

# THE SMOOTS OF MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA

A genealogical history of William Smute,  
Boatright, of Hampton, Virginia, and  
Pickawaxon, Maryland, with a history of  
his descendants to the present generation

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## FOREWORD

**T**HESE chronicles relating to William Smute and his descendants were actually begun in the winter of 1922, when, as an idle and recently university graduate, waiting to be placed as a wage earner in the economic world, I occupied my leisure moments in seeking knowledge of my forbears and to prove the tradition that had been handed down from my elders. And during these fourteen years many hours were spent in untiring research into musty, dusty, and ancient as well as sometimes carelessly kept court records at more than fifty county court houses, besides many additional hours were spent at home in the attempt to untie numerous knots and to establish the parents of many-a-fatherless Smoot.

The loss of the three early registers of the Episcopal Parishes in Charles County has not made it one of the most simple counties in which to work—besides, many deed books and the administration accounts for several years are missing. The records of Trinity Parish have been preserved since its establishment in 1750, though they contain only meager Smoot data. Furthermore, the complete destruction of all deeds in St. Mary's County, and no administration accounts prior to 1806 made it most difficult in straightening out the entanglements of the Smoots in that county.

It is regretted that the numerous personal letters which were sent to the representative descendants, now scattered throughout the States and the Territory of Hawaii, remained unanswered, but I wish to acknowledge with sincerity my appreciation of the few who responded and manifested interest in my undertaking. Space does not allow the mentioning of all, but I do wish to express my thanks to Mr. Harvey Clinton Smoot, of Prescott, Arizona, Miss Annibel Stine, of Tuscumbia, Alabama, Dr. James Edward Smoot, of Concord, North Carolina, and Mr. Archibald F. Bennett, secretary of the Genealogical Society of Utah, to whom I am indebted for the descendants of Abraham Owen Smoot, the Mormon leader.

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I furthermore wish to extend my gratitude for the many courtesies afforded me by the staff of the North Carolina Historical Commission during my stay in Raleigh. Their graciousness and old-world charm of manner contrasted most favorably with my reception at the Archives Division of the Virginia State Library. Owing to inhospitableness, lack of understanding, and the negative attitude of that office, I was forced to curtail the work planned there, and was prevented perhaps from the obtainment of many additional facts on the Virginia branches.

Finally, no genealogist, amateur nor professional, is infallible and if I have erred in any statement, I shall be glad to have it brought to my attention with sufficient evidence to show that wrong conclusions have been drawn.

And it is with pleasure that I present these findings to the descendants of the distinctive family of Smoot, this first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-six.

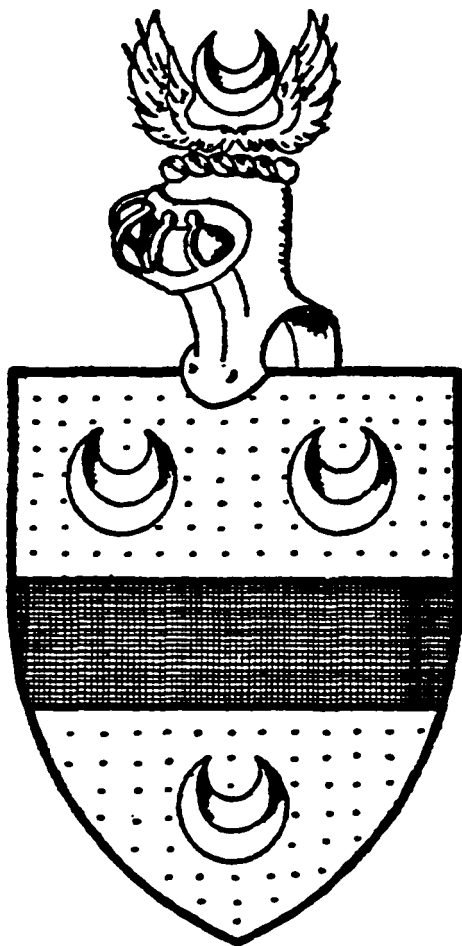
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## INTRODUCTION

**P**RIOR to the thirteenth century there lived upon his feudal estates near the town of 'S Gravenhage in the Province of Zuid Holland a vassal of the Count of Holland who, when family names were being adopted by the civilized States of Western Europe, assumed the cognomen of "Smout". Why this name became attached to him and his family is a matter of conjecture, smout in the Netherland language signifies the inelegant but highly necessary food product "lard" or more literally "grease".

Time passed. The sons of this Dutch vassal gradually amassed wealth and as their enterprises or estates offered an important source of revenue for the Counts of Holland and Zeeland—for about this time the two counties had been united under one head—they assumed a more prominent position in the realm. Their sons in turn relinquished the industry of their immediate ancestor and devoted themselves to public service and combat during which time one distinguished himself sufficiently to be granted by the reigning Count of Holland the privilege of using arms. At first the emblem was a plain black crescent painted on the metal shield of the senior member of the household, but gradually the emblem became more complex as the institution of heraldry advanced.

The crescent thus became the symbolic emblem of the House of Smout and thus served as the basis for the later and more modified coat-of-arms in which the background of the shield remained gold with three black crescents.

Years passed. Some descendants of the Squire of 'S Gravenhage succeeded in life, many fell in battle, others became enriched from industry and commerce which were remarkably great in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries among the cities of Holland and Flanders. Through their wealth and position the gentlemen of the House of Smout intermarried with noble and gentry houses of the Province, and thus attained greater importance and prestige among the subjects of the Netherland Kingdom.

At the beginning of the fifteenth century one member of the House of Smout had allied himself in marriage with several gentry houses of his State and had established his seat at Rotterdam, also in the Province of Zuid Holland. About this time, for it was not until the fourteenth century that the practice of quartering arms became common among the nobility, this member of the Smout family was granted permission to bear the emblems of his maternal ancestry. Thus, we have the Smouts

of Rotterdam, with the unicorn, shells, and bars, but still retaining the identity of the original symbols of his paternal line in the first quarter of his arms.

From this point to the time that William Smout or Smute, the pioneer settler in America, was established at London in the seventeenth century, the history of his immediate forbears is somewhat hazy and confused. Inasmuch as we have not proved the parents of the American emigrant, one can only assume that he was one of the younger sons of a noble house and for that reason he became a constructor of watercrafts. But one can not dispute the facts that William Smute, of Pickawaxon, Maryland, had the name and all the tradition of the Dutch House of Smout. It has been handed down from pre-Revolutionary members of the family, that the Smoots of Maryland bore a coat-of-arms and that "there was a reindeer on it". (No doubt the unicorn).

The Dutch origin of the family has been traditional in several branches of the family in America, but before passing one must not overlook the Scotch legend of the Smoot branch of Dorchester County, perhaps the most affluent and cultured branch of the Smoot family of the early post-Revolutionary era. It is believed, however, that this tradition became confused with the undisputed Scotch lineage of their Douglas ancestry which married with this branch in both Charles and Dorchester Counties and which can claim direct descent from Scotch nobility and connection with the Royal House of Stuart. Then it is possible that the emigrant, before sailing for Virginia, tarried for a while in the land beyond the Cheviot Hills and had married a Scotch lass.

Like most early colonial families, the name was spelled in several different forms on the early records—the most common and earliest was "Smute", but other variations found were Smut, Smot, Smoote, Smouth, and finally Smoot, but some who migrated South used Smoote as late as the War between the States.

A tradition which proves a myth, the origin of which is veiled in mystery, is that three Smoot brothers while serving in the British Army during the Revolutionary War deserted, joined the Continental forces, and remained in America. At the first Federal census of 1790, members of this family were found only in the Southern States of Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina, all of whom are proved descendants of the Maryland pioneer. The name Smoot is therefore distinctly Maryland as Cabot is of Massachusetts and Spottiswood of Virginia.

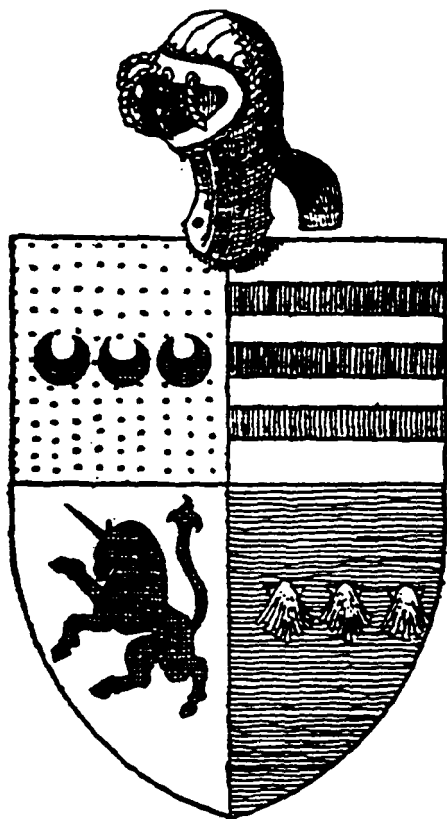
More than three hundred counties of the 1850 census were searched in the preparation of these chronicles, and it was a few days before the

submission of the manuscript to the printer that a Smoot was found to be born outside of the United States. It was John Smoot (spelled exactly like that of the Maryland family) a stevedore of Mobile, Alabama, who claimed Germany as his birthplace. This fact is rather significant as it adds another convincing threat to the Continental origin of the Maryland family.

The only early family which could possibly be confused with the descendants of William Smute is the German family of Smootz which settled in Pennsylvania. Prior to the Revolution Abraham Smootz, a member of this family, was an early settler in the Valley of Virginia. Later the *s* was substituted for the *z*, and the city directories today show members of this family scattered throughout the States. Yet, it is possible that some branches of this family have actually dropped the *s* and thus spell their name like that of the pioneer family of Maryland.

The London and Edinburgh city directories today, both towns containing the greatest assortment and representation of individual names in their respective kingdoms, do not list a single resident by the name of Smoot. Perhaps, it is safe to state that the family is practically unknown in Great Britain today.





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## WILLIAM SMUTE

**W**HETHER William Smute was born in Scotland, on the Continent, or in England is an unsolved question at the writing of these chronicles, but we do know that his birth occurred about the year 1596/7. In his late teens he was apprenticed to a boatwright who trained him in that craft until he obtained sufficient perfection as to be acceptable to the guild of that industry. He selected undoubtedly a livelihood which had been hereditary in his family, as was customary in England and the Continent of his day, and the fact that he aspired to be a designer and constructor of boats indicates perhaps early days spent near the seacoast. Furthermore, the Netherlanders being among the foremost seafaring peoples of his day, adds another thread to his Dutch origin.

Sometime during the year 1633 William Smute was in London when he, as a member of the Boatwright Guild, agreed to perform 50 days of work in Virginia for Colonel Thomas Burbage. It was this contract no doubt which changed his destiny from being a progenitor of a relatively provincial family in England to one which subsequently attained in some branches wealth and position in America.

Shortly after the year 1633 William Smute sailed from England and settled at Hampton, York (now Elizabeth City) County. The first mention of his name in public records is that of February 24, 1642, when he was granted for the transportation of eight persons into Virginia "400 acres of land in the Countie of Yorke near the head of Tymber Creek on the north side of Charles River near the land of Mr. Miniffee". Research fails to disclose the identity of the persons whom he brought into the country, but it can be assumed that they were servants and his immediate family, for circumstances are such that as early as 1633 he must have been the father of several young children.

He next appears on record as "William Smote of Hampton Boat-right". There from all circumstances he maintained an establishment befitting his rank and position in the community, and pursued his trade as boatwright, constructing with the aid of indentures many of the water-crafts used by the early settlers. In 1644 George Codd completed his term of servitude under William Smute, so consequently the court ordered the granting to Codd, in accordance with the rules of indentures fulfilling their service, "3 barrels of corn and cloathes".

William Smute fought in the campaign against the Pamunky and Chickahominy Indians, and for his services he was granted 600 pounds

of tobacco on October 1, 1644, by the Grand Jury held at James City.<sup>1</sup> For his participation in one of the early Indian Wars, all of his proved male descendants who maintain the position today of "gentlemen" are eligible to membership in the Society of Colonial Wars in America.

Among his neighbors were Ashwell Batten, a name connected with the Smoot family by marriage, George Menefy, Esq., and Lewis Burwell, Gent. The latter on June 12, 1648, received for the transportation of a number of inhabitants a grant of 2,350 acres of land which extended in one direction "down the river along the land of George Menefy Esq. until it meets the land of William Smoote".

William Smoot created a number of financial obligations and appeared frequently in court. In 1644 he acknowledged an indebtedness of 854 pounds of tobacco to Ashwell Batten and was ordered by the court to "make payment of the said 854 pounds of tobacco with court charges to the said Ashwell Batten within five days". On March 8, 1645, William Smoot petitioned the court to protect the property of Joseph Hill who was indebted to him (William Smoot) against the claims of Ashwell Batten for 850 pounds of tobacco.

In 1644 William Smoot owed Francis Morgan 1,188 pounds of tobacco. At one time he purchased from John Davis a mill and the land on which it stood. In 1646 William Smoot sued William Broch for a debt of 600 pounds of tobacco. Shortly after this action, William Smoot with his family departed for the Province of Maryland.

On November 22, 1646, Robert Bouth appeared at court and "ordered an attachment against the estate of William Smote for security of a debt of 900½ bushels of meale being due to him by bill in regard the said Smote is gon out of the Colony to Maryland".

It seems as if William Smoot assigned his land in Virginia or parts thereof to Edmond Peters, of Gloucester County, who was granted 442 acres on March 22, 1659, described as follows "at the head of Timber Necke Creek 342 acres beginning at Captain Perye's land adjoining 100 acres of his own land and running to William Alsopp's land, 100 acres beginning on a branch of the said creek extending near the land of Mr. Lewis Burwell, deceased, and 192 acres part of 400 acres granted to William Smoote 24 February 1642 and assigned to the said Peters and 250 acres for the transportation of five persons".

It is reasonable to assume that his eldest children were born on the other side, but the fact that some of his progenies were minors when he settled in Maryland proves that at least some were born in Virginia.

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<sup>1</sup> Henning's Statues, vol. 1, p. 287.

His wife at the time of his migration to the Province was Grace ———, whom he had married as a widow Wood, with a daughter. No record has been found of an earlier marriage, but it is noted that the given name of Grace is missing among the descendants of his sons.

Grace, the wife of James Atwickes and later that of Thomas Hinton, was referred to by some of the children as "sister". She and her first husband, however, were transported into Virginia by John Dorman, of Northampton County, who demanded land in 1655. It is therefore a question whether she was born Grace Wood or Grace Smoot. William Smoot, however, did not transport her with his family in 1646, but she came into Maryland at a later date through the activities of John Waghop who transported her, her husband, and children—William and Jeane Atwickes.

*Children of William Smoot*

1. Richard Smoot married Elizabeth ———. *q.v.*
2. Thomas Smoot married Jane Batten. *q.v.*
3. Elizabeth Smoot married Humphrey Atwickes.
4. Anne Smoot, born 1640, married William Hungerford and William Barton. Issue: William Hungerford.
5. Alice Smoot.
6. William Smoot married Jane ———. *q.v.*

What actuated William Smoot to change his residence from Virginia to Maryland will perhaps always remain a subject of conjecture, but we do have 1646 as the year in which he forsook his allegiance as a subject of Virginia to that of a tenant or subject of Lord Baltimore. On June 12, 1647, he was granted by His Lordship's Land Office a patent for 300 acres of land near the mouth of Herring Creek, known as "Smoot" in consideration of his own migration into the Province and the transportation of his wife and two children (unnamed) in the year 1646. This tract lay on the Potomac River near the mouth of Herring Creek, east of the land of Thomas Bushnell, in the Manor of New Towne in present St. Mary's County. It is believed that on this land he first established his seat but eventually moved westward and settled on his surveys around the Wicomico. He later conveyed this land to John Co——.

Another entry shows that he was awarded a patent for 400 acres of land originally known as "Smoothly" for the transportation of his wife Grace and her daughter Elizabeth Wood, and his children Thomas, Richard, Elizabeth, Anne, and Alice, and a maid servant Anne Woodnot at his own expense from Virginia to Maryland on or about April 6, 1646. This patent later became known as "Attwicke's Purchase" and lay on the west side of the Wicomico. Another warrant was issued for

land on the south side of Herring Creek between the lands of Robert Kedger and Walter Roans.

William Smoot and his son-in-law, William Hungerford, were among those who on April 17, 1650, signed the Stone's Declaration as "We the said Lieutenant, Council, Burgesses, and other Protestant inhabitants" declared that they enjoyed "all fitting and convenient freedom and liberty in the exercise of our religion under his Lordship's Government and interest". Thus, there is evidence that William Smoot was a member of the Established Church of England and was not in opposition to the Roman Catholic faith of the Calverts. Until the Revolution his descendants adhered strictly to the Anglican Church, one taking Holy Orders and being rector of the parish at historic St. Mary's City.

On January 26, 1652, William Smoot assigned a portion of "Atwicke's Purchase", lying next to the lands of John Hatch, to Humphrey Atwickes and another portion to Richard Smoot. The transactions were acknowledged by Grace Smoot his wife. In 1658 William Smoot patented 240 acres of land on the west side of the Wicomico River known as "Smootwood", a portion of which he subsequently assigned to William Barton. This tract became known as "The Hills", 190 acres being later held by Walter Hanson and 50 acres by Notley Maddox. In 1665 he transported seven persons into Maryland for which he was granted 350 acres of land, and later an additional six persons for which he received 300 acres. The latter he assigned to Richard Morris.

William Smoot practised his profession in Maryland by designing and constructing many of the early vessels used in the inter-colonial trade between Maryland and Virginia. He built a pinnace for Ralph Beane, of St. Mary's County, and another for Charles Calvert, Esq. In 1649 he sold a boat to a Mr. Groffey, of Virginia. His interest was not only centered in the construction of watercrafts but in trading as well. He at one time purchased a boat from Governor Leonard Calvert and after using it for a period, he sold it in the year 1647. He was in touch with people and affairs in Virginia, and in 1651 certain business was transacted between him and Captain Francis Morgan, of York County.

His reputation as an authority on watercrafts was recognized to the extent that he was called upon to appraise various vessels. On September 1, 1662, "William Smoote, Carpenter, aged 65 years" deposeth upon oath that the "ship called St. George's as she now lyes sunk in the Wicommico River was worth 2,000 pounds of tobacco and no more".

On January 21, 1652/3, Colonel Thomas Burbage instituted legal action against William Smoot through the former's attorney Captain Thomas Cornwallis, of St. Mary's City, for the alleged non-fulfillment

of the contract made in England. "Satisfaction upon a bond of £4 Sterling Entered into by the defendt about 20 years since in England . . . for the payment of 50 days work in Virginia". William Smoot defended himself, declaring to be 56 years of age and stating that he discharged the contract according to conditions. The case was dismissed and William Smoot was awarded 150 pounds of tobacco for his trouble and expense in coming about 40 miles from his home to appear at court. At this time it is believed he was domiciled on his estate bordering the Wicomico as the distance from Herring Creek to St. Mary's City would appear to be somewhat less.

William Smoote was in sympathy with Josias Fendall and consequently was involved in the legal proceedings following his prosecution. On April 17, 1661, at the Provincial Court he was arraigned with twelve others for "mutinously, seditiously, and the instigation of the Devil . . . assembled at the house of Josias Fendall in Charles County in February 1660, and attempted by force to rescue Josias Fendall formerly the Governor of the Province and William Hatch Secretary". The jury returned a verdict of "not guilty".

Grace Smoote, the wife of William, died on January 14, 1666. Inasmuch as she was reported in the records as the "wife", William Smoote was apparently living at that date. It is believed that he died intestate shortly afterwards, by 1670 at the latest. No record has been found of the appraisement of his estate nor the administration.

#### WILLIAM SMOOT<sup>2</sup>

(16— - 1716)

William Smoot, the believed son of William the emigrant, remained in Virginia or he was born after his father settled in Maryland and returned to Virginia in early manhood. By 1672, however, he was domiciled in Farnham Parish of Old Rappahannock (now Essex) County, Virginia.

On December 2, 1672, he witnessed the sale of a cow sold by Edward Wrilly to Mary Wright. The fact that he witnessed a deed in 1672 would indicate that he had at least attained his eighteenth birthday, consequently his birth occurred prior to the year 1654.

On January 16, 1678, he was present at the transfer of 307 acres of land from William Fauntleroy to John Inglow. On July 4, 1681, he appointed Alexander Newman his attorney to acknowledge the purchase of land from William Fauntleroy.

On March 18, 1683/4, William Smoot and Jane his wife of "Parish of Farnham, Rappahannock County" conveyed to Richard Ellet for 2,400 pounds of tobacco 100 acres of land lying in Moratico, where Thomas Sampson was then domiciled. The deed was witnessed by Thomas Sampson and Richard R. Draper. About this time he settled in Durham Parish of Richmond County, where the births of his three daughters are recorded.

*Children of William and Jane Smoot*

1. Mary Smoot, born Apr. 7, 1693, married Thomas, son of Thomas and Dorothy Durham, of Durham Parish.
2. Elizabeth Smoot, born Mar. 16, 1698.
3. Anne Smoot, born Mar. 16, 1698.

Elizabeth Grady, of Richmond County, Virginia, willed to Mary Smoot "the daughter of William Smoot" her entire landed estate, but in the event that Mary died without issues then to William Smoot and his heirs. The latter received all personal property and was named as executor. The will, dated March 4, 1693/4, was not proved until November 4, 1702, by Thomas Durham and Richard Draper.

In 1700 William Smoot "Sr.", of North Farnham Parish, Richmond County, conveyed 60 acres of land for love and affection to Dorothy, the wife of Thomas Durham. Jane Smoot, his wife, waived her dower rights. The consideration for this deed of gift remains a conjecture. It is known, however, that Dorothy Durham, the grantee, ultimately became the mother-in-law of the grantor's daughter Mary who at that time was only seven years of age.

The will of William Smoot was dated February 24, 1715, and proved in Richmond County on July 4, 1716, by John Durham, Abraham Dale, and Bryan Muckleroy. He willed his granddaughter Margaret Durham certain personalty then to his grandson Joseph Durham. To his son-in-law Thomas Durham, he devised certain personalty including the "bed whereon I now lie" and a number of pieces of pewter; and to his granddaughter Sarah Durham other articles of personal property. His wife was devised the use of all lands and the plantation during life, then to his son-in-law and the testator's three grandchildren.

Thomas Durham, the contingent heir after the death of the widow, died in 1735 before the division of the land, consequently on May 16, 1739, a commission was appointed to petition the estate for the three grandchildren—Joseph Durham, Margaret Durham who had married Dominic Newgent, and Sarah Durham who had married William Hanks.

RICHARD SMOOT <sup>2</sup>  
AND  
HIS DESCENDANTS

Richard Smoot, son of William, was born perhaps on the other side and was brought to America by his parent at an early age. His father transported him to Maryland in 1646 which would seem to indicate that he were a minor at that time.

The fact that a warrant on September 26, 1673, was issued to him for 200 acres of land, 100 acres of which was due for "time of service of himself and wife Elizabeth performed in the Province" has become a subject of much controversy. It is sometime thought that he left the Province, perhaps to Virginia where he married, and was returned to Maryland as an indenture by an enterpriser. This is highly possible, but the more logical conclusion is that he, wishing to reach perfection in a trade, apprenticed himself to a local artisan in the Province, an act which usually took the legal procedure of an indenture. While serving his period of apprenticeship, he married a redemptioner and consequently he was entitled to her land at the completion of her services. The other 100 acres of land to which he was entitled in 1673, were from assignment of Thomas Notley, due the latter for the transporting of John Reed and Robert Collingswood.

*Children of Richard and Elizabeth Smoot*

1. Richard Smoot married Margaret ———. *q.v.*
2. Edward Smoot married Lydia Newman. *q.v.*
3. Elizabeth Smoot, born Dec. 15, 1666.
4. William Smoot, apparently died young.
5. Eleanor Smoot married Humphrey, son of Humphrey and Margarey (Cage) Warren.

Richard Smoot established his seat on the tract known as "The Hills" in Pickawaxon Hundred, where he eventually became the proprietor of one of the largest landed estates in the hundred. About 1650 he received from his father 200 acres of land adjoining the estate of Francis Pope on the Wicomico River, which he later conveyed to his neighbor Giles Thompkinson. In 1656 he assigned a portion of "Attwickes' Purchase" on the Wicomico, which had been patented by his father, to Thomas Mitchell who later conveyed to Humphrey Attwickes. The latter in 1662 sold to Thomas Peirce, at which time the transfer was acknowledged by his wife Elizabeth Attwickes. This tract in 1676 became the



subject of a suit in chancery, with Bridget Legatt, widow of John Legatt, as the defendant. In 1667 Richard Smoot patented "Free Booty" of 50 acres lying on the west side of the Wicomico near the land of Thomas Smoot. In 1674 he received a warrant for "Smoot's Purchase" of 100 acres in St. Mary's County.

At the lawsuit emanating from the estate of Captain William Batten in 1671/2, Richard Smoot served on the jury.

The will of Richard Smoot was dated April 23, 1676, and admitted to probate in Charles County on October 31, 1676, by Henry Henley and William Browne, with "brothers William Barton and Robert Rowland" as the overseers. He bequeathed to his eldest son, Richard, the dwelling-plantation at the age of 21 years, and Edward an 100-acre portion of "Smoot's Purchase" at majority. The residue of his estate was to be divided among his five named children—Richard, Edward, Elizabeth, William, and Eleanor.

At the court held in Charles County during January 1676/77, Elizabeth Smoot "by the consent of Captain William Barton one of the overseers of the estate of Richard Smoot late of Charles County deceased" was placed under the guardianship of Elizabeth wife of Henry Bonner "till she arrives at the age of 16 years or marriage and said Elizabeth Bonner to learn the orphan to read and write and not to work without the house". At the same court Edward Smoot chose Thomas Taylor, and Richard Smoot that of Walter Davis.

On January 20, 1677, Walter Davis of Charles County, the greatest creditor of Richard Smoot, appeared in court and declared that the overseers "would not to further intermeddle with goods". Furthermore, he stated that Richard Smoot, the eldest son, was then of age sufficient to select his own guardian and that he had chosen him. The judge ordered that the goods and chattels of Richard Smoot be transferred to Walter Davis.

The inventory of the personal estate of Richard Smoot Sr. was appraised by John Cage and George Credule on May 15, 1677, with William Barton Jr., as the executor.

The following letter of the same date to Walter Davis was signed by Philip Calvert: "I understand that William Barton Jr. hath intermeddled with goods of Richard Smoot and not fit to administer. He brought an inventory which I ordered to be recorded . . . The orphans are under your care now and I desire you to look after them".

On July 18, 1677, Captain Humphrey Warren in court exhibited the bond of Walter Davis, the administrator of Richard Smoot Sr., deceased, with John Hater and Robert Inglesby as the sureties.



RICHARD SMOOT<sup>3</sup>

(1663 - 1734)

Richard Smoot, son of Richard and Elizabeth Smoot, was born about 1663 in Pickawaxon Hundred, Charles County, Maryland. By the will of his father in 1677, he was bequeathed, as the eldest son, the dwelling-plantation "The Hills", but somehow this tract of 240 acres subsequently became the property and seat of Captain Humphrey Warren II. In 1711 Richard Smoot with James Walker was bondsman for his sister Eleanor Warren, the administratrix of Humphrey Warren III.

It is assumed that he was the Richard Smoot who settled in Prince Georges County, where he died intestate in 1734. Letters of administration were issued to his widow, Margaret Smoot, with John Harris and Leonard Marbury as her bondsmen. It is believed that he married late in life and that no children were born to the union.

EDWARD SMOOT<sup>3</sup>

(16— - 1707)

Edward Smoot, son of Richard and Elizabeth Smoot, was born probably at "The Hills" in Pickawaxon Hundred, Charles County. In November 1681, he with a number of others received from His Lordship's Treasury 110 pounds of tobacco for "acts of public service", which is believed for his participation in one of the early Indian campaigns.

He married Lydia, daughter of George and Lydia (Ashcomb) Newman, but then the widow of John Gee, late of St. Mary's County. Records show that on February 25, 1684, the administration of the estate of John Gee was granted to Edward Smoot who "married the widow of the said deceased"

*Children of Edward and Lydia (Newman) Smoot*

1. John Smoot married Posthuma Ford. *q.v.*
2. Lydia Smoot married —— Bean. Her estate was administered 1721 by John Smoot. William Howard and William Deerego were sureties.
3. Edward Smoot, born June 20, 1693. *q.v.*
4. Elizabeth Smoot, born June 20, 1693.
5. Eleanor Smoot.

On April 5, 1689, Edward Smoot purchased from his kinsman William Smoot a portion of "Wicomico Fields", lying on the west side of the Wicomico River, where he established his seat which for over a century remained the traditional home of his descendants.

Edward Smoot died intestate. Letters of administration were issued on July 15, 1707, to Gerard O'Cane who had married the widow. His personal estate was appraised on August 16, 1707, by William Maddox and Richard Morris. John Loftus was surety for the administrator.

At a subsequent rent roll, 200 acres of "Wicomico Fields" were possessed by Gerard O'Cane and his wife Lydia, 100 acres by John Warren, and 200 acres by Colonel Contee.

By her third husband, Lydia Gee-Newman-O'Cane had at least two children—Gerard II and Judith. Gerard O'Cane Sr. died intestate in 1713, when his step-son John Smoot was appointed administrator by the court. John Wilder and Edward Ford offered bond. Within a short time his widow died, thereupon her son John Smoot was named administrator. In this instance John Wilder and William Derregoe were his bondsmen.

An administration account shows that John Smoot while administrating on the estate of Gerard O'Cane accounted for the money due from the deceased (Gerard O'Cane) as the administrator of Edward Smoot as well as disbursements to Eleanor Smoot daughter of Edward deceased, to Judith O'Cane daughter of the deceased, and to James O'Cane "his son". From the peculiar wording of the account, one would conclude that James was a son by a previous marriage, yet no statement proves this fact.

John Smoot in 1720 when he rendered an account on the estate of his mother made the following statement . . . "whereof he could render a specific inventory and that he believes if any such there were that they by mistake were appraised among the estate of Gerard O'Cane, her deceased husband, who died but a small space before her".

At this time Gerard O'Cane, the minor orphan, had been removed from the guardianship of his half-brother and placed under his full-blood sister Judith Dutton. The latter by that date had married Matthew Dutton, of Charles County. Matthew Dutton died in 1734, naming in his will his widow Judith, and sons Notley, Thomas, and Gerard, and an unborn child. His widow on February 27, 1734, leased "Popleton" lying in Charles County to Leonard Smoot. She by 1737 had married secondly John Penn.

JOHN SMOOT<sup>4</sup>  
(1686 - 1728)

John Smoot, son of Edward and Lydia (Newman) Smoot, was born November 2, 1686, in Pickawaxon Hundred, Charles County. He married Posthuma, born July 29, 1693, the daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Allanson) Ford, of Chingoemuxon. On August 7, 1721,

John Smoot and Posthuma his wife conveyed to John Sanders for 7,500 pounds of tobacco a portion of "Christian Temple Manor" which had been willed Posthuma by her father and whereon Richard Coombs lately dwelt. The manor "Christian Temple" had been surveyed in 1659 for Thomas Allanson. A complete list of the children of John Smoot and Posthuma his wife has not been proved.

*Children of John and Posthuma (Ford) Smoot*

1. Edward Smoot married twice. *q.v.*
2. John Smoot married twice. *q.v.*
3. Eleanor Smoot.
4. Posthuma Smoot, spinster. Estate administered by Edward Smoot 1772.

In 1717 John Smoot was bondsman for Frances Lofton when she administrated on the estate of her husband John Lofton. He also was bondman for William Derregoe when he administrated on the estate of John Derregoe in 1719, for Matthew Wardeen in 1722 when he administrated on Robert Cull's estate, and he with Matthew Dutton was bondsman for Katherine Edwards when she administrated for Thomas Wakefield.

John Smoot maintained his seat at "Wicomico Fields" where he died intestate during November 1727/8. The inventory of his personal estate was taken in April 1728, with James Smith and Lydia Smoot signing as the kinsmen. Mark Penn and Alexander Hanna were the greatest creditors. At this date the widow had married John Groves who, as administrator, certified to the inventory, stating that his wife, Posthuma Groves, relict and administratrix of John Smoot deceased, was "not capable of riding at Present". Mark Penn and William Hawton were the bondsmen for the administrators. At a subsequent rent roll of Charles County, John Groves held a portion of "Wicomico Fields" for the orphans of John Smoot.

Posthuma Smoot-Groves outlived her second husband and rendered an account on his estate in April 1750. She showed a disbursement to John Smoot "being a part of his father's estate". The Groves representatives besides the widow were William Groves, aged 17 years, and Mary Groves, aged 16 years.<sup>1</sup>

William Groves Jr. made a noncupative will during 1757 in the presence of Edward Smoot and Abel Wakefield, willing his sister Mary

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<sup>1</sup> She married first George Thomas by whom she had Tyre, John, Mary, and Philip, and secondly Philip Jenkins by whom she had Posthuma Eleanor.

Groves his entire estate except a negro which was to be sold for the benefit of his mother. Posthuma, the widow of John Smoot and John Groves, died in Charles County during 1771.

EDWARD SMOOT<sup>4</sup>

(1693 - 17—)

Edward Smoot, son of Edward and Lydia (Newman) Smoot, was born June 20, 1693, in William and Mary Parish, Charles County, Maryland. He migrated to Northumberland County, Virginia, and settled in St. Stephen's Parish, where the births of his children are recorded. The name of his wife is not given. No further record of Edward Smoot has been found.

*Children of Edward Smoot*

1. Winifred Smoot, born July 18, 1724.
2. Anne Smoot, born Oct. 13, 1726.
3. Thomas Smoot, born July 9, 1729. *q.v.*
4. Sarah Anne Smoot, born June 4, 1732.

EDWARD SMOOT, GENT.<sup>5</sup>

(1724 - 1795)

Edward Smoot, son of John and Posthuma (Ford) Smoot, was born at "Wicomico Fields", Charles County, Maryland. On February 22, 1762, in defining the boundary of his plantation he gave his age as 38 years, therefore, placing his birth about the year 1724. He married first Miss Chandler, according to a notation made in the Bible of his grandson. Furthermore, a son of this marriage noted in his family Bible that he was the child of Edward and Anne Smoot. From these references, we consequently learn that his first wife was Anne Chandler. The Smoots and the Chandlers were neighbors and friends and therefore it was natural that a marriage between the two families would materialize.

John Chandler was domiciled in Port Tobacco Hundred early in the seventeen hundreds, though he married Anne Penn, sister to Mark Penn, whose ancestral home was in Pickawaxon Hundred. The will of John Chandler, proved in 1735, named his sons, John, William, Stephen, and daughters, Sarah Hamill, Anne Chandler, and Mary Chandler. John and Stephen settled on the Wicomico. Subsequently Stephen Chandler sued Edward Smoot for possession of land in St. Mary's County. Although the lawsuit failed to show the cause for legal action, it is concluded that in some manner Edward Smoot through his wife was holding land previously belonging to the Chandlers.

*Children of Edward and Anne (Chandler) Smoot*

1. John Smoot married Elizabeth Douglas. *q.v.*
2. Edward Smoot married Rosannah Hodson. *q.v.*
3. Lydia Smoot married Clement Kennedy.
4. William Groves Smoot. *q.v.*
5. Henry Smoot married Elizabeth Warren. *q.v.*
6. Mary Smoot married Nov. 16, 1790, Jessie Tull.

In 1758 John Chandler was bondsman for Edward Smoot when he administered the estate of John Carver, likewise, Stephen Chandler was his bondsman in 1777 when he administered the estate of Boles Tyre Balthrope. John Hamill, son of John and Sarah (Chandler) Hamill, by his will of February 21, 1760, named his godson William Groves Smoot and his (testator) uncles John Chandler and Stephen Chandler.

By 1767 Edward Smoot had become a widower and had taken as his second wife Mary Magdaline, daughter of Benjamin and Sabina (Donaldson) Stoddert, of St. Mary's County.

*Children of Edward and Mary (Stoddert) Smoot*

7. Alexander Stoddert Smoot. *q.v.*
8. Jannet Smoot married Thomas Douglas.
9. Benjamin Stoddert Smoot. *q.v.*

Edward Smoot added to his estate from time to time both by patent and by purchase. In 1755 he received a warrant, which was issued under the name of "Wilder's Mistake", for an unclaimed tract of land amounting to 66½ acres between his plantation and that of John Wilder. In 1764 he patented "Sukey" of 22 acres, and in 1765 "Smoot's Trifle" of 3¾ acres.

In 1764 Edward Smoot purchased from William Mitchell, of Prince William County, Virginia, 153 acres of land lying in that county, the tract being a portion of 300 acres bought by Luke Cannon from Thomas Young, conveyed to Young by George Pemberton and conveyed to him by Charles Sneed to whom the land had descended by inheritance.

On March 16, 1767, Edward Smoot, Merchant, and Mary Magdaline his wife deeded to James Tippen, of Frederick County, Innholder, 76 acres of land, being one-third of the dwelling-plantation of Benjamin Stoddert called "Friendship" originally granted to Colonel Thomas Addison and James Stoddert, and inherited by Edward and Mary Magdaline Smoot.

In 1770 Edward Smoot purchased from Philip Ludwell Lee 1,300 acres of "Rehoboth", portion of an original tract of 2,300 acres lying on the eastern side of the northwest fork of the Nanticoke River in Dorchester County. The original patent was in the name of John Lee, of Virginia, but later passed to his brother Richard Lee.

The tax list of 1783 recorded him as a resident of William and Mary Parish, stating that his seat "Wicomico Fields" had a "beautiful location on the Wicomico River". His other taxable realty in that year were "Wilder's Mistake", "Bullen" on the Potomac of 25 acres, "Bole's Purchase" of 483 acres on the Potomac, and 50 acres of "Harrison's Adventure".

Edward Smoot was a communicant of the Parish Church, still standing at Wayside, and shared a pew with Anne Smoot, according to the assignment of 1752. Although his wife at this period was Anne, it was not accustomed in that day to assign pews in the name of a wife. Consequently, she was probably a maiden sister or a near kinswoman.

Edward Smoot took the Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity to the State of Maryland during 1778. Record exists, however, of his having been summoned by a commission of Charles County on the suspicion of maintaining a correspondence with the enemy. The charge was dismissed December 23, 1777, after he had given bond for his appearance at the next county court.

On June 14, 1785, he deeded to his son Edward Smoot for love and natural affections a portion of "Rehoboth", lying at the mouth of Bachelor Creek. Mary Magdaline Smoot, his wife, waived her dower. At one time he was a magistrate of Charles County.

The will of Edward Smoot was dated October 2, 1794, and proved in Charles County on February 24, 1795, by J. Harris, Sarah Marshall, and Henley Adams, with the widow and son Alexander Stoddert Smoot as the executors.

He confirmed the gifts, both real and personal, made to his deceased son Edward and his heirs. To his son William Groves Smoot, he devised personalty and confirmed the gifts already given him. To his grandson Thomas, son of William Groves Smoot, he bequeathed several tracts of land on which the latter was domiciled, with William Groves the privilege of residing upon the land during life.

Henry was willed a portion of "Rehoboth" lying in Dorchester County. To the heirs of his son John, he devised one guinea and confirmed the gifts already bequeathed.

Alexander received after the death of his mother all land purchased from Levy Chum, Philip Key, and Edward Gardner, being a portion of "Wicomico Fields", providing he paid Philip Key £75, the agreed price. Alexander also received 375 acres of "Indian Landing", lying on the southwest side of the northwest fork of the Nanticoke River, in Dorchester County.

Benjamin Stoddert Smoot was bequeathed the dwelling-plantation, being a portion of "Wicomico Fields", and two tracts purchased from Joseph Scrogen known as "Harrison's Adventure" and "Scrogen's Grove", a tract adjoining called "Wilder's Mistake", and the water mill.

Daughters, Lydia Kennedy and Jannet Smoot, received certain articles and one-half of the personal estate, the other half to be enjoyed by his widow during life, then to his two sons—Alexander and Benjamin. His granddaughters, Mary Smoot of Henry and Catherine Kennedy, were each devised a negro. In the event that his daughter Mary was living at the time of his death, she was to have £5 and the confirmation of gifts already bequeathed.

His executors were to sell "Lucky" and the proceeds were to be divided between his two grandchildren—Elizabeth Smoot of William and Elizabeth Kennedy of Clement—when they came of age. His wife, whom he named as executrix with his son Alexander, died before the probation of the will, inasmuch as on February 24, 1795, the court records refer to "Alexander S. Smoot as the surviving executor". The inventory of the personal effects was taken on June 14, 1796, with Benjamin S. Smoot and William G. Smoot as the next of kin.

Court records show that Alexander Stoddert Smoot was made the guardian of his brother and sister—Janet and Benjamin Stoddert. Citation was issued at the court of 1797-1799 to Alexander Smoot, executor of Edward Smoot, to show why he had failed to render a final account on the estate.

JOHN SMOOT<sup>5</sup>

(1726 - 1795)

John Smoot, son of John and Posthuma (Ford) Smoot, was born about 1726 in William and Mary Parish, Charles County. He married twice. The identity of his first wife remains in doubt, but his second wife was Anne, daughter of Charles Allison Ford, to whom he was married on April 8, 1779, by the Rev. John McPherson of William and Mary Parish. Her father died in Charles County during 1784 and named his son-in-law John Smoot, daughter Anne Smoot, and grandchildren Samuel and Mary Smoot.

*Children of John Smoot*

1. Mary Anne Smoot married May 27, 1779, John Brown Wilder.
2. Horatio Smoot married thrice. *q.v.*
3. Elizabeth Smoot.
4. John Smoot married Elizabeth Grant. *q.v.*
5. Charles Smoot. *q.v.*
6. David Smoot.
7. Eleanor Smoot married Apr. 6, 1782, Paul Minitree.
8. Samuel Smoot.
9. Mary Smoot, died young.

Being a younger son, John Smoot failed to share in the realty holdings of his deceased father. In 1750, presumably shortly after he obtained majority, he was devised his share of the personal estate by his mother. He established his seat in Trinity Parish where the marriages of his two daughters are recorded in the register. In 1766 he patented "Rogue's Harbor" of 3¼ acres and two years later he received a warrant for "Good Luck" to be surveyed into 44 acres. At the first census he was presumably the John Smoot Sr. who was the head of a family with 2 males over 16 years of age, 4 males under 16 years, 4 females, and 11 slaves.

He died intestate in Charles County. The court named his widow Anne Smoot, the administratrix, while Neale H. Shaw and John E. Ford offered bond. The inventory of his personal estate was taken on September 24, 1795, and appraised at £336/14/6. Horatio Smoot and John B. Wilder signed as next of kin. The proceeds were distributed in 1806 among the widow, the seven surviving children, and Eleanor Minitree (granddaughter) daughter of Eleanor Minitree, deceased.

In 1800 his widow Anne Smoot was the head of a family in William and Mary Parish, Charles County, with two males between the ages of 16 and 26, one female between the same ages, herself over 45, and 20 slaves. She was not the head of a family at the next census.

THOMAS SMOOT<sup>5</sup>

(1729 - 1757)

Thomas Smoot, son of Edward, was born July 9, 1729, in St. Stephen's Parish, Northumberland County, Virginia. He married Sarah, the daughter of Anne Alexander. The latter in her will proved in Northumberland County during 1757 devised her plantation to her son Ewell Alexander during life then to her grandson Thomas Smoot and his male heirs, and for want of heirs to her daughters Winifred Walker, Anne White, Sarah Smoot, and Mary Townsend. To her



daughter Sarah Smoot, she willed the "chest that was formerly her grandmother". Personalty was also left to her grandsons Thomas and Charles Smoot.

*Children of Thomas and Sarah (Alexander) Smoot*

1. Thomas Smoot, *d.s.p.*
2. Charles Smoot, born 1753, married Elizabeth ———. *q.v.*

Thomas Smoot died intestate. An inventory of his personal effects was taken on May 9, 1757. His widow died intestate; the inventory of her estate was made as of April 13, 1761.

CAPTAIN JOHN SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(1748 - 1793)

John Smoot, son of Edward and Anne (Chandler) Smoot, was born about 1748 at "Wicomico Fields", William and Mary Parish, Charles County, Maryland. He married first Elizabeth, born 1749, the daughter of Captain Joseph Douglas and Catherine Musgroves his wife.

*Children of John and Elizabeth (Douglas) Smoot*

1. Catherine Smoot married 1788 John Sydreham Cropper, M.D.  
Issues: Zadoc and Elizabeth who married Henry P. Waggaman.
2. Henry Smoot, died young.
3. Amelia Lee Smoot, died May, 1790.
4. John T. Smoot married Elizabeth Douglas. *q.v.*

John Smoot settled about 1771 upon "Rehoboth" where he constructed Liberty Hall a spacious Georgian mansion, now one of the show places of Dorchester County. At the census of 1790, he had 41 negroes on his plantation, being the largest slave owner in the county.

On May 20, 1778, John Smoot was commissioned a captain of the Third Company of the Upper Battalion of Dorchester County Militia. He was in service as late as April 1, 1780. His mercantile business maintained a fleet of its own ships, some of which were captured by Tories during the war. He was also a county magistrate and represented his district at the first State Assembly of Maryland.<sup>1</sup>

His wife died on July 19, 1787, and was buried in the private burying ground at Liberty Hall. On April 10, 1790, he married Elizabeth Parker.

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<sup>1</sup> Archives, vol. 21, p. 97; vol. 43, p. 126; vol. 45, p. 28; vol. 48, p. 46.

*Children of John and Elizabeth (Parker) Smoot*

5. Joseph Edward Smoot. *q.v.*
6. John Henry Smoot married Keziah Keene. *q.v.*

John Smoot purchased from Eccleston Brown on July 12, 1793, "Sandy Hill" on the upper side of the Northwest Fork Bridge (now Federalsburg, Caroline County), running from the bridge south, then up the street binding on far corner of "John Smoot's Store House". The title, however, did not pass until April 13, 1796, when it was delivered to J. Douglas, the administrator of his estate.

John Smoot before his death controlled a number of mercantile establishments on the Eastern Shore—besides the store at Northwest Fork Bridge, he had one at Crotchers' Ferry. In his concern at Vienna he had Alexander Douglas as his partner, and then there was a lumber firm of Douglas & Smoot, near his seat of "Rehoboth", where also stood a mill.

John Smoot negotiated his will on August 27, 1787, shortly after the death of his first wife. He bequeathed the dwelling-plantation of 440 acres to his son John, also his merchandise interests. Other realty was devised to his two children Catherine and Henry. He died on January 15, 1793, and was buried in the private burying ground at Liberty Hall.

In the meantime he had remarried and become the father of two additional children, all of whom he failed to provide for either by a codicil or a new will. In 1799 his widow married Thomas Jackson at Christ Church, Cambridge, and with him instituted action in the courts for an equaled distribution of the estate.

Furthermore, another law suit developed over a portion of "Rehoboth" about 1806, particularly that portion owned by Launcelot Lee who died intestate about 17—, leaving his sister Amelia Lee his heir-at-law. The latter afterwards married John Anderton, of Dorchester County, who predeceased his wife. Amelia (Lee) Anderton by her will devised the portion of "Rehoboth" to her namesake Amelia Lee Smoot who died intestate, thereupon the land descended to her brother John Smoot and her sister Catherine Cropper, wife of John Cropper. The suit showed that Catherine had died during 1804, leaving Zadoc and Elizabeth Cropper as her only heirs-at-law.

The date of the erection and the builder of Liberty Hall, "Rehoboth", or the Old Turpin Place, as the villagers of Dorchester County refer to it, have been the subject of much controversy. Some of the chambers of commerce on the Shore, tourist bureaus, and writers of Maryland claim that it was constructed as early as 1742 by the Lees, others cite 1757. Mary Turpin Layton was told by her great aunt that Liberty Hall was



AN UNUSUAL STUDY OF LIBERTY HALL OVERLOOKING THE NANTICOKE RIVER  
Built by Captain John Smoot of Rehoboth, Dorchester County, Md.



built by her great-great grandfather John T. Smoot, but writers and promoters of the show places of the Eastern Shore refused to accept this belief. It is she whom the compiler of these chronicles is indebted for the following proof.

The tax list of 1783, original on file at the Maryland Historical Society, shows that John T. Smoot was seated on 908 acres of "Rehoboth" with 1 frame dwelling house, 1 kitchen, 1 granery, 1 saw mill, 1 store house, 14 log slave houses. all located on the Nanticoke. He was further seized of "Robson's Ridge" of 50 acres, with 1 frame dwelling house and 3 log houses, all situated inland; "Hill's Adventure" of 50 acres with 1 frame dwelling and 1 log house, also inland; and "Conclusion" of 360 acres with 1 log house, also inland. His total landed estate in Dorchester County consisted of 1,687 acres, and he was the master of 42 slaves.

Edward Smoot was seized of 523 acres of "Rehoboth", and 3 acres of "Fisher's Lott", both tracts being inland, with 1 dwelling house and 12 log slave quarters. The only other owner of a portion of "Rehoboth" was John Anderton, the husband of Amelia Lee, who was seized of 400 acres with 2 small log houses on the Nanticoke, but his seat was at "Sandy Hill". His landed estate, as has been previously stated, ultimately reverted to the two children of John T. Smoot by his first wife.

When John T. Smoot negotiated his will in 1787, he bequeathed the brick dwelling on his plantation to his son John, therefore, it is an undisputed fact that "Liberty Hall" was erected by him sometime between the years 1783 and 1787.

EDWARD SMOOT<sup>6</sup>  
(1748 - 178-)

Edward Smoot, son of Edward, was born 1748 at "Wicomico Fields", Charles County, Maryland. His wife was Rosannah, the daughter of Thomas Hodson. The following son has been proved, that there were other children is probable.\*

*Children of Edward and Rosannah (Hodson) Smoot*

- I. Samuel Smoot married twice. *q.v.*

During the Revolutionary War, Edward Smoot was justice of the peace in Dorchester County. In 1785 he received a portion of "Rehoboth" from his father, upon which he was already seated. He died prior to 1790 and was buried at "Rehoboth".

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\* Chloe Smoot who married Daniel Caulk, according to license in Dorchester County, could probably be a daughter.

According to the first census, his widow Rosannah Smoot was the head of a family in Dorchester County with one male over 16 years of age, two males under 16, two females, and six slaves. On January 24, 1791, she married John Laine, according to license issued in Dorchester County.

On July 12, 1793, John Lane assigned to John Smoot "Discovery" on the road from Crotchers' Ferry to New Market, at which time Rosanna his wife released her dower.

WILLIAM GROVES SMOOT<sup>6</sup>  
(1755 - 1800)

William Groves Smoot, son of Edward, was born about 1755 at "Wicomico Fields", Charles County. He was the godson of John Hamill Jr. who referred to him in his will in 1760. The wife of William Groves Smoot has not been established nor the names of all his children. The census schedules would indicate that he had at least seven sons and four daughters. Two children have been proved, while a third is inferred.

*Children of William Groves Smoot*

1. Thomas Smoot married Elizabeth Flagg, widow.
2. Elizabeth Smoot.
3. Heathy Smoot married Horatio Smoot. *q.v.*

From the meager facts we have on the personal life of William Groves Smoot, it is concluded that he was indulgent and for that reason his father failed to will him a share of the landed estate, but left it in fee to his grandson, Thomas. At the March session of the court in 1778, William Groves Smoot was arraigned and accused of bartering provisions for rum and sugar on board of the enemy's ship. It is the opinion that his action was due more for the thirst of alcohol, as no gold was exchanged, rather than for any sympathy with the British.

He was bondsman for John Tompkins Jr., when he closed the estate of Mary Brandt.

William Groves Smoot died intestate as well as insolvent sometime shortly after 1800. In the latter year Stephen Lynch, one of the creditors, compelled the court to issue citations against Thomas Smoot, late of Virginia, the son of William Groves Smoot, to ascertain why he failed to request letters of administration for the settlement of his father's estate. The administration was subsequently granted to Stephen Lynch who acquired all assets.

Thomas Smoot, his son, married Elizabeth Flagg, widow, the marriage bond being negotiated in Norfolk County, Virginia, on January 27, 1798, with William Dalby as his surety.

On September 3, 1798, as a resident of Portsmouth, Virginia, he conveyed to Henry Henley, of Charles County, Maryland, the land willed him by his "grandfather Edward Smoot late of Charles County deceased", where his father William G. Smoot was then living, known by the name of "Hatton's Improvement", "Hatton's Land", and "Smith's Gore".

Thomas Smoot died intestate shortly after his father. Stephen Lynch, the creditor and administrator, of his father's estate was issued letters of administration, with Theophilus Tabbs and John Cole, as the bondsmen. Accounts were rendered in 1803 and 1806, showing no distribution nor clues to his legal heirs.

#### LIEUTENANT HENRY SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(1759 - 1820)

Henry Smoot, son of Edward, was born October 26, 1759, in William and Mary Parish, Charles County. At the beginning of the Revolutionary War, he served as a private in Captain Yates' Company of Charles County Militia. After his settlement in Dorchester County, he was commissioned a lieutenant of the Upper Battalion of that county.<sup>1</sup>

On December 23, 1781, by the Rev. William McPherson, of William and Mary Parish, he was married to Elizabeth, the daughter of John and Anne Warren. Her father died in Charles County during 1773, at which time he named his daughter Elizabeth.

#### *Children of Henry and Elizabeth (Warren) Smoot*

1. Mary Smoot married Nov. 14, 1805, David (Daniel) Kennedy.  
Issue: Lydia Anne.
2. Robert Smoot, born 1795, died 1797.
3. Alexander Smoot married twice—Mary Smith on Feb. 27, 1822,  
and Sarah, dau. of Cyrus Bell, on Mar. 7, 1825.
4. Joseph Smoot married twice. *q.v.*
5. Thomas Smoot married twice. *q.v.*
6. Janette Smoot, born Dec. 6, 1801, *d.s.p.*, married Daniel Robertson  
and William L. Drury.
7. Elizabeth Smoot, born Aug. 17, 1803, *d.s.p.* Aug. 17, 1834, married  
Basil Brawner.
8. Edward Smoot married Ariminta Frazier. *q.v.*
9. John W. Smoot married Ardella Smith. *q.v.*

<sup>1</sup> Unpub. Md. Records, D. A. R. Library, vol. 2, p. 295.

In 1783 Henry Smoot was seized of 12 acres of "Gore", 72 acres of "Hatch", and 70 acres of "Hatton's Improvement", all lying in Charles County.

His father deeded him 500 acres of "Rehoboth" in Dorchester County, where he established his domicile. He was drowned on February 13, 1820, while crossing the frozen Nanticoke River at Crotchers Ferry. Some say that it was in the attempt to rescue some horses which had wandered upon the ice, others claim it occurred while he was trying to win a bet.

On March 31, 1821, Thomas Smoot and Alexander Smoot were commissioned to divide the land of their deceased father. The estate was partitioned into eight parts and distributed to the following—Thomas Smoot; Alexander Smoot; David Kennedy in right of his wife Mary; Elizabeth, Mary, and Joseph heirs of Edward Smoot, deceased; Daniel Robertson (Robinson) in right of his wife Janette; John Smoot; Joseph Smoot; and Elizabeth Smoot.

His widow returned to Charles County, where her will was proved on January 12, 1824. She bequeathed her daughter Elizabeth Brawner personalty and wished to confirm the bill of sale to her husband Basil Brawner. She devised her sons Joseph and Thomas, and daughter Jane Robinson certain personal property in Dorchester County.

Thomas Smoot, her son, on October 25, 1826, petitioned the court of Dorchester County for a division of the estate, showing that the widow of Henry Smoot at her decease left a dower in realty. The heirs were Mary Kennedy the wife of Daniel, John Warren Smoot, Alexander Smoot who conveyed his rights to Thomas Smoot, Joseph Smoot who assigned to Daniel Caulk, Elizabeth wife of Basil Brawner, and Jennet the wife of Daniel Robinson.

