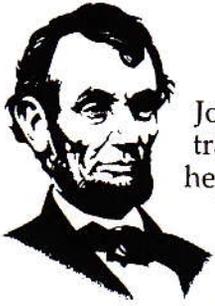


# Joseph Smith



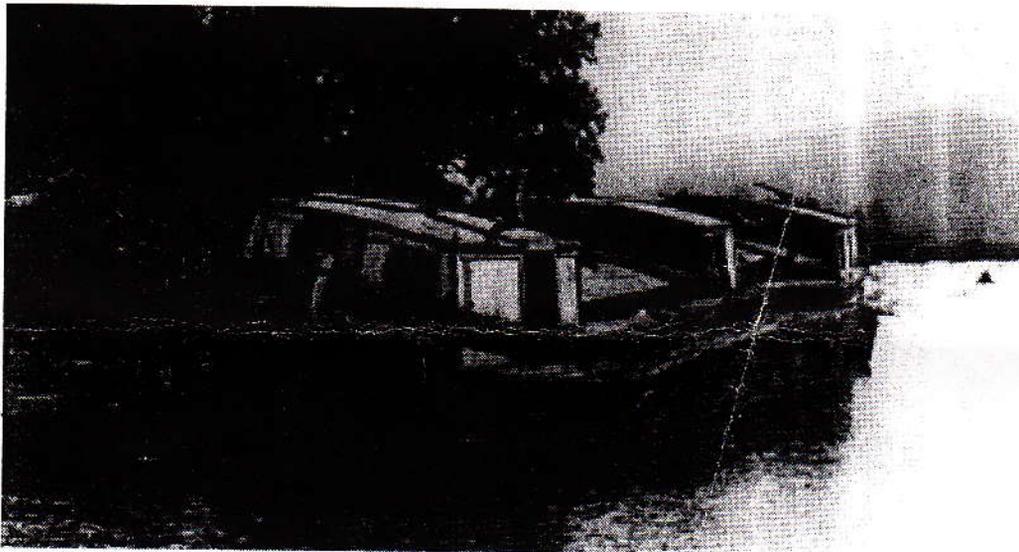
Joseph Smith was born in Germany in 1852. He traveled to America in 1865 at the age of 12. When he landed in New York, he heard news of President Lincoln's assassination.

He married Rose Hall from Hackensack, New Jersey and they raised three daughters and five sons, of which **Joseph Frederick Smith** is one.

He moved to Cumberland, Maryland to build canal boats for the C&O Canal.

Joseph was an avid hunter and took out a hunting license until the age of 95. He didn't use public transportation because he believed that he could walk anywhere he wanted to go.

He died in 1950 at the age of 98.



*Typical C&O Canal boat*

# Rose (Hall) Smith



Joseph's wife, Rose (Hall) Smith was born in 1874 and died in 1946 at the age of 74.



*Joseph Smith family— (left to right) son Leo; daughter Hattie; Joseph Smith; daughter Katherine; son Andy; and in front, son Willie.*

# Joseph Smith

## Annual Hunting License Is Taken Out by 88-year-old Local Man

Eighty-eight-year old Joseph Smith, clear of eye and sturdier than most pioneers, took out his hunting license as usual this year at the court house.

Mr. Smith took the thing pretty much for granted, after all he's been knocking over squirrels and rabbits since he was sixteen, and he didn't see much reason for any fuss about it. Nevertheless, folks in the clerk of court's office discussed Mr. Smith and his hunting at some length.

Of course, Allegany county has a number of pioneer hunters. There's J. S. Phillips, 81-year-old Lonaconing florist; Fred Seltz, 72, of Cumberland; and C. E. Mobus, 71, of Ellerslie.

All three of these men still regard a tramp through the woods with a well-trained dog as good healthy exercise and an ideal way of working up a good appetite for supper.

### Dean of Hunters

However, the court house people decided that Mr. Smith, due to his seniority, should be regarded as the dean of all Allegany county hunters.

This being the case, a couple of News reporters decided to take a ride up to 527 Rose Hill avenue last night and call on Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith had just finished a hearty supper and was wiping his mouth with his napkin when the reporters arrived. He walked into the living room, sat down, and probably wondered what he was going to be bothered about.

But at the mention of hunting, dogs, guns and related matters he snapped to attention, beamed on his callers and inquired if they had had supper.

### Posed for Picture

The veteran hunter readily agreed to have his picture taken, got out his shotgun, put on his hunting coat and ordered one of his five dogs brought out. The dog, a big, rangy fellow, sniffed the gun barrel and looked up at his master as much as to inquire "well, what are we waiting for?"

However, it was left for members of the Smith family to supply most of the information regarding the head man's hunting activities.

