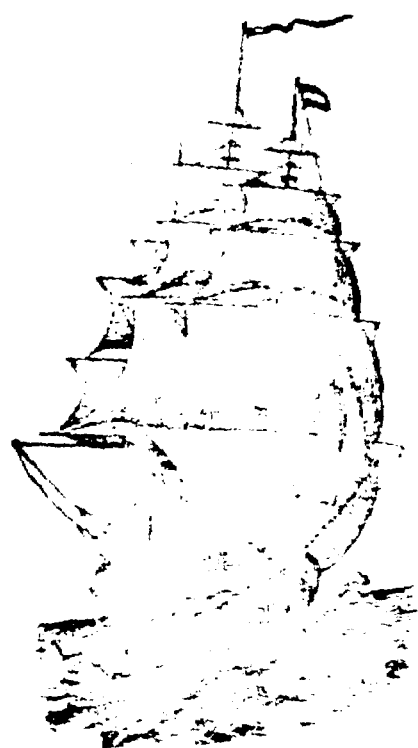


DESCENDANTS OF
EDWARD SMITH
OF CORYDON, INDIANA
BY
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“Not where we came from, but where are
we going.”



The Smith Family.

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EDWARD SMITH was the son of Richard Smith and Jane Green. He was born about the year 1754. He had a brother John, who was a sea captain, and a sister Betsey. The father may have been born in Scotland. The mother was Scotch-Irish. They lived 16 miles from London on a ten acre farm, in a brick house.

Edward Smith was drafted into military service about the year 1774, and sent to America. Once when a boy, he went with his brother to mill and they were caught in a terrible snow storm, and almost frozen. They had to be helped from the horse and put to bed. The next morning the snow was up to the top of the door. Their sheep were all snowed under. A sleet and rain set in until one could walk on top of it. They were able, however, to find and dig out all the sheep, as their breath melted the snow and showed where they were.

They say it was at the battle of Bunker Hill that he deserted the British, also that he served under

Lafayette, and that he was either a corporal or a sergeant. He had a very fine horse which was stolen from him.

After the war was over, he went to Virginia. He was married in Mercer county, Ky., to Nancy Black, about 1779. She was the daughter of Samuel Black and ——— McGee.

About 1803, he settled on a farm of several hundred acres near Corydon, Ind., a most beautiful spot. He and his family were quite a factor in the early history of the place. At their log cabin travelers were wont to find entertainment, and here they often had as their guest, the Territorial Governor, afterwards President William Henry Harrison. He gave the eldest daughter, Jennie, the honor of naming the town. She was a very sweet singer, and named it Corydon after a song which she often sang, and which was a favorite of his. He slept on a bed made by putting a pole in an auger-hole in the wall of the cabin and a fork driven in the ground held the other end, with poles put across and covered with slats, hewed, and on this a tick filled with straw.

Edward Smith's name is given among the names of the first grand jury drawn in Harrison county, Ind. His son John had the contract for building the state house, which is still standing. He had letters from his old home in London from his mother, as late as when the twins, Rachel and Isabel, were born. That he was a man of piety, is evidenced by a story which

Charles Felts told: "A storm was sweeping over the country, and he prayed that his crops might be spared, and they were, but the next fields were totally destroyed."

He died about the year 1828. A monument, with his and his wife's names, also the names of his parents and all his children, has been erected, by descendants, at Mount Zion cemetery, eleven miles south of Corydon, Ind.

The material for this sketch was furnished by my mother, Nancy Black Gates, who is now 83 years old, and Charles Felts of Vailey City, Ind., since dead.

There is a tradition among us that there are large estates in England for the heirs of Edward Smith. I am of the opinion that it would be impossible to secure them at this late day.

The study of genealogy is most interesting, and I present to you this rather meager little history with the hope that it may prove of interest.

Very sincerely yours,

IRENE GATES MOFFET,

MONMOUTH, ILL.

EDWARD SMITH,

Son of Richard Smith and Jane Green. Married Nancy Black about 1800. lived at Corydon. Ind. Their children:

I. JENNIE (BEEMAN.)

1. Philo.
2. Charlie.
3. Nancy (Brown).
4. Matilda (Elim).

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II. MARY OR POLLY (HIGHFILL).