On March 30, 1831, Thomas H. R. Fowke and Lydia Anne his wife of Charles County, Maryland, deeded to Thomas Smoot, of Dorchester County, Maryland, for \$85.50 their rights and title to one-fifth of the land called "Rehoboth" containing 80 acres which the said Thomas H. R. Fowke and Lydia Anne his wife inherited by the death of Mary Kennedy, the mother of Lydia Anne and wife of Daniel Kennedy, deceased. The tract being the portion of Mary Kennedy in the estate of Henry Smoot, her deceased father. The conveyance was witnessed by Joseph Smoot and John Dunnington in Charles County.

ALEXANDER STODDERT SMOOT <sup>6</sup>

(17— - 1815)

Alexander Stoddert Smoot, eldest son of Edward and Mary Magdaline (Stoddert) Smoot, was born at "Wicomico Fields", William and



Mary Parish, Charles County. On September 8, 1800, he conveyed to Stephen Lynch, of St. Mary's County, land that had been willed him by his father. In 1802 he sold additional realty to James Doyle, of Charles County. At no time did his wife waive her dower rights.

Facts tend to indicate, however, that he married twice, his first marriage occurring in Charles County shortly after 1790, but a thorough search of the records has failed to disclose any conclusive proof of a first union. The census of 1790 establishes him as a bachelor but at the next census of 1800 he had in his household a female born between the years 1755 and 1774, the period in which he was born, and also three males less than ten years of age. These small boys could not possibly be orphaned nephews, and therefore it leaves much to be assumed.

There was an Alexander Smoot who was drafted from Maryland for service in the War of 1812 and who was discharged during 1814 in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, "60 miles from Home". This Alexander Smoot has not been placed among the other Smoots, and it is believed that Alexander Stoddert Smoot at this period was beyond the age for compulsory military service, yet a man born between 1790 and 1800 would be of age for combat.

If the fact of an early marriage is in doubt, it is known, however, that Alexander Stoddert Smoot married Elizabeth, the daughter of Le Roy Hipkins, of Caroline County, Virginia, and his wife Sally Reynolds, of Essex County, Virginia.

*Children of Alexander Stoddert Smoot*

1. Alexander Smoot, *d.s.p.*
2. Archibald Smoot married twice. *q.v.*
3. Mary Magdaline Smoot married William Easton. Issues: Sara and Mary.
4. Eliza Virginia Smoot married ——— Montgomery and ——— Wismal.
5. Sara Ellen Smoot, born Oct. 14, 1811, in D. C., died Nov. 11, 1870, married Moses Waring, born Mar. 17, 1808, Ridgefield, Conn., died Dec. 1, 1884, Mobile, Ala. Issues: Alexander; Bartlett, born 1838; Cora, born 1841, married Dr. Alfred Powell; Marion, born, 1843; Mary, born 1845; Joseph W., born 1848; and Belle, born 1850.

As early as 1806 Alexander Stoddart Smoot established his home in the Federal Capital, where he maintained a mercantile house. He sustained financial reverses, and from time to time he was forced to dispose of his numerous slaves and other personal property to meet his obligations. The last time his name appears on the deed records of the

District of Columbia was July 6, 1814, when he sold a number of slaves to Ezekiel McDaniel.

A letter addressed to him by P. A. L. Contee, dated September 27, 1813, at Pickawaxon, Maryland, authorized him to sell a negress and her child, and at the same time Mr. Contee presented his compliments to Mrs. Smoot and "as you pass to Richmond I hope you will be mind full of your promise to call and pass some time with us at the Glebe".

Alexander Stoddert Smoot died during 1815, apparently in Washington, inasmuch as his interment was in old Holmead Cemetery of that city. His widow remained in the national capital for some time after his death, as is evident from the following certification recorded among the deeds of the District. "I hereby certify that my mother Sarah Hipkins of Port Royal, Virginia, has removed from that place to the County of Washington, D. C., a negro girl about 15 years of age and has placed the girl in my possession". Signed Elizabeth Smoot, dated May 1, 1821.

Her daughters, however, settled in Mobile, Alabama, where they became leaders of the social life of that city. The census of 1860 shows that the husband of Mrs. Moses Waring owned realty assessed at \$200,000 and personalty at \$30,000.

A letter of Mrs. Sallie Hipkins, dated Port Royal, April 21, 1830, to her granddaughter, Mrs. Mary Easton, of Washington, D. C., now in the possession of a descendant, mentioned a letter from Ellen (Mrs. Waring) which tells of a "fine son" born to Eliza (Mrs. Montgomery-Wismal) on February 23, and begs Mrs. Easton to write to Archy.

#### COLONEL BENJAMIN STODDERT SMOOT <sup>6</sup>

(1781 - 1844)

Benjamin Stoddert Smoot, son of Edward and Mary Magdaline (Stoddert) Smoot, was born 1781 at "Wicomico Fields", in William and Mary Parish. Being a minor at the death of his father, he was placed under the guardianship of his brother Alexander.

A valuation of his real estate in 1789 gives an excellent description of the ancestral dwelling on "Wicomico Fields" and reflects the simple grandeur of this branch of the family. The dwelling house of brick (which is understood to be standing today) was 32 feet by 28 feet, the kitchen 20 by 12, the smoker 12 by 10, the tobacco house 40 by 20, the store house 28 by 12, the granery 17 by 12, the brick dairy 10 feet square, the stable (which was noted as new) measured 16 by 12, and the cow barn 60 by 16.

At the attainment of his majority, Benjamin Stoddert Smoot found his estate insolvent, therefore, he abandoned his patrimony and on

horseback sought his fortune in the Territory of Alabama. He located ultimately at St. Stephens, now in Washington County, where he conducted a tavern for a number of years.

In 1808 he married Harriet, born 1792, the daughter of Samuel Mims who lost his life at the massacre of Fort Mims on August 13, 1813.

*Children of Benjamin Stoddert and Harriet (Mims) Smoot*

1. Adeline Smoot, born Oct. 31, 1809, died Sept., 1896, at Mobile, Ala., married Major Elijah Montgomery, of Lexington, Ky., and second in 1834 A. S. Woodstock. Issues second marriage only: Benjamin Smoot; Mary Margaret; Helen; Frances Belt; and others.
2. Edward Smoot married twice, disappeared in 1854.
3. Margaret Smoot married Sebastian S. Jennings, C. S. A., died at Battle of Perryville, Ky., had two sons killed in Civil War.
4. Susan Smoot, born 1824, died 1861, at New Orleans, married Aug. 14, 1840, Lieut. Wm. B. McLean (died 1848), served in Mexican War; she married secondly William E. Dubose, of Baldwin Co., Ala., license Dec. 18, 1848, at Bay Minette; and thirdly Trenton Gibson. Issues: (first) Edgar Oscar; and (second) William.
5. William Smoot, C. S. A., died Richmond 1861.

The first wife of Benjamin Stoddert Smoot died during 1826. On February 10, 1831, in Washington, D. C. he secured license to marry Anne McGuire.

*Children of Benjamin Stoddert and Anne (McGuire) Smoot*

6. Benjamin Smoot married Octavia ———. *q.v.*

On September 4, 1813, Benjamin Stoddert Smoot was commissioned a captain of a mounted militia company in Washington County, Alabama, and served from that date until October 13, same year. He was again in service from November 2, 1813 to January 2, 1814, as major of a Mississippi Militia Battalion, and from April 18, 1814 to October 17, same year, he was at Fort Claiborne under the command of Lieutenant Colonel George H. Nixon, of the Mississippi outfit.

During the subsequent war with the Creek Indians he served on the staff of Andrew Jackson with the rank of colonel. He later settled in Mobile where he was at one time paymaster. He died there during 1844.

HORATIO SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

Horatio Smoot, son of John and Anne Smoot, was born between the years 1775-1794, according to census records, yet he proved the will of Townley Maddox in 1787. It is possible that he married thrice. A son gave his birth year as 1796, which would therefore establish a marriage

prior to July 7, 1799, when he was wedded to his kinswoman Heathy Smoot by the Rev. John C. Brockenborough, one time rector of William and Mary Parish. The parents of Heathy have not been proved, but she is thought to be a daughter of William Groves Smoot, a kinsman and neighbor of Horatio Smoot.

Horatio Smoot married also Bethialand ——— who was probably the daughter of Stephen and Anne Chandler. Bethialand (Bethelhelin) Chandler shared in the estate of her father on February 1, 1801. In his will Horatio Smoot referred to his "last wife".

#### *Children of Horatio Smoot*

1. Sylvester W. Smoot married Mary ———. *q.v.*
2. ——— Smoot married Sylvester W. Goodrick.
3. ——— Smoot married John Herbert.
4. ——— Smoot married Arthur Latimer.
5. ——— Smoot married Peregrine Nevit.
6. John W. Smoot married Mary Elizabeth Posey. *q.v.*
7. Mary Smoot, born Aug. 18, 1811.
8. Horatio Smoot, born Jan. 6, 1813.
9. Thomas Smoot, born June 3, 1821.

Horatio Smoot in 1805 was bondsman for Thomas Latimer when he administered on the estate of Elizabeth Anne Latimer.

On May 22, 1815, Horatio Smoot conveyed "James' Purchase" lying in William and Mary Parish, Charles County, to the heirs of the late Colonel Thomas Harris, of Charles County. The heirs so-named were Thomas Harris, Elizabeth Harris, Joseph Harris, John Francis Harris, Kitty Vincent, wife of William Vincent, Gwynn Harris, Violetta Harris, Nathan Harris, and Morgan Harris.

Horatio Smoot dated his will December 14, 1822, it being proved in Charles County on February 22, 1823, by Arthur Latimer, Elhannah Swann, and Thomas Sriver. He directed that his sons by his "last wife" should have a common English education and then bound out for some profitable trade. He also mentioned single daughters.

On July 15, 1826, Sylvester W. Smoot, Sylvester W. Goodrick, John Herbert, Arthur Latimer, and Peregrine Nevit, the latter four in right of their wives, acknowledged receipt of their share of the estate of Horatio Smoot to Bethialand Smoot, his executrix.

The year before Bethialand Smoot had been appointed by the court guardian of the four minor children, at which time Sylvester W. Smoot and Sylvester W. Goodrick offered bond.

In 1832 John W. Smoot was the administrator of the estate of Behetherland Smoot.

JOHN SMOOT<sup>6</sup>  
(1755 - 1845)

John Smoot, son of John Smoot by his first wife, was born May 11, 1755, in Charles County, Maryland, though his son in 1880 stated Virginia as the birthplace. Before majority he had left the parental roof and had settled in the western portions of Culpeper County, Virginia.

In 1775 he enlisted in a company commanded by Captain Daniel Morgan who was soon promoted to the rank of colonel, consequently Lieutenant John Humphrey was raised to the captaincy. The company rendezvoused at Winchester, and from that point marched to Cambridge, Massachusetts, where it joined the forces of Benedict Arnold, under whom the outfits made their way to Quebec, Canada. John Smoot, however, was taken ill enroute and was sent to Cambridge with other incapacitated soldiers to recuperate. After he regained his health, he marched to Roxbury, Massachusetts, where he joined the company of Captain Hugh Stevenson. He remained there until the Americans captured Boston, after which he with his company marched to Staten Island. He was honorably discharged at the conclusion of the year's enlistment.

In Culpeper County, Virginia, during 1779, he enlisted in the company of Captain Benjamin Roberts, with James Slaughter as the lieutenant. Colonel George Slaughter and Colonel Clark commanded the regiment. His outfit marched from Culpeper to the falls of the Ohio River, now Louisville, arriving during October of 1779, and remaining until the fall of 1780. At this time he hired a man to complete the remainder of his term of six months, consequently he returned to Culpeper County.

In July 1781 he again volunteered and served under Captain Cadwalder Slaughter, of Culpeper County, and was present at York Town during the surrender of Cornwallis.

At the cessation of hostilities, John Smoot returned to Culpeper County, where he married, according to tradition, Elizabeth Grant, a native of Virginia. A complete list of their children has not been determined.

*Children of John and Elizabeth (Grant) Smoot*

1. Armistead Smoot married Anne Riley. *q.v.*
2. John Smoot married Elizabeth Dale. *q.v.*
3. Humphrey Smoot married Sarah Meeks.
4. Elijah Smoot married Elizabeth Jones. *q.v.*
5. Elizabeth Smoot married Aug. 14, 1811, William Dale.
6. Winyann Smoot married Jan. 24, 1803, Ludwith Meeks.

7. Anny Smoot married Mar. 19, 1808, Lewis Brown.
8. Susannah Smoot, born 1795, married Isaac, son of Dixon and Elizabeth (Norman) Brown, of Culpeper Co., Va. License Jan. 7, 1813, Hardin Co., Ky.; moved to Pike Co., Ill. Issues: Maria; Mahala; Squire, born 1816; Owen; Hardin; John; Norman W., born Sept. 23, 1840; Willis, born Sept. 2, 1827; James, born Apr. 22, 1833; Susan; Benjamin; and Jane.

Prior to 1795 John Smoot migrated to Hardin County, Kentucky, and established his seat on Round Stone Creek. In 1805 he was a taxpayer on 325 acres of land. The first available census for Kentucky (1810) indicated that he had a large family.

On September 20, 1832, at Elizabethtown, Kentucky, he applied for a revolutionary pension. His services were certified by John Cole, of Barron County, Kentucky, who served with him under Captain Morgan, and by George M. Bedinger, of Carlisle County, Kentucky, who stated that he had in his possession a receipt book containing about 80 signatures of soldiers belonging to the company of Captain Stevenson. He furthermore certified that he had not seen Smoot for 56 years, but the following appeared in his book.

“Roxbury Camp, January 1, 1776.

Received of Capt. Hugh Stevenson six pounds 12 shillings lawful money in full three months pay as a soldier in the Continental Service and Blanket Money.

John X Smoot.”

His wife, according to family papers, died in 1830. He died May 23, 1845, and was buried in the family burying grounds near Millerstown, Kentucky. His son Elijah was appointed the administrator of the estate.

#### CHARLES SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

Charles Smoot, son of John and Anne (Ford) Smoot, was born between the years 1784 and 1794, in Charles County, Maryland. After 1800 he migrated to Chesterfield District of South Carolina, where by the census of 1810 he was the head of a family with a young wife and daughter less than 10 years of age. Very little information has been obtained on his descendants, but the sketches of the following South Carolinians are believed to be his descendants.

Chandler Smoot, born 1810 in the Chesterfield District, enlisted in 1831 at Charleston in Company F, of the Second United States Regiment of Artillery.

During the Civil War Allison Smoot enlisted at Darlington, South Carolina, in a company commanded by Captain Wood of the Fourth South Carolina Regiment.

Calvin Smoot enlisted at Charleston in Company I of the 18th South Carolina Regiment of Infantry commanded by Colonel Gadberry. In December 1863, he was confined to the hospital at Florence. At the Seige of Petersburg on July 30, 1864, he was taken prisoner by the enemy and carried North. He arrived at Point Lookout, Maryland, on August 5, 1864, from whence he was transferred to Elmira, New York, on July 11, 1865. His papers stated that his home was in Georgetown, Georgia (believed to be South Carolina), and that his complexion was florid, hair dark, eyes blue, and height 5 feet 9 inches. He was released by the Federal Government during the latter part of 1865.

CHARLES SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(1753 - 178-)

Charles Smoot, son of Thomas and Sarah (Alexander) Smoot, was born September 5, 1753, in St. Stephen's Parish, Northumberland County, Virginia. He married Elizabeth ———, who was probably a Widow Way at time of marriage.

*Children of Charles and Elizabeth Smoot*

1. Thomas Smoot, born Jan. 12, 1779, *d.s.p.*
2. William Smoot.
3. Charles Smoot.
4. Elizabeth Smoot.
5. Winifred Smoot.

In 1774 Charles Smoot was indebted to Rawleigh Alexander to the extent of £200. In 1783 one finds him the guardian of Davenport Way and John Way, the orphans of Richard Way. Charles Smoot inherited the 100-acre plantation of his maternal grandmother, Anne Alexander, upon the death of his brother Thomas, when it was recorded in court that all the daughters were deceased except Winifred Walker and that the "said" Charles Smoot was the heir-at-law.

According to the State Enumerations for 1782 Charles Smoot was the head of a family in St. Stephen's Parish with six whites and one negro slave. Two years later the records show that he still had six whites in his household and that the improved property on his plantation consisted of one dwelling and four out buildings.

The estate of Charles Smoot was divided in St. Stephen's Parish, Northumberland County, on April 19, 1788, when the widow received

£22/10/7, Winney Smoot £11/5/4, and Davenport Way who was the guardian of the minor children—William, Charles, and Elizabeth—received £11/5/4 for each of his wards.

His son William Smoot on June 9, 1801, sold the 100-acre plantation of his deceased father to Edward Mitchell, of Fairfax County, Virginia. The land was described as bordering the Wicomico River and adjoining the lands of Rich Edwards, Lancelot Edwards, and Joseph Hudnalls. It is assumed that William Smoot conveyed his holdings prior to his leaving the county, inasmuch as the first available census for Virginia (1810) shows no Smoots as heads of families in Northumberland County.

JOHN T. SMOOT<sup>7</sup>  
(1779 - 1832)

John T. Smoot, son of John and Elizabeth (Douglas) Smoot, was born October 17, 1779, at "Rehoboth", Dorchester County, Maryland. On October 17, 1799, he married his first cousin Elizabeth, daughter of Captain Joseph Douglas of Caroline County, and Rebecca Lee Nichols his wife.

*Children of John and Elizabeth (Douglas) Smoot*

1. Arrietta Smoot, born 1802, died Jan. 1, 1865, married April 15, 1822, Charles Turpin Smith, born Sept. 4, 1794, died Apr. 18, 1857, son of Matthew and Priscilla (Turpin) Smith. Issues: Olivia; Benjamin Conaway; George; John Henry; Joseph Van Buren; Priscilla; Mary Julia; and Arrietta Caroline.
2. Josiah Smoot, born May 1, 1807, died Sept. 6, 1840, married Margaret, dau. of Philip and Mary (Anderson) Feddeman. Issues: Henry and Philip.
3. Nancy Smoot, spinster. ,
4. Eliza Anne Smoot, born 1812, died Nov. 12, 1866, married 1830 Henry, son of Philip and Mary (Anderson) Feddeman. Issue: Mary.
5. Mary Adeline Smoot, born Aug. 30, 1817, died Mar. 24, 1851, married June 7, 1832, Francis B. C. Turpin, son of Major Francis Turpin and his wife Nancy, one-time widow of Capt. Ezekiel Reed, and dau. of Lieut. Matthew Smith. Issues: John Baynard; Elizabeth Anne; Mary Jane; William Henry; Gulia Elma; Francis Thomas; Walter; and George.

John T. Smoot served as member of the State Legislature in 1805. During the War of 1812 he was paymaster of the 11th Maryland Regiment and was ordered into service during April 1813. He resided at "Liberty Hall" until 1812, when financial circumstances forced the sale



of the parental estate to Francis B. C. Turpin whose son later married his daughter. John T. Smoot died in Dorchester County on February 13, 1832.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

(1792 - 1857)

Joseph Edward Smoot, son of John and Elizabeth (Parker) Smoot, was born 1792 in Dorchester County. From Maryland he was appointed a midshipman in the United States Navy on December 1, 1809, and rose successively to the rank of captain.

As midshipman he served on the *U. S. S. Hornet* with Captain James Lawrence and participated in the engagement with the *H. B. M. S. Peacock* and her capture on February 14, 1813. Other vessels on which he saw sea service were *Nonsuch*, *Macedonian*, *Peacock*, *Grampus*, *Erie*, and *Levant*, and had duty at the following Navy Yards—Norfolk, Washington, and Portsmouth. His last command was at the latter station from 1852 to October 1, 1855, from thence he retired to his residence on K Street in the National Capital.

He was one of the three Marylanders who received by an act of the Maryland Legislature a sword at the conclusion of the War of 1812 "for the gallant and good conduct of Joseph Smoot a native of this State and now a lieutenant in the Navy of the United States in the actions between the *Hornet* and *Peacock* and *Hornet* and *Penguin*".

Resolution number one of the Acts of 1858 relates that the late Captain Smoot felt himself aggrieved by the action of the Government of the United States under the act entitled "an act to promote the efficiency of the Navy" and that while suffering under what he conceived to be the wrong and injustice done to him, he departed his life in sorrow and sadness, and Mrs. Anne E. Smoot, his widow, feeling on her part that it would not be proper to retain the sword, returned it to the State of Maryland.

The Governor of Maryland presented the sword which had thus been returned to the State to Algernon Sydney Smoot, son of the late Captain Joseph Smoot, with the charge that he shall cherish it as a testimonial of high appreciation of the State of Maryland for the distinguished service of his late father and that it shall never be drawn from its scabbard for use except in defence of his country, her rights, or her sacred honor.

Joseph Smoot married first Margaret ———, born 1813. She died January 15, 1838, and was interred in Congressional Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

The only child, Virginia, was born 1826 and died 1851. On March 14, 1844, according to license issued in Montgomery County, Maryland, he married Anne, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Gassaway) Darne.

*Children of Joseph and Anne (Darne) Smoot*

1. William Algernon Sydney Smoot married Mary Head. *q.v.*

Captain Joseph Smoot died on March 13, 1857, and was interred in Congressional Cemetery, Washington. His will, dated September 25, 1851, was probated in the District of Columbia on April 10, 1857. He bequeathed his entire estate to his widow for the support of his "only child Sydney". His widow survived until the year 1887.

JOHN HENRY SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

(1794 - 18—)

John Henry Smoot, posthumous son of John and Elizabeth (Parker) Smoot, was born February 1794, in Dorchester County, Maryland. During the War of 1812 he served as a private in Captain Levin Rauleigh's Detachment, an extra battalion of Dorchester County, which was ordered into service during April 1813. On December 29, 1817, he secured license in Dorchester County to marry Keziah Keene. On March 4, 1816, he sold his interest in "Rehoboth" to Ezekiel Wheatley for \$3,500. The 1820 census for Dorchester County showed that he was the head of the family, with two women, one between the ages of 26 and 45, and the other between 16 and 26, one male youth between 10 and 16 years, and a boy under ten.

SAMUEL SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

(1770 - 1854)

Samuel Smoot, son of Edward and Rosannah (Hodson) Smoot, was born July 31, 1770, in Dorchester County, Maryland. On September 24, 1795, his grandfather, Thomas Hodson Sr., of Dorchester County, deeded him for the consideration of natural love and affection, describing him as a son of the late Edward Smoot, a negro called Tom aged 11 years. On December 12, 1793, he purchased from David Harper, of Kent County, Delaware, 3 acres of land on the southwest side of the northwest fork of the Nanticoke River.

Samuel Smoot married first Elizabeth, born February 13, 1781, the daughter of Captain Ezekiel Reed and his wife Nancy Smith. License was issued in Dorchester County on April 7, 1801.

*Children of Samuel and Elizabeth (Reed) Smoot*

1. Anna Maria, died young.
2. Avery Smoot married Emily Hunter Terrett. *q.v.*

His first wife died on December 26, 1807. He married on May 5, 1808, his cousin Elizabeth, daughter of Clement Kennedy and his wife Lydia Smoot. Clement Kennedy in his will proved in Charles County on January 8, 1811, named his daughter Elizabeth Smoot.

*Children of Samuel and Elizabeth (Kennedy) Smoot*

3. Amanda Smoot, born June 25, 1809.
4. Clement Smoot, born Sept. 20, 1811.
5. Lydia Kennedy Smoot, born Aug. 4, 1815, died 1884, married Sept. 28, 1837, John Henry Waggaman, born 1807, died 1888, son of Thomas Ennalls and Martha (Tyler) Waggaman. Issues: Thomas Ennalls, born 1839; Elizabeth, born and died 1842; Samuel, born Oct. 23, 1843; Henry Pierpont, born Jan. 21, 1845; Mary Tyler, born Dec. 10, 1850; John Floyd, born 1852; Emile; and George, born and died 1864.
6. Samuel Clement Smoot married Emma Smallwood. *q.v.*
7. Charles Henry Smoot, born Apr. 14, 1820, *d.s.p.* 1840, married Mary Boshier.
8. John Smoot, born Feb. 20, 1823.
9. Luther Rice Smoot married twice. *q.v.*
10. Rosa Smoot, born Sept. 10, 1827, married Joseph B. Pleasants. License D. C., July 2, 1845.
11. Arminta Smoot, born Apr. 23, 1831, married William H. Pleasants. License D. C., Nov. 2, 1852.

During the War of 1812, Samuel Smoot served in the First District of Columbia Regiment of Field Artillery commanded by Major George Peter, of Georgetown.

About this time or shortly before, Samuel Smoot had moved to the Federal District and settled in the city of Washington. His first acquisition of realty in the District was on October 12, 1814, when he purchased from John Murdock, of Georgetown, land in Georgetown "south of Causeway Street" bordering the Potomac River, which had formerly been owned by William H. Dorsey. He began the manufacture of bricks which became the foundation for the affluence of this branch of the Smoot family.

On April 26, 1816, he bought of George Peter land in Washington City described as "lot numbered 7 in square numbered 1". Agnes Peter, wife of George, waived her dower rights. The first published directory for Washington, that is 1822, lists Samuel Smoot as residing on the "north side of K Street north near Georgetown lower bridge". The

1850 directory shows "Smoot's lime kiln, west side 27 between K and L north". He died on July 8, 1854, and was interred in Congressional Cemetery, Washington.

JOSEPH SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

(1797 - 1846)

Joseph Smoot, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Warren) Smoot, was born November 1, 1797, in Dorchester County, Maryland. At the beginning of the War of 1812 he was sent to the United States Military Academy at West Point, but resigned at the conclusion of the war and settled at the National Capital where he became a prominent manufacturer and merchant. He married his cousin Mary Anne, born June 18, 1805, daughter of Clement Kennedy Jr. (born April 23, 1784) and his wife Pamela (born 1787).

Of seven children born to this union, only one daughter—Mary Jane Smoot—born 1830, survived beyond the infant stage. She married her cousin John D. Dement and become the mother of a son, Ralph, who died without issues.

The birth of her seventh child resulted in the death of the mother and Pamela Smoot died on February 26, 1840. On April 6, 1841, Joseph Smoot married another cousin Julia Anne, born 1819, the daughter of William and Julia (Kennedy) Dement, also a granddaughter of Clement Kennedy.

*Children of Joseph and Julia (Dement) Smoot*

8. Joseph K. Smoot, born 1842, *d.s.p.* in Calif.
9. William H. Smoot married Lavania O'Brien. *q.v.*

Joseph Smoot maintained his residence at 2627 K Street in Washington, built by Robert Peter, where George Washington was once entertained and which became the first British Legation in the United States. Joseph Smoot died April 30, 1846.

During the Civil War residence in Washington was not safe for Confederate sympathizers, consequently Mrs. Smoot leased her residence and retired to her mother's plantation in Prince Georges County, Maryland. The leasee sub-let to the Federal Government which housed from time to time in the 21-room mansion thousands of ex-slaves. And true to the race they destroyed entirely the hand-carved wood work, the frescoing, and other interior features for which the house was noted. Mrs. Smoot lived to celebrate her eightieth birthday and departed on July 8, 1901.

THOMAS SMOOT<sup>7</sup>  
(1799 - 1853)

Thomas Smoot, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Warren) Smoot, was born November 15, 1799, according to the records of Christ Church, Cambridge, Maryland. On September 29, 1819, he married Rebecca, born February 5, 1801, the daughter of Amos and Mary Nichols Robertson, of Caroline County, Maryland.

*Children of Thomas and Rebecca (Robertson) Smoot*

1. Henrietta Smoot, born 1820, died 1830.
2. Thomas Henry Smoot married Lovica Ann Hackett. *q.v.*
3. William Robertson Smoot married Elizabeth Cannon. *q.v.*
4. Mary Elizabeth Smoot, born 1827, died 1835.

His first wife died on March 9, 1832; he married secondly Mary Frances, born 1812 in South Carolina, the daughter of George A. Z. Smith, then a resident of Vienna, Dorchester County. The license was obtained in the latter place on November 24, 1841.

*Children of Thomas and Mary Frances (Smith) Smoot*

5. Anne Elizabeth Smoot, born 1842, spinster.
6. Rebecca Janet Smoot, born 1843, died 1908, married 1859, Joseph Bramble. Issues: George Otis; Cora E.; Frank; Archer Smoot; Edward; Mary King; Elizabeth; and Frances Rebecca.
7. Mary Frances Smoot, born 1846.
8. George Henry Smoot, born 1848, died 1862.
9. Sarah Araminta Florence Smoot, born Apr. 20, 1850, died Apr. 10, 1932, married Mar. 14, 1872, William Robert Hearne, died Mar. 13, 1921. Issues: William Edward, born July 21, 1874; Mary Frances, born Jan. 1, 1876; Lucy, born Feb. 11, 1878; Ava Judson, born Jan. 5, 1887; and Daniel Archer, born Dec. 4, 1880.
10. Edith E. Smoot, born June 19, 1853, died Feb. 22, 1907, married Charles Middleton, born May 19, 1847, died Oct. 6, 1928, resided in Virginia. Issues: Charles Bell, born June 4, 1871; William, born Jan. 1, 1874; George F., born June 13, 1876.

Thomas Smoot resided near Crotchers Ferry, Dorchester County, until 1849, when he moved to St. Mary's County. He died there on November 24, 1853, and was buried at Leonardtown.

His will was dated October 5, 1852, and proved in St. Mary's County on December 5, 1853. He bequeathed his son Thomas \$5.00 and his son William \$10.00. The residue of his estate was left to his wife Frances during widowhood, then it was to be partitioned among the children

“which shall be left by me with her at the time of my death” that is, Anne Elizabeth, Rebecca J., Mary Frances, George Henry, Sarah A. F., and Edith E.

His widow returned to Vienna, Dorchester County, where most of the children married.

#### EDWARD SMOOT <sup>7</sup>

Edward Smoot, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Warren) Smoot, was born in Dorchester County, Maryland. On February 25, 1804, he married Ariminta Frazier. He died leaving a young family—Elizabeth; Mary; and Joseph (died Dec. 23, 1831). His widow on January 6, 1814, married Samuel Le Compte.

#### JOHN WARREN SMOOT <sup>7</sup> (1786 - 1832)

John Warren Smoot, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Warren) Smoot, was born May 10, 1786, in Dorchester County. During the War of 1812, he served as a private in Captain William S. Harper's Company, of the 11th Maryland Regiment. On January 8, 1817, he married Ardella, the daughter of Matthew and Priscilla (Turpin) Smith; he died February 14, 1832.

#### *Children of John and Ardella (Smith) Smoot*

1. Charles Thomas Smoot, born June 5, 1818, died Sept. 19, 1863, married Margaret Bell, died May 9, 1883. License Oct. 24, 1842, Dor. Co.

#### ARCHIBALD SMOOT <sup>7</sup> (1803 - 18—)

Archibald Smoot, son of Alexander Stoddert Smoot, was born about the year 1803 in Maryland. He settled in Mobile County, Alabama, where during December 1830, he married Aurelia, the daughter of John Taylor, of Clarke County, Alabama. Six children were born, but only one matured and married. The following children were at home at the 1850 census.

#### *Children of Archibald and Aurelia (Taylor) Smoot*

1. Anna Mary Smoot, born 1833, married 1853 Henry Hall.
2. Ellen W. Smoot, born 1838.
3. Aurelia Smoot, born 1841.

His first wife died young, and he married secondly Sarah A. Kimball, born 1824, in Clarke County, Alabama. After 1850 he moved to Jackson in Clarke County, where in 1860 he and his second wife were the only members of his immediate household. He was listed as a miller, with realty appraised at \$500 and personalty at \$10,000.

CAPTAIN BENJAMIN HUGH SMOOT, C. S. A.<sup>7</sup>  
(1835 - 1899)

Benjamin Hugh Smoot, son of Benjamin Stoddert and Anne (McGuire) Smoot, was born 1835 in Alabama. He married Octavia ———, born 1833 in Alabama. At the census of 1860, he was employed in the United States Post Office at Mobile and had realty appraised at \$3,000 and a personalty estate of \$3,000. In his household besides an infant son, Benjamin T., were his widowed mother, aged 48 and born in Maryland; Catherine A. Tilghman aged 8; Fanny Tilghman aged 5, and Lola Hollinger aged 18. He served as a captain in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, and died in 1899 at Selma, Alabama.

SYLVESTER W. SMOOT<sup>7</sup>  
(1796 - 18—)

Sylvester W. Smoot, son of Horatio, was born 1796 in Charles County, and married Mary ———, born 1797. The following children were at home according to the 1850 census—Mary, born 1822; Lucy, born 1830; and Margaret, born 1838. According to the next census, his post office address was Newport, where he was domiciled with his two maiden daughters, Lucy and Margaret.

JOHN W. SMOOT<sup>7</sup>  
(1809-1847)

John W. Smoot, son of Horatio, was born September 24, 1809, in Charles County. He married Mary Elizabeth Posey, born 1814, in Maryland, the daughter of Vincent Posey.

*Children of John W. and Mary Elizabeth (Posey) Smoot*

1. Eleanor B. Smoot, born 1832.
2. Lemuel Smoot, born 1836, married Mary ———. *q.v.*
3. Jane Catherine Smoot, born 1838.
4. David Smoot, born 1841.

The will of John W. Smoot was dated February 14, 1847, and proved in Charles County on March 16, 1847, by Sylvester W. Smoot, Mahalabel Shorter, and Thomas Smoot. He bequeathed his entire estate to his wife Mary Elizabeth during widowhood, then to his four named children.

At the 1850 census his widow was domiciled in Allen's Fresh District of Charles County, with realty assessed at \$2,000. She subsequently married Joseph F. Hayden who in 1852 was the guardian of Lemuel and David Smoot.

ARMISTEAD SMOOT<sup>1</sup>  
(1783 - 1845)

Armistead Smoot, son of John and Elizabeth (Grant) Smoot, was born about 1783 in Culpeper County, Virginia. He accompanied his parents to Hardin County, Kentucky, where on December 28, 1803, by the Rev. Joseph Paddox he was married to Nancy Riley, born 1784, in Pennsylvania.

*Children of Armistead and Anne (Riley) Smoot*

1. Ira Smoot, born 1804, married Minerva ———, born 1821, in Ark.; lived in Sevier Co., Ark. Issues: Frances, born 1838; Roger, born 1840; Mary, born 1842; John, born 1844; Matilda, born 1847; and Nancy, born 1850.
2. John Smoot, born 1805, married Lorinda ———, born 1811, in Ill.; lived in Sevier Co., Ark. Issues: William, born 1833; Sarah, born 1835; John, born 1845; Lorinda, born 1846; Tom Benton, born 1848.
3. Norman Smoot, born 1812, married Evelane ———, born 1817, in Ark. Issues: Charles, born 1835; Jane, born 1837; John, born 1839; Malissa, born 1842; Elizabeth, born 1845; William, born 1848.
4. Elijah Smoot, born 1822, in Ill.
5. Eleanor Smoot, born 1826, in Ark.
6. Bathenea Smoot, born 1831.
7. Elizabeth Smoot, born 1831, married Jacob Bradshaw, born 1827, in Ark.

On September 18, 1812, he enlisted as a private in Captain Aaron Hart's Mounted Regiment of Kentucky Volunteers, and marched to Vincennes, Territory of Indiana, where he was present at muster on September 28, same year. He supplied his own horse which was appraised by the Army as \$87.00. He was discharged at Buseron, Indiana, on October 30, 1812, and was allowed 8 days traveling expenses at 20 miles per day to his home in Kentucky.



After the war he left his home in Hardin County and lived for a while in Illinois where his son Elijah was born in 1822. By 1826 he was established in Sevier County, Arkansas, where he died on November 1, 1845.

When his widow applied for bounty land in the fifties, John Smoot, Sr., of Marion County, Missouri, stated that he was present at the marriage of Armistead and Nancy Riley, and that he served in the same company with him during the War of 1812.

On August 28, 1871, his widow of Scott County, Arkansas, applied for a pension in right of her husband's services in the war, but her application was rejected inasmuch as Armistead Smoot had been in the service less than 60 days, the minimum time required to qualify for a pension. At that time she was residing with her daughter, Elizabeth Bradshaw, of Black Jack, Arkansas. Nearby was also her son Elijah Smoot who was the head of a family with Susan Smoot, aged 37, and four other members bearing the name of Skidmore.

#### JOHN SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

John Smoot, son of John and Elizabeth (Grant) Smoot, was born in Culpeper County, Virginia. He migrated to Hardin County, Kentucky, with his parents, and there on December 8, 1804, he secured license to marry Elizabeth Dale. On September 18, 1812, he enlisted as a private in Captain John Thomas' Company of Kentucky Mounted Volunteers. In 1825 he settled in Marion County, Missouri, where he was living when the widow of his brother, Armistead, applied for bounty land.

#### HUMPHREY SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

Humphrey Smoot, son of John and Elizabeth (Grant) Smoot, was born in Culpeper County, Virginia. He accompanied his parents to Hardin County, Kentucky, about 1795, where some years later he volunteered for the war of 1812. He enlisted on September 18, 1812, in Captain John Thomas' Company, of Kentucky Mounted Volunteers, and served also under Captain Aaron Hart. He was present at muster at Vincennes, Territory of Indiana, and was discharged on October 30, 1812, with his brothers Armistead and John. He reenlisted later and mustered at Camp Jackson on December 31, 1814, and another record shows him a substitute for James Butler on May 18, 1815. He obtained license on August 30, 1816, in Hardin County to marry Sarah Meeks. One son has been established—Humphrey Smoot who married Lovina Fletcher. *q.v.*

ELIJAH SMOOT<sup>7</sup>  
(1802 - 1888)

Elijah Smoot, son of John and Elizabeth (Grant) Smoot, was born April 4, 1802, in Kentucky. Upon majority he established his homestead near Senora, Hardin County, where he is located at subsequent censuses. In 1880 he stated that he was born in Kentucky and that his father and mother were born in Virginia. He married Elizabeth Jones, born 1803, who stated in 1880 that she was born in Virginia as well as her father and mother. Elijah Smoot died on April 5, 1888, in Kentucky.

*Children of Elijah and Elizabeth (Jones) Smoot*

1. Minerva Jane Smoot married Lovira J. Wright. License Hardin Co., May 8, 1846.
2. Thornton Smoot, born 1828.
3. Julia Smoot, born 1829.
4. Emily Smoot, born May 16, 1831, died Feb. 9, 1909, married Josiah Edward Best, Jr., born Aug. 3, 1825, died Mar. 19, 1900. License Hardin Co., June 9, 1847.
5. Elizabeth Smoot, born 1835.
6. John Smoot, born 1838.
7. Lewis J. Smoot, born 1839, married Kathleen ———, born 1847.
8. Mary Smoot, born 1841.
9. Robert Smoot, born 1842.
10. Martha Smoot, born 1844.
11. Alice Smoot, born 1848.

LIEUT. WILLIAM ALGERNON SYDNEY SMOOT, U. S. A.<sup>8</sup>  
(1845 - 1886)

William Algernon Sydney Smoot, son of Joseph and Anne (Darne) Smoot, was born March 12, 1845, at Norfolk, Virginia, but spent his early days in the National Capital. During the Civil War he served as First Lieutenant of the First Maryland Regiment of Infantry of the Northern Forces.

At Brookline, Massachusetts, on April 25, 1866, he married Mary Bangs, born March 4, 1847, at Medford, Massachusetts, the daughter of Edward Francis and Mary Hall (Bangs) Head.

*Children of William Sydney and Mary (Head) Smoot*

1. William Sydney Smoot, born Feb. 25, 1868.
2. Sarah Marquard Smoot, born June 26, 1869.
3. Anna Titcomb Smoot, born Feb. 25, 1871, married April 11, 1898, Patrick Tracy Jackson, born Nov. 7, 1871. Issues: Anna Loring,

- born Oct. 5, 1904; Patrick Tracy, born Nov. 19, 1906; and Jonathan, born Sept. 3, 1913.
4. Joseph Edward Smoot, born Oct. 9, 1873.
  5. Charles Head Smoot, born Dec. 6, 1878, married Oct. 12, 1910, Katherine Elizabeth Ryan. Issues: Mary Katherine; Charles Head; and William Sydney.
  6. Mary Smoot, born Feb. 25, 1880.
  7. Margaret Smoot, born Aug. 14, 1885.

William Sydney Smoot died on February 18, 1886, at Evanston, Illinois. His will was admitted to probate on April 19, 1886, at Suffock, Massachusetts, upon the testimony of W. Marquand, A. E. Beal, and Anne E. Smoot. His widow Mary Smoot was bequeathed the entire estate, real and personal. On February 6, 1891, Charles Head, of Boston, testified at the settlement of the estate that William S. Smoot last lived in Evanston, Illinois, and died possessed of goods in the County of Suffock, leaving a widow and seven minor children, all residents of Evanston.

AVERY SMOOT<sup>8</sup>  
(1805-1866)

Avery Smoot, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Reed) Smoot, was born September 15, 1805, in Dorchester County, Maryland. His young manhood was spent at the National Capital, where on November 22, 1832, he secured license to marry Emily Hunter Terrett, of Fairfax County, Virginia. He died on April 24, 1866, and was interred in Congressional Cemetery, Washington. The following children were remembered by a descendant.

*Children of Avery and Emily (Terrett) Smoot*

1. Julia West Smoot, born 1842, married Roland M. Jones, born 1840 in Penn. License Fairfax Co., Va., Nov. 8, 1871.
2. Elizabeth Terrett Smoot married A. M. Hughes, of Tenn.
3. Samuel Clement Smoot.
4. Edward Dade Smoot, born 1851.

SAMUEL CLEMENT SMOOT, U. S. N.<sup>8</sup>  
(1818 - 1867)

Samuel Clement Smoot, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Kennedy) Smoot, was born February 3, 1818, in the District of Columbia. There on April 29, 1846, he secured license to marry Emma, daughter of Thomas and Dorothy Smallwood. He was a doctor of medicine and was at one time connected with the faculty of the Medical College of George

Washington University. Unlike most of his family who were actively engaged in the cause of the Confederacy, he was of Northern sympathy, and on October 5, 1861, he was commissioned an Assistant Surgeon in the United States Navy. He resigned, however, on January 27, 1862, owing to ill-health, and died during the year 1867.

*Children of Samuel and Emma (Smallwood) Smoot*

1. Kenneth Russell Smoot, born Apr. 18, 1857, married Jane Eyer. *q.v.*
2. Matilda Smoot, born June 23, 1859, died May 29, 1917, married Duane Edwin, son of Perrin and Louisa Maria (Newton) Fox. Issues: Dorothy; Frank Boughton; Newton Kennedy; and Christine.

MAJOR LUTHER RICE SMOOT, C. S. A.<sup>8</sup>

(1824 - 1892)

Luther Rice Smoot, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Kennedy) Smoot, was born September 24, 1824, in the District of Columbia. At Baltimore on June 10, 1844, he first married Sarah Edmondia, born November 20, 1825, the daughter of Andrew Miller and Eliza (Upperman) Laub.

*Children of Luther and Sarah (Laub) Smoot*

1. Benjamin Stoddert Smoot married Mary Moore. *q.v.*

Prior to the Civil War Luther Rice Smoot was a prominent banker and leading financier of the National Capital, with a residence at one time on Tenth Street. When Lincoln called for volunteers to coerce the South, he departed immediately for Richmond, offered his services to the Confederate Government, and received a commission with the grade of Captain in the Quartermaster Department. He was later advanced to the rank of major and assigned to the General Staff.

After the war he settled in Baltimore. His wife died on May 21, 1869, thereupon at Baltimore on November 16, 1871, he married Alice Slingluff, of that well-known family of Southern Maryland.

*Children of Luther and Alice (Slingluff) Smoot*

2. Eliza Slingluff Smoot, born Nov. 3, 1872, married June 4, 1895, Harry Courtney Shriver. Issue: Carrie Courtney, born June 2, 1896, married June 26, 1920, Marcellus Edward McDowell.
3. Charles Deardoef Smoot, born Feb. 21, 1874, married June 7, 1913, Lillian McCracken.

Luther Rice Smoot maintained a prominent position in Baltimore until his death on April 28, 1892, at his residence 1416 Bolton Street.

WILLIAM HENRY SMOOT, C. S. A.<sup>8</sup>

(1845 - 1885)

William Henry Smoot, son of Joseph and Julia Anne (Dement) Smoot, was born April 11, 1845, in Washington, D. C. At the outbreak of the Civil War he was in school at Blacksburg, Virginia, and at the early age of 16 years he, with his entire class at school, enlisted in the Confederate Army. He served faithfully throughout the War between the States and was furloughed near Richmond. He made his way to Washington mostly on foot only to find his mother's residence infested with hordes of negro refugees. He then traveled to his grandmother's home in Maryland. And as he was coming up the path to the house, his mother who was on the porch saw an unkempt, emaciated man with several weeks' growth of beard and bare-footed. She became alarmed and started to return to the house when he cried, "Mother, don't you know me?" Her first remark was "But where are your boots?" "I ate them before I left Richmond."

In 1869 he married Lavania, the daughter of Matthew and Hannah (Harrison) O'Brien, of Avandale, Fairfax County, Virginia. The license was issued in Fairfax County and stated that the prospective bride was aged 22 and was born in Baltimore, Maryland. William Henry Smoot died about December 1, 1885.

*Children of William and Lavania (O'Brien) Smoot*

1. 2. Two children died in infancy.
3. John D. Smoot married Emily Kenrick. *q.v.*

THOMAS HENRY SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

(1822 - 1910)

Thomas Henry Smoot, son of Thomas and Rebecca (Robertson) Smoot, was born November 13, 1822. He married Lovica Ann, born April 12, 1825, the daughter of Luke and Nancy (Darby) Hackett. He and his wife died during 1910 in Dorchester County, Maryland.

*Children of Thomas and Lovica (Hackett) Smoot*

1. William Perry Smoot married Eliza Jane Hackett. *q.v.*
2. Luke Henry Smoot married Rebecca Wheatley. *q.v.*
3. Sarah Smoot, born 1853, married Joseph Calloway.
4. Nancy Rebecca Smoot, born 1855, married George Russell.
5. Mary Elizabeth Smoot, born 1857, died 1876.
6. Janett Frances Smoot, born 1859, married George Hall.

7. Gulie Elma Smoot, born 1861, married William Mason.
8. Lovie Lee Smoot, born 1863, married Albert S. Hurtt.
9. Laura Lovicy Smoot, born 1866, died 1900, married Priestley Wheatley.
10. Annie Thomas Smoot, born 1869, married John C. Hook.

WILLIAM ROBERT SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

(1825 - 1893)

William Robertson Smoot, son of Thomas and Rebecca (Robertson) Smoot, was born March 4, 1825, in Dorchester County, Maryland. On July 24, 1856, he married Elizabeth Davis, the daughter of Truston Polk and Elizabeth (Davis) Cannon.

*Children of William and Elizabeth (Cannon) Smoot*

1. Joanna Smoot, born 1857, died 1922, married W. H. Valliant and P. H. McShane.
2. Truston Cannon Smoot married twice. *q.v.*
3. Melissa Elmer Smoot, born 1861, died 1916, married W. E. Brown.
4. Estella Smoot, born 1863, died 1934, married Thomas Todd.
5. Rebecca Smoot, born 1866, married Walter Sparklin.
6. Elizabeth Augusta Smoot, born 1872, died 1931, married Linwood Beauchamp and W. E. Brown.

William Robertson Smoot was struck by a railroad train which was the cause of his death on August 19, 1893. He was interred at Denton, Maryland. His will was admitted to probate September 5, 1893, in Caroline County, Maryland.

LEMUEL SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

(1836 - 18—)

Lemuel Smoot, son of John W. and Mary Elizabeth (Posey) Smoot, was born about 1836 in Charles County. He married Mary W. ———, born about 1842 in Maryland. According to the 1860 census, he was living near Tompkinsville, Maryland, with his wife, infant daughter Lestine M. Smoot, and his bachelor brother David.

HUMPHREY SMOOT, C. S. A.<sup>8</sup>

(1820 - 1882)

Humphrey Smoot, son of Humphrey and Sarah (Meeks) Smoot, was born January 7, 1820, presumably in Hardin County, Kentucky. On February 8, 1846, he married Lovina Fletcher, born June 12, 1830.

*Children of Humphrey and Lovina (Fletcher) Smoot*

1. John Smoot, born July 14, 1847, died Dec. 26, 1867.
2. Maryan Smoot, born Oct. 17, 1848.
3. Evelyne Smoot, born June 10, 1851, died Apr. 9, 1902, married Charles Smith.
4. Charles Smoot, born Nov. 10, 1854, died Apr. 28, 1860.
5. Catherine Smoot, born Aug. 25, 1856, died Feb. 22, 1859.
6. Samuel Smoot, born 1860, died 1861.
7. Sterling Smoot married Martha McGrath. *q.v.*
8. Addie Smoot, born Sept. 1, 1864, died 1865.
9. Helena M. Smoot, born Oct. 4, 1866, married Joseph Northmore.
10. Minnie M. Smoot, born May 12, 1869, married thrice.
11. Lucy Smoot, born Jan. 6, 1872, married Frank Stevenson.
12. Edith Smoot, born 1875, died 1878.
13. Ira Smoot.

During the War between the States Humphrey Smoot served under General Sterling Price of the Confederate Army. After the conflict, Humphrey Smoot settled in Montana, and in the seventies, went to California, where he died May 21, 1882. His widow died September 17, 1907.

KENNETH RUSSELL SMOOT<sup>9</sup>

(1857 - 1932)

Kenneth Russell Smoot, son of Samuel Clement and Emma (Smallwood) Smoot, was born April 18, 1857, at Washington, D. C. He married Jane, the daughter of Daniel and Nancy Bennett Eyer.

*Children of Kenneth and Jane (Eyer) Smoot*

1. Clement Eyer Smoot, born Apr. 7, 1884, married Madge Miller. Issues: Frederick Miller, born Mar. 30, 1912; Clement Eyer, born Jan. 30, 1914; and Peter, born Sept. 13, 1920.
2. Eleanor Smoot, born Dec. 12, 1885, married Samuel Spelman Holmes. Issues: Samuel Spelman, born July 17, 1911; Kenneth Smoot, born Nov. 19, 1912; Jane Eyer, born Jan. 29, 1914; John Russel, born Nov. 15, 1915; Alice, born Apr. 16, 1920; and David, born Sept. 16, 1921.
3. Emma Smoot, born Jan. 6, 1893, married Ernest Ford Nolting. Issues: William Thomas, born May 6, 1920; and Mary Jane, born Jan. 28, 1930.

Kenneth Russell Smoot maintained his home at one time in Chicago, from which place in 1908 he settled in California where he died May 29, 1932.

BENJAMIN STODDERT SMOOT<sup>9</sup>

(1856 - 1901)

Benjamin Stoddert Smoot, son of Luther and Sarah (Laub) Smoot, was born January 21, 1856, in the National Capital. On January 30, 1878, he married Mary Gideon, daughter of William George and Mary Gideon (Rose) Moore, at Baltimore, Maryland. He died in the South about 1901.

*Children of Benjamin and Mary (Moore) Smoot*

1. Mary Moore Smoot, born Nov. 16, 1878, at Phila., died Feb. 17, 1920, married first William Hamilton Edwards on Sept. 29, 1897, and second Emil C. Wagner. Issues (first): William George Edwards, born Nov. 22, 1898; Charles Francis Edwards, died young; and Hugh Stanford Edwards, born July 5, 1906.
2. Perry Myers Smoot married twice. *q.v.*

JOHN D. SMOOT<sup>9</sup>

John D. Smoot, son of William and Lavana (O'Brien) Smoot, was born November 27, 1873. In Baltimore on August 24, 1895, he married Emily, the daughter of Joseph and Emily Kendrick, of Washington, D. C. One son—John Henry Smoot—was born. (*q.v.*) John D. Smoot resides in the National Capital.

WILLIAM PERRY SMOOT<sup>9</sup>

(1848 - 1918)

William Perry Smoot, son of Thomas Henry and Lovica Ann (Hackett) Smoot, was born November 8, 1848. On August 11, 1870, he married Eliza Jane, born October 11, 1843, the daughter of Thomas and Emaline (Wheatley) Hackett. He resided in Dorchester County, where he died April 26, 1918. His widow died on August 3, 1923.

*Children of William Perry and Eliza (Hackett) Smoot*

1. Thomas Luther Smoot, born June 16, 1871, married Mary Elizabeth, dau. of Joseph H. C. and Nancy (Lankford) Bryan. Issues: Ernest Rutherford Smoot\*, born July 9, 1901; Harlon Clay Smoot, born June 28, 1904.
2. William Edgar Smoot, born 1875, died 1876.
3. Rutherford Burchard Smoot, born Aug. 18, 1879, died July 6, 1934, married Nov. 30, 1904, Cora Ellen, born Oct. 24, 1881, dau. of Samuel and Margaret (Philips) Cole.

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\* Note: He married April 28, 1929, Hilda Lucile, dau. of Norwood and Addie (Plummer) Conrey.



LUKE HENRY SMOOT<sup>9</sup>

Luke Henry Smoot, son of Thomas and Lovica Ann (Hackett) Smoot, was born October 12, 1850. He married on April 19, 1876, Rebecca, daughter of Jesse K. and Margaret Wheatley. His wife died February 28, 1918.

*Children of Luke and Rebecca (Wheatley) Smoot*

1. Homer Smoot, married Geneva Cordy. *q.v.*
2. Irving F. Smoot married Bessie D. Wilson. *q.v.*
3. Florence Smoot, born Aug. 16, 1889, married Nov. 26, 1914, Curtis Wolf.

TRUSTON CANNON SMOOT<sup>9</sup>

(1859 - 1928)

Truston Cannon Smoot, son of William Robertson and Elizabeth Davis (Cannon) Smoot, was born October 24, 1859. He married first Fannie M. Griffith, daughter of William J. and Drucilla (Clayvelle) Griffith, on April 10, 1889.

*Children of Truston and Fannie (Griffith) Smoot*

1. Harvey Clinton Smoot, born Aug. 27, 1891, married Sophia Schwartz.
2. Ralph Griffith Smoot, born Nov. 21, 1893, married Ivy Ruth Curry.
3. Aubrey Cannon Smoot, born Aug. 29, 1898, married Jan. 17, 1925, Eleanor Virginia Norris. Issues: Aubrey Cannon, born Nov. 19, 1925; William Norris, born Feb. 4, 1928.
4. Merrill Clayvelle Smoot, born Sept. 15, 1902, married Helen Josephine Rouse.

His first wife died September 9, 1924, thereupon he married secondly Laura Cannon, a kinswoman. He was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with charges on the Eastern Shore and in Delaware. He died April 23, 1928; his widow survived until January 16, 1935.

STERLING PRICE SMOOT<sup>9</sup>

Sterling Price Smoot, son of Humphrey and Lovina (Fletcher) Smoot, was born December 18, 1861, in Kentucky. He married on June 21, 1888, Martha J. McGrath, born April 14, 1869.

*Children of Sterling and Martha (McGrath) Smoot*

1. Leslie Raymond Smoot, born Oct. 19, 1889.
2. Harold James Smoot, born Aug. 30, 1891, married Hazel Smith.
3. Newell Smoot, born Mar. 24, 1893.

4. Helen Mildred Smoot, born June 21, 1894, died 1907.
5. Forrest Vern Smoot, born Aug. 11, 1896, married Nov. 28, 1917, Anna Vandegrift Gibson, born May 14, 1900. Issues: Virginia Marion, born Feb. 19, 1920, and Maxine Ann, born Jan. 11, 1930.
6. Stanley Smoot, born July 21, 1899.
7. Leland Price Smoot, born Apr. 12, 1903, married Esther Horst.

#### COLONEL PERRY MYERS SMOOT <sup>10</sup>

Perry Myers Smoot, son of Benjamin Stoddert and Mary (Moore) Smoot, was born April 22, 1882, in Washington, D. C. At that place on November 29, 1905, he married Mary Catherine, the daughter of William and Mary Catherine (Busey) Henry. She died in Honolulu on November 6, 1930, and on March 24, 1932, he married Caroline Vedder, of Springville, New York. Perry Smoot is the Adjutant General of the Territorial Militia of Hawaii, with the rank of colonel.

#### *Children of Perry and Mary Catherine (Henry) Smoot*

1. Christine Kenning Smoot, born Sept. 25, 1906.
2. Richard Henry Smoot, born July 10, 1910, married July 2, 1932, Norda Prebble Bailey, of Berkeley, Cal. Issue: Donna Mary, born July 1, 1933.
3. John van der Poel Smoot, born Aug. 14, 1913.
4. Robert Moore Smoot, born Oct. 12, 1914.

