

# Relatives mentioned in the correspondence of James & Patience Black

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*"Nobody ever lived in the past--they lived in THEIR present. To understand the thoughts and writings of someone, you need to study about the times in which they lived." David McCullough*

*"Martin Luther King Jr. in his last speech quoted part of a 1930 interview of Albert Einstein: 'If we are to go forward, we must first look back. The future is an unknown, but a somewhat predictable unknown. To look to the future we must first look back upon the past. That is where the seeds of the future were planted.'"*

## FAMILY SEARCH

Genealogy sheets  
Spread out on the table--  
Writing names, dates and places  
As fast as I'm able.

Microfilms, fiches,  
Computers and such,  
Sometimes I get discouraged,  
It all seems too much.

Books on library shelf  
In confusing array--  
Names just keep appearing--  
Guess I'm here to stay.

I find pieces of puzzle  
Branch, trunk, and leaf.  
It's beginning to grow  
Just like a tree.

It seems that my ancestors  
Gone on before  
Want me to remember  
That they're something more--

Than names on a tombstone,  
In census, or book.  
They want me to know them,  
They want me to look.

*by Sandra Gwilliam*

*Note from Sandra Smith Gwilliam: I am so grateful to all of those who helped me with this daunting task! These letters and end notes will take you on a journey back into James and Patience Crain Black's present to see how they, and those around them, laid the foundation for our future.*

*In order to have a better understanding and insight into the lives of those in the letters—this document tries to match nicknames with the actual names of the friends and relatives James and Patience wrote about in their correspondence. Sometimes it was difficult, because they weren't always consistent with what they called everyone. Another problem became apparent when I realized that some nicknames referred to more than one person. Naming children the same as other relatives was popular. There will be mistakes. Not everyone is identified, but hopefully it is enough for now.*

*A few tidbits are included about the lives of many of those in the letters. Hopefully what little I have done will encourage you to seek out other documents, biographies and more facts about the lives of your ancestors. May you enjoy reading the letters and gain a partial understanding of how they thought and lived, as well as an appreciation of their lives. As you read, I am sure you will begin to feel you know them, and realize they truly are more than names on a headstone, or census or book.*

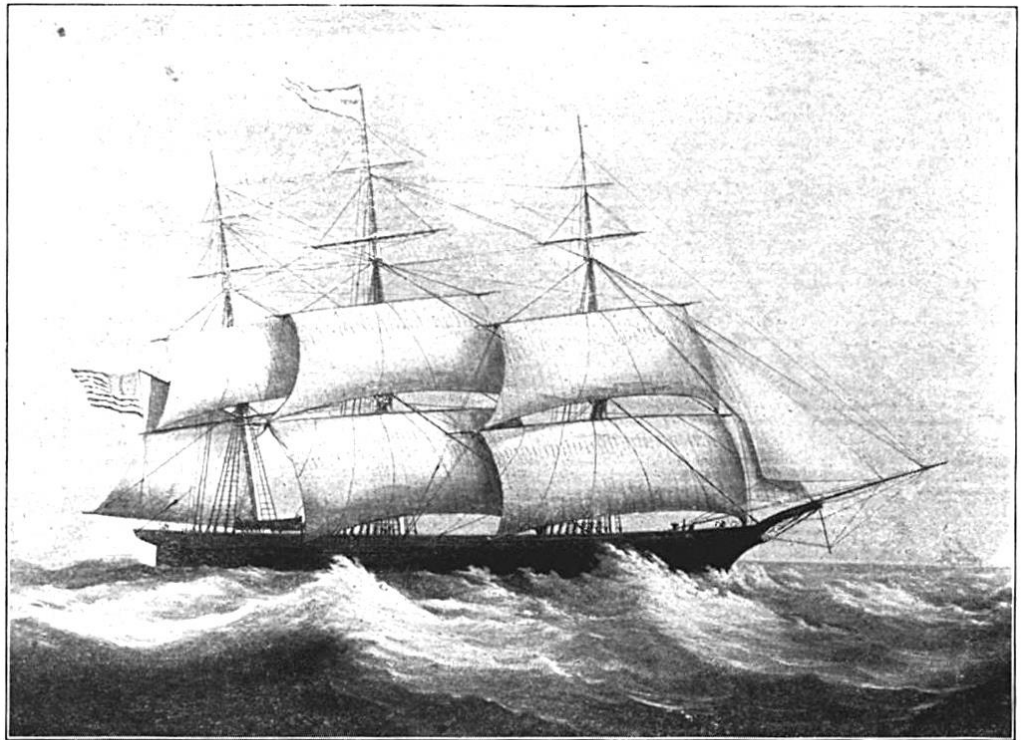
## Crain family mentioned in the correspondence of James & Patience Crain Black.

*Only a few letters seem to mention Crain family relatives, other than Joel B. & Sarah's family.*

**“Grandma” Mary Mildred “Polly” Burditt Crain** was born about 1792 in Edgefield, Edgefield, South Carolina. She died 16 Feb 1866, Nacogdoches, Texas, buried Old North Church Cemetery, Nacogdoches (findagrave#116111759). She married **Ambrose Hulon Crain** 8 Sep 1811, in North Carolina. Ambrose was born about 1789 in Franklin County, Georgia. He died 25 November 1850, in Nacogdoches, Texas and is buried in the Old North Church Cemetery.

**“Uncle Newell” Newell Walton Crain**, the son of **Ambrose Hulon Crain and Mary Burditt** was born 25 July 1826 in Tennessee. He died 28 December 1875 in Tuxpan, Veracruz de Ignacio de la Llave, Mexico. He married **Elizabeth Johnson Cooper** 7 September 1848 in Cass County, Texas.

(Note from Kathleen Crain Tol: “There is a findagrave memorial #116114312 in Old North Church Cemetery in Nacogdoches. Whether they hauled his body all the way back there for burial is questionable. Newell died three months after his son, Judson Carey Crain was lost with the Crain ship, “Witch of the Wave”, in the September 1875, Indianola Hurricane. Judson was the captain and was only 20 years old)



Length, 220'

WITCH OF THE WAVE

Tonnage, 1498

**“Aunt Lizzie”**      **Elizabeth Johnson Cooper** was born 14 March 1830 in Lawrence County, Alabama. She died 7 April 1923 in Stamford, Jones, Texas. She is buried in San Angelo, Tom Jones County, Texas. [*“Aunt Lizzie” also refers to Patience’s Aunt Mary Elizabeth Wadsworth, wife of Andrew Jackson Smith—the brother of Sarah Elvina Smith Crain.*]



“Grandma sent for me today to stay with her while Uncle Newel [Newel Walton Crain] and Aunt Lizzie [Elizabeth Johnson Cooper Crain] is gone to Cass Co. but I cannot go—too many babies.” From a letter written by Patience Crain Black from South Bosque, January 1863, Page 101. Patience was helping her sister-in-law, Mary “Mollie” McDaniel Crain, with a new baby, “Pincushion” (Ada Bell Crain) as well as her own baby, Joel David Black (5 ½ months old). Mollie was ill and the baby wouldn’t nurse.

