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**SMITH, DANIEL**  
**(1748-1818)**  
**PAPERS**  
**1784-1973**

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## INTRODUCTION

The Daniel Smith Papers, 1784-1973, are composed of items related to Senator Daniel Smith, the early Tennessee surveyor in whose honor Smith County, Tennessee, was named. The items in the collection came to the Tennessee State Library and Archives in six discrete groups: the Container List will specify the accession number for each item. The documents in group 71-050, acquired on 4 December 1970, were a gift from Smith descendant Miss Sarah C. Berry, Hendersonville, Tennessee, through the agency of Mr. Robert A. McGaw. The papers in Group 71-212 were also donated by Miss Berry, though the agency of Mr. Albert Hutchison, Nashville, Tennessee, and the Tennessee Historical Commission. Miss Berry was again the donor of the items in Group 73-050, acquired through the agency of Mrs. May Dean Eberling and Mr. Albert Hutchison of the Tennessee Historical Commission. Mr. W. Allen Bryan, Nashville, Tennessee, donated the daybook (#90-289, 1 August 1979). No donor is recorded for Group 90-290. Item 90-291, the Commission signed by George Washington, is a photocopy of an item in the Tennessee Historical Society Collection, also housed at TSLA. Two other items relating to Daniel Smith – a small record book with an alphabetical list of names and other information, and Daniel Smith's surveying record book, listing property boundaries and naming many of the earliest settlers in Middle Tennessee – are part of Tennessee Historical Society collection THS-911.

The Berry items were donated to TSLA with the stipulation that they be made available for loan, upon request, to Historic Rock Castle, the museum presently operated at Smith's former home in Hendersonville. The entire collection occupies .5 linear feet of shelf space and includes two folders that are stored in an MSS oversize drawer.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Daniel Smith Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This small but valuable collection contains 47 items relating to Senator Daniel Smith and his family, beginning in 1784 with land and surveying records, and consisting of correspondence; photographs; legal documents, including wills, oaths of office, and a commission; genealogical information; and land and surveying records that name a significant number of the earliest settlers in Middle Tennessee.

The twelve items of correspondence in the collection include a letter (in appreciation of Smith's service as Secretary of the Southwest Territory) and a dinner invitation to Daniel Smith from Thomas Jefferson; a letter from Governor William Blount, turning over governmental authority to Smith while Blount accompanies a group of Cherokee chiefs to Philadelphia; and letters from Daniel Smith to Governor John Sevier, thanking the Governor for his recent commission (to fill Andrew Jackson's unexpired term in the Senate), and to Brigadier General James Winchester, concerning a packet Smith had brought to Washington to deliver to Gen. Winchester – Smith indicates some impatience at not finding Winchester in Baltimore, where he had expected to meet him. Two letters relate to Daniel Smith's son George: the first is a letter of advice written to the younger Smith as he prepares to enter the business world; the second is a letter from George Smith to his nephew Andrew Jackson Donelson on the subject of political loyalties. Four letters from the 1970s discuss a series of photographs of the Enoch Smith house near Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, included in the collection. (Enoch Smith, Daniel's brother, was a soldier in the American Revolutionary War. He is known to be one of the earliest surveyors of the state of Kentucky, settling in Montgomery County as early as 1775. Among his closest friends were Daniel Boone and General George Rogers Clark.)

Land records and deeds in the collection include the 1784 North Carolina land grant #56 to Daniel Smith for his service in the American Revolution – 3,140 acres "On the North side of Cumberland River at the mouth of Drakes creek," in Davidson (now Sumner) County, Tennessee. This is the property that would become Smith's home, Rock Castle. This and one other land grant include the original surveys and plats of the two properties. An 1813 Tennessee land grant to Daniel Smith is signed by Governor Willie Blount.

Among the most interesting items in the collection are the notebooks and survey record books (1784-1808) in Daniel Smith's own hand. These records mention the names of dozens of the earliest settlers; some books reverse so they can be read from either end. Most surveys are for the 640 acres to which a Revolutionary War soldier was entitled.

