

Smith-Williams Cemetery

by Dave Hallemann



This cemetery is located in Township 41 Range 4 Section 13 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Jefferson County Missouri.

$38^{\circ} 17' 35''$ N $90^{\circ} 31' 27''$ W

The two main Smith graves look to have been dug into years ago. Probably other graves as some of the foot stones don't match any headstones.

Originally recorded by Jean O'Brien and revisited in 1989 by Bob and Dave Hallemann.

According to the 1876 Historic Atlas of

Jefferson County William Smith was born in Jefferson County in 1821, and resided in Section 20 in 1876, however on his grave stone his date of birth is listed as 1820. Also William Smith is listed as a farmer with post office address as Hillsboro.

The 1876 Historic Atlas of Jefferson County show that a Wm. Smith owned 43.95 acres in T41 R4 Sec 1; 100 acres in T41 R4 Sec 4 with a building and 2 orchards; 80 acres in T41 R4 Sec 9; 43+ acres in T41 R4 Sec 13 (where this cemetery is located) with a building and 80 acres and a building adjoining this tract to the north in Sec 12; 40 acres in T41 R4 Sec 16 with a a building and orchard; 123 acres in T41 R4 Sec 16 with an orchard and School, partnered with W. P. Hamrick on 160.06 acres in T41 R4 Sec 16; and 80 acres with a building and orchard in T41 R4 Sec 20.

The 1898 Standard Atlas show this tract, 43.75 acres where the cemetery is located along with an adjoining 78.94 acres, as being owned by a R. Smith. The 100 acres in T41 R4 Sec 4 with a building and 2 orchards, in 1898, is owned by E. G. Smith; the 43.95 acres in T41 R4 Sec 1 is owned by Robert Smith; the 80 acres in T41 R4 Sec 9 now adjoins the tract in Sec 4 and belongs to E. G. Smith; the 40 acres in T41 R4 Sec 16 with a building and orchard now belongs to Emily Kidd; the tract partnered with W. P. Hamrick on 160.06 acres in T41 R4 Sec 16 had been broken up, and is now owned by Mrs. M. Wideman and C. Kriekbaum, the 123 acres in T41 R4 Sec 16 with an orchard and school still belongs to Catherine Smith however the school by this time (1898) is not shown; and the 80 acres with a building and orchard in T41 R4 Sec 20 also still belongs to Catherine Smith. As a note a tract adjoining this Sec 20 tract now belongs to Alfred Smith along with 99 acres and house.

There were probably more than one Wm. Smith, as there where many Smiths listed in the Atlas', however I feel confident that the above Wm. and Catherine Smith are the ones buried in this cemetery. As will be noted Wm. died in 1887, after the 1876 Atlas

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was published, but before the 1898. Catherine Smith, in 1898, is shown as owning some of the same tracts that Wm. once owned.

Also for anyone who is doing research on this family I would investigate R. Smith who owned the tract where the cemetery is located, E. G., Alfred, Wm., Robert (is this the R. Smith?) all owned the Wm. Smith land, after he died.

Next the Williams'.

The land was originally entered by General G. Williams on 1st October 1840 at the land office in St. Louis, Mo. He is listed as "of Jefferson County, Missouri" and I feel confident that he was living at this tract on or before 1840, as M. A. Williams' stone list date of death in 1840. It was common at the time to live on a tract for a while and then enter it into record if you intended to stay. It is *my guess* that an heir of General G. Williams was probably still living on the property as late as 1873, thus the stones for Hundee and Annie Williams in 1872-1873. William Smith *probably* purchased this tract between 1873 and 1876 where he is shown to own it in the Historic Atlas.

There are many Williams' located in the county. All the Williams stones in the cemetery denote children. All died before Wm. and Catherine Smith owned the tract in 1876, the earliest reference I have. There is a F. H. Williams who owned a tract of land, in Survey 1976, adjoining this Smith tract to the north. As it is only about 3/4 mile away and it is possible this is the father of the Williams children. I suspect that some Williams owned the tract, lived there and buried their children, then either died themselves, sold the land, or moved away. Or possibly the Williams were related to Wm. and Catherine and they inherited the tract, as this was common. In T41 R4 there are numerous tracts owned by Smith and Williams. Quite a few are located adjoining one another. There is probably a link between these two families.

Finally the T F D stone, I have no idea who this is.

