
Husband: **John (B.) SMITH** Also known as "John Smith of Bumbry"

Born: 19 Jul 1746 in St. Paul's Pr. King George Co. VA ¹
 Died: Abt May 1815 in Fauquier Co. VA (see note 1)
 Occupation: 1768 Overseer ² (see note 2)
 Father: John SMITH
 Mother: Margaret GRIGSBY

In 1768 John Smith is listed on Armistead Churchill's tithable list for the Center District as the overseer of Elizabeth Bunbury's property. This appears to be the same individual known as John Smith of Bunbury (various spellings), and later as John B. Smith. At times he was referred to simply as John Smith. The middle initial apparently was adopted to distinguish himself from the numerous other John Smiths living in Fauquier.

The Bunbury family was an influential family of early King George County. Elizabeth, widow of William Bunbury, resided in St. Paul's Parish in Stafford. Her Fauquier lands were on the "upper side" of Licking Run and neighbors over the years included Humphry Arnold, Wiley Roy, et. al. She seems to have completely divested the lands by 1784, giving them by deed to her nephew, Robert Townsend Dade.

It is not clear when John Smith's employment by the Bunbury family ended. In 1778 he is listed on William Pickett's Tithable list and he paid the tax that year for Charles Christy. The next individual listed on this 1778 list is Edward Ball whose property is known to have been in the vicinity of the upper areas of Licking Run, near Cedar Run. Also living in this vicinity was the family of William Spicer.

Sometime following 1778, John B. Smith removed from the Cedar Run area to Leeds Manor. In 1792 he leased land in Leeds for the lives of sons John, Soloman and Benjamin. (Fauq. DB 10, pg 494). In the following year he leased additional and adjacent acreage for the lives of children Reuben, Elizabeth and Frankey. (Fauq. DB 11, pg 408). Neighbors were Benjamin Ball, Edward Dulin, and Alexander Welch. Benjamin Ball lived at the confluence of South Branch and Carters Run, a short distance north of the Rappahannock.

In his 1815 will, John named several members of his family, including his wife. From this document, it is clear he had a family prior to marrying Rebecca Spicer. The un-named children can be inferred from marriage records and guardianship records which are very specific in reference to the wards being orphans of either John B. Smith, or John Smith (Bumberry).

Soloman B. Smith in 1816 was appointed guardian for his brother Samuel Smith. Charles Christy and John Rogers entered their securities in support of Soloman. John P. Smith was appointed guardian in 1818 of Rebecca, Joseph and Noah. Reuben B. Smith in 1826 replaced John P. as the guardian of Noah A. Smith. Consistent within these records is the fact that John A.W. Smith and Inman Horner entered their security bonds in support of John P. Smith. Thornton Christa (sic) and James Hailey were co-bondsmen for Reuben.

Daughter Catherine pre-deceased her father but is named in the 1815 will. She had married William Barrett 22 Nov 1790. On that same day Sarah, not named in the will, married Robin Gaunt. John Smith recorded his consent for both "Catern" and "Sary" to marry.

The John Dodd family seems to have played a close relationship to the family of John B. Smith. Dodd was a wealthy grist mill owner living on South Branch. His daughter Nancy married Benjamin Ball, Jr. 26 Jan 1807. Daughter Elizabeth married a John Smith 19 Dec 1796. Son George married Molly Smith, daughter of John Smith 20 Dec 1801. The John Smith who married Elizabeth Dodd appears to be John P. Smith, son of John B. Smith and

brother to Molly.

Another daughter, Nancy, married Charles Christy who had his taxes paid by John Smith (Bumbry) in 1778. A William Smith was the bondsman for the 1786 marriage. This man's identity is unclear but was a neighbor per the 1768 tax record.

John in his will referred to his daughter as Lucinda "Smith" and not by her married name of "Rogers" at the time the will was written. There seems little doubt however that the Lucy who married John Rogers is the correct individual. The marriage record states she is the daughter of John B. Smith. Further, John Rogers was the bondsman when Frances married James Haley. Rogers was also co-bondsman for Soloman in the guardianship of Samuel. Lucinda's marriage was only a few months prior to the dated will and reference to "Smith" likely was a remnant of a prior draft. "Lucy Roggers" was acknowledged in her mother's will.

While not fully traced, Benjamin and Reuben may have remained in Fauquier while the others removed by 1830.

Several questions remain, notably the identity of the William Smith who served as bondsman to the Christy-Smith marriage. This William, along with yet another John Smith, was neighboring John Smith, Bumbry's overseer, in 1768. This later John Smith is possibly the father of John Smith of Bumbry.

Also of question, the relationship, if any, of John B. Smith to John A.W. Smith who entered several securities in support of John P. Smith's guardianships of his half siblings. John A.W. Smith was however the County Clerk and he routinely gave his securities.

