

## BARSHEBA HARRINGTON SMITH FAMILY-- SOUTH CAROLINA TO TEXAS

by Donald Whitehead

Note: Extracted from a letter written by Donald C. Whitehead to Helen Kelley Price: 10-10-94

...The will of David Smith: my landed property to be in the hands of my wife, Barsheba during her life or widowhood... my two sons James & Henry Smith... my daughters Fanny & Delilah  
Will was written on 1 Feb 1806. Will was proven by Wm. Cotton on 25 Feb 1806.

Sometime between 1806 & 1815, David Smith's widow, Bersheba married Thomas Lusk.  
Thomas Lusk sold some property in Union District, South Carolina to a John Lusk.

Barsheba Smith Lusk, the widow of David Smith, appears to [be] the daughter of John Harrington & Francis Bert. That would make Young J. Herrington the other executor of David Smith's estate, her brother. In the Union District, South Carolina Intermediate Court records, we find the following:

Pages 14-16: 16 September Intermediate Court 1793, 2<sup>nd</sup> day.  
LW&T of John Harrington, deceased, proven in open court by oaths of Drury Harrington & Abraham Guiton (sic), and ordered to be recorded.

John Harrington of Union Co. in a sick and low condition....Beloved wife, Fanny...My friend, David Smith, my son in law & Nicholas Corry to be executors. Dated 12 Nov. 1792

*(Frances Harrington then married Col. Robert Rutherford of Newberry Co., So. Carolina as his 2nd wife.)*

Between 1815 & 1820, Thomas & Barsheba Lusk & all of David Smith's children removed to Lincoln County, Tennessee. Thomas & Barsheba Lusk had two children of their own. Caroline & Permelia Lusk. It is not known for sure whether they were born in South Carolina or Tennessee. On the 1850 census of Rusk County, both Caroline & Permelia show to have been born in 1815. Caroline shows to have been born in Tennessee, Permelia shows to have been born in South Carolina. They could have been twins, or born one year apart which would explain why their ages show the same on the Census.

Thomas Lusk died intestate in Lincoln County, Tennessee. In the Lincoln County Court Minutes, I found the following: Monday July 10, 1826. James Smith appeared in court and it appearing to the court that Thomas Lusk, late of this county, departed this life without making his Last Will & Testament in writing. James Smith was appointed admr. of the estate who took bond and gave security...James Smith, the admr of the estate returns an inventory of said estate and ordered to be recorded.

James Smith, the son of David & Barsheba (Harrington) Smith, married Hannah Parker. Henry Smith married in Lincoln County, Tennessee on December 14, 1826 to Mary B. Hannah. Frances (Fanny) Smith married on January 30, 1817 to William Morehead Jr. Delilah Smith married on December 15, 1814, in South Carolina to Andrew Hamilton. Barsheba's daughter, Caroline Lusk, married Francis M. Hamilton. Permelia Lusk, married John A. Windle.

Barsheba Lusk came to Texas, as well as her son, James, and daughters, Fanny, Delilah, Caroline & Permelia. Her son, Henry Smith, stayed in Lincoln County, Tennessee.

Barsheba drew a headright for 1280 acres of land in Cooke County.  
Barsheba Lusk made a will & it was recorded in Rusk County Deeds Book B, pages 238-239.  
Unfortunately a fire in the Court House destroyed the Deed Book. The index for the burned books still exist & Barsheba's will shows to be dated April 9, 1847.

Also listed in the Deeds Book B. pages 511-512 is a Deed of Gift dated February 19, 1848, from Barsheba Lusk to her daughters, Caroline Davis & Permelia Windle. The deed of Gift was for the 1280 acres of land in Cooke County, Texas to be equally divided between Caroline Davis & Permelia Windle.

The Tax records of Rusk County, show that James Smith was an agent for Barsheba Lusk & paid her taxes in 1845, 1846 & 1847. It is not known exactly when Barsheba Lusk died or for sure if she died in Rusk County, Texas or not. She could have returned to Tennessee to visit her son Henry Smith. However, her will is recorded in Rusk County. One can only speculate.  
From Donald C. Whitehead.

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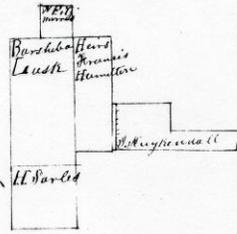
*Unconditional, No Conditional issues*

GENERAL LAND OFFICE,  
AUSTIN, *November 18<sup>th</sup>*, 1851.

This is to certify, that satisfactory evidence having been produced of the loss of Headright's Certificate No. *44* Class *2<sup>nd</sup>* issued by the Board of Land Commissioners of *Texas* County to *Barsheba Lusk* for *Twenty* Acres and *eighty* Acres of Land, dated the *fourth* day of *August*, 1844. This Duplicate, therefore, will entitle the said *Barsheba Lusk* to all the benefits granted in said original Certificate.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix the impress of the Seal of said Office, the day and date just above written.