#### JOHN HENRY SMOOT <sup>10</sup>

John Henry Smoot, son of John D. and Emily (Kenrick) Smoot, was born in Washington, D. C. His first marriage occurred in 1919, when he wedded Mildred Hurd, by whom one child, Mildred MacLeod, was born on February 26, 1921. On November 5, 1929, he married Marion Elton, who became the mother of his son, John Henry II, on September 1, 1932. He maintains his residence in New York City, where he is engaged in patent law.

#### HOMER SMOOT <sup>10</sup>

(1878 - 1929)

Homer Smoot, son of Luke Henry and Rebecca (Wheatley) Smoot, was born March 23, 1878, and died March 23, 1929. He married Geneva Gordy and maintained his residence at Sharptown, Maryland.

*Children of Homer and Geneva (Gordy) Smoot*

1. Roger Lee Smoot, born Nov. 6, 1905, married Ida Friese, of W. Va.  
Issues: Roger Lee, born Apr. 22, 1930; Geneva Eloise, born July 24, 1931.
2. Eleanor Smoot, born 1907, died 1913.
3. Francis Lucille Smoot, born Mar. 1909.
4. Alexander Smoot.
5. Jeanette Irving Smoot, born Feb. 28, 1919.

IRVING F. SMOOT<sup>10</sup>

Irving F. Smoot, son of Luke Henry and Rebecca (Wheatley) Smoot, was born January 23, 1884. He married on March 2, 1910, Bessie, daughter of Ezikel and Louise Wilson.

*Children of Irving and Bessie (Wilson) Smoot*

1. Louise D. Smoot, born Jan. 7, 1911, married Feb. 14, 1935, Walter McNeilly.
2. Rebecca L. Smoot, born Nov. 30, 1913, married Dec. 26, 1930, Dale Wheatley.
3. William I. Smoot, born Sept. 30, 1915.
4. Anne Wilson Smoot, born May 24, 1925.

## THOMAS SMOOT, GENT.<sup>2</sup>

(1634 - 1668)

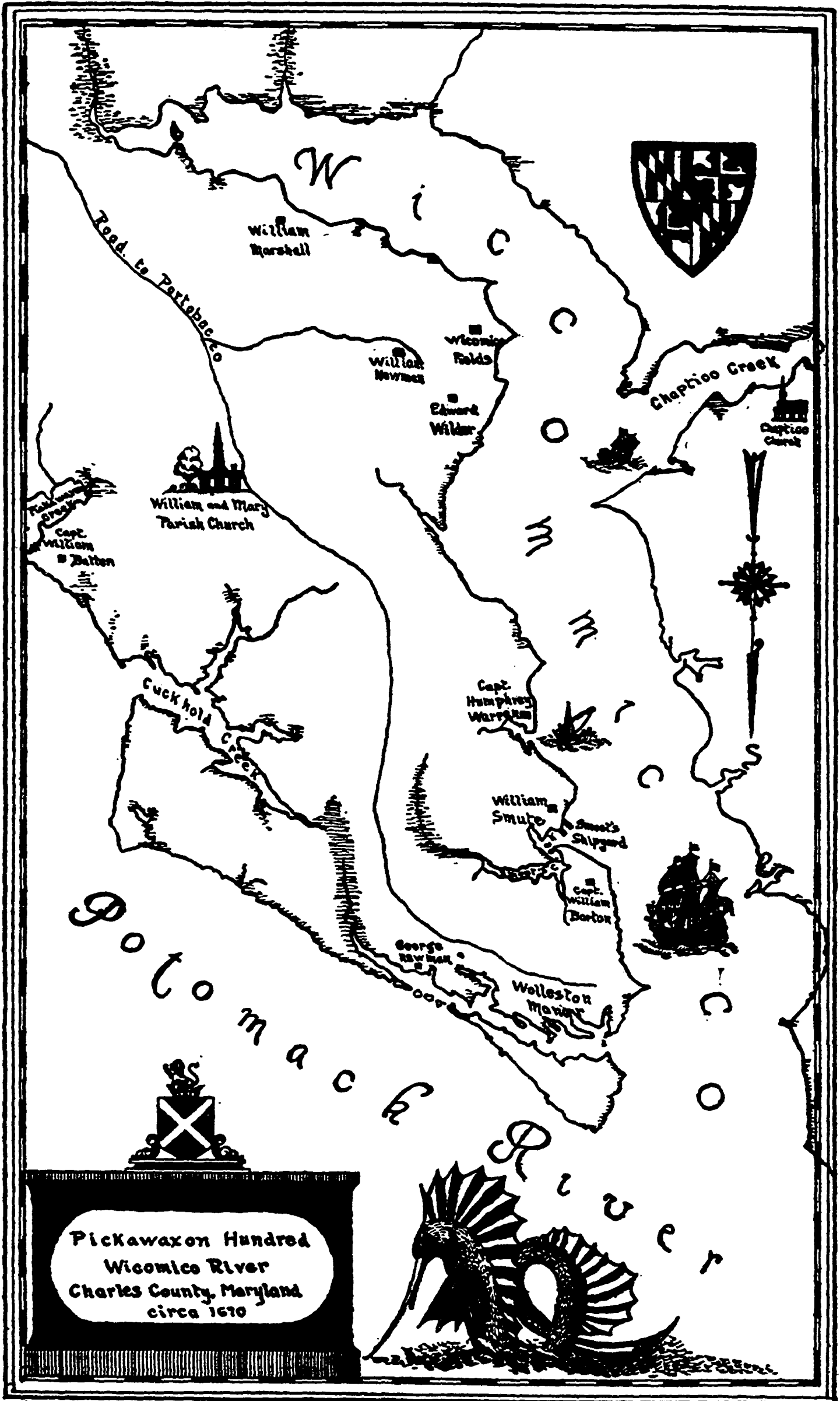
It is believed that Thomas, son of William Smoot, was born on the other side and brought to Virginia by his parent at an early age. The birth of Thomas' eldest son is proved as 1656, and considering that he were 21 years of age at time of marriage, it would place his birth around 1634. After his settlement in Maryland Thomas Smoot married Jane, the sister of Captain William Batten, of Pickawaxon Hundred, Charles County. The fact that Thomas died intestate has added much to the confusion of the earlier generations and a complete list of his children has not been established. William and Thomas as his sons are proved conclusively, and James is accepted by the fact that he (James) patented a portion of "Smoot's Chance" which had been surveyed for Thomas Smoot who died before the warrant was issued. Edward as a son is merely inferred, inasmuch as he was of that generation and that he cannot be placed satisfactorily elsewhere. It is reasonable to assume that there were daughters born to the union, but none have been proved.

### *Children of Thomas and Jane (Batten) Smoot*

1. James Smoot. *q.v.*
2. Thomas Smoot married Elizabeth Barton. *q.v.*
3. William Smoot married twice. *q.v.*
4. Edward Smoot married Susan ———. *q.v.*

The fact that William, the son of Thomas Smoot, was made an heir in the will of his maternal uncle, Captain William Batten, presents a very interesting court case, showing several connections by blood as well as by marriage. Captain William Batten, born in the year 1618, was one of the early, interesting planters on the Wicomico and probably derived his title from his seafaring adventures. He was apparently a man of some wealth as may be judged by the number of servants he brought to Maryland. And it is sometimes believed that he settled first in Virginia.

On January 1, 1652, he demanded from His Lordship 650 acres of land for the transportation of himself, his wife Margarey, his wife's daughter Lydia Ashcomb, his servants George Newman, Richard ———, and Susannah ———, and a servant Robert Joyce whom he had purchased from Robert Brooke and for whom he was to have 50 acres of land.



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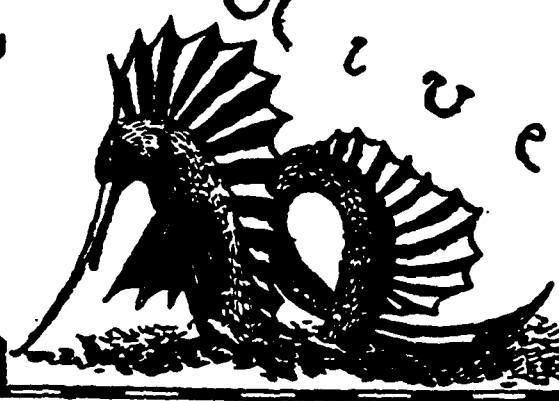
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Pickawaxon Hundred  
Wicomico River  
Charles County, Maryland  
circa 1670





Captain Batten was unable to write his name, but it is interesting to note that George Newman whom he transported as his servant and who later married his step-daughter signed his name to all official documents.

Batten pursued the occupation of both merchant and planter. As a merchant he extended credit quite freely to his neighbors, almost too freely, for he was frequently entering suits for non-payment of debts. He also brought action in several of the Virginia county courts. He also observed the law with mental reservations and as a consequence had the distinction of being fined for "selling wine and strong drink" without a license.

Captain Batten created a large landed estate for the few years he was a resident of the Province, and is conspicuous in that he was one of the first eight men to receive grants upon the Patapsco River. In 1652 he and Thomas Thomas were granted jointly 1,150 acres of land called "Old Road" in what is now Baltimore County. Before receiving his Patapsco grant, he had obtained numerous other tracts mostly in southern Maryland.

In 1654 he was styled as a "planter of the Patuxent" and was issued a warrant for 240 acres called "Wakefield". Later an addition of 400 acres was surveyed for him. He also obtained an adjacent tract known as "Williamsby". On May 24, 1655, he purchased from Lieut-Col. Samuel Smith "Cedar Point" a 500-acre tract on the Potomac River, a name still retained today. In 1654/5 he added a tract of land called "Batten" to his estate. In 1658 he patented "Indian Spring" of 150 acres in Calvert County and "Batten's Clifts" of 350 acres in Charles County. In February 1662/3, he had 1,000 acres of "Batten's Dale" surveyed for him on the west side of the Wicomico River. Thus before his death, he had acquired a landed estate of something like 4,000 acres.

His death occurred a few days before the warrant was issued to him for "Batten's Dale", and Josias Fendall whom he named as one of the overseers in his will and whom his widow later made her attorney appeared to have obtained in some way this last named tract. The other overseers were Robert Henley and his "brother-in-law" William Smute.

His will was probated in 1662. He bequeathed his widow Margarey one-half of his realty. His widow shortly afterwards married John Bowles. Other bequests were to his "daughter" Lydia Newman and her husband George Newman whom he called son and their children—George, William, and Margarey. Legacies were willed to his sister Jane Smute, to his friends Charity Adams and William Love, while the residue of his personal estate was devised to his nephew William Smute.

His widow died shortly after her marriage to John Bowles, Gent. The latter by his will proved in Charles County during 1675/6, named no heirs of his body but left a large estate to his nephew James Tyre, with "George Newman Jr., son of George Newman" as the contingent heir in the event that James Tyre died without issues.

James Tyre accordingly administered on the estate of his uncle John Bowles and thus became possessed of the estate, a large portion of which formerly belonged to Captain Batten. Tyre died, whereas his widow Rebecca married Robert Yates who became *ipso facto* the executors of the estate of Captain Batten which at that day remained unsettled.

In 1682 William Smoot, the nephew of Captain Batten, and the named heir in his will for the residuary estate was of full age, therefore, he brought suit against Robert Yates for his share of the estate. In 1694 the lawsuit was again before the provincial court and brought forward certain testimonies.

Robert Yates and Rebecca his wife declared that they believed the legacy had been paid to William Smoot. Lydia Manners testified that she had heard her husband George Manners say that Thomas Smoot received six chairs of the estate.

James Witcherly declared that James Bowles sent his man to Mrs. Rowland and requested her to meet him at the home of Captain Fendall. Upon her return, he heard Mrs. Rowland, mother to William Smoot, say "they had made an end of Battin's estate".

Mary Brown testified that she heard Robert Rowland "who married the said William Smoot's mother" say that when William Smoot came of age he had 10,000 pounds of tobacco to be paid from his uncle's estate. Eleanor Bean testified that she heard that Thomas Smoot, the father of William, had sold his part of the estate to Captain Fendall. Humphrey Warren certified that he had heard it said that Captain Fendall "cheated" Smoot.

Returning to Thomas Smoot who was deceased at the time of his son's law suit, we find him on October 1, 1662, receiving from his "brother-in-law" William Barton Jr. land which the latter held in trust for his ward William Hungerford, son of William deceased. In 1665 Thomas Smoot transferred the trustship to his father William Smoot Sr. with the stipulation for the return of the said trust in the event of the father's death during the minority of the orphan.

On August 4, 1665, "Smoot's Choice" was surveyed for him containing 250 acres. At a later rent roll 150 acres were possessed by Thomas Morris and 100 acres by William Hungerford. About this time or



before Thomas Smoot acquired from Thomas Gerard "Wicomico Fields" a tract of 500 acres lying on the west bank of the Wicomico River originally granted by patent to Thomas Hatton. This tract by resurveys and later additions developed into a much larger estate and became the traditional home of one branch of the Smoot family until the nineteenth century.

Thomas Smoot died intestate in Charles County perhaps during the early part of 1668. The court on February 2, of that year, granted letters of administration to Jane Smoot, the relict. Richard Smoot and William Smoot were her bondsmen. His estate was appraised at 42,075 pounds of tobacco by Humphrey Warren and Robert Henley. His widow shortly afterwards married Robert Rowland who rendered an account to the court on April 8, 1669.

### JAMES SMOOT<sup>3</sup>

The first mention in public records of James Smoot, son of Thomas and Jane (Batten) Smoot, was in November 1681, when he received 230 pounds of tobacco for the performance of some public act, believed to be for service in one of the early Indian wars. Inasmuch as he was of sufficient age to bear arms in 1681, he was apparently born prior to 1665. On April 15, 1687, he patented 160 acres of "Smoot's Chance", lying in Charles County. On February 21, 1689, at Port Tobacco he contracted a debt of 800 pounds of tobacco with Edward Ford; in 1693 he was named as an heir in the will of James Lambert. He, however, died or left the county shortly afterwards, for about 1694 Edward Ford appointed William Stone his attorney to collect the debt of James Smoot, at which time the latter is referred to as late of Charles County. No further record of him exists or neither a marriage nor children have been proved. His land "Smoot's Chance" was later held by John Wilder and John Baptist Boarman.

## CAPTAIN THOMAS SMOOT, GENT.<sup>3</sup>

Thomas Smoot, son of Thomas and Jane (Batten) Smoot, was born in Pickawaxon Hundred, Charles County. He married Elizabeth Barton who on June 15, 1688, described in the deed as "Elizabeth the wife of Thomas Smoot", received from her parents, William Barton and Mary his wife, certain property recorded as deeds of gift for the consideration of love and natural affections.

### *Children of Thomas and Elizabeth (Barton) Smoot*

1. Mary Smoot married John Bennett.
2. Barton Smoot married twice. *q.v.*
- 50 — 3. Thomas Smoot married Abigail ———. *q.v.*
4. Charles Smoot married thrice. *q.v.*
5. William Smoot. *q.v.*
6. John Nathan Smoot, *d.s.p.*
7. Elizabeth Smoot.
8. Rachel Smoot married Matthew, son of John and Elizabeth Stone.
9. Anne Smoot.

In 1688 Thomas Smoot patented "Smoot's Chance" of 160 acres. On August 11, 1690, Thomas Smoot, Carpenter, deeded to John Wilder for 8,000 pounds of tobacco "Cabbin Land" adjoining "Smoot's Discovery" and the land adjacent to Richard Harrison lying on Smoot's Creek and the Wicomico River.

In 1696 Thomas Smoot was listed as a military and civil officer of Charles County.<sup>1</sup> Subsequent records refer to him as captain. On May 4, 1703, he was commissioned High Sheriff of Charles County.

The will of Thomas Smoot was dated January 6, 1704, and proved in Charles County on January 30, 1704/5 by Thomas Whichaley, Thomas Careless, Samuel Durham, and James Sewell. He named his eldest son Barton the executor with his brother-in-law Lieutenant-Colonel William Barton, but in the event that Colonel Barton died during the minority of his son, then Thomas Taney, Richard Harrison, Robert Yates, and William Harbert were to administer on the estate.

Thomas and Charles received jointly 150 acres of "Robbin" and "Gwin's Choice", 32 acres adjoining called "Cabbin", 21 acres of "Bargain", all lying on the west side of the Wicomico River. On the condition that Thomas and Charles died without issues, then the land was to revert to William and John Nathan. The latter two sons received

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<sup>1</sup> Archives, vol. 20, p. 543.

direct 200 acres of land at their majority. The four daughters—Elizabeth, Rachel, Anne, and Mary—received personalty.

The inventory of his personal estate was filed in 1705, with Charles Jones and William Martin as the appraisers. An account was rendered by his executor Barton Smoot on November 22, 1706.

His eldest daughter Mary married John Bennett who on March 9, 1705, conveyed to William Smoot and John Nathan Smoot for 3,000 pounds of tobacco "Skipton" lying in Charles County. The deed read as follows "Captain Thomas Smoot late of Charles County deceased in his lifetime . . . and said Thomas Smoot by last will did devise the parcel of land to William and John Nathan Smoot". Both Mary and her husband made their mark.

"Skipton" of 200 acres was surveyed July 22, 1672, for Robert Casseton, adjoining the lands of John Cane and Garrett Sinnett. This tract later became the seat of Barton Smoot whose widow was seized of the entire tract at the rent roll of 1753. Inasmuch as John Nathan Smoot was willed this tract jointly with his brother, and no deed is available to show the conveyance to Barton Smoot, though several deed books are missing in Charles County, it therefore can be established that Barton inherited or purchased it from his brother, John Nathan, who apparently died without issues. No further record of John Nathan is found beyond the year 1705.

## CAPTAIN BARTON SMOOT •

AND

### HIS DESCENDANTS

Barton Smoot, eldest son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Barton) Smoot, was born 1688 in Pickawaxon Hundred, Charles County. At the death of his father in 1704, he was referred to as a minor, but at the subsequent death of his uncle, William Barton, he completed the administration of his parent's estate.

He married Sarah, widow of Henry Hawkins, apparently a woman his senior by several years. Henry Hawkins in his will, proved January 12, 1702/3, named his wife Sarah, and the following children—Alexander, Tubman, Elizabeth, and Eleanor. On March 11, 1712, Barton Smoot and Sarah his wife deeded to the latter's son Henry Hawkins, a tract of land in Charles County. At a subsequent rent roll of Prince Georges County, "Barton Smoot by marrying the widow of Henry Hawkins" was in possession of 300 acres of "Stone Hill", adjoining "Notley", surveyed 1669 for Edward Mattox.

#### *Children of Barton and Sarah Barton*

1. Barton Smoot married twice. *q.v.*
2. Isaac Smoot married Elizabeth ———. *q.v.*
3. William Smoot married Eleanor ———. *q.v.*
- 4. Thomas Smoot married Eleanor ———. *q.v.*
5. Elizabeth Smoot married ——— Gwyther.

His wife Sarah was living as late as August 1718, when she witnessed the will of Edward Philpot. She predeceased her husband, however, for he took as a second wife Anne, the widow of Randolph Brandt, with the following children—Randolph, Catherine, Anne, and Mary. In 1731 Barton Smoot swore to be 43 years of age, and was styled in court as Captain Barton Smoot.

He negotiated a number of land surveys, beginning first in 1725 when he patented "Smoot's Fish Pond," of 100 acres, lying on the west side of Zachiah Swamp. This was followed in 1727 with "Smoot's Swamp" of 50 acres, "Smoot's Delight" of 88 acres in 1734, and "Smoot's Swamp Addition" of 35 acres in 1740.

The will of Barton Smoot was dated September 22, 1744, and proved in Charles County on February 16, 1744/5, by Philip Dorney, Tobias Cookhagen, and Margaret Cookhagen. His wife Anne received the dwelling-plantation known as "Skipton" of 200 acres, which adjoined

the dwelling-plantation of his son Barton, "Fish Pond" of 100 acres, and one-third of the personal estate.

Barton was bequeathed 200 acres of "Brian Clifts", "Mount Chesham" of 68 acres, "Marsh Land" of 100 acres, the land purchased from John Hamill during life then to the "testator's grandson Henry Smoot and for the want of heirs to George Smoot".

Isaac was devised "Smoot's Delight" of 68 acres, "Smoot's Swamp" of 50 acres, and "Smoot's Swamp Addition", and 68 acres of "Lomax". William was willed "Barton's Hope" of 100 acres, a portion of "Daniel's Mount", and 100 acres of "Monday's Disappointment".

In the event that Thomas refused to make a good deed of 100 acres of "Monday's Disappointment" to William, then he should have in lieu thereof 100 acres of "Smoot's Fish Pond".

The residue of the estate was to be divided among the four sons and daughter Elizabeth Gwyther. The widow and son Thomas were named as executors.

The will of his widow Anne Smoot was dated August 7, 1758, and proved in Charles County on March 5, 1759, with Charles Smoot and Mary Smoot as executors. The following shared in her estate—grandchildren: Henry Hawkins (whose wife was Elizabeth); Randolph Brandt; Elizabeth Hawkins; Thomas Hawkins (whose wife was Catherine); Sarah Watts; and Richard Brandt:—great grandchildren: Alexander Hawkins, of Thomas; William Watts; Elizabeth Watts, of Sarah; and Anne Hendley Hawkins, of Henry. She also named her son-in-law Charles Smoot and Mary Smoot his wife, and the following of no stated relationship—Hendley Smoot, of Charles; John Nathan Smoot; William Barton Smoot; and Mary Smoot, daughter of Charles Smoot.

#### BARTON SMOOT<sup>5</sup>

(1711 - 1760)

Barton Smoot, son of Barton and Sarah Smoot, was born 1711 in Charles County. He married first Jane, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Briscoe) Truman. Sarah, as the widow of both Thomas Truman and William Stevens Howard, named her grandson Henry Smoot in her will of 1735, but she failed to mention her daughter Jane Smoot which would tend to indicate the latter's decease before that year. George Dent and Anne Smoot, however, were witnesses.

#### *Children of Barton and Jane (Truman) Smoot*

1. Henry Smoot married Jane ———, *d.s.p.* 1759, naming wife Jane; brothers Barton, Thomas, George; and sister Eleanor.

Barton Smoot married secondly a daughter of George Clarke who, in his will dated May 13, 1751, and proved in St. Mary's County, named his daughter Susannah Mackall Smoot.

*Children of Barton and Susannah (Clarke) Smoot*

2. George Clarke Smoot married Sarah ———. *q.v.*
3. William Barton Smoot married Elizabeth ———. *q.v.*
4. Thomas Smoot, *d.s.p.* S. M. Co., named sister Elizabeth Philpot. He was surety for his sister Hannah Watts when the latter administered on estate of Joshua Watts.
5. Eleanor Smoot married ——— Tabbs. Issues: Theophilus; Mary; Susannah Mackall.
6. Hannah Smoot married Joshua Watts. Issues: Susannah and Barton.
7. Elizabeth Smoot married Aug. 1, 1786, Benjamin Philpot.
8. Susannah Mackall Smoot.

Barton Smoot settled in St. Mary's County, where he died during 1760. His will, dated January 19, 1760, was witnessed by John A. Clarke, William Watts, and Elizabeth Gwyther. He left his widow a life interest in his entire estate which was to be divided equally among all his children at her death. The inventory was returned in 1761, when his personal estate showed an appraisement of £721/13/5. George Gwyther and William Gwyther Jr. signed as the nearest of kin. His widow, Susannah Mackall Smoot, rendered an account on October 30, 1765.

In March 1777, Susannah Mackall Smoot, widow, was named an heir in the will of her bachelor brother, John Attaway Clarke, as well as five nieces of the testator—Elizabeth Smoot, Susannah Smoot, Elizabeth Chesley, Anne Watts, and Susannah Watts.

The will of Susannah Mackall Smoot was dated September 26, 1780, and admitted to probate in St. Mary's County on March 27, 1781, by Abner Wherritt, William Hammett Wherritt, and Eleanor Wherritt. She willed her sons William Barton Smoot and Thomas Smoot the dwelling-plantation, with several adjoining tracts, and various bequests to her daughters—Elizabeth Smoot, Susannah Smoot, and Hannah Watts—and also to the following grandchildren—Theophilus Tabbs, Alexander Smoot, Wilkes Smoot, Mary Tabbs, Susannah Mackall Smoot, and Susannah Mackall Tabbs.

ISAAC SMOOT<sup>5</sup>

(17— - 175—)

Isaac Smoot, son of Barton and Sarah Smoot, was born in Pickawaxon Hundred, Charles County. His wife was Elizabeth ———.

*Children of Isaac and Elizabeth Smoot*

1. Barton Smoot, born Nov. 1, 1740. *q.v.*
2. Sarah Anne Smoot, born June 4, 1744, died Aug. 30, 1820, married John Dodson, died 1805. Issues: Henry; Robert; John Smoot; Middleton; Eleanor; and Sarah Anne.
3. Isaac Smoot, born Dec. 2, 1745. *q.v.*
4. William Smoot, born Sept. 11, 1748, *d.s.p.*

Isaac Smoot died intestate. His widow as administratrix on November 1, 1752, distributed the proceeds to the four children. John McPherson and William Smoot were her bondsmen.

William Smoot, the bachelor and youngest son, served as a lieutenant in the Maryland Line during the Revolution, and was the only member of the Smoot family to receive the high distinction of being a charter member of the Society of the Cincinnati. He died sometime before 1800.

The membership of Lieutenant Smoot in the Society of the Cincinnati is now represented, through his sister Sarah Anne (Smoot) Dodson, by his great-great-great-great nephew, Judge William Breckenridge Ardery, of Paris, Kentucky, and the grandson of Sarah Isabella Dodson by her marriage in 1854 to Robert Ferris Adair.

On February 24, 1827, his niece, Elizabeth (Smoot) Radcliffe, of Prince William County, Virginia, applied to the Land Office for bounty land in right as one of his heirs. She certified that she was the daughter of his brother, Barton Smoot, and that the heirs of William Smoot, besides herself were the children of William's sister, Sarah Dodson, that is, Henry, Robert, John, Middleton, Eleanor, and Sarah all of Prince Georges County, Maryland. Her statement was proved by Samuel Smoot and Joseph Radcliffe both of Washington, D. C. who swore that Elizabeth Radcliffe was the niece of William Smoot, and the only child of the latter's brother Barton. A warrant was issued for 200 acres of land on March 24, 1827.

WILLIAM SMOOT<sup>5</sup>

(17— - 1753)

William Smoot, son of Barton and Sarah Smoot, was born in Charles County, Maryland. His wife was Eleanor ———.

*Children of William and Eleanor Smoot*

1. Eleanor Smoot, born Jan. 1740.
2. Thomas Smoot, born Dec. 1742, married Elizabeth ———. *q.v.*
3. William Smoot, born Aug. 1751. *q.v.*

William Smoot died intestate. The inventory of his personal effects was made on March 8, 1753, with his widow as the administratrix. Thomas Smoot and Alexander Hawkins signed as the next of kin, while Gustavus Brown and John Semple signed as the greatest creditors. The proceeds were distributed on May 12, 1754, to the widow, who at that date had married Benjamin Thomas, and to the three named children. Henry Martin and John McPherson were the sureties.

### THOMAS SMOOT<sup>5</sup>

(1707 - 1777)

Thomas Smoot, son of Barton and Sarah Smoot, was born in the year 1707, for as Thomas Smoot "Jr." he was 60 years of age in 1767, and declared himself to be the son of Captain Barton Smoot. His wife was Eleanor ———.

#### *Children of Thomas and Eleanor Smoot*

1. William Barton Smoot married Margaret Dodson. *q.v.*
2. Thomas Smoot, *d.s.p.*
3. John Smoot, died before 1777.
4. Sarah Smoot married ——— Barnes.
5. Elizabeth Smoot married ——— Barnes.
6. Catherine Smoot.

On June 15, 1745, Thomas Smoot and Anne Smoot, presumably his stepmother, deeded a portion of "Skipton" to the Rev. Mr. Henry Ogle, rector of Port Tobacco Parish. Eleanor Smoot wife of Thomas acknowledged the conveyance. In 1752 he petitioned the court to perpetuate the boundaries of "Smoot's Fish Pond", whereupon Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Daniel Jenifer, Charles Courts, and Notley Maddox were appointed to the commission.

On October 30, 1765, Thomas Smoot, Jr., conveyed "Monday's Disappointment" of 68 acres to Thomas Smoot. Eleanor at this date waived her dower. In 1771 he deeded to his son Thomas "Skipton" of 200 acres and at the same time to his son John "Smoot's Fish Pond" of 100 acres. The fact that no wife acknowledged the last two conveyances is evidence that she was deceased by that year.

The will of Thomas Smoot was dated November 10, 1775, and proved in Charles County on July 5, 1777. William Barton received negroes, Thomas "Skipton," while John was willed "Smoot's Fish Pond" of 118 acres and "Smoot's Venture" of 118 acres. The latter tract had been resurveyed from "Johnston" and "Strife". His daughter Sarah Barnes was devised certain personalty as well as her daughters, Elizabeth,



Eleanor, and Victoria Barnes. His other daughters Catherine Smoot and Eleanor Barnes also received various bequests. All children were to share his pew in Port Tobacco Parish, and were to share equally in the residue of the estate. All three sons were named as executors.

The inventory of the personal estate was taken on September 27, 1777, and appraised at £1,263/8/3, with Matthew Barnes and William Barnes as the next of kin. William Barton Smoot and Thomas Smoot signed as the "surviving executors". At that time it was therefore conclusive that John the third son was deceased.

A court record of 1778 states that Matthew Barnes intermarried with one of the daughters of Thomas Smoot, deceased, and that William Barton Smoot and Thomas Smoot were executors of the said Thomas.

The first and only account on the estate was rendered on April 4, 1791, when it was stated that £1,744/9/4 were to be divided according to the will. Walter Morris and Edward Ware were sureties for the executors.

His son Thomas became an invalid and apparently did not marry as may be judged from the will of his brother William Barton Smoot in 1817. Thomas Smoot in 1785 was seized of 200 acres of "Skipton" in Port Tobacco West Hundred.

#### GEORGE CLARKE SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(17— - 1779)

George Clarke Smoot, son of Barton and Susannah Mackall (Clarke) Smoot, was born in Charles County. He married Sarah, the widow of John Fendall. On February 8, 1765, Philip Richard Fendall and George Smoot and Sarah his wife executors of John Fendall late of Charles County, deceased, petitioned Daniel Jenifer, Gent., Deputy Commissioner, for a settlement of the estate.

#### *Children of George Clarke and Sarah Smoot*

1. Susannah Mackall Smoot.
2. Wilks Smoot. *q.v.*
3. John Alexander Smoot married Abigail Hunter Tabbs. *q.v.*
4. George Clarke Smoot married Matilda ———. *q.v.*
5. Philip Barton Smoot married Maria ———. *q.v.*
6. Frances Smoot.

George Clarke Smoot established his seat in William and Mary Parish, where his ancestors previously had lived many years. In 1772 he and Anne Douglas were named executors of the will of Benjamin Douglas Jr.

The will of George Clarke Smoot was dated July 22, 1779, and proved in Charles County on October 20, 1779. He directed that his estate be maintained and administered by his brother William Barton Smoot and his sister Elizabeth Smoot for the support and education of his children until his son Philip Barton reached the age of 16 years. He willed his son, Alexander, all land in Charles County, and the residue of the estate to his children. The instrument was witnessed by James Cotterell, Abel Wakefield, and Mary Wakefield.

The inventory of his personal effects was filed on March 14, 1780, with Susannah Smoot and John Attaway Clarke as the kinsmen.

The executors of George Smoot paid taxes on 30 acres of "Baker's Addition" lying in William and Mary Parish in 1783.

#### CAPTAIN WILLIAM BARTON SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(17— - 1793)

William Barton Smoot, son of Barton and Susannah (Clarke) Smoot, was born in Charles County. Sometime after 1773 he married Elizabeth, the widow of John Reed Jenifer, of St. Mary's County.

#### *Children of William Barton and Elizabeth Smoot*

1. Elizabeth Smoot.
2. Mary Smoot.

William Barton Smoot was commissioned a captain of the Lower Battalion of Militia in St. Mary's on August 26, 1777. He was in service as late as 1781.<sup>1</sup>

The census of 1790 shows William Barton Smoot as head of a family in St. Mary's County with four females, and 16 slaves.

The land record of St. Mary's County states that Elizabeth Jenifer, widow, patented "Paw Paw Fields" of 208 acres, but at the issuance of the certificate on March 7, 1792, she was Elizabeth Smoot "having intermarried with William Barton Smoot".

The will of William Barton Smoot was dated March 16, 1793, and proved in St. Mary's County on June 18, 1793, by Thomas Cook, Jane Cook, and Susannah Mackall Watts. He devised the dwelling-plantation "Folly" together with an adjoining plantation called "Joy Hills", purchased from the commissioners as confiscated British property, to his daughters Betty and Mary. He also mentioned his tract "Marsh Pasture", described as back land. His sister, Elizabeth Philpot, was named as executrix and guardian of his two minor daughters.

<sup>1</sup> Archives, vol. 16, p. 346; vol. 45, p. 246; vol 48, p. 128.

BARTON SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(1740 - 18—)

Barton Smoot, son of Isaac and Elizabeth Smoot, was born November 1, 1740, in Charles County. He lived at one time in Dorchester County, for in 1799 as a resident of that place he deeded negroes to his children Elizabeth and Edward. Elizabeth, who married —— Radcliffe and who was later a resident of Prince William County, Virginia, was, however, the only surviving heir in the settlement of the estate of Lieutenant William Smoot in 1827.

ISAAC SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(17— - 1821)

Isaac Smoot, son of Isaac and Elizabeth Smoot, was born December 2, 1745, in Charles County, Maryland. On October 28, 1779, he married Mary Lock, but no issues survived. At the Charles County tax list of 1783, he was seized of 200 acres of "Green's Rest", 50 acres of "Boarman's Friend's Offer", and  $41\frac{3}{4}$  acres of "Toombit". He, however, became a resident of St. Mary's County, where in 1792 he was elected a vestryman of All Faith's Parish. On July 3, 1799, he sold to James Keech a portion of "Hulsome", portion of "Truman's Hunting Quarter", portion of "Truman's Lodge", and portions of the following tracts—"John Edward's Discovery", "Price Lot", and "Plains of Jericho"—all lying in St. Mary's County.

In 1800 he had in his household 2 males between the ages of 10 and 16, 3 males between 16 and 26, 1 female between 16 and 26, and 1 female between 26 and 45. In 1810 he was the head of a family with a female over 45 years.

On February 17, 1797, he patented "Little Yielding" of  $19\frac{1}{2}$  acres, lying in St. Mary's County, which he conveyed within a few weeks to Jesse Lock.

He died intestate in St. Mary's County. An inventory of his personal effects was taken on February 8, 1821, appraised at \$143.25, with Richard D. Edwards as the administrator. The public sale of his goods brought \$188.28 $\frac{3}{4}$ . No Smoots were among the purchasers. The accounts showed \$37.50 due as rent to Mary Chappellear. The fact that his personal estate at his death was negligible, and that he was a tenant leads one to the belief that he sustained financial reverses and for that reason he was forced to dispose of his realty in 1799.

THOMAS SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(1742 - 1783)

Thomas Smoot, son of William and Eleanor Smoot, was born December 1742, in Charles County, Maryland. During the early days of the Revolutionary War he served as a private in the company of Captain Yates of the militia of Charles County—and as there is also a record of a Sergeant Thomas Smoot, perhaps he also served in that capacity.<sup>2</sup> After his service in the Maryland militia, he settled in Prince William County, Virginia.

After 1763 he married Elizabeth ———. The fact that he gave the family name of Maddox to three of his sons would indicate that either his mother or wife were of that family—probably his mother, for it is traditional that his wife was of Middleton lineage.

*Children of Thomas and Elizabeth Smoot*

1. Notley Smoot. *q.v.*
2. William Mattox Smoot. *q.v.*
3. Thomas St. Henley Smoot.
4. Mary Smoot married Samuel Ballenger, Oct. 20, 1779, by Rev. Joseph Threlkeld, Mont. Co., Md.
5. Henry M. Smoot married twice. *q.v.*
6. George Mattox Smoot. *q.v.*
7. James Mattox Smoot. *q.v.*
8. Posthumous child.

His will was dated May 20, 1783, and probated on July 7, 1783, by James Ewell, Gent., George Samkin, Prestley Petty, James Brown, and William Petty. He devised personalty to his sons Notley, William Mattox, and Thomas St. Henley Smoot. To his daughter Mary Ballenger, he left five shillings inasmuch as she had already received a sufficient portion of his estate. The residue was bequeathed to his wife Elizabeth during life, then to be divided among his sons—Henry, George Mattox, James Mattox, and an unborn child.

WILLIAM SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(1751 - 1821)

William Smoot, son of William and Eleanor Smoot, was born August 1751, in Charles County, Maryland. During the Revolutionary War he served as a private in Captain Hezekiah Garner's Company of

<sup>2</sup> Unpub., Md. Records, Maryland Historical Society.

Charles County Militia.<sup>3</sup> At the census of 1790, he was the head of a family in his native county with a male in his household over 16 years of age, besides himself; 2 males under 16 years; 4 females; and 4 slaves. He fails to appear as the head of a family in Charles County in 1800, and inasmuch as from circumstances one does not identify any Smoots as heads of families in that county who could be his children, it is therefore assumed that he settled elsewhere.

A Smoot descendant stated that her ancestor left Maryland, settled in Culpeper County, Virginia, and then moved to Prince William County, where he died. From this tradition we identify him as the William Smoot who was seated on Little Battle Run in St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper County, shortly after 1790. If such be the case, he buried his first wife and married secondly Susannah Haydon or Hadden, of Maryland lineage. The marriage was performed, according to the records of St. Mark's, on December 4, 1795. Although she stated in 1850 that she was born in Virginia, circumstances would seem to indicate that she was a native of St. Mary's County, Maryland. In 1805 William Smoot and Susannah his wife "as heirs of James Haydon, of Richard, late of Chaptico Hundred, St. Mary's County, deceased" conveyed property to Peregrine Haydon.

A complete list of the children of William Smoot has not been determined, and the following are only inferred:

1. Matthew Smoot.
2. Thomas Jefferson Smoot. *q.v.*
3. William Haydon Smoot. *q.v.*
4. Peregrine Smoot.
5. Henrietta Smoot.

On April 3, 1819, William Smoot purchased from George Greene and Agatha his wife, of Stafford County, Virginia, 300 acres of land lying in Culpeper County. On January 5, 1820, William Smoot and Susannah his wife conveyed to Daniel Ward of Culpeper County for \$1,800 land in Culpeper County "whereon William Smoot lately dwelt", lying on the east side of Little Battle Run.

On January 22, 1821, John Blackwell, Stanton Slaughter, and George B. Pickell, executors of Martin Pickell, also William Payne, Charles R. Scott, Thornton Buckner, and Edward Digges Jr., "commissioners" conveyed to William Smoot "whereby a decree of the County Court of Fauquier in a suit pending between the devisees and executors of Martin Pickell" land in Culpeper County on Little Battle Run consisting of 150

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<sup>3</sup> Unpublished Maryland Records, vol. 2, p. 311, D. A. R. Library.

acres which had been conveyed to Martin Pickell and John Blackwell by James Greene.

Before this date, however, William Smoot had moved to Prince William County, Virginia, and settled at Occoquan, where some of his descendants are still living. There he died intestate during the latter part of 1821.

The inventory of his personal estate was taken on November 1, 1821, and appraised at \$193.87½, showing no slaves but mostly household furniture. At the public sale, most of the personalty was purchased by Susan Smoot, Thomas J. Smoot, and Matthew Smoot. Daniel Ward, the administrator (no doubt the greatest creditor) rendered an account on November 5, 1823, showing \$1.00 paid to Pereg Smoot, \$78.39 received from Mrs. Susan Smoot, and \$5.45 from Thomas J. Smoot.

In 1830 Susan Smoot was the head of a family in Prince William County, with six males born between 1800 and 1810, and one born between 1810 and 1815. In 1850 she was living with Henrietta Smoot, born 1813 in Virginia, and adjoining her residence were Jefferson Smoot and William H. Smoot.

Matthew "H". Smoot, the believed son of William, served as a private in Captain Joseph Smith's Company, 36th Regt. of Virginia, commanded by Colonel Renno. He was in service during 1814, the first few days having been spent in the company of Captain James Hayes.

#### WILLIAM BARTON SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(17— - 1816)

William Barton Smoot, son of Thomas and Eleanor Smoot, was born in Charles County. During the Revolutionary War he served first as a private and later as a sergeant in the company of Captain Walter Hanson, 12th Battalion of Charles County Militia.<sup>4</sup> He married Margaret, daughter of Walter Dodson, and maintained his seat in Port Tobacco Parish. From the fact that he named only two children in his will but devised the personal estate to "all his children" would seem to indicate that he had more than a son and daughter.

#### *Children of William and Margaret (Dodson) Smoot*

1. John Weems Smoot married Elizabeth Hawkins. *q.v.*
2. Amelia Tabbs Smoot.

On June 24, 1784, William Barton Smoot of Thomas conveyed to John Howard Marshall the tract known as "Parendure's Lot". Mar-

<sup>4</sup> Unpublished Maryland Records, vol. 2, pp. 296, 300.

garet Smoot, his wife, relinquished her third. On June 22, 1796, William Barton Smoot and Margaret his wife, together with other heirs of Walter Dodson, conveyed to Luke White Barber, of St. Mary's County, the tract "Sarum".

The will of William Barton Smoot was dated October 6, 1816, and proved in Charles County on January 8, 1817, by John W. Hawkins, Sarah Martin, Caleb Hawkins, and Susannah McC. Watts. He bequeathed his wife, Margaret, the use and occupancy of his entire real estate during life, then to his son John Weems Smoot. His wife also received the entire personal estate during life then to all the children. His daughter Amelia Tabbs Smoot was granted a room in his house during her single life. His brother, Thomas, was to be supported with board and clothing by his widow as heretofore accustomed, but in the event that Thomas should survive the widow, then Thomas was committed to the care of the testator's son John.

#### WILLOUGHBY SMOOT <sup>7</sup>

Willoughby Smoot, believed to be the same as Wilkes Smoot, was the son of George Clarke Smoot. During the Revolution he aided the cause by the manufacture of salt for the Army.<sup>5</sup> He settled in St. Mary's County, where he was the head of a family in 1790, with a male over 16 years of age, a female, and one slave. As he was not listed in the census of 1800, it is believed that Mary Smoot, who was the head of a household at that time with a son less than 10 years of age, was his widow. At that time Mary Smoot was between the ages of 26 and 45 years.

#### JOHN ALEXANDER SMOOT <sup>7</sup>

(17— - 1827)

John Alexander Smoot, son of George Clarke and Sarah Smoot, was born before 1765 in Charles County. He served during the revolutionary conflict as a private in Captain Benjamin Cawood's company of Charles County Militia.<sup>6</sup>

On November 4, 1784, in St. Andrew's Parish, St. Mary's County, he was married to Abigail Hunter Tabbs. In 1789 his wife shared in the distribution of the estate of her spinster sister, Mary Tabbs, and in 1803 in that of her bachelor brother, Thomas Tabbs, late of St. Mary's County.

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<sup>5</sup> Archives, vol. 48, p. 195.

<sup>6</sup> Unpublished Maryland Records, vol. 2, p. 251.

*Children of Alexander and Abigail (Tabbs) Smoot*

1. Sarah A. Smoot married Jan. 24, 1811, James Gatewood.
2. Alexander Smoot.
3. Charles Smoot married June 24, 1821, Rebecca Logan, and Apr. 16, 1837, Frances Famsley.
4. George Clarke Smoot.
5. Elizabeth Smoot married Aug. 24, 1817, Henry Shivley.
6. Abigail Hunter Tabbs Smoot married Mar. 24, 1822, Joseph M. Speed, Jeff. Co., Ky.
7. Philip Barton Smoot married Oct. 2, 1832, Mary King, Jeff. Co., Ky.

On April 27, 1795, Alexander Smoot, of Charles County, deeded property to Barton Tabbs, of St. Mary's County, at which time his wife Abigail waived her dower. Some time between this date and February 12, 1798, when he was appointed magistrate of Jefferson County, Kentucky, he had left his native State and settled in the West. The first preserved census of Kentucky (1810) shows him the head of a family in Jefferson County with 12 slaves.

The will of Alexander Smoot was dated September 20, 1820, and proved in Jefferson County, Kentucky, on June 8, 1827, by Hugh Logan, Vandorem Logan, and Sete Logan. He bequeathed equally to his sons Alexander and Charles the dwelling-plantation. Charles was to have the portion on the Big Road leading to Salt River including the house and orchard, was to settle all debts, and to raise and educate his brother Philip, and his sister Abigail. George was devised \$1.00. Personalty was left to his three daughters, Sarah the wife of James Gatewood, Elizabeth Shiveley, and Abigail Hunter Tabbs Smoot. In the event that Philip died a minor, his share was to be divided between Charles and Abigail. Philip was to be bound-out to learn a trade as house-joiner, brick layer, or plasterer. His son Charles was named as executor.

GEORGE CLARKE SMOOT <sup>7</sup>

George Clarke Smoot, son of George Clarke and Sarah Smoot, was born in Charles County, Maryland. He settled in Washington County, Maryland, where he was one time connected with the county court house. His wife is buried in the Episcopal graveyard at Hagerstown. Her tomb reads: "Mrs. Matilda Smoot wife of George C. Smoot departed this life March 7, 1844 aged 68".



PHILIP BARTON SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

Philip Barton Smoot, son of George Clarke Smoot, moved to Bourbon County, Kentucky. As a resident of that county he deeded to Lawrence Posey, of Charles County, "Walker's Runn", "Miraculous Pitcher", "Outlet", "Courts' Palace", "Brother", and "Misboth", all of which had been devised to Elizabeth Philpott, late of Charles County. His wife Maria Smoot waived her dower rights.

NOTLEY SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

Notley Smoot, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Smoot, was born sometime before 1765, perhaps in Charles County, Maryland. His youth, however, was spent in Prince William County, Virginia, where his father died in 1783. After this date Notley left the scenes of his youth and settled in Nelson County, Virginia, where he is found as the head of a family at the 1810 census.

The name of his wife is undetermined, but she was likewise born before 1765. The names of all children have not been established; from the census records one can infer that he had at least five sons and one daughter.

*Children of Notley Smoot*

1. Notley Smoot. *q.v.*
2. Reubin Smoot married P. Martin. *q.v.*
3. Thomas Smoot. *q.v.*
4. John Smoot. *q.v.*

WILLIAM MATTOX SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

William Mattox Smoot, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Smoot, was born, according to the census records, between 1760-1770, in Charles County, Maryland. He married (name of wife unknown) and was living in Prince William County, Virginia, as late as 1820. In that year he had in his household his wife, born before 1775, one boy and two girls born between 1804-1810, and a boy and girl born between 1810-1820. The following list of children is therefore incomplete.

*Children of William Mattox Smoot*

1. William Smoot married Nancy Estes. *q.v.*
2. Lewis Henry Smoot married Anne Mason. *q.v.*
3. Benjamin Franklin Smoot.

After 1820 William Smoot settled in that portion of Culpeper County, Virginia, which in 1836 was organized into Rappahannock County.

From the census of 1830, it can be concluded that he was a widower with at least one single daughter and three sons at home—the youngest son having been born about 1820. During his declining years he sustained financial reverses and on September 23, 1835, conveyed land for the settlement of debts. His son Lewis H. Smoot was also involved in the transaction. William Smoot died sometime before 1840.

### HENRY SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

(1775 - 1835)

Henry Smoot, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Smoot, was born probably in the year 1775, or according to subsequent census records sometime between 1775-1794. It is traditional that the mother of Henry was of Middleton lineage—a family which was established early in Charles County, Maryland, and intermarried chiefly with the Roman Catholic families. It is noted that a son was named Middleton and that Henry sometime signed “M” as the initial of his middle name. Furthermore, the name is carried in several branches of Smoots in Prince William and Rappahannock counties of Virginia.<sup>7</sup>

On April 28, 1794, in Fauquier County, Henry Smoot secured license to marry Anne Walter who was the daughter of William and Anne Walter, one-time resident of St. Mary's County, Maryland. William Walter offered bond for the prospective groom. The father of Anne Walter was domiciled in the latter county at the first census and died there a few years later. His estate was distributed in 1804 by his administratrix, Anne Walter, to his heirs, among whom was Anne Smoot.

#### *Children of Henry and Anne (Walter) Smoot*

1. Richard Smoot, *d.s.p.*
2. William Smoot married Phoebe ———. *q.v.*
3. Lucy Smoot, spinster.
4. Middleton Smoot married twice. *q.v.*
5. Walter Bragg Smoot married twice. *q.v.*

Henry Smoot in 1810, the first available census for Virginia, was living in Loudoun County, Virginia, with a young family. Soon afterwards he returned to his native county, inasmuch as between July 20 and 26, 1813, he served as private in Captain Joseph R. Gilbert's Com-

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<sup>7</sup> The daughter of Middleton Smoot stated in 1915 that her father knew very little about his people. Middleton, however, stated in 1880 that his father was born in Virginia as well as his mother. He also stated that his mother was Anne Waters, while records show her to be Anne Walter.

pany, under the command of Colonel Renno, of the 36th Virginia Regiment, which was organized in Prince William County. At this time he was stationed at Dumfries. In January 1814, he was a sergeant in Captain Gilbert's company attached to the 6th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Coleman. On April 13, 1814, he was listed as "sick" at Norfolk, 217 miles from the place of rendezvous. From November 5 to December 17, 1814, he served as private in a company commanded by Lieutenant Thomas Sorrille, of the 1st Virginia Regiment, and was discharged at Fredericksburg "25 miles from home." From August 1 to 7, 1814, he was sergeant of a Light Infantry company commanded by Captain James Hayes, formed in Prince William County. On September 4, 1814, he enlisted in Captain Robert Mallory's company of the 1st Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel Crutchfield. He was discharged November 5, 1814.

On November 6, 1819, Henry M. Smoot purchased 166 acres of land in Prince William County, Virginia, from the Crosley heirs, that is, Zephenia Crook and Margaret his wife, John Nelson and Margaret his wife, Thomas Nelson and Elizabeth his wife, John Smith and Verlinda his wife, Olley Crosley, Sylvanus Crosley and Polly his wife, and William Crosley and Grandison Crosley, infant wards of Olley Crosley. In 1820 he was the head of a family in Prince William County, with 10 slaves on his plantation.

His first wife died perhaps after 1820, and he married secondly Phoebe ——— who joined him on July 27, 1833, in a deed when he mortgaged his plantation in Prince William County. At this time he was not a resident of that county nor was he listed as the head of a family there in 1830.

In his declining years Henry Smoot joined his sons in Lewis County, Missouri, and there he died at the home of his son Middleton in 1835. He was interred in the cemetery at Wyaconda. His will, proved at Monticello, bequeathed his entire estate to his three surviving sons—William, Middleton, and Walter Bragg.

#### GEORGE MATTOX SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

George Mattox Smoot, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Smoot, was born sometime between the years 1765-1794. He appears as the head of a family in Prince William County, Virginia, in 1810, with a wife, six young girls, presumably daughters, and four slaves. During the War of 1812 he served as a private in the company of Captain George W. Jackson, 34th Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel Renno. He

was discharged November 24, 1814, at Camp Ellicott's Mills, "72 miles from home". He was not the head of a family at subsequent censuses of Prince William County.

#### JAMES MATTOX SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

James Mattox Smoot, son of William and Elizabeth Smoot, was born before 1775. He and his wife were living in Prince William County, Virginia, at the 1820 census with a girl born between 1804-1810. He was not the head of a family there in 1830.

#### THOMAS JEFFERSON SMOOT<sup>7</sup> (1800 - 18—)

Thomas Jefferson Smoot, believed son of William and Susan (Haydon) Smoot, was born 1800 in Virginia. He married Frances Amelia ———, born 1811, same State. On January 7, 1842, he purchased from James Coulter a lot in Occoquan. On December 24, 1850, he and his wife deeded to "our relations" Susan Smoot, Henrietta Smoot, Alsinda Smoot, and Thomas Smoot for love and natural affections a house and lot in Occoquan that had been conveyed to Thomas J. Smoot by Joseph Janney and John H. Janney. On May 21, 1856, he conveyed to his wife Frances Amelia Smoot a lot in Occoquan.

At the census of 1850 he was listed as a carpenter, with realty valued at \$300, and the following children were at home: William, born 1843; Jane C., born 1848; and Henrietta, born 1850.

#### WILLIAM H. SMOOT<sup>7</sup> (1803 - 18—)

William H. Smoot, son of William and Susannah (Haydon) Smoot, was born 1803 in Culpeper County, Virginia. He married Nancy ———, born 1811 in Virginia. The following children composed his household in 1850, when he, occupied as a cooper, was the head of a family in Prince William County, Virginia: Laura V. Smoot, born 1838, married John W. Stemm, according to license issued in the District of Columbia May 12, 1856; Margaret Smoot, born 1844; Middleton Smoot, born 1848; and Maria Smoot, born 1850.

A deed of December 10, 1836, recorded in Fauquier County, shows Presley Williams of the first part, William H. Smoot and Elijah Smith of the second part, and Thomas J. Smoot of the third part.

LIEUTENANT JOHN WEEMS SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

(1796 - 1861)

John Weems Smoot, son of William Barton and Margaret (Dodson) Smoot, was born 1796 in Charles County, Maryland. At the beginning of the War of 1812, he held the rank of ensign in the United States Army, but on January 2, 1812, he was advanced to second lieutenant, and on February 14, 1814, to first lieutenant. His services were with the Fifth United States Regiment except towards the latter part of the war when he served with the Fourth Regiment. His resignation from the service was accepted on June 15, 1815.

John Weems Smoot married Elizabeth Eleanor Anne, born about 1809, the daughter of Thomas Hawkins.

*Children of John and Elizabeth (Hawkins) Smoot*

1. Andrew Jackson Smoot, born July 7, 1828, died 1906, married 1855 Nannie Wood Crain. Issues: Gerard Wood Crain; Hungerford; Andrew Jackson; and Amelia Tabbs.
2. William Barton Smoot, born 1836, *d.s.p.*
3. Margaret Amelia Smoot.

At the census of 1840 John Weems Smoot was one of the largest slave owners in Charles County, being the master of 62 negroes. In 1860 his realty was appraised at \$14,000 and his personal estate at \$40,000. He died during 1861; his widow survived until 1868.

NOTLEY SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

(1795 - 18—)

Notley Smoot, son of Notley, was born in the year 1795 in Virginia. On September 2, 1814, he enlisted as a private in the company of Captain Robert L. Coleman, 8th Virginia Regiment of Light Infantry, commanded by Colonel Wall and organized in Rockbridge County. He was present at muster on November 7, 1814, at Camp Carter near Richmond, and was discharged there on January 28, 1815. He was granted rations to his home "140 miles distant". On December 28, 1829, he was granted license in Nelson County, to marry Deborah (Tyler or Lyon), with Robert Watkins as his bondsman. In 1850 Notley Smoot was the head of a household in Nelson County, with Nancy, born 1831, and John, born 1833, both in Virginia, as the only members of his immediate family at home.

REUBEN SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

Reuben Smoot, son of Notley, was born perhaps in Nelson County, Virginia. During the War of 1812 he served as a private in Captain Samuel B. Jeters' Company of the 7th Regiment of Artillery, Colonel Gray's Regiment. He substituted for Daniel L. Burford and was discharged January 7, 1815, by furnishing George Ellis to complete his enlistment. He was stationed at one time at Camp Carter. In Nelson County, Virginia, he secured license to marry P. Martin, with Henry Martin as his security.

THOMAS SMOOT<sup>8</sup>  
(1795 - 18—)

Thomas Smoot, son of Notley, was born about 1795 presumably in Nelson County, Virginia. On September 2, 1814, in Rockbridge County, he with his brothers enlisted in the company of Captain Robert L. Coleman of the Eighth Virginia Regiment of Light Infantry commanded by Colonel Wall. He was present at Camp Carter near Richmond at muster on November 7, 1814, and performed during his service considerable amount of guard duty at the penitentiary of that post. He was discharged there on January 28, 1815, and was granted traveling rations to his home "140 miles distant".

