

Family Group Record

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Husband **Davis SMITH**

Birth	5 Sep 1791	Laurens Co., Ga.	B: 7 Apr 1966	IFALL
Death	14 May 1868	Brent, Monroe Co., Ga.	E: 18 Apr 1966	IFALL
Burial	16 May 1868	Smith Fam Cem, Brent, Monroe Co., Ga.	SP: 9 Jun 1990	ATLAN
Marriage	6 Jan 1820	Laurens Co., Ga.	SS: 30 May 1990	ATLAN
Father	Alexander SMITH (b abt 1770)			
Mother	Martha H. FRANKLIN (b bet 1765 and 1770)			
Other spouse	Hannah FERTH (m 23 Jul 1816)		SS: 17 Jan 1967	IFALL
Other spouse	Martha F. HOGAN (m abt 1867)		SS:	

Wife **Elizabeth DIXON Mrs.**

Birth	1794	Richmond Co., Ga.	B: 30 May 1990	ATLAN
Death	26 Mar 1867	Forsyth, Monroe Co., Ga.	E: 1 Jun 1990	ATLAN
Burial	28 Mar 1867	Smith Cemetery, Brent, Monroe Co., Ga.	SP: 2 Jun 1990	ATLAN
Father	John Lyddall DIXON (b abt 1770)			
Mother	Milly Polly COBBS (b abt 1773)			
Other spouse	Francis TENNILLE (m abt 1815)		SS:	

Children

1 F **Martha Franklin SMITH**

Birth	29 Dec 1820	Brent, Monroe Co., Ga.	B: CHILD	
Death	5 Oct 1821	Brent, Monroe Co., Ga.	E: CHILD	
Burial	7 Oct 1821	Smith Cemetery, Brent, Monroe Co., Ga.	SP: 16 May 1990	ATLAN
Marriage			SS:	

2 F **Miranda SMITH**

Birth	23 Mar 1822	Brent, Monroe Co., Ga.	B: 2 Jul 1966	
Death	19 Oct 1909	Brent, Monroe Co., Ga.	E: 11 Jan 1967	ARIZO
Burial	21 Oct 1909	Smith Cemetery, Brent, Monroe Co., Ga.	SP: 9 Apr 1969	SWISS
Spouse	Orlando HOLLAND (m 7 Jun 1842)		SS: 14 Oct 1977	IFALL

3 F **Mary Warren SMITH**

Birth	11 Apr 1823	Brent, Monroe Co., Ga.	B: 2 Jul 1966	
Death	6 Jun 1841	Brent, Monroe Co., Ga.	E: 11 Jan 1967	ARIZO
Burial	8 Jun 1841	Smith Cemetery, Brent, Monroe Co., Ga.	SP: 9 Apr 1969	SWISS
Spouse	Urbane BILLINGSLEY (m 13 Aug 1840)		SS: 16 May 1990	ATLAN

4 M **Tyrus Thomas SMITH**

Birth	25 Jul 1824	Brent, Monroe Co., Ga.	B: 12 Oct 1966	
Death	abt 1905	Brent, Monroe Co., Ga.	E: 5 Jan 1967	ARIZO
Burial	abt 1905	Smith Cemetery, Brent, Monroe Co., Ga.	SP: 9 Apr 1969	SWISS
Spouse	Eliza J. HILL (m 19 Dec 1844)		SS: 16 May 1990	ATLAN

5 M **Davis SMITH**

Birth	20 May 1825	Brent, Monroe Co., Ga.	B: 12 Oct 1966	
Death			E: 5 Jan 1967	ARIZO
Burial			SP: 9 Apr 1969	SWISS
Marriage			SS:	

6 M **John Dickson SMITH**

Birth	10 May 1828	Brent, Monroe Co., Ga.	B: CHILD	
Burial	2 Jul 1829	Smith Cemetery, Brent, Monroe Co., Ga.	E: CHILD	
Death	30 Aug 1829	Brent, Monroe Co., Ga.	SP: 16 May 1990	ATLAN
Marriage			SS:	

7 M **James SMITH**

Birth	14 Feb 1830	Brent, Monroe Co., Ga.	B: 12 Oct 1966	
Death			E: 5 Jan 1967	ARIZO
Burial			SP: 9 Apr 1969	SWISS
Spouse	Rebecca BARTLETT (m 20 Jul 1851)		SS: 16 May 1990	ATLAN

8 F **Elizabeth SMITH**

Birth	14 Jun 1832	Brent, Monroe Co., Ga.	B: 2 Jul 1966	
Death			E: 11 Jan 1967	ARIZO
Burial			SP: 9 Apr 1969	SWISS
Spouse	James H. FRYER		SS:	