**Note from Ted Crain** [*Newell and Lizzie’s great great grandson*]:  
“Newell was a CSA artillery officer at Galveston, TX in the 1st Texas Heavy Artillery. He returned to Waco, Texas, several times during the war.

Newell and Lizzie had a plantation of several thousand acres on the Brazos River bottom near Robinsonville (Robinson today) just South of Waco, Texas, but they also had a home in Waco on the current Baylor University Campus grounds.

Newell sold his home to J. W. SPEIGHT (Colonel in command of the 15th Texas Infantry Regiment) about 1866 when their family went to Tuxpan, Mexico.

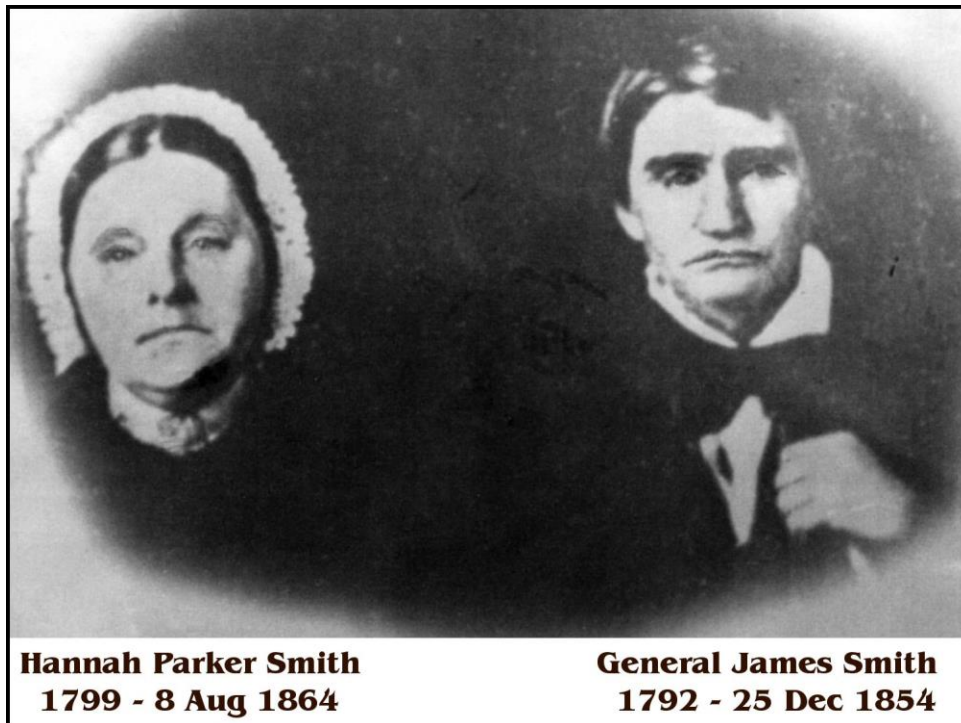
Newell Walton Crain was Joel Burditt Crain's younger brother. They were in the lumber business and had one of the first sawmills in McLennan County. It was located on the Brazos River 7 or 8 miles South of Waco, Texas. Their father, Ambrose had been in the lumber and grain milling business in Tennessee before the Crane/Crain family came to Texas in 1833. The mills had been the source of the large Crain family wealth. I suspect that the trees for lumber were cut from Newell's property near the sawmill. “

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**“Cousin Nute Crain “**      [Pg 126] South Bosque, March 12 (1863) “Cousin Nute Crain and wife came to see us last Monday and left Friday.” [*Not sure who they are.*]

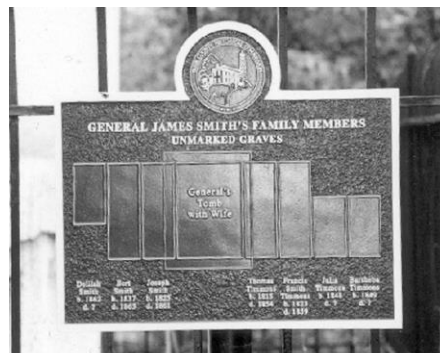
## Descendants of General James & Hannah Parker Smith

Mentioned in the correspondence of James & Patience Crain Black



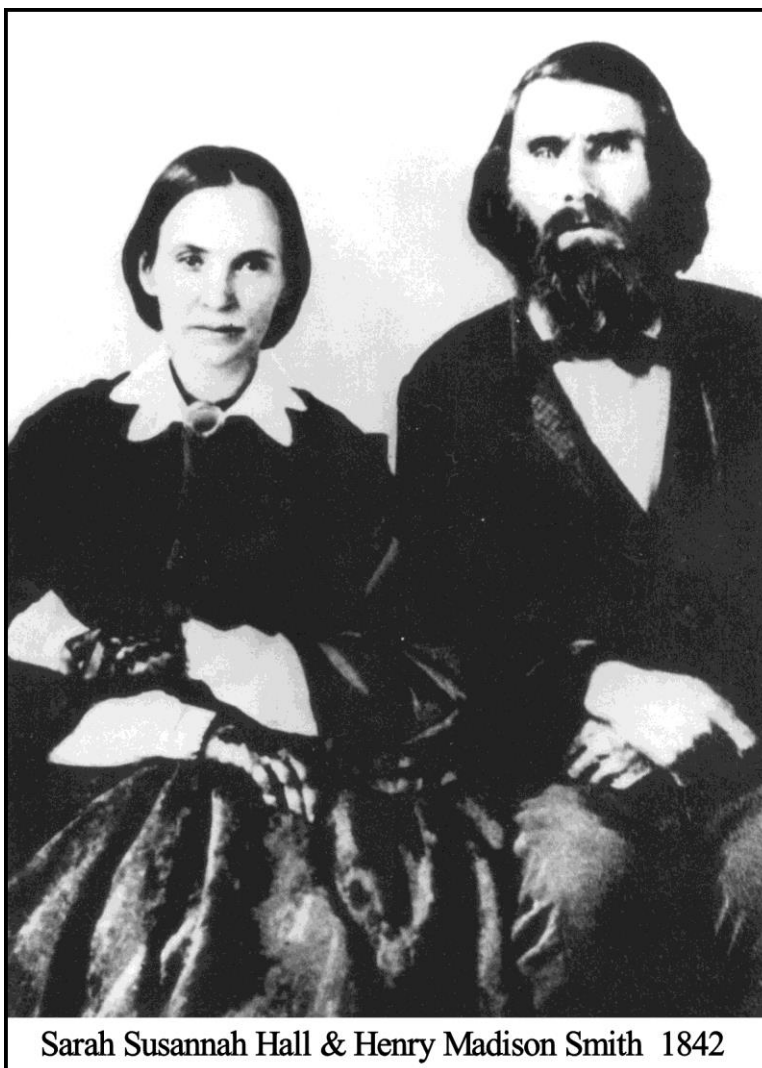
“General James Smith” son of **David Smith** and **Barsheba Harrington**, was born on 10 Sep 1792 in Spartanburg, South Carolina, died on 25 Dec 1854, in Henderson, Rusk, Texas, at age 62, and was buried in Smith Park, in Henderson. Another name for James was Captain Slick.