The single map in the collection, Carey's Map No. 1 of Tennessee [*sic*], is cut into sections and glued to a linen backing so the entire map might be folded and stored in its small slipcase. The map, inscribed "A Map of the Tennessee Government Formerly Part of North Carolina taken Chiefly from Surveys by Genl D. Smith & others. J.T. Scott Sculp," includes warnings about various obstacles to travel, including "high broken ground" and Indian encampments. One notation describes the area of west Tennessee between the "Tennessee" and Mississippi Rivers as having "Light Soil, Long Grass, Little Timber, Broken Ground on the Heads of these Rivers." Written across southeast Tennessee is the notation, "To Pensacola the Way nearly level." Outlined here and there on the map in darker ink are properties that were still for sale at the time. Near one such property on the Nolachucky [*sic*] River is a notation, "20,000" (probably referring to its

acreage). The map is undated, but it is identical to a map entitled “A Map of Tennessee Government from the Latest Surveys,” published by E. Low, New York, in 1810.

Four legal documents in the collection will be of great interest to historians. The first, a Commission signed by President George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, formalizes the appointment of Daniel Smith as Secretary of the Territory of the United States South of the River Ohio (the Southwest Territory); the TSLA document is a photograph of the original, which belongs to the Tennessee Historical Society. The second, a 1792 Amendment to a 1785 Act passed by the State of North Carolina, is signed by William Blount and David Campbell. It clarifies the authority of county courts in the Territory South of the Ohio to assess fees for various judicial services. The third document contains two hand-written oaths: a loyalty oath to the State of North Carolina, and an Oath of Office, signed by John Hardin/Harding, for the Sheriff of Sumner County, North Carolina. Among the signers of the loyalty oath are Daniel Smith, Isaac and Anthony Bledsoe, Isaac Lindsey, William Hall, G. Winchester, and others. The fourth item, an “Oath of Office for the Justice of the Peace and Justice of the County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in the County of Sumter, North Carolina,” is signed by many of the same individuals who signed the loyalty oath, including Smith.

A true copy of Daniel Smith’s lengthy, hand-written will (typed and stamped by Edd Haynes, Junior Clerk) is included in the collection, along with two appendices describing land bequeathed to Smith’s daughter Mary Sanders, and a typed transcript of the text of the will. The document, signed 22 July 1816, includes bequests of land, livestock, books, and slaves to various family members. Also included is the will of Henry Smith, father of Mrs. Horatio Berry, and grandfather of Miss Sarah C. Berry, who donated most of the documents in this collection.

Except for the first photograph [*the negative is available*], which shows a portrait of Daniel Smith’s daughter, Mary “Polly” Smith Donelson Sanders painted about 1839, all the other photos – ten in number – were taken after 1950. Seven of them show the homes of Enoch Smith (Daniel’s brother) and members of his family; one is of a springhouse at one of the homes; another shows the gravestone of Sarah Smith Jameson Lane, Enoch’s daughter. The remaining photo is of a historical marker honoring William Calk, Enoch Smith, and Robert Whittedge, “the first white visitors” to Montgomery County, Kentucky.

The remaining items in the collection are related to Smith family genealogy: two pages from Maryland records on the family of James Sanders, who married Daniel Smith’s daughter Mary; a two-page typed genealogy of the descendants of Thomas, James, and William Sanders, veterans of the American Revolution; one page of Virginia records showing three generations of Smiths, including Daniel and his siblings; and a nine-page history of Washington County, Virginia, providing further biographical information.

The documents in this collection are arranged first by type or category and then by date. The categories are as follows: Correspondence; Land Records and Deeds; Manuscripts and Notebooks; Maps; Acts, Amendments, Oaths, and Proclamations; Wills; Photographs; and Genealogical and Biographical Information.

Note also the availability of Copy Neg. #7233, which is an image of page 9, left & right side, of Daniel Smith’s Surveying Account Book, 1784-1808 (71-050).

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Daniel Smith was born 29 October 1748, in Stafford County Virginia. He studied medicine with Dr. Thomas Walker at Castle Hill, in Albemarle County Virginia. At 22, licensed by the College of William and Mary, Smith began work as a surveyor. In 1773 he married Sarah Michie and became Deputy Surveyor of Augusta County Virginia, where their son George was born in 1776.

Smith first came to Middle Tennessee during the winter of 1779-1780, hired to survey the western region of the Virginia frontier, and particularly to chart the line dividing Virginia and North Carolina. As he worked in Middle Tennessee, he found himself deeply attracted to the area, moving his family, which now included daughter Mary Ann (Polly), to a 3,140-acre tract on the Cumberland River in 1784. This land grant, from the state of North Carolina, was granted to him in payment for his work as a surveyor. [*The grant itself is part of this collection.*] In time, both Smith children would marry members of the Donelson family: George married Tabitha, daughter of Capt. John Donelson III; Polly eloped with Samuel Donelson, Rachel Jackson's brother, an event that caused ill feelings between Daniel Smith and Andrew Jackson for many years.