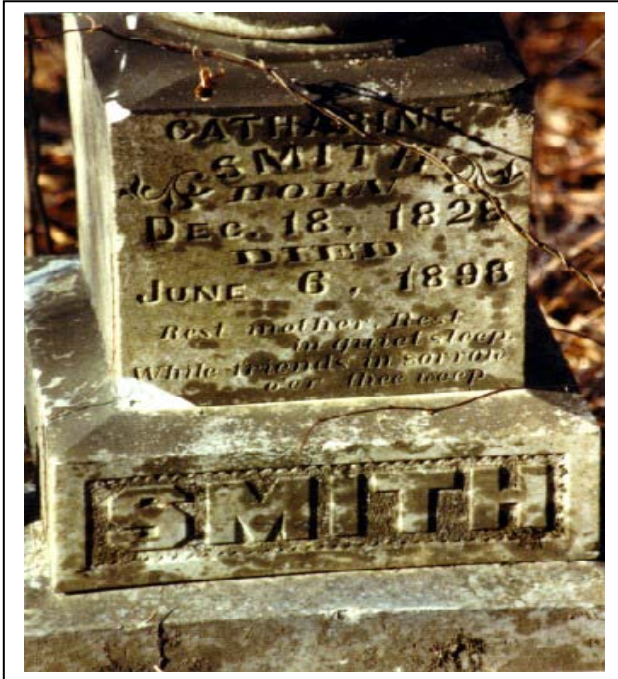
(2001) Coxwell Funeral Parlor Records:

SMITH, William
4-16-1887
Sandy Bridge; Family; Cem
M
Abscess of Liver

SMITH, Katherine
6-6-1898
69 yrs, 6 mo.
Sandy Bridge;
Heart failure

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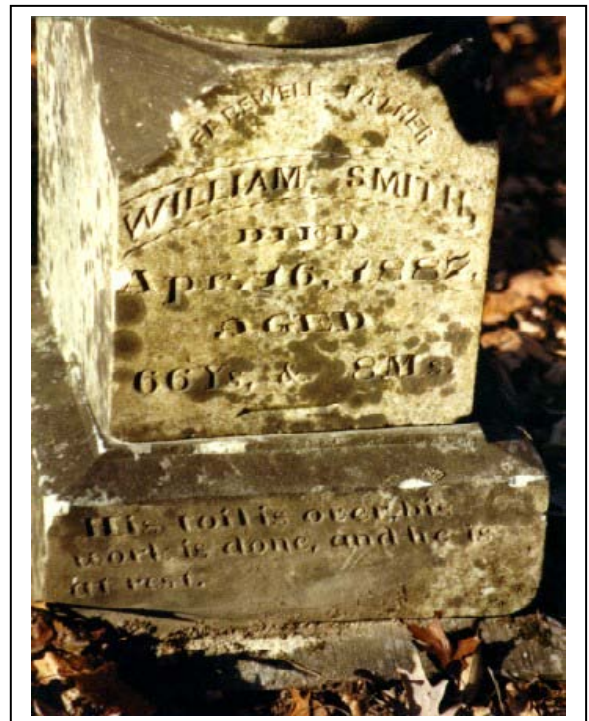
The following are the names recorded:



Smith, Catherine born Thursday, December 18, 1828, died Monday, June 6, 1898, aged 69 years 5 months 19 days. Wife of William Smith. Inscription reads *Rest Mother Rest in quiet sleep While friends in sorrow o'er thee weep.* Large spike stone with foot stone CS.



Smith, William born Wednesday, August 16, 1820, died Saturday, April 16, 1887, aged 66 years 8 months 0 days. Husband of Catherine. Inscription reads *Farewell Father His toil over his work is done he is at rest* Large spike stone with foot stone WS.



