

Smith Families of Lincoln County, Missouri
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The object of this study of Smith families was to identify the children of Andrew F. Smith, a pioneer of Lincoln County, who settled there as early as 1821, when he appeared on the tax list.¹ He married 19 July 1800 (license issued) in Campbell County, Kentucky, Elizabeth Riggs.² The couple had moved to Missouri by 1813 when he served as a private during the War of 1812.³ In order to discover Andrew and Elizabeth's children, it was necessary to eliminate other families named Smith who lived in the county. Thus, those families had to be reconstructed to the extent possible. The purpose of this paper is to make that information available to other researchers. Although incomplete, it may prevent duplication of effort and encourage further work on these families.

The family of Andrew and Elizabeth (Riggs) Smith will be covered in the forthcoming publication of *Bethuel Riggs and His Family* by Alvy Ray Smith, Ph.D. At this juncture, it does not appear that Andrew Smith is related to any of the other adult families named Smith who lived in Lincoln County, Missouri, in the 1830s, except possibly Samuel, who may be his eldest son.

The 1830 census of Lincoln County revealed the following as heads of household:

Hans Smith	Samuel Smith
Stephen Smith	Andrew Smith
James Smith	

By 1840 more men named Smith had either arrived or become of age. Andrew had died and Elizabeth Smith was his widow:

James Smith	Hurricane Township	Elizabeth Smith	Bedford Township
William Smith	Hurricane Township	Jno D. Smith	Bedford Township
Hans Smith	Hurricane Township	Abraham Smith	Clark Township
Tho E. Smith	Hurricane Township	Samuel Smith	Monroe Township
Bowling Smith	Union Township	George Smith	Monroe Township
Bowling Smith Jr.	Union Township		

Warning: Ancestry.com has erroneously indexed Linn County under Lincoln County for the 1840 census. Therefore families named Smith that show up in Locust Creek Township, Parsons Creek and in some "not stated" belong in Linn County, not Lincoln.

¹ Nadine Hodges and Mrs. Howard W. Woodruff, "Lincoln County, Missouri – Assessment List of 1821," *Missouri Pioneers* III (the authors, 1968), 52.

² Stephen William Worrell, *Campbell, County, Kentucky Marriages, 1795-1850*, (Falls Church, Virginia, the author), 1992.

³ "Capt. Daniel Morgan Boone's Mounted Rangers—The War of 1812," *Boone Pioneer Echoes* 11 (July 1969): 22

Families

• Abraham Smith

Abraham Smith was listed next to Andrew Smith in Dardennes Township on the 1817 tax list of St. Charles County, Missouri. At that time, his household contained 1 male over 45; 1 male 18–45, 4 males under 18, 2 females over 14 and 3 females under 14.

He had been an early Anglo settler in Missouri. When the Board of Land Commissioners met to settle the Spanish claims, Abraham Smith claimed 400 arpens near the town of St. Charles in St. Charles County. The Board recommended that his claim be rejected.⁴ Abraham persisted, however, and in 1834 appeared before another Board with a statement from Charles Tayon, dated 5 May 1810, that Tayon had given Abraham Smith permission to settle on 400 arpens. Louis Tayon testified on 9 December 1813 that the claimant had inhabited and cultivated this tract of land, situated near the Mamelles or the bluff. George R. Spencer affirmed on 22 December 1813 that in 1799, he was at the cabin of the claimant on this tract. Wm. Connell testified at the same time that Abraham Smith had come to area in the spring of 1798 and in that year raised turnips and inhabited the tract in a camp. Charles Denny stated that in the year 1801 or 1802, he saw the land known as Abraham Smith's tract broken up; he saw no house or enclosure and that Abraham Smith had returned to Kentucky.

By 1834, the land was in the possession of James Lindsey. He stated that one Smith had lived there with his family, but that the place had been left vacant, unoccupied and unclaimed until about 15 years ago, when Lindsey took possession. Gabrielle Latreille stated that he could not recall the given name of the man named Smith who had possessed the land previous to Lindsey, but did not know of any other Smith in the country at that time. The board unanimously agreed that 600 arpens of land should be granted to Abraham Smith, or to his legal representatives.⁵

Abraham was head of household in 1840 in Lincoln County, Missouri, listed on p. 232 with a household that consisted of 1 male under 5, 1 male 80–90; 1 female 20–30 and 1 female 60–70.

Two significant deeds surfaced involving Abraham Smith:

On 22 October 1834, Michael Glass of Lincoln County, Missouri, for natural love and affection I bear for Jemima Smith, daughter of Abraham Smith, and for \$1, sold her 40 acres in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of S35-T46-R1W, being the same I bought from John Richardson and wife.⁶

On 4 September 1834, Michael Glass for natural love and affection to Annie Yeager and David Yeager, children of Abraham Yeager, sold them 40 acres on

⁴ Gales & Seaton, *American State Papers: Land Claims* III:364.

