

SMITH

CHAPTER I



RICHARD SMITH is the first ancestor of whom we have definite record on the Smith line. There are several references to Richard Smith of Edgecomb County and nearby counties in North Carolina, as follows:

"At a council held at New Bern April 14, 1749, present His Excellency, the Governor, Honorable Esquires members of the council, etc. Read the following petitions for land viz. Read Sundry petitions for grants for patents viz. Read petition of John Nelson showing that Richard Smith obtained from the late Lords Proprietors a patent for nine hundred acres of land situate in Craven County of the north side of Neuse, Powell Creek which is now in the possession of the Petitioner: Who conceiving there's more land contained within the courses and distance of the said patent than is herein mentioned he humbly prays a re-survey which is granted and ordered that the surveyor general re-survey the same accordingly and make report of to this board at their next sitting." (Colonial Records of North Carolina, Vol. IV, p. 953)

Colonial Records of North Carolina, Vol. III, p. 453:

"Give us leave to observe that in the time intervening these two of constitutions the assembly proceeded to direct elections; as for instance in the year 1696-7 by a biennial act in which they ordained that every Precinct in New Counties should send but one member, accordingly in the next ensuing assembly viz. in the month of November 1697 there came but two representatives from the whole county of Bath viz.—*Richard Smith* and *Nicholas Daw*. . . . etc. . . . In the year 1715 the assembly proceeded to fix and establish this form of representation by what is commonly called the Biennial Act."

Colonial Records of North Carolina, Vol. I, p. 392:

"... 1693-4 etc. . . . at a court holden at the House of Diana Fosters, The first Monday in February Anno. Do. 1693-4. Present Esquires *Alexander Lillington*, etc.

"*Mason versus White*: In an action of ye case referred to ye jury following *Mr. John Philpott*, *Mr. Patrick Henly*, *Mr. Richard Smith*, etc. ordered that the defendant pay unto the plaintiff etc. . . . alian execution.

Colonial Records of North Carolina, Vol. II, pp. 104-105:

"*Miles Cary gent*: of Virginia comes *Daniel Richardson* and *Edward Bonwick* his attorneys to prosecute his suite against *James Tookes Marcht* in an account of Trespass and contempt against the forms of a statute made by the grand assembly; of this province between 21 day of January Anno Domi. 1705-6 and the eighth day of March then next following: entitled an act conserning servants and slaves: and saith: That: "he ye said *James*: doth: harour: and detaine a certaine negro man slave to him the *Miles* belongen: commonly called *Stephen* etc. . . . That he cause to come *Twelve* etc. . . . whom etc. . . . who and there came (viz) *M. Thos. Swann*, *Mr. Griffith Jones*, etc. etc.—*Mr. Richard Smith*, etc. . . . who being sworn say we of the jury find for the plaintiff and thereupon the said *Dept* by his attorney moved for arrest of judgment and day is given him till the second day of the next general court, etc. . . ."

Colonial Records of North Carolina, Vol. II, p. 123-124 (Council Journal:

"N. C. SS at a council holden at ye house of Capt. Jno. Hecklefeld in Little River on Wensday April ye 7, 1714—Present the Hon. Thos. Pollock, pres. . . . etc. . . . etc. . . . Upon petition of Mr. Joell Martin attorney to Mr. Jono Morgan Exec. of ye last will of Capt. James Beard, etc. . . . whereas the Dept. Marshall of Curratuck have returned a warrent executed against *Richard Smith* to appear before this council but neither the marshall nor the said Smith appearing it is hearby ordered that ye said marshall have ye body of ye said Smith at ye next general court to be holden there to answer the said complaint as he will answer ye contrary at his peril."