“Grandma” **Hannah Parker**, daughter of **Isaiah Parker** and **Elizabeth Guyton**, South Carolina. Hannah was born about 1799 in South Carolina, died on 8 Aug 1864 in Waco, McLennan, Texas about age 65, and was buried in Smith Park, Henderson, Rusk, Texas. [Note: At least one name on the plaque of who is buried in the Smith gravesite is incorrect. Barsheba Ann married James Madison Draper and is buried by her husband in the Pine Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery, Pinehill, Rusk, Texas.]



Plaque at Smith Park, Henderson, Rusk Co., Texas

**First child of General James & Hannah Parker Smith:**



**Sarah Susannah Hall & Henry Madison Smith 1842**

**“Uncle Matt” Captain Henry Madison Smith** (*James (General)*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 17 Nov 1817 in South Carolina, died on 7 Dec 1882 in Oglesby, Coryell, Texas at age 65, and was buried after 7 Dec 1882 in Post Oak Cemetery, Oglesby, Coryell, Texas.

**“Aunt Sarah”** Henry married **Sarah Susannah Hall**, daughter of **John Hall** and **Susanna**, 9 Jan 1840 in Nacogdoches, Texas. Sarah was born 29 Jul 1821 in Bedford, TN, died 23 Dec 1885 in Oglesby, TX at age 64. Buried in Post Oak Cemetery.

Children of Henry Madison & Sarah Hall Smith:

**“Cousin Green Smith” Reverend Green Lafayette Smith**<sup>1</sup> was born on 5 Feb 1841 in Nacogdoches, Texas, died on 29 Jan 1886 in Stephens, Texas at age 44, and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Cisco, Eastland, Texas. He became a circuit riding minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

**“Cousin Jim Smith” James Dekalb Smith**

(*Henry Madison (Captain)*<sup>2</sup>, *James (General)*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 7 Aug 1842 in Nacogdoches, Texas, died on 1 Oct 1914 at age 72, and was buried in Post Oak Cemetery, Oglesby, Coryell, Texas. James married **Mary Elizabeth Ross** on 23 Jan 1866 in Coryell, Texas. Mary was born on 11 Jul 1842 in Illinois, died on 7 Aug 1899 in Texas at age 57, and was buried in Post Oak Cemetery.



James next married his cousin, **Martha A. Crain “Mat”**, daughter of **Joel Burditt Crain** and **Sarah Elvina Smith**. Martha was born on 16 Jul 1844 in Texas and died in 1928 in Plainview, Hale, Texas at age 84.

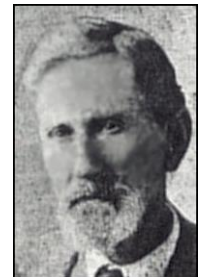
Mat Crain wrote on October 1st, 1864 : “Bro Jimmie wrote you in his letter of Cousin Jim Smith's being seriously wounded . . .one of Cousin Jim's messmates wrote to Uncle Matt [that] he was seriously wounded in the small of the back with a piece of shell. He has since heard Cousin Jim was mending. He also heard he had professed religion.”

Letter 1 Dec 1863, “Uncle Mat received a letter from Cousin Jim last week, written since the battle of Chickamauga, in which he was slightly wounded. In honor of his gallantry on the battlefield he was sent by the Commanding General to carry the colors which they took to Richmond.”

Note from Tony Pace, a descendant of James DeKalb Smith: "I found an entry for James D. Smith, age 19, Tenth (Nelson's) Infantry which seems to have been transferred around a lot! Eventually, the 10th Infantry became "Deshler's Brigade, Cleburne's Division, Hill's Corps, Army of Tennessee", which took part in the Battle of Chickamauga."

**“Cousin Sue” –sometimes “Sue” Susan Melvina Smith** was born on 17 Dec 1844 in Henderson, Rusk, Texas, USA, died on 2 Feb 1929 in Phoenix, Maricopa, Arizona at age 84, and was buried in Papago Park.

**“Jess” Jesse Washington Ellison** and Sue are mentioned a lot in the letters. They marry during the time the letters are written. Patience wrote that they were “as happy as dead pigs in the sunshine.” Susan married Jesse Washington Ellison, son of Jesse Ellison and Isabella Stuart, on 14 Feb 1864 in Texas. Jesse was born on 22 Sep 1841 in Brazos, Texas, died on 24 Jan 1924 in Phoenix, Maricopa, Arizona at age 82, and was buried in Papago Park, Phoenix, Maricopa, Arizona. The burial site looks like a pyramid. In the 1860 US census in McLennan, his surname was Allison. George Wylie Hunt, the husband of their daughter, Helen Duett Ellison Hunt, was the first, third, fifth, and seventh governor of the State of Arizona.



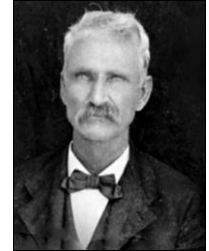


“**Lou**” **Mary Louisa Ellison** (sister of Jesse Washington Ellison), born September 1, 1838 in Morgan County, Alabama, to Jesse Ellison and Isabella Stuart.

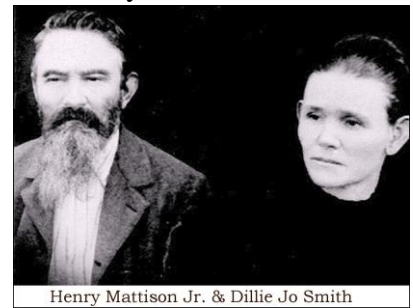
“**Mrs. Wiley**” Mrs. Wiley is **Margaret Ellison** (sister of Jesse Washington Ellison), wife of James Black’s cousin, **Major Wiley G. Jones**. Margaret is the daughter of Jesse Ellison and Isabella Stuart.

