

Husband: **John SMITH** #4785

Born: 1793 at Wildon Grange, Coxwold, Yorkshire ¹
 Resided: 1821 at Wildon Grange, Coxwold, Yorkshire ¹
 Resided: 1825 at Osgoodby, Yorkshire ²
 Resided: 1831 at Normanby, Yorkshire ²
 Resided: 1848 at Oulston, Yorkshire ²
 Occupation: Wesleyan Preacher ²
 Died: 3 Jan 1849 at Oulston, Yorkshire ²
 Buried: 6 Jan 1849 at Coxwold, Yorkshire ^{1,3}
 Father: Joseph SMITH #4772
 Mother: Elizabeth DUCK #4773

NOTES:

Extract from the book "Memoirs of Joseph Smith", son of John Smith, where Joseph writes about his father:

John Smith and his brothers, were the lessees of the tithes owned by the Trinity College, Cambridge, in the parishes of Coxwold, Husthwaite, Oulston, Yearsley, Carlton, etc., and having in their hands the gift of the ecclesiastical living of Coxwold.

In the year 1821 he entered into the marriage state, and lived four years upon an adjoining farm to that of his father's at Wildon Grange, from which he removed to Osgoodby, about three miles distant where he lived six years, and continued his attentions to the means of grace and the Sabbath school at Kilburn. During his residence at Osgoodby he suffered under a severe dispensation of God's providence, by losing his sight in the right eye, which was caused by the lash of a thorn. His sufferings were excruciating. The brain, because of its intimate connection with the eye, became feverish and delirious. He was reduced to a skeleton, but God in His mercy restored him to health of body though he continued quite blind in that eye to his death. However, God sanctified this affliction. He came out of the furnace a new man. The change was perceptible, and remarked by all his friends; his piety assumed a more settled and solid character and his anxiety to do good became more and more manifest. In the year 1831, he and his family left Osgoodby in the Easingwold circuit, and came to reside at Normanby, in the Pickering circuit, where he found religion but little known and practised. There were no means of grace in connection with Wesleyan Methodism; but as there was a little chapel built by a private individual, he soon commenced prayer-meetings and secured regular preaching. A small Society was formed, over which he was appointed leader. Its numbers gradually increased until he left in the spring of the year 1848, when he left two flourishing classes. In the spring of 1848, after having settled a part of his family in the neighbourhood, he removed to Oulston, in the Easingwold circuit. After having spent seventeen years at Normanby, he was anxious to return to the neighbourhood of his early days, to mingle with his numerous relatives, and spend his declining days amongst them. Some time previous to his removal from Normanby, he felt that some of the pins of life were becoming loose, but his activity was unabated, and it was not till a few weeks before his death that any fearful apprehensions as to his life were entertained.

About the latter part of November, 1848, when on a visit to Normanby, his horse fell with him in the gig. He was thrown out and severely bruised; and though he so far recovered as to feel nearly free from pain, yet the effect was such as to feel nearly free from pain, yet the effect was such as undoubtedly to hasten the end.

On Saturday December 30th, a week after he was confined to his room, he was visited by the usual number of friends. He seemed to have uncommon power to converse; his mind seemed to possess unusual strength and clearness; his replies to the numerous questions put to him were remarkably clear and pointed; the quotations from scripture and our beautiful hymns were appropriate, striking, and numerous. When asked if he was harrassed by temptation, his reply was, that he was in better hands than to be tempted. "In my weak state I have not strength to combat the enemy, therefore my God, whom I serve, will not suffer me to be tempted." When a friend remarked to him that God dealt with him better than he did with his brother William, who instantly expired two or three years before, and his brother in law, Mr Rimmington, who had died a few months before,

who only had a short affliction, and was scarcely able to express himself any of the time, he replied: "They were quite ready for their change, but that it was necessary for God to put me in the furnace to be purified and made ready to join them."

The clock had not long announced the hour of five on the Wednesday morning of January 3rd, 1849, when the curtain of life was let down, and his happy spirit took its flight to Paradise. On the Saturday, at twelve o'clock, the last debt of nature to him was paid by depositing his remains in Coxwold churchyard, in a sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection, when they shall again be re-united to the soul to spend an eternity of happiness together.

CENSUS:

1841 - John was with his wife and sons, Joseph, John & William at Normanby.

NOTES:

Witnesses at marriage were Ann Smith & William Smith.

Wife:	Eleanor DICKINSON	#4793
Married:	13 Jun 1821	at Coxwold, Yorkshire ^{2,1}

Born:	1790	from Marton cum Grafton, Yorkshire ^{1,3}
Died:	14 Feb 1870	at Castle Howard, Yorkshire ¹
Buried:	17 Feb 1870	at Coxwold, Yorkshire ¹
Father:		
Mother:		

CENSUS:

1851 - Eleanor was living with her son Robert, at Oulston.

1861 - Eleanor was living with her daughter Mary, at West Bromwich.

M Child 1:	Robert Dickinson SMITH	#4808
Born:	1822	at Wildon Grange, Coxwold, Yorkshire ¹
Died:	19 May 1884	at Sheffield, Yorkshire ¹

M Child 2:	Joseph SMITH	#4794
Born:	5 Apr 1823	at Wildon Grange, Coxwold, Yorkshire ^{4,2}
Died:	26 Aug 1898	at South Holme, Slingsby, Yorkshire ⁴

M Child 3:	John SMITH	#4795
Born:	1826	in Thirkleby, Yorkshire ¹
Died:	1893	in Pretoria, South Africa ⁵

F Child 4:	Mary SMITH	#4824
Born:	1828 ¹	
Died:	15 Jun 1883	at Scarborough, Yorkshire ¹

M Child 5:	William SMITH	#4826
Born:	1830 ¹	

¹ Info from Linda Nelson <linda.nelson3@btopenworld.com>.

² Memoirs of Joseph Smith (1823-98), Wesleyan Preacher.

³ Parish Register - Coxwold.

⁴ From posting on www.rootschat.com.

⁵ Info from Pat Smith <darkwing@iafrica.com>.