

ASSOCIATION of DESCENDANTS

of

RALPH SMITH

of

Hingham and Eastham,

Massachusetts

Incorporated

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings! What a year this has been for me and I'm sure for you! They say "time flys when you're having fun." Well I must have been having fun because I can't believe another year has come and gone.

I have truly enjoyed being president for 3 years now and am continually amazed with this family. Mostly by the information that we have on each other and how we can use it to identify with people and places that surround us. It helps me to appreciate this land we live in, to know its heritage.

May we all learn to appreciate the many things we have and how we have been blessed. The life and love we have is the most precious gift of all.

God Bless You All. I'm looking forward to seeing you next September.

With Love,

Janice Otto

Chaplain's Message

Blessed Prince of Peace, we confess all that is within us, and in our lives, which rob us of Your peace.

We harbor memories which disquiet and disturb. We set high standards for ourselves and others. We find it difficult to accept human frailty. We are filled with judgement. We overtax our strength and schedules. We plan, do, and spend more than we should. We give in to pressure and are anxious.

We worship "tomorrow" in the vain hope that changes will change us. We love things and use people, instead of loving people and using things. We strain relationships and break communication with those we need most.

Forgive us, Lord, that though we are called sons of God and thus share in Your nature and mission, we have not been peace-makers. We have contributed to the tension, not the peace, of our time. We need to learn again of Your peace which passes understanding, and which comes as a result of a cleansed memory, a reconciled self, a unified spirit, a singleness of purpose.

Lord, make us restless until we rest in Your peace.

Amen.

June U. Colby
Chaplain

Report of the Special Board Meeting
October 13, 1984

At a special Board Meeting held on Oct. 13th, 1984, the following people were present: President Janice Otto, Virginia Currier, Perlev B.C. Mears, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Abraham, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Ferris, June Colby, Susan Scanlon, George Smith, Sr., Corrine Witham, Alice Mears, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Smith, Charlotte Line, and Kris McCrory.

The meeting opened at 2:25 P.M. with a prayer by June Colby. The president suggested a round of introductions so all present would know each other.

It was disclosed that all the books owned by Ruth Smith, or in her possession, were willed by her to her nephew, Douglas Smith. Because a lot of these were genealogical books and possibly belonged to the Association, Virginia Currier will contact Douglas to see if he will either donate the books to the Association or allow our historian-genealogist to use them in her research.

It was decided that the records, as they were sorted out and finished, will be copied and a second set sent to the secretary. The board members offered help to the genealogist in her tremendous task of researching and copying all the records. Carol Ann is sending out letters and will eventually reach all members asking for vital statistics, telephone number, dates of marriages, family births and deaths, and the vital statistics of their children.

Romaine made a motion to set up a By-Laws committee of five members to review and update the By-Laws. It was seconded by Alice Mears and passed unanimously. The following members were appointed:

Janice Otto, Carol Ann Ferris, Perley B.C. Mears, Jr., Romaine Abraham, and Charles Abraham.

Lee, who has done a lot of research, will help Carol Ann in selecting genealogical software for a computer. It was also suggested that we have records on more than one computer. In view of the probable cost, a motion was made by Romaine and seconded by Susan Scanlon, and then passed unanimously to transfer \$200.00 from the general fund to the Ruth G. Smith Fund for genealogical research. This fund will not be a separate bank account but will be kept as a separate record on the books.

Carol Ann is to investigate the possibility of reprinting some of the older booklets at Gordon College and also the binding of a second set of booklets for the secretary.

Lee's suggestion of a book marker was deemed unnecessary.

Carol Ann suggested in the future that a line of genealogy be considered necessary for Junior Members and this suggestion will be considered by the By-Laws Committee.

Charlotte Line will contact the Department of Corporations and Taxation to find out if we have a Tax Exempt Number, and if not, how we may obtain one.

The question was also brought up about preparing for our 50th Anniversary Celebration in 1986, and the possibility of holding our 1986 Annual Meeting in Hingham or Eastham.

