The Family of George and Martha Smith and Their Descendants
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The part of South Carolina that is now Marlboro County was the eastern portion of the old Cheraw Precinct and was often referred to as "The Old Cheraws". It included the lands on both sides of the Great Pee Dee River extending westward to the Lynches Creek (now Lynches River). The Sara'w, or Cheraw, Indians occupied the region and gave it its name. The village of Cheraw on the west bank of the river became an important center of the area.

On the 1800 Census of Marlboro District, there were three Smith families headed by men over 45 years old and six headed by younger men. The three older men were; Baxter Smith, George Smith and William Smith. George Smith was the recipient of a 100-acre tract of land on the 17th day of August 1784. The land was described as "lying on North East side of the Great Pee Dee River on Phill's Creek Swamp".

GEORGE SMITH was born about 1790 in Marlboro District. He was probably the son of the earlier George Smith. George married Martha "Patsy" Smith also born about 1790. She was probably the daughter of John Smith another early resident of the area. The Smith Family History compiled by T. S. Buié in 1966 states that his mother pointed out the log cabin in which Grandmother Patsy had lived. The log cabin was on the Wire Road about four miles from Cheraw near Water's Hill. An old undated map shows a Smith's Mill Pond on Phill's Creek at about that location. David Smith lived about eight miles from Cheraw on the Fayetteville-Camden Road.

George and Patsy raised a family of twelve children. He may have acquired more land in the area but no record of land transactions has been found. George died between 1830 and 1840 because Martha was the head of household on the 1840 Census. Martha was shown on the 1850 Census with three of her children; George, age 24, Julia, age 15, and Alex, age 13. Martha's age was given as 50, but she must have been older. There is a Probate Record for Martha Smith at the Marlboro County Courthouse dated 1857, which is probably for her. Their children were:

1. Calvin Smith born about 1810.
2. Mary Jane Smith born in March 1812.
3. Charles Smith born?
4. Eleanor Smith born 11 Jan 1816.
6. Peter L. Smith born?
7. James Smith born about 1821.
8. Martha Smith born about 1825.
9. George Smith born about 1826.
11. Julia A. Smith born __ Apr 1833
12. Alex Smith born about 1837.
I. CALVIN SMITH was born about 1810 in Marlboro County. He
married Venetia Pearce born about 1815. On the 1860 Census,
Calvin’s spouse was named Lucy also born about 1815, so it
may have been another name for Venetia. On the 1870 Census,
Calvin had no spouse so we assume that Venetia was deceased.
A tract of 290 acres of land was conveyed to Calvin Smith on
16 May 1844 by the Commissioner in Equity for Cheraw
District. This may have been from the estate of Calvin’s
father. From this tract, 198 acres were sold to John W.
Harrington who later sold the land to Simon P. Rainwater,
Calvin’s brother-in-law. Calvin last appeared in the census
record in 1870 with his daughter Ellen keeping house for
him. He died during the 1870’s. No graves have been found
for him or his wife. He was the father of eight children.

A. Phillip L. Smith was born about 1835. He married Sarah E.
______ born about 1838. They had two known children.
1. Calvin Smith born about 1858.

B. Lucy Smith born about 1837. No record after 1860.

C. Rebecca Smith born about 1839. 

D. Elizabeth Smith born about 1841.

E. Martha Smith born about 1843. Listed as Martha McDaniel
in 1860. No further record.

F. Ellen Smith born about 1845. Married ______ Grant. She
was keeping house for her father in 1870. She had a daughter
Lilly Grant, age 5, also in the household. No further
record.

G. Mary Jane Smith born about 1850. No record after 1860.

H. John Smith born about 1852. No record after 1860.

II. MARY JANE SMITH was born in March 1812. She married
Simon Peter Rainwater (20May1813-18May1895) son of Joshua
Rainwater. Mary Jane died 28 August 1885. She and Simon are
buried at Oak Grove Methodist Church in Marlboro County.
Their family and descendants are shown with the family of
Joshua Rainwater.

