have been arranged privately by John Smith, administrator of the estate, and the farm equipment may have been purchased for the benefit of their mother, Sarah (Phillips) Smith, and her youngest sons. For the purchase of one item, Simpkin used the name Larkin Smith, and for another he used the named William Simpkin Smith, indicating that his given names may have been William Simpkin Larkin Smith.<sup>10</sup>

Simpkin Smith is not listed on the 1853 Mississippi State Census, Lauderdale County; however, a Larkin Smith, who is probably Simpkin Larkin, is listed with three males and four females.<sup>11</sup> Because the 1853 Mississippi state census, Lauderdale County, appears on microfilm in alphabetical order, it is not possible to check the neighbors of Larkin Smith, found on that census, with those of Simpkin Smith on the 1850 Mississippi Agricultural Schedule, Lauderdale County, to check whether or not they were the same person. In 1853 Simpkin and Charity were most likely caring for two of the orphan children of Simpkin's brother Wilkin, who died in 1851.

Simpkin and Charity Smith are found in the 1860 Lauderdale County, Mississippi, census with four children.

### 1860 Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, page 204, dwelling 1430.

Smith, Simpkin	48	Farmer	400	SC
Charity J.	30	Dom Bus		AL
Seaborn	13			MS
Sarah F.	10			MS
Harriet	8			MS
David B.	6			MS
Benoni	2			MS

In the 1870 Lauderdale County census, Simpkin Smith is shown with his second wife, Mary Clark Smith. It is interesting to note how Simpkin's age and place of birth vary from census to census, depending upon who was giving information to the census taker.

### 1870 Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, township 5, beat 5, post office Meridian, page 9, dwelling 135.

Smith, Simpkin	52	M	W	AL
Mary	45	F	W	AL
Frances	16	F	W	MS
Harriet	14	F	W	MS
Benona	13	M	W	MS

According to Jim Dawson, Simpkin Smith was a teacher as well as a farmer. But evidently he sometimes had difficulty in collecting the fees for his work. On 31 January 1845, Simpkin Smith appeared before E. J. Thompson, an acting justice of the peace of Lauderdale County and made an oath that he had not received the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents, seven and one-half months' tuition for Sarah Spinks. Apparently Sarah's father had died and the bill had not been paid. Fortunately for Simpkin, probate judge J. B. Hancock examined and allowed the claim, and the teacher finally received his money on 15 December 1849, just in time for Christmas.<sup>12</sup>

## SMITH FAMILY THIRD GENERATION

Simpkin, sometimes affectionally known as "Simp," was active in Ebenezer Baptist Church for over 25 years, serving as church moderator and clerk. In June 1852 Brother Simpkin Smith was named moderator of Ebenezer Baptist Church.<sup>13</sup> His name last appears in the minutes of the church in February 1874 when he made acknowledgement at the request of J. F. Irby, who had been accused of drunkenness.<sup>14</sup> An undated list of male members of Ebenezer Baptist which appears to have been compiled about 1890 gives evidence of the approximate date of his death by stating simply: "Simkin Smith - dead."<sup>15</sup>

### CHILDREN OF SIMPKIN SMITH AND CHARITY WILSON:

1. **Seaborn (Brei) Smith**, born about 1847.
2. **Sarah F. (Frances) Smith**, born about 1850.
3. **Harriet Smith**, born about 1852.
4. **David B. Smith**, born about 1854, may have died before 1870.
5. **Benoni Smith**, born about 1857.<sup>16</sup>

### 3. CATHERINE SMITH

**Catherine (Kitty) Smith**, born about 1814 in South Carolina, married on 9 April 1832 in Bibb County, Alabama, **William R. Richey**.<sup>17</sup> William Smith gave his consent. William R. Richey, son of Joseph Richey, was born 15 March 1810 in Georgia and died 20 September 1872. He is buried at Ebenezer Baptist Church.<sup>18</sup>

William and Catherine Richey faced hard times in the early years of their marriage. By 1839, the year of a great depression in Alabama, William and Catherine already had two little daughters, Martha J., age 3, and Elmira, age 1. Two years after the "Panic of 1837," the young couple was forced to mortgage some of their livestock in order to pay their debts. On 19 February 1839 William Richey of Bibb County, Alabama, signed an indenture whereby he promised to convey to Joseph Richey and Isaac N. Akins livestock including one cow and cavlin (sic.), forty head of hogs, and one bay horse if he were unable to pay to John W. Suttle three notes totaling \$161.04 by 1 January 1840, the date the notes were due. In the event that William Richey was unable to pay these notes by the date due, Joseph Richey and Isaac N. Akins were to act as administrators to sell the livestock and pay the notes, returning to William Richey any surplus money.<sup>19</sup>

Early in the 1840's Catherine and William R. Richey were forced to remove to Lauderdale County, Mississippi, in search of a better life for themselves and their growing family. They are found in the 1850, 1860, and 1870 Lauderdale County censuses.

#### 1850 Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, page 358.

Ritchey, Wm.	42	GA
Catherine	36	SC
Martha J.	14	AL
Elmina	12	AL
Wm W.	8	AL
Joseph S.	6	AL
David	4	MS
George W.	1/12	MS
?(farmhand)	22	AL
Ritchey, Joseph	63	NC

#### 1860 Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, Causeyville area.

Ritchey, William	51	GA
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Catherine	46	SC
Joseph	14	MS
David	12	MS
George	7	MS
Thomas	4	MS
Daniel	2	MS
Tabitha	1	MS
Clark, Mary*	30	MS

\*Jim Dawson thinks this may be the Mary Clark who married, as his second wife, Simpkin Smith in 1862.

### 1870 Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, page 9, dwelling 127.

Richey, William	60	M	W	GA
Catherine	48	F	W	SC
Thomas M.	17	M	W	MS
Daniel J.	14	M	W	MS
Tabitha	11	F	W	MS

Shortly after the enumeration of the 1870 census, William Richey died and was laid to rest in Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery. The date of Catherine (Smith) Richey's death is unknown.

### CHILDREN OF WILLIAM R. RICHEY AND CATHERINE SMITH:

1. **Martha Richey**, born about 1836 in Alabama, married **Pinkney Matthews** on 27 October 1852 by W. V. White, J.P.<sup>20</sup>
2. **Elmira Richey**, born 15 June 1839 in Alabama, died 26 December 1942 in Lauderdale County,<sup>21</sup> married on 13 September 1859,<sup>22</sup> **Joseph Tillman Anderson**, who was born 15 March 1838 in Alabama and who died 8 September 1923 in Lauderdale County.<sup>23</sup>

J. T. and Elmira (Richey) Anderson appear in the 1860 Lauderdale County census.

### 1860 census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, Whynot, page 200, dwelling 1406, beat 5.

Anderson, J. T.	22	M	Farmer	1500	AL
Elmira	21	F	Dom Bus		AL

Information concerning Elmira Richey Anderson appeared in an article in The Meridian Star, entitled "Project Restoration: Ebenezer Cemetery Is Getting a New Look."

"Mrs. Elmira Anderson of Causeyville was the last person to be buried in Ebenezer Cemetery. Born in 1834, Mrs. Anderson died in 1942 at the age of 108. She was the mother of Dr. William Jackson Anderson, also known as Dr. Billy, who practiced in Causeyville for many years."<sup>24</sup>

The date of birth on Elmira Richey Anderson's grave marker found in Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery may have been misread as 1834 instead of 1839.

**Elmira**  
**Wife of**  
**J. T. Anderson**  
**June 15, 1839**  
**Dec 26, 1942**

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William J. Anderson, M.D., the son of Elmira (Richey) and Joseph T. Anderson, was born 19 July 1863 and died 8 October 1858. He is buried in Causeyville Baptist Church Cemetery with his wife Alma H. Anderson, born 15 July 1871, died 20 January 1955.<sup>25</sup>

3. **Mary Richey**, died before 1850.
4. **William W. Richey**, M.D., born about 1842.
5. **Joseph S. (Joe) Richey**, born about 1846.
6. **David (Dave) Richey**, born about 1848.
7. **George W. Richey**, born about 1850.
8. **Thomas M. (Tom) Richey**, born about 1853.
9. **Daniel J. (Dan) Richey**, born about 1856
10. **Tabitha Richey**, born about 1859.<sup>26</sup>
11. **Mary Ann Richey**.<sup>27</sup>

### 4. JOHN A. SMITH

**John (Jack) A. Smith**, born about 1813 in South Carolina,<sup>28</sup> married **Irena Lowe Alverson** on 2 January 1838 in Bibb County, Alabama, by William Christian, J.P. Benjamin Ross, guardian, gave his consent.<sup>29</sup> John died 9 August 1888.<sup>30</sup> Irena was born about 1820 and died 22 January 1897. John and Irena were buried in Ebenezer Cemetery in Lauderdale County.<sup>31</sup>

#### 1860 Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, page 185, dwelling 1302.

Smith, John	46	Farmer	600	SC
Asseneth (Irena)	40	Dom Bus		KY
William W.	20	Farm La		AL
Jane M.	18	Dom Bus		MS
Caroline	15			MS
Alpha A. (Adeline)	9			MS
John A.	7			MS
(Irena) Josephine	5			MS
Ann (Winnie) T.	4			MS
Josiah (Jessie) W.	2			MS
Louisa P.	9m			MS

#### 1870 Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, page 8, dwelling 114.

Smith, John	56	M	W	SC
Irena	50	F	W	AL
Adeline	20	F	W	MS
John A.	17	M	W	MS
Irena J.	16	F	W	MS
Winnie T.	13	F	W	MS
Jessie R.	12	M	W	MS
Laura	7	F	W	MS
James	5	M	W	MS

#### CHILDREN OF JOHN A. SMITH AND IRENA ALVERSON:

1. **William Wiley Smith**, born 15 March 1840.
2. **Jane M. Smith**, born about 1842.
3. **Caroline Smith**, born about 1845.
4. **Alpha Adeline Smith**, born about 1851.
5. **John A. Smith**, born about 1853.



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6. **Irena Josephine (Ira) Smith**, born 21 October 1855.
7. **Ann Thomas (Winnie) Smith**, born about 1856.<sup>32</sup>
8. **Josiah Wright (Jessie) Smith**, born about 1858,<sup>33</sup> died 1889.<sup>34</sup>
9. **Louisa P. Smith**, born about 1859, probably died before enumeration of 1870 census.<sup>35</sup>
10. **Laura Smith**, born about 1863.<sup>36</sup>
11. **James A. (Jim) Smith**, born about 1865.<sup>37</sup>

### 5. LUCINDA SMITH

**Lucinda Smith**, born about 1816,<sup>38</sup> died before 14 June 1886,<sup>39</sup> married about 1835, **Jackson Richey**, who was apparently the son of Joseph Richey. Jackson Richey was born about 1812.

Jackson and Lucinda Richey are found in the 1840 Census, Bibb County, Alabama, living near their parents, William and Sarah (Phillips) Smith and Joseph Richey and his wife.