**John P. Smith** was born about 1846 in Henderson, Rusk, Texas. Death date is unknown. He does not seem to be mentioned in the letters.

“**Joe Smith**” **Joseph Marion Smith** was born on 17 Jan 1848 in Henderson, Rusk, Texas, died on 31 Mar 1915 in Loraine, Mitchell, Texas at age 67, and was buried in Union Chapel Cemetery, Loraine, Mitchell, TX.



“**Little Matt Smith**” **Henry Mattison Smith** was born 16 Mar 1854 in Henderson, Rusk, TX, died 17 Sep 1925 in Durango, La Plata, Colorado-- age 71,. Buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Cedar Hill, San Juan, NM. He is only mentioned once in the letters, when he was bitten by a rattlesnake.



Henry Mattison Jr. & Dillie Jo Smith

Henry married his double cousin, **Delilah Jo “Dillie Jo” Smith**, daughter of **Joseph P. Smith** and **Minerva Ann Hall**, 24 Jan 1875 in Coryell, Texas. [Their mothers were sisters and their fathers were brothers.] Dillie Jo was born on 26 Jul 1857 in Rusk, Texas, died on 24 May 1927 in Durango, La Plata, Colorado at age 69, and was buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Cedar Hill, San Juan, New Mexico. Various spellings: Delilah, Delia, DJ, Dilia. Dillie Jo and Dilly.

“**Helen**” **Helen M. Smith** born 1857 in Texas and died Dec 1863 in Texas about age 6. 1 Dec 1863 Patience wrote: “Helen is alive yet, but not improving.”

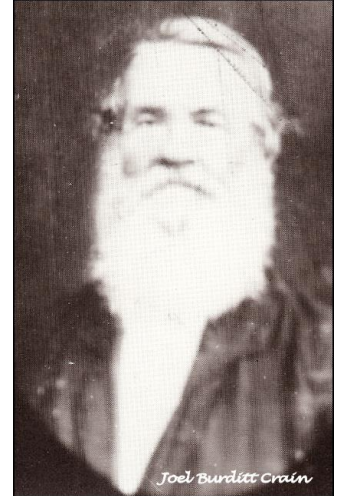
**William Lee Smith** was born on 25 Jan 1863 in Texas, died on 28 Sep 1886 in Coryell, Texas at age 23, and was buried in Post Oak Cemetery, Oglesby, Coryell, Texas. Patience wrote: [Page 112] Feb 1st 1863, "Aunt Sarah and Matt has another son her seventeenth child and twelfth son they speak of calling him Gen. Lee. I think Stone Wall is a much prettier name."

William married **Alice Elliott Norton**, daughter of **Rev James Washington Norton** and **Nancy Caledonia Elliott**, 28 Oct 1883 in Coryell, Texas. Alice was born 23 Dec 1866 in Ripley, Tippah, Mississippi. She died 25 Sep 1948 in Fort Worth, Texas.

*According to Patience Crain in her letter about William Lee Smith [Page 112, Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1863, there are 8 more children (5 sons & 3 daughters) born to Henry M. & Sarah Smith that have no other documentation.*

**Second child of General James & Hannah Parker Smith:**

**“Mother” Sarah Elvina Smith** (*James (General)*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 18 Dec 1818 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, South Carolina, died on 10 Sep 1902 in South Bosque, McLennan, Texas at age 83, and was buried in Harris Creek Cemetery.



**“Pap”** Sarah married **Joel Burditt Crain**, son of **Ambrose Hulon Crain** and **Mary Burditt**, on 3 Oct 1837 in Nacogdoches, Texas. Joel was born on 8 Sep 1813 in Hardeman, Tennessee, died on 18 Jan 1887 in McLennan, Texas at age 73, and was buried in Jan 1887 in Harris Creek Cemetery, Harris Creek, McLennan, Texas.

Children of Joel Burditt and Sarah Elvina Smith Crain:

**“Will” William Hampton Crain** was born on 23 Aug 1838 in Nacogdoches, Texas, died on 15 Jul 1904 at age 65, and was buried in Harris Creek Cemetery, Harris Creek, McLennan, Texas. William **married Frances F. Mitchell**. Frances was born 18 Apr 1849 in Cass, Texas, died 3 Sep 1917 at age 68, and was buried in Harris Creek Cemetery.

**“Jim” James Smith Crain** was born about 1841 in TX and died about May 1881

**“Mollie”** James married **Mary Susan McDaniel**, daughter of **John Thomas McDaniel** and **Ebelina Hall** [*sister of “Aunt Sue (Sarah Susannah), Aunt Minerva Hall Smith and Green Hall*], on 23 Jul 1861 in Robertson, Texas. Mary was born on 28 Oct 1845 in Texas.

From a letter written by Patience Crain Black from South Bosque Jan 1863, Page 101. “Grandma sent for me today to stay with her while Uncle Newel and Aunt Lizzie is gone... but I cannot go—too many babies... I am getting tolerabley tired of babies...” Patience was helping her sister-in-law, “Mollie” Crain, with “Pincushion” as well as her own baby, Joel (5 ½ months old). Mollie was ill and the baby wouldn’t nurse..

Daughter of James & Mary McDaniel Crain:

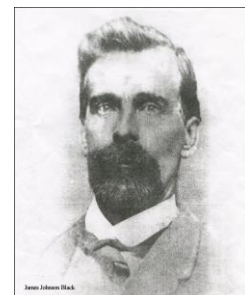
**“Miss Pincushion” Ada Bell Crain** (daughter of **Jim** and **Mollie**) was born Jan 1863 and died in 1928 (age 65).



**“Patie” Patience A. Crain** was born on 10 Apr 1842 in Texas, died on 24 Jan 1869 in McLennan, Texas at age 26, and was buried in Jan 1869 in Harris Creek Cemetery, Harris Creek, McLennan, Texas.



**“Jimmie”** Patience married **James Johnson Black**, son of **David Simpson Black** and **Mary Ditto**, on 11 Sep 1861 in Waco, McLennan, Texas. James was born about 1830 in Alabama, died on 31 Mar 1888 in Waco, McLennan, Texas about age 58, and was buried in Harris Creek Cemetery.

