

WILLIAM SMITH 1833-1895

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William Smith was born March 12, 1833, Wellborn, Columbia County (now Suwannee Co.), Florida. He was a son of Isaac Smith (born 1797) and Nancy (Carver) Smith (born 1803), with whom he was enumerated in the 1850 Columbia County census.

In Columbia County on December 6, 1855, William married Helen M. Jones, born April 6, 1839, Columbia County, Florida. Helen's mother, Anna Mae Jones, born ca. 1810, was widowed by 1850. The 1850 Columbia County census and slave schedule listed her with four children and ten slaves. Anna's husband was Henry Jones, and her father, probably, was Martin Hair. Park DeVane, late Sebring historian, in a letter to Mrs. Dorothy Skipper Brown, dated January 7, 1979, stated, "Anna Mae Jones maiden name was Hair & she was a sister to William C. Hair. Anna Mae (Hair) Jones and William C. Hair were the children of Martin Hair & wife ? who were living in Columbia County in 1850. The census shows Martin Hair to be 83 years old. It is interesting to note that Capt. Smith's father & mother were living next door to William C. Hair & family in Columbia County, Florida in 1850."

Kyle S. VanLandingham in a letter to this writer, dated September 22, 1986, wrote: "After going through my files I am thoroughly convinced that William Calvin Hair was the son of William Hair and not Martin Hair. William Hair, originally from Sampson Co., N. C., moved to Wayne County, Ga. after 1810 and remained there until about 1828 when he moved to Hamilton County, Fl. He shows up in the 1830 census for Alachua County (now Columbia) and remained in Columbia County until his death about 1853. William Hair was the father of: 1. Mariby, b. 1806, married Job Manning, Wayne Co., Ga., Aug. 14, 1828; 2. William Calvin, b. 1808, m. Sarah Jane Parker; 3. Mary Amanda, b. Apr. 3, 1810, m. William B. Hooker, Aug. 1, 1830; 4. Molcy Mariah, b. Apr. 23, 1813, Wayne Co., Ga., m. Daniel Gillett, Dec. 22, 1836. As for Martin Hair, he wasn't even in Florida in 1830 but moved down several years later. If Anna May (Hair??) Jones was indeed a sister of William Calvin Hair, then her father was William Hair. If Anna May (Hair) Jones was indeed a daughter of Martin Hair, then she was not a sister of William Calvin Hair but probably a first cousin."

William and Helen (Jones) Smith had the following children:

1. Florida Ann Smith, born February 8, 1857; died May 20, 1887; married on November 26, 1874, David Henry Skipper.
2. Mary Catherine (Kate) Smith, born February 9, 1859; died January 1949; married on February 4, 1876, William Riley Bryan.
3. George Washington Smith, born 1861; married on December 23, 1886, Martha A. Williams.
4. William Harry Smith, born 1863; married 1st, Florence Hart on March 1, 1888; 2nd, Daisy Hart.