







Family Group Sheet for John B. Smith Jr.

Husband:		John B. Smith Jr.	
	Birth:	19 Aug 1852 in Hartford, Washington, New York, USA	
	Marriage:	13 Jan 1874 in Putnam, Livingston, Michigan, USA	
	Death:	16 Oct 1916 in Henrietta, Jackson, Michigan, USA; Munith Cemetery, Jackson County, MI	
	Father:	John B. Smith	
	Mother:	Mary E. Beebe	
Wife:		Hannah A. Hopkins	
	Birth:	1854 in Candor, Tioga, New York, USA	
	Death:	22 Jan 1893 in Munith, Henrietta, Jackson, Michigan, USA	
	Father:	Lyman Hopkins	
	Mother:	Elizabeth E. Grimes	
Children:			
1	Name:	Edwin J. Smith	
M	Birth:	25 Sep 1874 in Henrietta, Jackson, Michigan, USA	
	Marriage:	01 Jan 1902 in Jackson, Jackson, Michigan, USA	
	Death:	27 Oct 1954 in Stockbridge, Ingham, Michigan, USA	
	Burial:	Pixley Cemetery, Munith, Jackson, MI	
	Spouse:	Emma Sackett	
2	Name:	Sarah Jane Smith	
F	Birth:	01 Feb 1876 in Munith, Jackson, Michigan, USA	
	Marriage:	27 Oct 1894 in Jackson, Jackson, Michigan, USA	
	Burial:	1938 in Pixley Cemetery, Munith, Jackson, Michigan, USA	
	Death:	27 Jul 1938 in Henrietta, Jackson, Michigan, USA	
	Spouse:	Edward Mayer	
3	Name:	Leroy Smith	
M	Birth:	29 May 1880 in Michigan, USA	
	Death:	18 Sep 1880 in Henrietta Township, Jackson County, Michigan	
4	Name:	Susie Smith	
F	Birth:	1887 in Henrietta, Jackson, Michigan, USA	
	Marriage:	29 Oct 1903 in Waterloo, Jackson, Michigan, USA	
	Death:	20 Apr 1909 in Jackson, Michigan, USA; Munith Cemetery, Jackson County, MI	
	Burial:	Pixley Cemetery, Munith, Jackson, Michigan, USA	
	Spouse:	William Hoffman	

Notes:

John B. Smith Jr.

John B. Smith Jr. was the 2nd of about 11 children of John B. Smith (Sr) and Mary Beebe. He was born in 1852 at his family's farm near the village of South Hartford, in Washington County, NY. This was about 50 miles north of Albany, and about 8 miles from the Vermont border.

Sometime between 1870 and 1873 John left the family farm and went to Pinckney, in Livingston County, Michigan; 12 miles east of Stockbridge. He went to Pinckney because two of his mother's brothers, Norman and Levy Beebe, were living there with their families. Levy had both a store in Pinckney and a farm just outside the village. I suspect that John Smith was put to work at either the farm or the store.

In January 1874, still in Pinckney, John married Hannah Hopkins. One of the witnesses at the wedding was Adelbert Beebe, the teenage son of Levy. Hannah was a niece of Levy's wife, Sarah Grimes.

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Hannah's mother, Elizabeth Grimes Hopkins, lived with her husband Lyman and children in or near Munith, Michigan, about 20 miles west of Pinckney. The family came from Candor, Tioga County, New York sometime in the 1860s. It seems possible that Elizabeth Grimes Hopkins had moved the family to the area in the early 1860s, during the Civil War. Lyman was a soldier throughout most of the war, and Elizabeth may have brought her children to live with one of her siblings. Besides her sister Sarah, she had a brother in Waterloo and one or two brothers in Pinckney.

Sometime before 1880, the young couple, John and Hannah, moved to a house very close to her parents in Munith. (The two families appear together in the 1880 Federal Census). John and Hannah had four children; although one, LeRoy, died when a baby. In January 1893 Hannah died giving birth to twins, which were both stillborn. By that time two of their children were in their late teens and more or less independent, but the youngest, Susie, was just 5 or 6 years old. The family was still living in the Munith area.

The same year that Hannah died, John returned to the county in New York where he grew up, and found another wife. Anna May Barr had grown up in Albany, the daughter of Joseph Barr and Nancy Duff, who were immigrants either from Ireland or Scotland. Anna was 25 or 31*, and was doing domestic work in 1893 in the area of Salem, NY. John and Anna married in West Hebron, NY in November 1893, only 10 months after his previous wife had died. This short gap seems a bit calloused but was not unusual in the 19th century, when couples had large families, death of a spouse was more common, and the surviving spouse needed to marry again to run a household and take proper care of the children.

John and Anna returned to Michigan sometime before the birth of their first child, Anna May Smith, in November 1894. John was now 42 years old. They would have two more; Benjamin Fred in May 1898 and Leta Mary in July 1903. For a time they continued to live in Munith. There is a photo of Anna May (called "May") and Benjamin at Dewey School, near Munith, in the 1905-06 school year. One can still visit the Dewey School today, as it is a museum. By 1910 however, the family had moved to a property on the northeast corner of Bunkerhill Road and Hawkins Road, about 3 miles north of the State Prison, which is on the northern edge of the city of Jackson. Ben attended the Southwell school, a mile north of his house on the corner of Meridian and Bunkerhill roads. It may also have been called the Reed school (after a local farmer). It is no longer there.

At some time in the 1880s or '90s John became a house and barn carpenter. I believed he also worked seasonally as a clerk in a Munith store. John died in October 1916, aged 64. His wife, Anna Barr Smith, married again in November 1918, to John E. Breaugh, who lived in Jackson. A year later Anna died in Jackson, of heart disease at age 51 or 57*, and was buried beside John B. Smith Jr. in Pixley Cemetery in Munith.

*Anna's birth year is unclear. Some records show it as 1868, but her headstone shows 1862.

Fact Notes for John B. Smith Jr.

Death: Buried in Munith cemetery; grave can be found here:

[http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-](http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=Smith&GSiman=1&GScid=1178&GRid=18777185&)

[bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=Smith&GSiman=1&GScid=1178&GRid=18777185&](http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=Smith&GSiman=1&GScid=1178&GRid=18777185&)

Hannah A. Hopkins

Edwin J. Smith

Edwin Smith was a carpenter and farmer, who remained in the Munith area all his life.

Susie Smith

Her early death was related to pregnancy.