The meeting closed at 4:30 P.M. after which a collation was enjoyed by all those remaining.

Respectfully Submitted

Charles Abraham
Secretary

REPORT OF ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
June 9, 1985

The meeting was held at the home of our president, Janice Otto, in Northwood, N.H.

The following officers and members were present: Mrs. Janice Otto, Mr. Perley B.C. Mears, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Abraham, Mr. George K. Smith, Sr., Mrs. Melanie Mattocks, Mr. Charles Brown, Mrs. June Colby, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Ferris, Mrs. Charlotte Line, Mr. Luther Smith.

Eugene and Lois Smith were not feeling well and were unable to attend. Bernice Rogers was unable to attend; Virginia Currier and Susan Scanlon were expected to attend but did not make it, neither did Corrine Witham.

The meeting was called to order at 2:34 P.M. The first order of business was a discussion of the Annual Meeting to be held on the 3rd Sunday in Sept., Sept. 15th, at 12:00 noon. We hope to have a choice of ham or turkey and the president was instructed to contact the Nahant Country Club to try and arrange it, or if unable to do so, to do the best she could. Carol Ann volunteered to send out the notice of the meeting and also the By-Law change and Charlotte volunteered to take care of reservations.

The Revised By-Laws were then read and approved by the Board for presentation to the Annual Meeting.

The possibility of moving our Annual Meeting for 1986 to the Cape was discussed. It will be our 50th Anniversary and would allow some other members to meet with us.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M. Grace was offered by our Chaplain, after which we enjoyed a delicious collation.

Respectfully submitted

Charles M. Abraham
Secretary

Report of the Annual Meeting
Sept. 15, 1985

Our Annual Meeting on the third Sunday in September was held at the Nahant Country Club, for the 15th time. There were 69 members at dinner, and one more present for the meeting, for a total of 70 attending.

The ladies were presented carnations, courtesy of Ralph McGray, and, after the taking of dues by the treasurer, and the distribution of reserved dinner tickets by Rebecca Rupright, we sat down to a family style turkey dinner at 1:15. Grace was given by our chaplain, June Colby.

Our business meeting opened at 2:50 P.M. with a reading by our Chaplain of Chapter 8 of Romans starting with the 16th verse. After a Salute to the Flag and a general round of introductions, the Secretary's Report of both the Special and Annual Board of Directors Meetings were read and accepted. The Treasurer reported \$392.75 in the general Fund and \$217.74 in the Judith A. Smith Fund. She also reported a balance in the Beatrice Smith Hunt Memorial Fund of \$173.64.

At the reading of the list of Our Dear Departed, Ethan Brown place the flowers in the wreath. Acting upon a motion made by Carol Ann Ferris and seconded by Charles Abraham, it was voted to place the wreath on the grave of Earl Colby.

Mertie Cunningham, aged 94, had to leave after dinner; the oldest lady then present, at 90 years, was Charlotte Broughton, who received the corsage for this honor. Ralph McGray, at 95 years young, received the boutonniere for being the oldest gentleman present. Beth Ferris and Caleb Brown tied for the title of the youngest attending, at 10 years of age. Ralph lost the title for having come the furthest to Charles Smith from Anchorage, Alaska.

At this time a collection was taken up for the general fund to which we added \$131.05. Also, all were given a change to sign a card for Barbara Wickens who was too ill to be with us.

Carol Ann reported that she had had a good response to the letters she had sent out requesting information on lineage, but had a very poor response to her request for the same from members who had been at the Annual Meeting in 1984. She repeated her request for vital statistics. She also announced that she would be happy to obtain badges for any who wanted them.

Under new business, the revised By-Laws were read. Upon motion by Charles Abraham, and with 3 or 4 second motions, they were approved unanimously. A motion was made by Alice Mears and seconded by Romaine Abraham to have the Revised By-Laws printed in whatever form was approved by the Board of Directors. This was also approved unanimously.

June Colby resigned as Editor of the Report; Bonnie Cummings volunteered to fill the position, and was so appointed.

