

THE BARTHOLOMEW SMITH HOME PLACE

Some old log houses are left abandoned to sit in the growth and decay,

Some get a second chance, when they are dismantled and the logs are carried away.

The old SMITH home place in Surry County was one who got a new start,

When someone saw its potential and started tearing it apart.

The logs that could be salvaged ~ after one hundred forty years in one place,

Were merged with the logs of another to build one house, in this case!

They've taken our old home place across the county to a place called Siloam,

Instead of just sitting there rotting, it will make someone a new home!

MARIANNE
17 May 2009

History of Smith Homeplace:

BARTHOLOMEW SMITH HOMEPLACE: A STUDY OF DEEDS AND INFORMATION gathered through other sources...later LUNCINDA SMITH's place.

(Does it say "with improvements" - then house was already there)

A Deed dated 4 March 1879 (proven 5 Jan. 1892) may be the first clue to when Bartholomew Smith first bought the land on Hay Stack Road in Surry County, NC. I failed to get it at the CH in Dobson. It was a piece of property bought in partnership with Bartholomew's oldest son James ~~Madison~~ and was to be divided on this date. Note almost 13 years expired before this deed was proven, it could have been due to illness of Bartholomew's wife "Polly" who died 29 Aug. 1893. * James Madison "MATT" Smith then called "Jimmy"

DEED 19 Dec. 1893: Bartholomew Smith to John B. Smith..... On condition John (his youngest son) bind himself and his heirs to Bartholomew to take care of him for remainder of his life. John was to move into the house. I have attached this deed to this paper for Glen Wood, who so graciously sent me the recent deeds to this house and land. John B.(Burcham) and wife Lucinda (McKinney) Smith do indeed move into house and care for Bartholomew until his death in 1899. John contracted measles and died 2 Sept. 1903 which leaves his widow and heirs with house and land.

DEED 9 April 1909 (Book 99, page 359) filed 18 June 1925.....

I believe this is the time the heirs divided up this land, there are several deeds at this time. This one for Rosa, the 31 Acres the house is on. Same day J.S. (John Sherman, my father) bought 37 1/2 Acres from these heirs who were his brothers, their wives and his sisters and their husbands. He later sold this parcel but I have yet to find the deed and who it was sold to. I do not know why the 16 year delay in filing, but do know Rosa and Grandma Smith lived on in this house and was living there when my dad died on 22 May 1933. The W.B. Smith **was my Uncle Willie** who had a place on a knoll close to Grandma's, still known as the Willie Smith place. At this time he had moved to W. VA and later settled in Carroll Co. VA where he is buried.

DEED 10 Oct. 1931: Rosa and Lucinda sold that 2 acre strip ^{across the road} to Roosevelt Gentry and Rosa's daughter Willie Lee Wright Gentry. Note this land adjoins Willie Smith's and Daniel Nixon (Ida's)

DEED 20 June 1932 (Deed Book 120, page 229): Willie Lee and Roosevelt sold same strip to Lilla M. Norman.

19 Nov. 1938: Land surveyed by Ed Wolfe.....Around this time Rosa married Bill Davenport and moved to Mt. Airy, Grandma went to live with her McKinney relatives and the house was rented to Howard and Minnie Hodges. Howard was kin to Lucinda through her mother's Norman family and Howard was highly regarded by both Grandma and Rosa. He was the only renter of this house. As you know he was my father-in-law, he was also my 3rd. cousin through NORMAN. After his "untimely" death 19 June 1943, Minnie built a house on Prison Camp road and Rosa sold to Herman and Bessie Amburn. Grandma died 28 Nov. 1941.

DEED 18 Oct. 1943 (Book 148, page 121) All the land and house

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B. SMITH HOMEPLACE continued:

minus what had been deeded (2 acres) to Roosevelt and Willie Gentry and they had sold to Lilla Norman nee Smith and which she had sold to Herman and Bessie Amburn 4 Nov. 1939 (Deed Book 130 or 135, page 118). One deed says 130 another 135.

DEED 27 Sept. 1947 (Book 161, page 498) : 31 Acres less 2 acres to Glen and Emma Wood.

Glen did not send his deed to Ronnie Sparks so date unknown. He did send the survey sketch made by E.L. Wolfe in 1938 with notes of how he divided up the 32 Acres that came with the house. When he and Emma bought the house in 1947, they cleaned up and built onto the house, built a pond and did a lovely job of all of the land and house. He said "We let Emma's Dad have 1/2 acre to build on" (Mr. Palmer married Vertie Nixon, daughter of Ida Smith Nixon and Daniel.) When Vertie went to rest home (circa 1988 I think) she sold this house and Glen and Emma bought it. They split rest of land up, sold what was on the otherside of road to Garner Jarrell 4.29 acres, then sold to Robert Brindle .80 acres. "We kept plot no. 4 with this house (Vertie's) with the little pond on it. Then we sold all the other to Ronnie Sparks , the old house, barn, sheds and big pond...about 23 acres in all."