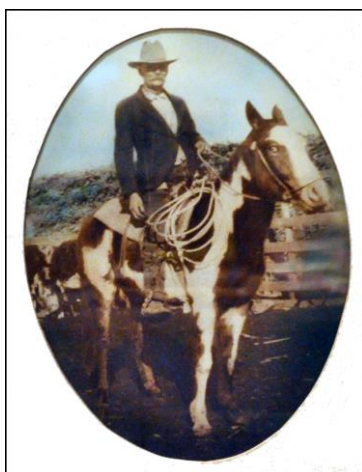


April 11<sup>th</sup> 1862 Patience wrote: “If you remember, Jimmie, seven months ago this day we were married. It seems more like seven years than months, for it appears that I have known and loved you from infancy.”

Children of James & Patience Crain Black

**“Joel”**

**“Jimmie D” Joel David Black** was born 5 Aug 1862 in Waco, McLennan, Texas, died 28 Jun 1945 in Lovington, Lea, New Mexico at age 82, and was buried in Lovington Cemetery, Lovington, Lea, NM



[Pg 60] Letter from Patience to James written Sept. 14th 1862:  
“Our son born Aug 6 (*written at the top of the letter*)”

“Dearest Jimmie, I will try to steal a little time to write to you this morning. I have dressed our Angel Boy and he is lying quietly in his cradle.... The baby is wanting Mama and I will tell you good-bye. Kiss your name at the end of this and you will kiss baby and me. I will press it to his lips. Once more dearest one take care of yourself for two.”

Joel married **Laura Frances Jones**, daughter of **John Wallace Jones** and **Sarah Callie Dowdy**. Laura was born 22 Apr 1870 in Lauderdale, Alabama, died 27 Nov 1953 in Lovington, Lea, New Mexico at age 83, and was buried in Lovington Cemetery.

**Julia Montgomery Black** was born on 14 Aug 1865 in Waco, McLennan, Texas, died on 1 May 1941 in Hamilton, Hamilton, Texas at age 75, and was buried on 3 May 1941 in IOOF Cemetery, Hamilton, Hamilton, Texas.

Julia married **William Emmerson Horne**. in Nov 1885 in McLennan, Texas. William was born on 2 Sep 1861 in Tunnell Hill, Whitfield, Georgia, died on 24 Jun 1934 in Hamilton, Texas at age 72, and was buried on 25 Jun 1934 in IOOF Cemetery.

“**Mat**” **Martha A. Crain** (*Sarah Elvina Smith*<sup>2</sup>, *James (General)*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 16 Jul 1844 in Texas and died in 1928 in Plainview, Hale, Texas at age 84.

“**Riley**” Martha married **Joseph Evans Riley**. Joseph was born on 8 Nov 1838 in Missouri, died on 24 Jan 1885 in McLennan, Texas at age 46, and was buried in Harris Creek Cemetery, Harris Creek, McLennan, Texas.

Martha next married her cousin **James Dekalb Smith**, son of **Captain Henry Madison Smith** and **Sarah Susannah Hall**. See “**Cousin Jim**” for his information.

“**Ambrose**” **Ambrose Hulon Crain** was born on 9 Sep 1846 in Nacogdoches, Texas, died on 16 Oct 1887 in McLennan, Texas at age 41, and was buried in Harris Creek Cemetery, Harris Creek, McLennan, Texas. Confederate States Army, Private, Company H, Willis Cavalry Battalion.

“**Annie**” Ambrose married his cousin, **Ann Elizabeth Jones**, daughter of **Aquilla Jones** and **Delila Ditto**, on 23 Oct 1867 in McLennan, Texas. Ann was born on 17 Feb 1847 in Milam, Texas, died on 25 Aug 1904 in Texas at age 57, and was buried in the Harris Creek Cemetery.

“**Joel**” **Joel Newton Crain** was born 9 Dec 1848 in Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches, Texas, died 8 Nov 1929 in McGregor, McLennan, Texas at age 80, and was buried in McGregor, McLennan, Texas. Joel married **Josephine Lenore Barmore** 16 Oct 1894 in Texas. Josephine was born 25 Apr 1870 in Pontotoc, Mississippi and died 14 Jan 1944 in Dallas, Texas at age 73.

Joel next married **Emma Theodcia Cleveland** 8 May 1879, in McLennan, Texas. Emma was born 26 Mar 1857 in Texas, died on 9 Jul 1884 in Texas at age 27, and was buried in the Harris Creek Cemetery.

“**Frank**” **Francis Marion Crain** was born 25 Dec 1854 in McLennan, Texas, died 21 Jan 1889 at age 34, and was buried in the Harris Creek Cemetery. He was born the same day his grandfather, General James Smith died.

“February 6th, 1864 [Page 235], “Aunt Lizzie and Mat will carry Star [*Lone Star Smith*] to San Antonio to school next week. I will stay with Frank while they are gone...”

“**Ida**” **Ida Mae Crain** was born on 30 Oct 1857 in McLennan, Texas and died before 1892 in of, , McLennan, Texas. Ida married **James A. Watson**, about 1879 in McLennan, Texas. James was born about 1855 in Alabama.

? “**Bony**” **Napoleon Bonaparte Crain** Several times Patience writes about Bony. He is not listed in any census record. But, in the 1900 US census, Sarah Elvina Crain is enumerated as having nine children, with only three living. There was a span of 6 years when she didn’t bear a child, so, Bony could be her son and he somehow was left out of the census. He would have been born

(Pages 43-45) South Bosque, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1862, Patience wrote: “There is none here this evening but Mother, Bony, Ida and myself.”

Page 126 South Bosque March 12, 1863

“Mat and Frank carried General [*General James Smith age 9, son of Issac Newton Smith*] and Bony to Uncle Mat’s Friday to go to school. “

James to Patience: [Page 204] Fort Point November 1st, 1863  
“I do hope that it may not be the whooping-cough that Bony has for it is very fatal to children, particularly at this season of the year.”

[*"Bony" would have had to be old enough to make candy with Joel while Patience was sitting by the fire writing to James.*]

[Pages 296 & 297] Lonesome Home December 11th, 1864  
Darling Jimmie, This Cold Sabbath Evening has found me feeling tolerably well and seated by a good fire. Joel (28 months old), Darling Child, is helping Bony make candy.”

**Sam Houston Crain** [UNDOCUMENTED] He is not listed in any census record, but some family trees have this name listed as a child of Joel & Sarah Crain. He probably does not exist.

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*Third child of General James & Hannah Parker Smith:*

**Frances E. Smith** (*James (General)*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1823 in Lincoln, Tennessee, died before Sep 1854 in Rusk, Texas, and was buried before Sep 1854 in Smith Park, Henderson, Rusk, Texas. She, her husband and two daughters, Mary Ann and Julia Ann all died before the letters were written. Frances' brother, Birt Smith provided for her two living daughters in his will.