⁵ Gales & Seaton, *American State Papers: Land Claims*: VII:791–791.

⁶ Lincoln County, Missouri, Deed Book D:7. The deed from Richardson to Glass was recorded in Deed Book B:440.

the condition that they allow Abraham Smith and wife Betsy to live on the land and profit from it as long as they live.⁷

Michael Glass was living in the home of Charles Helfry in 1840.⁸ He was listed just before Abraham Smith on that census. Michael Glass was a pensioner, age 78. Michael had applied for his pension when he lived in Montgomery County, Missouri, in 1833 and was age 69. He was born about 60 miles from Philadelphia, Penn., and lived in Frederick County, Virginia, Fauquier County, Virginia, Kentucky, and in 1815 or 1816 moved to Missouri.⁹

♦ **Boling [Bowling] Smith** b. ca. 1783 in Virginia; d. 1851 in Lincoln County, Missouri

Boling Smith was an early settler in Union Township of Lincoln County, arriving before the 1840 census. At that time, he was head of household, listed on p. 223. His household consisted of 1 male 15-20, 1 male 20-30, 1 male 50-60; 1 female 15-20, 1 female 50-60 and 1 female slave. His son Bowling Jr. was listed next to him, with a household of just 1 male 20-30.

In 1850 he was head of household in Lincoln County, Missouri, household #626 as a 67-year-old farmer worth \$600, born Virginia. With him were Mildred, age 61, born Virginia, and Joanna Hines, age 18, born Missouri.

At Boling's death, before 18 October 1851, Boling Smith Jr. and Sylvanus M. Smith applied for administration of the estate. They placed a bond of \$300 to which Kendal Ramsours and Amos Cate stood security. The heirs were named as widow Mildred Smith, Jesse Smith, Evelina Cunningham, Mary Ann Cate, Sarah Cunningham, Virginia Shaw, Susan Shaw, Boling Smith, Martha H. Humphreys, Nero C. Smith, Sylvanus Smith and Nancy Smith.¹⁰

Inventory showed 40 acres in the NW¼ of NE¼ of S27-T50-R1W which Boling had entered at the Palmyra Land Office on 13 October 1835 and 40 acres in the SE¼ of SE¼ of S22-T50-R1W also entered at Palmyra. Bowling held an account on Mrs. Courtney Wells, a note on Elijah Galloway, \$1 in cash, 1 five dollar gold piece and a land warrant #12.344 dated 24 September 1851 granted to "Bowlin Smith" a private in Capt. Rothwell's Company 7th Regiment Virginia Militia, for 80 acres of land.

By 14 November 1853, Nero C. Smith had been appointed administrator de bonis non to administer the remaining portion of the estate. By the time the bills had been paid and the estate was finally settled, the heirs received only \$5 each.¹¹

Children of Boling Smith, some probably by wife Mildred:

- i. Jesse Smith Jr. m. 27 January 1846, Lincoln County, Missouri, Sary Presley. On 2 November 1847, Jesse Smith and wife, Sarah Ann, for \$60 sold to Amos

⁷ Lincoln County, Missouri, Deed Book D:8.

⁸ Charles Helfrey m. 7 February 1836, Warren County, Missouri, Jemima Smith.

⁹ Virgil White, *Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pensions* (Waynesboro, Tennessee: National Historical Publishing, Company, 1990) II:1363.

¹⁰ Bowling Smith, Lincoln County, Missouri, probate file 294.

¹¹ Bowling Smith, Lincoln County, Missouri, probate file 294.

Cate and Nero C. Smith all right, title and interest in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of S9-T49-R1W and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of S9-T49-R1W and S10 of T49- R1W.¹²

- ii. Evelina Smith m. [-?-] Cunningham
- iii. Mary Ann Smith b. ca. 1806 in Virginia; m. Amos Cate[s].
- iv. Sarah Smith m. [-?-] Cunningham
- v. Virginia Smith d. by 1853; m. [-?-] Shaw.
- vi. Susan Smith b. ca. 1816 in Virginia; m. 10 March 1832, Lincoln County, Missouri, Bethuel Shaw.
- vii. Boling Smith Jr. b ca. 1814 in Tennessee; m. 27 April 1845, Lincoln County, Missouri, Mary Jane Schwalts; m. (2) 6 April 1846, Lincoln County, Missouri, Rebecca Simpson. He was living in Lincoln County, Missouri, in 1850 and enumerated next to his father. His household consisted of Bowling Jr., age 36, born Tennessee, Rebecca, age 21, born Virginia, George, age 3 and Richard, age 8 months, both born in Missouri.
- viii. Martha H. Smith b. ca. 1817 in Virginia; m. 4 August 1842, Lincoln County, Missouri, Horatio Humphreys. They were living in Lincoln County, Missouri, in 1850 and listed on p. 421 of the census, household #418. Horatio was a 39-year-old farmer, worth \$640 in real estate and born in North Carolina, With him were Martha, age 33, born Virginia, Nancy, age 7, Mary, age 5, Quintina, age 3, Melvina, age 1, all born in Missouri and Martha's sister, Nancy Smith, age 21, born East Tennessee.
- ix. Nero C. Smith b. ca. 1818 in Tennessee; m. 12 March 1850, Lincoln County, Missouri, Missouri Callaway. In 1850 he was listed next to his brother Bowling. Nero's household consisted of himself, age 32, a laborer, born Tennessee, Missouri, age 22, born Missouri, Elizabeth Simpson, age 48, born in Virginia, and Richard Simpson, age 20, born Illinois.
- x. Sylvanus M. Smith b.ca. 1820
- xi. Nancy Smith b. ca. 1824 in East Tennessee; she was living with her sister and brother-in-law Martha and Horatio Humphries in 1850.