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15 June 1992

DEED: LAND of LUCINDA McKINNEY SMITH and OTHERS to W. B. SMITH and WIFE MINNIE DATED 9th APRIL 1909 Registered 26th. Nov. 1921

This DEED, made this 9th. day of April 1909 by H.P. SMITH, MOLLIE SMITH, DANIEL NIXON, IDA NIXON, C.M. SMITH, I.L. SNOW, M.L. SNOW, J.S. SMITH, ROSA A. SMITH of the first part, to W.B. SMITH AND MINNIE SMITH of Sunny County and State of North Carolina, of the second part: Witnesseth, that said H.P. SMITH, MOLLIE SMITH, DANIEL NIXON, IDA NIXON, C.M. SMITH, I.L. SNOW, M.L. SNOW, J.S. SMITH, ROSA A. SMITH in consideration of two hundred dollans (\$200) to be paid by W.B. SMITH, MINNIE SMITH the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do sell and convey to said W.B. SMITH, MINNIE SMITH heirs and assigns, a certain tract or parcel of land in Sunny County, State of NC adjoining the lands of A.L. LOWE -- WILLIAM GENTRY viz:

Beginning at a red oak old conner of A.L. LOWE's then N 68 - E 8 1/2 chains to creek then down said creek as it meanders to stake DANIEL NIXON's conner- then E 10 chs. to stake, then S 14 chs. to stake then W 14 1/2 chs. to pointens(?) W. Gentry's live, then N 22 W 23 to the beginning 32 acres more or less. This boundaries lot No. 4...

In testimony whereof, the said H.P. SMITH, MOLLIE SMITH & OTHERS have hereinto set their hand and seal, the day and year first above written.

ATTEST: I.Q. CREED...JP
ATTEST: T.D. GOLDING
ATTEST: J.W. _____

MRS. L.E. SMITH (seal)
H.P. SMITH, MOLLIE SMITH (seal)
DANIEL NIXON, IDA NIXON (seal)
C.M. SMITH J.S. SMITH (seal)
J.L. SNOW M.L. SNOW (seal)
J.M. WRIGHT, RA WRIGHT (seal)

State of North Carolina- Sunny County.
I, I.Q. CREED, Justice of the Peace, do hereby certify that H.P. SMITH, DANIEL NIXON, C.M. SMITH, I.L. SNOW, MOLLIE SMITH, IDA NIXON & M.L. SNOW, their wives, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the annexed DEED of CONVEYANCE: and the said MOLLIE SMITH, IDA NIXON, M.L. SNOW & R.A. WRIGHT being by me privately examined, separate and apart from said husbands, touching their voluntary execution of same, doth still voluntarily assent thereto.

WITNESS my hand and seal, this 26th day of NOV. 1921
Registered: 9 Dec. 1921 by J.A. JACKSON ..Clenk Superior Court
FILED: 1:25 PM 9 Dec 1921 Harvey Wolfe ..Register of Deeds

(Handwritten at bottom of page: North Carolina, Sunny co: The execution of the foregoing deed decl(?) J.M. WRIGHT was this day duly proven before me by the oath and examination of J.W.SI looks like a long row of e's then ous, same name as above ATTEST: this is the worst back hand writting I have come across and is signed in same hand: 9th Dec. 1921 I.Q. CREED, JP)

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COMMENTS ON THIS DOCUMENT:

This is a form with spaces to write in names etc. and the date on the form is 192_. This means to me that the date of 1909 at top of page which is written in 09 was the date previously on the original deed made while C.M. (COLUMBUS McMICKLE) was alive and ~~before~~ Rosa was married, also before J.S. (JOHN SHERMAN) was married in 1918. It seems that J.S.* C.M. had no say in the 1921 transaction as they did not sign the document. This is the land W.B.** (William Bennett) and wife MINNIE (Harrison) Smith built on around that time and still called the Willie Smith place. The house may not be there but in the 1930's it was on a knoll across the place the lake now is, probably a mile away from the old Smith homeplace on Hay Stack Road in Flat Top Community.

Believe A.L. LOWE to be our ^{**}ANDY LOWE that was a neighbor to Lucinda M. Smith. William Gentry probably of the Gentry's that Willie Lee Wright, Rosa's only child, married into when she married Roosevelt Gentry.