About 1818 Thomas married and settled in Amherst County, but the identity of his wife has not been established. From the census schedules there were probably a number of children, but the names of only two—William Henry (*q.v.*) and J. F. Smoot—are known.

After 1830 Thomas Smoot moved from Amherst County, and it is probable that he lived again for a period in Nelson County. The census of 1860 shows him to be residing with J. F. Smoot, assumed as his son, near Davis Mills, Bedford County, Virginia. He was listed as a merchant, also J. F. Smoot who was aged 33 years. The latter's wife was C. A. Smoot, aged 29, and born in Virginia. Their children were J. F. (boy) aged 5; P. E. (girl) aged 3; and L. (girl) aged 1.

JOHN SMOOT<sup>8</sup>  
(1785 - 18—)

John Smoot, son of Notley, was born in the year 1785 in Virginia. His wife was Sally ———, born 1797 in Virginia. By occupation he was a shoemaker and resided in Amherst County. The 1850 census shows him with his wife and the following children all born in Virginia: Thomas, aged 21; John, aged 16; Robert, aged 14; and Benjamin, aged 12.

WILLIAM SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

William Smoot, son of William Mattox, was born in Prince William County, Virginia, about 1804. He settled in Culpeper (now Rappahannock) County with his parent, and there during August 1827, he secured license to marry Nancy Estice (Estes). The following children are established by the 1850 census—John Edward Smoot, born 1829, married March 24, 1853, Martha Jane Riley; Elizabeth Smoot, born 1836; and James M. Smoot, born 1838. In his household was also Sarah Estice, born 1796, in Virginia.

LEWIS HENRY SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

(1810 - 18—)

Lewis Henry Smoot, son of William Mattox, was born about 1810 in Prince William County, Virginia. He settled in Rappahannock County, and about 1834 married Anne Mason, born about 1810, in Virginia.

*Children of Lewis Henry and Anne (Mason) Smoot*

1. Benjamin F. Smoot married Phoebe Anne Wright. *q.v.*
2. Sarah C. Smoot, born 1837, spinster.
3. Mary Smoot, born 1839, spinster.
4. Lewis Henry Smoot, C. S. A., *d.s.p.*, married Harriet Jones.
5. Cesla Mason Smoot, born 1845, married Nannie Boughton, of Essex Co., and Susannah Lewis, of K. & Q. Co. Issues: (first) George Mason; (second) Philip Lewis; and William.
6. James Middleton Smoot, born 1849, married Anne Smoot.
7. Anne Virginia Smoot, born 1852, married twice, *d.s.p.*

Lewis Henry Smoot lived during the early part of his life in Rappahannock County, Virginia, where all of his children were born. The census of 1850 lists him as a millwright. On May 23, 1840, he was the third party in a land transaction between his brother, William Smoot, and John McFarling. The former had previously transferred the land in 1835 to John McFarling, while the latter conveyed the consideration to Lewis H. Smoot. About 1855 he moved to Caroline County, near Sparta, where he established a milling industry, which is now commemorated by the town of Smoots. He probably died before 1870, inasmuch as he was not listed as the head of a family at that census in Caroline County.

It is traditional that a cousin of Lewis Henry Smoot settled in Caroline County and married a daughter of William I. Murray. In 1870 one finds Ella Smoot, aged 35, living at the home of the latter, a

wealthy farmer of Caroline County, with the following children—  
Millie Smoot, aged 14; John Smoot, aged 12; and Charles Smoot, aged  
10—all born in Virginia.

WILLIAM SMOOT<sup>s</sup>

(1798 - 18—)

William Smoot, son of Henry and Anne (Walter) Smoot, was born  
1798 in the State of Virginia. He married Phoebe ———, also a native  
of Virginia and born the same year. They migrated westward and  
ultimately settled in Lewis County, Missouri, where William was the  
head of a household in 1850. One child has been proved—Balsora  
(Ballie) Smoot, born 1841 in Missouri, married Augustus Ranson. In  
1870 William Smoot was the head of his household, with realty  
appraised at \$4,000 and personalty at \$1,000. His daughter, son-in-law,  
and granddaughter Addie Ranson aged 3, were also members of his  
immediate family.

MIDDLETON SMOOT<sup>s</sup>

(1795 - 18—)

Middleton Smoot, son of Henry and Anne (Walter) Smoot, was born  
about 1795 in the State of Virginia. He married first Hannah North-  
craft, a native of Virginia, and settled in Shenandoah County, where he  
was listed as the head of a family in 1830, with a son and daughter  
both born between 1825 and 1830. Shortly afterwards, he settled in  
Lewis County, Missouri, with his brothers, and established his seat on  
the Mississippi at a place which became known as Smoot's Landing.  
His first wife died early as well as her two only children. About 1856  
or so he married Alice or Althea Rebecca Stephens, born 1838 in  
Alabama or Georgia. (The 1860 census states Alabama, the 1880  
Georgia). In 1859 Rosalie, their only child, was born. In young woman-  
hood she married Mr. McCullough. In 1870 Middleton Smoot was a  
retired farmer of Lewis County, with realty appraised at \$20,000 and  
personalty at \$2,500. In his household was also Demarius Smoot, born  
1849, in Missouri.

WALTER BRAGG SMOOT<sup>s</sup>

(1810 - 1867)

Walter Bragg Smoot, son of Henry and Anne (Walter) Smoot, was  
born in the year 1810 in Loudoun County, Virginia. About 1837 he  
married Letitia Wood, of Culpeper County, sister to Montague and  
Jack Wood.



*Children of Walter and Letitia (Wood) Smoot*

1. John Henry Smoot, born 1839, 1st Lieut., Co. D., 6 Tex. Cav., C. S. A.; killed in action.
2. William Homer Smoot, born 1843, C. S. A., married Susan Wilkins.
3. Philo Smoot married Edmund Burke.

Walter Bragg Smoot migrated to Missouri, and after 1850 he settled in Howard County of that State. On October 1, 1855, he granted the power of attorney to his son John H. Smoot, then in Culpeper County, authorizing him to dispose of any property in that county to which he might be entitled. The census of 1860 shows him to be the head of a family in Howard County, with his sons, John H. and William H.

On August 15, 1860, in Howard County, Walter Bragg Smoot married Elizabeth, born May 21, 1834, in Missouri, the daughter of Jonathan and Cynthia (Gross) Bozarth, both natives of Kentucky. Almost immediately after their marriage they migrated to Collin County, Texas, in the covered wagon of that day, carrying their slaves with them.

*Children of Walter Bragg and Elizabeth (Bozarth) Smoot*

1. Walter Edmund Smoot, born Aug. 18, 1864, Howard Co., Mo.
2. John Bragg Smoot married Mary Eleanor Tyler. *q.v.*

Walter Bragg died in Collin County, Texas, on July 4, 1867. His widow died at her residence at Plano, Texas, on January 15, 1914.

WILLIAM HENRY SMOOT, C. S. A.<sup>9</sup>

(1826 - 1906)

William Henry Smoot, son of Thomas, was born in Amherst County, Virginia, about the year 1826, according to the 1860 census. About 1853 he married Minnie (Mary F.) Sutphin, a native of Virginia, born about 1836.

*Children of William Henry and Minnie (Sutphin) Smoot*

1. Arthur Henry Smoot married Ida Ryan. *q.v.*
2. James Thomas Smoot, born 1855, migrated west.
3. Mary Willie Smoot, born about 1857, died 1935, married Austin W. Martenstein.
4. Willard Smoot married Irene Massie. *q.v.*
5. Edgar Kenneth Smoot married Alice Irene MacFarlane. *q.v.*
6. Otis Sutphin Smoot, born Nov. 5, 1867, married Ethel Roberts. Issues: Jesse, born Jan. 25, 1904.
7. Minnie Kate Smoot, born 1871, died 1887.
8. Caroline Smoot, died 1919, married Archibald Cary Lewis. Issues: Mildred, born 1884, at Henderson, N. C.; and Aileen, born 1886, at Henderson.

In 1860 William Henry Smoot was the proprietor of a mercantile establishment at Big Island, Bedford County, Virginia, with realty assessed at \$5,000 and personalty property at \$28,955. Besides his immediate family, he had in his home two clerks—Charles M. Perry, aged 21, and John W. Reid, aged 22—and Mollie Woody, aged 12, born in Virginia.

He was probably the William H. Smoot who on February 24, 1862, enlisted at Liberty, Bedford County, as a private in Captain William V. Jordan's Company of Heavy Artillery, 91st Regiment of Virginia Militia, organized by Major John B. Crenshaw. This company subsequently became Company G, 34th Virginia Regiment. It is known, however, that he at one time served as a commissary agent for the Confederate Government. After the war he lived at Gordonsville, Virginia, Durham, North Carolina, and Richmond, where he died on November 23, 1906.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SMOOT, C. S. A.<sup>9</sup>

(1836 - 18—)

Benjamin Franklin Smoot, son of Lewis Henry and Anne (Mason) Smoot, was born 1836, in Rappahannock County, Virginia. He accompanied his parents to Caroline County, where on January 18, 1857, he married Phoebe Anne, born 1838, daughter of William Wright, of that county. During the War Between the States Benjamin Franklin Smoot served as a private in Company B, of the 9th Virginia Infantry.

*Children of Benjamin and Phoebe (Wright) Smoot*

1. Lucy Florence Smoot, born 1858, married —— Beazlie.
2. Anne Brown Smoot, born 1861.
3. Otho Perry Smoot married twice. *q.v.*
4. Sarah Dean Smoot, born 1866.
5. Margaret Louise Smoot, born 1868.
6. Benjamin Franklin Smoot.
7. Ernest Granville Smoot.
8. Phoebe Alice Smoot.

DR. JOHN BRAGG SMOOT<sup>9</sup>

(1868 - 1927)

John Bragg Smoot, son of Walter Bragg and Elizabeth (Bozarth) Smoot, was born February 20, 1868, in Collin County, Texas. On December 9, 1891, at St. Louis, Missouri, he married Mary Eleanor, born April 28, 1870, the daughter of William Scott and Eleanor (Lan-

ham) Tyler. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's mother, then Mrs. Joseph A. Wherry, at 3734 Cook Avenue, by the Rev. Mr. Messick, of the Southern Methodist Church. Dr. Smoot lived part of his married life in Dallas, Texas, where he died February 2, 1927. He was interred at Plano, his boyhood home.

Only one child, a son, was born to Dr. Smoot and his wife—John Bragg Smoot, born January 16, 1896, at Dallas. During the World War he served in the Air Corps of his country. In 1923 he was married to Lavon, daughter of Reuben Searle and Martha Jane (Bennett) Lanyon. Two daughters have been born—Martha Eleanor, born August 19, 1924, and Lavon Lanyon, born October 26, 1926. His residence is at Joplin, Missouri.

#### ARTHUR HENRY SMOOT<sup>10</sup>

(1854 - 1898)

Arthur Henry Smoot, son of William Henry and Minnie (Sutphin) Smoot, was born 1854 at Big Island, Bedford County, Virginia. He married Ida Ryan, of Lynchburg, born 1863. She died during 1889; he survived until 1898.

#### *Children of Arthur Henry and Ida (Ryan) Smoot*

1. Arthur Henry Smoot, born 1884, at Lynchburg, served with the British Forces during the World War, married an English girl, and returned to America.
2. Claude Smoot, born 1886, died 1887.
3. Ida Smoot, born 1888 at Lynchburg, married William Lawrence Grimes, born 1874, Kenonsville, N. C., and lives (1936) at Spartanburg, S. C. Issues: Mary Louise, born 1912.

#### WILLARD SMOOT<sup>10</sup>

Willard Smoot, son of William Henry and Minnie (Sutphin) Smoot, was born September 13, 1859, at Big Island, Bedford County, Virginia. On April 16, 1904, he married Irene, born October 6, 1881, in Nelson County, Virginia, the daughter of Hope William Massie, one time Second Lieutenant of Reeves' Battery, Hood's Brigade, of the Confederate Army, and his wife Laura Williams Effinger, of Rockbridge County. She, Irene Massie, was also the great-granddaughter of Thomas Massie, first a Captain of the Sixth Virginia Regiment, later Major of the Second Virginia Regiment, Aide-de-camp to General Nelson at Yorktown, and an original member of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Virginia.

*Children of Willard and Irene (Massie) Smoot*

1. Henry Kenneth Smoot, born Mar. 29, 1905, Staunton, Va., M. A., George Washington Univ.
2. Hope Massie Smoot, born Nov. 30, 1906, Staunton, Va., A. B., Harvard Univ.
3. Charles Effinger Smoot, born Sept. 22, 1908, Staunton, Va., A. B. and LL. B., George Washington Univ.
4. Eugene Foster Smoot, born and died 1910.

COLONEL EDGAR KENNETH SMOOT <sup>10</sup>

Edgar Kenneth Smoot, son of William Henry and Minnie (Sutphin) Smoot, was born January 31, 1862, at Big Island, Bedford County, Virginia. He married Alice Irene, daughter of William and Susan (Blount) MacFarlane. In 1881 he was commissioned by the State of Texas a colonel of a regiment of United States volunteers, and served with distinction in several campaigns. He is an outstanding engineer and constructed the ports of Galveston, Texas, and Manzanillo, Mexico. Furthermore, he has been a consulting engineer for the improvement and enlargement of many other Southern ports and harbors. For some-time he has resided in Mexico, D. F., Republic of Mexico.

*Children of Edgar and Alice (MacFarlane) Smoot*

1. Harold Kenneth Smoot married twice. *q.v.*
2. Earl Whitney Smoot, born Oct. 5, 1892, Dallas, Tex., died May 6, 1930.

OTHO PERRY SMOOT <sup>10</sup>

Otho Perry Smoot, son of Benjamin and Phoebe Anne (Wright) Smoot, was born about 1863 in Caroline County, Virginia. He married first Sallie Hill Ryan, of Amherst County.

*Children of Otho Perry and Sallie (Ryan) Smoot*

1. Anne Pearl Smoot.
2. William Thompson Smoot.

Otho Perry Smoot married secondly Lalla Rookh, daughter of John and Virginia (Bagby) Pollard, and sister of the Honorable John Garland Pollard, one-time Governor of Virginia.

*Children of Otho Perry and Lalla (Pollard) Smoot*

3. Otho Perry Smoot, graduate of U. S. Naval Academy, Lieut. (1936) U. S. N., married Phyllis Shaw Logan. Issues: Perry Raeburn and Roger Pollard.
4. John Pollard Smoot.
5. Edward Bagby Smoot.

LIEUT. COMM. HAROLD KENNETH SMOOT, U. S. N.<sup>11</sup>

Harold Kenneth Smoot, son of Colonel Edgar Kenneth Smoot and Alice MacFarlane his wife, was born November 29, 1890, at Dallas, Texas. He attended the United States Naval Academy, and during the World War held the rank of lieutenant commander in command of the U. S. Torpedo Boat *Morris* and the U. S. S. *Nicholson*. His first wife was Marian Dana who became the mother of his daughter—Florence. His second marriage was to Velma Stone, and by this union a son—Earl Harold—was born.

## THOMAS SMOOT •

AND

## HIS DESCENDANTS

Thomas Smoot, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Barton) Smoot, was born in William and Mary Parish, Charles County, in the year 1697, according to deposition. In 1724 he, with James Waters, was bondsman for Rebecca Tyre, when she administered on the estate of John Glass, likewise, in 1726 he, with Samuel Love, was bondsman for Anne Kingsland at the administration of the estate of William Kingsland.

Before November 13, 1728, Thomas Smoot married Abigail ——— who assigned her dower when he deeded "Smoot's Chance" to his brother Charles. At the establishment of Trinity Parish in 1753, the plantation of Thomas Smoot lay in the newly created parish, and there the births of his younger children are recorded.

### *Children of Thomas and Abigail Smoot*

- 54 — 1. Samuel Smoot married Elizabeth Davis. *q.v.*  
2. Edward Smoot. *q.v.*  
3. Josias Smoot married twice. *q.v.*  
4. Benjamin Smoot. *q.v.*  
5. Mary Smoot, born May 17, 1739.  
6. Arthur Smoot married Catherine Farrand. *q.v.*  
7. Margaretta Smoot, born Dec. 13, 1748, married William, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Edwards) Dent. Issues: Alexander; Thomas; Jane; Catherine; and Nathan Smoot.

On January 7, 1729, there was surveyed for Thomas Smoot "Monday's Disappointment" of 100 acres which was later conveyed to William Smoot. In the same year he patented "Smoot's Hazard" of 121 acres, lying on Fresh Creek in Charles County, which in 1749 he deeded to Benjamin Fendall for 20 shillings. In 1756 he patented "Smoot's Venture", containing 343 acres.

The will of Thomas Smoot was dated August 28, 1781, and probated November 5, 1782, in Charles County. Edward, Josias, and Benjamin received equal portions of the dwelling-plantation "Thompson's Hope". Samuel was bequeathed 20 acres of "Gateson Addition", while Arthur was devised the remainder of the tract whereon he was then residing. Mary Smoot, the spinster, was willed 20 acres of "Thompson's Hope", and his daughter, Margaretta Dent, received a number of negroes.

The inventory of the personal estate was taken on November 18, 1782, with Samuel, Arthur, and Josiah as the executors. Walter Burch and William Anderson were the bondsmen. Distribution was ultimately made to the seven named children in the will.

SAMUEL SMOOT<sup>5</sup>

(17— - 1792)

Samuel Smoot, son of Thomas and Abigail Smoot, was born in William and Mary Parish, Charles County. His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Edward and Anne Davis. Her father in his will, probated in Charles County, June 13, 1764, bequeathed to his beloved daughter, Elizabeth Smoot, one shilling and no more.

*Children of Samuel and Elizabeth (Davis) Smoot*

1. John Smoot married Tomsen ———. *q.v.*
- 82 — 2. Edward Smoot married Susannah Hitch. *q.v.*
3. Thomas Smoot married Catherine ———. *q.v.*
4. Betsy Abigail Monica Smoot married Thomas Roberts, marriage bond Feb. 28, 1791, Fauq. Co., Va.
5. Anne Smoot.
6. Josiah Smoot.

Samuel Smoot maintained his seat at "Hunt's Venture" in Bryan Town Hundred, where in 1783 he was taxed for 100 acres of land, with seven in family. A few years later at the first census, his household consisted of himself, his two maiden daughters, and four slaves.

The will of Samuel Smoot was dated October 8, 1792, and proved in Charles County on November 12, 1792, by Arthur Smoot, Joseph Morton, and James Canter. Elizabeth his wife was bequeathed realty during widowhood. Edward received one-half of the land purchased from William Gerard, lying in Fauquier County, Virginia, while John received the remainder. Anne was devised "Maidstone" purchased from James Carrico and one-half of "Hunt's Venture", the dwelling-plantation, while Betsy Abigail Monica was willed the other half. Thomas and Josiah received minor bequests.

EDWARD SMOOT<sup>5</sup>

Edward Smoot, son of Thomas and Abigail Smoot, migrated from his home in Charles County, Maryland, to Fauquier County, Virginia, where in 1784 he deeded "Thompson's Hope" to his brother Josiah Smoot. Four years later he conveyed "Gates' Addition" to his brother Arthur.

The first available census of Fauquier County, Virginia, that is 1810, shows Edward Smoot the head of a family with a number of children (5 girls and 3 boys), the births of which ranged from after 1784 to before 1810. In 1820 he was again the head of a family with 4 girls and 5 boys. Both census schedules show him to be a fair owner of slaves.

Unfortunately, the names of his children have not been established and therefore many missing links remain unbridged. Marriage licenses were issued to the following maidens of Fauquier County, who were of ages to be his daughters: Polly Smoot and James Wood, Aug. 8, 1806; Carey Smoot and John Shumate, Feb. 6, 1808; Asenath C. Smoot and Presley R. Hett, Jan. 23, 1808.

### JOSIAH SMOOT<sup>5</sup>

(17— - 1797)

Josiah Smoot, son of Thomas and Abigail Smoot, was born in old William and Mary Parish, Charles County. He married first Christian, the daughter of James Grant. After the death of his first wife, he on December 22, 1781, married Anne Douglas, by the Rev. John McPherson, of William and Mary Parish. It is proved that one son was of the first union, but some doubt exists whether Samuel was of the first or second marriage.

#### *Children of Josiah Smoot*

1. Charles Smith Smoot, born Dec. 9, 1774, married Rachel ———.
2. Samuel Smoot married Lydia Gill. *q.v.*

During the Revolutionary War, Josiah Smoot served as a private in Captain Richard Bennett Mitchell's Company, of Charles County Militia.<sup>1</sup>

On December 1, 1784, Josiah Smoot purchased from Edward Smoot, his brother, then a resident of Virginia, the latter's share of "Thompson's Hope". At the tax list of 1783, Josiah Smoot was seized of 195 acres of the above-named tract, formerly being a part of Calvert's Manor, lying in Bryan Town Hundred.

The will of Josiah Smoot was dated September 9, 1796, and proved in Charles County on November 5, 1797, by John Adams and Joseph Morton. His wife, Anne, was devised the dwelling-plantation during life then to his two sons, Charles and Samuel, who also received "Maidstone" and "New Branford".

<sup>1</sup> Unpublished Maryland Records, D. A. R. Library, vol. 2, p. 288.



His executrix, Anne Smoot, had the inventory of his estate recorded on December 5, 1797, at which time Deborah Smoot and Catherine Smoot signed as the kinswomen. The final account on his estate was rendered in 1805, by Samuel Smoot, showing distribution to the widow and two sons.

Ultimately Charles Smoot instituted action against the estate for the services of a negro willed to his mother, Christian Smoot, by her father James Grant, then claimed by Anne Smoot, the executrix of Josiah Smoot. The case was decided in favor of the plaintiff, while Anne Smoot was ordered to pay £97/19/6 current money and interest from December 9, 1795, the day on which Charles Smoot became of age. The widow died intestate, whereon the court on January 29, 1806, ordered an inventory of the personal effects.

The eldest son, Charles Smith Smoot, died without issues during February 1807. By his will he named his wife, Rachel, conveying to her the plantation on which Samuel Burroughs then lived known as "Foxes Race" of 100 acres and the homestead. A bequest was made to his brother, Samuel, while the residue was devised to his wife. He named his friend, Dr. Charles Smoot, as the executor. John C. Waters, Walter B. Waters, and Zachariah Moran witnessed the instrument.

#### BENJAMIN SMOOT<sup>5</sup>

(17— - 1812)

Benjamin Smoot, son of Thomas and Abigail Smoot, was born in Trinity Parish, Charles County, Maryland. Before the settlement of the estate of his father who died in 1782, he moved to Henrico County, Virginia, where on December 3, 1784, he purchased from John Ellis and Susannah his wife 30 acres of land lying on Allen's Branch. The deed was witnessed by William Alley, Stephen Ellis, William Henley, and Nicholas Connaway.

Benjamin Smoot married in Maryland where his eldest children were born, but the identity of his wife has not been established through public records. The following list of children may or may not be complete:

#### *Children of Benjamin Smoot*

1. Barton Smoot married Mary Alley. *q.v.*
2. Josiah Smoot married Elizabeth Brown. *q.v.*
3. Thomas Smoot married Janney Powers. *q.v.*
4. Betsy Smoot married Samuel Vaughan. License Henrico Co., Jan. 10, 1798.
5. Mary Smoot married William Brown. License Nov. 24, 1802, Henrico Co.

6. Judith Smoot married Thomas Shaw. License Jan. 26, 1807, Henrico Co.
7. Nancy Smoot married William Powell. License Dec. 12, 1791, Henrico Co.

Benjamin Smoot died intestate. The personal estate was appraised at £71/1/3, and recorded in Henrico County on June 1, 1812. The papers were signed by Robert Massie, William Ellis, and William Alley.

#### ARTHUR SMOOT<sup>5</sup>

(1742 - 1797)

Arthur Smoot, son of Thomas and Abigail Smoot, was born August 16, 1742, in Trinity Parish, Charles County. He married Catherine, born October 8, 1746, the daughter of John and Mary (Stonestreet) Farrand, who was probably a widow at the time of this marriage. John Farrand in his will proved in Charles County during 1774 named his daughter Catherine Smoot. As next of kin, Arthur Smoot signed the inventory papers of his brother-in-law, Hezekiah Farrand, on June 21, 1783.

#### *Children of Arthur and Catherine (Farrand) Smoot*

1. Thomas Barton Smoot married Louisa ———. *q.v.*
2. Eleanor Smoot married John, son of George Adams.
3. Mary Abigail Smoot married John Harrison.
4. Rezin Smoot married Martha Dent. *q.v.*
5. Catherine Smoot married Thomas G. Waters.
6. Deborah Smoot.
7. George Smoot married Mary ———. *q.v.*

Arthur Smoot in 1781 purchased from James Carrico, son of Peter, a portion of "Maidstone", at which time Elizabeth Carrico, wife, waived her dower rights. In 1788 he purchased from Samuel Smoot "Gates' Addition". According to the tax list of 1783, he was the head of a family of nine in Bryan Town Hundred and was seized of the following tracts of land—"Gates' Addition" of 95 acres; "Keith's Hope" 18 acres; "Carrico's Hope" 94 acres; "Smoot's Venture" 8 acres; and "Maidstone" 12 acres.

He died intestate. The inventory of his personal estate was taken on October 19, 1797, with Eleanor Adams and Deborah Smoot signing as the next of kin, and Catherine Smoot as the administratrix. Her bondsmen were Josiah Smoot and John Adams. The inventory showed personalty delivered to the deceased's daughter, Eleanor, at the time of her marriage to John Adams, also those to Mary Abigail at her marriage to John Harrison.

The will of his widow was dated October 9, 1799, and proved in Charles County by Zephaniah Farrand and Edward Smoot. She devised personalty to her son George and to the children of her deceased son Thomas Barton Smoot. The residue was to be divided among "my other six children". Her son Rezin was named as executor.

At the April term of the court in 1801, Rezin Smoot, the administrator of Catherine Smoot, rendered an account on the petition of Anthony Collins Gray, guardian to Roger Collins Gray, Anne Gray, Mary Anne Gray, and George Gray, the representatives of Edward Gray, late of Charles County deceased.<sup>2</sup> Anthony Gray stated that he was resident of Virginia and that the children were of sufficient age to receive portions of the deceased's estate except George who was still a minor.

The final settlement of the estate of Catherine Smoot was made on December 10, 1805, by Rezin Smoot and showed distribution to George Smoot, the six Smoot children, and the three children of Thomas Barton Smoot.

The final account on the estate of Arthur Smoot was made at the same time, by Rezin Smoot, administrator *de non bonis*. The account showed the widow's share, and those of the following—Thomas Barton, Eleanor, Mary Abigail, Deborah, Rezin, Catherine, and George.

### JOHN SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(17— - 1797)

John Smoot, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Smoot, was born about 1740 in Charles County, Maryland. By the will of his father in 1792, he received realty in Fauquier County, Virginia, where he was already seated. His wife was Tomsen (Thomasine) ———.

#### *Children of John and Tomsen Smoot*

1. Leonard Smoot married Milly Courtney. *q.v.*
2. John Smoot married Margaret Hitch. *q.v.*
3. Mary Smoot.
4. Elizabeth Smoot.
5. James Smoot married Frances. *q.v.*
6. Barton Smoot.
7. William Smoot.
8. Claiborne Smoot married Nancy Payne. *q.v.*
9. Charity Smoot married Colston Payne. Bond Oct. 20, 1790, Fauq. Co.

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<sup>2</sup> It is assumed that Edward Gray was the son or son-in-law of Catherine Smoot by a former marriage.

10. Lewis Smoot married Elizabeth Marcus and Elizabeth Anderson. Bonds, Feb. 8, 1799, and Feb. 8, 1800, Fauq. Co.
11. Enoch Smoot. *q.v.*
12. Frances Smoot married Lewis Jones. Bond, Jan. 31, 1799, Fauq. Co.
13. Thomas Smoot, died during war.

The will of John Smoot was dated September 5, 1796, and proved in Fauquier County, Virginia, on June 26, 1797, by Aquilla Davis, D. Wood, and William Wood. He named his twelve children, and bequeathed his wife all rights and title in his lands and moveable goods. This widow was living as late as 1810, but did not appear as the head of a family at the 1820 census.

His sons' William and Thomas, both enlisted in the Revolutionary Army as privates during April 1776. William served in Captain Henry Fautleroy's Company, 5th Virginia Regiment of Foot, commanded by Colonel Josiah Parke. During the first year of his services he participated in the battles of Brunswick and White Plains. At the former place, he reenlisted. In February 1778, he was engaged in the campaign around West Point. At muster, dated Pompton, December 1778, he was recorded as being ill at West Point, likewise, the musters of January and February at Middle Brooke, New Jersey, reported him ill. He was discharged February 28, 1779.

Thomas Smoot, his brother, enlisted at the same time in the identical company, and reenlisted in June 1778 for three years. In February 1778, he was reported ill at West Point, in Captain Bentley's Company, 3rd Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel William Heth. Subsequent muster rolls show him ill at West Point, where he died January 11, 1779.

#### EDWARD SMOOT <sup>6</sup>

Edward Smoot, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Smoot, was born in Charles County, Maryland. By the will of his father he received land purchased from William Gerard lying in Fauquier County, Virginia, where he established his homestead. On June 11, 1788, bond was offered for his marriage to Susannah Hitch, with Christopher Hitch as the surety.

One does not find him as the head of a family in Fauquier County at the census of 1810, but it is believed that he was the Edward Smoot who was the one in 1820, with 5 boys all under 26 years of age and 5 girls all under 26 years. The following list of children is therefore probably incomplete.

*Children of Edward and Susannah (Hitch) Smoot*

1. Thomas Smoot married Elizabeth Hett. *q.v.*
- 8 3 → 2. Josias Smoot married Harriet Whitacre. *q.v.*
3. Rebecca Smoot married Alexander Hitch. License Nov. 15, 1827, Fauq. Co.
4. Aryanna Smoot married William P. Rogers. License Dec. 14, 1830, Fauq. Co.
5. Elwen Smoot married Rebecca Anne Hirst. License Sept. 27, 1833, Fauq. Co.
6. Samuel Smoot married Betsy Harris. *q.v.*
7. Edward Smoot married Harriet G. Downing. *q.v.*

On May 9, 1820, Edward Smoot purchased household goods from Henry H. Downing, of Fauquier County. On January 17, 1824, he deeded negroes to his wife Susannah and the following children—Josias, Rebecca, Aryanna, and Elwin. At the same date he assigned all debts to his son Thomas. The deeds were witnessed by John Neale, Edward Smoot Jr., Samuel Smoot, and Matthew Neale, and recorded on May 24, 1824. As no further record of Edward Smoot exists in Fauquier County, it is probable the various deeds of conveyance were in lieu of a last will and testament.

Consequently, five children are conclusively proved. It is assumed, however, that Samuel (named from his grandfather) and Edward (named from his father) two of the witnesses to the deeds of conveyance, are sons.

THOMAS SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(175--1824)

Thomas Smoot, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Davis) Smoot, was born between the year 1750-1760 in Charles County, Maryland. His wife was Catherine (Caty) ———, born 1760-1770. He lived for a time in Fauquier County, Virginia, where his brothers settled and where it is believed that most of his children were born. The following children were named in his will—Betsy; John N. (*q.v.*); Samuel; Jacob; Caty; Nancy; Thomas; Charlotte; Polly; and Josiah.

After 1800 Thomas Smoot migrated to Rowan County, North Carolina, where on May 9, 1810, he purchased from John Linster for \$700 land on the north side of the South Yadkin River, "where Boon's Road crosses", containing 100 acres which had been granted by the State to Moses Linster. The transfer was proved by Harrod B. Pruit and Richmond C. Hughes. In August 1810, he deeded to John N. Smoot land for \$150, at which time Samuel Smoot and Jacob Smoot witnessed the conveyance. On May 17, 1819, he sold another tract to John N.

Smoot for \$300, lying on the north side of the South Yadkin River, being part of the tract on which he was then living and adjacent to the dwelling of the said John N. Smoot. The deed was attested to by Josh Smoot. On December 7, 1819, he sold to John W. Linster for \$500 land on the north side of the South Yadkin River, with Joseph Kincaid and Neal McGill as the witnesses. On August 2, 1830, he conveyed 200 acres of land to Jesse Tatum, with Joseph C. Pickler as the witness. The census of 1830 shows him as domiciled in the "forks of the Yadkin River".

The will of Thomas Smoot was dated May 10, 1824, but it was not proved until the November session of the court in 1830, with James Owens as the testator. He bequeathed his wife Caty and daughters—Betsy, Caty, Nancy, Charlotte, and Polly—all lands of which he was seized in Rowan County, including the dwelling-plantation and a small tract of woodland. To his sons—John N., Samuel, Jacob, Thomas, and Josiah—"that are about to advance themselves in different parts of the world far away from me I do not leave them any thing more than one dollar each".

#### SAMUEL SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(17— - 1832)

Samuel Smoot, son of Josiah, claimed during his life that he was born in Virginia, though his father lived and died in Maryland. He married Lydia Gill, born 1790, in Maryland.

#### *Children of Samuel and Lydia (Gill) Smoot*

1. Henry Smoot, born 1808, *d.s.p.*
2. William E. Smoot, born 1814, married Elizabeth Perrine. *q.v.*
3. Charles Smoot, born 1816, in Ky., *d.s.p.*
4. Samuel Smoot, settled in New Orleans.
5. Elizabeth Smoot, born 1817, married 1835 Alexander Hamilton Wall, of Scott Co., Ky. Issue: Garrett Smoot, born July 12, 1845, served in Confederate Army; Lydia; Mary married Judge Lewis Apperson, of Mt. Sterling, Ky.

On May 7, 1804, Samuel Smoot with his brother Charles S. Smoot deeded "Maidstone" to Joseph Norton. On January 13, 1808, he as a resident of Charles County, conveyed "New Cranford" to John Waters of John. At the 1810 census he was the head of a family in Charles County, with 10 slaves.

Shortly after 1810 Samuel Smoot and his family migrated to Mason County, Kentucky, and settled at Limestone, later known as Maysville. On March 20, 1815, he and his wife Lydia, of Mason County, conveyed

to Henry Gill, of Charles County, "Thompson's Hope" which had descended to Samuel Smoot through Josiah Smoot, deceased. On September 11, 1815, he and his wife, Edward Tabbs and Lettice his wife, Anne Gill, and Erasmus Gill, all of Mason County, Kentucky, deeded to Mary Johnson, of Charles County, the tract "Foxes Race".

The will of Samuel Smoot was proved in Mason County, Kentucky, on December 26, 1832, naming his five children.

BARTON SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(176- - 1845)

Barton Smoot, son of Benjamin, was born in Maryland between the years 1765 and 1770, and was brought to Henrico County, Virginia, by his parent as a boy. On February 26, 1798, he secured license in Henrico County, to marry Mary Alley. Only one child has been established, that is, Richard who married Mary Jane Cottrell, on August 25, 1828.

On August 27, 1814, Barton Smoot enlisted as a private in Captain William B. Chamberlayne's Company of Artillery, attached to the 33rd Virginia Regiment, recruited in Henrico County. His enlistment expired on November 30, 1814.

He deeded to his son Richard for natural love and affections on June 10, 1835, land lying on Turnpike Road comprising of 15 acres in Henrico County. This conveyance was witnessed by Charles Cottrell, and Binford S. Brown.

Barton Smoot died intestate. His personal estate was appraised at \$1,238.75, and returned to the court on January 17, 1846.

The following is from an old Smoot Bible, the owner of which could give no information as to the original owner nor its connection with her branch of the family. The first notation is the marriage of Richard Smoot and Mary Jane Cottrell, the date of which is identical with the license issued in Henrico County.

Richard Smoot, born June 14, 1810.

Mary J. Smoot, born Aug. 22, 1808.

Samuel W. Smoot, born Jan. 31, 1804.

Martha L. Smoot, born Dec. 15, 1809.

Benjamin Sylvester Smoot, born May 24, 1835.

Mary J. Smoot, died Aug. 5, 1838.

Martha L. Smoot, died Mar. 1, 1845.

Mary Ann Smoot, born Feb. 3, 1848.

Rebecca Jane Smoot, born Feb. 4, 1848.

William Thomas Smoot, born Feb. 12, 1852.

Nannie Lee Smoot, born Nov. 9, 1854, died Aug. 29, 1856.

William Smoot, born Feb. 3, 1848.

### JOSIAH SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

Josiah Smoot, son of Benjamin, was born sometime after 1765 in Maryland. He came to Henrico County, Virginia, with his parents in his youth, and there on August 4, 1806, he secured license to marry Elizabeth, the daughter of Micajah Brown.

Josiah Smoot enlisted August 27, 1814, as a private in Captain William B. Chamberlayne's Company of artillery raised in Henrico County and was attached to Truehart's Regiment, 33rd Virginia. He was stationed at one time at Camp Bottom's Bridge.

On July 24, 1824, he acknowledged an indebtedness to Samuel Cottrell and Royal Shepherd, executors of the estate of Charles W. Cottrell, and therefore sold personal property to Samuel Brown and Obadiah Duval to meet his obligations.

He was not the head of a family in Henrico County in 1830, according to the census for that year. There was an Elizabeth Smoot, however, with three girls between the ages of 10 and 15 years, and one girl between 5 and 10 years of age.

### THOMAS SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(1787 - 18—)

Thomas Smoot, son of Benjamin, was born about 1787, in Henrico County, Virginia. On April 10, 1811, he secured license in Henrico County to marry Virginia (Jenny) Powers, born 1796 in Virginia. The following children are known, that there were others is possible.

#### *Children of Thomas and Virginia (Powers) Smoot*

1. Sally Smoot, born 1814, died June 28, 1886.
2. William Henry Smoot married Siana M. Lee.
3. Nancy Smoot, born 1821, died Mar. 11, 1886.
4. Elizabeth Jane Smoot, born 1824, died Jan. 6, 1891.
5. Thomas Barton Smoot married Mary Elizabeth Redd. *q.v.*

It is probable that he was the Thomas Smoot who served as a private in Captain Hezekiah Henley's Company of Riflemen, First Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel Clark. Records show that he was in service from February 7 to May 14, 1813, and was encamped at Fort Norfolk. In the same company were also Joseph Smoot and Barton Smoot.

In 1850 Thomas Smoot, engaged in agriculture, was the head of his household in Henrico with his wife and three maiden daughters. He died sometime after this date.



THOMAS BARTON SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(17— - 179—)

Thomas Barton Smoot, son of Arthur and Catherine (Farrand) Smoot, was born in Trinity Parish, Charles County, Maryland. His wife was Louisa ———.

*Children of Thomas Barton and Louise Smoot*

1. Walter Smoot, born Jan. 18, 1789.\*
2. Arthur Smoot, born Jan. 18, 1789.
3. George Smoot, born Mar. 31, 1792.
4. Anne Smoot, born Mar. 28, 1794.

Thomas Barton Smoot died sometime before 1800, at which time his widow appeared as the head of the family and the guardian of her four minor children. She apparently died soon afterwards, for by 1803 Rezin Smoot, the uncle, was their guardian.

REZIN SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(17— - 1836)

Rezin Smoot, son of Arthur and Catherine (Farrand) Smoot, was born sometime between the years 1775 and 1794, according to the census records. His wife was Martha, the daughter of Gideon and Mary Dent. His plantation lay in Bryantown Hundred.

*Children of Rezin and Martha (Dent) Smoot*

1. Benjamin Smoot married Betty ———. *q.v.*
2. William Smoot, born 1823, unmarried 1860.
3. Mary Smoot.
4. Samuel Smoot, born 1827, unmarried 1860.
5. Elizabeth Smoot.
6. Anne Smoot.

During the summers of 1813 and 1814, Rezin Smoot served under Captain Alexander Dent in Hawkins' Maryland Regiment. Later he was transferred to Captain Hugh Cox's Company, same regiment. On February 14, 1821, he and his wife Martha conveyed to George Smoot

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\* Note: Walter Smoot, of St. Genevieve Co., Territory of Missouri, enlisted Aug. 13, 1814, for 60-day service in Capt. Henry Poston's Company of Mounted Militia, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Dodge. His outfit rendezvoused at St. Louis "82 miles distant from his home". He was transferred to Capt. Edward Hempstead's Company, but was rejected "on account of an inflammation on one of his legs". Could these be the same?

“Higdon’s Chance”, described as that tract which had been bequeathed to Martha Smoot by the will of her father Gideon Dent. Rezin Smoot died on December 2, 1836, and according to the records of Trinity Parish, he was interred on the plantation of Mr. B. Adams.

His will was dated November 13, 1836, and proved in Charles County on February 20, 1837, by John Hughes, Alexander Boarman, and Benjamin Adams. He bequeathed his entire landed estate to his wife Martha Smoot during life, then to his sons Benjamin and William. A third son Samuel received \$400. Mary, Elizabeth, and Anne were devised personally.

#### ENSIGN GEORGE SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

George Smoot, son of Arthur and Catherine (Farrand) Smoot, was a minor at the death of his mother in 1799, and was placed under the guardianship of his uncle Rezin Smoot. Charles Smith Smoot and Thomas Gibbons offered bond.

George Smoot volunteered on July 1, 1813 for the War of 1812 and was mustered into service at the plantation of Major Henry S. Yates. While serving as a sergeant in the company of Captain Alexander Dent, Hawkins’ Regiment, he was brevetted ensign. During the summer of 1814 he was again in service as ensign in John Moran’s Detachment, First Maryland Regiment, and at another time in Lieutenant George Gardiner’s Detachment. Prior to the war he had married Mary ———.

#### *Children of George and Mary Smoot*

1. Arthur D. Smoot, born 1816, unmarried 1850, with realty of \$2,200, at Allen’s Fresh, Chas. Co.
2. Mary Catherine Smoot, born 1818, married Stoughton Warren Dent, son of Hatch and Susannah (Edwards) Dent. Issues: Catherine; Stoughton Hubert; Hugh; Lydia; Mary; George H.; Columbia; and Ella.
3. Theophilus Smoot, born 1819, married Amelia Harrison. *q.v.*
4. Josias Smoot, born 1822, died Apr. 11, 1850.
5. Alexander Smoot, born 1822, unmarried 1860.
6. George S. Smoot, born 1823, unmarried 1850.
7. Emeline Anne Smoot, buried Sept. 25, 1843.

George Smoot died before 1830, inasmuch as his widow Mary Smoot was the head of the household at the census for that year. She was made the guardian of her minor children, at which time Theophilus Dent and Edward Pye were her bondsmen. The homestead lay in Bryantown Hundred.

LEONARD SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

(176— - 18—)

Leonard Smoot, son of John and Tomsen Smoot, was born sometime before 1765, undoubtedly in Fauquier County, Virginia. He married Milly, the daughter of Courtney Norman, presumably of Culpeper County.

On August 12, 1795, Leonard Smoot and Milly his wife, William Norman and Mary his wife, and Ezekiel Norman and Nancy his wife, all of Culpeper and Fauquier counties, conveyed to John Norman for £55 a tract of land containing 106 acres in Bromfield Parish on the little fork of the Rappahannock River, formerly belonging to Courtney Norman, deceased, whereon John Norman was then domiciled. Among the witnesses was Courtney Norman II.

The first available census for Fauquier County (1810) shows Leonard Smoot as the head of a family, with a wife born before 1765, and four girls and four boys, all born after 1794. Only three children, however, have been proved.

*Children of Leonard and Milly (Norman) Smoot*

1. Elizabeth Smoot married Joseph Anderson. Her father gave his formal consent on Sept. 24, 1803.
2. Leonard Smoot married Abigail Heaton. *q.v.*
3. Courtney Norman Smoot married Margaret ———. *q.v.*

In 1803 Leonard Smoot sold household goods to Becket & Blackwell. On April 20, 1810, he, with his mother Tomsen Smoot, leased land in Fauquier County during "their lives" from John Marshall and James M. Marshall. He was not the head of a family in Fauquier County in 1810.

JOHN SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

(17— - 1839)

John Smoot, son of John and Tomsen Smoot, was born perhaps in Lord Fairfax Manor, Fauquier County, Virginia. On December 16, 1789, bond was offered for his marriage with Peggy, the daughter of Christopher Hitch, of Fauquier County. His will, proved in Fauquier County, August 26, 1839, named his wife Margaret as the sole heir. His personal estate was appraised at \$1,592.27. At the subsequent sale Margaret Smoot was the only purchaser bearing the family name. His widow died in 1842, when she willed most of her estate (negroes) to the State of Virginia.

JAMES SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

(1764 - 1843)

James Smoot, son of John and Tomsen Smoot, was born May 25, 1764, in Lord Fairfax Manor, Fauquier County, Virginia, according to his own statement. During the Revolutionary War, he was drafted for three months and served under Captain Francis Triplett. His outfit joined the troops under the command of Colonel Daniel Morgan and marched to Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Upon their return to Fauquier County five or six months hence, he was honorably discharged. Later he substituted for Jacob Krim and was in active service for three months. He returned home during June 1781, and again substituted, but this time for Manoah Crawley. He was present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, and afterwards guarded prisoners at Winchester.

In 1783 he migrated to Wilkes County, North Carolina, where he continued to live until his death on April 29, 1843. By the Rev. James Fletcher, of Wilkes County, he was married to Fanny ———, born 1757. Under the act of 1832, James Smoot was granted a revolutionary pension. After his death, his widow applied for a pension and received one until her death in Wilkes County, on December 5, 1848. In 1853 William Smithy and Elisha Vickers stated that Susannah Parker and Nancy Vickers were the only surviving children.

CLAIBORNE SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

Claiborne Smoot, son of John and Tomsen Smoot, was born prior to 1784 in Fauquier County, Virginia. On February 4, 1790, he secured license in his native county to marry Mary Payne. At the first available census for Fauquier County, that is 1810, he was the head of a family, with a number of young children. The schedule shows that he had at least six daughters and two sons, but only one child has been established —William Payne Smoot. (*q.v.*) By 1820 Claiborne Smoot had left Fauquier County, and in 1825 one finds him a tax payer on 73 acres of land in Fleming County, Kentucky.

ENOCH SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

(1777 - 18—)

Enoch Smoot, son of John and Tomsen Smoot, was born 1777 in Fauquier County, Virginia. During the War of 1812 he served as a private in Captain James Payne's Company of Riflemen, attached to the 41st Virginia Regiment of Colonel Branham, formed in Fauquier County.

Before 1820 he settled with some of his brothers in Fleming County, Kentucky, where he married and raised a family. The only child established, however, is Elizabeth J. Smoot who married Abner Boyd in Flemington County, according to license issued November 2, 1849. In 1850 Enoch Smoot made his home with his son-in-law Abner Boyd, born 1816, in Virginia. Elizabeth, the latter's wife, was born 1835 in Kentucky, and in the household were three Boyd children whose ages would not place them as those of Elizabeth.

#### THOMAS SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

Thomas Smoot, son of Edward and Susannah (Hitch) Smoot, was born in Fauquier County, Virginia. He married Elizabeth Hett. One son—Thaddeus Norris Smoot who married Mildred Jeffries (*q.v.*)—has been proved.

In 1848 a law suit developed over the landed estate of Peter Hett, late of Fauquier County, who in 1802 willed his land to his widow Hannah during life. In 1846 his widow Hannah Hett died leaving a will which bequeathed her estate to her grandson Thaddeus N. Smoot. The heirs consequently brought action, declaring that the interest of the widow was only life and that at her death the heirs should share equally. The following plaintiffs were all children of Peter and Hannah Hett—Presley Hett (he married Asenath C. Smoot January 23, 1808); Harrison Hett; Alexander Hett; Thaddeus Hett; Mary Anderson, widow of Taliaferro Anderson; Thomas Palmer and Susan his wife; Alexander Anderson and Nancy his wife; Thomas Smoot and Elizabeth his wife; Humphrey Hopper and Hannah his wife; and James Freeman and Frances his wife.

#### JOSIAS SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

(1805 - 1857)

Josias Smoot, son of Edward and Susannah (Hitch) Smoot, was born 1804 in Fauquier County, Virginia. On January 2, 1830, he secured license in his native county to marry Harriet Whitacre, born 1811, in Virginia.

#### *Children of Josias and Harriet (Whitacre) Smoot*

1. Edward M. Smoot, C. S. A. *q.v.*
2. Sarah Smoot, born 1833.
3. Thomas Smoot, born 1837.
4. Samuel Smoot, born 1838.
5. Lucinda Smoot, born 1840.
6. John R. Smoot, born 1842.
7. Isaac N. Smoot married Alma Walker. *q.v.*

8. Josias Smoot, born 1846.
9. Harriet A. Smoot, born 1848.
10. Marie A. Smoot, born 1850.

The first three children were born in Virginia, but after 1834, Josias Smoot and his young family migrated westward and before 1837 was living in Missouri, where Thomas and the remaining children were born. The above named children, except Edward who was at school, comprised his household in 1850, when he was the proprietor of a farm in Round Grove Township, Marion County, Missouri. He died in 1857.

His eldest son Edward M. Smoot enlisted April 20, 1862, in Marion County, Missouri, in Co. A, First Northeast Missouri Cavalry under Colonel McCullough of the Confederate Forces, and gave his life to the cause. His popularity led to his election as First Lieutenant on July 2, 1862, but the company was not fully organized until July 29, 1862, owing to the presence of the Yankee Army. The company was forced to disperse in squads on October 18, and was ordered to assemble in Arkansas. On November 25, the entire company, each and every man well mounted, arrived at Pocahontas, Arkansas, and reported to Colonel Burbridge, but on December 1, 1862, was reorganized at Mill Creek, Izard County, Arkansas, Lieutenant Smoot was present with his company at muster on July 28, 1863, at Moore's Mill, Calloway County, Missouri, but was killed by the enemy on August 10, 1863, near Stacton, Missouri.

A number of citizens of Marion County, made the following deposition on January 23, 1865. "That we were residing in Palmyra in 1862 and that in the winter of that year one Edward Smoot a Rebel soldier was confined in the Palmyra Jail . . . that he made his escape from the jail and was arrested by a Federal soldier (Andrew Alsman) of Colonel Glover's Regiment from whom he escaped after quite a struggle in which he wrested Alsman's pistol from him . . . We have no doubt that Smoot was harbored and concealed in the city of Palmyra while the soldiers were searching for him".

#### SAMUEL SMOOT ?

Samuel Smoot, the believed son of Edward and Susannah (Hitch) Smoot, was born in Fauquier County, Virginia, around 1790. From August 1 to September 14, 1814, he served as a private in Captain James Payne's Company of Riflemen, attached to the 44th Virginia Regiment which was formed in Fauquier County. He was stationed at one time at Camp Alexandria.

On February 24, 1812, Samuel Smoot secured license in Fauquier County to marry Betsy Harris, the daughter of Thomas Harris. Peculiarly, he was not listed as the head of a family in 1820, but he and his wife of "Fauquier County" were among the representatives of Thomas Harris who conveyed land to Samuel Chancellor, of Rappahannock County, sometime after 1820.

#### EDWARD SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

Edward Smoot, the believed son of Edward and Susannah (Hitch) Smoot, was born in Fauquier County, Virginia. There on December 7, 1830, he secured license to marry Harriet G. Downing.

In 1833 he recovered judgment in the court of chancery against Mary Brown and William Brown, in which a John Smoot was involved, over a crop of corn. Thomas Smoot made the following deposition: "I was living on my brother's (Edward) land in his house the year before he had a crop of corn which was near the house. He told me that he agreed to have Mrs. Brown 14 bbls. and perhaps 2 bushels delivered about 1828 or 1829".

#### JOHN N. SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

(1786 - 18—)

John N. Smoot, son of Thomas and Catherine Smoot, was born 1786 in Virginia. He migrated to Rowan County, North Carolina, with his parent, where in 1813 he was listed as a patroller in the militia company of Captain Pearson. In February 1814, he was appointed constable of his district, at which time Richmond Pearson Jr. and Harod B. Pruitt offered bond. On December 23, 1818, John Pearson conveyed to him two lots of ground in Rowan County, with J. A. Pearson as a witness. On May 17, 1819, he purchased from his father 55 acres of land. On October 8, 1819, he sold to Susannah Henderson, of Botetourt County, Virginia, for \$100 one-half lot of ground in the town of Clinton, Iredell County, North Carolina. On September 18, 1820, he deeded to Richard Williams 150 acres of land on the north side of the South Yadkin River. The transfer was witnessed by John Clement and Godfrey Clement.

#### *Children of John N. Smoot*

1. Elizabeth B. Smoot, born 1818.
2. Charlotte W. Smoot, born 1822.
3. Narcissa P. Smoot, born 1828.
4. Malinda M. Smoot, born 1830.
5. Thomas Randolph Smoot, born 1834, later of Union City, Tenn.

6. Richmond Kelley Smoot, married Sarah Jane Graham. *q.v.*
7. Margaret Smoot, born 1838.
8. John N. Smoot, M. D., of Fulton, Ky., C. S. A., wounded at Bull Run; died in Texas.
9. Benjamin F. Smoot.

He ultimately settled at the present town of Huntingdon in Carroll County, Tennessee, which was formerly a part of the Jackson's Purchase of 1821. At the first census of Carroll County in 1830 John N. Smoot was the head of a large family of twelve and two slaves.

At the age of 64 he was the proprietor of a moderate-sized tannery establishment in 1850. The senior feminine member of his household was Elizabeth H. Smoot, born 1803 in Tennessee. The next in matter of age was Elizabeth B. Smoot, born 1818 in North Carolina, who may or may not be the daughter of the senior Elizabeth. All other children were born in Tennessee. The names of the foregoing children were given by their nephew and were substantiated by the 1850 census with the exception of John Jr. and Benjamin who probably were away from home at that time.

#### WILLIAM E. SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

(1814 - 1887)

William E. Smoot, son of Samuel and Lydia (Gill) Smoot, was born 1814 in Mason County, Kentucky. In that county he obtained license on October 16, 1837, to marry Elizabeth Perrine, born 1817, in Kentucky, and the sister of William Perrine. The following children composed his household at the census of 1850 in Mason County:

##### *Children of William and Elizabeth (Perrine) Smoot*

1. Lydia Ellen Smoot, born 1839.
2. William Perrine Smoot, born Nov. 23, 1840, died May 26, 1909, married Mary K. Gordon.
3. Henry Gill Smoot, born 1843.
4. Charles Smith Smoot, born 1845.
5. Samuel N. Smoot, born Dec. 11, 1847, married Oct. 15, 1874, Ella Gordon; resided in Barton Co., Mo.

Upon an adjoining plantation in 1850 lived his widowed mother Lydia Smoot, born in Maryland, with her two unmarried sons, Henry and Charles. William P. Smoot died at the age of 73, and his wife at the age of 70.



THOMAS BARTON SMOOT, C. S. A.<sup>7</sup>  
(1837 - 1872)

Thomas Barton Smoot, son of Thomas and Virginia (Powers) Smoot, was born January 12, 1837, in Chesterfield County, Virginia. He married Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Temple Redd. Late in 1861 Thomas Barton Smoot enlisted in Company A, 24th Virginia Cavalry, commanded by Captain Dabney and attached to the forces under General J. E. B. Stuart. He was taken a prisoner by the Northern Army at Emmanuel Church, Brooke Hill, Henrico County, during the raid of Generals McClellan and Dahlgren. He later escaped and returned to his regiment. He passed through Richmond on the night of April 2, 1865, enroute to Appomattox, where he surrendered with General Lee. He returned to his home in Henrico County in ill health and lived very quietly until death on July 17, 1872.

*Children of Thomas Barton and Mary Elizabeth (Redd) Smoot*

1. Mary Thomas Smoot, born Oct. 6, 1851, died Nov., 1919, married Thomas Kanfelt. Issues: Thomas, *d.s.p.*; Sally.
2. Elizabeth Redd Smoot, born Aug. 15, 1853, *d.s.p.* July 3, 1919, married James M. Johnson.
3. Martha Jane Smoot, born Oct. 21, 1855, died Jan., 1927, married Andrew Butler. Issues: Grace; Charles; and Edward.
4. George Waverly Smoot, born Jan. 10, 1858, died Aug. 7, 1912, married Betty Lee Alexander. Issues: Sarah Redd, born Nov. 19, 1892; Betty Alexander, born Mar. 28, 1894, married Apr. 12, 1923, Donald L. Belcher; and Thomas Barton, born Dec. 20, 1903.

