

East Moriches, New York
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Dear Grace:

At long last I'm sending along a photocopy of the old Smith Family Bible Record. The Robert S. Pelletreau who verified the copy in 1907 was a descendant of the Hannah Smith who was born 8/30/1795 and married one Pelletreau who was the grandfather of Robert S. Pelletreau at the time his copy was made the Bible was in the possession of Cap't. Oliver Smith of Moriches Ave., East Moriches, New York. Cap't Oliver was a son of Hugh Smith who was the only son of William Smith born 3/7/1798. Cap't Oliver and his wife Laura Bishop had two daughters. A daughter Delphine married a Retired Naval Officer named Collins. They had children and moved to Florida many years ago. I have no knowledge as to what happened to the Old Bible. Robert S. Pelletreau became a prominent lawyer of Patchogue, New York and was later Surrogate of Suffolk County, New York.

The Nathaniel Smith 1st, mentioned in the Record was a son of Richard Smith who acquired the Crown Patent of Moriches. The boundaries of the Patent were North by the Head of the Neck Road and So-East by the Southampton Town Line, South by the Bay, West by what is now called Terrell's River. Richard Smith was born in the Town of Smithtown. Nathaniel Smith is buried in the Old Smith Family Burying Ground on the East side of Paquatuck Ave., East Moriches, N.Y. and his headstone was readable a few years ago. Col. Josiah Smith born 11/28/1723 was a famous Patriot and was Colonel of the Minutemen of Long Island who served under General Nathaniel Woodhull in the Revolutionary War. We descend from Col. Josiah Smith's son Oliver born 12/7/1768 and who died 5/22/1820. Oliver Smith at the time of his death owned the Westerly Neck in the "Moriches Patent" adjoining Terrell's River known as "Moriches Neck" and also called "Oliver Smith's Plantation". Oliver Smith died intestate leaving 4 children and his lands were partitioned in 1821. By this time the South Country Road now known as Montauk Highway extended across the "Plantation" from East to West. In the partition action the Northwesterly part of the "Neck" adjoining Terrell's River and on the North side of the Montauk Highway was allotted to the oldest daughter Hannah Pelletreau born 8/30/1795. The Northeasterly part was allotted to daughter Mary Smith born 2/9/1800. Mary Smith married one Parsons and later one Thomas Smith of Patchogue, N.Y. The Southeasterly part of the "Neck" on the South side of South Country Road and extending Southerly to Moriches Bay was allotted to the oldest son William Smith, Grandfather of the aforesaid Cap't Oliver Smith. The Homestead was on this tract and still stands on Moriches Ave. The Southwesterly part of the "Neck" comprising about 200 acres on the South side of South Country Road and extending Southerly to Moriches Bay, being bounded West by Terrell's River was allotted to the youngest son Josiah Smith born 2/24/1804. Josiah Smith was an infant at the time of the allotment. He later built his own modest homestead on the West side of what is now Bay Avenue. It has since been torn down but I remember it. Josiah Smith was the last of the family to have slaves which he freed after the Civil War. Josiah Smith was my great grandfather.

Josiah Smith had children-Egbert Smith and John Smith were his 2 sons. Egbert Smith was my grandfather. Egbert was married about Civil War times to one Josephine Glazier, a Quakeress. At the time of the Civil War Josiah deeded to Egbert a part of his farm on the West side of the Farm Lane now Bay Avenue extending to Moriches Bay. I remember Egbert Smith and his "full beard" very well. He eventually built a large Boarding house on the South part of his farm facing Moriches Bay. When I was 9 or 10 years old I attended a Quaker Boarding School at Locust Valley, L.I. known

as The Friend's Academy and the 2 summers I spent at the Boarding House with my grandfather and grandmother. This is why I have a vivid recollection of East Moriches as it was over 60 years ago.

When Egbert Smith died (Date not available at the time of his writing) I attended his funeral with my father and mother. He left 4 children: Hannah who never married, Russell G. who never married, Kathleen who never married, and Jarvis E. who first married Annie Dean Aitkin of Huntington, L. I., my mother-children being myself, Thomas A., Josephine Glazier, and Josiah- and by his second marriage to Blanche Paine had one daughter Blanche. All are living except Josephine G. who married Gilbert E. Carll of Dix Hills, L.I. She died many years ago leaving one son Jarvis Gilbert Carll who now resides at Lloyd's Harbor, L.I.

The undersigned married Leonora Remsen Fosdick, daughter of John B. Fosdick and Leonora Remsen and is now 73 years of age and has 3 children, Fosdick J. who married Grace Harding, Thomas A. Jr. who married Reta Powell and Caroline G. who married Kenneth O. Tuttle all living..

Egbert Smith deeded 50 acres of his farm to his son Russell G. Smith my uncle who built a small house on the West side of Bay Avenue and died there. This house together with 4 acres more or less of ground is now owned by my half sister Blanche who is married but has no children. I mention this 4 acres because it has never been out of the Smith family since the Crown Patent to Richard Smith of Smithtown..

Thus Grace you can see that your children descend from the original Patentee of Smithtown one Richard Smith known as "Bull Smith".

The early Smith data can be found in Thompson's History of Long Island, Pelletreau's Town of Smithtown and many other Records.

I have a lot of other information about the Smith Family which will die with me. There is no one left who has this knowledge.

Thus Thomas A. Smith Sr. grandmother was a Quakeress and that her family came from Rhode Island and she traced back to the Stephen Hopkins who signed The Declaration of Independence.

Signed Thomas A. Smith Sr.
East Moriches, L.I.N.Y.

Thomas A. Smith Sr. died 11/27/1983
Leonora R. Smith ux. died 4/1953

(Copied from original by Caroline Gale Smith Tuttle Dau. 8/15/2000.)