III. CHARLES SMITH was born ? He married Abigail McKennon.
He appeared on the 1830 Census with a wife and a young girl,
less than 5, in the household. According to T. S. Buie’s
family history they went West. No further record. Their
known children were:
A. Mary Jane Smith.
B. John Calvin Smith.
C. Martha Ann Smith.

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IV. ELEANOR SMITH was born 11 January 1816. She married Henry H. Smith (10Sep1814-17Feb1869) son of John and Nancy Perkins Smith. Henry was a Methodist preacher and was opposed to the institution of slavery. He was probably a second cousin to Eleanor. They lived in Smithville Township where Henry was listed as an Overseer in 1850. Eleanor died 22 June 1880 and is buried at Oak Grove Cemetery with Henry. They had eight known children.

A. Eliza Smith was born about 1836. She married William McDonald. No further record.

B. Mary Smith was born about 1840. She married Sam Smith born about 1831, son of Wiley and Mary Coward Smith. No record after 1870.

C. Amanda Smith was born 15 August 1842. She was married in 1860 to George M. Rainwater born in July 1836, son of Simon Peter and Mary Jane Smith Rainwater. The young couple were living in the household of his father in 1860. About 1871, they moved to North Carolina where the three youngest children were born. After the death of Amanda, George married Mattie C. Milam (ca1857-24Jun1918), a widow with two grown children. Amanda died 6 December 1901 and is buried in the Old Eastside Cemetery in Rockingham, NC. George was living with their daughter, Addie Hall, in Roberdel, NC in 1920. George is also buried there, but the date is not known. They had six known children.
1. Charles Walsh Rainwater (2Nov1863-18Dec1940). His wife was Minnie S. Tinsley born in March 1870. Charles was a farmer and merchant in Hodges, SC. He was a member of the Hodges Methodist Church and had resided in Hodges for the last 52 years of his life. He is buried in the Hodges Cemetery. They had no known children.
3. Maggie Rainwater born about 1869. No further record.
4. Mary Ada "Addie" Rainwater was born in 1871. She married Riley Hall and lived in Roberdel in 1920. Her father resided with them. She was the only one of her siblings living in 1940. Two known children.
   b. George Hall born about 1914.
6. George M. Rainwater, Jr was born in June 1877. He married Susan born in April 1877 in North Carolina. They were living in Charlotte, NC in 1910. George was not on the 1920 Census and a George M. Rainwater, age 7, was listed as a step-son of Walter C. Morton.
   a. Francis L. Rainwater born about 1903.
   c. George M. Rainwater III born about 1913.
D. Thomas S. Smith was born 1 June 1843. He married Ellen V. (Elvane) Rainwater (2 Sep 1847–8 May 1901) daughter of Simon P. and Mary Jane Smith Rainwater. They lived in Red Hill Township in 1880 and in Smithville Township in 1900. Thomas died 15 April 1905 and is buried with Ellen at Oak Grove. They had six known children:

1. Della Smith (2 Nov 1868–9 Dec 1911). She married John G. Smith (10 May 1856–6 Jan 1894) son of Abner and Martha Driggers Smith. She was his second wife; both buried at Oak Grove.
   a. John Boyd Smith born ___ August 1886. Della's step-son
   b. Gertrude E. Smith born ___ July 1888.
   c. Rowena G. Smith born ___ August 1892.

   a. Thomas Stephen Buie born about 1900. Married Louise C. Burgess
      1) Julia Patricia Buie m. Roy G. McKinney, Jr
      2) Franklin Burgess Buie m. Becky Lineberger
   c. Glenn Smith Buie born about 1906. Married Agnes D. McNair
      1) Eleanor Glenn Buie
   d. Bennett Frank Buie born about 1911. Married Susanna Pierce
      1) Susan Buie m. John Matthew
      2) Julia Buie m. George Steinritz
      3) Caroline Buie
      4) Margaret Buie

3. Jessie Myrtle Smith died 14 Jan 1882, age 1 year, 4 months. Buried at Oak Grove Cem.

4. Son died in infancy.

5. Alma Smith (1 Dec 1883–8 Jul 1924). She married James Frank Bennett (19 Apr 1881–14 Jul 1955) son of James J. Bennett and Chelley May Lewis. Both buried in Oak Grove Cemetery. Their family is shown with the John and Rebecca Bennett family.