#### 1840 Census, Bibb County, Alabama, page 95, Maplesville Community.

##### Richey, Jackson

Males	Females
1 20 - 30 (Jackson)	2 under 5 (Julia Ann, born about 1836) (Telitha Ann, born about 1838)
	1 20 - 30 (Lucinda, born about 1816)

#### 1850 Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, page 358, beat 5.

Richey, Jackson	37	GA
Lucinda	34	AL
Julia A.	14	AL
Telitha A.	12	AL
James M.	10	MS
Sarah C.	7	MS
Wm. J.	5	MS

Under a list of female members of Ebenezer Baptist Church dated 14 June 1886 is found the name of Lucinda (Smith) Richey.

1. Lucinda Richey - dead<sup>40</sup>

#### CHILDREN OF JACKSON RICHEY AND LUCINDA SMITH:

1. **Julia Ann Richey**, born about 1836.
2. **Telitha A. Richey**, born about 1838.
3. **James M. Richey**, born about 1840.
4. **Sarah C. Richey**, born about 1843.
5. **William Jackson Richey**, born about 1845, married **Amanda Martha Smith**, the daughter of Wilkin and Martha (Broadhead) Smith, on 6 January 1867 in Lauderdale County.<sup>41</sup>
6. **Lizzie Richey** may have married **William J. Clark**, the son of Marion and Mary Ann (Smith) Clark, on 2 April 1879 in Lauderdale County.<sup>42</sup> If this marriage did occur, then Lizzie (Richey) Clark died before 20 May 1903, when William J. Clark married Mrs. Dora Pickard.<sup>43</sup>
7. **Laura Richey**.

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8. **Wiley John Richey**.
9. **Henry Richey** may have married **Martha Ann Knight** on 6 August 1855 in Lauderdale County.<sup>44</sup>

### 6. WILLIAM PINCKNEY SMITH

**William Pinckney Smith**, born 15 November 1820 in South Carolina; died 10 August 1864 near Vicksburg, Mississippi, in the Civil War;<sup>45</sup> married **Mary (Polly) Pearson**, daughter of Nathan Pearson, 12 May 1842 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, by Daniel Cameron, J. P. Rolin Strange swore Miss Mary Pierson (sic) was 18 years old. William Smith gave his approval.<sup>46</sup> Mary (Pearson) Smith was born about 1822 and died 23 January 1913 at Choctaw County, Alabama.<sup>47</sup>

William Pinckney and Mary (Pearson) Smith and their family were found in the 1850 census for Clarke County, Mississippi, by Willa Sorrenson of Goodyear, Arizona.

#### 1850 Census, Clarke County, Mississippi, page 150.

Smith, William	30	AL
Polly	28	AL
Pinkney	7	AL
Mary	3	MS
James	5	MS
Sarah	2	MS

In correspondence with Mrs. Daniel Williamson, Burtrez Jones Westrip stated on 23 February 1949:

Grandfather David Smith served in the Confederate Army, 8th Mississippi Battalion, 7th Regiment. As a child I remember him telling us stories of the Civil War, how they ate horse meat at the Battle of Vicksburg and many other stories.<sup>48</sup>

On 14 March 1949, she added:

The William Pinckney (Dick) Smith 10, is the line of Dr. Prentis E. Smith. Dick exchanged picket duty with my grandfather David in the battle of Vicksburg and Dick was killed.<sup>49</sup>

#### CHILDREN OF WILLIAM PINCKNEY SMITH AND MARY PEARSON:

1. **Pinckney Smith**, born about 1843.
2. **James Marion Smith**, born 4 July 1845 in Clarke County, Mississippi.
3. **Mary Smith**, born about 1847.
4. **Sarah Smith**, born about 1848.<sup>50</sup>

### 7. BENJAMIN SMITH

**Benjamin Smith**, born about 1825,<sup>51</sup> married about 1846 **Rebecca Ann (Becky) Minor**, born about 1830, the daughter of Cornelius (Con) Minor and Sylvia Wooten Minor.<sup>52</sup>

In *History of the Smith Family 1021-1969*, Leona Jones and Burtrez Westrip and W. Joe and Clara H. Smith state that Benjamin Smith married Rebecca Burkhalter. However, Jim Dawson, Lauderdale County historian, says that this is incorrect and that Benjamin Smith married Rebecca Minor, the daughter of Cornelius (Con) Minor. Rebecca's sister Emeline Lavina Minor married Thomas M. Burkhalter. Proof of the given and maiden names of Benjamin Smith's wife is found in the

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Lauderdale County probate records of Sylvia (Clark) Wooton, Rebecca's aunt. Rebecca Minor and her sister Lavina were raised by Sylvia Wooton after the death of their mother.

Benjamin and Rebecca Smith are found with their family in the 1850 census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi.

### 1850 Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, dwelling 543, beat 5.<sup>53</sup>

Smith, Benjamin	25	AL
Rebecca	20	AL
Austin F. (Frank)	3	MS
Wm G?A?	1m	MS

Later in the 1850's Benjamin and Rebecca Minor Smith removed to Rusk County, Texas, where they sold their rights in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, land which Rebecca inherited from her mother's uncle, William Wooton, to Rebecca's father, Cornelius Minor. [See Appendix, Allied Families: Minor Family.] In 1860 the family was living near Camden in Rusk County.

### 1860 Census, Rusk County, Texas, Camden P. O., dwelling 1017.<sup>54</sup>

Smith, Benja.	35	M	shoemaker	100	AL
R. A.	29	F			AL
A. F.	11	M			MS
Norman	8	M			MS
M. V.	2	F			TX

Apparently Rebecca Minor Smith died before the enumeration of the 1870 census. In a somewhat illegible microfilmed copy of the 1870 U. S. Census, Rusk County, Texas, Benjamin Smith, age 42, is found with a wife whose name appears to be Fananna, who is age 36 and born in Tennessee. Further research must be done concerning this family.

### 1870 U. S. Census, Rusk County, Texas, Henderson Precinct #2.<sup>55</sup>

Smith, Ben	42	M	farmer	300	AL
Fananna	36	F	keeping house		TN
Austin F.	22	M	farm laborer		MS
Marion	17	M	farm laborer		MS
Virginia	11	F	at home		TX
Sarah E.	6	F	" "		TX
Almedia	1	F	" "		TX
Carrie	4	F	" "		TX

#### CHILDREN OF BENJAMIN SMITH:

1. **Austin Frank Smith**, born about 1847 in Mississippi.
2. **William Smith**, born about 1850 in Mississippi.<sup>56</sup>
3. **Marion Smith**, born about 1853 in Mississippi.
4. **Virginia Smith**, born about 1859 in Texas.
5. **Sarah E. Smith**, born about 1864 in Texas.
6. **Carrie Smith**, born about 1866 in Texas.
8. **Almedia Smith**, born about 1869 in Texas.<sup>57</sup>

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### 8. MARY ANN SMITH

**Mary Ann Smith**, born about 1829 in Alabama, married about 1844 **Marion Clark**, who was the son of William Clark Sr., the Primitive Baptist minister, and his wife Elizabeth (Betsy) Phillips. M. A. Clark, the wife of Marion Clark, was age 87 in 1916, born in 1829, and drew a Confederate pension through the service of Marion Clark in Company C, 36th Mississippi Regiment. Marion Clark died 23 November 1878 near Meridian, Mississippi.<sup>58</sup> Marion Clark's mother was Elizabeth Phillips, the sister of Mary Ann Smith's mother Sarah Phillips.

Smith family sources believed that Mary Ann, the daughter of William and Sarah (Phillips) Smith, was born about 1815 in Alabama and married William Clark Jr. and had William and others.<sup>59</sup> However, a letter from Burtrez Westrip written in 1949 to Mrs. Williamson inadvertently explains how this error occurred.

Mary Ann (Polly) Smith Clark, grandpa's sister lived to be 104. I remember her very well when I was a small child we used to go to the country to visit her. She & her husband, William were cousins. His mother was Elizabeth (Betsy) Phillips, a sister of great-grandmother, Sarah Phillips. Betsy married Marion Clark. [Note error: Betsy married Marion Clark's father.] The Clarks & Smiths intermarried for 3 generations.<sup>60</sup>

Burtrez Westrip had confused the names of father and son, William and Marion Clark. William Clark was the father, the Primitive Baptist minister who married Elizabeth (Betsy) Phillips, and Marion Clark was the son. Since Marion Clark died in 1870, about 50 years before his wife's death, he died before the birth of Burtrez Westrip and her cousins. The 1850 census gives proof of this error in showing Elizabeth (Phillips) Clark living with her son Marion Clark and her niece and daughter-in-law Mary Ann (Smith) Clark.

#### 1850 Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, page 366, dwelling 562.

Clarke, Marion	25	M	farmer	400	AL
Mary	21	F			AL
Wm. J.	1	M			MS
Clarke, Elizabeth	60	F			SC

Marion and Mary Ann Clarke named a son who was born about 1855 Elcana, the namesake of Elkanna Smith, the son of William and Sarah (Phillips) Smith. Elkanna Smith, born about 1831, was Mary Ann Smith's younger brother and close playmate as a child.<sup>61</sup>

#### 1870 census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, page 6, dwelling 129.

Clark, Marion	48	M	W	AL
Mary	35*	F	W	AL
Elcana	15	M	W	MS
Joseph	14	M	W	MS
Bluford	10	M	W	MS

Mary Ann Smith Clark was 87 years old in 1916, born 1829, and 21 years old in the 1850.

#### CHILDREN OF MARION CLARK AND MARY ANN SMITH:

1. **William J. (Jackson) Clark**, born 20 May 1849 in Mississippi,<sup>62</sup> died 5 April 1960, married first **Lizzie Richie** on 2 April 1879 in Lauderdale County<sup>63</sup> and second **Mrs. Dora S. Pickard** on 20 May 1903.<sup>64</sup>
2. **Elcana Clark**, born about 1855 in Mississippi,<sup>65</sup> married **Susan Kornegay** on 25

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December 1887 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi.<sup>66</sup>

3. **Joseph Clark**, born about 1856 in Mississippi.<sup>67</sup>

4. **Bluford Clark**, born about 1860 in Mississippi.<sup>68</sup>

### 9. SAMUEL ELIZA SMITH

**Samuel Eliza (Elisa) Smith**, born about 1831 in Alabama,<sup>69</sup> perhaps the twin of T. Elkanna, married **Mary A. (Polly) Williams**, born about 1833. Mary Ann Williams Smith was most likely the daughter of Byrd Williams and sister of Boney Usher Williams.<sup>70</sup> Byrd Williams owned land in Section 20, Lauderdale County.

Samuel Eliza and Mary A. Williams are found in the 1850 census, living next to Mary and Marion Clark, Samuel Eliza's sister and her husband.

#### 1850 Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, page 365, dwelling 476.

Smith, Eliza (Samuel)	19	AL (living next to Marion Clark)
Mary A.	17	NC
William B.	1m	MS

Samuel Eliza Smith died between 1855 and 17 August 1860, the date of enumeration of the 1860 census. Mary A. (Williams) Smith is found in the 1860 Lauderdale County census with her children.