It seems Mr. Smith disdains buses and considers his legs a good enough mode of transportation to take him on frequent visits to relatives in South Cumberland.

A younger member of the family related how he went forth on a hunting expedition with Mr. Smith. After tramping up and down several hills he looked back to inquire if the older man would care to take a rest. He might as well have saved his breath for he needed it. Mr. Smith nearly ran over him.

### Former Boat Builder

Mr. Smith is a former boat builder, one of the stars in the business in fact. He has built hundreds of boats in his time and during the World War went south to help with this work at the request of his superintendent.

"The canal went out around 1928 and Cumberland hasn't amounted to anything since," Mr. Smith observed.

Nowdays, Mr. Smith's three chief interests are hunting, working in his workshop in the cellar and reading. He reads a great deal and spends hours in his workshop making saws, lathes and puttering around with two motors he owns.



1940 Newspaper photo and article (right) in Cumberland Times/News



### OLDEST HUNTER

— Joseph Smith, 95, 527 Rose Hill Avenue, is believed the oldest man in the state to obtain a hunting license. He is shown here in his hunting togs and with his gun, ready to go out today for squirrel. Smith, a retired boat builder, is a native of Germany but has lived here most of his lifetime. He is quite active for his advanced age, and likes nothing better than to go on a hunting trip, walking for miles over the hills and forests. Asked yesterday what he has done since his retirement more than 20 years ago, he replied, "smoked my pipe, read the paper and waited for hunting season." He created quite a commotion last year when he failed to return from a hunting trip to Wills Mountain. When he did arrive the next morning, he explained he had set his gun down, and couldn't find it because it was getting dark, so he just waited until morning when he could see where it was.

1947 Newspaper photo and caption in Cumberland Times/News

# James Farris and Nettie Frances (Swanger) Farris

James and Nettie Farris raised two sons and seven daughters, of which **Odessa Mae Farris** is one.

James was a farmer in Orleans Crossroads, West Virginia and later was in the timber business with his sons. He was about 79 years old when he died and Nettie was about 68 years old.



## Odessa Mae (Farris) Smith



*"Dess" on her 80th Birthday.*

Odessa Mae Farris was born on May 7, 1912 in Orleans Crossroads, West Virginia to James and Nettie Farris. She married Joseph Frederick Smith. They raised one son and two daughters of which **Shirley (Smith) Hersh** is one.

Odessa moved to Cumberland, Maryland to live with her sister, Katherine, and to work in Hiliary's Restaurant on Virginia Avenue (the site of Dick-N-Clara's Restaurant now). She later worked at the Glass Factory in Cumberland where she met her future husband Joseph Smith.

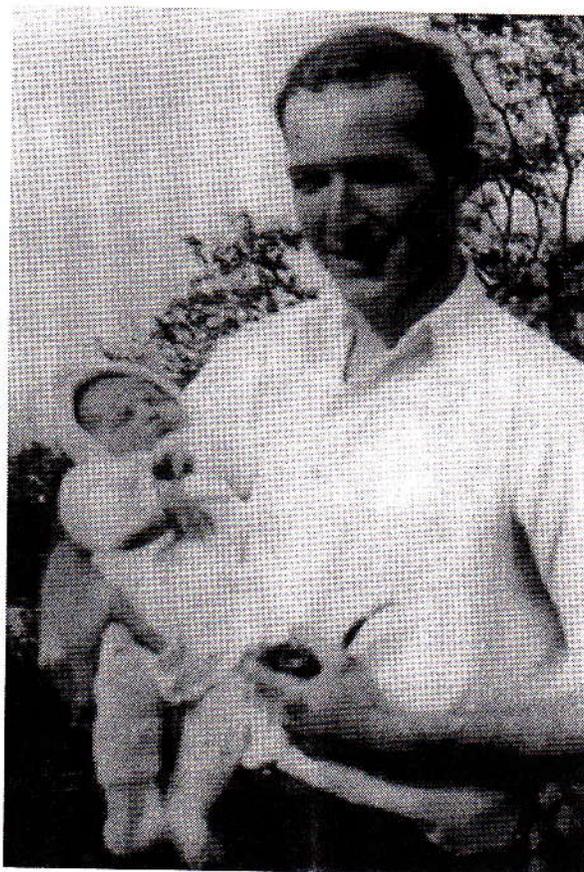
Odessa resides in Cresaptown, Maryland and is my oldest living direct descendant at the age of 84.

## Joseph Frederick Smith

Joseph Frederick Smith was born on June 9, 1902 in Cumberland, Maryland to Joseph and Rose (Hall) Smith. He married Odessa Mae Farris. They raised one son and two daughters.