6. Annie Evans Smith was born about 1888. She married Spofford C. Goodale born about 1881.
   a. Edith Goodale born about 1909.
   b. George Goodale born about 1910.
   c. Nell Goodale born about 1912.
   d. Annie L. Goodale born about 1914.

E. Martha Smith born about 1846. She married Frank Donahue. She was living with her mother in 1870. Two known children.
   a. Fannie Donahue born about 1867.
   b. Minnie Donahue born about 1870.

F. Harriett Ellen Smith born about 1849. She married Samuel McDonald born ___ May 1837. Sam and Ellen were living in Smithville Township with their six children in 1880. On the 1900 Census, Sam's wife was Sue F. Smith, aged 58. Ellen was apparently deceased. They had ten children.
   1. Mary J. McDonald born about 1868.
   2. Samuel McDonald, Jr born about 1871.
3. John W. McDonald born __ January 1873. He married Josephine ________ (maybe 2d wife)
   a. Robert McDonald born __ Jan 1892.
   b. John McDonald born __ May 1895.
   c. Livina McDonald born __ Oct 1898.
4. Charlie A. McDonald born about 1875.
5. Rosa B. McDonald born about 1877.
7. Lula McDonald born __ Feb 1881.
8. Annie W. McDonald born __ Jan 1882.
9. Hattie E. McDonald born __ Mar 1884.
10. Arthur McDonald born __ Jan 1891.

1. Mary C. Smith born about 1871.
2. Sallie Smith born about 1877.
3. Harriett Smith born about 1879.

H. John Smith born about 1854. He was a farm laborer living with his mother in 1870. He married Sallie Carr. Four known children.
1. Myrtle Smith.
2. Luther Smith.
4. Minnie Smith m. Jenls Terry

V. DAVID L. SMITH was born about 1819. In 1850, he was listed as the Overseer on the plantation of Henry W. Harrington. A tract of land that he owned was sold by the sheriff in 1857 to satisfy a debt of $44.99 to D. Mallory. Simon F. Rainwater was the highest bidder at $175. David married ______ McCray and went West. No further record.

VI. PETER L. SMITH was born about 1820. He married ______ Dickey and moved to Arkansas. One known child.

A. R. L. Smith, MD. Married ________
1. Raymond Leroy Smith
2. Mildred Smith m. James Semaan Lived in Houston, TX
3. Allen Phillips Smith
4. Roberta Smith

VII. JAMES SMITH was born about 1821. He married Lucy Coward born about 1827. James died in the Civil War. They had two known children.
1. Susan Ellen Smith born about 1845.
2. Thomas F. Smith born about 1848.

VIII. MARTHA SMITH was born about 1825. She never married. She may have been the Martha, age 35, living with an elderly Elizabeth Smith in 1860. No further record.
IX. GEORGE SMITH was born about 1826 in Marlboro District. He first appeared in the census record in 1850 as a 24-year old farmer living with his mother, Martha, and two of his younger siblings, Maria and Alex. He was married about 1852 to Annie Jane Bennett (23Dec1837-13Oct1909) daughter of John and Rebecca Welch Bennett. By 1860, they were the parents of three children. George enlisted in the Confederate Army and died during the Civil War in 1864. Annie Jane was later married to James Rainwater and had two children from that marriage. George and Annie Jane had five children.

A. John Smith born about 1854. A 26-year old John Smith was living in Cheraw in 1880. His wife was Amanda ________ born about 1862. They had two daughters at that time.
   1. Carrie Smith born about 1877.
   2. Pauline Smith born about 1879.

B. Henry Smith born about 1856. He married Sarah Frances Driggers born about 1860. They were living in Smithville Township in 1880. They had two known children.
   1. Martha J. Smith born about 1878.
   2. Julia Smith born about 1879.