BENJAMIN SMOOT<sup>7</sup>  
(1811 - 18—)

Benjamin Smoot, son of Rezin and Martha (Dent) Smoot, was born 1811 in Trinity Parish, Charles County, Maryland. His wife was Elizabeth ———, born 1812 in Maryland. Births of some of the following children are registered in Trinity Parish, while others are established through the 1850 and 1860 censuses—Mary Martha born 1841, Elizabeth 1843, Samuel 1844, Benjamin 1844, William R. March 1, 1845, John Henry February 24, 1847, Arthur 1850, and Anne 1859.

THEOPHILUS SMOOT<sup>7</sup>  
(1819 - 1891)

Theophilus Smoot, son of George and Mary Smoot, was born 1819 in Charles County, Maryland. In 1850 he maintained his own establishment with a child, Mary Smoot aged 6 years, as the only other member of his household. About 1851 he married Amelia Harrison.

*Children of Theophilus and Amelia (Harrison) Smoot*

1. George Thomas Smoot, born 1852, *d.s.p.*, married Lola ———.
2. Winfield Smoot, born 1854, *d.s.p.* 1902, naming bro., sisters, and nephew Theophilus Hallie Smoot, of Theophilus.
3. Joseph Alexander Smoot, born 1856, died Oct. 17, 1935, married Avie Tippett.
4. Mary Smoot, born 1858.
5. Robert Harrison Smoot.
6. Theophilus Smoot.
7. Amelia Alice Smoot married Charles H. Shepherd.
8. Margaret Ida Smoot.
9. Adaline Ellen Smoot.

Theophilus Smoot maintained his seat near Charlotte Hall, where in 1860 it was appraised at \$13,000. In his household was also Henry Dent, born 1842 in Maryland.

The will of Theophilus Smoot was dated November 5, 1890, and proved in Charles County on February 3, 1891. George was bequeathed the farm near Dentsville and was named the executor, while Robert received the farm on Gilbert Swamp. Joseph was willed the farm on which he was residing known as "St. Margaret", and Winfield the farm called "Johnson's Place", lying partly in St. Mary's County. Other heirs were his children, Theophilus, Amelia wife of Charles H. Shepherd, Margaret, and Adaline, and his wife Amelia. He mentioned notes of William T. Briscoe, and Edward T. Briscoe and his wife Sallie.

His son George Thomas Smoot died a resident of Charles County, and by his will proved November 16, 1920, he named his wife Lola, and devised his nephew Theophilus Smoot the Smoot's Family Bible, the sword used by "my" uncle Alexander Smoot, and other relics of the Smoot family. He finally requested that he be buried at All Faith's Churchyard in the Smoot's burial lot.

LEONARD SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

Leonard Smoot, son of Leonard and Milly (Norman) Smoot, was born prior to 1784, in Fauquier County, Virginia. On May 24, 1799, he secured license in Culpeper County, Virginia, to marry Abigail Heaton. On February 25, 1807, he, described as a resident of Culpeper County, purchased from John Rea a lot in the town of Washington (now in Rappahannock County). By 1810 Leonard Smoot had migrated to Franklin County, Kentucky, where he was the head of a family in that year, with his wife, and a boy and two girls.

COURTNEY NORMAN SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

(1803 - 18—)

Courtney Norman Smoot, son of Leonard and Milly (Norman) Smoot, was born about 1803 probably in Fauquier County, Virginia. About 1827 he married Margaret ———, born 1808 in Virginia. To them were born Elizabeth in 1828, Ann in 1830, Mary in 1831, Frances in 1835, Charles in 1836, Martha in 1838, Virginia in 1840, John in 1842, Norman in 1844, and Cecelia in 1850.

Courtney Norman Smoot settled in Hampshire County, Virginia, and from the census record of 1850 for that county, the above-named children were taken. His sympathies during the Civil War are well exemplified by his arrest and confinement in jail on September 11, 1862 for "piloting rebels to capture Union pickets and violating the oath of allegiance". The following facts were recorded at his arrest—occupation, farmer; complexion, light; hair, gray; height, 5 feet 8 inches; eyes, blue; age, 60; whiskers, none; address, Burlington, Virginia.

WILLIAM PAYNE SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

(1798 - 1872)

William Payne Smoot, son of Claiborne and Mary (Payne) Smoot, was born 1798 in what is now Flemington County, Kentucky. At maturity he settled in Harrison Township of Daviess County, Indiana, and about 1825 he married Elizabeth Jett, born 1806 in Tennessee. All six children were born in Indiana.

*Children of William and Elizabeth (Jett) Smoot*

1. James Franklin Smoot, born 1827, married Phoebe Smith.
2. Claiborne J. Smoot, born 1832; pvt. Co. A, 52 Ind. Regt., Civil War.
3. Warner Smoot married Lydia Robinson. *q.v.*
4. William H. Smoot, born 1836.
5. John Smoot, born 1840.
6. George W. Smoot, born 1844; pvt. Co. D, 52 Ind. Regt., Civil War.

The census of 1850 shows that he had in his household, besides his six children, Adlene Hamm, aged 4 years, born in Indiana, and Arlemisa Smoot, aged 17, born in Kentucky. He died July 22, 1872.

THADDEUS NORRIS SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

(17— - 1849)

Thaddeus Norris Smoot, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Hett) Smoot, was born in Fauquier County, Virginia. On April 23, 1845, he secured license in that county to marry Mildred Jeffries, born 1820 in Virginia. To this union the following children were born—James, born 1836; Hannah, born 1847; and Georgianna, born 1848. Thaddeus Smoot died intestate in Fauquier County, when in 1849 letters of administration were issued to George W. McQueen. His widow in 1850 was residing in Rappahannock County, and there she married Richard Welch, according to license, on October 13, 1851.

ISAAC NEWTON SMOOT, C. S. A.<sup>8</sup>

Isaac Newton Smoot, son of Josias and Harriet (Whitacre) Smoot, was born about 1844 in Missouri. During the War Between the States, true to his Southern lineage, he served as a private in Company C, First Northeast Missouri Cavalry, C. S. A., the same regiment wherein several of his brothers served. During June 1876, he married Alma Walker, born 1857. He maintained his residence for a time at La Belle, Missouri, but eventually settled at Denver, Colorado, where he died.

*Children of Isaac and Alma (Walker) Smoot*

1. Lottie Smoot, died 1931, married ——— Holt, and Elmer Johnson.
2. Anna Sue Smoot, died young.
3. Lucy Smoot, died young.
4. Edgar Everett Smoot, born Aug. 18, 1884, La Belle, Mo., married Mar. 5, 1915, Eva, born Oct. 9, 1892, at Curtis, Nebr., dau. of Arthur Mason and Mary A. (Peale) Johnson. Issues: Arthur Newton, born Dec. 29, 1915.

RICHMOND KELLY SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

Richmond Kelly Smoot, son of John N. Smoot, was born 1836 in Carroll County, Tennessee. On February 1, 1866, he married Sarah Jane, daughter of Judge Asher W. Graham, of Bowling Green, Kentucky. He later settled in Austin, Texas, and there he died. His son, Lawrence Kelly, of Austin, on June 17, 1918, married Julia Emma Williams, of Maysfield, Texas, but of South Carolina lineage. To this union was born a daughter—Jane, on December 13, 1919.

LIEUTENANT WARNER GREEN SMOOT, U. S. A.<sup>9</sup>  
(1833 - 1918)

Warner Green Smoot, son of William Payne and Elizabeth (Jett) Smoot, was born August 28, 1833, in Daviess County, Indiana. At the beginning of the Civil War he enlisted first in Co. C of the 6th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Later he was commissioned a First Lieutenant and served in Co. D of the 80th Regiment of Indiana Infantry. Upon his return from service, he married on July 24, 1864, Lydia E. Robinson, born December 2, 1844. She died on December 9, 1910; he died November 16, 1918.

*Children of Warner and Lydia (Robinson) Smoot*

1. Walter Glide Smoot.
2. Emma Jane Smoot.
3. Richard Bruner Smoot.
4. Mary Della Smoot.
5. Edwin Robinson Smoot married Lura Wall. *q.v.*

EDWIN ROBINSON SMOOT<sup>10</sup>

Edwin Robinson Smoot, son of Warner and Lydia (Robinson) Smoot, was born in Washington, Indiana. On September 3, 1907, at Greenwood, Mississippi, he married Lura, daughter of John Archelaus and Anna Ardelia (Aven) Wall.

*Children of Edwin and Lura (Wall) Smoot*

1. Warner Green Smoot, born Aug. 18, 1908, planter, cotton buyer, and manager of Shelby Hardware & Lumber Co., Shelby, Miss.
2. Anna Aven Smoot, born Sept. 20, 1913, married June 3, 1934, Hal Lochridge Carnes, large cotton planter of the Mississippi Delta.  
Issue: Hal Lochridge, Jr., born Apr. 24, 1935.

Edwin Robinson Smoot was graduated from the Mulliken University at Lincoln, Illinois, after which he devoted himself to evangelistic work of the church. For thirty years or more he has been a force in the Methodist Episcopal Church South, with charges at Corinth, Greenville, and other places in Mississippi. He is also prominent in the Masonic orders, being a Knight Templar, Scottish Rite Mason, Shriner, and at one time Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the Grand Jurisdiction of Mississippi. In politics he is affiliated with the Republican Party. His residence is at Shelby, Mississippi.

CHARLES SMOOT<sup>4</sup>  
AND  
HIS DESCENDANTS

Charles Smoot, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Barton) Smoot, was born in the year 1700 at the parental homestead on the Wicomico. He was orphaned when he was not more than five years of age and, according to the will of his father, he was placed under the guardianship of his maternal uncle, Colonel William Barton, of Prince Georges County. Colonel Barton died within the same year as that of Thomas Smoot, and by a codicil to his will he mentioned the land left Charles by his father Thomas.

Charles Smoot married thrice, his first wife being Elizabeth, the daughter of Thomas and Martha (Sansbury) Harris.

*Children of Charles and Elizabeth (Harris) Smoot*

1. Elizabeth Smoot married Henry Smith Hawkins.

Well advanced in his thirties Charles Smoot married secondly Mary, daughter of Randolph and Anne Brandt, who was also the step-daughter of Barton, his brother. Circumstances also seem to indicate that Mary had been the second wife but childless widow of ——— Goodrick.

*Children of Charles and Mary (Brandt) Smoot*

1. Henley Smoot married Eleanor Briscoe. *q.v.*
2. John Nathan Smoot married twice. *q.v.*
3. William Barton Smoot married Elizabeth Hanson. *q.v.*
4. Mary Smoot married July 16, 1782, William, born Sept. 23, 1740, died Jan. 19, 1809, son of William and Barbara (Acton) McPherson. Issues: Elizabeth, born Apr. 15, 1783; Henry Hendley, born 1786; Thomas; William; Mary; and Harriot.

Shortly after the marriage of his eldest daughter, Elizabeth to Henry Smith Hawkins, Charles Smoot deeded to them the tract called "Daniel's Mount" for natural love and affections. The conveyance was recorded in Charles County on August 11, 1750, with Mary Smoot, wife, relinquishing her interest.

A warrant was issued to him in 1761 for 130 acres of land in Charles County to be known as "Chance Enlarged", which seems to be the only record of a land patent in his name.

His second wife died prior to June 21, 1766. The fact that she maintained a separate estate and that Charles Smoot, the widower, was

appointed administrator by the court is proof that she had a life interest in the property. The inventory papers were filed on September 16, 1767, with an appraisement of £452/8/4, with William Courts and James Maddox as the sureties. Distribution was made on October 11, 1768, to the following representatives, no relationship stated—Ignatius Middleton, William Stone, Charles Sewell, Frances Goodrick, and the heirs of Edward Goodrick deceased. It is assumed that they were her step-children or their husbands who claimed their father's estate upon the death of his widow.

Charles Smoot took for a third wife his cousin Elizabeth, the daughter of William and Rachel Barton, but successively the widow of Henry Brawner and Aaron Nalley. She had married her first husband on January 2, 1726/7, in Rock Creek Parish, of Prince Georges County. He died prior to 1749, leaving six children. The following have been proved—William, Barton, and Henry. By her second husband she became the mother of four sons—John, Aaron, Richard, and Nathan Barton. To the latter children she deeded on March 26, 1767, her personal estate but reserved it to her use during life and that of Charles Smoot "providing that the said Charles Smoot should marry me in six months". Two days later she deeded "Wentworth Woodhouse" to her three Brawner sons "providing if Charles Smoot should marry me honourably in six months". At this date most assuredly a courtship was in progress.

The will of Charles Smoot was dated November 25, 1776, and proved in Charles County on March 20, 1778. He divided his estate among his wife Elizabeth and four children—Mary, John Nathan, Hendley, and William Barton. The inventory of the personal effects was taken on June 27, 1778, with William Barton Smoot as the acting executor, and John N. Smoot and Hendley Smoot, signing as the kinsmen.

#### ENSIGN HENDLEY SMOOT<sup>5</sup>

(1740 - 1811)

Hendley Smoot, son of Charles and Mary (Brandt) Smoot, was born about 1740 in Trinity Parish, Charles County. His dwelling-plantation lay in Newport Hundred where he brought his bride Eleanor, born September 12, 1750, daughter of Hezekiah and Susannah (Wilson) Briscoe, and a descendant of Dr. John Briscoe who is reputed to have arrived in Maryland on the Ark with Leonard Calvert in 1634.

*Children of Henley and Eleanor (Briscoe) Smoot*

1. Wilson Smoot married Anne ———. *q.v.*
2. Catherine Smoot married Thomas Sellman.
3. Anne Smoot married Smith Hawkins.
4. Susannah Smoot married Richard Brooks Brandt and Thomas Solomon.
5. Jane Smoot married James Lawrence. License Feb. 19, 1816, Anne Arundel Co., Md.
6. Eleanor Smoot married John Iglehart. License Apr. 19, 1811, Anne Arundel Co., Md.
7. Charles Smoot married Anne Egerton. *q.v.*
8. Hezekiah Briscoe Smoot married Elizabeth ———. *q.v.*

Henley Smoot like other members of his family voiced little sympathy for the mother country, and during the Revolution one finds him an ensign in the company of Captain John Parnham of the Twelfth Battalion of Charles County Militia.<sup>1</sup>

The tax list of 1783 shows him seized of "Strife" of 105 acres, "Betty's Delight" 100 acres, "Noe's Desert" 35 acres, and "George's Hope", 76 acres. Nine composed his immediate family, the same as reported at the official census of 1790. Through his wife he acquired an interest in "Morris Venture", originally patented by Richard Morris, which he with Richard Brandt and Margaret his wife conveyed to William Compton, Gent.

Henley Smoot died intestate in Charles County during 1811. Letters of administration were issued to his eldest son Wilson, at which time Richard B. Brandt and William P. Ford offered bond. The inventory showed that his personal estate was appraised at \$3,460. At a court hearing shortly afterwards the following were named as representatives—Wilson Smoot, Thomas Sellman, Smith Hawkins, Richard Brook Brandt, Jane Smoot, John Iglehart, Charles Smoot, and Hezekiah Smoot.

The final settlement was made on August 23, 1815, and showed disbursements to Thomas Solomon in right of his wife Susannah; the heirs of the Rev. Charles Smoot, i.e., Maria, Charles, George, James, Anne, and Hezekiah; the heirs of Hezekiah Smoot, i.e., James and Susannah; Smith Hawkins in right of his wife Anne; Jane Smoot; John Iglehart in right of his wife Eleanor; Catherine Smoot; and Wilson Smoot.

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<sup>1</sup> Archives vol. 21, p. 427.



ENSIGN JOHN NATHAN SMOOT<sup>5</sup>  
(1744 - 1815)

John Nathan Smoot, son of Charles and Mary (Brandt) Smoot, was born 1744, according to a deposition of 1779, in Charles County, Maryland. He married twice, but the identity of his first wife has not been established. In his will he refers to "proportions of my estate and added to the shares of my children by my former wife", and speaking of his present wife he stated "of my children by her". His second wife, however, was Mary, born 1755, daughter of Hezekiah and Susannah (Wilson) Briscoe.

*Children of John Nathan Smoot*

1. Charles Smoot married Lettie Stoddert ———. *q.v.*
2. Elizabeth Smoot married Rev. John Weems. Issues: William, born Jan. 26, 1790; John Nathan, born Sept. 16, 1791; Walter H., born Apr. 9, 1794; James J., born Nov. 7, 1796; Charles Smoot, born Apr. 20, 1798; George M., born Sept. 16, 1801; Lock, born July 25, 1804; Sarah Anne, born July 11, 1808.
3. Mary Smoot, *d.s.p.* 1843, named nephews John Weems, Francis Weems; niece Sarah Anne Hawkins; and Joseph Henry Hawkins, extr.
4. Anne Smoot, *d.s.p.* 1841, named sisters Mary, Eleanor, Elizabeth; and children of sister Elizabeth Weems.
5. Eleanor Smoot, *d.s.p.*; 1840, named sister Mary; Walter Weems; James Weems; Lock Weems; Elizabeth Anne Weems, dau. of Charles Weems; Josiah Henry Hawkins' two daus.; John and Francis Weems of John; and Mary, dau. of Walter Weems.
6. Susanna Wilson Smoot, *d.s.p.* 1847, named brother William; nephews John Smoot, Wilson Compton Smoot, Richard Smoot, and Edward Smoot, sons of William; niece Anne Mary Smoot.
7. Margaret Brandt Smoot, *d.s.p.* 1833, named sister Susannah; brother William; nephew John Weems.
8. William Hendley Smoot married Violetta Compton. *q.v.*

John Nathan Smoot established his seat in Newport West Hundred, where in 1783 he was a tax payer of an estate aggregating 292 acres—"Calvert's Hope" and George's Rest", with six in family. It is said that John Nathan Smoot served as Quartermaster of the Lower Battalion of Charles County Militia during the Revolutionary War, perhaps the following notation refers to him: "That Captain George Keeports deliver to Ensign John Smoot of First Brigade 3¾ yds Cloth. 3 yds shallon, and 1 piece of Britaines of 3d Quality in part of the Articles".<sup>2</sup>

The will of John Nathan Smoot was dated January 9, 1812, and proved January 21, 1815, in Charles County by William Barton Smoot,

<sup>1</sup> Archives, vol. 43, p. 121.

Walter H. Smoot, and William H. Smoot. He bequeathed his estate equally among the following named children—Charles, Elizabeth, Mary, Anne, Eleanor, Susannah, Margaret, and William—stating that the property devised them since leaving the parental dwelling should be deducted from their share of the total estate. He mentioned one-fourth of the landed estate due his wife Mary as heir of her father Hezekiah Briscoe, deceased.

On May 24, 1820, John Weems and Elizabeth his wife, of Charles County, deeded to Mary Smoot portions of "George's Rest" and "Calvert's Hope" which Elizabeth Weems was entitled from the estate of her father John Nathan Smoot.

#### WILLIAM BARTON SMOOT<sup>5</sup>

(1746 - 1822)

William Barton Smoot, son of Charles and Mary (Brandt) Smoot, was born about 1746 in the Wicomico District of Charles County, where his great-grandfather settled nearly 100 years before. He, however, left the immediate environs of his father's plantation and established his seat near the present hamlet of Newport in Trinity Parish where a number of the younger sons of the landed barons of the Wicomico settled when their patrimony did not entitle them to the ancestral seat. He engaged in the tanning trade, an occupation which proved the foundation for considerable affluence of the Smoots for a later day.

He selected his wife from among the eligible daughters of Judge Walter Hanson and Elizabeth his wife, the daughter of William Hoskins.

#### *Children of William and Elizabeth (Hanson) Smoot*

1. Letitia Hanson Smoot married Henry S. Hawkins.
2. William Hoskins Smoot, *d.s.p.* 1831, naming young niece Elizabeth Eleanor Brerewood Hawkins dau. of "my" sister Letitia H. Hawkins; will witnessed by J. W. Smoot and Mary Briscoe.
3. John Smoot, *d.s.p.* 1846, willing sister Letitia H. Hawkins entire estate and mentioning niece Mrs. Sara Sides, of Balto.
4. Walter Hanson Smoot. Pvt. Capt. Cox's Co., Hawkins' Regt., War of 1812.
5. Hanson Smoot, born 1789, living alone 1850 in Chas. Co.
6. Charles Smoot married Harriet Sothoron. *q.v.*
7. ——— Smoot married ——— Briscoe. Issues: Mary Letitia and Elizabeth Eleanor.

William Barton Smoot was active in the cause for independence and in 1777 served as private then sergeant in the company of Captain Walter Hanson of the Twelfth Battalion of Charles County Militia.<sup>3</sup>

The tax list for Charles County in 1783 shows him a resident of Newport Hundred seized of the following tracts—"Chance Enlarged" of 12 acres, "George's Rest" of 50 acres, "Bridges" 50 acres, "Hucklow's Addition" 28 acres, and "Smoot's Venture" of 343 acres, the latter lying in Port Tobacco Hundred.

In 1792 William Barton Smoot with John Chandler was a bondsman for Charity Keech when she administered on the estate of George Keech Sr.

The will of William Barton Smoot was proved 1821 in Charles County by John T. Dyson, William H. Smoot, and Mary Muskett. Mary Letitia was bequeathed one-third of the dwelling-plantation and numerous slaves, while William and John received the residue. Walter Hanson was willed the land purchased from Robert Edelen, and Hanson the land where Edward Ford resided called "Bridges" and "Smoot's Triangle". Mary Letitia Briscoe and Elizabeth Eleanor Briscoe, granddaughters, were devised personalty.

The inventory on August 31, 1821, showed numerous tannery utensils. At the sale of his personal estate on November 23, 1823, among the buyers were William Hoskins Smoot, Hanson Smoot, Dr. Charles Smoot, Walter H. Smoot, Letitia H. Smoot, John Smoot, Charles Smoot, and Walter Smoot Hoskins.

On August 4, 1825, Letitia Hanson Smoot, William Hoskins Smoot, and John Smoot conveyed the following tracts—"Chance Enlarged", "Brother", "Boarman's Hazard", and "George's Rest"—beginning at Zachia Swamp, all of which had been deeded to their father, William Barton Smoot, by Samuel Chapman.

#### CAPTAIN WILSON SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(17— - 1823)

Wilson Smoot, son of Henley and Eleanor (Briscoe) Smoot, was born in Trinity Parish, Charles County. Sometime after 1790 he married Anne ———, but it is believed that no issues survived. At the death of his brother, the Rev. Charles Smoot, in 1805, Wilson Smoot and his brother-in-law Richard Brandt became guardians of the former's minor children. On July 22, 1808, Wilson Smoot and Anne his wife conveyed to Henry Green Jr., "Griffen Hope" and "Addition to Griffen

<sup>3</sup> Unpublished Maryland Records, vol. 2, pp. 296, 300.

Hope". During the War of 1812 he served as captain in the 43rd Maryland Regiment. He died intestate during 1823. The inventory of his personal estate was filed on October 24, 1823, with his widow Anne Smoot as administratrix.

The will of Anne Smoot, his widow, was dated February 8, 1830, and proved in Charles County on March 15, 1830, by Barton Robey, Charles Wells, and Henry H. Bean. She devised her sister Mary property during life then to sister's Spalding's children . . . "if by any change of circumstances Mr. Hargraves' sons, James and Richard, become equally indigent with the indigent of my sister Spaldings' children . . . then they shall share equally".

REV. CHARLES SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(1771 - 1805)

Charles Smoot, son of Hendley and Eleanor (Briscoe) Smoot, was born 1771 in Trinity Parish, Charles County. He was the first member of the Smoot family to accept holy orders, being ordained a priest of the American Episcopal Church in 1793. His most memorial charge was King and Queen Parish of St. Mary's County, with the parish church located at Old St. Mary's City where his maternal ancestor, Dr. John Briscoe, first settled nearly two hundred years before.

On December 14, 1795, he secured license in St. Mary's County to marry Anne, born December 25, 1771, daughter of Charles Calvert and Mary Egerton, and a kinswoman of Lord Baltimore.

*Children of Charles and Anne (Egerton) Smoot*

1. Maria Wilson Smoot, born July 10, 1797, married ——— Handy.  
Issues: George; Hezekiah; Charles; Richard; and Caroline.
2. Charles Calvert Smoot married Sarah Bryan. *q.v.*
3. Daniel Lawrence Smoot, died young.
4. George Henley Smoot married twice. *q.v.*
5. James Egerton Smoot married Phoebe Cavally Lowe. *q.v.*
6. Anne Caroline Smoot, born May 24, 1804, married Jan. 8, 1828,  
Richard Henley Brandt.
7. Hezekiah Briscoe Smoot married Harriet McNeale. *q.v.*
8. Briscoe Smoot, died young.

Charles Smoot died in St. Mary's County in 1805. His widow in 1809 shared in the distribution of the estate of Bennett Egerton whose mother was Mary Jones. Anne Smoot died in the spring of 1810, and was buried in the churchyard at Old St. Mary's. Her tomb states that she died in the thirty-ninth year of her age.

In 1815 the six surviving orphans received their inheritance from the estate of their paternal grandfather. The estate of their father was not settled until August 8, 1822, in St. Mary's County, when \$574.62½ was awarded each child.

#### HEZEKIAH SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

Hezekiah Smoot, son of Henley and Eleanor (Briscoe) Smoot, was born at the parental estate in Charles County, Maryland. After the Revolution he settled in Fairfax County, Virginia, where the following declaration is on file:

"I Hezekiah Smoot do swear that my Removal into the State of Virginia was with no intent of evading the Laws for preventing the further importation of slaves, nor have I brought with me any slaves with an intention of selling them nor have any of the slaves which I brought with me been imported from Africa or any of the West India Islands since the first day of November 1778."

(signed) Hze<sup>h</sup> Smoot.

The wife of Hezekiah Smoot has not been established through research, nor the date of his death. He predeceased his father, however, for the former's two children shared in the estate of their grandfather in 1811.

#### *Children of Hezekiah Smoot*

1. James Henley Smoot married Barbara Anne ———. *q.v.*
2. Susannah Wilson Smoot.

#### DR. CHARLES SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(1770 - 18—)

Charles Smoot, son of John Nathan Smoot, was born about 1770 in Trinity Parish, Charles County, Maryland. His wife when she relinquished her dower in a piece of realty signed her name as Letty Stoddert Smoot. A secondary source, however, states that she was Lettie Dent Tyler, the daughter of William Tyler, of Prince Georges County, Maryland. Her signature somehow reputes the statement, practically the middle name. It is traditional that a sister of Benjamin Stoddert, first Secretary of the Navy, married a Smoot, but this belief has not been proved by court records. It was not customary in the early nineteenth century for married women to use their maiden names with that of

their husband, and therefore it is not believed that she was the traditional sister of the Secretary.

A correct list of their children has not been established, the following are inferred from the census records.

*Children of Charles and Letty Smoot*

1. John Nathan Smoot, born about 1808.
2. Elizabeth Smoot, born 1813, married Frank Killough.
3. Mary Smoot, born 1813.
4. Charles Smoot, born 1820.
5. Anne Hinson Smoot married Dr. James Greenfield Smith, born 1799 in Md.

Charles Smoot married prior to 1800, for the census for that year shows him the head of a family in Charles County, with a daughter less than ten years of age.

On October 12, 1815, Charles Smoot "Sr.", of Charles County, deeded land to William Henley Smoot, at which time his wife waived her third. Sometime after this date he with a number of other Maryland families migrated to Hickman County, Tennessee, and settled on the east side of Lick Creek just above the mouth of Fort Cooper Hollow. A nearby neighbor was David Killough, formerly of Pennsylvania, whose son married a daughter of Charles Smoot.

A history of Hickman County states that the Maryland settlers were of the highest types, many of them embracing the learned professions. Among the families enumerated were the Tyler, Weems, Semmes, Clagett, and Smith families. Charles Smoot was a doctor of medicine, while a member of the Semmes family was an attorney-at-law.

The first available census of Hickman County (1820) shows David Killough, Walter Tyler, and Horatio Clagett as neighbors of Dr. Smoot. The latter died before 1840, inasmuch as in that year his widow, Lettie Smoot, was the head of a family, with two maidens and a youth. She, however, was not a resident of the county in 1850. In that year Elizabeth Killough was the head of a family with realty assessed at \$700, and with her were Mary Smoot, Agnes Smoot, and Walter Smith. Nearby lived Charles Smoot, a farmer, with realty valued at \$300, and Sophia Smoot, born 1827 in Tennessee. It is not known whether Sophia was a wife or sister. No children, however, composed the household.

The destruction of all records by fire in Hickman County during 1865 prevented any research in this county to ascertain further information on this family.

LIEUTENANT WILLIAM HENDLEY SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(1790 - 1853)

William Hendley Smoot, son of John Nathan and Mary (Briscoe) Smoot, was born 1790 in Trinity Parish, Charles County. During the War of 1812 he served first as a private in Captain John P. Parnham's Company, First Maryland Regiment, commanded by Colonel Hawkins. He was ordered into active service in July 1814, and was stationed in St. Mary's County. Later he was commissioned a lieutenant and served under Captain Dent.

On February 19, 1824, he married in Trinity Parish, by the Rev. Richard H. B. Mitchell, an Episcopal clergyman, Violetta Wilson, born April 18, 1803, daughter of John Walter and Elizabeth Anne (Penn) Compton.

*Children of William and Violetta (Compton) Smoot*

1. John Nathan Smoot.
2. Anne Mary Smoot, born 1826.
3. Elizabeth Smoot, born 1827.
4. Wilson Compton Smoot, born 1831.
5. Richard Smoot married Mary Brawner. *q.v.*
6. Edward Maguder Linthicum Smoot, born July 4, 1838, died Oct. 10, 1886, married Mary Frances Gray and Caroline Middleton Ward.
7. Lucinda Smoot, born Nov. 25, 1841.

In 1850 William Hendley Smoot was established on his estate, appraised at \$6,000, in Allen's Fresh District, of Charles County.

He died March 14, 1853. His will was dated March 12, 1853, and proved May 17, 1853, in Charles County, by Josiah H. Hawkins, Strouton W. Dent, and A. J. Smoot. He willed his entire estate to his unnamed children after the death of their mother.

In 1878, his widow Violetta W. Smoot applied for a Government pension by right of her husband's services in the War of 1812. Her marriage was certified by Jonathan T. Padgett, Joseph Lacey, Richard M. Smoot, and Anne M. Smoot. Strouton W. Dent stated that he had known Violetta Smoot for 55 years. She died, however, before the approval of her application. Letters of administration were issued on March 4, 1879, to Richard M. Smoot, of Charles County. Affidavits showed that in 1878 Edward L. Smoot was a magistrate of Charles County.

DR. CHARLES SMOOT<sup>6</sup>  
(17— - 182—)

Charles Smoot, son of William and Elizabeth Hoskins (Hanson) Smoot, was born in Charles County, Maryland. On June 11, 1799, in St. Mary's County, he secured license to marry Harriet Sothoron. The following list of children may not be complete; the names were recalled by a granddaughter of Dr. Smoot, living in Washington in 1936.

*Children of Charles and Harriet (Sothoron) Smoot*

1. Maria Smoot.
2. Adeline Smoot.
3. William Smoot married Rachel ———. Issues: Georgie and Maria.
4. Robert Wood Smoot married Margaret White. Issues: Stephen; Charles; Robert; Henry; Daniel; Benjamin; Julia; and Harriet.
5. Gideon Smoot.
6. John Henry Smoot married twice. *q.v.*
7. Charles Smoot.
8. George Smoot.
9. Arthur Smoot.

Dr. Smoot died intestate in Charles County sometime after 1820. His widow died several years later in Georgetown. The following appeared in one of the Capital's newspapers—"Mrs. Harriet Smoot, widow of Dr. Charles Smoot, died in Georgetown, August 31, 1842, aged 57".

Perhaps the "George Smoot of Charles" whose estate was administered in Charles County by Mary Smoot on October 13, 1829, was of this line.

CHARLES CALVERT SMOOT<sup>7</sup>  
(1798 - 1867)

Charles Calvert Smoot, son of Charles and Anne (Egerton) Smoot, was born September 20, 1798, in St. Mary's County, Maryland. He settled later in Alexandria, Virginia, where he married Sarah Waters Bryan.

*Children of Charles and Sarah (Bryan) Smoot*

1. Mary Anne Smoot married John Perry.
2. Susan Adelaide Smoot.
3. Catherine Florence Smoot.
4. Charles Calvert Smoot married Susannah Smoot. *q.v.*
5. John Bryan Smoot married twice. *q.v.*

Charles Calvert Smoot removed to Alexandria, Virginia, where his will, dated February 16, 1858, was proved on October 7, 1867. He named his daughters Mary Anne Perry wife of John, Susan Adelaide Smoot, Catherine Florence Smoot, and sons Charles C. and John B. Smoot.



GEORGE HENDLEY SMOOT <sup>7</sup>

(1801 - 1870)

George Hendley Smoot, son of Charles and Anne (Egerton) Smoot, was born April 10, 1801, in St. Mary's County. About 1815 he settled at Alexandria, Virginia, and later married Mary, daughter of William Weston. After her death he married Catherine, daughter of John A. Uhler, one-time of Philadelphia. He died testate on March 11, 1870, in Alexandria, Virginia.

*Children of George Hendley Smoot*

1. Mary Egerton Smoot married David Milton French.
2. Josiah Hewes Davis Smoot, born 1831, died 1888, married 1853 Frances Piper French (1834-1905).
3. Catherine Uhler Smoot married Maris Taylor.
4. Alleghany Smoot married Susan Miller.

JAMES EGERTON SMOOT <sup>7</sup>

(1803 - 1849)

James Egerton Smoot, son of Charles and Anne (Egerton) Smoot, was born April 26, 1803, in St. Mary's County, Maryland. In his late youth he settled in Alexandria, where his brother, George Hendley, deeded him a house and lot for the consideration of \$750. On March 13, 1828, he married Phoebe Cavally, born December 25, 1805, daughter of James Rector Magruder and Christiana (Arell) Lowe.

*Children James Egerton and Phoebe (Lowe) Smoot*

1. James Rector Smoot, born Mar. 27, 1830, died Nov. 3, 1902, married Frances Virginia, born Nov. 3, 1832, died May 20, 1863, dau. of A. R. and P. Fraser, and married secondly Harriett Lee, born Mar. 19, 1833, died June 30, 1870, dau. of Charles L. and Selina Powell.
2. Christiana A. Smoot, born Feb. 8, 1832, died May 25, 1880, married John Jolly.
3. Jacob Douglas Smoot, born 1834, died 1838.
4. Laura Egerton Smoot.
5. Phebe Anne Smoot, born 1838, died 1842.
6. William Albert Smoot, married twice. *q.v.*
7. Anne C. Smoot.
8. Ida Virginia Smoot.

James Egerton Smoot died June 19, 1849, intestate in Fairfax County, Virginia. His widow was named administratrix and the guardian of the minor children. She died at Alexandria July 25, 1867, aged 61 years.

HEZEKIAH BRISCOE SMOOT<sup>7</sup>  
(1805 - 18—)

Hezekiah Briscoe Smoot, son of Charles and Anne (Egerton) Smoot, was born June 22, 1805, in St. Mary's County, Maryland. His youth was spent, however, in Charles County, and in young manhood he joined his brothers at Alexandria, Virginia. He married Harriet E. McNeal, of St. Mary's County, and sister of Andrew McNeal, later of Baltimore, and of Scotch Presbyterian lineage. Hezekiah Briscoe died at his seat near Alexandria.

*Children of Hezekiah Briscoe and Harriet (McNeal) Smoot*

1. Susan Smoot, born May 26, 1827, married Charles C. Smoot, *q.v.*
2. James Richard Smoot married Anna G. Crittenden. *q.v.*
3. Charles Smoot.
4. Maria Smoot.
5. Daniel J. Smoot.
6. Briscoe Smoot.
7. David L. Smoot, born 1835, Capt., C. S. A., settled in California, 1876.

JAMES HENLEY SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

It is not known whether James Henley Smoot, son of Hezekiah, was born in Maryland or Virginia, but his youth, however, was spent at his father's home in Alexandria, Virginia. On April 16, 1823, as a resident of Alexandria, he deeded to Dr. Edward Briscoe, of Charles County, a lot on Pennsylvania Avenue in the National Capital containing a 3-story brick dwelling for \$100. His wife Barbara Anne Smoot waived her dower. Shortly after this date he migrated to Shenandoah County, Virginia, where on November 24, 1823, as one of the representatives of Willson Smoot, he acknowledged his indebtedness to James Douglas and Jacob Douglas, of Alexandria, and thereby conveyed property to Nicholas Stonestreet.

RICHARD M. SMOOT<sup>7</sup>  
(1833 - 1906)

Richard M. Smoot, son of William and Violetta (Compton) Smoot, was born about 1833 in Charles County, Maryland. On April 21, 1857, he married Mary E. Brawner.

*Children of Richard and Mary (Brawner) Smoot*

1. James William Smoot, born May 26, 1858, died Nov. 19, 1880.
2. Violetta Cordelia Smoot, born May 15, 1860, died Mar. 21, 1913, married June 9, 1884, George W. Cross.

In 1860 Richard Smoot was the head of his household in Newport District of Charles County, with realty appraised at \$5,000 and a personal estate of \$15,000. In addition to his wife and two children, there were in his home his widowed mother and his spinster sister, Lucy. His wife died January 2, 1904; he died May 8, 1906.

JOHN HENRY SMOOT<sup>7</sup>  
(1820 - 1891)

John Henry Smoot, son of Charles and Harriet (Sothoron) Smoot, was born about 1820 in Charles County, Maryland. His wife was Sarah Morton, but the register of Trinity Parish records his marriage to Margaret E. Morton on November 20, 1845.

*Children of John and Sarah (Morton) Smoot*

1. John D. Smoot, born 1851, died Nov. 23, 1885, married ———  
Goldsborough.

His wife died and was interred in his burial lot in Oak Hill Cemetery, Washington, on June 5, 1866. He married secondly Julia Belt, but no issues resulted from this union. He was a prosperous merchant of Georgetown and maintained his home on N Street, now known as the old Smoot House, made famous as the residence of Newton D. Baker when he was Secretary of War in Wilson's Cabinet. John Henry Smoot lived until 1891.

CHARLES CALVERT SMOOT<sup>8</sup>  
(1826 - 1884)

Charles Calvert Smoot, son of Charles and Sarah (Bryan) Smoot, was born 1826 in Alexandria, Virginia. He married, according to license issued in Alexandria on October 3, 1854, his cousin Susannah, the daughter of Hezekiah Smoot. During the Civil War the tanning factory of Charles Smoot was an important source of supply to the Confederate Government. He died during 1884.

*Children of Charles and Susannah (Smoot) Smoot*

1. James Clinton Smoot married Frances Elizabeth Wood. *q.v.*
2. Cora Smoot.
3. Loula Smoot.
4. Florence Smoot married Robert Wilson Wheat. Issue: Robert Wheat.
5. Sue Ella Smoot married Alfred Thomson. Issue: Susan Smoot.
6. Ella H. Smoot, died young.
7. Sarah Lee Smoot, died young.
8. Bertie Smoot, died young.

JOHN BRYAN SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

(1830 - 1887)

John Bryan Smoot, son of Charles Calvert and Sarah (Bryan) Smoot, was born July 31, 1830, in Virginia. In Dorchester County, Maryland, on October 16, 1855, he secured license to marry Sarah A. Breerwood, who died in 1863. From a deed, however, in Rappahannock County, it shows that he married secondly Emilie E. ———. He died 1887.

*Children of John and Sarah (Breerwood) Smoot*

1. Henry Smoot.
2. William Breerwood Smoot, born Jan. 1, 1858, married Oct. 13, 1886, Margaret Le Compte Cator.

WILLIAM ALBERT SMOOT, C. S. A.<sup>8</sup>

(1840 - 1917)

William Albert Smoot, son of James Egerton and Phoebe (Lowe) Smoot, was born August 30, 1840, in Alexandria, Virginia. During the War Between the States he served for one year in the ranks of Company A, 17th Regiment of Virginia Infantry, and then with Company H, 4th Virginia Cavalry, sustaining seven wounds during the conflict.

On April 24, 1866, he married Elizabeth Edmonds, daughter of John H. and Elizabeth (Edmonds) Parrott.

*Children of William and Elizabeth (Parrott) Smoot*

1. Elizabeth Smoot married ——— Fuller.

His wife died August 30, 1869, and on October 15, 1873, he married Elizabeth Carter, daughter of the Rev. William and Marietta McQuire. He died during 1917.

*Children of William and Elizabeth (McQuire) Smoot*

2. William McGuire Smoot.
3. Lewis Egerton Smoot.
4. William Albert Smoot.

MAJOR JAMES RICHARD SMOOT, C. S. A.<sup>8</sup>

(1828 - 1907)

James Richard Smoot, son of Hezekiah Briscoe and Harriet (McNeal) Smoot, was born January 17, 1828, at Alexandria, Virginia. Until the Civil War he was engaged in the meat packing industry, and was one of the most prosperous bachelors in the once-important river

port of Alexandria. When Virginia cast her lot with the Confederacy, James Richard Smoot offered his services to the South and was commissioned a major and assigned to the commissary department. He served throughout the conflict and at the end he bade farewell to his fellow officers in 1865 at Gordonsville, Virginia.

While on furlough sometime in 1862 he was visiting his aunt, Carolina Brandt, formerly of Alexandria but then residing on a plantation in Culpeper County. At that time he met Anna, the daughter of William Crittenden, a neighboring planter, formerly of Kentucky, who had married Catherine Hudson and settled in Culpeper, the family home of his wife. They were married on May 27, 1863, the license having been obtained five days previously at Culpeper Courthouse.

His business in Alexandria ruined and his private fortune lost at the end of the war, he was practically penniless when he laid away his gray uniform. A brother officer of the Confederate Army had forty dollars in gold, and with a generous spirit he offered him half of his worldly goods. So with twenty dollars James Richard and his wife and baby boy settled in Culpeper County, where the former soldier began to rehabilitate himself. After an adventurous life Major Smoot died at his seat in Culpeper County, during May 1907 at the age of 89 years. He was survived by his three children, a son and twin daughters having died in infancy.

*Children of James Richard and Anna (Crittenden) Smoot*

1. William Briscoe Smoot, born May 8, 1864, married twice. *q.v.*
2. Susan Cornelia Smoot, born Feb. 4, 1866, married May 27, 1885, Waller J. Yager. Issues: James Richard; C. Edward; Julia Ada; Thomas T.; Ellie Hutt; Margaret; and Briscoe Smoot.
3. Charles D. Smoot, born Apr. 18, 1873, married Effie F. Lewis. *q.v.*

JAMES CLINTON SMOOT<sup>9</sup>

James Clinton Smoot, son of Charles and Susannah (Smoot) Smoot, was born in Alexandria, Virginia. He married Frances Elizabeth Wood, and in 1896 he settled at North Wilkesboro, Wilkes County, North Carolina. There he established a tannery, in keeping with the hereditary occupation of his line.

*Children of James and Elizabeth (Wood) Smoot*

1. Ida M. Smoot, died young.
2. Charles Calvert Smoot married Rebecca Lloyd Uhler. Issues: Rebecca Lloyd; Frank Wood; Charles Calvert; and Catherine Griffith.

3. Sibyl Harriet Smoot married Edward Gordon Finley. Issues: Julia Gwynn; Edward Smoot; and Robert Wood.
4. Frances Egerton Smoot married Ralston Murphy, son of Ambrose Merryman and Frances (Carey) Pound. Issues: Ralston Murphy; Frances Smoot; Carey; and James Egerton.
5. James Clinton Smoot married first Mary Sheppard and secondly Pauline Austin Jennings.

#### WILLIAM BRISCOE SMOOT <sup>9</sup>

William Briscoe Smoot, son of James Richard and Anna (Crittenden) Smoot, was born May 8, 1864, in Virginia. On July 6, 1892, he married Lucy E. Lewis, daughter of James Ballard and Sallie (Ross) Lewis. She died on September 6, 1920, and on May 2, 1922, he wedded Sallie B. Bricker, widow. He maintains his seat near Culpeper Courthouse, Virginia.

#### *Children of Briscoe and Lucy (Lewis) Smoot*

1. Harriet E. Smoot, born Nov. 22, 1893, married Apr. 12, 1916, R. F. Lee. Issues: Robert W.; Anna; Edwin J.; Charles D.; Gordon Briscoe; Fitzhugh; Thomas C.; Virginia; and Clinton Smoot.

#### CHARLES D. SMOOT <sup>9</sup>

Charles D. Smoot, son of James Richard and Anna (Crittenden) Smoot, was born April 18, 1873, in Culpeper County, Virginia. On November 29, 1905, he married Effie F., the daughter of James Ballard and Sallie (Ross) Lewis. Three daughters were born—Roselle, Sarah, and Ellen. He maintained his estate at Mitchells in southern Culpeper County.

WILLIAM SMOOT <sup>4</sup>  
AND  
HIS DESCENDANTS

William Smoot, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Barton) Smoot, was born in William and Mary Parish, Charles County, Maryland, towards the latter part of the seventeenth century, being a minor at the death of his father in 1704. He received 200 acres of unnamed land by the will of his parent, but somehow at his death his estate seemed to have consisted chiefly of personal property. The name of his wife is unknown.

*Children of William Smoot*

1. Thomas Smoot, no further record.
2. John Smoot married Mary ———. *q.v.*

The will of William Smoot was dated November 9, 1726, and proved in Charles County November 18, 1726, by Thomas Morris, Elizabeth Weedon, and Thomas Hawton. He bequeathed his son Thomas personalty at the age of 21 years and placed him under the guardianship of Mark Penn, naming the latter as the executor of his estate. To his son John, he devised personalty at the age of 21, and placed him under the guardianship of John Wilder.

The inventory of his personal estate was taken on March 15, 1726/27, and appraised at £30/13/7 by William Hawton and Robert Yates. William Barton and Thomas Smoot signed as the nearest of kin, and Thomas Smoot as the greatest creditor.

Prior to the inventory, however, his will was presented to the court on November 19, 1726, by Mark Penn as the executor, and Matthew Dutton and William Cage as his sureties.

JOHN SMOOT <sup>5</sup>  
(17— - 1747)

John Smoot, born about 1712, was a minor at the death of his father William Smoot in 1726, and according to the terms of his parent's will, he was placed under the guardianship of John Wilder. The father of the boy apparently lost his land early in life and inasmuch as his inheritance was small, John Smoot at majority moved westward to the frontier of

the Province where land warrants were freely granted to encourage settlement.

His migration can best be placed at 1730 and therefore he was one of the pioneers of what is now Montgomery County. In 1732 he patented "Bell's Design" of 100 acres, and in the same year with J. Collier and J. Holmard he patented "Partnership" consisting of 50 acres, and then "Elizabeth" of 50 acres—all three tracts then lying in Prince George County. He married Mary ———, whom he perhaps met on the frontier.

*Children of John and Mary Smoot*

1. John Smoot. *q.v.*
2. Edward Smoot, in 1768 a resident of Craven Co., S. C., sold "Crumford", lying on west side of Seneca Creek to Joseph Ward, of A. A. Co.
3. Mary Smoot.
4. Barton Smoot, posthumous.

John Smoot with Thomas Charter was bondsman when Mary Snow, of Prince Georges County, administered on the estate of John Snow. On March 20, 1738, John Smoot conveyed "Partnership" and "Elizabeth", that is, his share in the two tracts, to James Holmead. At that time no wife waived her dower. John Beale and John Hepburn witnessed the conveyance.

The will of John Smoot was dated October 20, 1747, and admitted to probate in Prince Georges County by Solomon Stimton, James Harrison, and Thomas Birdwistle. He devised his son John 100 acres of "Beall's Design", his son Edward 100 acres of "Crumford", and various personalty to his wife Mary and his daughter Mary.

The inventory of his personal effects was taken on June 28, 1748, with Jeremiah Neal and Matthew Edwards signing as kinsmen, presumably his widow's relatives or husbands of unproved sisters, as it is believed that he had no blood kinsmen living at that time in the western part of the Province. His widow signed the papers as executrix, with John Crompkin and James Harrison as her sureties.

His widow later married Thomas Fletshall who rendered an account on the estate during 1752 in Frederick County. At the June Court of 1755 John Smoot Jr. petitioned the court stating that Thomas Fletshell had the estate of Edward and Barton Smoot in his hands and "is now going to move to Carolina", therefore prayed partition of the estate on behalf of the two orphans.



JOHN SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(17— - 1808)

John Smoot, eldest son of John and Mary Smoot, was born in Prince Georges (Montgomery) County, Maryland, about 1738, or perhaps a little earlier as he was of sufficient age in 1755 to petition the court for a division of his father's estate. In 1753 he sold to his step-father Thomas Fletcher (the spelling occurred in various ways on the records) "Beal's Design" for 3,000 pounds of tobacco. The tract adjoined "Conclusion" and "Crumford". Shortly after he demanded the partition of his father's estate on behalf of his younger brothers, it is believed that he, with a party of other adventurers, migrated to what was then Orange County, later Hampshire County, Virginia. His will was dated December 11, 1807, and proved in Hampshire County on April 18, 1808, naming the following children.

*Children of John Smoot*

1. Barton Smoot.
2. Solomon Smoot. *q.v.*
3. William Smoot.
4. Jacob G. Smoot married Catherine Shank. *q.v.*
5. James Smoot.
6. Joshua Smoot married Mary Haines. *q.v.*
7. Joseph Smoot.
8. Nancy Smoot.
9. Hironage Smoot.
10. Susannah Smoot.
11. Lucretia Smoot.
12. Charity Smoot.
13. Priscilla Smoot.

SOLOMON SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

(17— - 1828)

Solomon Smoot, son of John, of Hampshire County, Virginia, migrated to Harrison County, Indiana, where he died during the early part of 1828.

*Children of Solomon Smoot*

1. Elizabeth Smoot.
2. John Smoot married Elizabeth Hendershott. License Nov. 17, 1825, Harr. Co., Ind.
3. Barton Smoot married Hannah Doney. License Dec. 31, 1829, Harr. Co., Ind.
- Smoot married —— Burke.

The will of Solomon Smoot was dated February 20, 1828, and probated March 8, 1828, in Harrison County, by George W. Craner and Isaac Helms, with Henry Barricklow as the executor. He named his three children, Betsy, John, and Barton, and a grandson Solomon Burke. None of his children were heads of families in Harrison County at the 1830 census.

JACOB G. SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

(1790 - 1850)

Jacob G. Smoot, son of John, was born in Hampshire County, Virginia, about 1790. He migrated to Montgomery County, Ohio, and settled on Sugar Creek. He married Catherine Shank who at the census of 1850 gave her age as 56 years and birthplace as Ohio. Eight children were born but only five matured. Jacob G. Smoot died April 1850, a resident of Green Township, Shelby County, Ohio.

*Children of Jacob and Catherine (Shank) Smoot*

1. James W. Smoot, born 1822, married Jemina Dorsey. *q.v.*
2. Mary Smoot, born 1824.
3. Sarah A. Smoot, born 1826.
4. J. H. Smoot, born 1833.
5. ———.

JOSHUA SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

(1790 - 18—)

Joshua Smoot, son of John, was born about 1790 in Hampshire County, Virginia, and married Mary Haines sometime before 1817. The following children were born—Samuel; Walker; Henry; William; Minor Barton; Sarah; Eveline; James Rezin (*q.v.*); Julia; and Harriet. During the War of 1812 he served in the year 1815 as a private in Captain Jonathan Pugh's Company, 114th Virginia Regiment, commanded by Major Poston. He later settled in the northern portion of the State and became one of the founders and important citizens of the town of Newburg.

JAMES W. SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

(1822 - 18—)

James W. Smoot, son of Jacob and Catherine (Shank) Smoot, was born about 1822 in Montgomery County, Ohio. In 1847 he married Jemina, born 1829 in Shelby County, Ohio, the daughter of John and

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Note: Marriage licenses of Harrison County, Ind., show one issued Oct 8, 1822, to Nathan Smoot and Elizabeth Helm.

Catherine (Conroy) Dorsey.<sup>1</sup> The following children were born to this union—Sarah C., born 1850, married C. Offenbacher; Mary L. B. married David Mahan; Eva A.; and Ora E.

JAMES REZIN SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

(1834 - 1905)

James Rezin Smoot, son of Joshua and Mary (Haines) Smoot, was born June 23, 1834, in Hampshire County, Virginia. On March 5, 1854, he was married to Susan Howard who was born on February 18, 1830.

*Children of James Rezin and Susan (Howard) Smoot*

1. Mary E. Smoot, born Apr. 27, 1856, married S. C. Hartley. Issues: Pearl; Ray; and Earl.
2. Ethel O. Smoot, born Apr. 22, 1862, married James Berthy. Issues: Maude; James; Howard; Mary; and Margaret.
3. John W. Smoot, born Apr. 25, 1864.
4. Charles Howard Smoot married Alice L. Paul. *q.v.*
5. Hattie D. Smoot, born Sept. 21, 1868, died 1933, married June 6, 1889, C. F. Hammond.

His first wife died on March 15, 1884, and the next year he married Susan Powell, born 1860.

*Children of James Rezin and Susan (Powell) Smoot*

6. J. Ray Smoot, born 1886, married 1909 Mollie Fromhart. Issues: James; Mary Jane; Walter Thierman.
7. Grace Smoot.
8. Clara Smoot, born 1891, married 1935 C. F. Hammond.
9. Calvin Smoot, born 1894, married 1917 Virginia Wright. Issues: Henrietta, born 1919; and Harold Calvin, born Mar. 1925.
10. Cora Smoot, born 1898, married 1921 Gay Edward Williams. Issues: Edward Smoot, born Feb. 1923.
11. Earl McKinley Smoot, born Oct. 29, 1900, married 1925 Mabel Bolton.
12. Edgar Powell Smoot, born Nov. 1905, married Dec. 1923, Alma Sager, born 1906. Issues: Edgar Powell Smoot, born Jan. 1928.

James Rezin Smoot became a leading citizen of his State and for a number of years was president of the First National Bank of Newburg, West Virginia. He died in 1905; his widow survived until 1935.

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<sup>1</sup>For the ancestry of John Dorsey, see "Anne Arundel Gentry", by Newman.

CHARLES HOWARD SMOOT<sup>9</sup>

(1866 - 1930)

Charles Howard Smoot, son of James Rezin and Susan (Howard) Smoot, was born March 23, 1866, and died February 28, 1930. On June 12, 1890, he married Alice Lorena Paul.

*Children of Charles and Alice (Paul) Smoot*

1. Raphael Smoot, born and died 1891.
2. Charles H. P. Smoot, born 1893, died 1896.
3. Bathia Smoot, born Jan. 7, 1901.
4. Ralph Omar Smoot, born Feb. 17, 1907, married July 1933, Virginia Barton Tincher, born 1911. Issues: Ralph Tincher, and James Paul.

Ralph Omar Smoot, the only surviving son, was born at Allingdale in Nicholas County, West Virginia, and attended Davis and Elkins College at Elkins, afterwards graduating from the School of Forestry at the University of Michigan. Since his graduation he has spent three years in the forestry service of his State and in 1936 was appointed Ranger of the National Forest of the Cheat District of West Virginia.



RALPH OMAR SMOOT

United States District Forest Ranger, Cheat District, Monongahela National Forest,  
of the Barton-Smoot branch, and tenth in descent from William Smute.



EDWARD SMOOT <sup>3</sup>  
AND  
HIS DESCENDANTS

Edward Smoot is the inferred son of Thomas Smoot who died intestate during 1668. He was apparently the youngest and for that reason he failed to share in the landed estate of his deceased father. He married shortly after he attained his majority, but before he could acquire an estate of his own he died leaving a young widow and infant children. His wife was Susan ——, no doubt a maiden of Pickawaxon Hundred, Maryland. One son is proved, while the others are assumed.

*Children of Edward and Susan Smoot*

1. Richard Smoot. *q.v.*
2. Stringer Smoot.
3. Leonard Smoot.

Edward Smoot died sometime before 1702, his estate being small accounts for the fact that no administration was recorded in the orphan's court. His son Richard was bound to William Hawton, the community blacksmith, who mentioned in a court record that he had in his possession "property of Edward Smoot deceased".

His widow probably married John Mandell who was the guardian of Leonard Smoot. On April 14, 1705, John Mand<sup>l</sup> entered the cattle mark for his son-in-law Leonard Smoot. This instrument, therefore, shows that the father of Leonard was deceased by this date and that his widow had remarried. Leonard Smoot was living at late as February 1734, when he leased for 15 years "Poppleton", lying in Charles County, from Judith Dutton.