◇ **Hans Smith** was a native of Pennsylvania and settled in Lincoln County in the summer of 1828, just two years before he was elected to the Legislature. He was brilliant orator and a very popular man. He went to Arkansas in 1846 or 1847, and was shortly afterward elected to the State Senate. he finally went to Texas, engaged in mercantile business in Austin, and was drugged, robbed and murdered.¹³

Hans Smith was listed in Navarro Township, Ellis County, Texas in 1850, p. 92, household 8. Hans was age 50, born Pennsylvania, a farmer, with no value assigned, With him were Nancy, age 49, born Kentucky, Robert, age 22, Geo. W., age 20, A.L., age 19, W.L., age 15, Leila, age 11, all born in Missouri and J.K.P. Smith, age 5, born in Arkansas.

◇ **James Smith** b. ca. 1799; d. 1867; m. Elizabeth [-?-]

¹² Lincoln County, Missouri, Deed Book H:461.

¹³ Goodspeed, *History of Lincoln County, Missouri* (Chicago: Goodspeed Pub. Co., 1888), 341.

James Smith was one of the founders of Smith's Chapel, a Methodist Episcopal Church on Survey #1743 in Hurricane Township. The original services were held in his house and "Judge Pepators" [Christian Profator?].¹⁴

James Smith was head of household in Lincoln County, Missouri, in 1850, household 1917, p. 456 of the census. He was a 51-year-old farmer, with real estate value of \$3200. He was born in Kentucky. With him were Elizabeth, age 45, born E. Tennessee, James Jr. age 17, laborer, Jerusin [Jerusha], age 15, Martha, age 8, William, age 6, Mary E. Martin, age 3, all born in Missouri.

On 22 April 1867, Elizabeth Smith relinquished her right to administer her husband's estate. Levi M. Smith was appointed administrator. At the final settlement during the May 1870 term, distributions were made to John G. Barnes, Taylor B. Green, E.A. Townsley, M.W. Smith, Jas. Smith and Levi M. Smith.

Children of James and Elizabeth [-?-] Smith:

- i. Mary Smith b. ca. 1823 in Missouri; m. 22 December 1840, Lincoln County, Missouri, John G. Barnes b. ca. 1821 in Kentucky. They were living in Pike County, Missouri, in 1860.
- ii. Levi M. Smith b. ca. 1826 in Missouri; m. 28 December 1848, Lincoln County, Missouri, Narcissa B. Nelson b. ca. 1829 b. Virginia. He was on the 1850 census living next to his father in Lincoln County, Missouri.
- iii. James C. Smith b. ca. 1833 in Missouri; he was enumerated next to his father's household in 1860, household #1473.
- iv. Jerusha Elizabeth Smith b. ca. 1835 in Missouri; m. 18 February 1855, Lincoln County, Missouri, Taylor B. Green.
- v. Martha Marie Smith b. ca. 1840 in Missouri; m. 27 December 1859, Lincoln County, Missouri, Erasmus A. Townsley. They were living in Pike County, Missouri, in 1860.
- vi. M. William Smith b. ca. 1844 in Missouri.

☛ **Jonathan Smith** died before 25 October 1836, when his widow Eliza Smith relinquished her right to administer the estate of Jonathan Smith to Elijah Galloway. He placed a bond of \$200 on 31 October 1836. William Phelps and Richardson Brown served as his securities. The heirs were the widow, Eliza, and children Elizabeth and Casey Ann Smith.

Jonathan Smith m. 13 September 1832, Lincoln County, Eliza Brown. She m. (2) 19 January 1841, James Knox Sr.; m. (3) 20 January 1848, Lincoln County, Missouri, Willis Barnes.