Carol Ann announced she had some Association Papers with her. She read "A Poem to Any Man who can Trace His Wife's Lineage to Adam" and an excerpt from the "Autobiography of Arthur Nehimah McGray" who was the father of our own Ralph McGray. She also had Ralph McGray's Lineage, as well as the story of the founding of the Church in Barrington, Nova Scotia.

Charles Smith, of Alaska, spoke about the five generation project. He had made up charts for 5 generations showing 7 individuals in the 2nd generation. Using a progression of 5, he showed 35 persons in the third generation, a possible 150 in the fourth generation, (of which he has 78 documented,) and a possible 750 in the fifth generation, (of which he has 163 documented).

Charles recommended reading sections of the *New England Historical & Genealogical Records*. He also spoke of *The Family of Ralph Smith of Hingham* by Thomas Smith of Boston, which lists other articles dealing with Ralph Smith and his family.

It was proposed that our next annual meeting be held on the Cape. After much discussion it was decided to leave the decision up to the Board of Directors, who are to have a Special Meeting. They are to discuss the possibility of a special way of celebrating our 50th Anniversary, such as an extra meeting, slides, etc.

George Smith, Sr. made a motion, which was seconded by several and approved by all, to hold our next Annual Meeting at the Nahant Country Club.

June Colby suggested that as our benediction we all join hands and sing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds". A collection for the Judith Smith Fund realized \$40.52. The meeting closed with a collation of cookies and punch and much conversation.

Respectfully Submitted

Charles Abraham
Secretary

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HELP!!!

Carol Ann Ferris, our Historian/Genalogist, has been very busy working on OUR 5 generation project. This is going to be a worthwhile effort, of which we all can be proud. But, she needs help. Each individual we locate, from as many sources as we can find, has to be verified. She needs help from all localities, but extensive research needs to be done in Canada and Cape Cod. If you can help, please contact Carol Ann.

Please send your first 5 generations to Carol Ann. Still leaving extensive gaps are those descendants who went to Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, and Long Island.

TREASURER'S REPORT
 SEPTEMBER 1, 1984-SEPTEMBER 1, 1985

Balance (Sept. 1, 1984)	\$663.05	
Petty Cash	<u>205.00</u>	
Beginning Balance		\$860.05

CREDITS

Collected for dinners (annual mtng.)	\$350.00	
Special Collection	81.00	
Judith Smith Collection (\$48.00 to go into general fund to pay for 4 children's dinners.)	35.00	
Dues	156.00	
Membership Fees	10.00	
Interest	<u>28.63</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>660.63</u> \$1528.68

DEBITS

Barter Bros. Flowers for annual mtng.	\$ 36.75	
Nahant Country Club 50 dinners	437.50	
Charles Abraham, Secretary: Postage, mailing, copying, envelopes	47.46	
Carol Ann Ferris, Historian- Genealogist: Computer program, stamps, copying	416.06	
Memorials for Thelma LeCain and Earl Colby	35.00	
Bank charge for checks	3.75	
June Colby-1985 printing of booklets	<u>159.41</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		-\$1135.93
BALANCE ON HAND-Sept. 1, 1985		\$ 392.75 =====

JUDITH A. SMITH FUND

Balance on Hand-Sept. 1, 1984	\$194.65
Interest	12.29
Collection from annual mtng. after deductions	<u>10.80</u>
Balance on Hand-Sept. 1, 1985	\$217.74

BEATRICE SMITH HUNT
MEMORIAL FUND

Balance on Hand-Sept. 1, 1985	\$173.64

Respectfully submitted,

Rosaine K. Abraham
Treasurer

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QUERY

Ziba Hunt (of Chatham?) and Cape Island m. 1806 Susan Atkinson, dau. of Robert. Who is he, and where did he come from?

Elisha Huskins, settled at West Baccaro, N.S.; m. 1794 Sarah Spinney. Who is Elisha (brother Isaac?) and where did he come from? [Their dau. Annie(?) m. 1823 Ziba Hunt, son of Ziba.]