Frances married **Thomas G. Timmons**. on 1 Aug 1837 in Nacogdoches, Texas. Thomas was born about 1815 in Tennessee, died about 1852 at age 37, and was buried in Smith Park, Henderson, Texas.

Children from this marriage were:

**Mary Ann Timmons** was born on 11 Oct 1839 in Texas and died on 15 Jan 1861 in Henderson, Rusk, Texas at age 21. She married **John H. Garrison**, son of **James Freeborn Garrison** and **Abigail Bonner** 16 Sep 1857 in Texas. John was born on 14 Jul 1835 in Carroll, Georgia, died on 18 Aug 1864 in Atlanta, Fulton, Georgia at age 29 as a result of injuries in a Civil War battle. He was buried in Carrollton, Carroll, Georgia.

Their daughter, **Ellen Antoinette Garrison** was left an orphan. Ellen's Garrison grandparents raised her.

“**Hat or Hatt**”

**Hannah Ann Timmons** was born about 1847 in, Texas, died on 14 Feb 1865 in McLennan, Texas about age 18, and was buried in Harris Creek Cemetery, Harris Creek, McLennan, Texas. The cause of her death was Consumption - probably tuberculosis.

**Julia Ann Timmons** was born about 1848 in Texas, died before 1855, and was buried before 1855 in Smith Park, Henderson, Rusk, Texas. Died before the letters were written.

“**Barsh**”

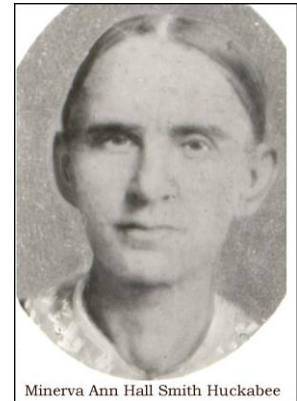
**Barsheba Ann Timmons** was born about 1850 in Texas, died on 30 Mar 1884 in Rusk, Texas about age 34, and was buried in Pine Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery, Pinehill, Rusk, Texas. She married **James Madison Draper** on 27 Feb 1868 in Rusk, Texas. James was born on 23 Dec 1839 in Pinehill, Nacogdoches, Texas, USA, died on 8 Feb 1930 in Houston, Harris, Texas at age 90, and was buried in Feb 1930 in Pine Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery, Pinehill, Rusk, Texas. They had 5 children.

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*Fourth child of General James & Hannah Parker Smith:*

**Joseph P. Smith** (*James (General)*<sup>1</sup>) Joseph is not in the letters because he died before the Civil War. He is not with his wife and children in the 1860 census. His family was living next door to his mother, Hannah Parker Smith at that time. Joseph was born about 1825 in Lincoln, Tennessee, died about 1860 about age 35. He was buried about 1860 in Smith Park.

**“Aunt Minerva”**

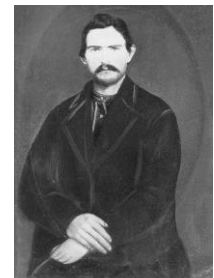
Joseph married **Minerva Ann Hall**, daughter of **John Hall** and **Susanna**, on 23 Nov 1845 in Rusk, Texas. Minerva was born on 7 Sep 1829 in Bedford, Tennessee, died on 13 Jan 1898 in Sipe Springs, Comanche, Texas at age 68, and was buried about 15 Jan 1898 in Sipe Springs Cemetery, Comanche, Texas. Minerva is the sister of Henry Madison Smith’s wife, Sarah Susannah Hall Smith.



Minerva Ann Hall Smith Huckabee

Children of Joseph P. & Minerva Ann Hall Smith:

**James Jasper Smith** was born on 10 Dec 1848 in Henderson, Rusk, Texas, died on 23 Jan 1890 in Comanche, Texas at age 41, and was buried in Nineveh Cemetery, Duster, Comanche, Texas. The cause of his death was pneumonia.



James Jasper Smith  
From the Otis Smith photo collection

James married **Mary Josephine Hall**, daughter of **Rolin Hall** and **Susan Pernessa Hamm**, 24 Nov 1872 in Coryell, Texas. Mary was born 14 Mar 1852 in Lawrence, Mississippi. She died 25 Oct 1941, in Comanche, Texas at age 89, and was buried 31 Oct 1941, in Nineveh Cemetery. The cause of her death was Arteriosclerosis/Cerebral brain Hemorrhage.



**Thomas John Smith** was born about 1851 in Texas. Thomas married **Lucy J.** about 1875 in Texas. Lucy was born about 1856 in Texas and was buried in Nineveh Cemetery, Duster, Comanche, Texas.

**Hannah Texana Smith** was born in May 1853 in Rusk, Texas, died on 2 Oct 1919 in Abilene, Taylor, Texas at age 66, and was buried in Sipe Springs, Comanche, Texas. The cause of her death was Nephritis. Other names for Hannah were: H. T., Texas, Texanna.

**Texana married James Johnson Black after his wife, Patience Crain (Texana’s cousin), died.**



L to R: Veda Eze Smith, Dillie Jo Smith, Sarah Mae Bandy (Smith), Hannah Texana Black and William Bandy abt Feb 1906



**Delilah Jo Smith** was born on 26 Jul 1857 in Rusk, Texas, died on 24 May 1927 in Durango, La Plata, Colorado at age 69, and was buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Cedar Hill, San Juan, New Mexico. Uncle Matt (Henry Madison Smith became her guardian.

***Dillie Jo married her double cousin, Henry Mattison Smith (Little Matt).***



Henry Mattison & Dilly Jo Smith

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***Fifth child of General James & Hannah Parker Smith:***

**“Uncle Jack” Andrew Jackson Smith<sup>2</sup>** (*James (General)*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1826 in Lincoln, Tennessee, died on 30 Dec 1899 in Rusk, Texas about age 73, and was buried in Overton, Rusk, Texas. First Judge of Rusk County, Texas under the present Constitution of the State of Texas. He was the Judge when his brother, Birt's will was probated in 1863. Andrew J. Smith later became a merchant in Overton, Rusk County, Texas. Source: Overton Texas Centennial 1973, Ed Ora Gillispie FHL 976.4185/01 H2o

**“Aunt Lizzie”** Andrew married **Mary Elizabeth Wadsworth**, daughter of **Martin H. Wadsworth**, on 25 September 1851 in Rusk, Texas. Mary was born about 1834 in South Carolina and died after 1880 in Rusk, Texas. [*Aunt Lizzie also refers to Patience’s Aunt Elizabeth Johnson Cooper Crain , wife of Newell Crain.*]

Andrew Jackson Smith and his family were mentioned in a couple of letters Patience wrote from South Bosque:  
Dec 1862, [Page 84], “Uncle Jack’s wife and Grandma [*Hannah Smith*] has been very sick.”