#### 1860 Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, page 192, dwelling 1347.

Smith, Mary A.	27	Dom Bus	SC
William B. (Byrd)	10		MS
Sarah M.	8		MS
Araminta (Irena)	6		MS
James B.	4		MS

#### CHILDREN OF SAMUEL ELIZA SMITH AND MARY A. WILLIAMS:

1. **William B. (Byrd) Smith**, born 1850.
2. **Sarah M. Smith**, born about 1852.
3. **Araminta Irene Smith**, born about 1854.
4. **James B. Smith**, born about 1856.<sup>71</sup>

### 10. T. ELKANNA SMITH

**(Thomas) Elkanna Smith** (called Dock), born about 1831 in Alabama, perhaps the twin of Samuel Eliza, married **Martha A. Rainer**, born about 1836, on 9 November 1854 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi.<sup>72</sup> Elaine Smith had wondered if Samuel Eliza Smith and T. (Thomas) Elkanna Smith were not twins. Then, in August 1990, Jim Dawson of Lauderdale County, Mississippi, contacted Jim Smith of Mobile, Alabama, who was planning to move back to the Causeville area. In Jim Smith's family papers was an indication that Samuel Eliza and T. Elkanna Smith were twins.<sup>73</sup>

If, hypothetically speaking, the first two sons of William and Sarah (Phillips) Smith were twins Simpkin Smith and Wilkin Smith, then Sarah (Phillips) Smith may have given birth to two sets of twins. The only clues to this possibility lie in census records implying the same year of birth for Simpkin and

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Wilkin Smith and for Eliza and Elkanna Smith and in the almost poetic similarity of names of the two sets of brothers.

Elcanna and Martha (Rainer) Smith are found in the 1860 and 1870 censuses of Lauderdale County, Mississippi.

### 1860 Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, page 204, dwelling 1432.

Smith, T.	29	AL	Farmer	200
Martha	23	AL	Dom Bus	
Sarah E.	4	MS		
Seaborn M.	3	MS		
Milton E.	1	MS		

### 1870 Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, page 8, dwelling 106.

Smith, Elcona	39	M	W	MS
Martha	34	F	W	MS
Sarah E.	14	F	W	MS
Ceburn	13	M	W	MS
Milton	12	M	W	MS
George	8	M	W	MS

In a letter written to Mrs. Daniel Williamson on 23 February 1949, Burtrez Jones Westrip states that one of her Grandfather David Smith's brothers was a country doctor. Perhaps that brother may have been T. Elkanna Smith, who was called "Doc."<sup>74</sup> Further research is needed. In any case, Elcanna was a farmer. The 1858 Lauderdale County land tax roll shows him owning 160 acres of land in the southwest quarter of section sixteen, township five, range seventeen, valued at four hundred dollars.<sup>75</sup>

#### CHILDREN OF T. ELKANNA SMITH AND MARTHA RAINER:

1. **Sarah E. Smith**, born about 1856.
2. **Seaborn M. Smith**, born about 1857.
3. **Milton E. (Elkanna) Smith**, born about 1858.
4. **George Smith**, born about 1862.<sup>76</sup>

## 11. DAVID S. SMITH

**David S. Smith**, born 26 February 1833 in Bibb County, Alabama, died 13 February 1915 at Meridian, Mississippi,<sup>77</sup> married on 18 June 1854 at Lauderdale County, Mississippi, **Sarah A. Hughes**,<sup>78</sup> born 13 July 1835,<sup>79</sup> died 26 February 1891,<sup>80</sup> the daughter of John and Demaris (Haymon) Hughes.<sup>81</sup> David and Sarah Hughes Smith are buried at Causeyville Baptist Church Cemetery, Causeyville, Mississippi. David Smith's grave marker cites only his Civil War service: Co E, 7 BN Miss. INF, CSA. Sarah (Hughes) Smith's marker reads as follows: Sarah A. Smith; Wife of D. Smith; B. July 18, 1835; D. February 26, 1897.<sup>82</sup>

### 1860 Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, page 197, dwelling 1387.

Smith, David	27	AL	Farmer
Sarah	24	AL	Dom Bus
John W.	4	MS	
Ann	3	MS	

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### CHILDREN OF DAVID S. SMITH AND SARAH A. HUGHES:

1. **John William Smith**, born 2 October 1855.
2. **Malissa Ann Smith**, born 1857.
3. **Mary Helen Smith**.
4. **Matilda Smith**.
5. **Esther Demaris Smith**.
6. **Charles (Charlie) Smith**.
7. **Senah Smith**.
8. **Sarah (Sally) Smith**.

David Smith served in Company E, 7th Battalion, Mississippi Infantry, commanded by Colonel Terrell and Captain Pearson, during the Civil War. He enlisted, age 29, on 20 April 1862 at Clarke County, Mississippi, and was mustered into service 12 May 1862 at Quitman, Mississippi. He appeared on call as a prisoner of war at Nashville, Tennessee, under Major General W. T. Sherman. He was captured at Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia, on 3 July 1864 and appeared on a roll of prisoners of war received at the military prison at Louisville, Kentucky, during the 5 days ending 15 July 1864. He was forwarded to Camp Douglas, Illinois, 18 July 1864, and discharged at Camp Douglas, in accordance with general orders on 16 June 1865.<sup>83</sup> He was held in prison for eleven months.<sup>84</sup>

## 12. JAMES M. SMITH

**James M. Smith**, born 4 July 1834,<sup>85</sup> married **Senah Hughes**, the daughter of John and Demaris Haymon Hughes, license issued 25 December 1854 (no return).<sup>86</sup> The initial M. in the name of James M. Smith may stand for the given name Marion. William Pinckney Smith, brother of James M. Smith, named his second son James Marion Smith.

Children of James M. and Senah Hughes Smith are found in the 1885 school census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi.

Smith, J. M.,	Laura	18	F	W
	Mattie	16	F	W
	(Hattie)			
	Wiley J.	15	M	W
	Joseph 11	M	W <sup>87</sup>	

### CHILDREN OF JAMES M. SMITH AND SENAH HUGHES:

1. **Demaris Smith**.
2. **Paralee Smith**.
3. **Laura Smith**, born about 1867.<sup>88</sup>
4. **Hattie Smith**, born about 1869, married **D. C. Herrod** and lived at Petal, Mississippi.)<sup>89</sup>
5. **Wiley J. Smith**, born about 1870.<sup>90</sup>
6. **Joseph (Joe) Smith**, born about 1874.<sup>91</sup>

James M. Smith applied for a Civil War pension on 15 July 1913, age 79 (born 1834), address RFD 5, Meridian, Mississippi. He enlisted April/May 1862 at Lauderdale County, Mississippi, in Company E, 7th Battalion, Mississippi Infantry, and served under Colonel Jim Terrell and Captain Pearson. He was discharged in 1865 at Blakeley, Alabama. David Smith and J. W. Butler stated that they served with James M. Smith and that he made a good soldier and did not desert the service.<sup>92</sup>

James M. Smith, age 81, filed a second application for a pension on 24 July 1915. In this application he stated that he was wounded at Kennesaw Mountain, Tennessee, that a shell struck his head, and

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that he had lost partial use of his feet and hands and could not feed himself or walk without assistance. He had two sons and five daughters, all married with families of their own to support. He owned a house, 40 acres of land, one pony and two cows.<sup>93</sup>

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- <sup>35</sup>1860 and 1870 United States censuses, Lauderdale County, Mississippi.
- <sup>36</sup>1870 United States Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, page 8, dwelling 114, beat 5.



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- <sup>40</sup>*Ebenezer Baptist Church Minutes*, p. 54.
- <sup>41</sup>*Lauderdale County, Mississippi, 1842-1900 Computer Indexed Marriage Records*, published by Nicholas Russell Murray (Hammond, Louisiana: Hunting for Bears), page 125.
- <sup>42</sup>*Lauderdale County 1842-1900 Computer Indexed Marriage Records*, page 125.
- <sup>43</sup>Lauderdale County, Mississippi, Marriage Records.
- <sup>44</sup>Family records of Eileen Culpepper White.
- <sup>45</sup>Application for membership to the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution of Denise Ann Grayson Liley (Mrs. Richard John Liley), #689128, verified and approved 7 January 1985.
- <sup>46</sup>*Lauderdale County, Mississippi, Marriage Book A*, pages 73-74.
- <sup>47</sup>NSDAR application of Denise Ann Grayson Liley.
- <sup>48</sup>Letter from Burtrez Jones Westrip to a Mrs. Williamson, 23 February 1949, page 3.
- <sup>49</sup>Letter from Burtrez Jones Westrip, 14 March 1949, page 4.
- <sup>50</sup>1850 United States Census, Clarke County, Mississippi, page 150.
- <sup>51</sup>1850 United States Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, page 363, dwelling 543, beat 5.
- <sup>52</sup>Family records of Eileen Culpepper White state that Benjamin Smith married Rebecca Burkhalter. Jim Dawson says that this is wrong and that he feels certain from his research that Benjamin Smith married Rebecca Minor, the daughter of Con Minor.
- <sup>53</sup>1850 United States Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, page 363, dwelling 543.
- <sup>54</sup>1860 United States Census, Rusk County, Texas, Camden P. O., page 159, dwelling 1017, family 1015.
- <sup>55</sup>1870 United States Census, Rush County, Texas, Henderson Precinct #2, page 356, dwelling 134.
- <sup>56</sup>1850 United States Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, page 363, dwelling 543; family records of Eileen Culpepper White.
- <sup>57</sup>1870 United States Census, Rush County, Texas, Henderson Precinct #2, page 356, dwelling 134.
- <sup>58</sup>Lauderdale County, Mississippi, Confederate pension records, pension of M. A. Clark, wife of Marion Clark.
- <sup>59</sup>Jones, Westrip, Smith, and Smith, *History of the Smith Family 1021-1969*. Family records of Eileen Culpepper White, 3728 40th Street, Meridian, MS 39305, and records of Jim Dawson. Close by the home of Mary A. Clark, widow of Henry S. Smith were Henry's brother Marion Clark 25, Mary (Smith) Clark 21, William J. 1, and Elizabeth Clark 60, mother of Marion Clark and Henry S. Clark Jr. and wife of William Clark Sr., the minister. William J. Clark, who was 12 years old in 1850 and the son of Mary Ann and Henry S. Clark, may have married Martha J. Mathis Smith, the widow of John W. Smith Sr., in 1868.
- <sup>60</sup>Letter from Burtrez J. Westrip, then of 211 Linden Avenue, Council Bluffs, Iowa, to a Mrs. Williamson, dated 14 March 1949. This letter was sent to Elaine Smith by Elmer Joe Hardegree, who received it from his cousin Dana Smith Gode.
- <sup>61</sup>1870 United States Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, page 9, dwelling 129.
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At times the author is asked by her students if she watches soap operas. But why should she watch the imitation when real life is so full of joy, sorrow, humor, and pain that no soap opera author can ever hope to capture its spirit. The pursuit of family history makes anything other than real life seem an imperfect imitation. Wilkin and Martha (Broadhead) Smith experienced more tragedy in the one last year of their lives than most families experience in generations.