James Knox Sr. died before 29 March 1847 in Lincoln County, Missouri, when George W. Zimmerman as principal and Thomas J. Wright and James M. Zimmerman as securities placed a bond of \$1000 to administer his estate. The heirs were named as widow Eliza Knox, James Knox, Henry Knox, Matthew Knox, Jane Cannon, Nancy Crouch, Elizabeth Galloway, Richard Knox, children and Mary McCollum, grandchild. Eliza Knox acknowledged that by 16 April 1847

¹⁴ Goodspeed, *History of Lincoln County, Missouri* (Chicago: Goodspeed Pub. Co., 1888), 482–483.

she had received furniture, bedding, livestock, farm equipment, and household goods that totaled \$96.62.¹⁵

Also in the probate packet was a summons in a case of *Henry Knox vs. John Seamore, Eliza Knox and Armenius Dobbins*, alleging that Henry Knox had good reason to believe that the defendants had money and property in their possession that belonged to the estate of James Knox Sr., deceased. He also alleged they were withholding this information from the administrator. They were summoned to appear at the County Court on the first day of the next term [August] at Troy. H.T. Mudd, sheriff, delivered the summons to Arminius Dobbins and Eliza Knox on 6 July 1847.¹⁶

In 1850 Willis Barnes household #634, p. 436 in Lincoln County, Missouri, consisted of Willis, age 45, a farmer, valued at \$1600, born Tennessee, Eliza, age 40, born Kentucky, Randel, age 19, Robert W., age 14, George W, age 12, Tennessee, age 2, Casenda Smith, age 16, Rebecca Smith, age 14, Richard Knox, age 7, all born Missouri and Lecia Avery age 75, born North Carolina.

► **Stephen Smith** was born about 1790 according to his hash mark on the 1830 census; d. before 17 December 1840, Lincoln County, Missouri; m. 21 April 1812, Rockingham County, Virginia, Lucinda Smith, daughter of Jane Smith of Fayette County, Kentucky, who on 15 February 1831 gave personal property for love and affection for her daughter Lucinda Smith, wife of Stephen Smith of Lincoln County, Missouri.¹⁷

Administration of Stephen's estate was assigned to Benjamin P. Smith on 17 December 1840. Benjamin P. placed a bond of \$3000 and his securities for this bond were Jacob M. Parsons, James Gibson and Thomas E. Smith. The heirs were named as Thomas E. Smith, Benjamin P. Smith, Jane E. Parsons, Lucinda Smith, Juliett Smith, James Smith, William Smith and Martha Smith, and that they were the only heirs.¹⁸

Children of Stephen and Lucinda (Smith) Smith:

- i. Thomas E. Smith d. between 6 March 1856 when he made his will and 28 May 1856 when it was proved in the Lincoln County, Missouri, probate court; m. 26 April 1849, Lincoln County, Missouri, Isophema Ann Myers [transcribed Scyphena].

Thomas E. Smith of Lincoln County, Missouri, being of sound mind but feeble in body bequeathed to his brother James M. Smith the sum of \$100. In addition he bequeathed to his wife Isophema Ann Smith the rest and residue of his estate. He wanted his widow to take charge of the estate. The will was witnessed by George W. Robertson and John W. Porter.¹⁹

Isophema A. Smith as principal with Barnet Myers and James M. Smith as her securities placed a bond of \$2500 to execute the estate of Thos. E.

¹⁵ James Knox Sr., Lincoln County, Missouri, probate file 219.

¹⁶ James Knox Sr., Lincoln County, Missouri, probate file 219.

¹⁷ Lincoln County, Missouri, Deed Book B:445.

¹⁸ Stephen Smith, Lincoln County, Missouri, probate file 117.

¹⁹ Lincoln County, Missouri, Will Book 2:161–162.

Smith on 16 June 1856. James M. Smith acknowledged receiving his legacy on 13 November 1857.²⁰

Isophema Ann m. (2) 12 July 1857, her brother-in-law, James M. Smith. They were living in Lincoln County, Missouri, in 1860.

- ii. Benjamin P. Smith b. ca. 1816 in Kentucky, according to the 1850 census;²¹ d. after 2 February 1866 when he wrote his will and 3 September 1868, when it was proved in Lincoln County;²² m. (1) 23 July 1839, Martha Jane Robison [Roberson?]; m. (2) 16 December 1842, Lincoln County, Missouri, Catharine Ann Roberson b. ca. 1818 Kentucky.²³

In his will dated 2 February 1866, Benjamin P. Smith first gave to beloved wife Catharin[e] Ann Smith control of the estate while she remained a widow; if she remarried the real and personal property would be divided among Catharin[e] and the “bodaly airs” of Benjamin P. Smith. The division was to be equal except for daughter Izora who was entitled to two shares. He then appointed C.B. Childs to act as trustee for daughter Izora. He stated the reason for this provision was “on account of her affliction she being of feeble health.” The witnesses to the will were John W. Porter and Seraphines H. Van de Walle. He did not name an executor.²⁴

- iii. Jane Elizabeth Smith b. ca. 1819 in Kentucky, according to the 1850 census; d. before 15 December 1856, when her brother testified that Dr. Talbot had visited Jane in her last illness;²⁵ m. 29 June 1837, Lincoln County, Missouri, Jacob M. Parsons. They were listed in Lincoln County, Missouri, on the 1850 census, p. 446, household #775. Jacob M. Parsons, was 55, years old, no occupation, worth \$700 in real property, born in Virginia. With him were Jane E, age 30, born Kentucky, Benton C., age 10, Casander, age 8 Augusta, age 6, Maria, age 5, Mary J., age 4, Price H., age 9 months, and Jane’s sister Martha A. Smith, age 13, all born Missouri.