Colonial Records of North Carolina, Vol. II, pages 148-149:

From Records of General Court) N.C. SS at a general court held for ye province aforesaid at the house of Capt. Jno. Hecklefields in Little River the last Tuesday in March anno Domini 1714 — Pres. . . . etc. . . . 149 ordered that ye marshall of ye county of Bath pay unto . . . etc. . . . upon motion of *Richard Smith* by Daniel Richardson his attorney shewing that being arrested on ye court day: contrary to the law of this land by one Lewis Conner of Virginia wherefore prays the benefit of an act entitled (an act arrests prohibited on certain days) which act being read and argued: on both sides: an thoroughly considered by the court here it is opinion of this court that the said arrest is insufficient and invallid and thereupon it is ordered that the said *Richard Smith* be discharged from said arrest."

Colonial Records of North Carolina, Vol. II, p. 642:

(Council Journal) N.C. SS "At a council held at the council chamber in Edenton the 27th day of Oct. Anno Domini 1766 — Present the Honorable Sir Richard Everard Bart gov^r, etc. . . . the council met and adjourned till tomorrow morning — Oct. 28th."

"Ordered that a patent issue as prayed for: Read the petition of *Richard Smith* showing that some time ago *Nicholas Smith* obtained a patent for a tract of land which is not seated as the law directs. Therefore prays a lapse patent may be granted for him for said land."

Colonial Records of North Carolina, Vol. XXII, p. 428:

"Field Return of Capt. Wicker Davis's company of the Carteret Co. Regiment of Militia commanded by Col. William Thompson at a general muster held the February 20, 1771, commissioned officers names Wicker Davis, Capt., etc. . . . Private men, Tob Smith, *Richard Smith*, *Benjamin Smith*, Richard Smith 2, William Smith, Samuel Smith, etc. . . . Sworn before me this 30 day of Aug. 1771." Wm. Coole, J.P.

Colonial Records of North Carolina, Vol. XXII, p. 416, p. 85:

"A payroll of Capt. Nathaniel Hart's company of the Orange Regiment of militia that were in the late expedition against the insurgents of this province. North Carolina—1771—Richard Smith 68 days @ 25-£6-16-0 Rev. pensioners.

"Richard Smith—Benjamin Smith."

Grimes Abstract of North Carolina Wills, p. 347 (1690-1760):

"Richard Smith—Dec. 17, 1756, May Court 1757, Edgecomb County, North Carolina; Sons: Richard, Stephen, William (to each is devised 73 acres of land); Benjamin ("my plantation"); wife and executrix, Sarah; witnesses: John Doyle; Charles Dodson, Clerk of Court I Edwards.

Deed Book 14, page 336, Halifax County, North Carolina, dated Jan. 17, 1780: Deed from *Stephen Smith* of State of S.C. to *Benjamin Smith*; deed recorded Feb. court 1780, "it being part of the land *Richard Smith* in his lifetime had taken up, containing one hundred acres more or less."

CHAPTER II

My Stephen Smith, Sr., was the son of Richard Smith and his wife Sarah. There is an interesting story in the South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine, Vol. XVII, July 1916—No. 3—entitled Bernard Elliott's Recruiting Journal 1775. A notation states that Col. Bernard Elliott was at the time when this diary was written, Captain of the Second Regiment, South Carolina troupes. His day by day accounts of his experiences trying to recruit men for the young colonists army are quite interesting:

"... The Phaeton being thoroughly repaired by Mr. Burton who keeps the yard here for building large boats, schooners, and I engaging two pretty boats from him, set out with the rest of my party for the upper Country, about eleven o'clock and arrived at Mr. Stephen Smiths in Halifax County about 4 in the afternoon of the same day, here we halted and received an invitation to spend two or three days, as Mr. Smith informed us there were to be two large musters within that time . . . The following day we went with Mr. Smith and Lieut. Dunbar being ill with a fever was left with Mrs. Smith whose care and attendance showd' her hospitality on this occasion to our sick Lieut. . . . we had a little humerous hop here and returned, into Halifax County again the same Night to our hospitable friend Mr. Smith, where we rested on day being the Sabbath, and On Monday Lieut. Dunbar being able to ride, and being desirous of going to town..."