**Wilkin Smith**, one of the two oldest sons of William and Sarah (Phillips) Smith, was born about 1813 in South Carolina. Similarity of names indicates that Larkin Simpkin Smith may have been his twin brother. Wilkin Smith married **Martha S. (Patsy) Broadhead**, the daughter of James Broadhead, on 9 April 1832 in Bibb County, Alabama, by Elijah Parnall, J. P. William Smith gave his consent because Wilkin was under 20 years of age, and James Broadhead acted as witness.<sup>1</sup> [See Appendix for a photocopy of the consent paper bearing the signatures of William Smith and James Broadhead.]

Martha S. (Broadhead) Smith was born about 1813, probably in Edgefield District, South Carolina,<sup>2</sup> and died about 15 November 1851, in Lauderdale County, Mississippi.<sup>3</sup> She was named in the probate of her father James Broadhead in 1838 at Maplesville, Alabama, inheriting nine dollars and twenty three cents during May term 1840, when final settlement of the estate was made.<sup>4</sup> Wilkin Smith, William Smith, and William R. and Jackson Richey, the husbands of William's daughters Catherine and Lucinda, all made purchases at the estate sale on 26 November 1838, indicating their presence in Bibb County on that date.

Around the time of James Broadhead's death in 1838, Wilkin and Patsy removed from Bibb County, Alabama, to Lauderdale County, Mississippi, where they settled near Wilkin's brothers Simpkin and John and Martha's brother Noah Broadhead. Noah Broadhead married in the 1830's in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, and later moved on to Clarke County, Mississippi, where he served as bondsman at the marriage of his sister's daughter Rebecca Smith Clark to William Vinson on 15 January 1866.<sup>5</sup>

Lauderdale County had not been organized until 1833, after the Choctaw Indian Cession of 1832. An early settler, Wilkin first paid taxes in Lauderdale County in 1839.

### Lauderdale County, Mississippi, 1839 Tax Roll

Wilkin Smith - 1 poll; Tax .37 1/2<sup>6</sup>

Wilkin appears as William Smith in the 1840 Lauderdale County, Mississippi, census, in the Alamucha area; however, his father William Smith and the Richeys are found in the 1840 census of Bibb County, Alabama. William and Sarah Smith and the Richeys subsequently removed to Lauderdale County in the early 1840's, where they are found in the records of the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church.

### 1840 Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, page 45, #231

W <sup>m</sup> Smith	Males	Females
1 under 5 years	(John W.)	1 under 5 years (Jane, born 1837)
		2 5 to 10 years (Sarah Ann, born 1836)
		(Sylvia, born 1834)
1 male 20 - 30	(Wilkin)	1 20 to 30 years (Martha, born 1813)

On 6 December 1843 Wilkin Smith and his wife Martha sold the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 in section 17 and 6 range 18 to Jesse B. Eaves.<sup>7</sup>

According to the Lauderdale County Board of Police minutes for March 1847, Henry Bosell was appointed overseer on a road commencing at the farm of B. C. Deason, who lived west of Alamucha

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and near Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, and working to Old Town (Alamucha). Among residents along this road were ordered to furnish free labor were Jesse B. Eaves, Sylvia Wooten, Joseph Estes, and Wilkin Smith.<sup>8</sup>

Although Wilkin Smith was omitted from the microfilmed version of the 1850 United States Census, Lauderdale County, he is found on the 1850 Agricultural Schedule, Lauderdale County, pages 931-932. In that schedule Wilkin Smith was credited with 20 acres of improved and 22 acres of unimproved land valued at \$150, farming implements valued at \$10, 1 horse, 1 ass or mule, 2 milch cows, 2 other cows, 11 swine, live stock valued at \$117, 150 bushels of Indian corn, 4 bales of cotton, 120 pounds of butter, and \$140 value of animals slaughtered.<sup>9</sup>

On the Saturday before the third Lord's Day August 1846 Wilkin Smith became a member by baptism of Salem Baptist Church during a protracted 7 day meeting following preaching on Saturday by John Tolbot. The list of those baptized is as follows:

### Minutes of Salem Baptist Church, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, August 1846

William J. Northrop	Simon Toole
Sister ____ Alstin	Martha Toole (wife of Simon)
Sister Lucy Rowlings	Brother William C. Holland
Brother Berry Rainer	Brother Wilkin Smith
Brother Cornelious Minor	Brother Thomas Brunson
Black Brother Peter	Black Brother Squire (property of
(property of Brother Rogers)	Sister Silva Wooten) <sup>10</sup>
Black Brother Harry (property	
of Samuel Clark)	

On Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day October 1848, a Martha Smith was received by Salem Baptist Church by letter.<sup>11</sup> This was Martha (Broadhead) Smith, who had transferred from another church. Although unfortunately the name of the other church was not entered in the church minutes, at that time a number of members had left Harmony Baptist Church, which was located on Rosser Road, a short distance from Alamucha, because of dissatisfaction with the exclusion of William Clark Sr. as a minister of the church.

Among those received from Harmony Baptist Church was Cliney (Silvia) Wooten, widow of William Wooten, who was a close neighbor of Martha (Broadhead) Smith and, according to Jim Dawson, Lauderdale County historian, was also the sister of Elder William Clarke who married Elizabeth Melinda (Phillips).<sup>12</sup> Silvia Wooten was therefore the aunt of Marion Clarke, who had married Wilkin's sister Mary Ann. Because both Sylvey (Clarke) Wooten and Patsy (Broadhead) Smith were received by letter by Salem Baptist Church on the same day and because they were related by marriage and close neighbors, it may be assumed that they had both previously been members of Harmony Baptist Church.<sup>13</sup>

In 1837 a split had begun in Southern Baptist churches over missions. The Primitive Baptist Church was concerned primarily with home missions, and other Baptist churches were concerned with foreign missions. During that period of conflict within the denomination, Salem Baptist Church was organized by Elder Ambrose Yarbrough in November 1839. In its early years the church was most likely a Primitive Baptist Church,<sup>14</sup> and in May 1849 the growing congregation had 156 members.<sup>15</sup>

Unfortunately, in 1847 the relationship of Wilkin and Martha Smith with Salem Church was not entirely smooth. On 23 January 1847, Brother Isaac Spinks informed the church that from rumor

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Brother Wilkin Smith had drunk spirituous liquor to excess, and the case was referred to the next meeting. On the next meeting date, there was no preaching due to rain, and it wasn't until 14 April 1847 that the church got down to the case of Brother Smith, when after a full investigation it was proved that he was not drunk. He may have been drinking, but he was not drunk.<sup>16</sup> The church's position at that time was that it was all right to take a little toddy -- and at that time men took their toddies in the morning and not in the afternoon or evening -- but it was wrong to drink to the point of intoxication.<sup>17</sup>

However, others were not quite so lucky at that 24 April 1847 meeting. Brother Thomas Rainer reported that Brother W. C. Hollard was guilty of swapping horses on Sunday. Also, Brother Isaac Spinks reported to the church that Sister Pack's two servants, Harry and Hagar, were living in an unchristian manner, and after the church was satisfied that they knew what was taking place, both were excluded from fellowship. Then Brother G. W. Clinton reported that Penny, the servant of Brother J. W. Suttles, was guilty of unchristian conduct, and she was excluded from the church too.<sup>18</sup> This was a busy session.

In that time period, because the Baptist Church felt that the church was responsible for the examples set by the daily behavior of its members as well as for their behavior within the church, church meetings became a sort of domestic court where the sins of parishioners were aired and judgement was passed.

Although men were often sanctioned by the church for drunkenness, women were rarely charged with the sin. Women were usually charged with dancing or with unchristian behavior, which might be something like having a sharp tongue. Nevertheless, on Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day, January 1851, Brother William McElroy was reported to the church for drunkenness and holding dances in his house, Brother William Rawlings and Sister Martha Smith were both reported for drunkenness, and Brother Charles Rainer Sr. told the congregation that he also had drunk too much spirits.<sup>19</sup>

One might say of Martha that the poor woman had cause for drinking too much, especially at a party. An epidemic was underway in the neighborhood. Her father-in-law, William Smith, had recently died, and others in the family were sick. Winter time meant rain most of the time. Farms were seas of mud, and Martha had six children to track it into the house: Sylvia, 17, had perhaps married in 1849; Sarah Ann (Sally), 14, perhaps married \_\_\_ Latham in the July 1851; Jane, 13; John W., 12; Mary L. (Polly), 9; and Rebecca, 7. The bills from Sylvia's wedding the year before were not being paid. Liquor was available at home since Wilkin perhaps ran a still for medicinal purposes as most farmers did in those days because whiskey was necessary as an antiseptic and cure-all. And so Martha, or Patsy, as she was known to her friends and family, took a little nip now and then to take the edge off the cold, dampness, loneliness, and despair. She was 37 years old.

So on the Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day, January 1851, the Salem Baptist congregation sent Brethren Suttles, J. B. Eaves, and W. W. Hall to see Sister Smith and to inform her to attend the next conference. At the next meeting, Brother Rainer and Brother McElroy already have exonerated themselves, Sister Martha Smith's case was continued, and Brother William Rawlings' case was laid over until the next meeting for want of sufficient testimony. But on 22 March 1851, Sister Martha Smith was excluded from membership along with Brother William Rawlings since neither of them had appeared before the congregation to plead his or her case.<sup>20</sup>

We have no way of being certain that the Sister Martha Smith who was excluded from Salem Baptist Church was actually Martha (Broadhead) Smith. However, she does appear to have been the only Martha Smith of appropriate age living in that community at that particular time. Notice that Sister Martha Smith was accused of drinking in excess. She was not accused of unchristian or illicit be-

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havior. If that had been the situation, her critics most certainly would have accused her. In any case, Martha (Broadhead) Smith may have been excluded from Salem Baptist Church on 22 March 1851. In November 1851, she died shortly after giving birth to her eighth child.

Probate records of Wilkin Smith offer excellent clues to what happened month by month in the lives of Wilkin and Martha Smith during this last year of their lives. First of all, William Smith, Wilkin's father died in January or early February 1851, leaving his widow Sarah (Phillips) Smith with three sons still at home: Elkanna, 20; David, 17; and James M., 14. In Lauderdale County, Mississippi, Probate Court Book C, page 242, February term 1851, Wilkin Smith applied to the court to order the estate of William Smith deceased into the hands of the sheriff for administration.

A dry goods bill in Wilkin Smith's probate record tells of the little creature comforts that Wilkin purchased for himself and his family month by month during the year 1851.

