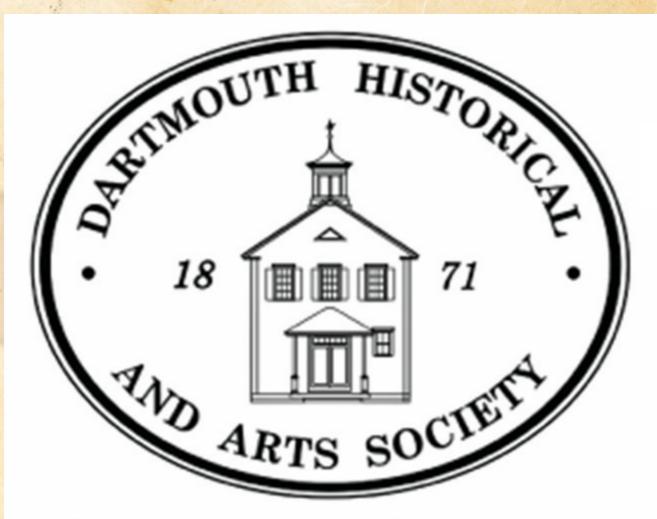
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TO THE SUNDAY AFTERNOON HISTORY LECTURES AT THE RUSSELLS MILLS SCHOOLHOUSE

QUAKER PIONEERS OF DARTMOUTH

THE SMITH FAMILY

- Smith Neck Meetinghouse
 - Smith Mills
 - Smith Farm
 - Smith Neck
- ALL FAMILIAR DARTMOUTH PLACES

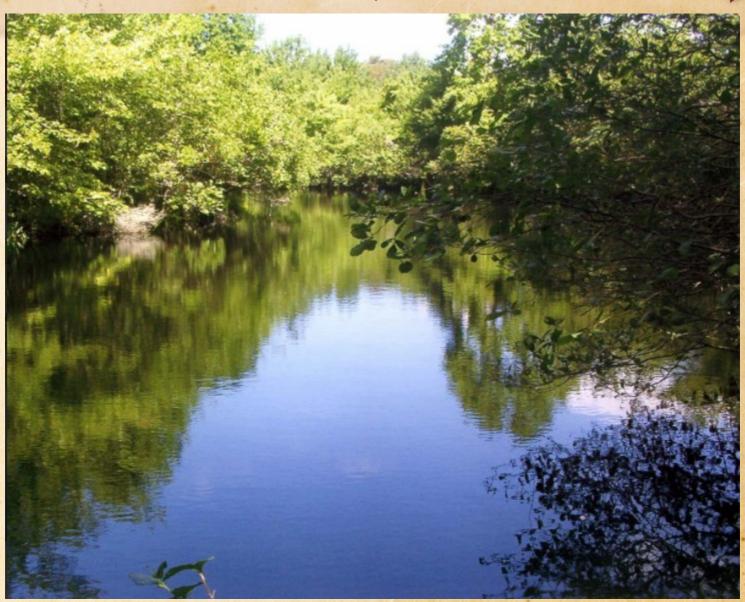
SMITH FARMHOUSE

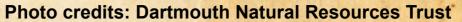


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SMITH FARM, SCENE

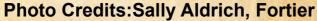




SMITH FARMHOUSE -1955

(another view)





• John married twice and had a very large family:

- m1 1648 Deborah Howland, 5 children
 - Hassadiah, John III, Josiah, Eleazer, Hezekiah
- m2 1665 Ruhamah Kirby, 9 children
 - Deliverance, Mehitable, Gershom, <u>Judah</u>, Eliashib, Sarah dy, Hannah,
 Deborah, Sarah

• FOCUS ON THE FAMILY OF JOHN SMITH & WIFE RUHAMAH (KIRBY) SMITH



John Smith

1618-1692 • Male



Ruhamah Kirby

1640-1707 • Female

Siblings (9)



Deliverance Smith

1667-1729 • Male



Mehitable

1669-1711 • Female



Gershom Smith

1671-1718 • Male



Judah Smith

1674-1733 • Male



Eliashib Smith

1677-1765 • Male



Sarah Smith

1680-Deceased • Female



Hannah Smith

1681-1744 • Female



Deborah Smith

1682-1775 • Female



Sarah Smith

1688-1736 • Female

• IN THE WORDS OF HENRY WORTH: "John Smith having married a daughter of Arthur and Margaret Howland of Marshfield, he with them later entered into the faith of Friends and paid the penalty for "holding Quaker meetings" and "entertaining Foragne friends," among these the famous Nicholas Upsall, "white with years.""