Carol Ann Ferris, 9 Burley St., Danvers, MA 01923

Thomas Doty of Cape Cod and Barrington N.S. area, m. Ann Crowell, [daughter of Thomas Crowell, Sr.] Their daughter Reliance m. Jesse^o Smith. [See genealogy this issue.] Who is Thomas, and where did he come from?

Joshua Harding, son of Theodore and Sarah (Hamilton) Harding m. Eastham 1702 Sarah Smith. Who was Sarah (Smith) Harding?

BIRTHS

Christina Joy MacGray, daughter of Stephen and Kay (Mathews) MacGray, born May 2, 1984.

Ian Thomas Bolden, son of Thomas W. and Deborah (MacGray) Bolden, born January 3, 1985.

MARRIAGE

Darlene MacGray and David Buckless were married September 8, 1984. The bride is the daughter of Claude and _____ MacGray.

DEATHS

Miss Daisy W. Smith of Lockport, Nova Scotia, in December, 1982.

Mrs. Thelma B. LeCain, wife of Erving LeCain, on December 3, 1984.

Mr. Earl Colby, husband of June Colby, on December 14, 1984.

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, wife of Luther Smith, on January 13, 1985.

Mr. Joseph C. Cronin, Jr., husband of Susanne Cronin, on April 28, 1985.

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It is important that we have these vital records for our files. Please keep the Historian-Genealogist informed of all special occasions such as births, marriages and deaths, including full names, dates, and places. Thank you.

Some of the Descendants of
RALPH¹ SMITH of Hingham and Eastham
and of
DAVID⁴ SMITH of Barrington, Nova Scotia

Much information in this preliminary study comes from *A History of Barrington Township and Vicinity*, by Edwin Crowell, which does contain a number of errors. Any additions or corrections would be gratefully appreciated.

David⁴ Smith, born ca. 1728 in Chatham, Mass. was the son of David³ and Sarah (Higgins) Smith, grandson of Thomas² and Mary (___) Smith, and greatgrandson of Ralph¹ Smith, of Eastham and Hingham. (Please see annual report of 1981 for lines from Ralph¹, to David⁴.) David⁴ married 1st Sarah Hamlin of Cape Cod; they had several children (David⁵, Nancy⁵, Mary⁵ and Sarah⁵), before she died in 1750. He married 2nd Thankful [Godfrey] Reynolds, daughter of Samuel Godfrey and widow of John Reynolds. David⁴ was a carpenter and one of the grantees of land in 1761 in Barrington, Nova Scotia. He died in 1795.

Children of David⁴ and Thankful Smith:

1. Warren⁵, m. Mercy [dau. of Reuben and Eunice (Kendrick) Cohoon].
- * 2. ZARA⁵, b. Barrington 7 April 1768; m. Mercy⁴ HARDING [Theodore Seth⁵ Harding, Sarah⁴ Hamilton, Sarah³ (Smith) Snow, John², Ralph¹]
- ** 3. ARAM⁵, b. Barrington 6 Aug 1770; m. Abigail⁷ KENNEY [Heman⁴ Kenney, Heman³ Kenney, Mercy⁴ Smith, John², Samuel², Ralph¹]; b. June 1775.
4. Obediah, b. Barrington 7 Sept 1772
- *** 5. JESSE⁵, b. Barrington 27 April 1774; m. Reliance DOTY [dau. of Thomas and Ann (Crowell) Doty]
6. Elizabeth⁵, b. Barrington 7 April 1776; m. Seth Wilson [son of Henry]
7. Thankful⁵, b. Barrington 14 June 1778; m. James [son of Reuben and Eunice (Kendrick) Cohoon]

* LINE 1: WATT LINE

ZARA^m SMITH, b. Barrington 7 April 1768; d. 1813; m. Barrington 17 October 1791 Mercy^f HARDING, b. Barrington 24 Nov. 1769, daughter of Theodore Seth^m and Martha (Sears) Harding.