In 1783 Daniel Smith was appointed county surveyor and justice of the peace in Davidson County (then part of North Carolina), and he helped survey the state military land grant reservation in the Cumberland valley. One of five trustees to oversee the establishment of the City of Nashville, he was a charter trustee of Davidson Academy, the first institution of higher learning in Nashville. This school, founded in 1785, would be transformed into Cumberland College (1806), the University of Nashville (1826), the Peabody Normal College at Nashville (1875), and finally the George Peabody College for Teachers, now part of Vanderbilt University.

When Sumner County Tennessee was created in 1786, Daniel Smith, as justice of the peace, presided over the first session of the Sumner County court. In 1788 he was named commanding general of the Militia of the Mero District (Sumner, Davidson, & Tennessee counties); he was a member of the 1789 North Carolina convention which voted to ratify the U.S. Constitution. In 1790, by appointment of President George Washington, Smith became secretary of the Territory of the United States South of the River Ohio, with authority to act for the governor in his absence. (The first map of the region, created from his surveys, was published in 1794.) He held this post until the territory became the State of Tennessee in 1796. Smith was a member of the 1796 convention, chairing the committee that wrote the state's first Constitution and Bill of Rights.

In the first decade of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Smith was instrumental in negotiating several treaties with the Cherokees. He served several months of Andrew Jackson's unexpired term in the U.S. Senate (Jackson had resigned to serve on the Tennessee Supreme Court), and was later elected to his own full term in the Senate beginning in 1805.

Resigning from the Senate in 1809 because of ill health, Smith returned to Rock Castle, his Sumner County plantation house, which still stands on Drakes Creek in Hendersonville, and died there on 16 June 1818. He and Sarah, who died in 1831, are buried in the family cemetery at Rock Castle. Smith County, Tennessee, was named in honor of Daniel Smith.

For more information see Walter T. Durham's *Daniel Smith: Frontier Statesman*, 1976, and <http://www.historicrockcastle.com/>

## CONTAINER LIST

### Microfilm Reel #1 (unless otherwise specified)

#### Box 1

#### **Folder 1. Correspondence**

- Letter to Daniel Smith from Thomas Jefferson, 15 June 1790 [Transcription of letter may be found in Appendix I, following the Container List] (71-050)
- Letter to Daniel Smith from Governor William Blount, 12 March 1793 [Transcription of letter may be found in Appendix II, following the Container List] (71-212)
- Letter to Governor John Sevier from Daniel Smith, thanking the governor for his recent commission, 18 October 1798 [Transcription of letter may be found in Appendix III, following the Container List] (71-050)
- Letter (photocopy) to Brigadier General James Winchester from Daniel Smith, 22 November 1807 (90-290)
- Dinner invitation to Daniel Smith from Thomas Jefferson, 15 March 1808 [Transcription of invitation may be found in Appendix IV, following the Container List] (71-050)
- Negative photograph of dinner invitation to Daniel Smith from Thomas Jefferson, 15 March 1808 (71-050)
- [*Letter to George Smith in Hendersonville, Tenn., from W. Kerr, Norfolk, Va. – Stored in Oversize Documents, Drawer #36 – Reel #2*] (73-050)
- Letter to Andrew Jackson Donelson from George Smith (b 1776) discussing political loyalties and urging the removal of Murfreesboro Postmaster Windle and all other postmasters who are not loyal to Jackson, 9 June 1829 (71-212)
- Letter to May Dean Eberling from A.W. (Al) Hutchison Jr., describing a visit he made to the site of the Enoch Smith house (destroyed by fire in 1936) and to other locations in and around Mt. Sterling, Ky., 6 February 1973 (73-050)
- Letter to Albert W. Hutchison Jr. from Richard E. Rushford, Mt. Sterling, Ky., describing two photographs of “the old Enoch Smith House.” (probably photographs #6 and #7), 9 February 1973 (73-050)
- Letter to Richard E. Rushford from A.W. Hutchison Jr., returning his original photographs, 14 February 1973 (73-050)
- Letter to “Jean” from May Dean Eberling, Tennessee Historical Commission, referring to A.W. Hutchison letter of 6 February 1973 – stamped 7 March 1973 (73-050)