The parentage of Stringer Smoot is also inferred, but he belonged of the generation to be the son of Edward, and for other good reasons it is assumed that he was of this branch. On March 17, 1723, Stringer Smoot and John Fenwick were bondsmen for Leonard Green, the executor of Cuthbert Sewell, of St. Mary's County. Stringer Smoot was therefore of sufficient age and the holder of property in 1723. No further record of him has been found.

RICHARD SMOOT <sup>4</sup>  
(169- - 17—)

Richard Smoot, son of Edward and Susan Smoot, was born in Pickawaxon Hundred, Charles County, Maryland. His father being seized of only a small estate at his death, Richard Smoot at a very tender age

was bound to William Hawton, a blacksmith. In 1702 William Hawton by will bequeathed personal property to Richard Smoot, providing that his mother "Susan Smoot do make good and confirm the indenture" to his executor John Hawton. William Hawton furthermore stipulated that Richard Smoot should have two years of schooling when he reached 7 or 8 years of age (which would indicate that he was of a very young age in 1702), and that his cattle were to be marked for him at 16 years of age.

Fifteen years later Richard Smoot was still a minor, for in 1717 John Hawton, blacksmith, and son of the above-named William, devised by will his servant Richard Smoot to his executor John Maddox as well as the estate of his said servant.

Richard Smoot was remembered in the will of Mrs. Sarah Maddox, dated April 29, 1760 . . . "I give and bequeathed to Richd Smoot who served his time with My Deceased Husband John Madox one feather Bed one pair Blanketts, one Rugg and four head of Cattle to him and his heirs forever, Provided he be Living at my Death But if he be Dead I will the same to my Executor hereafter Mentioned".

Richard Smoot, according to the tax list of 1783, was without land but he possessed 3 horses, 9 heads of cattle, no slaves, and had eight persons in his household. At the first census of 1790, he had three women at home and no slaves. He was not listed in the 1800 census.

In the same hundred, where Richard Smoot was domiciled, was William Smoot who also possessed no land, but in 1783 he had 3 horses, 7 heads of cattle, 2 slaves, and eight persons in his family. He apparently died before 1790, for in that year Mary Smoot, presumably his widow, was the head of a family with another woman comprising her household, and 2 slaves. In 1800 Mary Smoot was still the head of a family, being more than 45 years of age, with 3 slaves. In 1810 she was probably living with her daughter, for one does not find her as the head of a family.

Her will was dated January 27, 1813, and proved February 9, 1813, in Charles County by John Weems McPherson, William McPherson, and Samuel S. Adams. She devised personalty to her granddaughter Mary Abigail Waters, and the residue of her estate to her daughter Sylvia Waters. She named her son-in-law John Waters as the executor.

It can be assumed from the tax list of 1783 that both Richard and William had one or more sons. All Smoots listed as heads of families in 1790 and 1800, however, can more or less be satisfactorily placed, therefore, it is believed that if there were any male issues of Richard and William (the latter was probably a son of Richard) that they left



Maryland and settled elsewhere. The fact that their children can not be determined accounts for the number of Smoots of the next generation living in the frontier counties of Virginia, Kentucky, and North Carolina, whose lines can not be established beyond this point.

About the fifth generation, there was an Anne Smoot, beloved by Joshua Radcliffe, who in 1759 became the mother of his natural daughter, Amelia Smoot.

## WILLIAM SMOOT, GENT.<sup>3</sup>

AND

### HIS DESCENDANTS

William Smoot, son of Thomas and Jane (Batten) Smoot, was born during 1656 in Pickawaxon Hundred, Charles County, Maryland. On October 30, 1671, he as the eldest son and heir of Thomas Smoot, deceased, of Charles County, received a warrant for 250 acres of land to be known as "Smoot's Chance". One hundred and fifty acres had previously been returned in the name of Thomas Smoot, while the remaining 100 acres had been assigned to him by Robert Ellis, of St. Mary's County, who had received rights thereof by assignment from Robert Smith and David Smith, due them for services performed in the Province. In November 1681, he received 140 pounds of tobacco for deeds of public service, believed to be performed during a punitive expedition against the Indians.

In May 1683, William Smoot conveyed to his "brother" Thomas Smoot for 10,000 pounds of tobacco land formerly granted John Goldsmith, of St. Mary's County, lately deceased, lying on the west side of Wicomico River near the head of Smoot's Branch. In October of the same year, he deeded to Humphrey Warren for 7,000 pounds of tobacco "The Hills" of 240 acres on the Wicomico except that portion which formerly was sold to Richard Smoot.

On August 5, 1683, William Smoot and Anne his wife conveyed to William Newman for 8,000 pounds of tobacco "Wicomico Fields Relations" which had been resurveyed by Captain Randolph Brandt, lying in Pickawaxon Hundred, but which was then a portion of a tract granted to William Smoot by patent. On August 9, 1684, William Smoot and Anne his wife deeded to Captain Randolph Brandt a portion of "Wicomico Fields". On August 12, of the same year, William Smoot sold to Samuel Luckett for 5,000 pounds of tobacco land adjoining "Johnson's Choice" and adjacent to the lands laid out for George Goodrick.

In April 1689, William Smoot sold another portion of "Wicomico Fields", described as his dwelling plantation, to his kinsman Edward Smoot for 24,000 pounds of tobacco. The deed stated that it adjoined the land conveyed to William Newman and Captain Humphrey Warren. The conveyance was witnessed by Randall Bryant, Thomas Gibbons, and Elizabeth Butler.

William Smoot in some manner sustained financial reverses, as is evident by his numerous conveyances over a period of a few years, perhaps through the unsuccessful law suits emanating from his uncle's estate and a libel action against Robert Yates. In 1690, however, "William Smoot, Gent." petitioned the court to operate an inn . . . "Whereas your petitioner descended and for an honest extraction his parents (when in being) lived both in good repute and credit among the whole neighborhood and by their indulgent care left him a sustenance for his support and his outgoing enjoyment and himself for sometime since their decease lived in good rank and fashion but since by the frowns of fortune reduced to a mean condition, he being willing by any lawful ways or means be may repair his fortune . . . Petitions to keep a house of entertainment to provide a subsistence for his wife and Children". The court granted him a license to maintain an inn paying a yearly fee of 1,200 pounds of tobacco.

About this time the Northern Neck of Virginia offered opportunities to settlers, consequently having encountered unfortunate events in Maryland, William Smoot and his young family crossed over to Westmoreland County, Virginia, and settled in Copley Parish at a date prior to 1695.

Sometime after 1690 his wife Anne died, and he married secondly Eleanor ———. From his will, it would seem to indicate that his three daughters had obtained majority and therefore could easily be of the first union. His sons, being minors at his death, could possibly be of the second wife.

*Children of William Smoot*

1. Sarah Smoot.
2. Winifred Smoot.
3. Mary Smoot.
4. William Smoot married Frances ———. *q.v.*
5. Thomas Smoot, died 1719.
6. John Smoot married thrice. *q.v.*

On November 9, 1704, William Smoot, of Copley Parish, Westmoreland County, conveyed to Lawrence Pope, of Washington Parish same county, for 3,000 pounds of tobacco 100 acres of land lying partly in Copley and Washington Parishes, being part of a tract granted to William Smoot by a deed from the Proprietor's Office in August 1704, of escheated land from Alexander Gordon, late of Westmoreland County. Eleanor Smoot, his wife, waived her dower rights.

The will of William Smoot was dated April 12, 1706, and proved in Westmoreland County on April 30, 1707, by John Moore and John Veale. He bequeathed his two daughters, Sarah and Winifred, the

dwelling-plantation but Sarah was to have the portion on the river. In the event that they died without heirs, the plantation was to revert to Mary. The latter received 3,000 pounds of tobacco and a feather bed at marriage.

He devised his wife, Eleanor, all land in Stafford County at Aquia to her and her heirs forever. His sons, William and Thomas, were willed certain personalty, but his wife was to have the "tuition" of his two sons until 21 years of age.

A deed in 1717 shows that his widow was unmarried and that a posthumous son was born after the writing of his will. Eleanor Smoot, on December 5, 1717, deeded to her son John Smoot in the presence of Nathaniel Pope, Rebecca Bryant, and John Elliot for natural love and affections certain goods and chattels at the age of 18 years. His widow, however, later married John Austin and lived in St. Mary's County, Maryland, where she died intestate in 1747.

His son Thomas returned to Maryland and died intestate and without issues in 1719. The inventory of his estate was signed by Barton Smoot and Barton Hungerford as kinsmen, with Edward Gardner as the administrator. The estate was appraised by Joseph Douglas and Thomas Hawes.

#### WILLIAM SMOOT \*

(16— - 1784)

William Smoot, son of William, was born perhaps in Copley Parish, Westmoreland County, Virginia. He was a minor at the death of his father in 1707, and was placed under the guardianship of his believed mother until majority. In 1713, however, he was of sufficient age to witness a lawsuit Higgins vs. Vaughn in Westmoreland County.

He married Frances ———. The births of his children are recorded in North Farnham Parish, Richmond County, which shows that he left the domicile of his parents and settled in the former county. Furthermore, the births of his children show that he was beyond the age of forty at time of marriage.

#### *Children of William and Frances Smoot*

1. John Smoot married Milly ———. *q.v.*
2. Eleanor Smoot, born Apr. 28, 1750, married John Bryant, of North Farnham, Parish.
3. Thomas Smoot, born July 26, 1753, apparently died young.
4. Sarah Smoot, born Apr. 23, 1756, apparently died young.
5. Anne Smoot, born Sept. 6, 1761, married Le Roy Stott.
6. Richard Smoot, born Oct. 13, 1764, apparently died young.
7. Betty Smoot, born Feb. 8, 1771, apparently died young.

On March 28, 1719, William Smoot, of Westmoreland County, Virginia, conveyed to Barton Smoot, of Charles County, Maryland, for five shillings all claim to property within the Province of Maryland. It is therefore proved that William Smoot was of the Maryland family, and this deed of gift was probably his interest as well as that of his brothers and sisters in the estate of his brother Thomas Smoot who had recently died intestate in Maryland.

After the birth of his children, William Smoot moved to St. Peter's Parish, Northumberland County, Virginia, where he died at an advanced age.

His will dated August 28, 1782, was proved December 6, 1784, in Northumberland County. The land purchased from William Elliot and Peter Beshough was to be divided equally between his grandchildren—William Smoot Bryant and Betty Bryant, children of his daughter Eleanor. The plantation in Northumberland County was devised to his son John, whereas his granddaughter ——— Stott was willed the plantation which had been purchased from William Mason.

Lishay Bryant was to have the use of 10 acres in Northumberland County adjacent to Thaddeus Forrest during life then to his son John Smoot. Nancy Austin Everet received personalty, and Betty Brown Vanderlandingham was willed the plantation in Richmond County during life then to his son John Smoot.

The residue of the estate was to be divided among his three children, Eleanor Bryant, Nancy Stott (Stoll), and John Smoot. His friends Thomas Coleman, Thomas Walker, and John Abbey were named as executors. Thomas Coleman and John Abbey relinquished the executorship which was later granted to his widow Frances Smoot.

His son John Smoot died without issues in Northumberland County. His will, dated October 2, 1792, was proved November 12, 1792, by Mary Stephens, John Bryant, and George Shearly. He named his widow Milly Smoot and bequeathed her the entire estate during widowhood then to his sister Nelly Bryant, except that part of his estate which came to him by his wife. His niece Anne Stoll was to have one year of schooling at the age of twelve, paid from the proceeds of his estate. He named his friends, Thomas Williams and Bryant Phillip, the executors.

JOHN SMOOT <sup>4</sup>

(1707 - 1789)

John Smoot, the posthumous son of William Smoot and Eleanor his wife, was born 1707 in Westmoreland County, Virginia. He returned to Maryland, perhaps with his mother and brother, and settled in St.

Mary's County. Facts prove that he had three wives. The name of his first wife is unknown, but she became the mother of one child.

*Children of John Smoot by First Marriage*

1. Austin Sanford Smoot. *q.v.*

John Austin, the step-father of John Smoot, died in St. Mary's County, his will being proved on July 16, 1733. He bequeathed his "godson" Austin Sanford Smoot the dwelling-plantation, but in the event of his death during minority then to his "sons-in-law" John Smoot and William Harrison. His wife Eleanor, however, was to enjoy the use of the dwelling until his godson attained majority. The two sons-in-law were devised 1,000 acres of land on Aquia Creek in Stafford County, Virginia. His widow and John Smoot administered on the estate.<sup>1</sup>

The first wife of John Smoot lived perhaps only a short time, inasmuch as by 1734, John Smoot had become the administrator of Robert Crane, late of St. Mary's, by marrying the latter's widow. Accordingly on Mary 20, 1734, John Smoot and Sarah his wife closed the estate of Robert Crane, when the balance of £214/10/6¾ was distributed to the widow and the following children, all minors—William, Thomas, Robert, and Mary Anne Crane.

*Children of John and Sarah Smoot*

2. John Smoot, born 1737; served pvt. St. M. Co., militia, Rev. War; as John Smoot Jr. his will, dated Dec. 30, 1788, was proved July 14, 1789, by John Horn Abel, leaving his entire estate to 2 natural sons, Narnole White and Tunsel White; account of Aug. 30, 1799, showed an estate of £650.
3. George Smoot married Anne Beale. *q.v.*
4. Cuthbert Smoot. *q.v.*
5. Caleb Smoot married twice. *q.v.*

In 1738 John Smoot patented "Smoot's Marsh" of 31 acres lying on Herring Creek in St. Mary's County, which was augmented in 1746 by a survey of 31 acres known as "Smoot's Marsh Rectified". These tracts later were possessed by John Crane who in 1793 conveyed them to Henry Watts.

In 1747 John Smoot appeared in court as the administrator of his mother's estate, Eleanor Austin, late of St. Mary's County. No inventory nor administration accounts, however, are on file at Annapolis.

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<sup>1</sup> It is sometimes thought that John Smoot married a daughter of John Austin, but in the early eighteenth century "son-in-law" signified stepson. Furthermore, if John Smoot had married a daughter of John Austin, the latter would have referred to him as grandson instead of godson.

On March 26, 1750, John Smoot conveyed the land which he inherited from his step-father to John Dalton, Merchant, of Fairfax County, Virginia, and which has been willed in fee simple by his father to his mother Eleanor in 1707. The land was described as 407 acres situated formerly in Stafford County, but now in Fairfax County upon Tuskarora Branch, adjoining the land of William Chandler.

The second wife of John Smoot was deceased by 1752, for she failed to share in the estate of her son William Crane. On August 24, 1752, Thomas Crane, the eldest son of Sarah, rendered the final account on the estate of his brother William Crane, at which time £145/13/7¾ were distributed to the following representatives described as "brothers of the deceased" Thomas Crane of full age; Robert Crane and John Smoot about 15 years of age; George Smoot about 10 years; Cuthbert Smoot about 8 years; and Caleb about 5 years. John Reeder and William Morgan were sureties for the administrator.

The fact that Austin Sanford Smoot was not an heir of William Crane proves that he was not of the same mother. Under the English common law half brothers of the same mother shared equally.

John Smoot took upon himself a third wife, but her identity remains a mystery to her many decendants. It can be assumed that she was a maiden of St. Mary's County.

*Children of John Smoot by His Third Marriage*

6. William Smoot married twice. *q.v.*
7. Thomas Smoot, died testate St. M. Co., 1796, naming sister Anne Barnhouse wife of Rodolph; and brother Hezekiah the guardian to niece Elizabeth Smoot.
8. Hezekiah Smoot. *q.v.*
9. Alexander Smoot married Anne Jones. *q.v.*
10. Eleanor Smoot married ——— Price.
11. Anne Smoot married Rodolph Barnhouse. Issues: Frances and Elizabeth.
12. Elizabeth Smoot died testate 1791, leaving presumably a natural dau. Elizabeth; brother Thomas to be guardian; other heirs Hezekiah Smoot, Alexander Smoot, and Anne Barnhouse.

In 1760 John Smoot with Abraham Howell was surety for Anne Berry when she administered on the estate of James Berry. On June 1, 1769, John Smoot was the administrator of Joseph Thomas Gardiner, of St. Mary's County. Francis Hammersley was the bondsman.

The name of John Smoot Sr. appears on the list of the "Worshipful Bennett Biscoe's Returns" as taking the oath of fidelity in St. Mary's County during the Revolutionary War.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Unpublished Maryland Records, D. A. R. Library, vol. 6, p. 2.

The will of John Smoot Sr. was dated October 26, 1789, and proved in St. Mary's County by John Horn Abell, Mary Bean, and John Fenwick of John. Peculiarly, he deeded no land but a large number of negroes and household furniture. Negroes and other personal property were bequeathed to his sons; Caleb, William, Thomas, Hezekiah, and Alexander; daughters Eleanor Price, Anne Barnhouse, and Elizabeth Smoot; and grandson John Smoot Price. A negro was devised to his granddaughter Auny Smoot, but in the event that she died before majority then to her sisters Susannah and Eleanor Smoot. A bequest was made to another granddaughter Mary Smoot. One shilling each was left to the following grandchildren—Barton Smoot, James Smoot, John Smoot, George Smoot, William Read Smoot, and Sarah Smoot. The crops were to be divided between his two children Hezekiah Smoot and Elizabeth Smoot.

AUSTIN SANFORD SMOOT<sup>5</sup>

(1727 - 17—)

Austin Sanford Smoot, the eldest son of John, was born about 1727 in St. Mary's County, Maryland. He was, however, of age in 1748, when he was the administrator *de bonis non* of the estate of Stephen Mackey, late of St. Mary's County. Robert Hagan and Thomas Biscoe were his bondsmen. From this fact, it has led to the inference, though proof is lacking, that he married into the Mackey or McKay family, and that Macky Smoot of the next generation was his son. If such be the case, the following are his children.

1. Mackey Smoot, *d.s.p.*
2. Mary Smoot, spinster.
3. Elizabeth Smoot married ——— Milburn.

Austin Sanford Smoot predeceased his father, and it is noted that none of the grandchildren mentioned in the father's will can be satisfactorily placed as those of Austin. John Smoot, it must be remembered, bequeathed no realty, and inasmuch as Austin Smoot inherited the dwelling-plantation of his godfather John Austin, the father probably considered that these grandchildren were well provided for, and therefore failed to make them heirs of his personal estate.

Austin Sanford Smoot was not the head of a family at the first census, but Anne Smoot with a male less than 16 years of age (Mackey) was probably his widow.



Austin Sanford Smoot in March 1778, took the Oath of Allegiance in St. Mary's County, his name appearing on the list of "the worshipful Bennett Biscoe's Returns".<sup>3</sup>

Prior to this date, however, "Sanford Smoot" with Benjamin Morgan and Thomas Austen testified to the validity of the will of Sarah Thomas, widow of St. Mary's County. John Horn Abel appraised the estate.

Inasmuch as the administration accounts of St. Mary's between the years 1777 and 1806 were destroyed, it has been difficult to prove the approximate date of his death or his heirs.

Mackey Smoot, the believed son of Austin Smoot, was not listed as the head of a family until 1820, at which time the census schedule showed that he was born prior to 1775 and had in his household a female over 45 years of age, and a male between the ages of 18 and 26 years.

Between 1813 and 1818 Mackey conveyed "Poplar Neck" to William Thomas; an unnamed tract to Thomas Bennett and Rebecca L. Green; "St. Jerome's Plains" to Mary Thomas and others; and "Elizabeth Manor" to William Dixon and others.

The will of Mackey Smoot was dated July 21, 1829, and proved in St. Mary's County on December 21, 1829, by Bennett Bean, Uriah Tippet, and William Clarke. He bequeathed his realty to his sister, Mary Smoot, during life then to George Beal for the services rendered. The residue was willed to the children of his sister, Elizabeth Milburn, residing in the State of North Carolina.

His personal property was offered for sale on February 10, 1830, when it brought \$117.62½. Among the purchasers were Hezekiah Smoot and Mary Smoot. His realty, lying in the vicinity of St. Inigoes, was appraised in 1831. Among the out houses were a shoe and a blacksmith shop. One account of his personal estate displayed a balance of \$3,284.84. The final distribution was not made until 1850, when the unnamed children of Elizabeth Milburn, of North Carolina, were the only representatives.

#### HEZEKIAH SMOOT<sup>5</sup>

(1760 - 1834)

Hezekiah Smoot, son of John, was born about 1760 in St. Mary's County. The name of his wife is unknown.

#### *Children of Hezekiah Smoot*

1. Letitia Smoot married Reubin Lloyd. License St. M. Co., Jan. 28, 1812.
2. Eleanor Smoot married Richard M. Renscher. License St. M. Co., Apr. 17, 1829.

<sup>3</sup> Unpublished Maryland Records, D. A. R., Library, Wash.

It is probable that he had a son Hezekiah who either predeceased him or was not a resident of Maryland at the time of his death. One Hezekiah Smoot was drafted in St. Mary's County during July 1813 for services in the War of 1812, and inasmuch as Hezekiah Smoot of John was past 50 years of age, it is concluded that the soldier was of a younger generation. He was assigned to the company of Captain Richard Clarke of the Second Maryland Regiment commanded by Colonel Fenwick. Most of the time he performed guard duty on the shore between St. Inigoes and Cedar Point. He was discharged October 30, 1813.

The will of Hezekiah Smoot was dated August 26, 1834, and proved in Charles County on September 9, the same year, by Matilda E. Wilson, Robert F. M. Lyons, and George T. St. Clair, with Richard M. Rencher as the executor. He named only two heirs, William Renscher and Thomas Lloyd, both grandsons.

GEORGE SMOOT <sup>5</sup>  
AND  
HIS DESCENDANTS

George Smoot, son of John and Sarah Smoot, was born about 1742 in St. Mary's County, Maryland.<sup>1</sup> He married Anne, daughter of John and Mary Magdaline Beale, of St. Mary's County.

John Beale dated his will May 1, 1792, it being proved on August 7, same year, by John Horn Abel, Richard Fenwick, and Robert Hendley. He bequeathed his grandsons John and George Smoot, a tract of land in Culpeper County, Virginia, but "my dear daughter Anne Smoot to have use of it during her natural life". He devised William Beale (named as grandson in distribution) land purchased from Joseph Arthis but in the event of his death without issues then to Josiah Beale, and in case of the latter's death without issues then to the testator's grandson William Read Smoot. Other heirs were his grandson Josiah Beale who received the dwelling-plantation in St. Mary's County, son Josiah Beale, and grandchildren Sarah Beale, Mary Smoot, and Sarah Smoot. The estate was distributed to the heirs on January 16, 1794, by Mary Magdaline Beale, the executrix.

*Children of George and Anne (Beale) Smoot*

1. John Smoot married twice. *q.v.*
2. George Smoot married Anne Rowlett. *q.v.*
3. Sarah Smoot.
4. Mary Smoot married James McCawley. License Madison Co., Va., Aug. 15, 1795.
5. William Read Smoot married Frances Clark. *q.v.*

George Smoot died intestate perhaps prior to the year 1778. The fact that the administration accounts of St. Mary's County are missing between 1777-1806 prevents the obtainment of the approximate date of his death. His name does not appear with his father and brothers as taking the Oath of Fidelity in 1778 nor is his name among the militiamen of the county in 1780. These facts tend to indicate that he died before these dates.

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<sup>1</sup> Abraham Smoot, the Mormon, stated that his paternal grandfather was John Smoot, but the records of St. M. Co. dispute this assertion. The Jenifer-Smoos of Madison Co., Va., who kept in closer contact with their Maryland kinsmen recorded among their private papers that they were descended from George Smoot and Anne Beale his wife. Furthermore, the Beale traditions carried by them are substantiated by source records in St. M. Co.

JOHN SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(1765 - 1842)

John Smoot, son of George and Anne (Beale) Smoot, was born about 1765 in St. Mary's County, Maryland. He married first according to tradition Elizabeth Jenifer, the union occurring about 1791, and then settled in the southern portion of Culpeper County, Virginia.

*Children of John and Elizabeth (Jenifer) Smoot*

1. Daniel Jenifer Smoot married Harriet Medley. *q.v.*

On January 1, 1793, as residents of Brumfield Parish, Culpeper County, John Smoot and Elizabeth his wife, and George Smoot conveyed to Thomas Canady 84 acres of land lying in Culpeper County, which had been inherited by them from their maternal grandfather. Inasmuch as their mother Anne Smoot was to enjoy the use of it during her lifetime and she was not a party to the conveyance, it was therefore probable that she was deceased by that date. All three Smoots made their mark. The witnesses to the transfer were Wharton Canady, Charles Young, and Salla Young.

In 1796 Brumfield Parish of Culpeper County was organized into Madison County, consequently John Smoot became a resident *ipso facto* of the newly organized county. The records of St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper County, show the marriage of a John Smoot and Anne Canady in 1798. It is known that his wife Elizabeth died early, and inasmuch as the Canadys were his neighbors, it is probable that this marriage can be credited to him. If so, the union was of short duration. It is known, however, that he married Lucy Buckner, born March 3, 1786, daughter of George and Margaret (Stanley) Thornton, of Orange (now Greene) County, Virginia. The bond was secured in Orange County on June 9, 1806, stating that the prospective bride was the daughter of George Thornton. William Buckner and Charles Thornton were the witnesses, with the latter as bondsman. The ceremony by the Rev. Isham Tatum, was reported in Madison County as occurring on June 12, 1806.

The census record of Madison County for 1830 shows that there were at least four sons and two daughters in his household—one son born between 1804-1810; two sons born between 1810-1820; two daughters born 1810-1820; and a son born 1825-1830. The following therefore is not a complete list of the children.

*Children of John and Lucy (Thornton) Smoot*

2. George Thornton Smoot, born 1809. Issues: Robert; James; George; etc.
3. John B. Smoot, born 1811.
4. Mary Elizabeth Smoot, born Apr. 4, 1816, married Apr. 12, 1845, Joseph Pettus Graves, born about 1803, in Louisa Co., Va. Among their children was John Otho Graves, born Jan. 17, 1846, died June 11, 1902, married Margaret Anna Cummins, born Mar. 8, 1850, died Dec. 6, 1932.
5. William G. Smoot married Susan C. Bennett. *q.v.*

On November 13, 1835, John Smoot and Lucy his wife conveyed land lying on the south side of Haphazard Mill Road to Landon Bates, and on the same day they deeded 180 acres of land to Daniel Jenifer Smoot for a consideration of \$600. About this time he migrated to Christian County, Kentucky, taking his younger children with him. He died July 15, 1842, and was buried on his farm about 12 miles from Hopkinsville.

GEORGE SMOOT <sup>6</sup>  
(176--1823)

George Smoot, son of George and Anne (Beale) Smoot, was born in St. Mary's County, Maryland, before the year 1765, according to subsequent census records. By the will of his maternal grandfather he received jointly with his brother John, land in Culpeper County, Virginia. On January 19, 1793, both recorded as residents of Culpeper, they sold this land to Thomas Canady which was described as 84 acres lying in Brumfield Parish.

Sometime after this date George Smoot migrated to Kentucky and settled in that part of Franklin County which in 1819 became Owen County. Here about 1806 he married Anne, the daughter of William and Jemina (Owen) Rowlett, born May 2, 1787, and as tradition has it in Virginia. It is said that George Smoot died in Owen County during 1823. His widow remarried and died March 16, 1871.

*Children of George and Anne (Rowlett) Smoot*

1. Nancy Beale Smoot, born Feb. 24, 1807, Franklin Co., Ky., died July 6, 1891, married Feb. 9, 1826, John Freeman, born Sept. 6, 1804, died July 23, 1871, Millard Co., Utah, son of Arthur and Nancy Anne Freeman. Issues: Adeline; Elizabeth Caroline; Nancy; William Hamblin; Martishia; John Woodruff; Columbus Reed; Margaret Phoebe; Levi; Jemina; Rosaline; Martha.
2. William Rowlett Smoot, born Sept. 1808, Franklin Co., Ky., died 1831.

3. Reed Smoot, married Eliza Thomas. *q.v.*
4. Martishia Smoot, born Oct. 28, 1812, Henry Co., Ky., died Nov. 3, 1886, married Samuel Smith, born June 11, 1807, Montgomery Co., Tenn., son of Thomas and Sarah (Harvey) Smith. Issues: Emma; Joseph; Sarah Anne; Abraham Owen; Martishia Rosalia.
5. Abraham Owen Smoot married five times. *q.v.*
6. Jemina Smoot, born Apr. 24, 1818, Franklin Co., Ky., died 1908, married Hezekiah, born Mar. 12, 1820, Bainbridge, N. Y., son of Benjamin and Phoebe (Crosby) Peck. Issues: Phoebe Anne; Margaret; Benjamin; Ida; Hezekiah; George; Melvina.

### WILLIAM READ SMOOT <sup>6</sup>

William Read Smoot, son of George and Anne (Beale) Smoot, was born about 1767 in St. Mary's County, Maryland. He migrated to Virginia with his brothers and on May 31, 1796, in Madison County he secured license to marry Fannie, the daughter of Mary Clark.

The first available census for Kentucky, that is 1810, shows William Read Smoot as the head of a family in Franklin County, with six young children, a wife, and five slaves. In 1820 he had ten children at home, was engaged in agriculture, but had no slaves. In 1840 he was listed for the first time as Reed Smoot—but his name does not appear in the 1850 census for Owen County. The following list of children is probably incomplete.

#### *Children of William Read and Frances (Clark) Smoot*

1. George Smoot, married Dorothy Dennis. *q.v.*
2. Letitia Smoot, born 1805, married John Clements. License Nov. 16, 1821, Owen Co.
3. William Smoot married Martha Marston. *q.v.*
4. Mary Smoot married Ebenezer Wallace. License Aug. 12, 1824 (7).
5. Druzilla Smoot married Pleasant Bush. License May 29, 1839, Owen Co.
6. Thomas Smoot, married twice. *q.v.*

### DANIEL JENIFER SMOOT <sup>7</sup>

(1792 - 1865)

Daniel Jenifer Smoot, son of John and Elizabeth (Jenifer) Smoot, was born January 29, 1792, in Brumfield Parish, which in 1793 formed the nucleus for Madison County, Virginia. On July 30, 1814, Daniel Smoot enlisted in Madison County for six months' service as a private

in Captain Joseph Brock's company of Cavalry, Eighty-second Virginia Regiment, War of 1812. He was discharged on January 25, 1815, most of his service being spent at Camp Holly, Virginia.

On April 12, 1821, Daniel Jenifer Smoot married Harriet, born November 7, 1797, in Virginia, the daughter of Ambrose and Frances Medley. The estate of Ambrose Medley was settled in Madison County during 1810, showing a widow and fourteen heirs, eight of whom were minors. On June 9, 1821, Daniel Jenifer Smoot and his wife Harriott conveyed to Mary B. Medley 89 acres of land in Madison County for \$1,000 that had been "assigned to Harriott Smoot as one of the heirs of Ambrose Medley, deceased".

*Children of Daniel Jenifer and Harriet (Medley) Smoot*

1. Theophilus Smoot married twice. *q.v.*
2. Elizabeth Jenifer Smoot married Dec. 23, 1844, Albert Payne, and secondly ——— Sibert.
3. Andrew Jackson Smoot, born 1829.
4. Horace Smoot, born 1831, M. D., surgeon, General Staff, C. S. A.
5. Frances Burton Smoot, born Sept. 22, 1833, married Nov. 22, 1854, Jacob Howard Plecker, born Oct. 13, 1829, in Augusta Co., Va., son of Jacob. Issues: Emma, etc.
6. Hester A. Smoot, born 1837.
7. Catherine Medley Smoot, born 1841, married F. C. Gibson, born 1828, Culp. Co., son of T. G. and P. Gibson.

Daniel Jenifer Smoot acquired a considerable estate, his realty being assessed at \$9,000 in 1850, and his plantation being stocked with more than 25 negro slaves. In 1860 his personal estate was appraised at \$28,030, and his post office address was Madison Court House. His wife died April 16, 1860; he died August 8, 1865.

The will of Daniel Jenifer Smoot was dated August 5, 1865, and proved in Madison County, Virginia, August 24, 1865, by Andrew Carpenter and Benjamin H. Sparks. He bequeathed to his daughter Catherine M. Gibson the land near Good Hope Meeting House adjoining the land of Reuben Tucker and the Poor House, containing 210 acres, and also personal property. To his grandson Jenifer Smoot, he devised his riding mare. The residue of his lands was to be divided among his children—Theophilus Smoot, Horace Smoot, Elizabeth J. Sibert, Frances B. Plecker, and Catherine M. Gibson. He named his friend and neighbor William A. Hill as executor.

WILLIAM G. SMOOT <sup>7</sup>

(1826 - —)

William G. Smoot, son of John and Lucy (Thornton) Smoot, was born 1826 in Madison County, Virginia. He accompanied his parents to Christian County, Kentucky, but after 1850 he settled in Calloway County, same state, where he was the head of a family at the 1880 census. He stated in that year that his father was born in Maryland. His wife was Susan C. Bennett, born 1828 in Kentucky. His household in 1880 consisted of, besides himself and wife, his son Jefferson D., born 1861; daughter Lucy E., born 1864; and his sister-in-law Elizabeth J. Bennett.

Living in Calloway County in 1880 was also C. M. Smoot, born 1852 in Kentucky, with a wife Maggie born 1856, and an unnamed infant aged two months.

REED SMOOT <sup>7</sup>

(1810 - 1879)

Reed Smoot, son of George and Anne (Rowlett) Smoot, was born November 23, 1810, in Franklin County, Kentucky. He married Eliza Thomas, born 1817, in Sumner County, Tennessee, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Mongrel) Thomas. He became a member of the Mormon Church in Calloway County, Kentucky, the home of his wife's parents. He joined the colony in Illinois but remained there and did not migrate to Utah with the other members of the Church. He died January 22, 1879.

*Children of Reed and Eliza (Thomas) Smoot*

1. Benjamin Franklin Smoot married Amanda Barley. *q.v.*
2. Warren Owen Smoot, born Oct. 28, 1843, Johnson Co., Ill., died Oct. 20, 1863; pvt. Co. K, 14 Regt. Ill. Inf., Civil War.
3. Cinderella Melvina Smoot, born Sept. 16, 1856, Johnson Co., Ill., died Apr. 13, 1881.
4. Martha Jane Smoot, born Oct. 12, 1857, Johnson Co., Ill., died Sept. 22, 1881.
5. Levi Smoot, settled in Sumner Co., Tenn.
6. H. A. Smoot.

GEORGE SMOOT <sup>7</sup>

(1801 - 1883)

George Smoot, son of William Read and Frances (Clark) Smoot, was born February 8, 1801, in Franklin County, Kentucky. On July 29, 1828, he secured license in Owen County to marry Dorothy Dennis, with Batson Dennis as the bondsman. The below-named children com-



posed their father's household in 1850, when he was a resident of Owen County, with realty assessed at \$3,000. In 1828 he left Kentucky and lived for a time in Indiana, but returned to Owen County in 1835. He died about 1883.

*Children of George and Dorothy (Dennis) Smoot*

1. Noel Smoot, born 1830.
2. Henry Smoot, born 1832.
3. Nancy Smoot, born 1833.
4. John C. Smoot, born Feb. 4, 1835, in Clinton Co., Ind., married Susan Marston.
5. Letitia Smoot, born 1837, died 1853.
6. Frances Smoot, born 1839.
7. William Smoot, born 1840.
8. Lucy Smoot, born 1841.
9. Martha Smoot, born 1843.
10. Pleasant Smoot, born 1846.

WILLIAM SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

(1800 - 1843)

William Smoot, son of William Reed and Frances (Clark) Smoot, was born perhaps about 1800 in Franklin County, Kentucky. He married Martha, born 1808 in Kentucky, the daughter of William Marston, the license being secured in Owen County on June 23, 1826. He resided at Owenton, the county seat, where he died during the summer of 1843. His will, dated July 14, 1843, was proved on September 1, following. He became the father of six children—James, born 1828; Fielding, born 1833; Frances, born 1835; John, born 1837; Hiram, born 1840; and William, born 1842.

THOMAS SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

(1822 - 18—)

Thomas Smoot, son of William Read and Frances (Clark) Smoot, was born February 28, 1822, in Owen County, Kentucky. His first wife was Mary, daughter of William and Vianna (Moore) Smoot, of Henry County, Kentucky, whom he married in 1845. The following children were born to this union—Vianna; William; Elbert; Mary; and Edmond.

His first wife died in 1861, and after a widowerhood of six years he married Lucy ———, widow of Dr. F. Jones, of Shelby County, Kentucky. Of this marriage six children were born—Lettitia; Nancy; Mattie; Reuben; George; and Sarah.

LIEUT. THEOPHILUS SMOOT, C. S. A.<sup>8</sup>

(1823 - 1891)

Theophilus Smoot, son of Daniel Jenifer and Harriet (Medley) Smoot, was born about 1823 in Madison County, Virginia. On May 8, 1845, he secured license in Madison County to marry Lucy Anne E., born about 1823, the daughter of Joseph Hume.

*Children of Theophilus and Lucy (Hume) Smoot*

1. Joseph M. Smoot, born 1846.
2. George A. Smoot, born 1847.
3. Jenifer G. Smoot, born 1853.

During the War Between the States, Theophilus Smoot served as First Lieutenant of Company C, Fourth Virginia Cavalry. He resigned his commission in May 1862. On June 15, 1875, he secured license to marry Martha C. Garrett, widow, born in Albemarle County, Virginia, daughter of Garth and Elizabeth (Graves) Brightberry. No issues resulted from this union.

He died intestate in Madison County during 1891. His estate was appraised on September 29, 1891, showing a "watch sent to J. M. Smoot". The estate was ultimately distributed among the three representatives. Some of his descendants settled in Texas. Recently, patriotic citizens of Madison County placed at his unmarked grave a tablet commemorating his services to the Confederacy.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

Benjamin Franklin Smoot, son of Reed and Eliza (Thomas) Smoot, was born December 30, 1848, in Simpson Township, Johnson County, Illinois. On November 20, 1873, he married Elizabeth Amanda Barley, born in Hardin County, Illinois, daughter of Samuel and Jane Barley. Three children were born: Thomas R.; James A.; and Eliza L.

## CUTHBERT SMOOT <sup>5</sup>

AND

## HIS DESCENDANTS

Cuthbert Smoot, son of John and Sarah Smoot, was born about 1744 in St. Mary's County, Maryland. In 1778 he took the Oath of Fidelity and Allegiance to the State of Maryland, and in 1780 he was enrolled as a private in the militia of St. Mary's County.<sup>1</sup> Other than these facts, very little is known of his public or private life. He predeceased his father, and owing to the destruction of records in St. Mary's County, no administration accounts on his estate are available. No marriage has been proved, but through the process of elimination it is believed and assumed that the five children named in the will of their Smoot grandfather—Auny, Susannah, Eleanor, James (*q.v.*) and Barton—are his issues.

The presence of the name Barton among his children has sometime led to the supposition that this branch of the family was directly descended from Elizabeth Barton who married Captain Thomas Smoot. Barton was a favorite and popular name among the families of Southern Maryland and was carried by Barton lines other than that of the Smoot. It is therefore probable that the name came through the wife of Cuthbert Smoot whose identity has not been established.

## JAMES SMOOT <sup>6</sup>

(176- - 1837)

James Smoot, believed son of Cuthbert Smoot, was born in St. Mary's County, Maryland. He followed his kinsmen to Culpeper County, Virginia, and there on December 18, 1797, he conveyed slaves, household furniture, and other personal property to Biscoe Smith, of Culpeper County. The witnesses were Philip Graves, Joseph Graves, and Henry Walker. The date of this conveyance approximates apparently the time of his migration to Rowan County, North Carolina.

On September 3, 1805, he purchased from Isaiah Renshaw and Esther his wife, of Rowan County, North Carolina, for the consideration of \$750 land on the south waters of Bear Creek in Rowan County which had been granted by the State to Abraham Renshaw. The conveyance was substantiated by Caleb Smoot and Samuel Austin.

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<sup>1</sup> Unpublished Maryland Records, Md. His. Soc., Balto.

He and Jemina his wife deeded 312 acres of land "on the west side of Elk Runn a little below William Walker's old saw mill" in Virginia for the sum of £641/5/9. The deed was recorded in Madison County on January 19, 1807.

*Children of James Smoot*

1. Mary Smoot married Gassaway Gaither.\*
2. Elizabeth Smoot married Walter Gaither.\*
3. Margaret Smoot married ——— Anderson.
4. Henrietta Smoot married ——— Lyons.
5. Brittanica Smoot married ——— Sloan.
6. Thomas B. Smoot.
7. Eleanor Smoot married ——— Anderson.

In May 1814 he and Francis Neely, Esq. with others were appointed to "lay off one year's provision for the widow and family of James Hanna, deceased". In 1815 he was a member of the commission to partition the land of Joseph Cope. On November 1, 1836, as a resident of Davie County, he sold land in Rowan County on the forks of the Yadkin River to Henry R. Austin. The deed was witnessed by H. Austin and Gassaway Gaither. During the same year he sold negroes to William Neely.

The will of James Smoot was dated October 8, 1836, and proved in Davie County, North Carolina, at the August term of the court in 1837, with Gassaway Gaither as the executor. He named his son Thomas B. Smoot; daughters Mary Gaither, Margaret Anderson, Henrietta Lyons, and Brittanica Sloan; granddaughter Elizabeth Gaither (daughter of Elizabeth), and the heirs of his daughter Elizabeth Gaither and the heirs of his daughter Eleanor Anderson.

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\* For the ancestry of Gassaway and Walter Gaither, see "Anne Arundel Gentry", by Newman.

CALEB SMOOT <sup>5</sup>  
AND  
HIS DESCENDANTS

Caleb Smoot, son of John and Sarah Smoot, was born 1747 in St. Mary's County, Maryland. He married first a maiden of Maryland, but so far her identity is unknown. At the census of 1790, he was listed as the head of a family in St. Mary's County, with four women and two slaves.

*Children of Caleb Smoot*

1. Caleb Smoot married Nancy ———. *q.v.*
2. Sarah P. Smoot married Frederick Thompson. License Madison Co., Va., June 22, 1795.
3. Anne Grace Smoot married Joseph Ham. License Orange Co., Va., Mar. 5, 1803.

Caleb Smoot ultimately moved to Orange County, Virginia, and settled in St. Thomas Parish. On September 10, 1795, he obtained license in that parish to marry Martha McClamrock, spinster. His bondsman was James Smoot. Apparently no issues resulted from this union. His will was dated March 1797, and proved in Orange County on July 24, 1797. He bequeathed his entire estate to his wife, Martha, during life, then to his three children—Caleb Smoot, Sarah Thompson, and Anne Grace Smoot.

CALEB SMOOT <sup>6</sup>

Caleb Smoot, son of Caleb, was born between 1765-1784, in St. Mary's County, Maryland. He undoubtedly accompanied his parent to Orange County, Virginia, but he left that county shortly after his father's death in 1797. Sometime after 1800 he settled in Rowan County, North Carolina, where in 1805 he witnessed the land transaction between James Smoot and another party. On February 4, 1808, he sold to William Knight for the consideration of £100 a tract of land consisting of 520 acres which had been granted to Gasper Sain on the waters of Bear Creek. At this time his wife Nancy waived her dower. The transfer was witnessed by James McGuire, George Clamroach, and David Clamroach. He was the head of a family in Rowan County in 1810 with a female born 1794-1800, a male within the same period, and one girl and three boys born 1800-1810. He was not the head of a family in that county at the next census.

WILLIAM SMOOT<sup>5</sup>  
AND  
HIS DESCENDANTS

William Smoot, son of John, was born about 1750 in St. Mary's County, Maryland. He married twice, and it seems as if both wives, certainly the second, were of Jenifer lineage. The name of his first wife is unknown, but at least two of her children bore the distinctive family cognomen of Jenifer. This first union probably occurred in St. Mary's County prior to 1778. His second marriage, however, took place in Madison County, Virginia, where on June 24, 1793, license was obtained to marry Margaret Jenifer. In his will he referred to three of his sons with the given names of Jenifer, and it is noticed that in subsequent public records two other sons appeared with "J" as a middle initial.

*Children of William Smoot*

1. Jenifer Smoot married Rebecca Melone. *q.v.*
2. William Smoot married Elizabeth Loker. *q.v.*
3. Daniel Jenifer Smoot married Polly Anderson. *q.v.*
4. John Jenifer Smoot married Mary Trout. *q.v.*
5. Elisha A. J. Smoot. *q.v.*
6. Samuel Jenifer Smoot married Rebecca ———. *q.v.*
7. Eliphalet Smoot married Mary ———. *q.v.*

During the Revolutionary War William Smoot served his country, and in 1780 he was enrolled as a member of the militia forces of St. Mary's County in the same battalion with his brothers Cuthbert, John, and Thomas.<sup>1</sup> In 1790 he was the head of a family in St. Mary's County, with 5 males under the age of 16, 2 females, and 3 slaves. According to tradition, he lived at one time near Occoquan, Prince William County, Virginia, which was probably between the years 1790 and 1806, for by the latter year he was domiciled in Rowan County, North Carolina, with his family. On January 12, 1807, in the latter county he certified a deed of his half-brother.

He acquired much land in North Carolina, though the records fail to show any purchases or grants, and it is not believed that he was bequeathed any through last wills and testaments.

At the census of 1810, he appears as the head of a family, with his three youngest sons at home and a feminine member of approximately

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<sup>1</sup> Unpub. Md. Records, Md. Hist. Soc., Balto., p. 251.



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Passing Through the Land Owned by Alexander Smoot II





his age who was probably his wife. His wife, however, predeceased him, as she was not mentioned in his will.

The will of William Smoot was dated May 13, 1815, and proved at the August term of the court in Rowan County, North Carolina, by Samuel Little and Elisha J. Smoot. Jenifer was willed negroes and other personalty as well as the second son William. Daniel Jenifer was bequeathed negroes and land on Third Creek adjoining the estate of Solomon Dickson, containing 50 acres. John Jenifer was devised negroes and 160 acres of land adjoining that of John Reavis, also \$40 to be paid him by his brother Eliphalet, \$50 to be paid him by his brother Samuel within four years, and \$30 to be paid him by his brother Elisha within three years. Elisha received negroes and 160 acres of land adjoining that of John Cooke and William Stillman. Samuel was bequeathed negroes and the dwelling-plantation and various personalty at majority. The residue of his estate was to be sold at auction and the proceeds divided among the five youngest sons. Daniel Jenifer and Elisha were named as executors. He signed his name as William Smoote Sr.

#### JENIFER SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(1778 - 18—)

Jenifer Smoot, son of William by his first wife, was born about 1778 in St. Mary's County, Maryland. On October 5, 1805, in Orange County, Virginia, he negotiated a bond to marry Rebecca, the daughter of John Melone, with Michael Lower as his surety and William McCome as the witness. He subsequently migrated to Rowan County, North Carolina, with his parents, where in 1810 he was the head of a family with his wife, two girls and a boy—the children all being under 10 years of age.

On July 25, 1810, he purchased from Gilbert Nowell, of Rowan County, 102 acres of land on the waters of Hunting and Bear Creeks. The transaction was witnessed by John Little Jr. On November 11, 1812, he conveyed this tract for \$200 to William Fulford, at which time William Jarvis and John Boone witnessed the transfer.

He returned to Orange County, Virginia, perhaps the native country of his wife, and there on July 30, 1814, he enlisted for services in the War of 1812. His first term extended to November 30, 1814. On December 11, following and to February 4, 1815, he served as a private in an artillery company commanded by Captain Law T. Dade, at which time he was stationed at Camp Holly, Virginia, attached to the First

Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel Yancey. At discharge he was granted travel allowance for 100 miles "from Camp Holly to Orange County Court House", the latter place being the point of rendezvous.

WILLIAM SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(1780 - 1852)

William Smoot, son of William, was born December 22, 1780, in St. Mary's County, Maryland. On February 11, 1808, in his native county he secured license to marry Elizabeth Parrott, the daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Mackall) Loker, of St. Mary's County. He lived for a time in the county of his birth, where he was the head of his household at the 1810 census.

Locks of the hair of William Smoot, his wife, and all ten children have been carefully preserved to the present day and are now in possession of a great-granddaughter, Miss Annibel Stine, of Tuscumbia, Alabama. The births of the following children were taken from an old sampler, now in possession of Miss Stine.

*Children of William and Elizabeth (Loker) Smoot*

1. Thomas Loker Smoot married Elizabeth Waters. *q.v.*
2. William Smoot, born Jan. 2, 1811, *d.s.p.* 1836.
3. Ann Elizabeth Smoot, born Sept. 1, 1812, died July 10, 1845, married Dec. 29, 1836, at Tuscumbia, John Helden, born Aug. 3, 1810, at London, died Apr. 24, 1846. Issues: George Franklin, born Sept. 29, 1838; Rose Ann, born Jan. 20, 1841, married Dec. 26, 1878, Benjamin Franklin Stine, born Mar. 22, 1842; Charles William, born Mar. 22, 1842; and 5 infants died young.
4. Rebecca Smoot, born 1814, died 1818.
5. Priscilla Isabella Smoot, born May 15, 1816, *d.s.p.* Apr. 11, 1883, married first cousin, Isaac, son of Thomas and Margaret (Loker) Young.
6. Eliphalet Smoot, born Jan. 6, 1818, died 1828.
7. Cynthia Everlina Smoot, born Jan. 6, 1820, married William Mulligan, settled in the West. Issues: William; James, etc.
8. Margaret Loker Smoot, born Oct. 30, 1821, died June 1893, married 1838 at Tuscumbia, Edward Washington Manley, died July 27, 1872, at Tuscumbia, son of William and Mary Manley. Issues: William Edward, born Mar. 4, 1839; Mary Lavinia, born Apr. 19, 1842; Daniel Napoleon; Columbia Everlina; and Marion Wallace (*q.v.*).
9. Daniel Smoot, born Aug. 24, 1823, *d.s.p.*
10. John Mackall Smoot, born 1826, enlisted Apr. 29, 1847, 3d U. S. Regt. of Dragoons, killed in action, Mexican War.

His youth was spent at his father's home in Virginia, according to tradition near Occoquan, but facts seem to place it in Madison County. At other times he lived in Rockbridge County, Virginia, "Kanrow City near Elk River", and in North Carolina. A letter addressed to him at Kanrow City in 1822 by his mother-in-law, still in possession of a descendant, asked, "What has become of the Jenifer Smoots and all of them?"

On July 18, 1816, after a residence of a few years in Rowan County, North Carolina, he conveyed to Baker Johnson land on the south fork of the Yadkin River where he "formerly lived", being part of a tract granted to Caleb Webb by patent in 1784. The consideration was \$1,200. His wife Elizabeth P. Smoot relinquished her dower, and the deed was proved by E. A. J. Smoot and Richard Stroud.

On July 21, 1834, William Smoot, no domicile mentioned, gave his receipt to Thomas Loker, of St. Mary's County, the administrator of John Mackall Jr., for \$150 which was his wife's share in the estate of the said John Mackall.

About 1835 he and a party of Virginians, including Carters, Atkinsons, Cooks, and others, migrated southward and after three weeks of travel they ultimately settled on the south bank of the Tennessee River at Tuscumbia, Alabama, where a number of his descendants are still living. It is traditional that enroute he visited his brother "Dr. Smoot" somewhere in Kentucky. He died at his home in Tuscumbia on March 27, 1852; his widow survived until August 10, 1853.

#### DANIEL JENIFER SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(1784 - 1843)

Daniel Jenifer Smoot, son of William by his first wife, was born January 1, 1784, in St. Mary's County, Maryland, according to his family Bible now in the possession of a descendant. He spent his later youth in Virginia, then migrated with his parent to Rowan County, North Carolina. On December 27, 1811, in that county he negotiated a bond to marry Polly Anderson, with Garland Anderson and John March Sr. as his sureties.

#### *Children of Daniel Jenifer and Polly (Anderson) Smoot*

1. Harriet Smoot.
2. Nancy Smoot.
3. Hezekiah Smoot married Lucy ———. *q.v.*
4. William Smoot married Martha de Jarrell. *q.v.*
5. Charles A. Smoot, born 1818.

6. Alexander Smoot married Julianna ———. *q.v.*
7. Daniel Jenifer Smoot, born 1824, died June 26, 1880.
8. Samuel Smoot. *q.v.*
9. John Smoot.
10. Richard Smoot married Eleanor Witten. *q.v.*
11. J. (son) Smoot.
12. Thomas A. Smoot, born 1836, settled in Kansas City, Mo., living in 1906; had issues.

On July 12, 1812, Daniel Jenifer Smoot purchased from James Hanna and his wife 100 acres of land, at which time Charles Anderson Sr. witnessed the conveyance. On December 23, 1814, he sold to John Welch for £180 land on Hunting Creek, with John Lock and Eliphalet Smoot as witnesses. His wife Mary Smoot waived dower. On August 10, 1820, he conveyed to Richard Anderson for \$650 land on Andrew's Creek, consisting of 150 acres, beginning at a sycamore on Garland Anderson to an oak on William Iiams' line, then south to William Iiams' line. The deed was witnessed by Garland Anderson and Eliphalet Smoot. On August 22, 1823, he sold to John Smoot for \$400 land of 200 acres on the bank of Hunting Creek. The transfer was witnessed by Charles Anderson Sr., and signed by Daniel J. Smoot and Polly Smoot.

During 1825 Daniel J. Smoot and his young family left Rowan County and settled on the Pond Fork of the Little Coal River in Logan County, Virginia (now Boone County, West Virginia), bringing a number of slaves with them. There he found Price cousins, children of his aunt, Eleanor (Smoot) Price. It is traditional that the Price family was among the first settlers in that section of West Virginia.

On April 9, 1829, as a resident of Logan County, Virginia, he purchased from John Smoot of Rowan County, land on Hunting Creek containing 200 acres. The conveyance was witnessed by James Glascock, Beal Iiams, and Jesse Oakes. Five days later he sold this tract to James Glascock and William Casey, of Rowan County, and to Abner F. Caldwell and John M. Young, of Iredell County, North Carolina.

The census schedules for 1830 and 1840 show Daniel Jenifer Smoot to be one of the largest slave owners in Logan County, a portion of Virginia, which was not a strong slave-holding section. He died on November 15, 1843, and his widow died on December 7, 1880.

#### JOHN JENIFER SMOOT <sup>6</sup>

John Jenifer Smoot, son of William, was born between the years 1784 and 1794 in St. Mary's County, Maryland. He migrated with his parent to Rowan County, North Carolina, where on September 24, 1808, he signed a bond expressing his intentions to marry Mary Trout.

William Smoot, his father, and John March Sr., were sureties. In 1810 John J. Smoot with his wife was the head of a family in Rowan County, with a son less than 10 years of age. He, however, was not the head of a family in Rowan County at the 1810 census.

ELISHA A. JENIFER SMOOT <sup>6</sup>

Elisha A. Jenifer Smoot, son of William, on May 16, 1821, deeded 167 acres of land in Rowan County, North Carolina, to John Reaves. The conveyance was witnessed by John Little and Thomas H. Cain. No further record of him has been found in this research.

SAMUEL JENIFER SMOOT <sup>6</sup>

(1797 - 1883)

Samuel Jenifer Smoot, son of William and Margaret (Jenifer) Smoot, was born 1797 in Virginia. At the 1880 census as a resident of Davie County, North Carolina, he stated that his father and mother were born in Maryland. He accompanied his parents to Rowan County, North Carolina, and at the death of his father in 1815, a minor, he was bequeathed the dwelling-plantation which lay in the vicinity of Calahala post office.

On February 3, 1820, he conveyed to Basil Dyson, of Rowan County, for the consideration of £25 land which had been deeded by Abraham Bromdon to Henry Hicks, and from the latter to Leven Benston hence to John Prather. It was then bought by William Smoot at a sheriff sale and willed to him by his father William Smoot. The tract was adjacent to the land of William Howard. The conveyance was certified by Garland Anderson, James Davis, and Charles Andrews. On January 10, 1822, he purchased from Jacob, John, and Robert H. Hughey 170 acres of land in Rowan County, at which time William Price witnessed the deed of conveyance.

It was not until about 1838 that he married Rebecca ———, a native of North Carolina as well as her parents.