Children of Zara^m and Mercy^f [Harding] Smith:

1. Elizabeth^f, b. 1796; m. Fitzgerald
- * 2. JOSHUA HARDING^f, m. 1st Tamsin^f KENDRICK [Letitia Atwood^f, Susanna^m Smith, Archelaus^f, Stephen^f, Samuel^f, Ralph^f]
3. Sarah^f, m. Thomas Nickerson [son of Richard Nickerson]
4. Samuel Osborn^f, m. Diana Kendrick [dau of John Kendrick]
5. Susanna^f, m. Theodore Adams.
6. Obed^f, m. 1829 Rebecca Chandley
7. Warren^f, b. 1793
8. David^f, b. 1794; unmarried
9. Mary^f

JOSHUA HARDING^f SMITH m. 1st Tamsin^f KENDRICK daughter of John and Letitia^f (or Lettice) [Atwood] Kendrick; m. 2nd Abigail Kendrick, daughter of Edward Kendrick.

Ch. of Joshua^f and Tamsin^f K. Harding:

1. Bethia^f, b. 1822; unmarried
- * 2. LUSINDIA^f, (or Lucinda or Lucena); m. Charles WATT [son of William and Mary (Glance) Watt]. Their daughter, MARY^m WATT, m. CHARLES^f SMITH [son of WARREN^f and ELIZABETH^f (SMITH) SMITH. See below for both parents.]
3. Obed^f, b. 1826; m. Maria Knowles [dau. of Jonathan Knowles]
4. Joshua^f, m. Emily Snow [dau. of Stephen Snow]
5. Thomas Davis^f, m. Joanna Kendrick [dau. of Jacob Kendrick.]

** LINE 2: GREAT-GREAT GRANDMOTHER SMITH

ARAM^o SMITH, b. Barrington 6 August 1770; m. 17 April 1794 Abigail⁷ KENNEY, b. Barrinton 21 or 24 June 1775; daughter of Heman⁺ Kenney II and Ruth (Doane) Kenney.

Ch. of Aram^o and Abigail⁷ [Kenney] Smith:

1. John Reynolds⁺, b. 2 Aug 1795; d. 30 Sept 1821
2. Hannah⁺, b. 6 Oct 1797; m. Samuel Crowell [son of Barnabas Crowell]
- ??3. ARAM⁺, b. 22 April 1800; m. Mercy⁷ HOPKINS [Bethia⁺ Wilson, Sarah^o Chase, Mary⁺ Smith, John³, Samuel², Ralph¹], dau. of Elisha Hopkins II and Bethia⁺ [Wilson] Hopkins.
4. Abigail⁺, b. 22 April 1800
5. Ruth⁺, b. 11 Feb 1805; d. 21 Nov 1821
6. Heman⁺, b. 5 June 1807
7. James, b. 13 Sept 1809; d. 26 Sept 1826
8. Susanna⁺, b. 13 June 1812; m. Leonard Knowles
9. Lewis⁺, b. 29 May 1815; m. Hannah Crowell [dau. of John Crowell]
10. Andrew⁺, b. 26 March 1819; m. 25 May 1844 Lydia Ricker, of Argyle; b. 15 Jan 1823; d. St. John, New Brunswick 25 Aug 1865 [dau. of Benjamin and Sarah (Frost) Ricker]
- ** 11. Elizabeth⁺, (believed) b. 18 May 1821; m. Captain WARREN SMITH⁺ [son of JESSE SMITH^o, grandson of David⁺. See below.]

Note: Crowell lists Elizabeth as the first child of Aram⁺ and Mercy⁷ (Hopkins) Smith; with other children: 2.) Abigail⁷, m. 1st. James Nickerson [son of William Nickerson]; m. 2nd. Joseph Smith of Cape Island; 3.) L. Lewis⁷; 4.) James⁷, b. 1809; 5.) Joseph⁷, m. 1st Nancy J. Sholds; m. 2nd Lydia Crowell [dau. of Eldad].

Any information which would help clarify this would be MOST appreciated.

*** LINE 3: GREAT-GRANDFATHER SMITH

JESSE^m SMITH, m. Reliance DOTY (daughter of Thomas and Ann (Crowell) Doty).