### 1851 Mr. Wilkin Smith to T. C. S. White

Jan 28	One milk strainer 40c & balance on pr shoes		1.40
Feb 18	1 plug tobacco 20c    1 plug do (same) 30c		.50
Mar 8	1 plug tobacco 20c    1 plug do 20c		.40
	1 lb copperas (iron sulphate)		.05
Mar 22	1 straw hat    9 yds domestic		1.25
	1 pr Russett Brogans 11/ ( children's shoes)		
	1 pr Wood Combs 6c		1.44
Apr 1	1 lb copperas    1 boys knife		.38
17	Merchandise pr order		3.00
21	1 lb copperas    1 pr. Bridle Reins (for a horse)		.50
	1 tuck comb		.12
May 1	3 yds. Apron check    2 spools thread		.90
10	2 cakes Soap @ 6c    1 fine comb 15c		.27
23	3 yds colored cambrick @20c    1 skein Silk 10c		.70
24	1 pr boys shoes 12/ (for John W.)		1.50
Jun 22	1 straw hat & Lining 3/    1/2 lb Madder (red dye)		.58
Jul 19	1 fine comb    1 paper pins		.35
25	1 Bot Cast Oil 60c    1 set & cup & Saucers		1.35
	1 coffee pot    1 wash pan    1 pocket knife		1.75
	6 lb Coffee 1.00 (Aug. 2)    1 clay pipe 6c		1.06
Sep 1	1 fine comb 20c    1 pocket (purse) 10c		.30
	32 yds calico    1 bot Cast Oil 40c		.90
	4 plugs of tobacco @ 20c    1 paper pins 10c		.90
	1 large Woollen Shawl		
	(probably for pregnant Martha)		1.50
			<u>\$21.29</u>
Apr 29	Credit by 4 plugs tobacco @ 3/--	\$1.50	
Sep 29	" " 111 lbs beef @ 4c per pound	4.44	
Oct 19	" " 98 lbs beef @ 4c	3.92	<u>9.86</u>

The above dry goods bill is that of a man with a wife and six daughters, including several teen-age daughters who were concerned with their appearances as they approached marriageable age. Many of the small items may have been little gifts for birthdays. The tuck comb purchased on April 21, the fine comb and two cakes of soap bought May 10, the fine comb purchased July 19, and the fine

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comb and pocket or purse bought on 1 September 1851 may have been for birthdays of Wilkin and Martha's daughters. The boy's knife bought on April 1 may have been for the birthday of John W. Smith, who was 13 years old in 1851. The large woolen shawl purchased on September 3 was to keep Martha, who was pregnant, warm on chilly fall mornings and evenings. The plugs of tobacco indicated that Wilkin chewed tobacco and that Martha smoked a clay pipe.

Elaine Smith believes the set of cups and saucers, coffee pot, wash pan, pocket knife, and coffee purchased on July 25 were for celebration of the wedding of Wilkin and Martha's daughter Sarah Ann, who was called Sally, to a Mr. Latham. Because Sarah's son D. Latham was eight years old in the 1860 census, born about 1852, it is logical that Sarah married in 1851. The three yards of cambric and the skein of silk purchased on May 23 may have been to make her wedding dress. If so, Sarah Ann Smith married Mr. Latham in late July 1851.

Next, doctor bills for Wilkin Smith and his whole family appear during July through November 1851, including, finally, the "removal of placinta" on November 6, indicating the birth of a baby. Between 26 July 1851 and 7 November 1851, Dr. J. T. Law made 51 visits to the Smith home. His first visits from July 26 through August 17 were not designated, but by September 6 and 7, all of the children were sick, and visits were to the "children" with bottles of medicine. On September 7 through 15, Dr. Law made daily visits to one of the daughters of the family, and on October 15 his visit was with a vial of quinine for Wilkin and Martha's son John W. Jim Dawson of Lauderdale County thinks at least John suffered from malaria, which was treated with quinine.

The mother of the family was pregnant, and all of the children and the father were sick. Wilkin and Martha were so worried about their little daughter that in October Wilkin sought the second opinion of Dr. Jacob P. Welch.

### The Estate of Wilkin Smith To Jacob P. Welch Dr.

1851				
Oct 6	Call & Attention to little daughter			1.50
8	" " " "			1.00
"	20 grains Hydrogen Comp pills			1.00
	Oput coll comp powds 4ds			.25
17	Visit to self & consultation			10.00
18	" " " "			5.00
20	Do Do Do Do			5.00
22	Do Do Do Do			5.00
				28.75

Because their treatment was different from that of the rest of the family, the author wonders if Wilkin's daughter might not have been suffering from consumption, as the disease was then called, or tuberculosis, as it is known today, and Wilkin himself from consumption or cancer. Dr. Law first visited Wilkin's daughter on September 11 through September 15. Then Wilkin called in Dr. Welch to visit his daughter on October 6 and 8. Jim Dawson thought perhaps Sylvia, the oldest daughter about whom little is known, had become ill. However, Dr. Welch stated in his bill that this was a "little daughter," indicating that perhaps it was not Sylvia, the oldest daughter, but a younger daughter, born after the birth of Rebecca in 1843, who was treated by Dr. Law in 1851. This "little daughter" apparently died. In fact, there was so much illness in the family that several younger daughters might have died without leaving record to identify them.

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On October 15, Dr. Law visited Wilkin Smith himself, treated him by venisection, which was bleeding, and gave him medicine. Then Wilkin visited Dr. Welch in his office on October 17, 18, 20, and 22 for a physical examination and treatment. Perhaps he knew after those visits that he didn't have long to live. Within six or seven weeks, he was dead.

Benjamin Smith, Wilkin's brother, swore under oath on 2 January 1852 that Dr. Law had made many trips to the home of Wilkin Smith and his family in 1851.<sup>21</sup> [See Appendix for the bill of Dr. J. T. Law, attending physician for Wilkin Smith and his family.] Then, on 6 November 1851, Dr. Law visited and charged for removing a placenta from Martha (Broadhead) Smith after the birth of her baby daughter, Amanda Martha Smith. One more visit was made on November 7 with medicine, and then the charges for visits stopped. With the bill standing at \$130.25, perhaps the doctor just stopped charging for his visits. The mother was dying after childbirth, and the father was dying of disease. There was little chance that all bills would ever be paid.

On 15 November 1851, Wilkin Smith purchased from Thomas E. James enough black and bleached domestic cambrick (sic) for the covers and lining of at least one coffin, five yards of white cambrick for a shroud, and two pairs of white gloves for the burial. These purchases indicated that Martha (Broadhead) Smith had died by 15 November 1851. The new baby appears to have been Amanda Martha Smith, born 6 November 1851 to Martha, who died shortly after her daughter's birth.

### 15 November 1851 Wilkin Smith purchased from Thomas E. James<sup>22</sup>

7 yds blea domestic, cambrick	.2/	7 yds ble domestic .2/c	2.15
7 yds " "	.20c	4 doz brass tacks .5	1.60
1 ps black ferritting	1/	1 paper of tacks 1/	.25
1 1/2 yds white Ribbon	.2/	1 spool thread 10c	.48
1 pr white gloves	3/	1 pr white gloves 3/	.75
1 spool white thread	10	5 yds white cambrick 50c	<u>2.60</u>
Due January 1st 1852			\$8.99

According to Myra Goodman, a Lauderdale County, Mississippi, historian, material purchased on 15 November 1851 was for at least one coffin. Black cloth was generally used to cover the outside of the wooden casket, and white cloth was used to cover the inside walls. In this case bleached cambrick and domestic material were used. White ribbon was used for trimming, and the material was all held in place by tacks. White gloves were used to cover the hands to hide hands rough and red from years of toil. The five yards of white cambrick was perhaps used for a shroud. This particular coffin was the final resting place of Martha (Broadhead) Smith. But Wilkin died too, apparently around the first of December 1851. No itemized statement exists for his coffin or shroud.

On 9 December 1851, John Smith, Wilkin's brother, filed a petition praying the court to grant him letters of administration on the estate of Wilkin Smith, deceased.<sup>23</sup>

**The State of Mississippi, Lauderdale County. To the Hon. the Probate Court of said County.** Your petitioner shows that Wilkins Smith late of said County, deceased, died intestate, leaving a small personal & real estate, estimated to be worth some four or five hundred dollars that your petitioner is the brother of said decedent & for the protection of the interest of said estate prays that Letters of administration of the estate of said decedent may be granted to him. Minor Deason & Henry Boswell is offered as securities on your petitioners administration bond & your petitioner will pray &c

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of December 1851 J. B. Hancock Judge of Probate



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On the same date John Smith declared before the court that there were debts against the estate that needed to be paid and requested permission to sell the personal estate. Permission was granted for an inventory of possessions to be made, and a sale was held on 8 March 1852. [See Appendix for Inventory and Sale of Personal Estate of Wilkin Smith.] Relatives and neighbors gathered around to buy the family's scant possessions. Simpkin, Samuel Eliza, and Benjamin Smith each purchased a bedstead and bedding, indicating that each might intend to take in, or at least to provide for, one or more of the Smith orphan children.

In the 1853 Mississippi state census for Lauderdale County, Simpkin Larkin Smith had 3 males and 4 females living with him, indicating that John W. Smith and Mary L. Smith may have been living with him and his wife Charity.

### 1853 Mississippi State Census, Lauderdale County

<b>Larkin Smith</b>	<b>3 males</b>	<b>4 females</b>
	(Simpkin Larkin)	(Charity)
	(Seaborn,* born 1847)	(Frances,* born 1850)
	(John W., born 1838)	(Mary L., born 1841)
		(Harriet,* born 1852)

\* denotes children of Simpkin and Charity

By the time of enumeration of the 1860 census, Mary L. Smith was living with her brother John W. and his wife Martha (Mathis) Smith and the couple's baby son John W. Jr., next to Marion and Mary Ann (Smith) Clark, perhaps on the farm where Samuel Eliza Smith had lived before his death between 1854 and 1860.

By the time of enumeration of the 1853 Mississippi state census, Benjamin and Rebecca Minor Smith had removed to Rusk County, Texas. Eliza Smith appeared in 1853 with two males and two females; viz., Eliza, William B. (born 1850), Mary A., and Sarah M. (born 1852), indicating that children of Wilkin were not living with him at that time.<sup>24</sup>

Jane, born about 1837 and about 15 years old in 1852, and baby Amanda Martha perhaps went to live with their sister Sarah Ann (Sally) Smith Latham and her husband. Jane and Martha were living with Sarah and her second husband John Lafferty at the time of enumeration of the 1860 United States census, Lauderdale County.<sup>25</sup>

Rebecca, born about 1843, either may have been the fourth female living with her Uncle Simpkin and Aunt Charity Smith in the 1853 census or may have remained with her Uncle John and Aunt Irena. On 19 August 1859, she married first G. Alan Watson in Lauderdale County. However, Alan Watson may have been killed in the Civil War since Rebecca Smith Watson married second William Vinson in Clarke County, Mississippi, on 15 January 1866.<sup>26</sup>

In January 1852, the debts of Wilkin and Martha Smith exceeded the net worth of the estate, and John Smith appeared before the probate court to request sale of their real estate.

### Lauderdale County, Mississippi, Probate Court Records, January 1852

The State of Mississippi, Lauderdale County. To the Honorable the Judge of the Probate Court of said County. Your petitioner shows that he is the administrator of Wilkin Smith deceased that said estate is so involved in debt that the personal estate of said decedant is insufficient to pay of & satisfy the debts against said estate therefore prays for an order for the sale of the real estate of said estate towit the following lands towit. North East corner of the west half or North East quarter of section no. twenty township no. six Range

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eighteen east containing 2 acres & the South East fourth of North East fourth Sec 20 26 & R 18 E containing forty acres & your petitioner will pray

his  
John X Smith  
mark

Subscribed & Sworn to this the 12th of January 1852.