Georgia Colonial Records, Vol. IX, p. 318:

Petition of Stephen Smith said he had 6 negroes "and was desirous to settle in the province" and wanted 100 a. "in Hallifax District below land lately ordered John Fryer." Exec. Coun. 5-5-1765, p. 433.

Stephen Smith received grant of 100 a. St. Georges Parrish. Exec. Coun. 10-29-1765.

Georgia Colonial Records, Vol. X, p. 752:

Petition of Stephen Smith said he "was settled in the province" and had had no land granted. Had 5 negroes and wanted 300 a. in St. George's Parrish on Lambert's big creek. Exec. Coun. 5-2-1769.

Georgia Colonial Records, Vol. XI, page 12: Exec. Council 4-3-1770:

Petition of James Wilson said "he had with Stephen Smith purchased O'Daniel's Sawmill in St. George's Parish" and desired to obtain a "tract contiguous for the use of the said mill." Had a wife and 3 children and had had no land granted. Wanted 300 acres "on south side of Beaver Dam . . . adjoining the sawmill land.

Georgia Colonial Records, Vol. XII, p. 236, Exec. Coun. 3-3-1772:

Petition of Stephen Smith said he had received grants on family right but "had now six slaves" for whom he wanted land. Desired 300 acres St. George's Parish formerly surveyed for James Willson which has since elapsed.

Stephen Smith. S.C. Tax memorial 9-18-1769, Vol. 8, p. 508, 200 acres Granville Co. on Pea Branch of Savannah River adj. vacant land on all sides. Cert. 3-10-1768; gr. 6-2-1769; Ret. by George Robison.

Stephen Smith, S.C. Tax Memorial, 8-15-1772, Vol. II, p. 351: 150 acres Craven Co. "on a branch of Crooked Run" adj. Michael Leitner, Mary Boyd, James Boyd, John Alston, Agnes Boyd. Cert. 3-28-1772; gr. 5-21-1772; Ret. by Solomon Winford. John Alston D.S. and other tax memorials.

Stephen Smith: a juror, 1778 for Orangeburg District, South Carolina, between the South fork of Edesto and Savannah Rivers.

Stephen Smith of Good Hope, State of South Carolina and County of Winton "Will, Barnwell District, S.C. 10-15-1788; Rec. 8-26-1789, wife Martha, land to be sold "except for

the tract of land I purchased from Alexander Wood and also a tract opposite to it in Georgia." To son Stephen tract bought from said Alexander Wood. Desires wife and children live on "the plantation on Steel Creek" and carry on the business of the sawmill until children are of age . . ." to my dear children Elinor Smith, Stephen Smith, Ann Smith and Henrietta Smith" the plantation on Steel Creek, also negroes, cattle, tools, household furniture, etc. To daughter Sarah Galphin, negroes. Executors: wife, John Parkinson, William Vince, Alexander Newman. Wit.: John Collins, George Wiggins, Rachel Walker. Book 1, p. 49.

(The research items from Georgia and South Carolina Colonial Records furnished by Leon Hollingsworth of Decatur, Georgia).

Stephen Smith, Sr., was born about 1740 in North Carolina, probably Edgecomb County, and died in Barnwell District, South Carolina, October 17, 1788. He and his wife are buried near his old home on the Savannah River in Barnwell District. Records show that in 1765 he owned six slaves. Previously he had been granted land under Family Right and in view of the fact that he had become a slave holder, he petitioned the Royal Governor for another grant of one hundred acres of land. The grant was signed by Gov. James Wright. His land extended along the Savannah River, part of it being in Georgia and part in South Carolina. His home was built on the South Carolina side in Barnwell District. How he later disposed of his Georgia holdings is not known, the records no longer being extant. It is noted, however, that his grandchildren inherited the land only in South Carolina, along the river.

That Stephen Smith, Sr., served in the Revolution is indicated by the following: "Issued the 4th October 1784 to Stephen Smith Esqr. for Thirty-two Pounds twelve Shillings and Eight Pence three Farthings Sterling for Provisions for Continental use in 1778 and 1780 as pr. Account. Audited — — — — Principal £32 12 8¼; Interest 2 5 8.