I. SAMUEL.

- (1). Mary.
- (2). Jane.
- (3). William.
- (4). Charles.

2. EDWARD.

- (1). Mary.

Sallie McRae.

Ernest.

Lawrence.

Guthrie.

Leora.

Margaret.

Harry.

Mary.

Oliver.

- (2). Jane.

Mary.

Hattie.

Julia.

Lula.

Jane.

William.

(3). William.

3. CLARK.

(1). Thomas.

(2). Mary.

(3). John.

Russell.

Baby boy.

4. WILLIAM.

5. JAMES.

(1). Mary.

Elsie (Trotter).

(2). Martha.

Bertha.

Virgil Liptrap.

Maud.

Nellie.

Ciarris Smith.

(3). Helen.

Fay.

(4). Cary.

Inez.

(5). Catherine.

6. THOMAS.

(1). Anna.

Guy Covey.

(2). Thomas.

Imogene.

(3). Henry.

Linda.

Anna.

Ware.

7. HENRY.

(1). Mary.

(2). Alice.

8. MARY (DENBO).

(1). Ida (Hurst).

Friend.

Clara (Miles).

Alice Cecelia.

George.

(2). Amzi.

John Marshall.

Mary Elizabeth.

(3). Mary (Bence).

Robert.

Charles.



III. SALLIE (FRENCH).

1. JOHN WESLEY.

2. HUGH.

(1). Clarence.

(2). Lafayette.

Hugh.

Georgia.

(3). Edward.



IV. RACHEL (Married Samuel Black of East
Tennessee. captain in War of 1812.)

1. JOHN.

(1). Cynthia.

2. MELINDA (REESE).

- (1). William.
- (2). Jane.
- (3). Samuel.
- (4). John
- (5). Fannie.
Charles.
Olive.
- (6). Colonel.

3. NANCY (GATES).

- (1). Charles.
Louie.
- (2). Cornelia (Odell).
Merrill.
Warren.
- (3). Caroline (Gifford).
Roy.
Clyde.
- (4). Henry.
Bertha.
Earl.
Lura.
- (5.). Wilson.
Delmar.
Elvin.
Elsie.
- (6). Nettie (Howat).
Eugene.
Irene.
Ralph.
Worden.
- (7). Irene (Moffet).
Lee.
Victor.

(8). Lee.
Irma.

4. ISABEL (GLASS).

(1). Marshall.
Ella.
Mildred.

(2). Lura (Blue).
Archie.
Vergne.

(3). Phebe (Shaver).
Harold.
Roy.
Winifred.
Glenn.

(4). Charles.
Vivian.
Edith.
Tanner.

(5). Fred.
Glenn
Loren.

(6). Cora (Shelton).
Grace.
Ward.
Blanche.
Leland.
Gladys

(7). Roy.
Frederick.
Katherine.

5. JANE (WATSON).

(1). Rosetta Ahrens.
(2). Charlotte (Cutler).
(3). Paul William.

6. RACHEL (CLARK).

- (1). Mary (Rachel).
Lena.

- (2). Clara.

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V. ISABEL (FELTS).

- 1. MARTHA.

- 2. CHARLES.

- (1). Edward.

- (2). Belle.

- (3). Emma.

- (4). Cora.

- (5). Drew.

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VI. NANCY (HIGHFILL).

- 1. RACHEL.

- 2. PHILO.

- 3. SUSAN, JANE (CRISP).

- 4. WESTLEY.

- (1). Lafayette.

- (2). Lizzie.

- 5. FIELDING.

- 6. ANN (FOSTER).

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VII. JAMES (MARRIED SALLIE LONG).

- 1. PRISCILLA.

2. RUTH.
3. JOHN.
4. NANCY.
5. ISABEL.
6. LOUISA (HARRIS).
7. ELIZABETH (SMITH).

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VIII. JOHN (MARRIED JENNIE LONG.)

1. EDWARD.
2. MARY.
3. JOHN.
4. LUCINDA.
5. AMANDA.
6. JAMES.

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IX. SAMUEL