9 M **Judson SMITH**

Birth	26 Jul 1833	Brent, Monroe Co., Ga.	B: 12 Oct 1966	
Death	6 Sep 1864		E: 5 Jan 1967	ARIZO
Burial			SP: 9 Apr 1969	SWISS
Spouse	Isabeth E. POTTS (m 18 Dec 1856)		SS: 16 May 1990	ATLAN

FAMILY NOTES

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HUSBAND NOTES: Davis SMITH

General¹: Davis Smith of Laurens Co. removed to Monroe Co. about 1821. All of his children appear to have ended up on the plantation of Davis Smith.

The old plantation house, of which I have heard many stories from my grandmother, Mary Brent Chambliss Evans, was a large two-story frame house, with a hallway down the center. An old photograph, taken about the turn of the century, shows a slave, called Sarah Low, who refused to leave after the war, as well as family members.

Before 1900, members of the family moved off, some to Atlanta, in search of work, for the days of raising cotton were over. There was no labor. So every summer, Mary Brent (named for her grandmother's second husband, Thomas Young Brent) and her siblings visited the old plantation.

Actually, it was Thomas Young Brent who'd kept the place going after the war, maintaining a store and warehouse in the community of Brent (near Forsyth). My grandmother's mother, Lizzie, and grandmother, Jane, both attended Wesleyan Female College at Macon, studying music.

It was Davis Smith who took his wife, Elizabeth Dixon, to Charleston, S. C. to see Jenny Lynn, the famous Swedish soprano brought to America by Barham Bailey, sing. From that trip, they brought back the first piano to Monroe Co. Thus, Elizabeth taught her children music.

During the War Between the States, with Davis Smith's sons off to war, the family tried to hold together. When Sherman came through Atlanta, bearing his way southward, some yankee soldiers found the plantation. Davis Smith, fearing the consequences of discovery, climbed a tree in the front yard, hiding. However, as the yankees approached on horseback, they stopped under the tree where Davis was hiding. His gold pocket watch ticked loudly....and he was afraid they would hear it.

The homeplace was a typical Georgian plantation, having a cedar-lined walkway from the street to the house, and a yard swept clean.

Davis Smith made his Will dated 1868 in Monroe Co., but was incomplete, and not probated.

Laurens Co., Ga. Deeds -

Book G, Page 196, Davis Smith of Laurens Co. to James Hogan of Laurens Co. for \$200, 100 acres, originally the Thomas Fort tract, 10/13/1812.

Book H, Page 214, Davis Smith of Monroe Co. to Henry Montford of Laurens Co., on 1/6/1825, for \$800, land on Big Creek, 272 1/2 acres, being part of three different surveys. One part granted to Hugh McKollock, Thomas Fort and William Nelson, bounded on the west by Mary Stokes, southeast by the estate of Henry Culpepper, decd, and north by Alexander Smith, decd.

Book J, Page 309, Davis Smith of Monroe Co. to H. Z. Frutrelt of Laurens Co. for \$50, 150 acres on Big Creek adjoining Turner Mason and Thomas Pullin.

Book H, Page 188, Davis Smith of Monroe Co. to John Thomas, 243 acres, 1/7/1823.

Book H, Davis Smith to Mathew Smith, 1/7/1825.

Book I, Page 54, Ira Stanley to Davis Smith of Monroe Co., 202 1/2 acres, 1/8/1828.

Book H, Page 169, 12/7/1815, Alexander Smith of Laurens Co. for \$800 to Davis Smith, 200 acres of land, being part of a tract granted to Thomas Fort and part of a tract granted to Hugh McKollock in James Hogan's corner; John Montford's corner.

WIFE NOTES: Elizabeth DIXON Mrs.

General: Elizabeth Dixon m. (1st) ca 1815, Washington Co., Ga., Francis Tennille, who died early.

CHILD NOTES: Martha Franklin SMITH

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CHILD NOTES: Miranda SMITH

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CHILD NOTES: Mary Warren SMITH

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CHILD NOTES: Tyrus Thomas SMITH

General³:

CHILD NOTES: Davis SMITH

CHILD NOTES: John Dickson SMITH

CHILD NOTES: James SMITH

General³:

CHILD NOTES: Elizabeth SMITH

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CHILD NOTES: Judson SMITH

General³:

CHILD NOTES: Jane SMITH

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SOURCES

1. LWT of Davis Smith dated 1868.
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5. Burial in Smith Cemetery, old Brent, Ga., near Forsyth.