Jane Elizabeth Parsons left a will dated 2 September 1845 in which she asked that houses and land in the town of New Hope be sold and the proceeds be used to the benefit of her children, to be shared equally. The children were Benton C. Parsons, Casandrea Victory, Columbia Parsons, Augusta Virginia Parsons, America Regania Parsons, Mary Jane Parsons and Brice Hammack Parsons. She wished that as much of her estate as possible be sold to support her children. She wanted her children to live near their uncle Thomas E. Smith where he could have the care of them. She appointed Thomas E. Smith and John W. Porter of either them her executor. At her request, Joshua W. Sitton signed the will. The witnesses were Thos. E. Smith, John W. Porter and William Willis. The will was probated 9 October 1855.²⁶

²⁰ Thomas E. Smith, Lincoln County, Missouri, probate file #421.

²¹ In 1850, Benjamin P. Smith was listed in household #813, dwelling #813, p. 449 of the Lincoln County, Missouri, census. With him was his wife Catharin [sic]children Porter, age 7, Nancy, age 3, Robert, age 1 and William, age 9, all born in Missouri.

²² Lincoln County, Missouri, Will Book 3:68-69.

²³ Marriage transcription has his name as Benjamin D. Smith.

²⁴ Lincoln County, Missouri, Will Book 3:68-69.

²⁵ Jane E. Parsons, Lincoln County, Missouri, probate file 410.

²⁶ Lincoln County, Missouri, Will Book 2:144-145.

Jane E. Parsons's estate was distributed to her children Casandrea Victory, wife of David Jewell, Augusta Virginia Parsons, America Regania Parsons, Mary Jane Parsons and Brice Hammack Parsons. In 1858 funeral expenses were paid for Benton C. Parsons, deceased.²⁷

- iv. Lucinda Smith b. ca. 1825 probably in Kentucky.
Lucinda was cared for by her uncle Benjamin P. who was paid from the estate from 4 August 1842 until 15 May 1845. E.H. Bennett billed the estate on 11 August 1845 for making a coffin for one of the heirs of Stephen Smith. This may have been for Lucinda as no more records have been found for her.²⁸
- v. Juliett [Julia] Smith b. ca. 1828; she chose Jacob Parsons as her guardian in May 1844,²⁹ indicating she was over the age of 14; Jacob was also her guardian in December of 1847;³⁰ m. 6 January 1848, Lincoln County, Missouri, Harrison Parsons.
- vi. James M. Smith b. ca. 1833 (minor) His guardian was his uncle Benjamin P. Smith in December 1847.³¹
- vii. William S. Smith (minor) His guardian was his uncle Benjamin P. Smith in 1843 and again in December 1847.³²
- viii. Martha A. Smith b. about 1837 in Missouri, according to the 1850 census when she was living with her elder sister and brother-in-law Jane E. and Jacob M. Parsons.³³ Jacob was her guardian in December 1847.³⁴

▲ William B. Smith

Brice W. Hammack was appointed administrator of the estate of William B. Smith, deceased, late of Lincoln Co., who died intestate, on 13 May 1842.³⁵

Samuel Cannon and Jacob Stinebaugh were Hammack's securities for the \$600 bond that was posted on 13 May 1842. Heirs were listed as Martha E. Smith, widow, and children Sarah Jane, Martha Elizabeth, John Pleasant and William Henry.

Costs were paid by Hammack in a suit against Thomas Turner. Witnesses that appeared included George Wells, William W. Hammack and Thomas E. Smith. On 3 October 1842, Martha E. Smith, relict, made a statement that she knew Wm. B. Smith had debts and that the only items of which she knew were "backer bands" for which she did not remember the amount. Other invoices showed that Wm. B. Smith had been growing tobacco.

On 6 January 1845, Martha E. Smith of Knox Co., Kentucky, sold to Abner Rogers for \$1500 paid to Martha E. and her deceased husband, William B. Smith, late of Lincoln County, Missouri, Martha relinquished all right, title and interest in land bounding Auguste Chouteau and Rollins Trail (metes and bounds

²⁷ Jane E. Parsons, Lincoln County, Missouri, probate file 410.