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***Sixth child of General James & Hannah Parker Smith:***

**“Uncle Nute” Isaac Newton Smith** (*James (General)*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1828 in Lincoln, Tennessee, died in May 1886 about age 58, and was buried in Moreville, Ottawa, Oklahoma, USA. He lost his arm in the Civil War. Patience writes about his injury several times. Once she said he didn’t miss his arm too much. Nute is the son who brought his mother’s body back to Henderson from Waco to bury her beside her husband at the family gravesite at Smith Park. Family stories say that he packed her body in ice in the wagon.

[Pages 58-60] South Bosque July 28th [1862], Patience wrote:  
“Uncle Nute returned yesterday he looks rather old with but one arm his health is tolerably good. His arm is nearly cured. I saw a letter he has from Gen. Beauregard approving very highly his gallant and daring conduct. “

**“Aunt Mary”** Nute married his cousin, **Mary Agnes Childress**, daughter of **James Childress** and **Sarah Parker [Hannah Parker Smith’s sister]**, 2 May 1849 in Rusk, Texas. Mary was born in Jan 1835 in Alabama. Aunt Mary [Mary Agness Childress, wife of Isaac Newton”Nute” Smith, the son of General James & Grandma Hannah Parker Smith] came up this evening.

Some children of “Nute and “Aunt Mary” were:

**Newton Smith** was born in Jan 1850 in Rusk, Texas and died in Apr 1850 in Rusk, Texas.

**“Star” Lone Star Smith** was born in 1853 in Texas, died in 1932 at age 79. Buried in Rock Cemetery, Granite, Greer, Oklahoma. Patience wrote from South Bosque on February 6th, 1864 [Page 235], “Aunt Lizzie and Mat will carry Star (age 12) to San Antonio to school next week.”

**General James Smith** was born in Dec 1854 in Waco, McLennan, Texas, died in 1932 in Granite, Greer, Oklahoma at age 78, and was buried in Rock Cemetery, Granite, Greer, Oklahoma. He was named for his grandfather, General James Smith, who died in December 1854.

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*Seventh child of General James & Hannah Parker Smith:*

**“Uncle Jasper” William Jasper Smith** (*James (General)*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 28 Mar 1830 in Lincoln, Tennessee, died on 1 May 1894 at age 64, and was buried in Meredian Cemetery section M, Bosque, Texas.

On Sept 6, 1863, Patience wrote, “Uncle Jasper has a discharge.”

Jasper married his cousin, **Sarah Jane Childress**, daughter of **James Childress** and **Sarah Parker**, on 16 Jul 1851 in Henderson, Rusk, Texas. Sarah was born on 15 Mar 1836 in Alabama, died on 30 Dec 1917 in Blum, Hill, Texas at age 81, and was buried in Meredian Cemetery, Bosque, Texas. The cause of her death was Pneumonia.

On January 20th 1860, his cousin, Margaret A. Childress wrote, “I am here at Jasper’s which is a very public place.”

The children of Jasper and Sarah mentioned in the letters were:

**“Wallace” William Wallace Smith** was born 16 Feb 1858 in Texas, died 15 May 1894 in Texas at age 36, and was buried in Meredian Cemetery.

**“Carrie” Caroline Smith** was born 1 Jul 1863 in Texas. Died 2 Dec 1921, age 58.

**“Frank or Fannie” Frances Childress**, born about 1842, to James & Sarah Parker Childress was the sister of both Sarah Jane Childress and Mary Agnes Childress. Frances wrote from Henderson, Texas on March 17, 1869, “Carrie and Wallace are not going to school. Jasper’s health is not good.”

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*Eighth child of General James & Hannah Parker Smith:*

**Francis Marion Smith**     **Francis Marion Smith** (*James (General)*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1833 in Tennessee May have died before the Civil War. He is not mentioned in the letters. His brother, Birt Smith's will mentions "The heirs of Francis Smith". His mother's probate also mentions the heirs. There is no documentation for a wife or children for him.

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*Ninth child of General James & Hannah Parker Smith:*

**"Aunt Barsh"**     **Barsheba H. Smith** (*James (General)*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1834 in Tennessee and died on 23 May 1904 in Coryell, Texas about age 70. She is named after her grandmother, Barsheba Harrington Smith Lusk. Barsheba married **Joseph Morehead** 19 Feb 1850 in Rusk, Texas. He died about 1857. Barsheba is enumerated with her mother, Hannah, and her daughter, F. Elizabeth Moorehead (born about 1851) in the 1860 census.

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*Tenth child of General James & Hannah Parker Smith:*

**"Uncle Birt"**     **Birt H. Smith<sup>3</sup> Smith** (*James (General)*<sup>1</sup>) He died February 1863 probably from injury or illness from fighting in the Civil War.  
Patience wrote:

(Page 31) June 2nd 1862

"[Jimmie], I wish you would take something for your cough. I fear it will get to be like Uncle Birts which is very bad.

[Page 118] Sunday Morning, Feb 15th 1863," We received a letter from Henderson yesterday. Uncle Birt was very low. No life expected for him long. Grandma too was in very bad health; but was improving some. I believe she will never do well again for if she loses her earthly Idol she will soon follow him."

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<sup>1</sup> Reverend Green Lafayette was born on 5 Feb 1841 in Nacogdoches, Texas, died on 29 Jan 1886 in Stephens, Texas at age 44, and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Cisco, Eastland, Texas.  
He was a circuit riding preacher.

When it became known that the Rev. G.L. Smith was moving from Coryell County, the following certificate was issued by a local congregation.

The State of Texas Coryell County:

The Primitive Baptist Church of Christ at Salem holding to the doctrine of Election Predestination effectual calling and the final preservation of the Saints through grace, do hereby certify that our dear beloved Brother G.L. Smith is a member in full fellowship with us and is dismissed from us when joined to another church of the same faith and order. Done by order of The Church in Conference Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in March 1877. - Wm Thomas Mod. H.M. Smith c.c.