It is clear the identity of John's first wife is Anne Ball, daughter of Benjamin Ball and Anne Owen of St. Paul's Parish. Anne was born there 17 Jul 1745. She married a John Smith 26 Dec 1765 in St. Paul's parish. It is Anne's brother Benjamin, Jr. who settled in Leeds Manor in 1761 and who would have been John's neighbor. Further, researcher Louis Pondrum had within his notes that John P. Smith paid Benjamin Ball's remaining estate expenses in 1826. This would have been Anne's nephew and John P. Smith's first cousin.

John Smith who married Anne Ball in St. Paul's Parish (likely King George County at the time) was born 19 Jul 1746 to John Smith and Margaret Grigsby who in turn were married 5 Nov 1728. There is no birth record of a son William born to this couple.

John and Anne (Ball) Smith had a daughter Margaret, born 20 Nov 1766. This was the final record of John and Anne in St. Paul's. This Margaret Smith married Francis Scott and there is ample proof she is the daughter of John Smith by his first wife, notably a power of attorney in which Margaret Scott and her sister Elizabeth Quisenberry are attempting to obtain their inheritance from their father's estate from their step-mother, Rebecca Welsh.

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Wife: **Anne BALL**
 Married: 25 Dec 1765 in St. Paul's Pr. King George Co. VA ¹

Born: 17 Jul 1745 in St. Paul's Pr. King George Co. VA ¹
 Died: Bef 1787 in Fauquier Co. VA
 Father: Benjamin BALL I.
 Mother: Anne OWEN

F Child 1: **Margaret SMITH**
 Born: 20 Nov 1766 in St. Paul's Pr. King George Co. VA ^{1,3 (see note 3)}
 Died: Aft 1830 in Barren Co. KY
 Spouse: Francis SCOTT b. Abt 1758 d. 14 Dec 1840
 Married: in Fauquier Co. (?) VA

The following document proves Margaret Scott is the daughter of John and Anne Smith. Also mentioned is Elizabeth Quisenberry where it is implied she is Margaret's sister.

Power of Attorney, 15 Apr 1817
 Barren Co., KY Deed Book ____

Know all men by these presents that We Zacheus Quesenberry & Page Quesenberry & Elizabeth his wife of the County of Barren and State of Kentucky have Constituted and appointed and by these presents do constitute and appoint William Warder of the Said County and State our true and Lawful Attorney in fact for us and in our names and Stead to ask for demand and Receive of Alexander Wealsh and Rebeckah his wife Administrator & Administratrix of John Smith Deceased of the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia all Sums of money that is due to the aforesaid Page Quisenberry & Elizabeth his wife and to Francis Scott & Margaret his wife as a legacy or part of the Estate of the aforesaid John Smith Decd we do by these presents vest our Said Attorney with full power and authority to Sue and prosecute to Judgment recover & receive the aforesaid Legacy & receipt for the Same & do execute and perform all manner of acts and things for the recovery thereof which we ourselves could do were we personally present and had done the same ourselves in our own persons & to appoint an Attorney or Attorneys under him for the purposes aforesaid & to revoke them at pleasure hereby ratifying and confirming whatever our said Attorneys may lawfully do in the above premises. In Witness whereof we have set our hands and seals this 5th day of April 1817.

Signed:
 Zacheus Quesenberry
 Page Quesenberry
 Elizabeth Quesenberry

State of Kentucky Barren County To Wit

I William Logan Clerk of the County Court for the aforesaid County do hereby Certify that the within Power of Attorney from Zacheus Quesenberry and Page Quesenberry and Elizabeth his wife to William Warder was on the day of the date hereof acknowledged

before me by the said Zacheus Quesenberry and page Quesenberry & Elizabeth his wife to be their act and Deed. She the said Elizabeth being by me examined privily and apart from her said husband declared that She did the Same freely and Voluntarily without the pursuations or threats of her Said husband & that she thereby intends to convey her whole estate & interest in the Estate therein Specified & designs never to retract the same.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto Subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said County this 15th day of April 1817. W. Logan Clk

Note: Zacheus Quesenberry is Page's brother. He married a Warder and likely kin to this attorney William Warder.

Note: this Power of Attorney has been transcribed courtesy of Barbara Wyche.

F Child 2: **Nancy SMITH**

Born: Bef 1770 in Fauquier Co. (?) VA (see note 4)
 Spouse: Charles CHRISTY b. Bef 1762
 Married: 23 Dec 1786 in Fauquier Co. VA ⁴ (see note 5)
 As "Nancy" is a diminutive form of "Anne", it seems she was named after her mother, Anne Ball.