Ch. of Jesse^m and Reliance (Doty) Smith:

1. Samuel Godfrey^a, b. 1797; m. 1818
Rebecca Kendrick (dau. of David)
2. Jesse^a, m. 1822 Susan Banks (dau. of
Elias Banks.)
3. David^a, b. 1800; m. Lydia Hopkins
(dau. of Edward Hopkins)
4. Hannah^a, b. 1802; m. Ansel Crowell
(son of Eleazar Crowell)
5. James^a, m. Ruth Hannah Crowell (dau.
of Barry Crowell.
6. Josiah^a, b. 1806; m. Susan Doane of
Argyle.
7. Ann Crowell^a, m. Solomon Nickerson
(son of Reuben Nickerson)

*** 8. WARREN^a, m. ELIZABETH^a SMITH (dau.
of Aram Smith. See Elizabeth^a
above in Great-Grandmother
Smith's line.)

WARREN^a SMITH, sea captain; m. Elizabeth^a
SMITH. Both are buried at Hillside Cemetery,
Brass Hill, Barrington, Nova Scotia.

Ch. of Warren^a and Elizabeth^{a?} (Smith) Smith:

1. Warren[?], m. Emily Newell (dau. of
Joseph Newell)
2. Elizabeth[?], m. Benjamin Knowles of
Woods Harbor. (Grandson Stanley
published a book on Knowles
family. He was a M.P. in Ottawa.
3. Lilla[?] (not Lillian), m. Thomas
Hopkins (son of Nathan Hopkins.)
(Their son, Hartley^m, became Town
Clerk of Shelburne)

*** 4. CHARLES HENRY[?], (1853-1919); m.
Barrington 28 December 1876 Mary
Elizabeth^m WATT (1853-1926) (dau.
of Charles and Lusindia[?] (Smith)
Watt. See Lusindia above in Watt
line.)

CHARLES HENRY⁷ SMITH, b. Barrington Passage 20 September 1853. A carpenter, he removed in May 1894 from Barrington to Brookline Mass. with his wife and 4 sons. He was naturalized in Brookline 12 June 1896, and on 29 August 1904 he, Mary and son Verne removed to Hingham, Mass., where he died 8 July 1919. He was married in Barrington (by a Free Baptist minister) to Mary Elizabeth⁸ WATT, b. Ragged Island 20 March 1853. After his death, she lived in Wollaston, Mass. with son Frank⁸; and later with son Lloyd⁸ (in NY?) where she died in 1926. Charles⁷, wife Mary, and sons Lloyd⁸ and Verne⁸ were all buried in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset, Mass.

Ch. of Charles⁷ and Mary⁸ (Watt) Smith,
(all born at Barrington River, Nova Scotia):

1. Lloyd Justin⁸, (10 July 1878-1950); m. 1st Brookline, Mass. 22 March 1900 Mamie Kenney of Argyle. 3 ch.; m. 2nd Winifred Wilson Hogg [dau. of Martin Wilson, widow of Frank Hogg.]
2. Frank Alison⁸, b. 6 Oct. 1881; m. Boston or Jamacia Plains 13 July 1904 Cora Maude Nickerson, [dau. of Prince W. and Delilah B. Nickerson]. 5 children.
3. Charles Roland Otis⁸; b. 4 Oct. 1883. Whereabouts unknown since Aug. 1908; m. Brookline Mass. 1 Jan 1904 Ruby Abercrombie. 1 known child.
- *** 4. Verne Leslie⁸, (or Verne Leslie Warren or Warren Leslie Verne or Warren Verne Leslie); b. 19 April 1890; d. Danvers, Mass. 20 May 1965; m. 1st Hingham, Mass. 5 June 1912 Joanna Katrena Brooks, (called "Trena"), b. Springfield, P.E.I., Canada 11 March 1889; d. Vineland, NJ 16 Aug 1949; 4 children. He 2nd Mary Addalena Rosengrant (Foley).