*Children of Samuel Jenifer and Rebecca Smoot*

1. Mary A. Smoot, born 1840.
2. Daniel J. Smoot, Lieut. 4th N. C. Regt. C. S. A., killed in action May 19, 1864.
3. Eleanor Smoot, born 1845, married ——— Daniel.
4. Susan Smoot, died young.
5. William Smoot, born 1849.
6. Alexander Smoot, born 1851.

7. Thomas M. Smoot, born 1854, married Mar. 15, 1877, Jennie Bell Coon, born 1857; she married secondly H. E. Robertson, May 20, 1897.
8. Samuel Jenifer Smoot, born 1856.
9. George W. Smoot, born 1859, died young.
10. Susan Smoot, born 1860.
11. Emily Smoot, born 1863, married Jan. 2, 1889, A. C. Hansard.
12. George Washington Smoot, born 1865.

The will of Samuel Jenifer Smoot was dated May 25, 1880, and proved in 1883 in Davie County, with his son George W. Smoot as the executor. He willed his wife, Rebecca, his entire landed estate and personalty, and mentioned the following children—Mary A. Smoot, Eleanor Daniel, Susannah Smoot, Alexander Smoot, Samuel J. Smoot, Emily T. Smoot, and George W. Smoot.

His daughter, Ellen Daniel, of Davie County, negotiated her will in 1909, and left her entire estate to her nephew Charles Clinton Smoot, the husband of her niece Mary Lizzie Smoot, which included 38 acres of land adjoining the land of Rebecca Martin, A. L. Dayvalt, and others, being the division of the land of Samuel J. Smoot "my father".

#### ELIPHALET SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

Eliphalet Smoot, son of William, was born prior to 1790, probably in Maryland. There is a record of an Eliphalet Smoot who enlisted as a private in the militia of Anson County, North Carolina, during the War of 1812, then there is an enlistment of an Eliphalet Smoot at Fayetteville, on August 17, 1813, as a drum major in the militia under Major Cameron. On September 23, same year, he was attached to Captain David L. Evans' Company of Drafted Artillery, and was reported "sick" at Deepwater Point. The original of the following is on file at the Adjutant General Office, Washington.

"This is to certify that Eliphalet Smoot musician in my company has faithfully served the term of Five Months and two days in the Service of the United States and has not receive any compensation for the same as well appear from the Muster Roll. His turn of Service Expired on the 19 Instant he is further Entitled to pay for traveling home one Hundred and Seventy five miles given under my hand at Camp Deep Water Point North Carolina this 20 January 1814".

(Signed) David L. Evans Capt.

Eliphalet Smoot, who was born 1811 in North Carolina and the head of a family in Davie County, North Carolina, in 1850, was probably a son. In that year he had in his household his wife Mary, born 1826 in North Carolina, Nancy Holman, aged 17, and the following children—Samuel Smoot, aged 4, Thomas Smoot, aged 2, and Margaret Smoot, born September 1850.

THOMAS LOKER SMOOT<sup>1</sup>

(1808 - 18—)

Thomas Loker Smoot, son of William and Elizabeth (Loker) Smoot, was born December 16, 1808, in St. Mary's County, Maryland. On January 20, 1841, he secured license in the National Capital to marry Elizabeth Waters, born 1813 in Virginia, according to the census records.<sup>1</sup>

*Children of Thomas and Elizabeth (Waters) Smoot*

1. Annie Smoot, born 1842, married Allan Goff. Issues: Rosa and Lucy.
2. Albert Smoot, born 1844, *d.s.p.* in railroad accident.
3. Thomas Edgar Smoot, married Lucy Willingham. *q.v.*
4. George Henry Smoot, married Marion Manley. *q.v.*
5. Lou Ellen Smoot, born 1850, died 1878.
6. Addison Smoot, born 1852, married in Corinth, Miss., and settled in Texas.

Thomas Loker Smoot did not accompany his parents to Alabama, but remained in Virginia until 1848. While enroute by water to join his father at Tuscumbia, his fourth child was born. The 1870 census shows him as a wagon maker and his birthplace as Maryland. He, his wife, and daughter were victims of the yellow-fever epidemic of Tuscumbia in 1878. The North Alabamian of October 22, that year, records the following: "Died on the 22nd Mrs. T. L. Smoot in the 56th year of her age", (the 1870 census states her age as 57); the October 25 issue, "Died on the 23d, Miss Ellen Smoot in the 28th year of her age", "Mr. T. L. Smoot and Mrs. Manley are improving". Thomas Loker Smoot recovered and died several years later.

HEZEKIAH SMOOT<sup>1</sup>

(1814 - 1898)

Hezekiah Smoot, son of Daniel Jenifer Smoot, was born July 4, 1814, according to one record at Knoxville, Tennessee, others cite North Carolina and Virginia. He accompanied his parents to Logan County, Virginia, and there he married Lucy B. Smith, born about 1824 in Wood County, Virginia, but whose parents were natives of Ireland. In 1850 he was the head of a family in Boone County, with his wife, an 8-month old son, and a number of his wife's relatives bearing the name of Smith. The following children were at home in 1860 or 1880—De Clifford, born 1850; Richard, born 1855; W. T. (son), born

<sup>1</sup> For the genealogy of the Waters Family, of Anne Arundel County, Md., see "Anne Arundel Gentry", by Newman.

1862; and S. M. (son), born 1865. It is said that eight sons and one daughter were born. He died at the age of 84 years, and his wife at 83, both being buried at Marmet in Kanawha County.

WILLIAM SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

(1816 - 18—)

William Smoot, son of Daniel Jenifer and Polly (Anderson) Smoot, was born about 1816 in Rowan County, North Carolina. He settled in Logan County, Virginia, with his parents and there about 1838 he married Martha A. de Jarrell, born 1820, in Iredell County, North Carolina.

*Children of William and Martha (de Jarrell) Smoot*

1. Anne R. Smoot, born 1840.
2. Victoria A. Smoot, born 1842, died young.
3. Daniel Jenifer Smoot married Mary A. Atkins. *q.v.*
4. John R. Smoot, born 1845, married Sarah D. ———, born 1845, in Va. Issues: William, Minty, Mary Ella, Flora, etc.
5. William T. Smoot, born 1847, married Elizabeth Stallings, widow.

ALEXANDER SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

(1821 - 18—)

Alexander Smoot, son of Daniel Jenifer and Polly (Anderson) Smoot, was born 1821 in North Carolina. He married Juliana ———, born 1823, in Kanawha County, Virginia. The following children were at home in 1860 or 1880—Elizabeth P., born 1845; Wilmot J., born 1846; Mary Frances, born 1848; Julia, born 1849; Charles, born 1854; Alexander, born 1855; James, born 1857; Joseph, born 1861; Sophia, born 1864; Cornwell (?), born 1866; and Hezekiah, born 1869.

SAMUEL SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

(1826 - 18—)

Samuel Smoot, son of Daniel Jenifer and Polly (Anderson) Smoot, was born 1826 in Logan County, Virginia. The following children were at home in 1860—Elizabeth G., born 1851; Rulian A., born 1853; and Polly F., born 1855.

RICHARD SMOOT, C. S. A.<sup>7</sup>

(1832 - 1882)

Richard Smoot, son of Daniel Jenifer and Polly (Anderson) Smoot, was born 1832 in Logan County, Virginia. During the War Between the States he settled in Tazewell County, Virginia, about six miles from



the county seat and in his native State he enlisted in the Confederate Army. On October 4, 1866, he married Eleanor White, born 1848 in Virginia, the daughter of Thomas White and Eleanor (Harrison) Witten. He died August 4, 1882; his widow died June 19, 1902.

*Children of Richard and Eleanor (Witten) Smoot*

1. Samuel Rial Smoot, born 1868, unmarried.
2. Eliza Smoot, born Oct. 1870, married Jan. 22, 1890, Thomas Neel.  
Issues: Annie; John Richard; Bess; Zelma; and Eleanor.
3. Mary Marten Smoot.
4. Thomas Richard Smoot married Apr. 16, 1902, Kate M. Litz.  
Issues: Thomas Richard; Frank Litz; Hettie Kathryn; and George Witten.
5. Grace Smoot married Apr. 22, 1903, Troy M. Greear. Issues: John Richard; Sara Ella; and Peyton.
6. Jenna White Peyton Smoot, unmarried.
7. Essie Smoot married Feb. 4, 1903, Charles F. Brown.

THOMAS EDGAR SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

Thomas Edgar Smoot, son of Thomas Loker and Elizabeth (Waters) Smoot, was born 1846 in Virginia. He married Lucy Willingham, and died in Florence, Alabama, where all of his children were born. He is interred in the city cemetery.

*Children of Thomas and Lucy (Willingham) Smoot*

1. Lorena Smoot married Jesse Dowdy.
2. Charles Bell Smoot, *d.s.p.*
3. Robert Samuel Smoot, born Jan. 1, 1874, died Oct. 15, 1918, married Dec. 6, 1899, Minnie, dau. of William Henry and Frances Catherine Cromwell.\* Issues: Edward Hunter, born Apr. 12, 1916, and 2 children died young.
4. William Smoot married Nina Morrison and Otta Mae ———.  
Issue: (first) John.
5. Rosella Smoot married Thomas Half. Issue: Kathlean.

GEORGE HENRY SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

(1848 - 1905)

George Henry Smoot, son of Thomas Loker and Elizabeth (Waters) Smoot, was born September 28, 1848, on a vessel enroute to Alabama from Virginia. At Tuscumbia on December 27, 1876, he married his first cousin Marion Wallace, born September 30, 1848, at Tuscumbia, the daughter of Edward Washington and Margaret Loker (Smoot)

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\* For the history and genealogy of the Cromwell Family of Maryland, *see*, "Anne Arundel Gentry", by Newman.

Manley. He died 1905 at Tuscumbia; his widow died 1933 at Avondale, Colorado.

*Children of George Henry and Marion (Manley) Smoot*

1. Irma Lorene Smoot, born Jan. 1878.
2. Nellie May Smoot, born May 1880, married John Alfred Stout.
3. Frank Newsum Smoot, born May 1882, *d.s.p.* 1908.
4. Elizabeth Wilson Smoot, born Mar. 14, 1883, married Feb. 16, 1908, at Tuscumbia, William Wesley, born Nov. 2, 1878, at Florence, son of Thomas and Martha Jane Anderson.

DANIEL JENIFER SMOOT, C. S. A.<sup>s</sup>

(1843 - 1918)

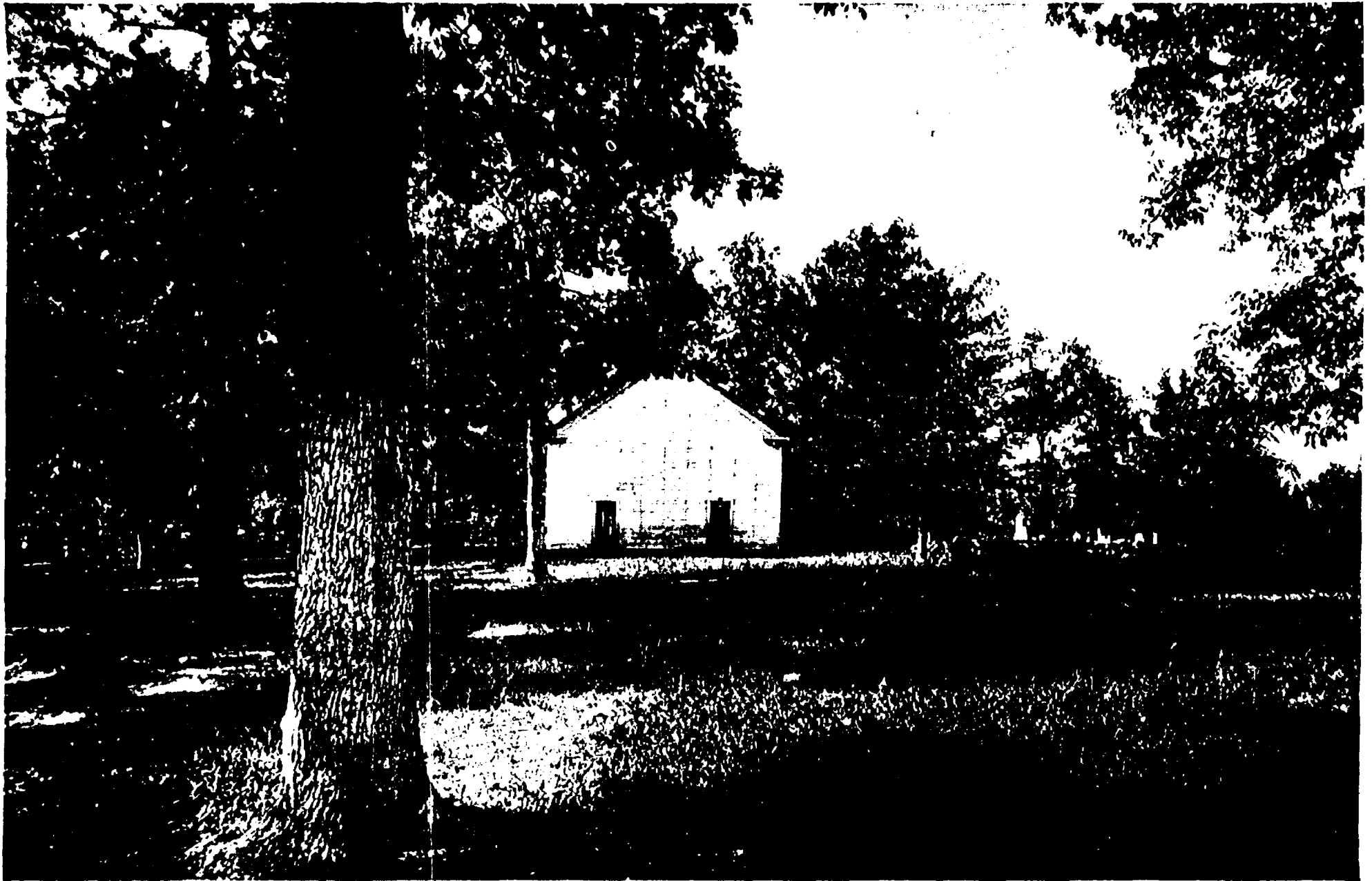
Daniel Jenifer Smoot, son of William and Martha (de Jarrell) Smoot, was born 1843, in Boone County, Virginia. Although his section of Virginia had little sympathy with the Southern cause in 1861, Daniel Jenifer Smoot manifested the ideals of the old aristocracy of Maryland and Virginia, and as a lad of nineteen he enlisted in 1862 at Charleston in Company D, under Captain Lawson of the 36th Virginia Regiment, known as "Logan's Wild Cats", and attached most of the time to Early's Division.

He figured conspicuously in the campaigns up and down the Shenandoah Valley and was with General Jubal Early in Maryland when the Confederates had the Federal Capital in consternation. He participated in seventeen general battles and was at Camp Lee, Richmond, when General Lee surrendered. After his furlough from the Confederate Army, he returned home to find much of the former wealth of his parents lost. He was a Democrat in politics and held several district and county offices in addition to his occupation of farming.

About 1867 he married Mary A. Atkins, born about 1845, in Giles County, Virginia, whose parents were also natives of that State. He died in 1918; his widow died in 1928.

*Children of Daniel Jenifer and Mary (Atkins) Smoot*

1. Walter W. Smoot, born Apr. 13, 1868, married Mary Mossena Griffith. Issues: Lester Boyd; Oma Alice; Lyda Jean; and Carlos Taylor.
2. Edgar W. Smoot, born Mar. 29, 1870, died 1935, married Rosalie Zinn.
3. Delmar A. Smoot, born Mar. 29, 1870, married Ora Vickers.
4. Lagertie C. Smoot, born Feb. 28, 1872, married Wilburn W. Hall. Issues: Leland Stanford; Grace; and Edgar Rudolph.
5. Bessie E. Smoot, born Apr. 22, 1877, married Mandyville J. Hopkins. Issues: Raymond Jackson and Murray.



OLD SOUTH RIVER CHURCH  
Ground Donated 1834 by Alexander Smoot II



## ALEXANDER SMOOT <sup>5</sup>

AND

### HIS DESCENDANTS

Alexander Smoot, son of John, was born August 1, 1769, in St. Mary's County, Maryland, where he was domiciled as the head of his household at the 1790 census, unmarried, with two slaves. Shortly after that year he migrated to Culpeper County, Virginia, then a county containing much unpatented land, and joined some of his brothers and nephews who had already settled there. On October 17, 1798, at the county seat he secured license to marry Anne (Jones) Hawkins, a widow with young children.

#### *Children of Alexander and Anne (Jones) Smoot*

1. Thomas Smoot married ——— Holman. *q.v.*
2. Alexander Smoot married Temperance Neely. *q.v.*
3. Elizabeth Smoot, born Feb. 18, 1805.

Alexander Smoot with his young family including his step-children migrated about 1806 to Rowan County, North Carolina, and established his seat on land which had formerly been owned by the parents of Daniel Boone. On January 12, 1807, he purchased from Frederick Thompson for £400 land on Bear Creek, being a portion of a tract granted to a "certain Esquire Boon by the Lord Earl Granville". The conveyance was witnessed by William Nelson and William Smoot. On August 22, 1818, he instituted action against Thomas Ray for the erection of a mill on Bear Creek which flooded portions of his estate or as he stated in the petition "drowned my land".

The will of Alexander Smoot was dated November 26, 1816, and proved at the February court of 1826 in Rowan County, North Carolina, by Littleberry R. Rose and William Nelson. He bequeathed his step-daughter Sally Allen \$50 which was her "full share" of her father's estate, likewise he bequeathed similar amounts to the other step-children—Polly, wife of Brice W. Ijams;<sup>1</sup> John Hawkins; and William Hawkins.

He devised his widow Nancy 200 acres of land, negroes, and all other personal property during life which at her death were to be divided between his two sons—Thomas and Alexander. Both sons received direct 200 acres of land between them. He willed his daughter Elizabeth

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<sup>1</sup> For the Ijams family, see "Anne Arundel Gentry", by Newman.

certain negroes. A codicil of December 3, 1825, directed that 16 negroes be divided among his three children.

It is believed that he was interred in the burying ground of the old Presbyterian church once known as Joppa, lying about a mile north of the present town of Mocksville, where the parents of Daniel Boone and other early citizens were buried.<sup>2</sup>

#### THOMAS SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(1799 - 18—)

Thomas Smoot, son of Alexander and Anne (Jones) Smoot, was born August 31, 1799, in Culpeper County, Virginia. He migrated to North Carolina with his parents and there he married a daughter of Jacob Holman, of Rowan County. According to family tradition two children were born—Mary and John.

On May 8, 1837, Thomas Smoot bought land lying on Dutchman's Creek in Davie County from William Hawkins. On March 28, 1843, he sold to Isaac Holman this land on Dutchman's Creek on which stood a saw and grist mill, his interest "being one-half subject to the dower of Catherine Linn, widow of John Linn". The deed was proved by Burgess Gaither and C. Hardin.

On August 28, 1855, John A. Smoot, his son, conveyed to Isaac Holman for \$50 "one-sixteenth portion of his grandfather's Jacob Holman undivided land". The deed was witnessed by Asberry Gaither. It is said that he is buried at Olive Branch Farm, near Farmington, North Carolina.

#### ALEXANDER SMOOT<sup>6</sup>

(1801 - 1839)

Alexander Smoot, son of Alexander and Anne (Jones) Smoot, was born October 18, 1801, in Culpeper County, Virginia. He migrated with his parents to Rowan County, North Carolina, and there about 1827 he married Temperance, born May 22, 1810, daughter of Francis and Mary (Holman) Neely.

It was traditional that the Neelys were from Ireland, however, Richard Neely and his family landed about 1760, supposedly at Philadelphia, where his ill wife, Mary Elizabeth Duncan, was transported to Rowan County, North Carolina, upon a litter suspended between two horses. In 1782 Richard Neely was granted by the State 637 acres of land lying

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<sup>2</sup>If anyone knows of the final resting place of Alexander Smoot Sr. and his wife, Dr. J. Edward Smoot, of Concord, N. C., a descendant, would like to be advised.

on Hunting Creek, where he ultimately constructed a substantial log house on the south bank about three miles above its confluence with the South Yadkin River and about one mile, as the crow flies, from the present day Byerly's Chapel and graveyard. Today may be seen a large pile of rough stones which once formed the chimney and foundation, and nearby still flows a rock-bottomed spring which no doubt furnished drinking water to the plantation.

Of several children born to Richard Neely and Mary Elizabeth his wife, Francis was probably their eldest child who distinguished himself during the Revolutionary War. As a youth he served in the Continental Army in the capacity of wagoner, especially in comradeship with his friend —— Guffy in collecting horses for the Army.

In 1781 following the American victory at Cowpens, Generals Greene and Morgan considered it inexpedient to meet Lord Cornwallis so consequently they marched northward with the British in hot pursuit. On reaching the Yadkin River at Trading Ford, several miles below the present town of Spencer, Greene and Morgan rushed across the Yadkin after which the river on account of recent rains rose to such a height that it became impossible for the British Army to ford it. A small detachment of the Continental forces, however, was left behind on the south bank of the Yadkin to guard some wagons and stores. Around midnight the advance guard of the British Army under General O'Hara and Colonel Tarleton reached the Yadkin and located the small American force, but believing it to be the main Continental Army, the British quickly retired to Salisbury where they encamped for a few days. In the meanwhile the Americans in some manner crossed the swollen river, and found themselves at the plantation of Richard Neely, cold, wet, and hungry. Here they were furnished a wagon filled with supplies of food-stuffs, home-woven jeans, and according to family tradition home-tailored pants.

Ultimately when the advance guard of the British Army reached Renshaw's Ford, they found Francis Neely, a youth of twenty years, and his comrade Guffy with a drove of seventeen horses which they had collected for the Continental forces. The British fired upon them and mortally wounded Guffy, but Neely escaped unharmed, and knowing the country he escaped into canebrakes and the river jungles and hid until darkness. That night he swam the Yadkin and reached his home on Hunting Creek in safety.

For the patriotic services of Francis Neely during the Revolution, he was awarded by various accounts currency in the excess of £150.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> North Carolina Historical Commission, Raleigh.

He later served as a magistrate of the District Court of Rowan County, and was active in this capacity during the War of 1812. He died in North Carolina, and was buried at what was formerly called the Van Eaton graveyard, now known as Byerly's Chapel.

By his will dated November 10, 1828, he bequeathed to his daughter, Temperance Smoot, "Harden Orton" and "Beard's Place", containing 600 acres on the north side of the South Yadkin River adjacent to the lands of Samuel Thomas.

*Children of Alexander and Temperance (Neely) Smoot*

1. Alexander Neely Smoot married Sarah ———. *q.v.*
2. James Franklin Smoot married Virginia Brittingham. *q.v.*
3. Ann Elizabeth Smoot, born Jan. 9, 1832, died *circa* 1868, married John W. Turner, C. S. A., License May 30, 1855, Davie Co. Issues: Mary Elizabeth; Laura; Alexander Smoot; and Joseph.
4. Nathan Smoot married Lou Cheshire. *q.v.*
5. Rebecca Providence Smoot, born Mar. 22, 1837, died Aug. 18, 1890, married William Monroe Dayvault. License Oct. 9, 1854, Davie Co. Issues: David Patton, born July 5, 1857; Alexander Smoot, born Jan. 2, 1860; Virginia Temperance, born Jan. 9, 1862; Lelia Elizabeth, born July 16, 1866; James Franklin, born Oct. 20, 1868; Meek Anne, born Nov. 25, 1871; William Arthur, born 25, 1874; Mary Rebecca, born June 12, 1876; and Andrew Jackson, born Jan. 6, 1879.
6. Mary Smoot, born Oct. 31, 1840, died Apr. 10, 1911, married Sanford Henley. Issues: Alexander Smoot; John Chillian; Joseph Hawkins; Pearl; and Francis.

In his early life Alexander Smoot was by profession a cabinet maker, which it is believed was taught him by his father. Some of his handi-craft is still in the possession of his descendants, which show that he was not only a cabinet maker but a wood carver as well—especially the delicately carved hair on lion's feet supporting the superimposed pieces of his workmanship. Later he devoted his life to that of a merchant and planter at a place still remembered as County Line located on the line separating what was then Rowan (now Davie) County from Iredell.

Shortly after his marriage Alexander Smoot constructed on the land which he had inherited from his father-in-law on the north side of the South Yadkin River, a spacious and quaint log house about three miles from County Line. This house was originally built for the temporary use of him and his family until he was able to erect a large, manorial-like brick dwelling like his forefathers had built in old Maryland. The then log house was to be used as a dormitory for the slaves, but an early death prevented this vision from materialization.



At one end of the log house was a tall chimney of brick, and in front was a large front porch with stone steps, capped with halves of discarded circular stones which had been used formerly to crush fruits in making brandy. Nearby was the smoke house, granary, and apple house. The grounds were noted for the old towering elms, while at the foot of the hill, surrounded by giant oaks, was the spring-house. In the north-west corner of the garden grew the largest apple tree known to the countryside which had sprung from a seed planted by Temperance from some fall or winter apples which Alexander had brought home. Instead of bearing fall apples, as expected, it was a profuse bearer of mid-summer fruit of the so-called sheep-nose variety.

With the aid of a large number of slaves, Alexander Smoot bridged the South Yadkin and cultivated his extensive plantation which lay on both sides of the river. He fenced his broad fields with many thousands of oak rails, built into zig-zag style ten rails high, and above which was added an eleventh rail placed into the crotches of the stakes crossed like the letter X, and which was called the rider rail to prevent jumping stock from disregarding the barriers between green pastures and fields of grain.

In May 1829, Alexander Smoot purchased 200 acres of land from Caswell Harbin and his wife. On August 14, 1830, he and his wife Temperance conveyed to Arthur Neely 36 acres of land, being their share of the landed estate of Nathan Neely, deceased. During the same month he was named by the court guardian to Columbus Price, the son of William. In February 1831, he sold land on Third Creek to Robert N. Fleming, and in May of the same year, when he made another conveyance he declared in court that his wife was "not capable of coming to court."

On January 21, 1834, he deeded land to the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the erection of a "house of worship", receiving one dollar in hand to consummate the transaction. Upon the land was built a spacious edifice of large hewn logs, weather-boarded outside and finished inside. From the three doors on three sides of the building led aisles that crossed in front of an old-time high-box pulpit. From the ground floor led two stairways to a gallery for the slaves who always accompanied their masters and mistresses to services. The old edifice can now be considered a memorial to Alexander Smoot, where a monument has been erected to his memory, on which are chiseled the names of the first Board of Trustees.

Early in the spring of 1840 Alexander Smoot went on a business trip to Illinois in the covered wagon of that day, and returned with a heavy

cold which deepened into pneumonia. He closed his eyes to the scenes of this earth and was interred in the churchyard of the South River Church, two miles from his home on the south bank of the South Yadkin.

Temperance Smoot survived her husband many years, raising her young children to manhood, and died on June 21, 1897. Her will was dated May 21, 1887, and proved in Davie County during July 1897. She willed her daughter Mary Henley the home plantation on which she was living, on the north side of the South Yadkin River, adjoining the land of John Turner and W. S. Smoot, the tract containing 244 acres. To her daughter Rebecca Dayvault she devised land on the south side of the Yadkin River in Rowan County, consisting of 150 acres, adjacent to J. F. Smoot and others. She mentioned her sons James F. and W. S. Smoot. Bequests were also made to the heirs of her sons A. N. Smoot and Nathan Smoot, and to the following grandchildren—Mary Micenhammer, Laura R. Shoaf, Alexander S. Turner, and Joseph F. Turner.

ALEXANDER NEELY SMOOT, C. S. A.<sup>7</sup>

(1828 - 186-)

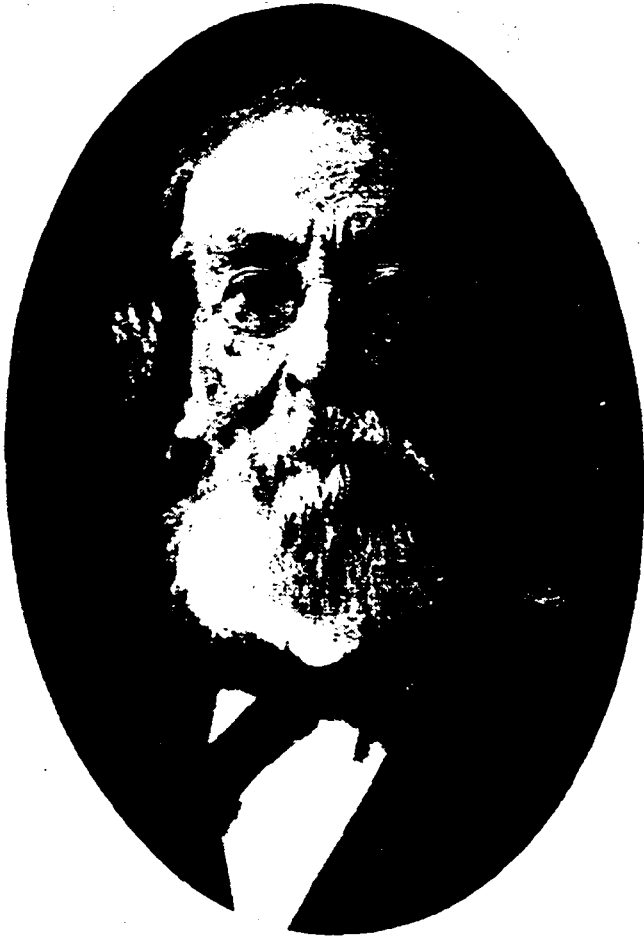
Alexander Neely Smoot, son of Alexander and Temperance (Neely) Smoot, was born December 27, 1828, in Rowan County, North Carolina. He migrated to Arkansas, where he married Sarah ———. During the Civil War he served in Company I, 27th Regiment of Arkansas Infantry, and either died or was killed in service. None of his children ever visited their father's birthplace, but a son John, a very handsome youth, about 1880 send his photograph to his paternal grandmother.

REV. JAMES FRANKLIN SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

(1831 - 1904)

James Franklin Smoot, son of Alexander and Temperance (Neely) Smoot, was born March 13, 1813, in that part of Rowan County which in 1836 became Davie County, North Carolina. He became a minister of the Methodist Church South and held charges in his native State.

His wife was Virginia, born September 18, 1838, at Portsmouth, Virginia, the daughter of William Powell and Martha (Smith) Brittingham. His Bible reads that the marriage occurred January 3, 1861, "rites of matrimony solemnized by the Rev. P. A. Peterson, of the Virginia Conference". Her father died in 1855 during the yellow fever epidemic of Norfolk.



REV. JAMES SMOOT . . . AND HIS WIFE VIRGINIA BRITTINGHAM



*Children of James and Virginia (Brittingham) Smoot*

1. Alexander Lee Smoot married Daisy Meroney Hodgins. *q.v.*
2. William Brittingham Smoot married Eva Cheatham. *q.v.*
3. James Edward Smoot married Minnie May Watson. *q.v.*
4. Frank Neely Smoot, born Aug. 26, 1869, *d.s.p.* Feb. 10, 1895.
5. Marvin LeRoy Smoot married Margaret Giddens. *q.v.*
6. Cora Virginia Smoot, born Oct. 24, 1880, died spinster June 9, 1923.

His wife died July 7, 1901, at Salisbury, and was buried at the South River Church. Her tomb reads "For forty years the faithful wife of an itinerant preacher. A loving disposition, a cheerful nature, a devoted wife and mother—hath left an inheritance upon the earth, the good effects of which can only be determined by eternity".

His death occurred November 3, 1904, at Concord, and his remains were interred at South River Church, the shrine of his ancestors. The following inscription appears on his tombstone—"An active member of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, from 1856 to 1876, after which time a faithful local preacher till the end". The Salisbury Post stated that "no task too hard, no burden too heavy, no sacrifice too great . . . that is the record of this great old man who fell on sleep this morning".

NATHAN SMOOT, C. S. A.<sup>7</sup>

(1835 - 1863)

Nathan Smoot, son of Alexander and Temperance (Neely) Smoot, was born March 24, 1835, in old Rowan County, North Carolina. His wife was Lou Cheshire.

*Children of Nathan and Lou (Cheshire) Smoot*

1. Neely Smoot.
2. Walter Smoot, born 1857, married Maggie Steel, born 1867.  
License Davie Co., N. C., Nov. 1, 1893.
3. Mattie Smoot, born 1862, married Henry Dwiggin, born 1859.  
License Davie Co., N. C., Jan. 8, 1880.

At the beginning of the War Between the States, Nathan Smoot enlisted in Company G, Seventh Confederate Cavalry, Claiborne's Regiment, Partisan Rangers. He was received at the hospital at Goldsboro, North Carolina, on September 14, 1863, where he died shortly afterwards of "disease", according to the records of the Adjutant General's Office. His brother, James, brought his remains to his home, where they were buried at the South River Churchyard.

ALEXANDER LEE SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

Alexander Lee Smoot, son of James Franklin and Virginia (Brittingham) Smoot, was born February 17, 1864, at Jonesville, North Carolina. In his early life he taught school at Salado, Texas. He married Mrs. Daisy Meroney Hodgins, of Salisbury, by whom one son was born—Alexander Lee II. He was for many years the Register of Deeds for Rowan County, and one-time Mayor of Salisbury. At present he maintains a realty and insurance office at Salisbury.

WILLIAM BRITTINGHAM SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

(1865 - 1911)

William Brittingham Smoot, was born November 4, 1865, in Jonesville, North Carolina, the son of James Franklin and Virginia (Brittingham) Smoot. For many years he was manager of the mercantile firm of Smoot Bros. & Rogers, of Salisbury, but because of ill health he retired from business, studied law, and was graduated from the University of North Carolina. He practiced his profession at Salisbury until a few days before his death, which occurred in New York City at a private nursing home on June 23, 1911, as a result of a surgical operation. He was survived by his widow, who was formerly Eva Cheatham, of Oxford, and two children—one of whom was William Jr., now of Arizona.

DR. JAMES EDWARD SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

James Edward Smoot, son of James Franklin and Virginia (Brittingham) Smoot, was born January 1, 1868, at the old log house on the South Yadkin River during the midst of a bleak snowstorm. In 1893 he was graduated from the Baltimore Medical College, of Baltimore, Maryland, and practiced his profession until 1920 when he retired from active service. Since his retirement he has engaged in historical research and is the author of several well-known publications. In 1929 after exhaustive research he published "Marshal Ney Before and After Execution" which has been favorably received by critics at home and abroad. His next publication will be the "History of Cabarrus County, North Carolina".

On December 12, 1894, he married Minnie May Watson, of Salisbury, by whom four children were born—James Watson; Virginia Lawrence; Annis Brittingham who married Robert Lynn Trout and have Annis and Brittingham; and Mary Donnell who married Thomas Green Croom.

It is interesting to note that his son, James Watson, while he was attending Trinity College at Durham, about 1916 spent the Christmas holidays at the home of his college-mate, Clinton Smoot, in Alexandria, Virginia. At this occasion he met a great many of his distant cousins, one of whom was the very aged grandmother who said that when she was a girl she had a sweetheart by the name of Alexander Smoot who moved south.

#### JAMES WATSON SMOOT<sup>9</sup>

James Watson Smoot, only son of Dr. James Edward Smoot and Minnie May Watson his wife, was born in North Carolina and received his education at Trinity College (now Duke University), at Durham. During the World War he served as 2nd Lieutenant of the 324th United States Infantry, 81st Division, A. E. F. He married Catherine Cobb, of Norfolk, Virginia.

#### DR. MARVIN LE ROY SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

(1876 - 1923)

Marvin Le Roy Smoot, son of James Franklin and Virginia (Brittingham) Smoot, was born August 24, 1876, at Cool Springs, North Carolina. He married Margaret Giddens, of Goldsboro, by whom two children were born—Margaret and Marvin Le Roy II.

He was graduated from the University College of Medicine at Richmond, and for a few years he successfully practiced his profession in Salisbury and Spencer. He later specialized in the diseases of the eye, ear, and throat with his college mate Dr. James M. Lilly. He died at Fayetteville, North Carolina, on February 6, 1923, where he is interred.

#### REV. THOMAS ARTHUR SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

Thomas Arthur Smoot, son of James Franklin and Virginia (Brittingham) Smoot, was born March 8, 1871, in Olin, North Carolina. He married Leila Gilchrist McGirt, of Wilmington, North Carolina. Three children have been born—Thomas Arthur; Edward Brittingham; and Mary Lily. He was graduated from Trinity College, North Carolina, entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and at present (1936) is the pastor of the Epworth Church at Norfolk, Virginia.

## ABRAHAM OWEN SMOOT<sup>7</sup>

AND

### HIS DESCENDANTS

Abraham Owen Smoot, son of George and Anne (Rowlett) Smoot, was born February 7, 1815, at "Pleasant Home" in what is now Owen County, Kentucky. His father died when he was less than six years of age. His mother in 1835 became a convert to the Mormon Church through the influence of missionaries who were then traveling in northern Kentucky. On March 22, 1835, he was baptized in the faith by Elder Warren Parrish. In the fall of 1836, he visited Kirkland, Ohio, and soon afterwards assisted in organizing and leading a group of converts from Kentucky to the community then at Far West, Missouri.

When the State militia and a mob of Westerners captured the settlement in Missouri, Abraham Smoot was made a prisoner. At this time, November 11, 1838, he married his first wife, Margaret Thompson (McMeans) Atkinson, born in South Carolina, the daughter of Anthony and Esther Hunter McMeans, of Chester County, South Carolina. Her father was a native of that State, while her mother was born in Scotland. By her first husband William Cochrane Atkinson, she had one son, William Cochrane Atkinson (*q.v.*), who took the name of Smoot upon his adoption by his step-father. No children were born to this first union.

On January 9, 1846, Abraham Owen Smoot married his second and third wives—Sarah Gibbens, born October 20, 1800, in Cumberland County, Kentucky, and Emily Hill, born November 25, 1816, in Pendleton District, of South Carolina, the daughter of John and Martha (Carlin) Hill, then the widow of Zachariah Harris.

#### *Children of Abraham and Emily (Hill) Smoot*

2. Albert Ether Smoot, born 1847, *d.s.p.*
3. Emily Anne Smoot, born 1851, died spinster.
4. Margaret Thompson Smoot, born Aug. 27, 1854, died Apr. 21, 1932, married Nov. 25, 1874, Wilson Howard, son of Mahlon and Aurilla (Coray) Dusenberry, born Apr. 7, 1841, Pike Co., Ill., died Mar. 20, 1925. Issues: Abraham Owen, born Dec. 5, 1875; Lorena, born Apr. 3, 1878; Ada, born Apr. 6, 1881; Cora Emily, born Sept. 13, 1883; Eva, born Jan. 23, 1887; and Edith, born May 16, 1891.
5. Zina Beal Smoot, born Feb. 20, 1859, died May 20, 1900, married Dec. 18, 1879, Orson Ferguson, born July 1, 1855, died May 16,



1931, son of Horace Kimball and Helen Mar (Kimball) Whitney. Issues: Horace Newel, born Oct. 27, 1880; Heber K., born June 3, 1882; Emily, born Jan. 29, 1885; Helen Mar, born Aug. 1, 1887; Margaret, born Aug. 24, 1889; Charles Byron, born July 3, 1891; Albert Owen, born Sept. 15, 1893; Paul Van Cott, born Apr. 24, 1899; and Virginia Clayton, born Apr. 24, 1899.

Abraham Owen Smoot took as his fourth wife, Diana Tanner Eldredge, born March 28, 1837, Marion County, Indiana, daughter of Ira and Nancy (Black) Eldredge. Her father was a native of New York, while her mother was of Maryland birth.

*Children of Abraham and Diana (Eldredge) Smoot*

5. Abraham Owen Smoot married twice. *q.v.*
6. Nancy Diana Smoot, born June 7, 1858, married Sept. 1, 1881, David Rogers, born May 4, 1854, died June 29, 1928, son of George and Hester (Rogers) Beebe. Issues: George Owen, born Aug. 12, 1882; Reba Luella, born May 29, 1885; Calvin Eldredge, born Dec. 21, 1889; Joseph Ellwood, born Oct. 12, 1890; and Hester Diana, born Mar. 20, 1895.
7. Olive Smoot, born Feb. 10, 1860, married Oct. 18, 1876, James William Bean, born Nov. 19, 1853, son of James Addison and Harriet Catherine (Fausett) Bean. Issues: Luella, born Oct. 8, 1877; Estella, born Oct. 8, 1877; William Cullen, born May 4, 1879; Diana, born Feb. 7, 1881; Harriet Virginia, born Nov. 1, 1883; Pauline, born Oct. 9, 1885; Azua, born Aug. 22, 1887; Margaret, born Dec. 6, 1888; Ross Smoot, born Mar. 17, 1890; Lee Addison, born Aug. 12, 1891; Orea, born June 6, 1894; Ruth, born June 8, 1896; Seth, born Oct. 8, 1897; George Elmer, born Apr. 13, 1899; and Joseph Wayne, born Oct. 25, 1900.
8. Elizabeth Smoot, born Dec. 7, 1861, died Dec. 13, 1932; married Oct. 16, 1879, Milton Henry Hardy, born Sept. 17, 1845, Essex Co., Mass., died Aug. 23, 1905, son of Josiah and Sarah (Parker) Hardy. Issues: Avera, born Feb. 21, 1882; Thethe Ina, born Aug. 1, 1888; Milton Oro, born July 27, 1890; LeGrand Haven, born June 13, 1894; and Morrow Smoot, born Aug. 22, 1897.
9. Ella Deseret Smoot, born Aug. 23, 1869, died Oct. 20, 1916, married May 25, 1892, George Edgar Robison, born Aug. 3, 1869, died Feb. 10, 1926, son of Joseph Vickery and Martha Jane (Olmstead) Robison. Issues: Arnold Edgar, born Aug. 4, 1894; and Joseph Smoot, born June 8, 1902.
10. Vilate Smoot, born Nov. 30, 1874, married Jan. 4, 1893, Thomas Fairclough Pierpont, born Sept. 16, 1870, son of Thomas and Naomi (King) Pierpont. Issues: Pauline Diana, born Mar. 8, 1894; child, born and died 1896; Clifford Smoot, born May 7, 1897; Naomi, born Dec. 26, 1899; Clarence, born 1900; Vilate, born Jan. 3, 1902; Margaret, born Nov. 10, 1904; Thomas

George, born Dec. 21, 1906; Ruth, born Feb. 28, 1908; and John Barney, born June 1, 1910.

11. Orson Parley Smoot married twice. *q.v.*
12. Horace Alma Smoot married Edna Louise Stubbs. *q.v.*

Abraham Owen Smoot took for his fifth wife Anna Kirstine, born December 19, 1833, at Onsoien, Norway, the daughter of Morris Over-  
sen and Anna (Sorensen) Morrison.

*Children of Abraham and Anna (Morrison) Smoot*

13. Anna Christina Smoot, born June 7, 1858, died Mar. 2, 1904, married Feb. 9, 1882, George Shepard Taylor, born July 16, 1860, died Jan. 16, 1924, son of George Hamilton and Anstis Elmina (Shepard) Taylor. Issues: Ethel, born Dec. 25, 1882; Hazel, born Dec. 25, 1882; George Merle, born Oct. 17, 1888; Elmina Smoot, born Sept. 8, 1890; Anna Kirstina, born July 9, 1895; Miriam May, born May 27, 1898.
14. Alice Smoot, born Feb. 6, 1860, married Myron Clark Newell, born Sept. 26, 1856, son of Elliot Alfred and Maria Louisa (Roberts) Newell. Issues: Myron Clark, born June 25, 1880; Clyde Smoot, born Sept. 29, 1882; Flora, born Jan. 13, 1885; Emma, born Sept. 10, 1886; Annie born Nov. 10, 1888; Morris, born May 5, 1890; Alice, born Sept. 18, 1892; Mary, born Nov. 15, 1894; Helen, born Dec. 28, 1896; and Afton, born Mar. 5, 1899.
15. Reed Smoot married twice. *q.v.*
16. George Morrison Smoot married Mary Ann Larson. *q.v.*
17. Agnes Mary Smoot, born July 3, 1866, married Sept. 28, 1887, Charles Albert, born July 27, 1865, son of Charles Dean and Martha Jane (Dusenberry) Glazier. Issues: Charles Wilson, born Sept. 1, 1888; Maline, born Apr. 20, 1890; Martha, born Sept. 12, 1892; Forrest Smoot, born July 7, 1894; Nyle, born Apr. 11, 1900; Dorothy, born Jan. 31, 1902; and Helen, born Sept. 12, 1907.
18. Brigham Roland Smoot married Margaret Annella Nesbit. *q.v.*
19. Ida Maline Smoot, born May 5, 1873, married Apr. 29, 1891, George Albert, born Nov. 6, 1867, son of Warren Newton and Adelaide Elizabeth (Webb) Dusenberry. Issues: Earle Smoot, born Feb. 1, 1892; and Margaret Alice, born July 23, 1895.

In 1847 Abraham Smoot was the leader of the third company to enter Salt Lake Valley, the largest that year, consisting of 120 wagons. He became one of the leading forces in the colony and church, establishing his domicile at Provo, Utah County.

Margaret, his first wife, died September 1, 1884, and was interred in Provo. Emily died March 20, 1882. Anna his last wife died January 20, 1894. Abraham Smoot died at Provo on March 6, 1895, leaving one widow—Diana who survived until January 29, 1914.

WILLIAM COCHRANE ADKINSON SMOOT<sup>8</sup>  
(1828 - 1920)

William Cochrane Adkinson Smoot, adopted son of Abraham Owen Smoot and actual son of William and Margaret (McMeans) Adkinson, was born January 30, 1828, in Roane County, Tennessee. He was baptized in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on February 8, 1836, and participated in the persecutions of his people in Far West, Missouri, and Nauvoo, Illinois, where in January 1846, he was ordained a Seventy of the Church. As a member of the first pioneer company, he entered the Sale Lake Valley in July 1847.

On January 29, 1852, he married Martha Ann, daughter of Peregrine and Julia Ann (Killgore) Sessions, who was born September 22, 1835, in Oxford County, Maine.

*Children of William and Martha Ann (Sessions) Smoot*

1. William C. A. Smoot married Mary Ann Sarah Jones. *q.v.*
2. Martha Ann Smoot, born 1854, died 1867.
3. Abraham Owen Smoot, born 1857, died 1876.
4. Margaret Esther Smoot, born Oct. 9, 1858, died Mar. 10, 1908.
5. Julia Eliza Smoot, born July 24, 1860, married John Derring.
6. Josephine Smoot, born Jan. 17, 1862, married Nephi Huskinson.
7. Lucinda Smoot, born 1864, died 1876.
8. Albert Carlos Smoot married Mary Evalyn Fisger. *q.v.*
9. Louisa Thompson Smoot, born 1867, died 1889.
10. Linnia Amanda Smoot, born 1869, died 1885.
11. Sarah Emma Smoot, born Aug. 1, 1871, died Jan. 20, 1892, married Brigham LeRay Decker.
12. Peregrine Smoot married Sarah Ellen Worthen. *q.v.*
13. Wilson Parley Smoot, born Jan. 31, 1875.
14. Phillipine Smoot, born Dec. 31, 1876.

William Smoot married secondly June 21, 1857, Margaret Phoebe, daughter of John and Nancy Beal (Smoot) Freeman, who was born September 27, 1840, in Johnson County, Illinois.

*Children of William and Margaret (Freeman) Smoot*

15. John Woodruff Smoot married Catherine Aurelia King. *q.v.*

William Smoot took for his third wife Mahala, born February 4, 1840, in Sandusky County, Ohio, the daughter of Philip James and Mary (Vogt) Garn. The marriage occurred on February 3, 1877. She had married previously on April 1, 1858, Daniel Garn who died in 1870, leaving her a widow with five children. She herself drove a team across the plains to Utah in 1855.

*Children of William and Mahala (Garn) Smoot*

16. Rhoda Ellis Smoot, born Jan. 16, 1878, died Mar. 29, 1900.
17. Wilford Hunter Smoot, born May 11, 1880.
18. William Thompson Smoot, born June 30, 1882, married May 30, 1908, ———. Issues: Myrtle, born and died 1915, and Beth W., born Aug. 12, 1916.

William Smoot ultimately established his home in Sugar House Ward of Salt Lake City, where he served as Counselor in the Bishopric, and as a Bishop of the Church from 1866 to 1877. Prior to this event in 1855 he filled a mission to the Indians, and later was a missionary for two years in the Southern States.

His first wife, Martha Ann, died in Sugar House, Salt Lake City, on January 12, 1877. He continued to reside in Salt Lake City until his death which occurred on January 31, 1920. His third wife, Mahala, survived until April 3, 1922. His second wife married Joseph Warren Damron on February 16, 1862, and became the mother of ten children. She died October 30, 1930, in Delta, Millard County, Utah.

ABRAHAM OWEN SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

(1856 - 1911)

Abraham Owen Smoot, son of Abraham and Diana (Eldredge) Smoot, was born March 11, 1856, at Salt Lake City, Utah. He married first Electa, daughter of Isaac and Electa (Wood) Bullock, on October 30, 1878. She had been born on March 6, 1859, at Provo, Utah.

*Children of Abraham and Electa (Bullock) Smoot*

1. Abraham Owen Smoot married Phoebe Jemina Campbell. *q.v.*
2. Isaac Albert Smoot married Nettie Smart Parkinson. *q.v.*
3. Allie Smoot, born Apr. 3, 1882, married June 22, 1910, Jacob Coleman, born Jan. 20, 1879. Issues: Aline, born July 2, 1911; child, born and died 1913; Robert Smoot, born June 13, 1915; Martha, Nov. 1, 1916; James Milan, born Feb. 4, 1919; Sherman, born Dec. 5, 1922; and Genevieve, born Apr. 9, 1925.
4. Electa LaPreal Smoot, born Sept. 25, 1883, married Aug. 26, 1903, LeRoy, born Aug. 16, 1881, son of Henry A. and Sarah (De Gray) Dixon. Issues: Leroy Smoot, born Nov. 19, 1904; Paul Smoot, born Apr. 17, 1906; Allie, born Apr. 15, 1909; Sarah Vera, born Mar. 11, 1911; Mauine, born Oct. 7, 1913; Helen, born July 22, 1915; Arthur Smoot, born Nov. 5, 1918.
5. Fern Smoot, born Mar. 23, 1885, married Sept. 9, 1908, Wells Lovett, born Apr. 26, 1882, son of George H. and Alsina (Wilkins) Brimhall. Issues: Sina, born June 5, 1910; Wells Smoot, born July 19, 1914; and Victor Owen, born Dec. 26, 1921.
6. Ethel Smoot, born 1887, died *circa* 1889.

His first wife died April 18, 1887. He married secondly on June 2, 1894, Zina Melinda, born December 30, 1870, Springville, Utah, the daughter of Don Carlos and Melinda (Singleton) Huntington.

*Children of Abraham and Zina (Huntington) Smoot*

7. Erma Maxine Smoot, born May 14, 1895.

Abraham Owen Smoot was active in civic affairs, and a prominent Democrat in his State, serving as county assessor and collector, city councilman, State senator, and United States commissioner. He died at Provo City, on May 22, 1911. His widow survived until January 19, 1922.

ORSON PARLEY SMOOT<sup>8</sup>  
(1876 - 1936)

Orson Parley Smoot, son of Abraham Owen and Diana (Eldredge) Smoot, was born May 15, 1876, in Provo City, Utah. He married Alexandrina Snell.

*Children of Orson and Alexandrina (Snell) Smoot*

1. Wendell McMeans Smoot married Rebecca Clawson. *q.v.*

On February 21, 1906, he married secondly Ellen, born July 13, 1877, at American Fork, Utah, the daughter of John and Anna (Hansen) Conder, and the widow of Edward W. Broadbent.

*Children of Orson and Ellen (Conder) Smoot*

2. Cleo Hannah Smoot, born Feb. 19, 1907.
3. Douglas P. Smoot, born Jan. 1, 1909, married Jennie Hollam, *q.v.*
4. Conder Eldredge Smoot, born May 25, 1912, married Phyllis Worthen, born Aug. 6, 1909.
5. Helen Ella Smoot, born July 27, 1916.

Orson Smoot was educated at the Brigham Young University at Provo, and was one-time manager of the Smoot Lumber Company. He died at Salt Lake City on January 13, 1936.

HORACE ALMA SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

Horace Alma Smoot, son of Abraham Owen and Diana Tanner (Eldredge) Smoot, was born October 22, 1880, at Provo, Utah. On June 11, 1902, he married Edna Louise, born September 5, 1880, at Provo, the daughter of Peter and Anne (Wride) Stubbs.

*Children of Horace and Edna Louise (Stubbs) Smoot*

1. Alma Vivian Smoot, born Apr. 21, 1903, married June 23, 1926, Martha, born April, 22, 1903, dau. of William and Alice (Walker) Millard. Issues: Martha Jean, born July 21, 1927; Robert Alma, born Jan. 1, 1929; Alene, born June 20, 1930; Joan, born Mar. 7, 1932; Rulon Le Grand, born Feb. 14, 1934; and William Horace, born Oct. 28, 1935.
2. Edgar Stubbs Smoot, born Apr. 17, 1905, married Sept. 7, 1927, Dora Millard, born Apr. 14, 1905, dau. of William J. and Alice (Walker) Millard. Issues: Harold Edgar, born Nov. 19, 1928; Stanley Millard, born Sept. 23, 1930; and Carol Dean, born Apr. 6, 1935.
3. Diana Smoot, born Nov. 6, 1908, married June 5, 1929, James Leslie Turner. Issues: Diana, born Sept. 20, 1930, and Shirley Gay, born Sept. 22, 1934.
4. Maurine Smoot, born Jan. 1, 1911.
5. Edna Louise Smoot, born May 8, 1913.
6. Richard Eldredge Smoot, born Feb. 21, 1916.
7. Horace Neldon Smoot, born Nov. 14, 1919.
8. Dona Fay Smoot, born Oct. 20, 1925.

HON. REED SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

Reed Smoot, son of Abraham Owen and Anna Kirstine (Morrison) Smoot, was born January 10, 1862, at Salt Lake City, Utah. On September 17, 1884, he married Alpha May, born August 6, 1863, at Salt Lake City, the daughter of Horace Sunderlin and Chloe Antoinette (Redfield) Eldredge.

*Children of Reed and Alpha May (Eldredge) Smoot*

1. Harold Reed Smoot married Alice Nibley. *q.v.*
2. Chloe Smoot, born Dec. 4, 1888, married Aug. 24, 1910, Ariel Frederick, born June 26, 1880, son of Thomas Barthelme and Lucie (Smith) Cardon. Issues: Reed Smoot, born Aug. 12, 1911; John Ariel, born Oct. 26, 1915; and Robert Leroy, born June 25, 1919.
3. Seth Eldredge Smoot, born and died 1891.
4. Harlow Eldredge Smoot married Anita Parkinson. *q.v.*
5. Anne Kirstine Smoot, born Jan. 16, 1893, married Sept. 17, 1913, Grover Augustus, born Aug. 25, 1890, son of Henry August and Carrie A. (Nelson) Rebentisch. Issues: Hamilton Smoot, born Mar. 31, 1916; Anne K., born Nov. 11, 1921; and Grover Reed, born Feb. 5, 1925.
6. Zella Esther Smoot, born Jan. 15, 1900, married Oct. 4, 1920, Carlyle, born Aug. 20, 1895, son of President Charles Wilson Nibley and Julia Budge his wife. Issues: Carlyle, born May 9, 1923; Reed Smoot, born Feb. 7, 1926; and Owen Smoot.
7. Ernest Winder Smoot married Martha Gehring. *q.v.*

He served as a missionary to Great Britain in 1890 and 1891, and as counselor to President Edward Partridge of the Utah Stake from 1895 to 1900. On April 8, of the latter year he was ordained an Apostle of the Church by President Lorenzo Snow.

On January 20, 1903, Reed Smoot was elected to the United States Senate by the Legislature of Utah. Formal protests were signed by a group of citizens of Salt Lake City, demanding his expulsion from the Senate on the grounds that he was a Mormon Apostle and a believer in polygamy. The case soon assumed national attention. Thousands of petitions and protests signed by religious organizations and women's associations poured in from all parts of the United States. From January 16, 1904, to June 11, 1906, his case was before the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, which then reported 7 to 5 adversely to Senator Smoot. From December 13, 1906, to February 20, 1907, the case was before the Senate and the final vote rejected the resolution and permitted Senator Smoot to retain his seat in the Senate.

