

House of Landgrave Smith

The "TWENTY CHILDREN" and COLLATERAL LINES

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Right Hon. Thomas Smith, born at Exeter, England, 1648, married as first wife, *Barbara Atkins*, his step-sister, and had by her two sons:

Thomas, Jr., b. at Exeter, Eng., in ¹⁶⁷⁰ 1663 or '64, d. ^{9 May} 1738.

George, b. in Eng., 1672, d. 1751, aged 79 years. He received the degree of M.D. in 1700 at Edinburg, Scotland, and married prior to 1697, *Dorothy Archar*, of Jamaica (Desc. on p. 31). Hon. Thomas Smith arrived in the Province of Carolina about June 20, 1684, and registered in the office of the Secretary of the Province on the 10th of July, 1684. With him were Barbara, his wife, Thomas and George, his sons, Joan Atkins who was his mother, other members of the Atkins family, and several servants. He was created Landgrave May 13, 1691, and became governor Nov. 29, 1693. Barbara died prior to Mch. 20, 1687, as on that date Thomas Smith, Sr., married Sabina de Vignon van Wernhaut, widow of John D'Arsens, a Belgian nobleman who died in Carolina some time before the fall of 1686.

The following contribution by Mr. A. S. Salley, Jr., in the July 1927 S. C. Historical and Genealogical Quarterly, gives a clue to the name of the mother of 1st Landgrave Tho. Smith. According to this article, "Tho. Smith, who subsequently became Landgrave and Gov. of S. C. arrived in South Carolina about the 20th of June, 1684, and registered in the office of the Secretary of the province on the 10th day of July, 1684. With him were Barbara his wife, Tho. and Geo. Smith, his sons, Mrs. Joan Atkins, and her two daughters, Joanna and Ellen; Aaron Atkins and Mary his wife; Matthew Crosse, Michael Pierce, Eliz. and Phylis Adams, servant girls; thirteen persons in all, for whom Tho. Smith received a grant of 650 acres, as a concession for coming to Carolina and settling."

"June 20th, 1684, Mrs. Joan Atkins of Charles Towne, Co.

Berkley, Widow, is cited as having conveyed her by Benj. Waring, consideration 100 sterling, 1600 acres near the Ponds, Berkley County, and the ffort, called Warrenton Ffort, and all other houses, edifices and buildings thereon. Tho. Smith, Barbara Smith and Robt. Hull, witnesses." Registers Record book 1682-1691, 117-119, office of Historical Commission, South Carolina, Columbia.

On July 11, 1684, less than a month from her arrival, Joan Atkins, widow, made her will, and from the phrasing of this will, one is led to infer that the 1st Landgrave was her son by a former marriage, and her daughters Joanna and Ellen Atkins by a later one. In her will Mrs. Joan Atkins leaves her entire estate to her daughters Joanna and Ellen, to be equally shared, but there is no mention of Aaron Atkins or his wife Mary. ?

"To my grandsons Thomas Smith and George Smith the sume of ten pounds, also I appoynt my said sonne Tho. Smith, Exect., but if it please God that my said sone Thomas Smith decease before this my last will be proved, then I appoynt my above s'd daughter Joanna Atkins to be sole Exectx.", etc.

Witnessed by Thom. Barnett, John Gwin and James Gilbertson. Will proved Sept. 16, 1684, and recorded in Records of the Court of Ordinary of S. C. 1672-1692, 237. Office of Historical Commission of S. C., Columbia.

Aaron Atkins in his will of Sept. 1, 1684, calls Tho. Smith "brother-in-law," leaving him "the sume of five pounds", in another part of will "Deare brother," "and to my two nephewes Thomas and George, sons of the said Thomas Smith, to each of them the sume of twenty shillings."

"Mary Atkins, widow of Aaron, makes no mention of the two daughters of Mrs. Joanna Atkins, but leaves to relatives and friends in Eng. legacies amounting to 785 pounds, and a sum of 160 shillings for "mourning rings." She appoints her "brother-in-law, Mr. Thomas Smith of Charles Towne sole Executor".

THE BLAKES

(As given in S. C. Historical and Gen. Quarterly, Vol. 1, p. 153;—proof that Gov. Joseph Blake had only one daughter, Rebecca, and she became the wife of George Smith, second son of