F Child 3: **Catherine SMITH**

Born: in Fauquier Co. VA (see note 6)
 Died: Bef 1815
 Spouse: William BARRETT
 Married: 22 Nov 1790 in Fauquier Co. VA ⁴ (see note 7)

F Child 4: **Sarah SMITH**

Born: in Fauquier Co. VA (see note 8)
 Spouse: Robin GAUNT Other name "Robert GANT"
 Married: 22 Nov 1790 in Fauquier Co. VA ⁴ (see note 9)

M Child 5: **John P. SMITH**

Born: Abt 1775 in Fauquier Co. VA (see note 10)
 Spouse: Elizabeth DODD
 Married: 19 Dec 1796 in Fauquier Co. VA ⁴ (see note 11)

Following his marriage, John Smith likely was employed by his father-in-law at the grist mill. John Dodd paid his tax for 1799.

John P. Smith does not appear to have used the middle initial 'P' prior to his marriage. Indeed, He is referred to simply as "John Smith" in the estate closing of his father-in-law. Aside from this, he is consistantly referred to with the middle initial up to the time he disappears from Fauquier records, about 1826.

Like his father, it seems the middle initial was adopted, probably to distinguish himself from other John Smiths,. notably John Puller Smith who resided in the Orlean area and is said to be the son of John Winn Smith. This John Puller Smith is sometimes referred to with the military ranking of "Captain". He served as a County Justice for Fauquier. He seems to have dropped the middle name in favor of the initial after 1826.

It has not been substantiated but researcher Louis Pondrum had within his notes that John P. Smith paid Benjamin Ball's remaining estate expenses.

F Child 6: **Molly SMITH**

Born: 1780 in Fauquier Co. VA (see note 12)
 Died: 1845 in Mercer Co. KY
 Spouse: George DODD b. 16 Jan 1780 d. 22 Jan 1866
 Married: 20 Dec 1801 in Fauquier Co. VA ⁴ (see note 13)

M Child 7: **Solomon SMITH**

Born: Bef 1783 in Fauquier Co. VA (see note 14)
 Soloman's tax was paid by his father in 1799. Notation on this tax record appears to be "Soloman at livery".

M Child 8: **Benjamin SMITH**

Born: in Fauquier Co. VA (see note 15)
 Care must be taken here. Alcock in his reference on the families of Fauquier County seems to have assigned the name "Berryman" to Benjamin, son of John B. Smith. There was indeed a Berryman Smith.

F Child 9: **Elizabeth SMITH**

Born: Bef 1787 in Fauquier Co. VA (see note 16)
 Died: in Barren Co. KY
 Spouse: Page QUISENBERRY
 Married: 24 Aug 1806 in Fauquier Co. VA ⁴ (see note 17)
 See the Power of Attorney under Elizabeth's sister Margaret requesting assistance in obtaining their portion of their parents estate.

Wife: **Rebecca SPICER**

Married: 24 Dec 1787 in Fauquier Co. VA ^{5,4} (see note 18)

Born: Aft 1766 in Fauquier Co. VA (see note 19)
 Died: Abt Aug 1826 in Fauquier Co. VA (see note 20)
 Father: William SPICER

John Smith to Rebecca Spicer
 Marriage Bond of 24 Dec 1787

Know all men by these presetsns that we John Smith and John Turner are held and firmly bound unto Edmund Randolph Esq. Governor of the commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of fifty pounds to which payment well and truly to be made to the said Edmund Randolph and to his successores for these of the commonwealth we bind ourselves and each person and each ___ heirs Exceutors & Admoes jointly & severally firmly by these presents seale with our seals & date this 24th day of December 1787

The Condition of the above obligation is such taht whereas there is a Marriage _hatty intended to be solimmized between John Smith and Rebecca Spicer for which a license hath issued now if there be no lawfull cause to be void or else to remain in force. Signed Sealed & Deed in the presence of John Smith, John Turner, ___ Brooke

William Spicer's Consent

This is to sartify all par joins that I am willing to the marag between John Smith and my daughter Rebacker given under my hand the 24th day of December 1787
 Signed: William Spicer

Note: Above bond and consent transcriptions courtesy of Sylvia Büttner-Gidley.

Fauquier Will Book 10, page 10

In the name of God Amen I Rebeckey Welch of the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia giting Old infirm in bodey but sound in mind and knoing that it surtin that wee must die and go to Judgment therefore I do make this my last will and testament that is to say my bodey I give up to my _____ and my soul I resine to Almighty God hoping to find my salvation by and through belief Christ but as for what God has bless me with of this worlds goods I leave as follows. The Land to be sold and devied among my husbands first children that he had by his first wife and my children that he had by me the rest of my property I desire to be sold and _____ divided among my own children Frances Haley Rubin Smith Lucy Roggers Samuel Smith Rebecke Smith Joseph Smith Noah Smith. I allso apont Rubin Smith and Samuel Smith John Roggers and James Haley my Executors to sel and divide the same, this being my Last Will _____.