He worked at the Cumberland Glass Factory and later was a self employed house painter.

As a child he had rheumatic fever which led to heart problems as an adult. Joseph died at the age of 40 on October 16, 1942.



*Joseph holding daughter Shirley Ann Smith—age 1 1/2 months.*

**James Farris** married **Nettie Frances Swanger**

Alice Farris married Enoch Thrasher/ married Adam Gloyd  
Goldie, Beulah, Richard Thrasher and Rosie, Charles, and Lloyd Gloyd

Katherine Farris married Ed Mock  
No children

Mary Farris married Ben Serbaugh  
Bill, Henry, Edna, Sissy, and Benny

Addie Farris married George Linaburg  
Helen, Rosie (7 children)

Margaret Farris married Roy Brotemarkle/ married Howell Yearly  
Roy Brotemarkle - never married  
Howard Brotemarkle married Jean  
Jeff and Wade

Floyd Roosevelt "Jack" Farris married Mildren/ married Goldie "Blondie"  
William

Dale married Patty/ married Terri Dahl  
Dale, Jr. and Ann Marie (6 children)  
Keith and Gary

Kenneth  
Floyd  
Katherine  
Vicky

Howard Homer "Pete" Farris married Jessie Trout  
James

**Odesa Mae Farris** (5/7/1912 - ) married **Joseph Frederick Smith** (6/9/1902 - 10/16/1942)/  
married Leo Smith/ Harold Leasure/ Lee Fazenbaker

**Shirley Ann Smith** (8/4/1930 - ) married **Howard Calvin Hersh** (3/15/1919 - 3/7/1987)

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Melissa Aitken

Shirley Rae Hersh married Rick Hebb/Doug Stewart/Raymond McGraw/Dean Young  
Richard and Andrew Stewart

**Kathie Lynn Hersh** married **Norman Thomas "N.T." Smith**  
**Chad and Reid Smith**

Terry Brett Hersh married Delite (Deneen) Schnably  
Lacy and Dathan Schnably, T.J. and Justin Hersh

Kimberly Ann Hersh married Steve DeVault  
Ashley Hersh, Gordon and Devon DeVault

James Howard Hersh married Julie Young

Joseph Alfred "Bib" Smith married Antoinette Cifala/ married Evelyn "Sue" Nixon  
Bruce Smith married Tina  
Sierra, Chablis, and Brice

Franklin and Joseph Smith

Norma Mae Smith married John Kesler  
Joyce Kesler married Rich Miller/ married Jerry Ward  
Adam, Cambria, and Brandon Miller

Evelyn Marie Farris married Blair Peer  
Vivian Peer married Ted Lewis  
Sherry, 2 brothers

Rita Peer married Joe Robey  
6 children

Hester Peer married William Van Meter  
Marvin, Brenda

Eloise Peer married  
4 children

Joseph Smith and Rose Hall *continued...*

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David

Katherine Smith married Francis Johnson

Edward Johnson married Helen

No children

Laura Johnson married Jerry Bennett

Dana

Stephan Johnson married Julie

Marcus and Christine

Bertram - never married

Leo Albert Smith married Odessa Farris

No children

Joseph Smith (3/1852 - 1950) married Rose Hall (1874 - 1946)

Hattie Smith married Maurice Kirk

Maurice "Buddy" Kirk married Joan Farrell

Michael Kirk married Lisa Lancaster

1 son

Beverly Kirk married Don Davis

boy and girl

Katherine Lee "Katty Lee" (twin to Buddy) married Ronald Palmer

Diane Palmer

Patricia Palmer married Jim Kagiliary

Matthew

Ronda Palmer married Mark Diehl

Erica and Ronald

Patricia Kirk married Tom Shaffer

Anthony Shaffer married Cathy Llewellyn

Sarah

Linda Shaffer married Ed Kelly

Timothy and Mark

Kirk Shaffer

Mary Shaffer married Barton Koelker

Brandi, Patrick, and Lauren

Katherine Shaffer

Dale Kirk (*died approx. age 3*)

Andrew Joseph Smith married Gertrude Paul

No children

George Edward Smith married Anna Spiker

Marie married \_\_\_\_\_

Carol, Harry, Walter

Thelma Rudolph married \_\_\_\_\_

Carl

George Edward Smith, Jr. (*died in house fire, age 25*)

James Joseph Smith (*died in house fire, age 22*)

Robert Smith married Margaret

Bob, Jr. married Irma

Barbara married \_\_\_\_\_

Jeremy and Jimmy

James

Betty Smith married Charles Iley

Charles, Jr.

Debbie married \_\_\_\_\_

Brian, Kelli

William George Smith - never married