

# The Enoch Smith Family

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William and Joice Smith were the parents of Enoch Smith, who was born on June 7, 1772, in Shenandoah County, Virginia, and died on August 24, 1824, in Clark County, Kentucky. Enoch Smith reached Kentucky before he was married, but it is not clear whether his parents left Virginia or not. He probably had brothers and sisters, but of them, we have no definite information. After coming to Kentucky on April 29, 1829, he married Nancy Poston. She was the daughter of Elijah (or Elias) Poston and his wife Susannah. The Poston family had come to Bourbon County, Kentucky, from Maryland, when Nancy was a young girl.

### *Children of Enoch and Nancy Poston Smith:*

1. Susannah Smith—b. Dec. 16, 1797.
2. William P. Smith—b. Sept. 4, 1799; d. Sept. 23, 1873; m. (1) Sophia Greer (2) Elizabeth Tull (no children). (3) Mrs. Elizabeth Smith Thompson, daughter of George and Nancy (Sharp) Smith of Shelbyville, Ky. Mr. Smith was a distant cousin of his third wife. No children born of this third marriage.
3. Daniel Smith—b. July 7, 1801; d. Jan. 15, 1872; m. Eliza Ann Gardner, Jan. 15, 1824. Eliza—b. May 31, 1806; d. Dec. 27, 1884. Ten children.
4. Cynthia Smith—b. Nov. 3, 1803.
5. Ann Smith—b. Nov. 28, 1805.
6. Jephthah Smith—b. Nov. 7, 1807.
7. Harvey Smith—b. May 24, 1810.
8. Jefferson Smith—b. Feb. 24, 1812.
9. Lydia Smith—b. Oct. 13, 1813.
10. Emily Smith—b. Aug. 12, 1815; D. Dec. 27, 1815.
11. Sanford Smith—b. Dec. 25, 1816.
12. Malinda Smith—b. Aug. 23, 1821; m. Truston Woolen; lived near Georgetown, Ky. Mrs. Woolen visited cousins at Fountaintown, Ind., about 1875-80, and had with her two daughters, Sally and Amelia, then grown, but not married.

William P. Smith, eldest son of Enoch and Nancy (Poston) Smith, married Sophia Greer, who was born Nov. 8, 1807, and died Oct. 21, 1854. Sophia was a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Mothershead) Greer, and granddaughter of Stephen H. and Ruth (Anderson) Greer. Sophia Greer was also a granddaughter of Nathaniel Mothershead and Ruth Burt, daughter of Moses and Hanna (Green) Burt. James

and Elizabeth M. Greer came to Indiana in 1829 from Georgetown, Kentucky.

*Children of William P. and Sophia (Greer) Smith:*

1. James Enoch Smith—b. July 11, 1827; d. July 22, 1905 at Fountaintown, Ind. (Shelby Co.) m. Margaret Cunningham, 1854. Margaret—b. Nov. 26, 1835; d. Feb. 15, 1865; dau. David and Eleanor (Rawlings) Cunningham.

Two children of James Enoch and Margaret (Cunningham) Smith were: Mary Ann Smith—b. June 17, 1855; d. Sept. 1, 1857, and Sarah Elizabeth Smith—b. Sept. 22, 1860; m. Aug. 27, 1886, Charles Isham Taylor (born on Sept. 2, 1864). Four children. James Enoch Smith—m. (2) Nancy Abigail Thompson. Abigail—b. 1845; d. 1827; dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth (Smith) Thompson. Their children were: Margaret Smith b. Oct. 23, 1866, William Harvey Smith (b. Aug. 24, 1869), Adelaide Smith,<sup>1</sup> 11 (b. May 13, 1874, and m. Dr. Harry Miller) and James Robert Smith (b. Dec. 3, 1876).

2. Jeptha Dudley Smith—b. May 14, 1829 (moved to vicinity of Stuart, Iowa.)

3. Nancy Elizabeth Smith—b. Oct. 31, 1831; d. (in infancy).

4. William Leland Smith—b. Jan. 4, 1835; d. in Civil War.

5. Cynthia Ann Smith—b. Jan. 16, 1838; m. Jason McGauhey.

6. Daniel Harvey Smith—b. Jan. 13, 1841; d. in Civil War.

7. Malvina (Mothershead) Smith—b. Nov. 1, 1845; d. Nov. 11, 1926; m. George C. Thompson (step-brother)<sup>2</sup>.

Daniel Smith, second son of Enoch and Nancy (Poston) Smith, married Eliza Ann Gardner, who was a daughter of Thomas Gardner and Nancy Ann Flowers of Milton, Kentucky. They lived near Milton, Kentucky. Daniel died while with his son Dr. John W. Smith, at Gosport, Ind.

*Children of Daniel and Eliza (Gardner) Smith:<sup>3</sup>*

1. Levi P. Smith—b. Nov. 15, 1824; d. Oct. 5, 1848 (unmarried).

2. Thomas Sinclair Smith—b. Jan. 28, 1827; d. Aug. 7, 1827.

3. John W. Smith—b. May 11, 1830; d. Jan. 9, 1903; m. (1) Malinda Davis Bell, of Ky., (2) Mary Eliza Davis, June 20, 1859, a first cousin of the first wife; lived at Gosport, Ind. Five children. Joseph H. Smith is the doctor mentioned in the succeeding footnote.

4. Sarah Ann Smith—b. Apr. 18, 1835; m. (1) Richard Maddux (2) Warren Callis. Six children.

<sup>1</sup> Adelaide Smith Miller is a Daughter of the American Revolution (No. 78125), on the service of Nathaniel Mothershead.

<sup>2</sup> Errors in John Walter Wayland's, *History of Shenandoah County, Virginia* (p. 664), regarding this family, are here corrected.

<sup>3</sup> These records have been prepared from family sources. Two family Bibles were available for the older generations given, and as all dates are the same in both Bibles the records are believed to be accurate. There were many doctors in this family who are well known in Indiana: Dr. John W. Smith of Gosport is the best known. His son Dr. Samuel E. Smith, was a professor in the School of Medicine of Indiana University for twenty years, being Provost during the last few years of his life. Dr. John D. Mothershead was an early physician of Indianapolis, as was also Dr. Nathaniel M. Greer, both being connected with the William P. Smith line of this Smith family. Robert Fisk Smith who is listed above was a doctor of Glade Springs, Va.

5. James Harvey Smith—June 19, 1836; lived in Indiana; name of wife or date of marriage unknown. Five children. |
6. Robert Fisk Smith—b. Mar. 29, 1839; lived in Va. after Civil War; m. Florence M. Edmondson, of Glade Springs, Va. Six children.
7. Nancy Gardner Smith—b. Mar. 29, 1839 (twin of Robert Fisk Smith) m. Henry Brown; lived in Gosport, Ind. Six children.
8. Albert Redford Smith—b. July 5, 1841; killed in Civil War.
9. Oliver Strother Smith—b. Apr. 13, 1846; lived and died near Stamping Ground, Ky. Eight children.
10. Daniel Truston Woolen Smith—b. Sept. 10, 18—.