*Geo. M. Smith*  
Commissioner



The State of Texas  
 District of Cooke's Survey for  
 Barsheba Lusk of 1390 acres  
 of Land by virtue of Duplicate  
 Certificate N<sup>o</sup> 2303<sup>2163</sup> issued by Gen.  
 W. Smyth Com<sup>r</sup> of the Genl.  
 Land office on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November

(Dist. 1857) in Cooke County situated on the head of Fish Creek about  
 18 miles N<sup>65</sup>W from the town of Sainsville  
 Beginning at the N<sup>W</sup> cor of ~~High~~ <sup>Starts</sup> ~~Harrell~~  
 Survey of 640 acres of land Thence

East 1900 v<sup>ts</sup> with the north line of same to  
 the N<sup>E</sup> cor of the same Thence  
 North 670 v<sup>ts</sup> Fish Creek 3200 v<sup>ts</sup> a stake from which  
 a Post oak to S<sup>W</sup> 11 v<sup>ts</sup> & a Blackjack  
 to S<sup>38</sup> 3 v<sup>ts</sup> Thence  
 West 1900 v<sup>ts</sup> to a corner Thence  
 South 3800 v<sup>ts</sup> the place of beginning  
 bearings marked F  
 Surveyed March 25<sup>th</sup> 1856 } Wm. Howeth &  
 } Wm. Hudson  
 } Chairo Carriers

I Wm. C. Lusk Deputy Surveyor for Cooke Land Distr  
 ict do hereby Certify that the foregoing Survey  
 was made according to law and that the limits  
 boundaries and corners with the markers Natural  
 and Artificial are truly described in the  
 foregoing Plot and field notes Wm. C. Lusk  
 Deft. Sur. C. L. D

## **Barsheba Harrington Smith Lusk research by Kenneth Vance Smith**

Thomas Lusk died in Lincoln County, Tennessee on 3 January 1826. His estate was administered by James Smith, his step-son and eldest son of David Smith, as shown by the following court case on 10 July 1826 which declared

James Smith appeared in court and it appearing to the court that Thomas Lusk, late of this county, departed this life without making his Last Will and Testament in writing. James Smith was appointed administrator of the estate who took bond and gave security. (*First County Court Minutes of Lincoln County, Tennessee, Volume Two, by Helen C. and Timothy R. Marsh, Shelbyville, Tennessee, 1990*)

In a court case on 20 July 1830 (page 61 of the 1830-1833 Lincoln County, Tennessee Court Records), a "court order is issued to Tunstall Grigany and E. C. McLaughlin to settle with James Smith administrator of Thomas Lusk, deceased." In the Lincoln County, Tennessee Court Records of Monday, October 15, 1821 is found "A deed of conveyance from James Smith to John Morehead for 309 acres of land and ordered to be certified." Another "William Morehead appointed a Constable who gave bond with James Smith and John Morehead, his securities." This shows a connection of James Smith to his brother-in-law, William Morehead. Members of this family are found in the 1830 census of Lincoln County, Tennessee including Barsheba Lusk and her two Lusk children.

Barsheba is head of household in the 1830 Lincoln County, Tennessee Census:

#267 Barsheba Lusk

2 females 15 to 20 years (Permelia Lusk, Caroline Lusk)

1 Female 50 to 60 years (Barsheba Harrington Smith Lusk)

Barsheba moved to Nacogdoches County, Texas in 1836 with the rest of the Smith family. On the 1837, 1838 and 1839 tax lists of Nacogdoches County, Texas, was a Barsheba Lusk and in 1840, James Smith was her agent.

In the Texas General Land Office records there is an unconditional Class 2 headright land grant of 1280 acres (no. 77) to Barsheba Lusk in Rusk County, Texas on 4 Aug 1844, signed by George W. Smyth. It stated that she arrived in Texas in 1836.

(Part of Nacogdoches County became Rusk County.)

Barsheba Harrington Smith Lusk deed to her children.

The Rusk County Historical Society has papers from Union County, South Carolina with extracts of wills and deeds. In those papers is found an 1817 deed from Beersheba Lusk to "My sons" James Smith & Henry Smith for their portions in Estate of their father, David Smith "Which I forfeited when I married."

There is a duplicate certificate for a Barsheba Lusk in 1856 in Cooke County, Texas on the headwaters of Fish Creek about 18 ½ miles west from the town of Gainsville, Texas. The second one was part of the Hugh Sarles old grant. Adjacent plats belonged to H. Sarles, Francis Hamilton, and Kuykendall.