J. B. Hancock (seal)  
Judge of Probate

Lauderdale County, Mississippi Probate Court Book D, January Term 1854, page 374, John Smith presented a report of provisions set aside for children of Wilkin Smith and finally settled Wilkin's estate.

### Lauderdale County, Mississippi, Probate Court Book E, page 287.

John Smith Administrator of the Estate of Wilkins Smith deceased Reports to this Honorable Court as follows to wit. That since his last report he had received fifty cents also One side of Leather in 8 pound worth about 20 cents per pound and which he now charges to himself. The said administrator prays an allowance for this amount paid for court fees \$7.00. By this amount for articles furnished the children by order of this court & set apart by the commissioners viz.

600 lb Bacon @ 12 1/2 cts	\$ 75.00
50 lb Coffee @ 15 cts	7.50
100 lb Sugar @ 8 cts	<u>8.00</u>
	\$ 90.50
By this amount for services in taking care of Stock 30 days by administrator	\$ 10.00
By services in hauling cotton to the Gin & to the River	6.75
By Bagging & Rope furnished	1.80
By this amount paid for Burial Expenses	<u>16.00</u>
Jan 10, 1854 Recorded May 18th 1854.	\$132.05

No modern day soap opera can equal the pain and suffering and sadness of the last year of Wilkin and Martha (Broadhead) Smith. But their children **Sylvia Smith** \_\_\_\_\_, **Sarah Ann Latham Lafferty**, **John William Smith**, **Mary L. Butler Vinson**, **Rebecca Watson Vinson**, and **Amanda Martha Richey** were survivors. They gathered strength to live through that tragic year of 1851 and to become the forebears of generations of descendants. Those orphan children gave special meaning to the lives of their parents and stamped Wilkin and Martha's marks of worth upon the face of the earth.

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<sup>4</sup>Probate records of Bibb County, Alabama, May term 1840, file of James Broadhead.

<sup>5</sup>Clarke County, Mississippi, Marriage Records Book B, page 41.

<sup>6</sup>Ben and Jean Strickland, 1835-1848 Tax Rolls, 1853 State Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, privately published, page 41.

<sup>7</sup>Lauderdale County, Mississippi, Deed Book C, page 371.

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- <sup>8</sup>Lauderdale County Board of Police Minutes, March 1847.
- <sup>9</sup>1850 United States Census, Agricultural Schedule, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, pages 931-931, Wilkin Smith #14.
- <sup>10</sup>James T. Dawson, *Salem Baptist Church Minutes, Alamucha, Lauderdale County, Mississippi* (Lauderdale County, Mississippi: Department of Archives and History, Inc., 1987), page 25.
- <sup>11</sup>*Salem Baptist Church Minutes*, page 31.
- <sup>12</sup>Letter from Jim Dawson to Elaine Smith.
- <sup>13</sup>*Salem Baptist Church Minutes*, pages 31 -33.
- <sup>14</sup>*Salem Baptist Church Minutes*, pages 2 - 3.
- <sup>15</sup>*Salem Baptist Church Minutes*, page 34.
- <sup>16</sup>*Salem Baptist Church Minutes*, page 27.
- <sup>17</sup>Letter to Elaine Smith from Jim Dawson, August 1990.
- <sup>18</sup>*Salem Baptist Church Minutes*, page 27.
- <sup>19</sup>*Salem Baptist Church Minutes*, page 39.
- <sup>20</sup>*Salem Baptist Church Minutes*, page 40.
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- <sup>20</sup>Probate records of Wilkin Smith.
- <sup>24</sup>1853 Mississippi State Census, Lauderdale County.
- <sup>25</sup>1860 United States Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, page 200, dwelling 1408.
- <sup>26</sup>Marriage records of Lauderdale and Clarke counties, Mississippi.

## DESCENDANTS OF WILKIN AND MARTHA (BROADHEAD) SMITH

### 1. SYLVIA SMITH

**Sylvia Smith** was born about 1834 in Bibb County, Alabama, Alabama. The author believes that Sylvia may have married in June 1849 when Wilkin Smith purchased from C. C. Rushing 10 yards of calico at \$20 and six yards of calico at \$18.73 plus interest with the balance due in two years.<sup>1</sup> A family such as that of Wilkin and Martha, who mainly wore homespun garments, could only have wanted this much "store bought" material for the wedding of their eldest daughter. However, since Lauderdale County marriage records for that time period are missing, no record has been found of this marriage.

Little is known of Sylvia other than that she is listed among the children of Wilkin and Martha (Broadhead) Smith in *History of the Smith Family 1021-1969* by Leona Jones, Burtrez Westrip, W. Joe Smith, and Clara H. Smith. Jim Dawson has believed that Sylvia was the daughter of Wilkin and Martha for whom coffin lining materials were purchased in November 1851. However, Elaine Smith thinks that purchase of sixteen yards of calico in May 1849 must have been for Sylvia's June wedding and that if Sylvia had died young in 1851, most likely her given name would not have survived one hundred years to be printed in the Smith genealogy in 1969.

### 2. SARAH ANN SMITH

**Sarah Ann (Sally) Smith**, born about 1836 in Bibb County, Alabama, married first \_\_\_\_\_ **Latham** in July 1851, and married second **John T. Lafferty** on 11 April 1860,<sup>2</sup> by M. (Mathis) Wolf, with Joseph T. Anderson as bondsman. Sarah Ann married Mr. Latham about 1851 and had two children, D. Latham about 1852 and Eliza Lathan about 1855. Sister Sarah A. Latham was received by Ebenezer Baptist Church by letter from Mt. Gilead Church in October 1858, indicating that she moved from the Mt. Gilead area after the death of her first husband to be closer to her family.<sup>3</sup> In 1860 she married John Lafferty and appeared on an Ebenezer Church membership roll as Sarah A. Latham Lafferty.<sup>4</sup>

John T. Lafferty served in Company C, 2nd Mississippi Cavalry during the War of the Rebellion. His Confederate States file contains correspondence from the family to the War Department, but neither he nor his wife filed for a CSA pension.<sup>5</sup> J. T. Lafferty died 19 March 1898 in Clarke County, Mississippi, and is buried in Center Ridge Cemetery at Horn, Clarke County, Mississippi. This family appears in the 1860 and 1870 censuses, Lauderdale County, Mississippi.

#### Lauderdale County, Mississippi 1860 census, page 200, dwelling 1408.

Lafferty, J. T.	25	M	Farmer	150	AL
Sarah	24	F	Dom Bus		AL
Latham, D.	8	M			MS
Lizah	5	M			MS
Smith, Jane	23	M			MS
Martha	5	F			MS

#### Lauderdale County, Mississippi, 1870 census, page 9, dwelling 125.

Laffaday, John	38	M	W	MS
Sarah	36	F	W	MS
Eliza	15	M	W	MS
Seleta	10	F	W	MS
William	7	M	W	MS
Henry	4	M	W	MS
John	6/12	M	W	MS

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CHILDREN OF \_\_\_\_\_ LATHAM AND SARAH ANN SMITH:

1. **D. Latham**, (male) born about 1852 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi.
2. **Elizah Latham**, (male) born about 1855 in Lauderdale County.<sup>6</sup>

CHILDREN OF JOHN LAFFERTY AND SARAH ANN (SMITH) LATHAM:

3. **Seleta Lafferty**, born about 1860 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi.
4. **William Lafferty**, born about 1863 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi.
5. **Henry Lafferty**, born about 1866 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi.
6. **John Lafferty**, born 1870, Lauderdale County.<sup>7</sup>

### 3. JANE SMITH

**Jane Smith**, born about 1837 in Alabama. Jane was cited living with her sister Sarah and Sarah's husband John Lafferty in the 1860 census.<sup>8</sup>

### 4. JOHN WILLIAM SMITH

**John William Smith**, born about 1838 in Alabama, married on 16 November 1858, **Martha J. Mathis**,<sup>9</sup> who may have been the daughter of Frederick and Sarah Mathis, who lived in the same area in which the Smiths lived. John William Smith was killed in Civil War.<sup>10</sup>

John W. and Martha Mathis Smith are found in the 1860 Lauderdale County, Mississippi, census with their only son John William, born 29 November 1859. John W. Smith's sister, Mary L. Smith, was living with the couple prior to her marriage to F. Butler on 30 March 1861.

#### 1860 Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, page 188, dwelling 1321.

Smith, John W.	22	M	Farmer	400	AL
Martha J.	23	F	Dom Bus		AL
Mary L.	19	F	Dom Bus		MS
John W.	9/12	M			MS

Before the enumeration of the 1870 census, both John W. and Martha Mathis Smith died, leaving their young son an orphan. Both John W. Smith and Mary L. (Smith) Butler's husband F. Butler were killed in the War of the Rebellion, and Mary L. (Smith) Butler married H. H. Vinson in Clarke County, Mississippi, on 6 April 1868.

Family tradition is that John W. Smith died about 1864, near the end of the War of the Rebellion. John W. Smith, born about 1838, appears to be the John W. Smith, age 23 years, who was enrolled in Company E, 7th Battalion, Mississippi Infantry, at Quitman, Clarke County, Mississippi, on 20 April 1862 by J. S. Terral. This John W. Smith was mustered into service on 12 May 1862 by First Lieutenant J. E. Welbourne of Company B, 24th Mississippi Regiment, and received \$50 in bounty payment the next day.<sup>11</sup>

David S. Smith and James M. Smith, uncles of John W. Smith, who also served in Company E, 7th Battalion, Mississippi Infantry, were enrolled and mustered into service on the same dates as J. W.<sup>12</sup>

From 12 May to 31 August 1862, John W. Smith was present in Company E, 7th Battalion, Mississippi Volunteers. But in September and October 1862, Private Smith was absent at Saltillo Hospital, near Tupelo, Mississippi. He was back with the battalion in November and December 1862 and was paid by J. A. Landry 31 October 1862. Company E was "captured at Vicksburg, Mississippi, 4 July 1863; paroled 8 December 1863; and Furloughed by Order on the march for 30 days."<sup>13</sup>

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Martha J. (Mathis) Smith, widow of the John W. Smith, may have married second **William J. Clark** on 23 December 1868 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, by M. Moore, Minister of the Gospel. Bondsman were William J. Clark and J. T. (Joseph Tillman) Anderson.<sup>14</sup> Martha J. (Mathis) (Smith) Clark died soon after her marriage to W. J. Clark, perhaps in childbirth, leaving her son John William Smith Jr. an orphan.

W. J. Clark was, according to Jim Dawson, the son of Henry S. and Mary Ann Clarke. Henry S. Clark was the brother of Marion Clark and the son of William Clark, the Primitive Baptist Minister. Mary Ann Clark, wife of Henry S. is found in the 1850 Lauderdale County census, living near Marion and Mary Ann Smith Clark.