VERNE LESLIE[®] SMITH (1890-1965) was a carpenter, then an Ordained Methodist Minister. A 1914 graduate of Boston University School of Theology, he had parishes in Massachusetts (Marion, Beverly, Lynn and Greenfield); Waterbury, Vermont; Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; and New Jersey (Ocean Grove, Vineland and Haddon Heights). He married 1st, Hingham [at the home of Michael and Harriet (Brooks) Foley] Trena Brooks, daughter of Josiah R. and Mary Ann (Domville) Brooks, of O'Leary, P.E.I. He married 2nd (?NY) Oct. or Nov. 1949 Mary Rosengrant Foley, widow of Walter Brooks Foley (1900-1945). [Walter's mother was Trena's sister, Harriet (Brooks) Foley.]

Ch. of Verne Leslie[®] and "Trena" Smith:

1. Marion E(lizabeth?)[®], b. Marion, Mass. 2 March 1913; unmarried.
2. Harriet Beatrice[®], b. Hingham 12 Jan 1915; m. Seattle, Washington 1946 Henry Owen Dresser (1891-1963). 3 children (1 d. young).
3. Ruth[®]; m. 22 Oct. 1949 Ross Lafuse. 3 children.

4. Verne Leslie[®], born Beverly Mass. 27 February 1923; m. Vineland N.J. 11 June 1949 Clara Rosanna Nicholson, b. Dublin (or Bedminster), PA 14 Sept 1926.

VERNE LESLIE[™] SMITH, JR., (1923-). Ensign, U.S. Navy (Good Conduct Award), 1943-1946; Dickenson College, B.S., 1947; Jefferson Medical School, 1951. Intern, Beverly Hospital, Beverly, Mass. 1951-1952. General Practitioner, Danvers, Mass 1952-1968. In 1968 he gave up his practice to become a pioneer in the new field of Emergency Medicine, being one of the founders of Greater Lynn Emergency Physicians, Inc., at Lynn (Mass.) Hospital. He is still working there, while still enjoying hobbies including skiing, duplicate contract bridge, fishing, gardening and working with his computer.

Verne[™], in a ceremony in Vineland, NJ, performed by his father, m. 11 June 1949 Clara Rosanna ("Nickie") Nicholson, [dau. of Joseph A. and Clara (Ziebold) Nicholson]. They live happily together in Windham, N.H., where they built a solar energy home in 1978.

Ch. of Verne Leslie[™] and "Nickie" Smith:

- ### 1. Bonnie Lee¹⁰, b. Beverly, Mass. 6 Jan. 1954,; m. Danvers, Mass. 24 June 1972 Paul Archer¹³ Cummings [Archer Fownes¹² Cummings, Earl Hamilton¹¹ Cummings, Mabel Louise¹⁰ Hamilton, Alexander[™] Hamilton, Huldah[®] Nickerson, Lendal⁷ Nickerson, Judah⁴ Nickerson, Elizabeth[®] Mayo, Mary⁴ Hamilton, Mary³ Smith, Samuel², Ralph¹], b. Rochester N.H. 30 October 1949. 2 Children: Kristen Nicole¹¹, b. Berlin, Vermont 1 January 1977; and Paul Archer¹¹, Jr., b. Lewiston, Maine 19 April 1981.
2. Virginia Lee¹⁰, b. Beverly, Mass. 28 Jan 1956; m. Danvers, Mass. 19 May 1979 Russell Norman Wright, b. Burlington, Vt. 27 Oct. 1948. 1 child: Andrea Elizabeth¹¹, b. Concord, N.H. 20 July 1984.
3. Darlene Ann¹⁰, b. Danvers, Mass. 25 April 1958; m. Danvers, Mass. 6 Jan 1979 Alfred Joseph Flateau II, b. 14 June (1957?). 1 child: Alfred Joseph¹¹ III, b. San Antonio, Texas 6 May 1981.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L.¹⁰ (Smith) Cummings

THE SETTLING OF HINGHAM (MASSACHUSETTS)