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Notwithstanding the above, Rev. Smith was licensed by "the Gatesville Circuit- Granbury District N.W. Texas Conference, M.E. Church South, E.R. Barcus P.E. July 16, 1877. Thereafter, on September 8, 1877 the same license was renewed, on the back, by the following certificate:

This is to certify that the license of G.L. Smith, an exhorter, is renewed by order of the 4th Quarterly Conference of Eastland Mission, September 8, 1877- Granbury District of the N.W. Texas Conference. J.L. Calhoun Sec. L.P. Russett P.E. Pres. N.B. Johnston P.C.

In 1879, Rev. Smith's license was issued after "having been examined as the Discipline directs by the Quarterly Conference of Eastland Circuit of Breckenridge District of the N.W. Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. J.H. Calhoun Sec. I.G. Warren Presiding Elder, Breckenridge District. In 1884, his license was renewed by order of the 4th Quarterly Conference of Eastland Circuit of Eastland District Aug., 30, 1884. A.K. Miller, Presiding Elder.

This is all the information I have on Rev. Smith. If there is anything you need clarification on, please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to help you.

Blessings, Carol Roszell Archivist Central Texas Conference  
Green married Eliza Mariah Karnes, daughter of Charles Thomas Karnes and Mary Holmes, on 28 Mar 1866 in Coryell, Texas. Eliza was born on 29 Sep 1840 in Kentucky, died on 21 Sep 1915 in Stephens, Texas at age 74, and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Cisco, Eastland, Texas.

She took care of her grandchildren after her daughter, Mary Susanna Smith Alexander, and son-in-law, James W. Alexander, died while the children were young.

The cause of Eliza's death was food poisoning from potato salad at an outdoor party. Her granddaughter, Bettie Alexander, also died of food poisoning the same day.

Note from Helen Price: The grandmother, Eliza Mariah Karnes (wife of Green) took care of the kids. Eliza and Bettie Alexander were poisoned and both died in Sep 1915.

<sup>2</sup> Andrew Jackson Smith became the first Judge of Rusk County, Texas under the present Constitution of the State of Texas. He was the Judge when his brother, Birt's will was probated in 1863. Andrew J. Smith became a merchant later.

A. J. Smith.

Judge A. J. Smith, who died at his home in Overton Dec. 30th, 1899, was born in Pike county, Tennessee, September, 1827.

He came to Texas in 1837, with his father, Gen. Smith, who with a large family, settled in Nacogdoches county, near the present county seat. After remaining there a few years the family moved to Rusk county and settled near where Sentell now lives, there being at that time no such town as Henderson and but a few white persons living north of Nacogdoches.

He grew to manhood with the barest opportunities of obtaining an education. While the new country afforded unexplored fields, boundless in extent and rich in adventure, and fascinating beyond description to the pioneer, yet the school house, the field, the orchard, the cottage, and the house of worship, existed only in the minds of the brave fathers and mothers who were busy protecting themselves and their children from savages. Under such unfavorable conditions it would not be strange for boys to grow to manhood without any knowledge of books beyond the mere ability to read and write. But it was not the case with Jack Smith.

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He fitted himself for the needs of his time, and was merchant, surveyor, tavern-keeper, magistrate and sheriff before he was forty years of age. He was married early in life to Miss Mary Wadsworth, a member of another noted pioneer family. There is no doubt that this good woman was an important factor in assisting him to rise above the evil temptations that filled the pathway of the early pioneers; and she it was, by her loving kindness and tender devotion to home and duty, became instrumental in bringing out and developing his higher traits of character and which adorned his life in mature years and enabled him to master the passions that dominated the career of so many of the able and daring spirits of that day.

After the war he was for a number of years engaged in the milling business, at Bethel. Some time in the '70's' he was elected county judge and for many years thereafter he filled that place to the entire satisfaction of his constituency, and when the office passed from his hands there was no stain upon it, and the escutcheon that had always shielded Jack Smith was without blot or blemish.

Several years after the death of his first wife he married Mrs. Mayfield of Overton, and when his political career was over, he moved to Overton, where he engaged in the mercantile business and pursued it till his death. He was a devout christian, having been a member of the M. E. church since his early manhood. He was a Royal Arch Mason, and under the auspices of that honorable and ancient order, his remains were laid to rest in the Overton cemetery. Referring to his life, a few days ago, the Hon. C. J. Garrison, who was many years a partner in business with Judge Smith and who has known him intimately for many years, remarked to the writer, "Jack Smith was as honest a man as ever lived. He was truly a good man. He was charitable, never turning a deaf ear to those in want or in distress. He was a christian."-R. T. M.

Source: The Henderson Times, Henderson, Texas, Thursday, January 11, 1900; Pg. 3

<sup>3</sup> Will of Birt (Burt) H. Smith.

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The State of Texas, County of Rusk.

In the name of God, Amen. I Birt H. Smith knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of Death, do make and constitute this my last will and testament.

1st It is my will and desire after my decease that my body shall be decently interred.

2nd that all my Just debts funeral and expences [sic] of last sickness shall be first paid out of my means available, that I may leave at my death.

3rd I will and bequeath all my real and personal estate to the following named persons to wit.

WJ Smith [William Jasper Smith], Newton Smith [Isaac Newton Smith], the heirs at law of Joseph Smith deceased [ and the heirs at law of Francis Timmons to wit.

Barsheba Ann Timmons & Hannah An[n] Timmons being the only heirs I intend to provide for of said Francis Timmons. Also Elizabeth Morehead, daughter of Bersheba Morehead. Also the heirs of Francis M. Smith by him begotten. [*Sandra's note: There is no record of him ever being married or having heirs, but both Birt's will and Hannah Parker Smith's estate in 1864 state that Francis Marion Smith had heirs.*]

4th Said estate to be divided as follows to wit.

W. J. Smith, Newton Smith the above named heirs of Mrs. F. Timmons as the representative of oath \_\_\_\_\_, to have one share. The said W. J Smith to have one share which is to be equal to the amount of both of the above named Timmon's heirs. Newton Smith the same amount as W. J. Smith, the Joseph Smith heirs, the Francis M Smith heirs and the heir of Mrs. Barsheba Morehead above and heretofore mentioned to have as the representatives of their parents the same amount as the heirs of Mrs. Timmons and to be divid [sic] as designated to them and no more.



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5th It is further my will and desire that this will shall be probated and recorded in the probate Court of Rusk County and that an inventory of my estate shall be made and returned in like manner and that the probate Court shall have nothing more to do with my said estate.

6th I further ordain and appoint W. J. Smith [His brother, William Jasper Smith] my executor to carry out the provisions of my said last will and Testament. In testimony of which I have hereto set my hand and seal using a scrawl for a seal this the 13th day of Sept A. D. 1861 [signed] B H Smith [scrawled seal]

Test: NG Bagly J. E. Jones

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