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FURTHER ZOOM IN ON SON JUDAH SMITH

- DHAS is proud of its "Research Workbench"
- Particularly its collection of "primary sources"
- Including (but not limited to):
 - Over 6,000 pages of Quaker Records from DMM
 - Old Dartmouth Town Meeting Records up to 1 division of the Town
 - Dartmouth Proprietors Records
 - Original Deeds from all Old Dartmouth territory + (up to 1890s)
 - Records of Plymouth Colony
 - Records of Portsmouth RI
 - And... more



This section is a collection of documents related to people, places and/or time. Each document is a PDF file requiring opening with Adobe Reader for readability, response time and for text search capabilities. To search after opening, click <edit> on the top of your tool bar, then click <find>.

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Friends (Quaker) Dartmouth Monthly Meeting Records 1699 - 1968

These records contain over 6000 hand written pages



Acushnet Friends Meeting Records - partial

Native Americans Historical Records Section

Of Plimouth Plantation - by William Bradford

A Colonial Society of Massachusetts publication in conjunction with
the New England Historical and Genealogical Society

Peleg Burroughs Journal 1780

Old Dartmouth Town Records

Introduction to Town meeting records of Old Dartmouth 1674 - 1787

This body of work is the effort of Robert Harding

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Part 2

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Old Dartmouth Marriages and Deaths 1670 - 1787

Plymouth Colony Records - 12 Volumes

Volumes 1 - 6 Court Orders 1633 - 1691

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DEEDS OF OLD DARTMOUTH

Grtor: Joseph Rotch of Sherburn in ye County of Nantucket in ye province of ye Massachusetts Bay in New England

merchant

Grtee: Gamalel Byryant of Bridgwater in ye County of Plymouth and province afforesd House Wright

Cons: Thirty three pounds Twelve Shillings

Prop: a Certain Lot of Land Situate in Bedford so Called on ye Westerly Side of Acushunut River in ye Town Ship of

Dartmouth in ye province afforesd being ye Twentieth Lot in number & being one of ye Lots which sd Rotch Bought of Joseph Russel Containing one Quarter of an Acree or There about Being Bounded on ye South by Land of sd Russel by ye East by ye Eastermost highway or Tract that Runds Clear Thourgh ye afforesd place Called Bedford Which Lays near North and South and Northerly by a Lot of Land belonging to Edward Hudson which ye Bought of ye afforesd J: Rotch and westerly by Land Belonging to ye affored J. Russell Togather with a Drift way by Gates & bars from sd Lot to ye highway: he ye sd Bryant helping maintain sd Drift way for his own use To Have and to hold ye above Granted primises with all & Singular ye priveledges and appurtances There unto belonging or in any wise appertaining to him ye sd Gamalel Bryant his heirs & assigns for Ever as a perfect Estate of Inheritance in fee Simple: Provided ye sd

Bryant his heirs or assigns make & maintain all ye fence necessary to Incluse sd Lot: ...

Sign: 19 Nov 1767 Jos Rotch (S) Witn: Elnathan Samson Elisha Tobey

Ackn: 19 Nov 1767 Elisha Tobey JP Bristol Ss ... Joseph Rotch

Recd: 2 Jul 1768 BCD 51:258 [FHL Film No. 466,912 (Image 165)]