Ralph Smith, when only 23 years of age, left his native Hingham, in England, and sailed in company with 95 others of the "Elizabeth Bonaventure"; bound for the New World. The small ship departed from Yarmouth on the first week in May, 1633, under command of Capt. John Graves, and arrived at Boston Harbor on the 15th of June, just 313 years ago. [Ed. note: Originally Mr. McGray wrote 313 years; they landed in 1633.] They immediately organized several small squads of men into exploring units, to locate a suitable place for a new settlement. Meantime, it is assumed, that their ship, lying at anchor off Charlestown, continued to afford shelter for its passengers. After a period of intense search, it was decided that Bare Cove, (now Hingham), best met their requirements. Consent of such officials as then held sway at Boston was obtained for starting a settlement there, and it is recorded that in September of that year: "the following men went there and began building huts and clearing land for planting the following spring, vis: RALPH SMITH, Nicholas Jacobs, Thomas Lincoln, Edmund Hobart, Jr., and Thomas Hobart." Many of their friends who had wintered at Charlestown joined the little group in the spring of 1634. From then on the small settlement was steadily supplemented by new arrivals, many of them coming from Hingham, England and in June, 1635, their old Pastor there, Rev. Peter Hobart, with 139 of his congregation came and added their presence to the two-year old colony; the Hingham-To-Be of New England.

Extracted from the article by Arthur N. McGray, (printed in the 1946 report), for the Dedication of the Memorial to Ralph Smith at the Old Cemetery at Eastham, Mass. June 30, 1946.

BRIEF HISTORY OF HINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

Hingham, a post town containing 13,775 square acres in the County of Plymouth, Mass., has the bay to the north, Cohasset to the east, Scituate and Abington to the south and Weymouth to the west. The greatest extent of the town from north to south is seven and three quarter miles and from east to west about five miles. The distance from Hingham to Plymouth is 26 miles, and from Hingham to Boston about 14 miles by land and between 12 and 13 by water.

The original limits of Hingham embraced the present town of Cohasset, which was set off and incorporated April 26, 1770. Hingham formed a part of Suffolk County until March 26, 1793, at which time it was annexed to the new County of Norfolk. However, this act, so far as it related to Hingham and Hull, was repealed by an act of the Legislature on June 20, 1793, and Hingham again became a part of Suffolk County. By an act passed June 18, 1803, Hingham was annexed to the County of Plymouth, of which it still forms a part.

REF: *History of Hingham* by S. Lincoln

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HINGHAM MEMORIAL

On the 275th anniversary of the founding of the New Hingham, a memorial tower was erected in memory of the first settlers by public subscription and through the efforts of Rev. Louis C. Cornish. It is situated adjacent to the Old Ship Church, at the entrance of the old burying ground where many of the forefathers are buried. In the belfry of this tower are seven bells made in London; copies of the bells in churches at Hingham, Norwich and several other adjacent towns in the county of Norfolk, England. Inscribed on the lower part of the tower is the following:

This memorial is erected by public subscription on the 275th anniversary of the settlement commemorates the men and women who for the sake of liberty and at great sacrifice came out from Hingham, England and towns adjacent between the years 1633 and 1638 and on the edge of the wilderness established this free plantation of New Hingham.

1633 Ralph Smith,
Nicholas Jacob,
Thomas Lincoln,
Edmund Hobart,
Theophilus Cushing,
Edmund Hobart Sr.,
Joshua Hobart,
Henry Gibbs,
etc., etc

Located in this tower is one of the most interesting relics in New Hingham. The Hingham Stone was sent by Old Hingham to it's namesake here as an anniversary gift; it was supposed to be the only stone that could be found in Hingham, England.

The Hingham Stone, long used as a mounting block, is believed to have stood for centuries on the Village Green and to have been known to the Forefathers before the migration. The Hingham Stone was given by the town of Hingham, Norfolk to the town of Hingham, Massachusetts for their Memorial. It was presented on October 9, 1911, by the Right Hon. James Bryce, D.L.C., Ambassador for Great Britain to the United States.

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