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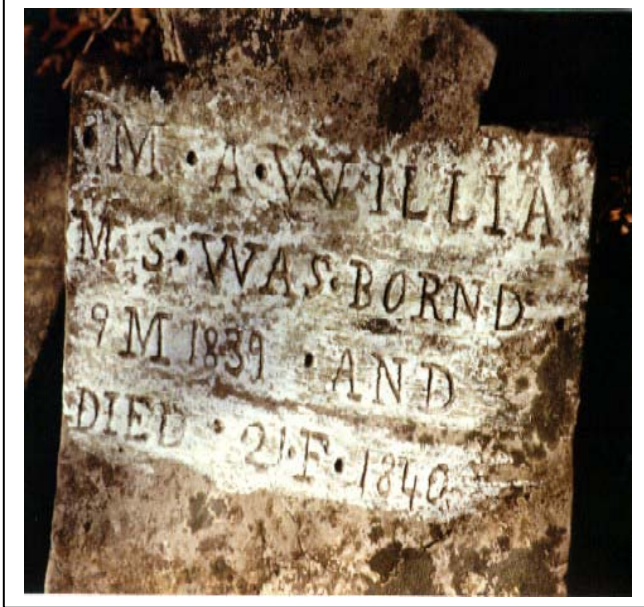
Foot stone only



Smith, Hundee born Friday, August 30, 1872, died Thursday, February 6, 1873, aged 0 years 5 months 7 days. Date 4m 11d One stone with Annie S. Inscription reads: *In memory of such is the kingdom of heaven* Carved lambs on stone.

Smith, Annie born Thursday, January 19, 1871, died Thursday, January 26, 1871, aged 0 years 0 months 7 days. One stone with Hundee Smith. Inscription reads *In memory of such is the kingdom of heaven* Carved lambs on stone.

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Williams, M., A. born
September, 1839, died Friday,
February 21, 1840, aged 5 months.
This is a hand carved field stone.
Inscription reads as follows:

M. A. Willia
ms. was. bornd.
9 M 1839. and
died. 21 F. 1840

The (.) on the stone are drilled.
Stone has been broken.

I revisited this
cemetery in November 1999
and vandals had destroyed most
of the stones. The larger stones
were toppled and broken, the
Hundee-Annie and M. A.
Williams stone could not be
located.



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Restore, March 2008

1st March 2008, Ron and Carole Goggin and I again revisited this cemetery. We were going to restore it as best we could. As can be seen in the photo at right, the monuments were broken and scattered. We had already set some of the pieces together before this picture was taken.



In this photo I am dismounting the base in preparation to clean and put silicone on it. This monument is William Smith's. The one to the left is Catherine's which has partially been reassembled. Because of the base leaning we wanted the silicone to set up a bit before adding the upper pieces.

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As can be seen in this photo William's monument has been re-erected. I am applying a bead of silicone to the top of this piece. Silicone calk not only acts as a cushion between the stones but is also a very good glue. Be sure to stay back about 2 inches from the edge.



Ron and I are placing the top on Catherine's monument. We were fortunate to find most of the pieces for these two large monuments.

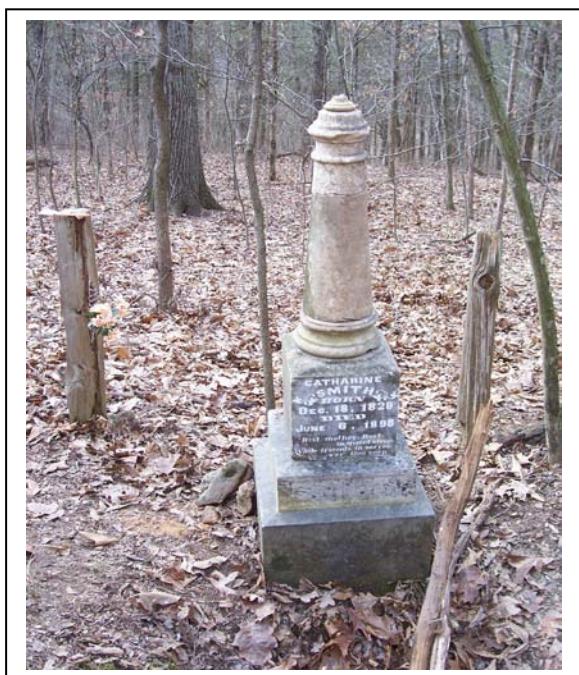
While Ron and I did the heavy lifting Carole was doing a great job uncovering more monuments. Here she has found the base for the missing Annie & Hundee monument also the A & H footstone behind her. My probe is on the right of the picture.



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Ron and Carole taking a break after repairing the cemetery.



The repaired monuments with shaving cream to enhance the lettering for photographing.

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These are the footstones located. The A. V. D. and T. E. D. or O. we have no idea who these footstones belong to.

This was a labor of love for us. We hope our efforts made a difference.