SMITH FAMILY CEMETERY

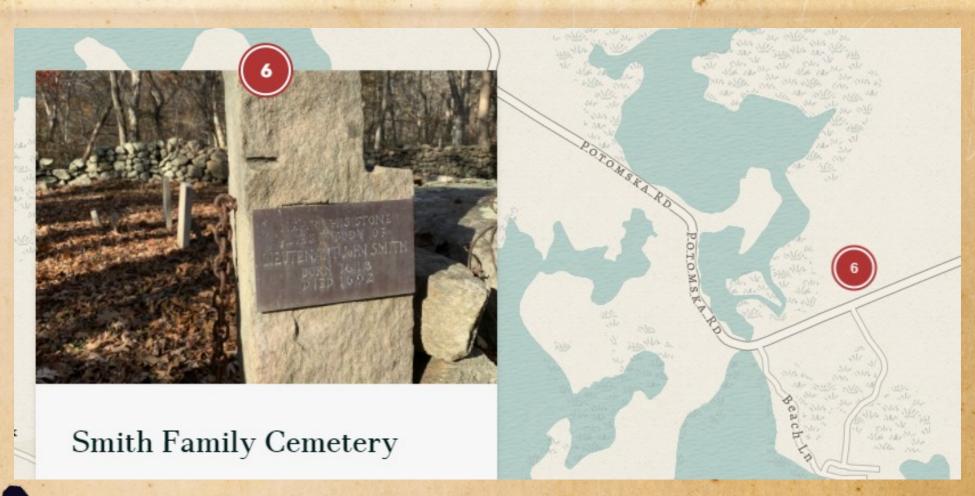


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JUDAH SMITH IN THE QUAKER RECORDS

• Source:(DMM: BMD 1699-1880: Sec 1: 7)

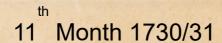
The berths of **Judah Smith** and **mary** his wife thayer Chi[ldren] **Content Smith** was born the 23th day of the 3th month i69[?] **Susannah Smith** was born the 28th day of the 12th month – 1699 **Richard Smith** was born the 4th day of the 3th month – 170[?] **William Smith** was born the 10th day of the 8th month 170[?] **Merabah Smith** was born the 5th day of the 7th month 170[?] **Michael Smith** was born the 26th of the 12th month 170[?]

- In 1704, Judah was a witness to his brother's marriage
- ...in the presence of god and in the -
- presents of this assembly thiere promising to Live
- faithfully man and wife tell Deth seperate
- them: in testimony of the same thay have set to
- thayer names this: 24 Day of the 6 month 1704. . . Judah Smith Source: (DMM: BMD 1699-1880: Sec 1: 148)
- There are 14 additional references to "Judah Smith" in this same (DMM: BMD 1699-1880: Sec 1: various pp)

In 1719, Judah's son William died as a teenager

William Smith son of Judah Smith of Dartmouth died on the 16th day of the 8th month 1719 in the 16th year of his age

(DMM:BMD 1699-1880:Section 4:714)



And Richard Smith Son of Judah Smith and Dorothy Potter daughter of Stoakes Potter deceased both of Dartmouth, laid their intentions of taking each other in Marriage before this meeting

Source (DMM:MM 1727-1762:41)



1706 Woman's Minutes give another fact about Judah

"from this meeting **Judah Smith** undertakes for a year the tending of the meeting hous"

Source (DMM:WM 1699-1782:42)

Our Collection of Bristol County Land Records (not yet online) show 122 occurrences of "Judah Smith" in the first 25 volumes of the 156 volumes we have in the collection.

It would be too tedious to show many of these but, rest assured, they are rich with details about Judah Smith of Dartmouth!!

A couple, selected at random, will illustrate the nature of the content.

Judah Smith of ... Dartmouth ... Husbandman Grtor: my Brother Eliashib Smith of ... Dartmouth Grtee: Seven pounds & ten shillings Currant money of New England Cons: All that my five & Twenty acres of the Now undivided land Scittuate lyeing & being in the Township of Dartmouth Prop: aforesd, the said five & Twenty acres to be taken up according to the order of the Purchasers of Dartmouth for the layeing out of lands with all my Right title & Interest in or unto the sd five & Twenty acres of land with all & Singuler ... Sign: 25 Jun 1701 Judah Smith (S) Thomas Taber Witn: John Taber Ackn: 25 Jun 1701 Seth Pope JP

BCD 3:285

[no date of entry]

Recd:





Judah Smith of Dartmouth in the County of Bristoll in the province of the Massachusets Bay in Newengland Grtor:

husbandman

Grtee:

John Russell of the abovesd Dartmouth Blacksmith

Six pounds and fifteen Shillings Currant money of Newengland Cons:

Ten Acres of Land Scituate lying and being in Dartmouth it being part of the four hundred Acre Division lately agreed Prop:

upon by the Propietors of Said Dartmouth to be Laid out to ye abovesd John Russell with the qualification belonging to

the said Ten acres of Land: and also Eight Rods of Meadow within the sd Dartmouth to be laid out unto ye Abovesd John Russell with the qualification belonging to the said Eight Rods it being part of the Remaining part of the Meadow

after the Thirty Six Acres to one whole share is Completed To Have & to hold the said granted and bargained premises with all the appurtenances & priviledges Unto the Same belonging or in any wise appertaining to him the said John

Russell his heirs & assigns forever ...