²⁸ Stephen Smith, Lincoln County, Missouri, probate file 117.

²⁹ Lincoln County, Missouri, Probate Book C:335.

³⁰ Lincoln County, Missouri, Probate Book C:515.

³¹ Lincoln County, Missouri, Probate Book C:515.

³² Lincoln County, Missouri, Probate Book C:515.

³³ 1850 census, Lincoln County, Missouri, p. 446, dwelling 775, household 775, They were living with their parents.

³⁴ Lincoln County, Missouri, Probate Book C:515.

³⁵ Lincoln County, Missouri, Will Book A:140.

description) containing 102.41 acres and the other tract purchased from Elijah Munday being in the same survey containing 107.94 acres.³⁶

In February 1847, the administrator reported there was not sufficient personal estate to pay the debts. The only land was a tract containing 123 acres purchased from Nicholas B. Dudley on the waters of Sandy Creek in Lincoln County. Hammack listed the debts due by the deceased and still unpaid notes due from William McClure, John Chancey, Benjamin P. Smith and Jacob M Parsons.

☛ **William Smith Sr.** b. 27 May 1799³⁷ in North Carolina, according to the 1850 census, m. (1) [-?-]; m. (2) ca. 1844, Mary [possibly Welty].³⁸

He was not head of household in Lincoln County, Missouri, in 1840, but apparently arrived in Missouri about 1845 as he has a five-year-old child on the 1850 census that was born in Missouri. He was head of household in Lincoln County, Missouri, when enumerated on p. 408 for the 1850 census, household #207. William Smith, was a 50-year-old farmer, worth \$640 in real property and born in N. Carolina. With him were Mary, age 34, born Kentucky, Calvin, age 20, Thomas, age 16, Azariah, age 14, Laura A., age 13, all born N. Carolina, Cordelia, age 5, Artilla, age 3, Lucy, age 2, and Welty, age 1, born in Missouri.

William Smith was a prolific man, leaving 15 living children at his death. He wrote his will on 1 August 1865 as "William Smith Sr.," and first bequeathed to his wife Mary Smith all his property both real and personal during her natural life or widowhood to enable her to pay off the debts and raise the younger children. Should she remarry she was only allowed her dower according to the laws of the State. He had already given his nine oldest children as much as his youngest seven would receive. He named the oldest of his children as Bethany Appleberry, "now deceased," Wm. Smith Jr., Mary Cannon, Leanna Creech, Sidney Smith, Thomas Smith, Azariah Smith, Leanna Crouch and Calvin Smith. He willed that his wife give each of "our seven children" as they became of age or married a horse, saddle, bridle and feather bed. These children were named as Cordelila, Artilla, Drucilla, Welty, Britton, Columbus and Phiana Smith. William further stated how he wanted the property divided in case of his wife's death or remarriage. The land he mentioned was the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of S21 and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of S30-T49-R1W which he had purchased from Moses Bond in 1860.

The children "who were distant" would need to apply for their shares within three years. If his son Calvin was not living at the time of the distribution, his share was to go to his children with the exception of his son Samuel T. Smith, who had treated "his grandfather with so much disrespect that I am unwilling he should have any part of my estate." William appointed Welty and Britton Smith

³⁶ Lincoln County, Missouri, Deed Book H:72.

³⁷ Entry of Audrey L. Appleberry, World Family Tree Project, Ancestry.com. No documentation.

³⁸ Abr'm Welty was head of household in Lincoln County in 1830, listed on p. 227 of the census in Bedford Township. He had a daughter of marriageable age in the household. He left a will in Lincoln County, dated 12 February 1842, but he did not name his children.

his executors. The witnesses were Charles Wheeler and Moses Bond. The will was probated 10 July 1877.³⁹

Welty Smith and Britton Smith were named as principals of the estate, with Charles W. Parker and John R. Brittany as securities bound in the amount of \$1600 to execute the estate of Wm. Smith Sr. on 10 July 1877. They named William's heirs as the heirs of Bethany Appleberry, deceased, of Tennessee, Wm. Smith Jr. of Lincoln County, Missouri, Mary Cannon of California, Leanna Creech of Lincoln County, Missouri, heirs of Sidney Smith, deceased, of Oregon, Azariah Smith of Colorado, Samuel T. Smith of Lincoln County, Missouri, heirs of Calvin Smith, deceased, all children of first wife and Mary Smith, widow of deceased, Cordelia Powell, Artilla Rinaman, Drucilla Slavens, Welty Smith, Britton Smith, Columbus Smith, children of second wife, and all of Lincoln County, Missouri.