By me Rebeckey Welch her mark

In the presence of
Matthew Neale, James Roggers, and John Roggers

August the 17 day 1820

At a Court held for Fauquier County, on the 27th day of June 1826.

This last Will and testament of Rebecca Welch dec'd was proven by the oath of John Rodgers, a witness thereto, and ordered to be recorded as a will of personal property--and on the motion of Edward Digges who made Oath thereto, and together with Thornton Christa, Joseph Smith, Noah A. Smith and John Rodgers, his securities, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of twenty four hundred dollars, conditioned as the law directs. Certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration on the said decendent's Estate, with her Will aforesaid annexed, in due form. And at a Court held for the said County, on the 28th day of August 1826 The said Will was proved by the Oath of Jas Rodgers, a witness thereto, and ordered to be recorded as a will of real estate.

Note: The above will transcription courtesy of Sandra Stephens.

M Child 1: **Reuben B. SMITH**

Born: Bef 1793 in Fauquier Co. VA (see note 21)
Spouse: Jane PETTITT d. Bef Jul 1813
Married: 19 Dec 1812 in Fauquier Co. VA ⁴ (see note 22)
Spouse: Grace HEADLEY
Married: 12 Jul 1813 in Fauquier Co. VA ⁴ (see note 23)

F Child 2: **Frances SMITH**

Born: Bef 1793 in Fauquier Co. VA (see note 24)
Spouse: James HALEY
Married: 26 Jan 1818 in Fauquier Co. VA ⁴ (see note 25)

M Child 3: **Samuel SMITH**

Born: Aft 1795 in Fauquier Co. VA (see note 26)

F Child 4: **Lucinda SMITH** Also known as "Lucy"
 Born: in Fauquier Co. VA (see note 27)
 Spouse: John ROGERS
 Married: 11 Dec 1814 in Fauquier Co. VA ⁴ (see note 28)

M Child 5: **Joseph SMITH**
 Born: Aft 1797 in Fauquier Co. VA (see note 29)

M Child 6: **Noah A. SMITH**
 Born: Bet 1805-1812 in Fauquier Co. VA (see note 30)

F Child 7: **Rebecca SMITH**
 Born: in Fauquier Co. VA (see note 31)
 Spouse: Thornton CHRISTY
 Married: 10 Jan 1825 in Fauquier Co. VA ⁴ (see note 32)

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Note 1 John's will of 16 Apr 1815 was entered into the records 22 May 1815 (Fauq. WB 6, pg. 104).

Note 2 Listed on Armistead Churchill's tithable list as an overseer for Elizabeth Bunbury in the Central District in 1768.

Note 3 Margaret's age is given as 55 (b. abt. 1765) in Francis' 1820 pension file update.

Note 4 Age is estimated from marriage date.

Note 5 Record states she is the daughter of John. William Smith was the bondsman.

Note 6 Named in the will of John B. Smith.

Note 7 Robin Gaunt, bondsman. Cons. given by John Smith.

Note 8 Inferred from marriage record as compared to that of sister Catherine.

Note 9 William Barrett, bondsman. Cons. given by John Smith.

Note 10 Named in his father's 1792 lease as the most senior of the sons. Year of birth is an estimate based upon his marriage date.

Note 11 John Dodd served as bondsman.

Note 12 Birth and death years presented in Dodd family research compiled by Avlyn Dodd Conley.

Note 13 Marriage record states she is the daughter of John B. Smith.

Note 14 Named in his father's 1792 lease and was a tithable of his father in 1799 indicating he was born in 1783, or earlier.

Note 15 Named in his father's 1792 lease

Note 16 Not named in the will of John B. Smith but listed in the 1793 lease. Not named as a daughter of Rebecca Welch in her 1820 will.

Note 17 Bondsman was John Smith.

Note 18 John Turner, bondsman.

Note 19 Age is based upon the fact that her father had to consent to the marriage.

Note 20 Rebecca's will was recorded 28 Aug 1826. Fauquier Will Book 10, pg. 10.

Note 21 Named in the will of John B. Smith and the 1793 lease.

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Note 22 Bondsmen: daughter of Thomas Pettitt, son of John B. Smith

Note 23 Benjamin Sudduth, bondsman.

Note 24 Named in the will of John B. Smith and the 1793 lease..

Note 25 John Rogers, bondsman.

Note 26 Named in the will of John B. Smith.

Note 27 Named in the will of John B. Smith.

Note 28 John B. Smith, bondsman

Note 29 Named in the will of John B. Smith.

Note 30 Named in the will of John B. Smith. Over 14 years when he chose his guardian in 1826.

Note 31 Named in the will of John B. Smith.

Note 32 Alexander Welch, bondsman.

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