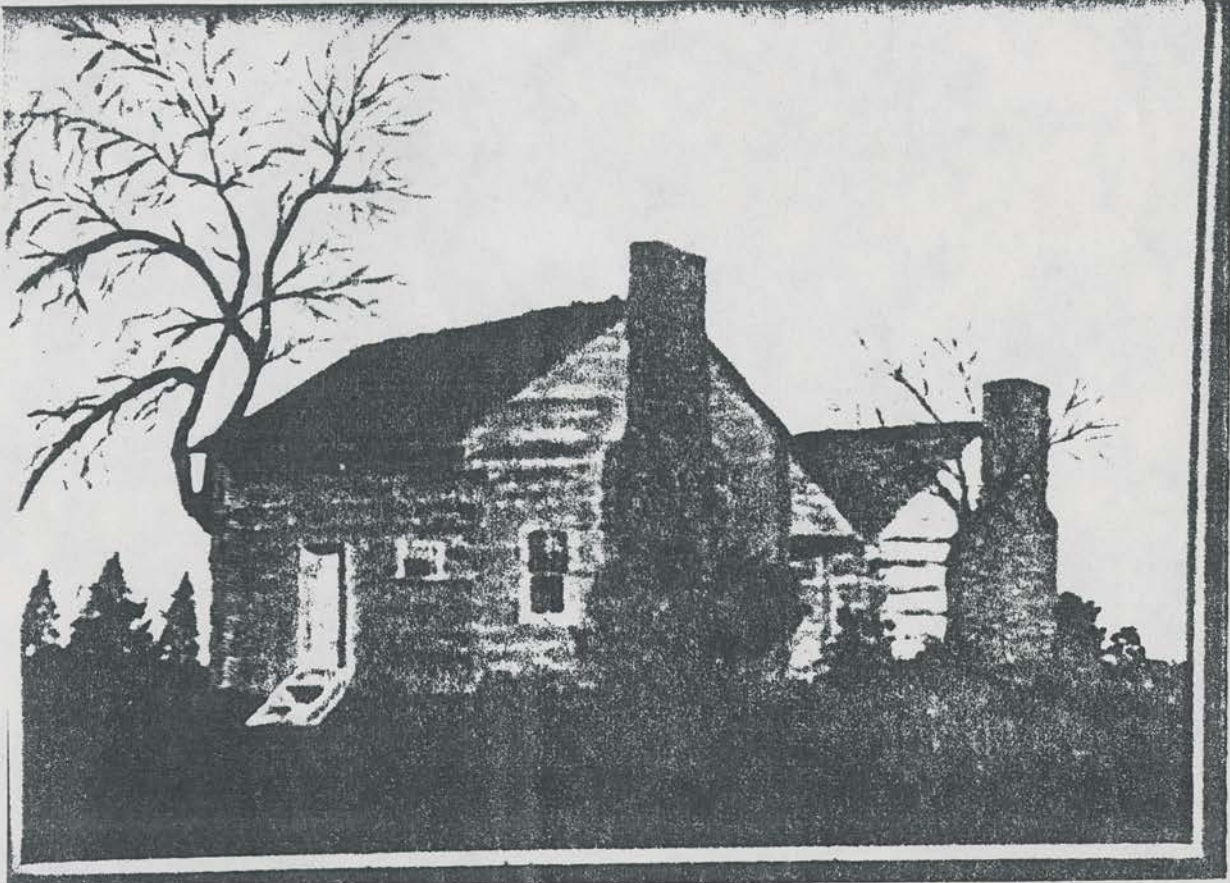
* John Sherman alive, married living away from others; C.M. was Columbus M. Mickle I "presumed dead" as he was last seen boarding a boat to go back to Fort Caswell, NC to resume army duties and never arrived there. Thought by family to be victim of "foul play".
William Bennett WB - died 1923 ("Willie") - Sherman d. 1933

** Andy mrd. daughter Alice Smith Lowe of Matt Smith, another of his children was Elizabeth "Betty" Smith Holloway who lived close by in a log cabin.

*** "Willie" Smith + wife Minnie are buried at Crooked Creek P. B. Cemetery in Carroll Co, VA - as is James Madison "Matt" Smith's ^{note} Bartholomew + Polly Hodges Smith are buried at Flat Top Cemetery, Surry Co, NC as well as: John B + Lucinda (McK) Smith - Rose Ann Smith Wright Dawsonport - Harlan Nixson and John Sherman Smith, Sr. and many descendants.



a painting of a picture of SMITH
HOMEPLACE before old kitchen was removed



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HOMEPLACE before old kitchen was removed

*Front of house
begun back of
house when
road was
changed + kitchen
part of house
taken off -*



Smith homeplace ca 1915 Grannie & Aunt Rose



THE HOMEPLACE OF BARTHOLOMEW & POLLY SMITH on Haystack Road in Surry County, NC. Deeded to son John B. Smith in 1893 to take care of Bartholomew, then about 83 years old. After the death of John B. Smith, his widow Lucinda Mckinney Smith lived there until about 1937 and finally it was sold to Glen & Emma Woods who remodeled it to look like it does in this picture, taken from the air by ~~first son~~ ca. 1960s. Later it was sold out of the family and in recent years has been neglected somewhat.

*This picture
now hangs in
Bartholomew Smith's
son's house in Newton, NC.
[Ken Hodges] in
2009*



BARTHOLOMEW SMITH with his grandsons, (f) William B. "Willie" SMITH ; (b/l)
"Mac" SMITH & Hardy SMITH ~ sons of John B & Lucinda McKinney SMITH.
Made ca 1888 about the time John Sherman was born. Bartholomew was around 78 years old.