

BEAUFORT GAZETTE

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REUNION OF THE SMITH FAMILY HELD IN BEAUFORT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

The Descendants of William and Elizabeth Smith Met In Beaufort To Pay Respects To Departed Ones.

ALL PARTOOK OF A BOUNTIFUL REPAST.

William Smith Took For the Town of Beaufort the Second Census Ever Made In the United States.

It could be safely said, without fear of contradiction, that a lovelier day than last Sunday, February 21, 1926, could not be chosen on which to hold the Smith family reunion. The descendants of William and Elizabeth Smith met at the Community Club on Sunday, coming from Atlanta, Charleston, Savannah and Hampton county. From the small child to the oldest member of the family, Walter Smith, of Garnett, grandson of William and Elizabeth Smith, who celebrated his 77th birthday on Monday, February 22, seemed imbued with the feeling of perfect kinship and no tribute to the memory of the dead could be more appropriate or more touching than the gathering of this large family. After the exchange of the many greetings all partook of a bountiful repast, then the family wended its way to the Baptist church yard, where there revered and beloved ancestors were buried, to the tombs of Elizabeth and William Smith where the winds chanted the same requiem as in years gone by. Mr. Julian Tison, of Savannah; Mr. Edwin Smith, of Atlanta, and Dr. Kirkland, of Beaufort, paid tribute to the memory of the dead and no sitting or place could have been more appropriate and no monument to perpetuate his name could bind the family ties as did this simple memorial of their devotion and reverence for the memory of William and Elizabeth Smith.

The following members of the family attended the reunion: Walter Smith, Mamie Smith, A. P. Smith, Evelyn, Sara, Walton, Warren and William Richardson, Agnes, Cornelia, Ella, Watson, Cornelia, 2nd, and Oregon Smith; Marion, B. S., Walker, Ella, Paul, and Marian Lawton; Edward, Mary, Anna Smith; H. E. and Phobe and John Wallace; Agnes, Julian, Lala, Lawton, Carrie, Carrie, 2nd, Lawton, Jr., Florence, J. A. Southward, Arrie, S. S. Jr., Henry, John, Edw., Dorothy and Dorothy Ann Tison; W. T. Googe, Annie Laurie Googe.

The list of friends and visitors is omitted.

During William Smith's life much progress was made in South Carolina along educational lines, railroads, banking, etc., and he always sought earnestly to help that which was right. He took for the town of Beaufort the second census ever made in the United States, giving it his personal attention. This census was taken in 1800, and the following serves to show the number and names of the different families in the village of Beaufort, S. C., with the number of whites and blacks in each family; also a summary of population of said village for 1800.

He was intendent of Beaufort in 1800 and deacon of the Baptist church for forty years.

Families	No.W.	No.B.
Mrs. Bull	8	25
Thomas Fuller	11	24
Ralph Elliott	5	14
Mrs. Hutson	9	16
Mrs. Barnwell	4	18
Col. Talbird	25	50
Mrs. Wm. Barnwell	4	12
Stephen Lawrence	10	19
Mr. Clark	10	4
Capt. Bennett	4	1
Capt. Davidson	2	2
Stephen Elliott	5	12
Frances Salters	17	25
J. M. Vardier	10	17
John Rhodes	7	11
Isaac Waight	5	9
Wm. Elliott	7	15
Andrew McCully	1	4
Mr. Green	6	0
Mrs. Bell	4	16
A. F. Gregory	3	6
Doct. Stuart	9	24
Mr. Agnew	9	12
Mr. Roberts	3	4
Mr. Turner	10	2
Mr. McKee	11	4
Mrs. Barnwell	7	14
Rob. Barnwell	6	12
James Cuthbert	7	9
Mr. Wilson	4	2
Mrs. Sams (Jun)	8	5
Mr. Simon	2	1
Cap. Grayson	8	12
Mr. Johnston	5	15
Mr. Shoales	7	3
Wm. Joiner	11	18
Mr. Pendarvis	8	18
Sam Bell	10	3
Mr. Scanlin	19	8
Capt. Cartwright	3	5
Mr. Witter	9	8

James Black	4	6
Mrs. Sams (old)	5	6
Mrs. Bona	4	7
Mrs. Joiner (old)	3	7
Wm. Smith	5	15
Jas. Smith (sup.)	9	10
Doct. Sampbell	5	0
Mr. Gerrard	10	10
Mr. Ellis	9	11
Rev. McGraham	9	12
Doct. Findlay	4	9
Mr. Norton	5	7
Philip Givens	8	9
Mrs. Wright	7	17
Mr. Furguson	1	1
Mr. Cox	5	1
Mrs. Wigg	5	8
Bruness Barnwell	7	10
Sam Firth	7	4
John Cross	2	2
Mich. Perryclear	14	16

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Total 1,120

William Smith died on February 1, 1843, and we copy the following from the "Charleston Courier" of that date:

Departed this life at Beaufort, Carolina, (South), on the 30th of January, 1843, William Smith, one of the oldest inhabitants of this place. He was in the 79th year of his age, having been a soldier in the Revolution. He was for forty years a deacon in the Baptist church of Beaufort. As a citizen, a friend, a father, he ever maintained a character pure, faithful and affectionate; and to many his loss is irreparable. As a Christian his walk was exemplary, his zeal fervent, and his light shining and burning.

During a protracted and most painful illness he displayed the calm and holy composure of faith and his death was peaceful and triumphant.

William Smith was baptized by Reverent Mr. Sergeant, the 2nd of December, his assurances being William, James and Margaret Sanders.

Family Record Copied From Old Smith Bible.

James Laurens Smith was born in the year 1728. Margaret, his wife, was born in 1738. Margaret More Sanders was the grand-daughter of Governor James More. The wife of the first Governor James More was Margaret Yeamans. The wife of the second Governor James More was Miss Neufville. The mother of James Laurens Smith was Miss Laurens, daughter of James Laurens. James Laurens Smith was the grandson of Governor Thomas (Landgrave) Smith. **NOT SO! REEP**

William Smith, son of James and Margaret Smith, was born near Dorchester, S. C., October 19th, 1764. Elizabeth Wilson, his wife, daughter of George and Sara Wilson, was born September 30th, 1770, in the city of Philadelphia, Penna.

William Smith was married to Elizabeth Wilson on October 13th, 1798, at Germantown, Pennsylvania.

Elizabeth, the wife of William Smith, died the 16th of July, 18—, in the eighteenth year of her Christian and the fifty-third of her natural life. She was a good woman, full of faith and the holy ghost.

Sidney Smith, son of Elizabeth and William Smith, was born Easter Monday, April 11th, 1805, at Combehe, South Carolina.