Final distribution of the estate was made in October 1898. Those receiving full shares were William Smith Jr., Leanna Creach, Welty Smith, Cordelia Powell, Artilla Rinaman, Drucilla Slavens, Britton Smith, Columbus Smith, Phiona (Smith) Slavens. The heirs of Mary Cannon were listed as Louis L. Cannon, Rachel A. Faulkner, James P. Cannon, Thos. B. Cannon, John P. Cannon, Virgilena Nirnes(?), Samuel T. Cannon, and Jerome Cannon. The heirs of Lorena Crouch were listed as Cordelia Archer, Katy Gladney, W.T. Crouch, and C.E. Crouch. Only Martha Adams was listed as an heir of Bethany Smith, but she only received half of one share. Also listed as receiving shares were the heirs of Sidney Smith and Azariah Smith.⁴⁰

Children of William Smith by an unknown wife:

- i. Bethany Smith b. ca. 1820 in Virginia; died before 1865; m. ca. 1840, John Appleberry. They were living in Hawkins County, Tennessee, in 1850 and enumerated on p. 407 of the census there.
- ii. William Smith, b. ca. 1823 in North Carolina; m. ca. 1844, Mary [–?–]⁴¹ b. ca. 1825 in Kentucky. Their three children, Sarah C., age 5, Mary E., age 3 and Thomas J, age 2, were all born in Missouri, according to the 1850 census when he was listed next to his father.
- iii. Leanna Smith b. 5 October 1826 in Caswell County, North Carolina; d. 20 November 1896; bur. Old Alexandria Cemetery, Lincoln County, Missouri, m. 1 May 1848, Lincoln County, Missouri, John Creech.
- iv. Sidney Smith ca. 1829 in North Carolina; m. Barbary [–?–]; he was living in Linn County, Oregon, in 1860, listed on p. 317 of the census.
- v. Calvin Smith b. ca. 1830 in North Carolina; m. 20 February 1851, Lincoln County, Missouri, Mary Howell. He was living in Marysville, Yuba County, California, in 1860, and enumerated on the 1860 census there, age 30 years old, born North Carolina.
- vi. Mary Smith b. ca. 1825; m. 27 February 1845, Lewis W. Cannon. Widowed, she was living in Sonoma County, California, and listed on the 1870 census.
- vii. Samuel Thomas Smith b. ca. 1834 in North Carolina; as a single man, age 25, he was living with his brother Sidney in Linn County, Oregon, in 1860.

³⁹ Lincoln County, Missouri, Will Book 3:339–342.

⁴⁰ Lincoln County, Missouri, probate file #1328.

⁴¹ "William Smith Jr." m. 29 May 1844, Lincoln County, Missouri, Mary East. It is not certain this is the same man although he seemed to consistently use the title "Jr."

- viii. Azariah Smith b. ca. 1836 in North Carolina; he was living with his brother Calvin in Marysville, Yuba County, California in 1860.
 - ix. Laura A. Smith b. ca. 1837 in North Carolina
- Children of William and Mary [possibly Welty]⁴² Smith
- x. Cordelia Smith b. ca. 1845 in Missouri.
 - xi. Artilla Smith b. ca. 1847 in Missouri.
 - xii. Drucilla "Lucy Smith" b. ca. 1848 in Missouri.
 - xiii. Welty Smith b. ca. 1850 in Missouri.
 - xiv. Britton Smith
 - xv. Columbia Smith
 - xvi. Phiona Smith m. [-?-] Slavens.

Other Smith Families

George C. Smith (Smyth) was made guardian of Henson Smith, an heir of Thomas Smith, deceased and executed bond with James P. Stuart as his security at the February 1844 term.⁴³ At the November 1850 term, George C. Smyth filed a receipt from his ward, "Hyman Smyth" and stated his ward was now over 21 years old. George C. was discharged by the court.⁴⁴

There is a young man named Henson Smith, age 21, living with Lewis Smith in Boone County, Missouri, in 1850. Whether this is the heir of Thomas Smith has not been determined.

Henson Smith m. 13 January 1853, Lincoln County, Missouri, Martha Crenshaw.

"Anamentha" Smith m. 22 September 1843, Lincoln County, Missouri, James P. Stewart. As he was the security for the bond placed on the guardianship of Henson Smith, she may fit in this family. James and "Minta" Stewart were living in Lincoln County in 1850 and were enumerated on the census there. She was 24-years-old, born Missouri.

William S. Smith d. 1852; m. 6 August 1846, Lincoln County, Missouri, Mary Burkhead.⁴⁵

William S. Smith left a will in Lincoln County, Missouri, dated 23 March 1867, in which he gave his entire estate to his beloved wife Mary A. Smith. She was appointed sole executrix. E.N. Lay, T.W. Riffle and J.H. Hopkins were witnesses to the will. It was probated in vacation on 11 March 1876.⁴⁶ The application dated 11 March 1876 lists the heirs as Mary Adline Smith, Louisiana, aged

⁴² Undocumented source on World Family Tree, Ancestry.com.

⁴³ Lincoln County, Missouri, Probate Book C:195.