#### **Folder 2. Land Records and Deeds**

- [*Land Record: North Carolina land grant #56, 4 March 1784 – Stored in Oversize Documents, Drawer #36 – Reel #2*] (71-050)
- Land Record: North Carolina land grant #56, original survey and plat, 4 March 1784 (71-050)
- Land Record: photograph of North Carolina land grant #56, 4 March 1784, with attached survey & plat, as above [Note: the sheet with the survey & plat is lying on top of the land grant, obscuring much of the larger document]; note on back of

- photo reads, "Copy of Original Land Grant of 'Rock Castle,' the home of Mr. Daniel Smith, Sumner C. Tennessee / no (4) / Property of Mrs. Horatio Berry, Hendersonville, Tennessee." (71-212)
- [Land Record: North Carolina land grant #770, 8 October 1787 – Stored in Oversize Documents, Drawer #36 – Reel #2] (71-212)
  - Land Record: North Carolina land grant #770, original survey and plat, 8 October 1787 (71-212)
  - [Land Record: North Carolina land grant #146, 7 January 1794 – Stored in Oversize Documents, Drawer #36 – Reel #2] (71-212)
  - Land Record: Indenture regarding the sale of 390 acres in Sumner County, Tenn., to William Cartwright by Stockley Donelson of Hawkins County, Tenn., 11 September 1794 (73-050)
  - Deed: from Humphrey Donelson of Wilson County, Tenn., selling 100 acres to Richard B. Estes, Wilson County, Tenn., 1 November 1808 (73-050)
  - [Land Record: Tennessee land grant to Daniel Smith, Sumner County, signed by Gov. Willie Blount, 8 May 1813 – 13.5" x 15.5" – Stored in Oversize Documents, Drawer #36 – Reel #2] (71-050)
  - Land Record: Description of 640 acres in Sumner County originally granted to William Bowman, n.d. (71-050)

### **Folder 3: Manuscripts and notebooks**

- Daniel Smith's surveying account book, 1784-1808 – The book is written in two directions, from both front and back. At front are detailed surveying records, by name of property owner, with fees; about 2/3 of the way through the book someone has copied a few pages of Smith family genealogical data from a vestry book – births, marriages, and deaths 1738-1758. Beginning at the back of the book are lists of surveys by James Sanders and other surveyors, and these include each property owner's name and the survey number. (71-050)

### **Folder 4: Manuscripts and notebooks**

- Daybook: Small, handmade notebook (2.75'W X 8.5'h), folded lengthwise (from 2.75" x 17" paper) and tied at the fold with thread. Tiny writing runs across the page. Reading in one direction, one finds nine pages, front and back, of brief notes on the weather, day by day, between November 1802 and September 1804. These are generally one- or two-word descriptions: "cloudy," "snow," "drizzle," "light fog," "flying clouds." Flipping the notebook over and reading from the other direction, one can read undated lists of prices for many items and services, including the cost of various products (cotton, salt, corn, brandy, cloth, flour) and prices for farm work (cleaning cotton, sharpening shovels & ploughs). (90-289)

### **Folder 5: Maps**

- Carey's Map No. 1 of Tennessee, based on surveys by Daniel Smith and others; paper on linen, in slipcase. The map is undated, but it is identical to a map entitled "A Map of Tennessee Government from the Latest Surveys," published by E. Low, New York, in 1810 – 22.5" x 11" (71-050) NOTE: This map is on Microfilm Reel #2.

### **Folder 6: Acts, Amendments, Oaths, and Proclamations**

- Oath of Allegiance: “Oath of Persons holding a place of Trust,” being a loyalty oath to the state of North Carolina, signed by Danl Smith, Isaac Bledsoe, Isaac Lindsey, David Wilson, James Douglass, William Hall, G. Winchester, D. Shelby, John [Harkin?], Joseph Kuykendall, A. Bledsoe, Thos. Masters, and others. Lower half of page is an Oath of Office for the Sheriff of Sumner County, North Carolina, signed by John Hardin or Harding. circa 1785 (90-290)
- Oath of Office: Oath of “Justice of the Peace” and “Justice of the County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in the County of Sumner,” North Carolina, signed by Danl Smith, Isaac Bledsoe, Isaac Lindsey, David Wilson, John [Harkin?], Joseph Kuykendall, William Hall, G. Winchester, Anthony Bledsoe, William Walton, Edw. Douglass, and Anthony Sharp. circa 1785. (90-290)
- Photograph of Commission from President George Washington appointing Daniel Smith as Secretary of The Territory of the United States South of the River Ohio (later known as the Southwest Territory). Also signed by Thomas Jefferson, and dated 8 June 1790. [Transcription of Commission may be found in Appendix IX, following the Container List. *The original image, which belongs to the Tennessee Historical Society, is stored in the TSLA vault – THS Miscellaneous Collection B2-B129½*] (90-291 THS)
- Act to Amend an Act: original document, signed by William Blount and David Campbell, amending part of an Act passed by the State of North Carolina, 1785, in regard to the courts of the state – 1792 (73-050)