### 1850 Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, page 365, dwelling 556.

Mary A. Clarke	35	F	AL
Thomas J.	16	M	AL
Charlotte J.	14	F	MS
William J.	12	F	GA

### SON OF JOHN W. SMITH AND MARTHA MATHIS:

**John William Smith, Jr.**, born 29 November 1859, Lauderdale County, Mississippi; died 28 December 1927, Temple, Texas; married on 20 January 1885 at the residence of E. S. Robinson, Jasper County, Mississippi, **Elizabeth V. (Betty) Sinclair**, the daughter of David and Margaret A. Elizabeth Robinson Sinclair and the granddaughter of Edwin S. and Julia Ann Clark Robinson of Jasper County, Mississippi. Elizabeth V. Sinclair Smith was born in Enterprise, Mississippi, on 19 February 1867 and died 11 October 1949, Houston, Texas.<sup>15</sup>

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1. **Pauline Smith**, born 27 January 1886 at Meridian, Lauderdale County, Mississippi; died 8 December 1934 at Temple, Texas, at the home of her brother Hubert Smith;<sup>16</sup> married **W. C. Crawford** on 29 May 1917. W. C. and Pauline Smith Crawford lost two children in infancy. Pauline Smith Crawford is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Temple, Texas.

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### CHILDREN OF FREDERICK DROW AND EDNA ELIZABETH BLACK:

1. Frederick Drow.
  2. Patricia Drow.<sup>23</sup>
2. **Wanda Verdell Black**, born 1917, died 5 September 1917 at Corn Hill, Texas.
  3. **Julius Raymond Black Jr.**, born 24 June 1918 at Corn Hill, Texas; married **Mary Jean Hickernell** on 2 December 1950 at First Methodist Church, Houston, Texas. Mary Jean was born 25 January 1922 at Denver, Colorado, the daughter of Cloyd Burdette Hickernell and Katharine Mary Krouse.

After graduation from Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas, in 1939, Ray Black taught and coached football in Round Rock and Georgetown, Texas. In December 1941, he enlisted in the United States Air Corps at Randolph Field. He graduated from OCS, Miami, and was stationed in Miami until sent to CBI theater and stationed at Kun Ming, China. After the war, Ray worked for Shell Pipe Line in Houston, Texas, in the accounting department. He retired in 1985.

Mary Jean graduated from the University of Houston in 1943 and worked as a secretary in the administrative department of Shell Pipe Line Corporation in Houston. She left Shell in 1952 to devote her time to home, children, and her many hobbies.

Cloyd Hickernell, father of Mary Jean Hickernell Black, was born 25 February 1892 at Westmorland City, Pennsylvania, and died 29 November 1982 at Houston, Texas. He married on 27 September 1919 at Denver, Colorado, Katharine Mary Krouse. She was born 5 July 1890 at Findlay, Ohio, and died 10 December 1979 at Houston, Texas.

### CHILDREN OF J. RAYMOND BLACK AND MARY JEAN HICKERNELL:

1. **John Raymond Black**, born 24 January 1954 at Houston, Texas, married on 18 December 1976 at College Station, Texas, **Penny Janette Smith**, born 6 July 1955 at Bryan, Texas, the daughter of David Smith and Evelyn Vernon.

John Black graduated Texas A & M, College Station, Texas, in 1977 with a degree in civil engineering. He worked for the Texas Highway Department and the city of College Station until he became traffic engineer for the city of Richardson, Texas. Penny worked as a secretary at Texas A & M until her marriage.

### CHILDREN OF JOHN BLACK AND PENNY SMITH:

1. **Laura Nanette Black**, born 8 August 1978 at Abilene, Texas.
2. **Christy Annette Black**, born 28 August 1979 at Abilene, Texas.
3. **Peter Ray Black**, born 30 December 1982 at College Station, Texas.

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4. **Charisse Janette Black**, born 3 August 1987 at College Station, Texas.

2. **Katherine Ann Black**, born 9 February 1957 at Houston, Texas; married on 29 May 1982 at Conroe, Texas, **Daniel Lee Ellwood**. Daniel Ellwood was born 8 August 1957 at Gonzales, Texas, the son of Charles Burke Ellwood and his wife Sue Marie Stockwell Everson. Charles Ellwood was born 18 February 1930 at Temple, Texas; married on 11 August 1956 at Gonzales, Texas, Sue Marie Stockwell Everson. She was born 4 June 1934 at Dayton, Ohio.

Dan Ellwood graduated from Texas A & M, College Station, Texas, in 1979 and from the University of Texas School of Law in 1982. Katherine Black Ellwood received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, in 1975 and a master of library and information science degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1980.

### CHILDREN OF DANIEL ELLWOOD AND KATHERINE BLACK:

1. **Amy Elizabeth Ellwood**, born 6 June 1986 at Houston, Texas.
2. **Jean Marie Ellwood**, born 29 November 1988 at Houston, Texas.<sup>24</sup>

4. **John David Black**, born 19 February 1925 at Georgetown, Texas; married **Carol Neoma Smith** on 15 May 1953 at Berryville, Arkansas. Carol was born 16 July 1934 at Hominy, Oklahoma, the daughter of Hugh (Junky Brown) Smith and Beula Givens.

After graduation from Georgetown High School, John was drafted into the United States Army and served at Camp Walters during World War II. After the war he worked in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as a newspaper stero typer for the *Tulsa Daily World*.

In 1953 John and Carol moved to Texas, where John worked for the Austin newspaper, the *American Statesman*, until 1960. He then worked for the U. S. Postal Service until his retirement in 1986 in Georgetown, Texas.

### CHILDREN OF JOHN DAVID BLACK AND CAROL NEOMA SMITH:

1. **James Russell Black**, born 22 November 1955 in Austin, Texas; married **Manuela Mendieta (Mamie)** on 19 April 1986 in Austin, Texas. Mamie was born 16 February 1954, the daughter of Felix Mendieta and Gregoria Puente. James Black graduated from Texas A & M in 1979.

### CHILDREN OF JAMES R. AND MAMIE BLACK:

1. **Joseph Reynald Black**, born 15 May 1990.
  2. Twins are expected in 1991.
2. **Janice Darlene Black**, born 10 April 1958 at Austin, Texas; married **Jack Eugene Tucker**, son of Son and Triva Tucker of Killeen, Texas, on 15 August 1981. Janice works for the Texas Rehabilitation Agency.<sup>25</sup>

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5. **Hubert Frank Smith**, born 29 February 1896 in Meridian, Mississippi;<sup>26</sup> died 5 October 1961, at Houston, Texas;<sup>27</sup> married **Novella Brock** on 7 April 1934. She was born 5 October 1907 at St. Jo, Texas.<sup>28</sup>

Hubert (Bert) Smith Sr. was a Houston, Texas, barber, who retired from business in March of 1961. In early October of that year, he and his wife were returning home from a vacation trip to the West Coast and the World's Fair when Bert stopped a mile north of Comanche, Texas, to change a flat tire. While getting tools from the trunk of his car, he was struck by another car and died before arrival at the Comanche hospital.

Bert's wife suffered lacerations and abrasions about the face and left arm and smaller abrasions on her body. Also injured was Jose Rodriques, 36, of Comanche, who had stopped his car to help the Smiths change their tire. The Smith car was parked on the west side of the highway, headed south. A 1956 model pickup hit it on the right rear fender and struck the three people standing at the right rear of the automobile.

Bert Smith was a veteran of World War I.

### CHILDREN OF HUBERT F. SMITH AND NOVELLA BROCK:

1. **Betty Sue Smith**, born 11 October 1935 in Temple, Texas; died 10 June 1954 at Temple.
2. **Hubert Frank Smith Jr.**, born 20 December 1938 at Houston, Texas; married first **Barbara Jones Hall** in March 1960 at Pasadena, Texas; marriage dissolved in 1964; married second on 11 June 1965 at Green River, Wyoming, at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, **Shirley Ann Lee**.

After moving to Green River, Wyoming, in 1964, Bert Smith Jr. operated three automobile service stations: the old Flying Horse Mobile station and the Green River Chevron in downtown Green River and the Sunset Mobile super-service station on the west end of the town. Bert received a bachelor degree in business administration from the University of Wyoming in 1974 and opened his own business, the B & S Company, which sells building equipment to homebuilders.

### CHILDREN OF HUBERT FRANK SMITH AND BARBARA JONES HALL:

1. **Cheryl Ranae Smith**, Barbara's daughter by a former marriage, adopted by Hubert Frank Smith in 1962 at Corpus Christi, Texas. Cheryl Ranae Smith married **James Patrick Black** on 15 August 1987 at Seabrook, Texas.

### CHILD OF JAMES PATRICK AND CHERYL RANAE SMITH BLACK: **Jesse Patrick Black**, born 20 April 1990 at Santa Fe, Texas.

2. **Jesse Ray Smith**, born 8 February 1961 at Corpus Christi, Texas; married **Tami Mahurin** on 12 February 1973 at West Colombia, Texas; marriage dissolved in January 1990.

### CHILDREN OF HUBERT FRANK SMITH AND SHIRLEY ANN LEE:

3. **Matthew Lee Smith**, born 21 September 1966 at Rock Springs,

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3. **Matthew Lee Smith**, born 21 September 1966 at Rock Springs, Wyoming.
4. **Amanda Jean Smith**, born 5 April 1975 at Rock Springs, Wyoming.<sup>27</sup>
6. **David William (Dave) Smith**, born 15 April 1898 at Meridian, Lauderdale County, Mississippi;<sup>28</sup> died 4 October 1983 at Mesa, Arizona;<sup>29</sup> married on 18 February 1920 at Parsons, Kansas, Emily Gladys Neal,<sup>30</sup> whose adoptive name was Helen Gladys Canfield. **Helen Gladys Neal-Canfield** was born 26 January 1899 at Golden, Missouri, the daughter of John Aaron McClernand and Hester Harrison Neal. After the death of both parents when she was only four years old, she was adopted by Elizabeth M. Canfield of Parsons, Kansas.<sup>31</sup> Helen Gladys Smith died 8 October 1983 at Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona.<sup>32</sup>

David W. Smith met Gladys Neal-Canfield when he enrolled in a business class while working on the railroad in Parsons, Kansas. Although Gladys had been adopted by Elizabeth M. Canfield and raised by Elizabeth and her sister Mary, two maiden ladies, she grew up knowing the names of her deceased parents and of her six brothers and sisters.

Gladys's mother, Hester Ellen Harrison Neal, died on 20 November 1902 of complications from the birth of Leroy Harrison Neal on 11 October 1902. Her father, John Aaron McClernand Neal, died on 2 February 1903 of influenza, leaving his seven children orphans. Emeline Neal Fisher and Moses Neal, John Neal's sister and brother, arranged for the care of the children. The two youngest children, Gladys and Leroy, were put up for adoption, and the older children were cared for by Moses Neal's daughter and her husband.<sup>33</sup>

Throughout his lifetime David W. Smith worked in the creamery business, much of the time as plant superintendent for Prairie Farms Creameries in Missouri, Ohio, and Illinois.