During the long period he sat in the Senate, from 1903 to 1933, he served on some of the most important committees, and was finally Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. Since 1933 he has devoted his time to his public ministry as an apostle and to problems of administration in the leading councils of the Church. In private life he has many business, financial, and mining interests.

His wife died on November 6, 1928, at Washington, D. C., and on July 2, 1930, at Salt Lake City, he married Alice, born October 29, 1876, at Westvale, Yorkshire, England, the daughter of James and Martha (Hurst) Taylor, but more recently the widow of Edwin Spencer Sheets.

#### GEORGE MORRISON SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

(1864 - 1915)

George Morrison Smoot, son of Abraham Owen and Anna Kirstine (Morrison) Smoot, was born January 9, 1864, at Salt Lake City, Utah. On December 19, 1888, at Manti, Utah, he married Mary Ann, born April 1, 1865, at Round Valley, Morgan County, Utah, the daughter of Niels and Bengta (Flygare) Larson.

#### *Children of George and Mary Ann (Larson) Smoot*

1. Zella Smoot, born 1890, died 1904.
2. Morrison Smoot, born and died 1891.
3. Mary Erma Smoot, born Dec. 5, 1893, married Oct. 8, 1914, Golden Stewart, born Apr. 9, 1892, son of William and Lillie (Stewart) Horsley. Issues: George Smoot, born May 30, 1916; and Zella, born Apr. 27, 1920.

4. Margaret Anne Smoot, born Dec. 31, 1895, married June 21, 1916, James Benjamin, born Mar. 3, 1891, son of James and Alice (Gunn) Castleton. Issue: Jay Smoot, born Aug. 1, 1917.

George Morrison Smoot served as missionary to Scandinavia and a counselor to the Bishopric at Lakeview from 1901 to 1903, and as Bishop of Vineyard Ward from 1903 to 1906. He was president of the Smoot Investment Company and maintained other business and mining interest. His wife departed on December 15, 1914, at Provo City, while he died shortly afterwards on January 17, 1915.

#### BRIGHAM ROLAND SMOOT<sup>8</sup>

Brigham Roland Smoot, son of Abraham Owen and Anna Kirstine (Morrison) Smoot, was born June 15, 1869, at Salt Lake City, Utah. On June 20, 1900, he married Margaret Annella Nesbit who was born March 26, 1870. To this union two children were born—Roland Nesbit, born May 7, 1901, and Annella Kerstina, born Oct. 12, 1902.

#### WILLIAM COCHRANE ADKINSON SMOOT<sup>9</sup>

(1853 - 1933)

William Cochrane Adkinson Smoot, son of William and Martha Ann (Sessions) Smoot, was born February 8, 1853, at Salt Lake City, and died there January 7, 1933. He married on March 28, 1878, Mary Ann Sarah, born July 7, 1858, at Provo, the daughter of Samuel Stephen and Lydia Elizabeth (Hooker) Jones. All of their children were born at Provo.

#### *Children of William and Mary (Jones) Smoot*

1. Edna Smoot, born Jan. 7, 1879, married Jan. 10, 1900, Lewis Ephraim, born Jan. 15, 1875, son of Soren and Caroline (Morgensen) Iverson. Issues: Ruth; June; and Louis Smoot, born June 9, 1903.
2. William Cochrane Smoot, born June 3, 1882, died May 14, 1925, married Jan. 4, 1908, Ella Parker.
3. Rulon Stephen Smoot, born Nov. 28, 1883, married Apr. 18, 1909, Margaret Walker.
4. Genevieve Smoot, born Aug. 30, 1886, married Aug. 28, 1908, W. R. Spettigue.
5. Vermilla Smoot, born Oct. 30, 1889, married Apr. 12, 1910, Edward Robert Beck, born Jan. 6, 1888. Issues: Vermilla Smoot, born Mar. 1, 1911; Mary Isadora, born Dec. 19, 1913; Edward Smoot, born Sept. 5, 1915; Jack Campbell, born July 25, 1917; and Audrey Margaret, born June 7, 1919.



ALBERT CARLOS SMOOT <sup>9</sup>

Albert Carlos Smoot, son of William Cochrane Adkinson and Martha Ann (Sessions) Smoot, was born December 10, 1865, at Salt Lake City. He married Mary Evalyn, born March 26, 1867, at East Mill Creek, Utah, the daughter of James Madison and Edith Evalina (Pierce) Fisher. Issues: Albert Fisher Smoot, born August 13, 1893, married Stella Cowan; Evelyn Fern Smoot, born February 5, 1898; and Blaine Fisher Smoot, born 1906, died 1930.

PEREGRINE SMOOT <sup>9</sup>

(1873 - 1916)

Peregrine Smoot, son of William C. A. and Martha Ann (Sessions) Smoot, was born March 12, 1873, at Salt Lake City, and died there March 14, 1916. He married Sarah Ellen Worthen, born November 2, 1876. Issues: Elva, born about 1898, and Perry, born October 15, 1905.

JOHN WOODRUFF SMOOT <sup>9</sup>

(1860 - 1930)

John Woodruff Smoot, son of William C. A. and Margaret Phoebe (Freeman) Smoot, was born March 18, 1860, at Parowan, Utah; and died June 1, 1930, at Deseret, Utah. About 1882 he married Catherine Aurella King born June 13, 1864, at Fillmore, Utah, and died December 8, 1918, at Coyoto, same State.

*Children of John Woodruff and Catherine (King) Smoot*

1. Alice Smoot, born 1883, died 1891.
2. Milton Leroy Smoot, born Aug. 8, 1886, married Mar. 6, 1921, Amy Riddle Ricketts, born Dec. 25, 1883. Issue: Milton La Rell, born Sept. 30, 1923.
3. Helen Margaret Smoot, born Jan. 3, 1888, married 1911, Clell Miller Riddle, born June 26, 1887. Issues: Clell Mace, born Dec. 2, 1912; Garn Smoot, born Aug. 18, 1914; Bernice, born Dec. 10, 1916; Madora, born June 5, 1919; Orin Keith, born Aug. 3, 1921; Margaret, born July 3, 1923; and Kenneth Aurell, born June 14, 1929.
4. Joseph Lester Smoot, born Jan. 2, 1891, married 1912, Edna Louise Haws. Issues: Lester Haws, born Apr. 8, 1912; R. L., born July 8, 1915; William Wilson, born 1918; and Addie, born Sept. 4, 1922.
5. Ferrol Smoot, born Oct. 16, 1892, married 1910, Mary Astor Ross, born Sept. 19, 1893. Issues: Jay Ferrol, born Apr. 3, 1913; Iris, born July 7, 1918; La Rue; and Roy.
6. Jessie Smoot, born and died 1895.

7. Arnold Owen Smoot, born Feb. 19, 1896, married July 24, 1921, Lola Fullmer.
8. La Rue Smoot, born July 24, 1901, married Dec. 23, 1922, Harold H. Golden. Issues: Ancil, born Nov. 24, 1923; Harold Max, born June 2, 1925; and Jinnie Ray, born Aug. 26, 1926.

### ABRAHAM OWEN SMOOT III <sup>9</sup>

Abraham Owen Smoot, son of Abraham Owen and Electa (Bullock) Smoot, was born September 9, 1879, at Provo, Utah. On August 17, 1904, he married Phoebe Jemina, born November 9, 1881, at Fillmore, the daughter of Orson G. and Ann (Dewsnap) Campbell.

#### *Children of Abraham and Phoebe (Campbell) Smoot*

1. Electa Smoot, born 1905, died 1912.
2. Abraham Owen Smoot IV, born Oct. 12, 1906, married Reva, born Nov. 27, 1902, dau. of Ezra and Maud (Donald) Stevens. Issues: Colleen May Daniels, b. May 1, 1924; Abraham Owen V., b. Nov. 3, 1933.
3. Anna Smoot, born Jan. 29, 1909.
4. Fern Smoot, born Mar. 19, 1911.
5. Vera Smoot, born Apr. 19, 1915.

### ISAAC ALBERT SMOOT <sup>9</sup>

Isaac Albert Smoot, son of Abraham Owen and Electa (Bullock) Smoot, was born November 3, 1880, at Provo, Utah. He has been active in Church, political, and business affairs, and is the authority on the genealogy of the Utah branch of the Smoot family. From 1902-1903 he was engaged in mining, later acted as district manager of the Mountain States Telephone Co. From 1912-1914 he was assessor of Utah County, and from 1914-1918 State land commissioner for Idaho. In 1916 he was elected Democratic Chairman of Fremont County, Idaho, and in 1928 was elected to the Utah House of Representatives and again in 1932, when he was Speaker of the House. Since 1933 he has been postmaster of Salt Lake City. In his Church he has served as member of a Bishopric and on the Granite Stake High Council. In 1903-1906 he filled a mission to England. On March 31, 1909, he married Nettie Smart, born April 9, 1886, at Franklin, Idaho, the daughter of Samuel R. and Charlotte (Smart) Parkinson.

#### *Children of Isaac Albert and Mettie (Parkinson) Smoot*

1. Ruth Parkinson Smoot, born June 25, 1910, Preston, Utah.
2. Albert Parkinson Smoot, born Dec. 6, 1914, Provo, Utah.
3. Richard Parkinson Smoot, born Nov. 21, 1917, Boise, Ida.
4. Stephen Parkinson Smoot, born June 13, 1928, Salt Lake City.

WENDELL McMEANS SMOOT<sup>9</sup>

Wendell McMeans Smoot, son of Orson Parley and Alexandrina (Snell) Smoot, was born February 28, 1897, at Spanish Forks, Utah. He married Rebecca, born August 27, 1897, daughter of Stanley and Mary (Jones) Clawson. Issues: Rebecca, born November 20, 1919; Wendell McMeans, born January 15, 1921; and Stanley Clawson, born November 11, 1925.

DOUGLAS PARLEY SMOOT<sup>9</sup>

Douglas Parley Smoot, son of Orson Parley and Ellen (Conder) Smoot, was born January 1, 1909, at Provo, Utah. His wife is Jennie Hollam, born March 21, 1910, at Spanish Ford, Utah. Issues: Clio Beth, born August 23, 1928; Norma Helen, born July 21, 1930; and Leon Douglas, born July 26, 1934.

HAROLD REED SMOOT<sup>9</sup>

Harold Reed Smoot, son of Reed and Alpha May (Eldredge) Smoot, was born March 16, 1887, at Provo, Utah, and was married to Alice Nibley on September 21, 1910. She was born April 3, 1890, at Logan, Utah, the daughter of President Charles Wilson Nibley and Rebecca Ann Neibaur, his wife. Three children were born—Alice, born Aug. 16, 1911; Charles Reed, born May 16, 1915; and Harold Nibley.

HARLOW ELDREDGE SMOOT<sup>9</sup>

Harlow Eldredge Smoot, son of Reed and Alpha May (Eldredge) Smoot, was born May 2, 1891, at Salt Lake City, Utah. On June 26, 1912, he married Anita Parkinson, born January 11, 1891, at Franklin, Idaho, the daughter of Samuel Chandler and Mary Anne (Hobbs) Parkinson.

*Children of Harlow and Anita (Parkinson) Smoot*

1. Seth Eldredge Smoot, born May 9, 1913, married Aug. 15, 1933, Lillian Gladys, born May 21, 1912, dau. of Philip Harrison and Mary Mehitable (Wilson) Hurst. Issues: Harlow Eldredge, born July 4, 1935.
2. Anita Smoot, born Sept. 27, 1916.
3. Reed Smoot, born June 8, 1919.
4. Samuel Parkinson Smoot, born Dec. 31, 1920.

During the World War he enlisted as a private and after eighteen months of service he was discharged with the rank of captain. At present (1936) he is with the engineering department of the Utah Power and Light Company.

ERNEST WINDER SMOOT<sup>9</sup>

Ernest Winder Smoot, son of Reed and Alpha May (Eldredge) Smoot, was born January 19, 1902, at Provo City, Utah. His wife was Martha Gehring, born April 13, 1902, who died after an illness of several years on September 21, 1934, at Washington, D. C. Three children were born—Allie May on January 11, 1924; Ernest; and Martha Ann.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### MARYLAND

*Henry Smoot* was born about 1795. He served as private in the detachment of Major King, D. C. Militia, and later as a corporal in the company of Captain Richard Johns. It is believed that he was the Henry Smoot who died intestate in Charles County, when his widow, Catherine Smoot, was named administratrix. The inventory of his estate was taken on February 16, 1816. At the final account, showing no distribution, in 1820 his widow was Catherine Brawner.

*Catherine Smoot* in 1817 was the widow of Major Samuel McPherson and the mother of Richard and Robert H. McPherson.

*Robert Smoot* and wife, of St. Mary's County, with William Guyther were executors of the estate of Richard Swan Edwards in 1773. Robert Smoot signed the petition of Patrick Graham, of Port Tobacco Parish, in 1775.

*Eli Smoot* and Horatio Smoot, both of Charles County, witnessed the will of Benjamin Wilder in 1790.

*James Smoot* died intestate in Charles County, when letters of administration were issued to his widow, Chloe Smoot, on May 17, 1802. Samuel Milstead and John Terrell offered bond. At the sale of the personal estate, the principal purchasers were Chloe Smoot, Barton Smoot, Samuel Smoot, Thomas Milstead, and William Smoot who bought the wearing apparel. The final account, rendered by Chloe Smoot on October 21, 1807, showed no distribution.

*Matthew Smoot*, of Charles County, a drafted militiaman, was discharged from the Revolutionary Army on December 10, 1781. In 1798 Matthew Smoot, of Charles County, was a surety for Anne Dodson, the administrator of William Dodson.

*Mary Smoot*, of Charles County, on June 5, 1819, conveyed "Retirement", lying in St. Mary's County to Ignatius Mattingly.

*Joseph Smoot*, born between 1780-1790, was the head of a family in Durham Parish, of Charles County, in 1830, with a woman between the age of 50 and 60 and another between 20 and 30, three men between 30 and 40, one man between 20 and 30, and one man between 15 and 20, and seventeen slaves. Joseph Smoot and Mary Anne his wife conveyed "Milford", lying in Durham Parish on the Potomac River and Marlow Creek, to Daniel Kennedy.

*Thomas Smoot*, born about 1814 in Maryland, was the head of a family in Allen's Fresh District, of Charles County, in 1850. In his

household were also Mary E. Smoot, born 1829, and Francis Smoot, born 1844.

*Mary S. Smoot*, born 1818 in Maryland, was the head of a family in Allen's Fresh District, of Charles County, in 1850. With her were Martha E. Brennon, born 1839.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

*George Arthur Smoot* served as a private in Captain John J. Stull's Company of Riflemen, First D. C. Regiment, commanded by Colonel Magruder and Lieutenant Thompson. He enlisted June 19, 1814, and was in service as late as October 8, of the same year. On August 22, 1817, he secured license at Alexandria to marry Elizabeth Blane. On March 1, 1831, he conveyed land to Walter Smoot at which time his wife Elizabeth waived her dower. On April 17, 1824, he transferred lot No. 6 on the east side of 11 Street Northwest to David Appler.

On July 13, 1833 he secured license to marry Anne Mitchell, widow. In November 1835, he deeded personal property to Walter Smoot in trust for the use of his wife Anne Smoot. No further record of him exists among the public records.

The will of his widow Anne Smoot was dated March 4, 1854, and proved in the District of Columbia on July 22, 1854, by P. McKenna, Martha McKenna, and Oliver McConnell. She bequeathed to her son John William Smoot land opposite Good Hope which her late husband "George Arthur Smoot" purchased from George Naylor. To her daughter, Anne Virginia Smoot, she devised the house and lot on Pennsylvania Avenue in square 790 and the house and lot on M Street between 10 and 11 Streets East in square 777. Various articles of personal property were divided between her two Smoot children. Her son Joseph T. Mitchell was willed \$100, while the following were devised \$1.00 each—Joseph T. Mitchell, Frances Eugene Mitchell, James Thomas Broscuo, and Martha Anne Anderson. She named her brother Thomas Jenkins as the executor.

*Walter Smoot* on October 14, 1820 purchased from Ulysses Ward, of Georgetown, in "Beatty and Hawkins' Addition" at the northeast corner of Market and Third Streets a two-storied brick dwelling. The conveyance was witnessed by John Threlkeld and Daniel Bussard, with Susan Verlinda Ward relinquishing her dower. On May 31, 1823, Walter Smoot and Ulysses Ward conveyed the lot and dwelling, as described above, to Walter S. Ringgold. Susan Verlinda Ward released her thirds, but no wife of Walter Smoot. In 1827 he purchased from John J. Stull, trustee for Lloyd Pumphrey lot No. 23 on the northside

of Prospect Street at its intersection with West Lane, and in 1828 he received from George A. Smoot in lieu of a debt of \$1,200 a lot on the east side of 11 Street in the Federal City.

On May 8, 1835, Walter Smoot, Joel Crittenden, and Raphael Semmes were commissioned to divide the estate of Joseph N. Fearson and Mary Anne his wife, the latter being the daughter and co-heir of John McPherson, deceased. On November 30, 1835, he bought from John Marbury, trustee, two lots in Georgetown on the north side of Prospect Street.

*Mary Smoot* died in Georgetown during 1857. Her will dated March 24, 1857, was proved in the District of Columbia on May 26, 1857, by Mary Jane Pairo, Anne H. Waters, and Mildred M. Bronaugh. She willed her grandsons William and Charles the vacant lot on the west side of her dwelling house on the north side of Prospect Street in Georgetown. To her granddaughter Mary Anna Smoot she devised the mansion house and lot where she was living at the intersection of Prospect and Market Streets, but her daughter-in-law Mary B. Smoot was to enjoy the use of it during life. She named her daughter-in-law the guardian of the grandchildren, and Richard Plummer Jackson, the executor of the estate.

Mary B. Smoot, the daughter-in-law, was born 1818 in Virginia, and according to the 1860 census was possessed of realty appraised at \$5,000 and personalty at \$3,000. Her son, Charles C. Smoot, died unmarried, willing his entire estate to his mother. The will was admitted to probate on January 5, 1864.

*John H. Smoot* served as private in Captain Benjamin Burch's Company of 2nd Regiment of D. C. Artillery during the War of 1812, being stationed most of the time in the neighborhood of Piscataway, Maryland. After the war he was employed as master carpenter at the Washington Navy Yard. On March 13, 1827, he as a widower married Elizabeth Speiden, among those present at the ceremony were Mrs. Margaret Speiden and Mrs. Maranda Clubb. He died January 29, 1849, and was interred in Congressional Cemetery, Washington. On March 11, 1871, his widow Elizabeth Smoot applied for a pension under the act to provide for a service pension for the widows of veterans of War of 1812. Records show that she was living as late as 1878.

#### WESTMORELAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA

*William Smoot*, widower, married Charlotte Kirkham, widow, according to marriage bond of Northumberland County, on May 30, 1829. In 1850 Charlotte Smoot, aged 66, was the head of a household in Westmoreland County.

*Jane Smoot*, aged 61, born in Virginia, was living in 1850 at the home of Edward W. Owens.

*Elizabeth Smoot* married Beckwith Butler, according to bond on June 29, 1829, with Sam Davis as surety.

#### CULPEPER COUNTY, VIRGINIA

*Thomas M. Smoot*, born 1775-1794, was the head of a family in Culpeper County at the 1810 and 1820 censuses. According to the latter, he had in his household a female born 1775-1794, a male born prior to 1775, and 2 boys and 2 girls, all born between 1810-1820. He owned 17 slaves. On August 23, 1820, he purchased land at Elkton, Culpeper County, formerly belonging to Beverley Carter for \$4,694.21, sold by a decree of the chancery court held at Fredericksburg. On August 18, 1821, he sold the portion on which he was then living to James S. Emmons, of Culpeper County, and on December 3, 1823, another portion to Enoch Jameson. On January 27, 1826, he purchased from John S. Thornton 40 acres of land at \$14 per acre, adjoining the land of William C. Carter.

*Elizabeth Smoot*, of Culpeper County, in 1798 purchased from Harman Wisecarver and Bridget his wife for £400 land consisting of 150 acres on the south side of Thornton River in Mazingo's old line.

*Benjamin Smoot*, born before 1765, was the head of a family in Culpeper County in 1810, with a female born prior to 1765, and the following children—2 girls born 1765-1784; 1 boy born 1784-1794; 3 girls and 1 boy born 1800-1810.

*Anne B. Smoot*, widow, was born in Virginia about the year 1789, but research has failed to disclose the name of her husband. She was probably married after 1810 and being widowed before 1820, the census records have been of very little service in drawing any possible conclusions. She first appears as the head of a family in 1820, with two boys less than ten years of age, a girl between the ages of 16 and 26, and 13 slaves. In February 1833, she purchased from Reuben Thornton and Lydia his wife, all parties being of Culpeper County, for \$150 land on the road leading from Culpeper Court House to Raccon Ford, adjoining the lands of John Collins, Reuben Rosson, and Benjamin Truman. This tract in 1836 she deeded to her son John.

#### *Children of Anne B. Smoot*

1. James W. Smoot married Frances Cowhert. *q.v.*
2. John H. Smoot married Susan A. Henrick. *q.v.*



The will of Anne B. Smoot was dated July 9, 1857, and probated November 5, 1860, in Culpeper County, Virginia, by George E. Marshall, Abraham Curtis, and Nancy L. Vaughan. She directed that the proceeds of her estate be divided between the five children of her son, John H. Smoot, and Amanda Anne Smoot, daughter of her son, James W. Smoot, of Louisa County, Virginia.

Her personal estate was appraised at \$1,557.50. The final distribution was made February 1, 1870, to the five children (unnamed) of John H. Smoot and to Amanda "F". Smoot.

James W. Smoot, son of Anne, was born about 1812 perhaps in Culpeper County. On September 24, 1835, he secured license in Louisa County to marry Frances, daughter of Reuben Cowherd. His bondsmen were John Hunter, J. F. Cowherd, and Charles S. Jones.

In 1838 he and John Smoot purchased from Alexander H. Hansborough and Elizabeth his wife, all property in the town of Fairfax (now called Culpeper) then used by John F. Almond as a tavern, once owned by Jeremiah Strother, deceased. Shortly after the deed of conveyance, they sold to Thomas P. Flint, at which time Frances, wife of James W. Smoot, joined in the deed.

Amanda Smoot, daughter of James, was made an heir in the will of her paternal grandmother in 1857. At the census of 1860 Amanda Smoot was living in Louisa County, with Jonathan Cowherd, giving her age as 21 years and having been born in Goochland County. She possessed personal property appraised at \$5,780.

John H. Smoot, son of Anne, was born 1814 in Culpeper County. On September 3, 1839, in Fauquier County, Virginia, he obtained license to marry Susan A. Henrick, who was born 1818 in Nelson County.

*Children of John and Susan (Henrick) Smoot*

1. Mary Anne Smoot, born 1844, Fauq. Co.
2. John H. Smoot, born 1846, Culp. Co.
3. William A. Smoot, born 1848, Culp. Co.
4. Amanda Smoot, born 1855, Culp. Co.
5. Ada Smoot, born 1857, Culp. Co.

The above-named children of John H. Smoot were listed in the 1860 census, and are undoubtedly the ones who shared in the will of their paternal grandmother in 1870. John H. Smoot was a carpenter, with realty appraised at \$200, and with him was also his mother whose real estate was assessed at \$1,500 and personal estate at \$3,150.

## RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

*Loften Smoot* enlisted August 11, 1814, as private in Captain Charles Shackelford's Company of Riflemen from Culpeper County, 34th Virginia Regiment. The muster dated "Frederickburg, December 17, 1814", records him as a deserter. Thomas Smoot, enlisting in the same outfit and at the same time, was also a deserter.

In 1835 *Loften Smoot*, resident of Culpeper, conveyed to Richard Payne Jr. and others household furniture, blacksmith's tools, etc. . . . in order to meet an indebtedness of \$73.84. In 1840 he was the head of a family in Rappahannock County, being born between 1780-1790, and had a number of children in his household. He was not the head of a family there in 1850.

## PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA

*William H. Smoot*, cooper, born 1825 in Virginia, and Catherine Smoot, born 1792, same State, were living in the household of Charles C. Sullivan in 1850. On April 30, 1855, William H. Smoot conveyed to Lawrence Cole for \$25 all his interest in the estate of his deceased mother, Catherine Smoot.

*Samuel Smoot* and Elizabeth his wife conveyed to Albert M. Arrington land in Occoquan on Hooe's Creek that had been conveyed in 1816 by Samuel Williams and Elizabeth his wife.

## FAUQUIER COUNTY, VIRGINIA

*Thomas H. Smoot*, blacksmith, born 1792 in Virginia, was the head of a family in Ashby's District in 1850. The following completed his household—wife, Elizabeth, born 1800 in Virginia; Mary A., born 1833; Lucinda, born 1834; Thomas A., 1836; Louisa, 1837; Benjamin F., 1839; Sara E., 1841; and Andrew, 1842.

*James S. Smoot*, born 1823, his wife Carolina V., born 1829, and daughter Mary S., born 1849—all native Virginians—were living in the home of William McCormick, of Ashby's District, in 1850.

*John Smoot* married Frances, daughter of Francis Jett. As the administrator of his father-in-law's estate he was sued by Nathaniel Kykendall to recover a debt of \$48.95, with interest from November 1, 1834. In 1836 it was stated that John Smoot had moved from Fauquier County and "out of the Commonwealth to parts unknown".

## HENRICO COUNTY, VIRGINIA

*John Smoot*, born 1807, in Virginia, obtained license on September 25, 1827, to marry Sarah, born 1809, daughter of John Blackburn. The following children are proved—John W., born 1832; Robert J., born

1839, married July 3, 1863, Marcella, born 1841, daughter of William and Sarah Gordon; Sarah Frances, born 1840, married January 11, 1866, Daniel Cooley, born 1841, at Bingham, Me., son of Edward and Martha Cooley; Mary, born 1841; Nancy G., born 1844; Paulina, born 1846.

#### HAMPSHIRE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

*John Smoot*, born 1808 in Virginia with his wife Sarah, born 1813, same State, was the head of a family in 1850. The following children were at home—Caroline, born 1830; Evaline, born 1832; Demianne, born 1834; Sarah, born 1836; Catherine, born 1838; Elizabeth, born 1840; and Chloe, born 1842.

*William G. Smoot*, born 1812 in Virginia with his wife Iffee, born 1815, same State, was the head of a family in 1850. The following children were at home—Jonathan, born 1837; Mary, born 1839; Sarah, born 1841; Hannah, born 1843; Margaret, born 1845; Tabitha, born 1847; and Rebecca, born 1850.

#### BERKELEY COUNTY, VIRGINIA

*Edward Smote* negotiated his will 1797, naming his wife Jane and daughter Rachel, with Adopheus Euster and his wife as executors.

#### WYOMING COUNTY, VIRGINIA

*Gabriel Smoot*, born 1819, in Virginia, was living at Oceano in 1860. His household consisted in that year of his wife Ellen, born 1827, and the following children—Wyley H., born 1846; Creed F., born 1847; Mary, born 1849; Sarah, born 1850; Galloway, born 1851; Jasper, born 1853; Martha, born 1857; and Arlety, born 1859.

He enlisted in Company H. 22d Virginia Volunteer Regiment, C. S. A., and on March 14, 1862, was taken prisoner by Capt. West Sovelry, U. S. A. His prison description was: Complexion fair, hair sandy, height 5 ft. 8 in., eyes blue, age 44, whiskers turning grey.

#### DAVIE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

*Jacob Smoot*, born 1812 in North Carolina, and Matilda, born 1816 same State, were living near Calohala and County Line in 1860 with the following children—William A., born 1839; John, born 1840; Sarah E., born 1841; Mary, born 1843; David Willson, born 1845; and Thomas L., born 1849.

## FLEMINGTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

*Stephen Smoot*, born 1787 in Virginia, married Matilda Mitchell in Mason County by license on December 29, 1818. The 1850 census showed him a wool carder of Flemington County, with the following in his household—Sarah Smoot, born 1808 and Rebecca Smoot, born 1837.

*George Smoot*, born 1795 in Kentucky, secured license to marry Sarah Jones on December 23, 1819. In 1825 he was taxed for 77 acres of land. In 1850 he was listed as a farmer with his wife, and the following composing his immediate family—Elizabeth Smoot, born 1833; Mary Smoot, born 1835; and Maranda Smoot, born 1839.

*John Smoot*, born 1796 in Kentucky, was seized of 60 acres of land in 1825. On March 20, 1823, he secured license to marry Ariel Roe. The 1850 census listed him as a farmer, with realty assessed at \$1,000. In his household besides his wife were Sinclair, born 1828; Salem Smoot, born 1831 (married 1855 Fidelia Smoot); Elbert D. Smoot, born 1833; Christopher Smoot, born 1834; John M. Smoot, born 1839; Almira M. Smoot, born 1842; and Louisa R. Smoot, born 1845.

*Reuben Smoot*, born 1800 in Kentucky, was listed as a farmer in 1850, with realty assessed at \$200. In his household was his wife Sarah, born 1810 in Kentucky, and the following children—Trinvilla, born 1831; Leander, born 1832; Fedelia, born 1836; Sinclair, born 1839; William H., born 1840; Eliza S., born 1843; Nancy B., born 1845; James S. R., born 1848; and John W. H., born 1850.

*Marshall Smoot*, born 1822 in Kentucky, was listed as a resident in 1850, with his wife, Martha Anne, born 1832, in Kentucky, and a son Francis M., born 1850.

*Woodville D. Smoot*, born 1827 in Kentucky, was listed as a wool carder in 1850, with his wife Amanda, born 1825 in Kentucky, and a daughter, Sarah Anne, born 1848.

## GRAYSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

*Thomas Smoot*, born 1825 in Kentucky, was the head of a family in 1850, with his wife, Patsy, born 1824 in Tennessee. They had the following children—James, born 1845; William, born 1847; and Elizabeth, born 1849.

## MAURY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

*Samuel Smoot*, on December 18, 1813, enlisted as private in Captain Nathan Davis' Company, West Tennessee Militia. His discharge papers showed him absent one month without leave, for which time pay was deducted, and the allowance for 10 days traveling to his home, with

rations at thirteen cents per day. On May 17, 1814, he granted power of attorney to his "trusted friend Thomas J. Reed, of Davidson County, Tennessee" to collect all back pay. His original discharge, now on file in the War Department, was submitted and reads as follows:

Fort Deposit, Apr. 18, 1814.

I do certify that Samuel Smoot of a consolidated company under my command has served a tour of three months faithfully under the Command of Major General Andrew Jackson and is hereby discharged with the well wishes of his General.

(signed) Nathan Davis Capt.

#### WARREN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

*William Smoot*, born 1813 in Kentucky, was the head of a family in 1850, with his wife Matilda, born 1822. The following children composed his household—Mary, born 1843; Thomas, born 1845; William, born 1846; and Sophia, born 1848.

#### SUMTER COUNTY, GEORGIA

*William H. Smoot* was born 1821—one record says North Carolina another South Carolina. In 1880 he stated that his father was a native of North Carolina and his mother of Georgia. His wife was Susan ———, born 1827 in Georgia as well as her father and mother. The following children, all born in Georgia, have been proved—Richard G., born 1849; married Mary, born 1852, and had a son Auburt, born 1878; Mary, born 1851; Lovick P., born 1855; Mollie, born 1856; Charles X., born 1858; Edgar, born 1861; Effie L., born 1864; and Katie, born 1865.

#### RUSSELL COUNTY, ALABAMA

*George Smoot*, born about 1807 in North Carolina, was living with his family in Talbot County, Georgia, at the 1840 census. In 1850 he was the head of a family in Russell County, Alabama, with the following members—Georgia, born 1836 in Georgia; Julia, born 1842 in Georgia; Nancy, born 1844 in Georgia; Marcellus, born 1846 in Alabama; and James C., born 1849 in Alabama. At the 1870 census George Smoot was a resident of Opelika, Lee County, the latter in the meantime having been organized from Russell County. In his home in that year was C. S. Smoot, born 1805 in Georgia, and his youngest son James C.

## MARENGO COUNTY, ALABAMA

*Sophia W. Smoot*, born about 1786 in Maryland, was the head of a family in 1850. In her household were Mary A. C. Smoot, born 1810 in North Carolina, Cordelia Smoot, born 1814 in North Carolina, Rebecca A., born 1824 in Alabama, and John Smoot, born 1844, in Alabama.

*George W. Smoot*, born 1817 in South Carolina, resided on the adjoining farm to that of Sophia Smoot, and had in his home Elizabeth J. Smoot, born 1829 in Alabama, and Mary S. Smoot, born 1849 in Alabama.

## MUSKINGUM COUNTY, OHIO

*Barton Smoot* was born about 1834 in Muskingum County, Ohio—one daughter stated March 10, 1833, another March 29, 1835. He was probably the son of Nathan Smoot who, between the ages of 30 and 40, was the head of a family in Adams Township during 1830, but who was not a resident of that county at the 1840 census. His household at the 1830 census consisted of a male born between 1810-1815, a female born between 1800-1810, and four children born between 1820-1830. Circumstances would seem to indicate that he was the Nathan Smoot who on October 8, 1822, secured license in Harrison County, Indiana, to marry Elizabeth Helm.

The following brothers and sisters of Barton Smoot were recalled by a descendant—Alonzo; Anne who married —— Castle; Samelda who married —— McGee; Harvey; Thomas; and John.

Barton Smoot married first Elizabeth Barton, according to tradition, in the State of Illinois, and became the parents of eight children, but only five matured—Saralda; James, John, Lyman, and Ida. On February 22, 1881, at Monticello, Illinois, he married secondly Sarah Elizabeth Morse, to whom were born—Daniel, Otis, Mina, Earl, and Laura. The latter married Leslie Reese, of Waterloo, Iowa, and became the parents of Elwood Reese. Barton Smoot died at Mallard, Iowa, on November 7, 1921.

## LEWIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

*G. Smoot*, born 1836 in Missouri, and his wife Louisa, born 1836 in Virginia, were living near Monticello in 1870, with the following children—Josiah M., born 1861; John S., born 1862; Emma J., born 1864; Susan E., born 1866; Mary F., born 1866; and Harriet A., born 1868.

*John Smoot*, born 1842 in Missouri, and his wife, *Somerville*, born 1844 in Missouri, had the following children at home in 1870—*Robert*, born 1864; *Sebersa* and *James F.* (twins), born 1870.

## MARION COUNTY, MISSOURI

*Thomas Smoot*, born 1807 in Virginia, was living in *Fabins Township* in 1850, with the following as members of his household—*Sarah A.*, born 1822 in Virginia; *Daniel*, born 1831 in Virginia; *Matilda*, born 1832 in Virginia; *Thomas P.*, born 1834 in Virginia; *Louisa C.*, born 1845 in Missouri; *Philip G.*, born 1846 in Missouri; *Polk*, born 1848 in Missouri; and *Cass*, born 1850 in Missouri.

## MILITARY AND NAVAL SERVICES

It was the intention of the compiler to include only services that had not been established in the text of this book.

## REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Soldier	Rank	Company	Organization
John Smoot	Pvt	Capt. John Hoskins Stone	Maryland Line
John Smoot	Pvt	Capt. Alexander McPherson	Chas. Co. Militia
William B. Smoot	Corpl	Capt. John Parnham	Chas. Co. Militia

## WAR OF 1812

Soldier	Rank	Regiment	County in which organized
Barton Smoot	Pvt	56th Va. Inf.	Loudoun
Dixon Smoot	Pvt	2nd Ohio Inf.	—
George W. Smoot	Corpl	7th Va. Inf.	Norfolk
Hiram Smoot	Pvt	5th N. C. Inf.	Wilkes
John Smoot	Pvt	S. C. Militia	—
John Smoot	Pvt	2nd D. C. Inf.	—
John B. Smoot	Pvt	34th Va. Inf.	Culpeper
John B. Smoot	Pvt	4th Va. Inf.	Pittsylvania
John B. Smoot	Pvt	4th Va. Inf.	Ohio
Sandy Smoot	Sergt	11th Md. Regt.	Dorchester
Thomas N. Smoot	Sergt	Miss. Militia	Natchez
William Smoot	Pvt	Ohio Militia	—
William Smoot	Pvt	1st Va. Regt.	Amelia
Wyatt Smoot	Pvt	6th Va. Inf.	Essex

## INDIAN CAMPAIGNS

Soldier	War	Organization
Edward Smoot	Creek	Ala. Mounted Volunteers
Gabriel S. Smoot	Cherokee	3rd N. C. Regt.
William F. Smoot	Seminole	Tenn. Mounted Militia



## MEXICAN WAR, 1846-1848

Soldier	Rank	Organization
Benjamin F. Smoot	Pvt	McGown's 1st Texas Mounted Rifles
Edward M. Smoot	Sergt	Co. K, 1st La. Inf.
Edmond M. Smoot	Pvt	Desha's Co., Ala. Volunteers
John B. Smoot	Pvt	Co. I, 1st Miss. Inf.
Joseph C. Smoot	Pvt	Co. G, Ark. Mounted Inf.
William Smoot	Pvt	3rd U. S. Inf.

## CIVIL WAR—NORTHERN ARMY

Soldier	Rank	Organization
Alonzo S. Smoot	Pvt	Co. E, 149th Ill. Inf.
Benjamin F. Smoot	Pvt	Co. M, 1st Ind. Heavy Art.
Benjamin F. Smoot	Pvt	Co. B, 116th Ill. Inf.
Charles L. Smoot	Pvt	Co. E, 8th Iowa Inf.
Charles Smoot	Pvt	Hamilton's Body Guard, Tex. Cav.
Charles Smoot	Pvt	Co. E, 1st Tex. Cav.
David Smoot	Pvt	Bat. C, 1st Ill. Art.
David Smoot	Pvt	Co. H, 8th Ill. Inf.
George W. Smoot	Pvt	Co. A, 1st Minn. Inf.
Gideon Smoot	Sergt	Co. I, 10th Tenn. Cav.
Gideon Smoot	1st Lieut	Co. B, 3rd N. C. Mounted Inf.
Henry A. Smoot	Pvt	Co. C, 144th Ill. Inf.
Hiram H. Smoot	Pvt	Balto., Md. Light Art.
James H. Smoot	Pvt	Co. K, 63rd Ind. Inf.
James Smoot	Pvt	Co. K, 43rd Ill. Inf.
James J. Smoot	Pvt	Co. K, 135th Ill. Inf.
James K. P. Smoot	Pvt	Co. D, 135th Ill. Inf.
James P. Smoot	Pvt	Co. D, 26th Ky. Inf.
James W. Smoot	Pvt	1st Md. Inf.
John E. Smoot	Pvt	Co. A, 9th Kans. Inf.
John Smoot	Pvt	Co. B, 107th Ill. Inf.
John R. Smoot	Pvt	Co. G, 2nd Ark. Cav.
John W. Smoot	Pvt	4th Bn D. C. Inf.
Lorenzo T. Smoot	Pvt	Co. H, 53rd Ky. Inf.
Moses A. Smoot	Musician	Co. I, 116th Ill. Inf.
Nathan Smoot Jr.	Pvt	Co. I, 125th Ill. Inf.
Robert Smoot	Pvt	1st Md. Inf.
Samuel Smoot	Pvt	Co. I, 35th Ill. Inf.

Soldier	Rank	Organization
Thomas C. Smoot	Pvt	Co. K, 150th Ill. Inf.
Walker W. Smoot	Pvt	Co. B, 10th Ky. Cav.
Warren T. Smoot	Pvt	Sullivan's Co. of Inf.
Warren T. Smoot	Pvt	Co. L, 2nd Mo. Cav.
William Smoot	Pvt	Co. A, 154th Ill. Inf.
William Smoot	Pvt	Co. I, 27th Ky. Inf.
William Smoot	Pvt	Co. D, 11th Mo. Cav.
William L. Smoot	Pvt	25th Ohio Inf.
William V. Smoot	Trumpeter	Co. H, 10th Tenn. Cav.
William H. Smoot	Pvt	Co. I, 53rd Ky. Inf.
William G. Smoot	Pvt	Co. B, D. C. Inf.
Willson Smoot	Pvt	Co. A, 154th Ill. Inf.
Woodville Smoot	Pvt	Co. A, 7th Ky. Cav.

#### UNITED STATES NAVY

Sailor or officer	Place of enlistment	Vessel	Date of enlistment	Date of discharge
James A. Smott	Baltimore	<i>Eutaw</i>	June 20, 1863	Court martialed
Joseph Smoot	Baltimore	<i>Roanoke</i>	Sept. 10, 1864	June 20, 1865
Philip Smoot	Philadelphia	<i>Mohican</i>	Oct. 18, 1862	May 13, 1865
George W. Smoot, mate	————	————	July 1, 1863	Feb. 7, 1865
John H. Smoot, Asst. Paymaster	————	————	Aug. 20, 1864	Sept. 19, 1865
William G. Smoot, Asst. Engineer	————	————	June 4, 1862	Feb. 15, 1866

#### MISCELLANEOUS NAVAL NOTES

David Smoot and Charles H. Posey were captured on March 7, 1863, by J. B. Fairchild, Acting Master's Mate. *U. S. S. Eureka*, on the Virginia shore of the Potomac River opposite the Wicomico River in Maryland in the attempt to run the blockade and to deliver three barrels of whiskey to the Confederate forces.

The schooner *G. H. Smoot*, of Edenton, North Carolina, property of "rebel citizens of North Carolina", being of 36 tons was captured on May 18, 1862, by Lieut. Edmond R. Colhoun, U. S. N., in Potecasi Creek about one-quarter mile above the mouth of the Meherrin River

in the sounds of North Carolina, having been engaged in the transportation of troops and supplies for "the enemies of the U. S. Government".

Captain James Allen, *U. S. S. Fort Jackson*, at Hampton Roads, on September 16, 1863, despatched the following to Washington—"I observed the conduct of a young officer, Acting Master's Mate, George W. Smoot, who behaved particularly well in ascertaining the locality and extent of the fire and in extinguishing it. I would therefore recommend that he be promoted to acting ensign".

December 9, 1864, George W. Smoot, Acting Master's Mate, U. S. N., at Gosport Navy Yard, aboard the *U. S. S. Fort Jackson* requested three days' leave of absence on account of sickness in his family.

#### CONFEDERATE STATES ARMY

The following data were obtained from the Office of the Adjutant General at Washington; it is understood, however, that more complete data may be obtained at Richmond.

Soldier	Rank	Organization
A. J. Smoot	Pvt	Co. H, 53rd Ga. Inf.
A. K. Smoot	Pvt	Co. B, 9th Va. Cav.
Albert H. Smoot	Pvt	Co. K, 5th Ga. Inf.
Alexander Smoot	Pvt	Co. F, 42nd N. C. Inf.
Alfred A. Smoot	Pvt	Cos. G and L, 1st Ala. Inf.
Alfred E. Smoot	Pvt	Co. K, 3rd Ala. Inf.
Augustus K. Smoot	Pvt	Co. C, 47th Va. Inf.
Ausman K. Smoot	Pvt	Co. E, 37th Tenn. Inf.
B. B. Smoot	Pvt	Capt. Thornton's Co., Va. Art.
B. F. Smoot	Pvt	Co. F, Crescent Regt. La. Inf.
B. F. Smoot	Pvt	Co. B, 1st S. C. Inf.
B. P. Smoot	Pvt	Capt. Thornton's Co., Va. Art.
B. S. Smoot	Pvt	Co. E, 1st Ga. Cav.
B. S. Smoot	Pvt	Co. I, 2nd Ga. Cav.
Benjamin Smoot	Pvt	Co. F & M, 8th S. C. Inf.
Benjamin F. Smoot	Pvt	Co. I, 2nd Ga. Cav.
Benjamin W. Smoot	Pvt	Co. D, 19th Bn. Va. Art.
Benjamin W. Smoot	Pvt	Co. G, 51st Va. Inf.
Burton B. Smoot	Pvt	Co. C, 47th Va. Inf.
C. Smoot	Pvt	Co. K, 3rd Ga. Reserves
C. C. Smoot	2nd Lieut	Selden's Battery, Ala. Light Art.
Caleb Smoot	Pvt	Co. G, 13th Ark. Inf.
Charles W. Smoot	Pvt	Co. F, 7th Va. Cav.

Soldier	Rank	Organization
Creed F. Smoot	Pvt	Co. G, 22nd Va. Inf.
D. C. Smoot	Pvt	Co. D, 6th Ga. Inf. (State Guards)
Daniel J. Smoot	Pvt	Co. A, 45th Va. Inf.
Dewitt C. Smoot	Pvt	Co. C, 1st Bn. Ga. Res. Cav.
Frank Smoot	Pvt	Co. G, 12th Ga. Cav.
Frank L. Smoot	Pvt	Co. C, 2nd Bn. Ga. Sharp Shooters
G. H. Smoot	Pvt	Co. D, 38th Bn. Va. Light Art.
G. T. Smoot	Pvt	Co. E, 12th Ky. Cav.
George Smoot	Pvt	Co. G, 2nd Ky. Cav.
George W. Smoot	Pvt	Co. G, 4th Mo. Cav.
George W. Smoot	Pvt	Co. A, 1st N. E. Mo. Cav.
George W. Smoot	Pvt	Co. A, 3rd Va. Reserves
George W. Smoot	Pvt	Co. F, 10th Va. Inf.
Gustavus Smoot	Pvt	Co. B, 12th Va. Inf.
H. Smoot	Pvt	Co. H, 30th Va. Inf.
H. C. Smoot	Pvt	Co. —, 13th Ark. Cav.
H. P. Smoot	Pvt	Co. C, 10th Ala. Inf.
Henry Smoot	Pvt	Co. I, 23rd Va. Cav.
Henry Smoot	Pvt	Co. G, 97th Va. Militia
J. Smoot	Pvt	Co. D, 8th Bn. Va. Reserves
J. A. Smoot	Pvt	Co. A, S. C. Light Art.
J. G. Smoot	Pvt	Co. F, Mosby's Regt., Va. Cav.
J. H. Smoot	1st Lieut & Capt	4th Ala. Reserves
J. H. Smoot	Pvt	La. Militia
J. K. Smoot	Pvt	Co. K, 1st Va. Cav.
J. L. Smoot	Pvt	Co. A, 55th Ala. Vols.
J. L. Smoot	Pvt	Co. D, 2nd Confederate Inf.
J. T. Smoot	Pvt	Co. F, 20th Tenn. Cav.
J. T. Smoot	Pvt	Co. E, 37th Tenn. Inf.
J. T. Smoot	Pvt	Co. G, 7th Va. Cav.
J. W. Smoot	Pvt	Co. K, 3rd Ga. Reserves
J. W. Smoot	Pvt	Co. B, 12th Bn. Va. Light Art.
James Smoot	Pvt	Co. K, 3rd Ga. Reserves
James Smoot	Pvt	Co. K, 25th La. Inf.
James B. Smoot	Pvt	Co. C, 18th Va. Cav.
James B. Smoot	Sergt	Co. A, 114th Va. Militia
James D. Smoot	Bugler	Co. B, 1st Tex. Cav.
James H. Smoot	Pvt	Co. D, 38th Bn. Va. Light Art.
James M. Smoot	Sergt	Co. G, 2nd Va. Inf.

Soldier	Rank	Organization
John Smoot	Pvt	Co. G, 1st Ky. Cav.
John Smoot	Pvt	Co. F, 42nd N. C. Inf.
John Smoot	Pvt	Co. A, 46th Tenn. Inf.
John Smoot	Pvt	Co. A, 34th Va. Militia
John Smoot	Pvt	Co. G, 1st Confederate Cav.
John D. H. Smoot	Pvt	Co. G, 51st Va. Inf.
John E. Smoot	Pvt	Co. D, 19th Bn. Va. Heavy Art.
John E. Smoot	Pvt	Co. B, 7th Va. Inf.
John H. Smoot	Pvt	Co. —, 12th Va. Cav.
John H. Smoot	1st Sergt	Co. E, 146th Va. Militia
John J. Smoot	Pvt	Co. G, 1st Ky. Cav.
John J. Smoot	3rd Lieut	Co. A, 29th Tex. Cav.
John R. Smoot	Pvt	Co. B, 17th Ark. Inf.
John T. Smoot	Pvt	Co. A, 46th Tenn. Inf.
John T. Smoot	Pvt	Co. D, 19th Bn. Va. Heavy Art.
John T. Smoot	Pvt	Co. I, 8th Va. Inf.
John W. Smoot	Pvt	Co. D, 33rd N. C. Inf.
Joseph C. Smoot	Sergt	Co. D, 19th Bn. Va. Heavy Art.
Joseph K. Smoot	Pvt	Mosby's Regt. Va. Cav.
Joseph K. Smoot	Pvt	Co. C, 1st Va. Inf.
Joseph K. Smoot	Pvt	Co. F, 1st Va. Inf.
Joseph R. Smoot	Pvt	1st Va. Cav., later Co. K, 1st Md. Cav.
Joshua Smoot	2nd Lieut	Co. F, 8th S. C. Inf.
Marcellus Smoot	Pvt	Co. D, 63rd Va. Inf.
N. Smoot	Pvt	Co. C, 1st Ala. Inf.
Oliver Smoot	Pvt	Capt. Durand's Co., Tex. Cav.
Oliver Smoot	Pvt	Co. B, Tex. Cav., Arizona Brig.
Peter Smoot	Sergt	Co. B, 36th Va. Inf.
Philip Smoot	Pvt	Co. E, 12th Va. Cav.
Pinkney Smoot	Pvt	Co. F, 42nd N. C. Inf.
R. Smoot	Pvt	Co. G, 25th Bn. Va.
R. W. Smoot	Pvt	Co. A, 1st Bn. Va. Inf. Local Defense
Richard Smoot	Pvt	Co. H, 3rd Tenn. Inf.
Richard Smoot	Pvt	Co. K, 37th Bn. Va. Cav.
Richard Smoot	Pvt	Co. D, 5th Bn. Va. Inf.
Richard H. Smoot	Pvt	Co. A, 53rd Va. Inf.
Robert Smoot	Pvt	Co. C, 1st Bn. Ga. Reserves
Robert Smoot	Pvt	Co. D, 5th Va. Inf.
Robert J. Smoot	Pvt	Co. A, 53rd Va. Inf.
Robert N. Smoot	Pvt	Co. D, 19th Bn. Va. Heavy Art.

Soldier	Rank	Organization
S. A. Smoot	Pvt	Co. G, 31st Ala. Inf.
S. C. Smoot	Pvt	Co. A, 9th Bn. Mo. Sharp Shooters
S. G. Smoot	Pvt	Co. G, 2nd Va. Inf.
Samuel Smoot	Pvt	Co. G, 4th Mo. Cav.
Samuel Smoot	Pvt	Co. A, 16th Mo. Inf.
Samuel Smoot	Pvt	Co. A, 45th Bn. Va. Inf.
Samuel A. Smoot	Corpl	Co. G, 31st Ala. Inf.
Samuel B. Smoot	Pvt	Courtney Art. Va.
Samuel C. Smoot	Pvt	Co. A, 9th Bn. Mo. Sharp Shooters
Samuel J. Smoot	Sergt	Co. E, 34th Tex. Cav.
Samuel J. Smoot	Pvt	Co. G, 2nd Va. Inf.
Samuel S. Smoot	Pvt	Co. C, 9th Bn. Mo. Sharp Shooters
Silas Smoot	Sergt	Co. F, 1st Mounted Rifles of Ark.
St. Clair M. Smoot	Pvt	Co. B, 5th Ky. Mounted Inf.
T. R. Smoot	Pvt	Co. G, 12th Tenn. Inf.
T. R. Smoot	Pvt	Co. G, 22nd Tenn. Inf.
Thomas Smoot	Pvt	Co. A, 62nd Va. Mounted Inf.
Thomas B. Smoot	Corpl	Co. A, 24th Va. Cav.
Thomas B. Smoot	Pvt	Co. A, 40th Bn. Va. Cav.
Thomas D. Smoot	Corpl	Va. Light Art., Nelson's Bn.
Thomas S. Smoot	Pvt	Co. D, 19th Va. Cav.
W. A. Smoot	Pvt	Co. C, 1st Ky. Cav.
W. A. Smoot	Pvt	Co. C, 3rd Ky. Cav.
W. F. Smoot	Pvt	Co. G, Mosby's Va. Cav.
W. H. Smoot	Pvt	Co. B, 3rd Va. Inf. Local Defense
W. J. Smoot	Surgeon	General Staff
W. J. Smoot	Corpl	Co. F, Va. Reserves
W. T. Smoot	Pvt	Co. G, Mosby's Va. Cav.
Wiley Smoot	Pvt	Co. I, 60th Va. Inf.
William Smoot	Pvt	Co. C, 3rd Ky. Cav.
William Smoot	Pvt	Co. H, 16th Tex. Cav.
William Smoot	Pvt	Co. G, 6th Va. Inf.
William Smoot	Pvt	Co. E, 54th Va. Militia
William A. Smoot	Pvt	Co. H, 4th Va. Cav.
William B. Smoot	Pvt	Co. D, 16th Tex. Cav.
William F. Smoot	Pvt	Co. B, 9th Va. Cav.
William F. Smoot	Pvt	Co. G, Mosby's Va. Cav.
William H. Smoot	Pvt	Co. A, 3rd Ark. Inf.
William H. Smoot	Pvt	Co. D, 6th Ga. Inf. State Guards
William H. Smoot	Pvt	Co. D, 6th Tex. Cav.

Soldier	Rank	Organization
William H. Smoot	Pvt	Co. H, 15th Va. Inf.
William H. Smoot	Pvt	Co. F, 41st Va. Cav.
William H. Smoot	Pvt	Co. G, 34th Va. Inf.
William R. Smoot	Pvt	Co. A, 26th Va. Inf.
William W. Smoot	Pvt	Co. B, Martin's Regt., Tex. Cav.
Willis Edward Smoot	Corpl	Co. D, Miles Legion La.
Wilson D. Smoot	Pvt	Co. F, 42nd N. C. Inf.
Wyley Smoot	Pvt	Co. C, 45th Bn. Va. Inf.
A. H. Smoote	Pvt	Co. B, 2nd Bn. Ga. Sharp Shooters
G. L. Smoote	Pvt	Co. D, 25th Miss. Inf.
G. P. Smoote	Lieut	General Staff
T. E. Smoote	Pvt	Co. I, 11th Ala. Cav.
W. H. Smoote	2nd Lieut	Hunter's Regt. Mo. Cav.

#### MISCELLANEOUS CONFEDERATE DATA

M. V. Smoot, Co. D, 2nd Ala. Regt. died Oct. 5, 1863, at Ross Hospital, Ala., \$7.00 found on him were turned over to the Quartermaster.

Peter Smoot, private, Co. G, 4th Fla. Regt., died or was killed, leaving \$56.00.

W. H. Smoot received at Dalton, Ga., on Nov. 22, 1862, from Surgeon Evans \$17.00, the effects of his deceased son, Aubert Smoot, late of General Coxe's Battalion.

Joseph R. Smoot, of Maryland, enlisted Apr. 8, 1862, at Richmond by Captain Gaither for two years or the duration of the war. He was assigned first to Co. K, 1st Va. Inf., but was later transferred to the 1st Md. Regt. He was last paid by Captain Davidson on Feb. 29, 1864.

John Smoot, of Hampshire County, Va., a Confederate prisoner, took the oath of allegiance to the United States at Fort McHenry, Md., on Apr. 12, 1863.

Philip A. Smoot was blacksmith for the 12th Va. Cav.

W. A. Smoot on June 3, 1865, of Co. F, 42nd N. C. Regt. took the oath of allegiance to the United States at Mocksville, N. C.

Joshua Smoot enlisted Apr. 13, 1861, at Darlington, S. C., in Co. F, 8th S. C. Inf., and was appointed corporal a few days afterwards. On Nov. 1, 1861, he was appointed sergeant; elected 3rd Lieut. of Co. M, 8th S. C. Inf.; wounded July 1, 1862, at Malvern Hill, and was furloughed to his home to recuperate. After the Battle of Gettysburg he was reported "missing", but it was later discovered that he died of wounds on the battle field. His regiment was attached to Kershaw's Old Brigade, Kershaw's Division, Longstreet's Corps, Army of Northern Virginia.





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