"Issued 24th June 1786 to Mr. Stephen Smith for £17.1.5. Sterling for 237 Bushels of Corn supplied a detachment under Command of Colol. Kershaw in 1779 as Pr. account. Audited: Principal . . . £17. . . . 5; Annual Interest 1.3.11."

"Issued the 29th October 1785 to Stephen Smith for seventeen Pounds one Shilling and five pence for two hundred and thirty seven Bushels Corn Supplied a detachment under Command of Colo. Kershaw in 1779 as Per account audited on which no Ins is allowed untill one years interest becomes due.

Principal £17.1.5

Annual Ins £1.3.11"

"Issued 29th June 1785, to Mr. Stephen Smith for Seven Pounds 5s/ 8½ Stlg. for 62 days duty in Genl. Sumpter's Brigade, in 1781, as per Account audited. Principal £7. . 5. . 8½ Annual Interest £0. . 10. . 2"

"Issued the 31st August 1785 to Stephen Smith for Eight Pound Eleven Shilings & five Pense for 120 Days Militia Duty in 1781 & 1782 Per account audited Principal £8. . 11. . 5. . annual Ins £0-11-4."

Stephen Smith, Sr., was a Senator from the Fork District—the district between the north fork of the Edisto River and the Savannah River—in the General Assembly of South Carolina, which met in 1779.

He married about 1764, in Burke County, Georgia, Martha Newman, who died August 4, 1799. Martha Newman was the daughter of Thomas Newman and his wife, Martha Shaw, St. Bartholomews Parish, Colleton Co., S.C. The Will of Alexander Shaw, signed April 16, 1765, proved June 14, 1765, recorded Will Book 1760-1767, Charleston S.C.,

page 438, mentions wife Martha; sister Martha Newman and her issue: John, George, Alexander and Susannah Newman and Ann Newman now Filpot; Martha Newman otherwise Smith.

(D.A.R. Lineage Books: Vol. 26, p. 52; Vol. 92, p. 218; Vol. 120, p. 49. A. S. Salley, Jr.: "Stub Entries to Indents issued in Payment of Claims against South Carolina growing out of the Revolution," No. 236, Lib. T; R-T. No. 168, Lib. X, Part I. No. 186, Book L, No. 3127, Book X, Part II. No. 169, Lib. Y, Y-Z. South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine, Vol. 34, p. 202. Family Records.)

Stephen Smith, Sr., born about 1740 in North Carolina, died October 17, 1788, Barnwell District, South Carolina; married in Burke County, Georgia, about 1764, Martha Newman, born _____; died August 4, 1799, Barnwell District, South Carolina; daughter of Thomas Newman and his wife, Martha Shaw. Stephen Smith, Sr., and his wife, Martha Newman Smith, were reported to have had seven children, five of whom are listed below:

- I. Stephen Smith, Jr., born Wednesday, January 17, 1776, at 6 a.m., Burke County, Georgia; died July 21, 1840; buried somewhere near Steel Creek, South Carolina; married December 5, 1799, in Barnwell District, South Carolina, Judith Vince, born March 28, 1783, Barnwell District, South Carolina; died November 12, 1857. Buried in same cemetery as husband near the old Dunbar place. They had 16 children (of whom further. See Smith—Chapter III).
- II. Sarah Smith, born _____; died November 5, 1802; married Thomas Galphin.
- III. Henrietta Smith, born February 15, 1784; died _____; married Lark Robison.
- IV. Elizabeth Smith, born January 12, 1786; died August 14, 1788.
- V. Eleanor Smith, born _____; died May 15, 1813; married Stephen Collins.
Children:
 - A. George Collins, born March 17, 1791; married November 21, 1818, by Rev. William B. Villard, to Susan Ann Furse, born about 1802; died November 20, 1820; daughter of James and Martha Wyld Furse his first wife Augusta Chronicle, Augusta, Georgia, November 20, 1820: "Departed this life at the residence of her father Mr. James Furse in Barnwell District, South Carolina. on Tuesday the 10th inst. in the 19th year of her age, Mrs. Susan Ann Collins, wife of George W. Collins, formerly of this place."
 - B. Barbara Collins, born March 24, 1793.
 - C. Martha Collins, born January 23, 1795; was married to James Lambright June 23, 1814 by Rev. J. W. Wilson.
- VI. Ann Smith.
Will of Stephen Smith, Sr., Barnwell County, South Carolina, October 15, 1788; Recorded August 26, 1789; "wife Martha, land to be sold "except for the tract of land I purchased from Alexander Wood and also a tract opposite to it in Georgia." To son Stephen tract bought from said Alexander Wood. Desires wife and children live on "the plantation on Steel Creek and carry on the business of the sawmill until children are of age" . . . "to my dear children Elinor Smith, Stephen Smith, Ann Smith and Henrietta Smith" the plantation on Steel Creek, also negroes, cattle, tools, household furniture, etc. To Daughter Sarah Galphin, negroes. Executors: Wife, John Parkingson, William Vince, Alexander Newman. Wit.: John Collins, George Wiggins, Rachel Walker. (Book I, p. 49).

(From Leon Hollingsworth of Decatur, Ga.)

Distribution Agreement, Barnwell District, South Carolina, January 18, 1847: THOMAS B. SMITH, Frances F. Dunbar, John H. Laffitte, James J. Wilson, Edward Furse, James Furse, Jr., James T. Bothwell and Winchester Graham, as heirs of STEPHEN SMITH, deceased; numerous slaves, the joint property of the aforesaid heirs. JUDITH SMITH, executrix of Stephen Smith, deceased, son of Stephen Smith and his wife Martha Newman ratified the agreement at the same time. Recorded Feb. 1, 1847 — Deed Book 2B, page 542.

The following persons signed the agreement: F. F. Dunbar and wife Lucy E.; John H. Lafitte and wife Martha; Edward Furse and wife Lovisa; James Furse and wife Julia; James J. Wilson and wife Sarah; James T. Bothwell and wife Ann M.

In a deed of trust, Barnwell District, South Carolina, 1848, by Edward Furse to his children, he also relinquished his rights to any real and personal property of "STEPHEN SMITH, deceased, the maternal grandfather of my children above mentioned."

CHAPTER III

Stephen Smith, Jr., son of Stephen Smith, Sr., and his wife, Martha Newman, was born January 17, 1776, in Burke County, Georgia. He died July 21, 1840, and is buried somewhere near Steel Creek in South Carolina. He married December 5, 1799, in Barnwell District, South Carolina; Judith Ann Vince, born Barnwell District, South Carolina, March 29, 1783; died November 12, 1857, daughter of Captain Joseph Vince and his wife, Lucy Robison.

Stephen Smith, Jr., and his wife, Judith Ann Vince, had sixteen children, as follows:

- I. A. Thomas Bonaparte Smith; born Saturday 6 of September 1800, at half-past twelve o'clock in the morning; Barnwell District, S.C. (lived as a "sporty" bachelor in Augusta, Georgia, and died at the age of 66 years).
- B. Martha Smith, born 3rd of October 1802; Barnwell District, S.C., (m. John H. Lafitte, Jan. 1829).
- C. James Vince Smith, born Thursday 16th of May, 1805, at 9 o'clock in the morning, near Augusta, Georgia. Died Monday July 1, 1811, aged 6 years 1 month and 15 days, in Burke County, Georgia.
- D. Lucy Eleanor Smith, born 23 of July 1807, in Burke County, Georgia. Died November 17, 1883; married Francis Fickling Dunbar. Lucy Eleanor Smith Dunbar and Maj. Francis Fickling Dunbar are buried in what is now known as the Boyd Place Burying Ground. Both graves are marked. This was the home plantation of George Robison Dunbar. In the division of his property it fell to his daughter Mrs. Mary Dunbar Boyd. Location near Meyers Mill P.O., A.C.L. Railway, Barnwell County, South Carolina.
- E. Sarah Elizabeth Smith, born Thursday, 25 of May 1809; between 5 and 6 o'clock in the evening, Burke County, Georgia; second wife of James Jennings Wilson; no issue by this marriage.
- F. Ann Vince Smith, born Monday, 18 of February 1811, Burke County, Georgia.
- G. Catherine Barnes Smith, born 31 of October 1812, Burke County, Georgia.
- H. Lovisa Robison Smith, born 14 of August, 1814 in Barnwell District, South Carolina; married 1830 Edward Furse. (See Furse - Chapter IV). Their children lived near Savannah, Georgia.
- I. Mary Louisa Smith, born 2 of July 1816; in 7 weeks after birth died, on August 22, 1816.
- J. Stephen Smith III, born 1 of July 1817, Barnwell District, South Carolina.
- K. Joseph Smith, born 24 of July 1819, at Silver Bluff, Edgefield District, South Carolina.
- L. Julia Arabella Smith, born 1 of September 1821, Edgefield District, South Carolina; married James Furse.
- M. Ann Milledge Smith, born 18 of April 1823, Barnwell District, South Carolina; married James T. Bothwell of Augusta, Georgia.
- N. Susan George Smith, born 15 of October 1824, Barnwell District South Carolina.
- O. Eliza Carey Smith, born 4 of April 1826, Barnwell District, South Carolina; married Winchester M. Graham. She died 1867.
- P. Barbara Scriven Smith, born 6 of May 1828, Barnwell District, South Carolina.

(Copied from records in the Bible of Stephen Smith, Jr., and his wife Judith Vince Smith.)

At the time these records were copied the Bible was owned by Mrs. Robert Walton of Augusta, Georgia, but she has since died and I don't know who has the Bible now. It was printed by T. Wright and W. Gill Printers to the University and sold by R. Baldwin and S. Crowder in Paternoster Row, London; and by W. Jackson in Oxford, 1769.

Photostatic copy obtained for me by Laura Ballinger Jones of Columbia S.C.

CHAPTER IV

I. H. Lovisa Robison Smith, daughter of Stephen Smith, Jr., and his wife, Judith Vince Smith, was born August 14, 1814, in Barnwell District, South Carolina, and died February 29, 1848. She married 1830, Edward Furse, born Barnwell Co. S.C. Sept. 26, 1813; died November 11, 1887 Barnwell Co. S.C.; son of James Furse and his wife, Mary Cater.

Children of Lovisa Robison Smith and Edward Furse:

1. Martha Lovisa Furse, born Barnwell Co., S.C. August 21, 1835, died at Dexter, Ga., Oct. 7, 1910; married about 1850. Richard Allen Williams, born Sept. 19, 1828; died August 11, 1909 at Dexter, Ga. This couple is buried in the cemetery at Scarboro, Ga.
2. Mary Eliza Furse, born April 12, 1837; died July 22, 1840.
3. James Marcellus Furse, born June 10, 1838; died July 23, 1840.

These three children are buried beside their mother, Lovisa R. Smith Furse in the Furse cemetery near Ellenton, South Carolina.

4. Robert Furse.

5. Sara W. Furse (Sallie) born 1839; married George W. Bailey. Six children.

6. Anna Furse (called Mit) born Oct. 8, 1840; died April 27, 1920; married first Robert L. Miller. No children. She married second Dr. James D. Erwin March 29, 1888 as his second wife.

7. Lucius Cuthbart Furse, born 1844; died; last heard from in Texas.

Edward Furse, after the death of his first wife Lovisa Robison Smith, married second Mrs. Sara Rebecca Calhoun Badgar and had six additional children.

For farther information on Lovisa Robison Smith and her husband Edward Furse see Furse chapter IV and Williams chapter V.