C. Julia Ann Smith born 2 October 1857. She married Jesse Able Keith (23 Oct1857-23Mar1931) son of John and Elizabeth Polk Keith. They lived in Steerpen Township, Chesterfield County. Julia died 30 April 1929. She and Jesse are buried at Harris Creek Baptist Church in southern Chesterfield County. They had eleven children.
   2. John Keith born 20 June 1878 (twin of Charles). He was married to Sue "Sudie" Waters (4Jul1894-20Mar1971). Both buried at Harris Creek Church.
   5. Agnes Keith (15Feb1885-29Jun1887) Harris Creek Church
   6. Fernettie Keith (17Jul1886-11Jul1898) " " "
a. Maude Atkinson born about 1907.
c. Laura Atkinson born about 1912.
d. Isaiah Atkinson born about 1918.

8. Rogers Keith (10Oct1890-3Dec1929). He married Mae Wallace. Rogers is buried at Harris Creek Church.


D. Rebecca Smith born 20 June 1863. She married Madison A. "Maddie" Broach (___ Sep1854-11May1920) son of Alford & Irene Broach. They are buried at Old St. David's Cemetery in Cheraw.

1. John Broach He married Marsha Rainwater.
3. Jim W. Broach born about 1878. He married Nettie Frier (4Nov1882-6Nov1923) daughter of Solomon Frier. They were living in Florence County in 1920. Nettie is buried in Elim Cemetery near Effingham, SC. Eight known children.

   b. Chasie M. Broach (f) born about 1904.
   c. Nettie O. Broach born about 1906.
   d. James B. Broach born about 1908.
   e. Edith D. Broach born about 1912.
   g. Annie M. Broach born about 1916.
   h. Bertha I. Broach born about 1918.


   a. David Broach born about 1907.
   b. Verna Broach born about 1909.
   c. Bernie Broach (f) born about 1913.
   d. Corine Broach born about 1915.
   e. Alline Broach born about 1918.

5. Thomas Broach.

E. Martha Smith born about 1865. She married Jim Russ. No further record.

X. THOMAS L. SMITH was born about 1828. He married Charlotte Ann Strickland born about 1830. They had a growing family when Thomas enlisted in Company C. 8th SC Infantry Regiment on 12 March 1863. He "died in camp 8 January 1864" probably of disease. Charlotte was later married to Alex Grant son of Duncan and Sarah Smith Grant.

A. Charles M. Smith was born 15 August 1852. He married Solina "Linie" Guinn (27Jun1854-7May1918). They lived in Smithville Township. Charles died 24 April 1912. Both are buried at Oak Grove Church. They had thirteen children.
1. Archie C. Smith (7Dec1874-17Sep1921)
2. Infant daughter born & died 1875.
6. Anderson D. Smith born __ April 1881.
8. Martha Smith born __ December 1885
9. Mary Smith born __ November 1887.
11. Harriett "Hattie" Smith born __ May 1892.
12. Annie May Smith born __ May 1893.

B. Nancy Ann Smith born about 1854. No further record.

C. David (or Daniel) Smith born about 1856. No further record.

D. Thomas Smith born about 1858. No further record.

E. Sallie Smith born about 1864.

XI. JULIA A. Smith was born __ April 1833. She married Nathan L. Sweatt born __ October 1833. He was the son of Rev. William K. and Susan Ann Sweatt. They resided in Smithville Township. They were listed on the census of that township in 1900. They had six known children.

A. Martha E. Sweatt born about 1855.

B. Ida Sweatt born about 1858.

C. Cora Sweatt born about 1861. No further record.

D. Lula G. Sweatt born about 1865.

E. Debbi Sweatt born about 1867.

F. Walter S. Sweatt born __ October 1869. He was living with his parents in 1900. No further record.

G. Marion Smith born about 1874.

H. Nathan W. Sweatt born about 1877.

XII. ALEX SMITH was born about 1837. He was shown on the 1850 Census living at home with his mother and two siblings. According to the Smith history he married Sarah Welch. No further record.