### CHILD OF DAVID W. SMITH AND GLADYS NEAL-CANFIELD:

**David Neal Smith**, born 10 June 1931, St. Louis, Missouri;<sup>34</sup> married 22 August 1954 at Minonk, Woodford County, Illinois, **Dorothy Elaine Spires**.<sup>35</sup> Elaine Spires Smith was born 28 July 1932 at Streator, Illinois, the daughter of Lester Everett and Helen Louise Colver Spires.<sup>36</sup>

D. Neal Smith graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois, with a bachelor of music education in 1953 and from Union Theological Seminary, New York City, with a master of sacred music degree in 1955. He has served as organist and choirmaster of churches in Arkansas, Mississippi, and Indiana, and in 1993 is Diaconal Minister of Music of First United Methodist Church, Elkhart, Indiana.

Elaine Spires Smith graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University with a bachelor of fine arts degree in speech and drama in 1954 and received a master of secondary education degree from Indiana University in 1972. She has been employed by Baugo Community Schools, Elkhart, Indiana, as a teacher of English and public speaking for twenty-seven years and has served as director of the Jimtown High School drama program, yearbook advisor, and class sponsor.

Elaine has served four years as regent of William Tuffs Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and as chairman for various committees and

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*and Descendants of Jacob Colver of Bureau County, Illinois*, the history and genealogy of her mother's family, and she has contributed numerous articles to family name periodicals and to historical publications. She plans to become a professional lineage specialist after retirement from teaching in July of 1994.

Although Elaine's mother, grandmother, and aunts developed her interest in family history when she was a child, she did not become seriously involved in genealogy until 1977 when one of her husband's cousins wrote to Gladys Neal-Canfield Smith asking for information concerning the Neal family. Gladys passed the letter on to Elaine, who with initial success became quickly addicted to genealogy.

### CHILDREN OF (DAVID) NEAL SMITH AND (DOROTHY) ELAINE SPIRES:

1. **James Neal (Jim) Smith**, born 6 February 1956, El Dorado, Union County, Arkansas; married on 21 July 1979 at Elkhart, Indiana, **Kim Lori Stevens**. Kim Stevens Smith was born 6 September 1956 at New York City, the daughter of Ernest Raymond and Bertha Mae Miller Stevens.<sup>39</sup>

Jim, a graduate in telecommunications of Indiana University, serves as assistant promotion manager of an ABC affiliate television station in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. His wife Kim resigned from her position as coordinator of the elementary schools gifted and talented program, Concord Community Schools, Elkhart, Indiana, when Jim accepted the Oklahoma City position in the fall of 1989 and is now a full-time homemaker and mother to Logan and Landon.

### CHILDREN OF JAMES N. SMITH AND KIM LORI STEVENS:

1. **Logan James Smith**, born 17 March 1987, Elkhart, Indiana.<sup>40</sup>
2. **Landon Charles Smith**, born 16 February 1990, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.<sup>41</sup>
2. **Melinda Elaine (Mindy) Smith**, born 8 July 1958, Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi; married on 9 July 1986 in Elkhart, Indiana, **Walter William (Wally) Winkel Jr.**, born 16 August 1958 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, son of Walter W. Winkel and Arlene Viola.<sup>42</sup>

Mindy received a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Indiana University and a master of business administration degree from DePaul University, Chicago. She resigned from her position as a manager of financial planning for Searle Laboratories shortly before the birth of her first child.

Walter W. Winkel, a corporate tax attorney, is Controller, Far East, for Landis and Gyr Powers of Buffalo Grove, Illinois. Worldwide, Landis & Gyr has three major business segments -- building controls, metering, and communications. Both Mindy and Wally are certified public accountants. The couple live in Mundelein, Illinois, on the outskirts of Chicago.

### CHILDREN OF WALTER W. WINKEL AND MELINDA ELAINE SMITH:

1. **Grant Everett Winkel**, born 10 February 1988, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.<sup>43</sup>
2. **Gavin Aaron Winkel**, born 11 October 1990, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.<sup>44</sup>
3. **Gretchen Ellyse Winkel**, born 8 September 1992, Highland Park, Lake County, Illinois.<sup>45</sup>

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3. **Brian David Smith**, born 22 August 1963 in Elkhart, Elkhart County, Indiana; married 9 September 1990 at Itaska, Illinois, **Parvaneh Shidnia**, who was born 29 October 1963, the daughter of Houshang and Helga Shidnia.<sup>46</sup>

After graduation from Purdue University, Brian accepted a position with Arthur Anderson Associates of Chicago as a systems analyst. He received a master of business administration degree at the University of Chicago in February 1993 and is presently a project manager in the software development division of Arthur Andersons Associates.

Parvaneh Shidnia Smith graduated from the University of Illinois with a major in psychology in June 1990 and is presently working toward a combination masters and doctorate degree at Illinois School of Profession Psychology in Chicago. Of Iranian and German descent, dark-haired and dark-eyed Parvaneh is a striking contrast to her reddish blond, blue-eyed husband Brian. The name Parvaneh in Iranian means butterfly.

7. **Charles Sinclair Tillman Smith**, born 16 November 1900,<sup>47</sup> died 21 August 1978, Tulsa, Oklahoma;<sup>48</sup> married **Opal Cooper**, daughter of Emmett (1872-1964) and Nannie E. (1874-1959) Cooper. Opal was born 7 January 1898 at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and resides in 1991 in East Cleveland, Ohio. Parents of both Charles and Opal Smith are buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, Temple, Texas.

### CHILD OF CHARLES T. SMITH AND OPAL COOPER:

**Derwood Cooper Smith**, born 21 September 1936; married on 20 June 1958, **Jeannene Ann Cotham**, born 27 June 1939. In 1991 Derwood is chairman of the Department of Religious Studies, Cleveland State University, and minister of Forest Hill Church of Christ, Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Jeannene is a library associate of Bertram Woods Branch Library, Shaker Heights, Ohio.

### CHILDREN OF DERWOOD C. SMITH AND JEANNENE COTHAM:

1. **Derwood Cooper Smith Jr.**, born 4 July 1963, died 4 July 1963.
  2. **Karen Allison Smith**, born 13 September 1965.
  3. **Timothy Charles Smith**, born 3 May 1972, adopted son of Derwood and Jeannene.<sup>49</sup>
8. **John Albert Smith**, born 5 September 1903 at Holland, Texas,<sup>50</sup> died 5 December 1988 at Houston, Texas; married on 7 August 1943 at San Diego, California, **Mary Davis Hanson**, She was born 14 May 1904 at Grand Rapids, Michigan, the daughter of Warren J. and Debora Bangle Davis, and died 24 January 1989. J. A. and Mary Smith had no children.

Al Smith attended Baylor University for one year on a football scholarship, leaving the school after a football injury. He learned to be a printer by working for *The Temple Daily Telegram* of Temple, Texas, as a linotype operator. Al enlisted in the United States Navy on 31 March 1942 and served as gunner's mate on the *USS Sheldrake*, serving in the Pacific. He was discharged on 77 October 1945.

He returned to his work as a linotype operator, working on newspapers in Chicago, El Paso, Houston, and Miami during his career. On 26 September 1976, Al Smith received

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a certificate from the International Typographical Union marking his 50 years of membership in the union.<sup>51</sup>

9. **Marcus Milton Smith**, born 25 September 1907,<sup>52</sup> deceased, married **Jessie Forrest**. Marcus and Jessie Smith had no children.

### 5. MARY L. SMITH

**Mary L. (Polly) Smith**, born about 1841,<sup>53</sup> married first **F. Butler**, 30 March 1861,<sup>54</sup> and married second **H. H. Vinson** on 6 April 1868.<sup>55</sup>

### 6. REBECCA SMITH

**Rebecca (Becky) Smith**, born about 1843, married first **G. Alan Watson**, 29 August 1859, in Lauderdale County, Mississippi,<sup>56</sup> and second on 15 January 1866 in Clarke County, Mississippi, **William Vinson**.<sup>57</sup> Rebecca Smith Watson Vinson died by 1870. On 30 December 1870, William Vinson married Lizzie Ivey. Bondsman were William Vinson and J. M. Smith. J. M. Smith was perhaps James Marion Smith, uncle of Rebecca Smith Vinson.

#### 1860 Census, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, dwelling 1222, Whynot.

Watson, Allen	23	Farmer	AL
Rebecca	17		MS

A bill presented for payment in the estate of Wilkin Smith, deceased, 1 March 1852, may refer to Rebecca Smith. In 1851 the area in which Wilkin and Martha (Broadhead) Smith lived appears to have been in the midst of an epidemic. On 6 and 8 October 1851, Dr. Jacob P. Welch called at the Smith home to treat their "little daughter." This little girl was perhaps Rebecca, born about 1843, who, eight years old in 1851, may have been the youngest daughter in the family at that time.<sup>58</sup>

1851	To Jacob P. Welch Dr.				
Oct 6	Call &	attention	to	little daughter	\$1.50
8	"	"	"	"	1.00
	"	20 grains	Hydrogen	comp pills	1.00
		Oput coll	comp	powds 4 ds	.25
17	Visit	to	self &	consultation	10.00
18	"	"	"	"	5.00
20	Do	Do	Do	Do	5.00
22	Do	Do	Do	Do	5.00

### 7. AMANDA MARTHA SMITH

**Amanda M. (Martha) Smith**, born 6 November 1851,<sup>59</sup> married **W. J. (William Jackson) Richey**, who was most likely the son of William R. and Catherine Smith Richey, on 6 January 1867, in Lauderdale County, Mississippi.<sup>60</sup>

On 6 November 1851, Dr. J. T. Law visited the home of Wilkin Smith and removed a placenta from Martha (Broadhead) Smith after the birth of her daughter Amanda Martha. Evidence of the birth of Amanda is found in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, Probate Book \_\_, page 238.



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**Statement of Dr. J. T. Law, attending physician to Wilkin Smith and his family in the year 1851.** "November 6, 1851, Visit self 8/ milage 10/ - Removing placinta 40/ - \$7.25."

This entry indicates the birth of a child. This child may have been Amanda M. (Martha). It is not known positively that this child was the daughter of Wilkins and Martha Smith and not the child of one of their unmarried daughters, but because Martha (Broadhead) Smith died just after 6 November 1851, perhaps as a result of complications after childbirth and or the effects of the epidemic that had struck the family, it can be assumed that Amanda Martha was her child and was named after her mother.

Because the baby would have to be cared for by a nursing mother, Amanda Martha would have been taken by her aunt Irena Alverson Smith, the wife of John Smith, who lived close by Wilkin and Martha's home and who had a daughter Alpha Adeline, who was born about this time. Adeline, who was nine years old in the 1860 census and 20 in the 1870 census, was the cousin who most likely would have shared her mother's milk with the orphan baby Amanda.

When the child was older, she would have gone to live with her older sister. Amanda M. was most likely the Martha Smith shown living with Sarah Smith Latham Lafferty and John Lafferty in the 1850 census.

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Sarah (Sally) Smith married first \_\_\_\_\_ Latham ca. 1849 -1851 and had D. Latham about 1852 and Eliza Latham about 1855. She married second John T. Lafferty on 11 April 1860. Jane Smith, sister of Sarah, and Martha, age 5, are living with Sarah and John Lafferty in the 1860 census. Martha may have been Amanda M., who was probably born 6 November 1851 and would have been 7 years old at the enumeration of the 1860 census.

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