30 Jun 1714 Judah Smith (S) Sign: Witn:

Samuel (O) Merihew Jonathan Merithew

Ackn: 10 Aug 1714 Seth Pope JP

Recd: 10 Oct 1721 BCD 14:16-17 FHL Film No. 465803 (Image 15)



JUDAH'S FATHER PLANS AHEAD

To all whome these present may Come Know Yee that I John Smith of the town of Dartmouth in the now called County of Bristol for and in Consideration of my love to my now Liveing wife Ruhamah have given granted and bequeathed and by these presents Do give grant and bequeath All that my Dwelling hosue or homestead Together with all the lands belonging to the same both Upland & Meadow: which upland s bounded on the Southwest or Southerly side with John Lappams Land on on the North or North East with the land of Peleg Shearman and is headed with the 20 acres that was formerlyThomas Brigges his land & butts on the Roads and the meadow which meadow is bounded with the Eastermost Creek which Creek divid between it and Giles Slocum and on the Westerly side with John Lappams meadow and the Creek All these lands thus butted and bounded as aforesd with all the Orchards Garden barnes fences and all other benefits what so ever that may arise in or upon the same Now I being in my full understanding and Memory without Distraction or Compulsion have of my own free will given granted and made over All these my forementioned lands to my now living wife Ruhamah Smith aforesd To have and to hold: (from mny heires) from the day of thedate hereof to the day of her Decease. And then shall fully to my now Liveing sons Judah Smith and Gershom Smith (from my heires / to them their heires and assigns forever as fully and freely as ever it was mine They manageing of it from the day of my Decease for their Mother & themselves to the time aforesaid and it shall be lawfull for them or Either of them to Record or cause to be Recorded the premiss by themselves or their Attorney in any Usual place of Records according to the Ussuall manner of Recording and Enrolling Deeds & evidences as witness my hand and seal the 26th february: 1690/91:

In the presence of		John Smith (S)	
Daniel Gould }	This Deed was acknowledged accordeing to the promises by the party signeing &		
Jacob Mott }	sealing as above before me Seth Pope Associate of ye County Court		
Thomas Cornell }			
21 May 1711	BCD 6:430	FHL Film No. 465799 [Image 239]	



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JUDAH IN THE ODTMR INDEX

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JUDAH IN ODTMR (p11)

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dr a Town meeting July the : 25: 1692 Jonathan Delano chosen Commissioner	July 25: 1692
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March 30, 1692/93

JUDAH IN ODTMR (p40)

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	Dartmouth on the Bet. day of March 1720/21:
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	Benjamin Tripp, Benjamin Davis Jeremiah Wilcocks
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	Howland Luveyors of the Highways.

March 13 1720/21

THE LOGICAL DEDUCTION

OBVIOUSLY, THE ARCHIVES HAVE MUCH MORE ABOUT THESE SMITHS OF DARTMOUTH THAN WE DEMONSTRATED HERE TODAY.

FACT: LT. JOHN, BY HIS TWO WIVES HAD EIGHT SONS!!!

FACT: THE SMITH FAMILY IS ONLY ONE OF MULTIPLE DARTMOUTH FAMILIES

FACT: WE HAVE LOOKED IN DETAIL, ONLY AT JUDAH, 1 of 8 SONS

FACT: WE LOOKED ONLY IN A SMALL SUBSET OF THE AVAILABLE ARCHIVES

FACT: GIVEN THESE FACTS; WE FOUND SEVERAL HUNDRED REFERENCES TO JUDAH SMITH

CONCLUSION: THE DHAS ONLINE PRIMARY RECORDS ARCHIVES ARE A PROVERBIAL GOLDMINE FOR SERIOUS GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL RESEARCH!!! (and they get better as we continue adding new records.)

THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY!

TIME FOR QUESTIONS AND THEN REFRESHMENTS