⁴⁴ Lincoln County, Missouri, Probate Book D:240.

⁴⁵ Her father, Abraham B. Berkhead left a will dated 27 September 1849, in which he lists a daughter "Malvina" married to William S. Smith. "Lincoln County, Missouri Will Book "A" & "B" *Missouri Pioneers* III (the authors, 1968), 2.

⁴⁶ Lincoln County, Missouri, Will Book 3:302:303.

21 years, April 17 1876, James W., age 19 June 26 1876, Terry M., 9 years old on Dec 22 1875 and Mary S., 4 years Jan 25 1876.⁴⁷

William H. Smith died before 2 February 1852, when letters of administration were issued to Thomas J. Wright. Widow Elizabeth relinquished her right to administer the estate. She did, however, help provide security with Joseph H. Withrow for the bond of \$300. The heirs were listed as Elizabeth Smith, the widow, Zachary T. and Augustus W. Smith, the children.⁴⁸

William H. Smith married 25 March 1845, Lincoln County, Missouri, Elizabeth Wright.

William Smith didn't arrive in Lincoln County, Missouri, until after the 1850 census was taken. His widow and children were in Millwood Township of Lincoln County on the 1860 census, with the youngest child, age 8, being born in Virginia.

"William Smith of William" left a will in Lincoln County, Missouri, dated 15 December 1855 in which he bequeathed to his wife Lucy Ann Smith all lands to which son Henry Smith held a bond dated 28 August 1855 to which Alexander McAuer(?) was to have one half. The land was the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of S22-T50-R3W and the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ S28-T50-R3W. After his wife's lifetime or widowhood, Henry was to have the land; afterwards paying to son Marian \$250, "some schooling, a young beast fit for use when the said Marian is nineteen years of age." He made the same bequest to his son George Wm. Smith. Son Henry was to give to each of William's daughters (unnamed), Mary An [sic] Wells excepted, "for she has had hers," He appointed son Henry guardian of the three youngest children, and wished that his wife and son Henry collect what was due the estate and pay the bills. Witnesses to the will were Joseph S. Wells and Chappel Gregory. The will was proved on 31 July 1857.⁴⁹

Letters of Testamentary were issued 10 August 1857 to Henry Smith. In February 1858, Henry Smith filed a petition with the probate court asking to sell real estate to pay the debts of the estate. The land in question was the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of S22, the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of S22 and 40 acres off the south end of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and south end of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of S22-T50-R3W.⁵⁰

St. Charles and Warren County, Missouri, Connections

⁴⁷ William S. Smith, Lincoln County, Missouri, probate file 1256.

⁴⁸ William H. Smith, Lincoln County, Missouri, probate file 827 $\frac{1}{2}$.

⁴⁹ Lincoln County, Missouri, Will Book 2:192-193.

⁵⁰ William Smith of William, Lincoln County, Missouri, probate file 461.

Bryan and Rose outline two Smith families that settled first in St. Charles County that created records in Lincoln County.⁵¹

Daniel Smith

The first was a German family. Daniel, son of John A. Smith, a soldier of the American Revolution, married (2) 19 October 1828, Lincoln County, Missouri, Mary "Polly" Drummond.

John D. and Wm. H. Smith

The second family relates to Henry Smith who came to Missouri from Montgomery County, Kentucky, and settled in Warren County, Missouri, in 1831. He had sons John D. and Wm. H. Smith.⁵²

John D. Smith b. ca. 1812–1815 in Kentucky; m. 23 May 1839, Lincoln County, Missouri, Susan Geiger b. ca 1820 in Missouri.

He lived in Bedford Township, Lincoln County, Missouri, in 1840 and was listed on p. 227 of the census. His household consisted of 1 male under 5, 1 male 30–40; 1 female 20–30. By 1850 he had moved to Warren County, where he was listed on the census in household #422. He had aged only 5 years, as he was said to be a 35-year-old farmer, born Kentucky. His real estate value was \$1500. With him were Susan, age 30, Ann A. Smith, age 8, Mary E. Smith, age 6 and James Smith, age 2, all born in Missouri.

On 1 October 1844, John D. Smith and wife Susan of LCM sold for \$800 to William H. Smith and Benedict Crump Lots 51 & 52 in town of Troy.⁵³

On 7 June 1845, William H. Smith and wife Elizabeth of Warren Co., Missouri, sold for \$400 to John D. Smith all right, title and interest to two lots in Troy #51 and #52.⁵⁴

⁵¹ Wm. S. Bryan and Robert Rose, *A History of the Pioneers Families of Missouri* (St. Louis: Bryan, Brand & Co. St. Louis, Mo., 1876), 185.

⁵² Bryan and Rose, 185.

⁵³ Lincoln County, Missouri, Deed Book E:125.

⁵⁴ Lincoln County, Missouri, Deed Book E:322.