### **Folder 7: Wills**

- [Will: True copy of Daniel Smith’s will, dated 21 February 1818 – Stored in Oversize Documents, Drawer #36 – reel #2] (71-050)
- Will: typed copy of Daniel Smith’s 1818 will (71-050)
- [Will, Daniel Smith, Appendices #1 and #2 – 16” x 10” – Stored in Oversize Documents, Drawer #36 – reel #2] (71-050)
- Will of Henry Smith: True copy, typed on onionskin, of last will & testament of Henry Smith, father of Mrs. Horatio Berry (mother of the donor of these papers), Sumner County, Tenn., 29 November 1887. Includes a letter from Harris Brown, Clerk, Sumner County (Tn.) Court, attesting to the authenticity of the will, and dated 25 November 1908. (73-050)

### **Folder 8: Photographs**

- Portrait, Mary Smith Sanders: Black and white photograph of a painting of Mary “Polly” (Smith) Donelson Sanders, daughter of Daniel Smith, circa 1839 (71-050) (negative available)
- Photograph 1: Sepia-toned photo of historic marker on a large stone, with a 48-star American flag (1912-1959) behind it. Inscription reads: “JUNE 1775 / WM. CALK, ENOCH SMITH AND / ROBT. WHITLEDGE / FIRST WHITE VISITORS TO THE COUNTY / NEAR HERE AT A SPRING WAS BUILT THE / FIRST CABIN BY WM. CALK IN 1779 / MARKED BY / COLONEL GEORGE NICHOLAS CHAPTER D.A.R. Note in ink on the back of the photo says, “Best Historic Authority says Enoch Smith built first



- cabin in Montgomery Co. Ky. in June 1775 & raised crop of corn there 1776.”  
 [Note: William Calk, also a surveyor, was Enoch Smith’s associate.] circa 1950 (73-050)
- Photograph 2: Sepia-toned photo (prob. faded b&w) of stone house with large chimney on end – wing makes an ell with what appears to be a brick house, showing three more chimneys. Note on reverse says, “Stone house built by Enoch Smith before 1788 when he moved his family from Va. / windows with wooden pegs – gunholes by chimney.” circa 1950 (73-050)
  - Photograph 3: Sepia-toned photograph, not well focused, of brick house, showing several scraggly trees near the house and part of a rail fence at the bottom of the photo. Note on reverse says, “Side view of Enoch Smith place. Brick front. built before 1825” circa 1950 (73-050)
  - Photograph 4: Sepia-toned round photo of stone and brick house (stone section makes ell with brick section) surrounded by trees. Note on reverse says, “View of Enoch Smith House.” circa 1950 (73-050)
  - Photograph 5: Sepia-toned round photo of stone springhouse; grass and weeds. Note on reverse says, “Spring at Enoch Smith place.” circa 1950 (73-050)
  - Photograph 6: Black and white glossy photograph of Enoch Smith house showing connection between the stone and brick sections of the house; shows grassy lawn leading up to entryway. Probably one of the photos described in the Rushford-to-Hutchison letter. circa 1950 (73-050)
  - Photograph 7: Black and white glossy photograph of Enoch Smith house. Taken from a distance, it shows the brick side of the house and includes several large trees, a barn, a row of attached sheds, and what appears to be a young boy running down the hill toward the house. Probably one of the photos described in the Rushford-to-Hutchison letter. circa 1950 (73-050)
  - Photograph 8: Sepia-toned round photograph of front of two-story brick house showing four windows with shutters, one visible chimney, and double columns on either side of the front porch; another porch is visible on the right side of the house. Note on reverse says: “Home of Thomas Jameson II whose son Thomas III married Sarah, dau. of Enoch Smith – built 1802 on land adjoining Smiths” circa 1950 (73-050)
  - Photograph 9: Faded, sepia-toned photo of a broad house, apparently brick, with a covered porch across the front and wrapping around the left side of the house. Wide steps lead up to the porch in center front and left corner. Two chimneys, three upstairs windows, two windows and a door down; bare trees; a barn or garage at right rear and another, perhaps, behind the house on the left. This is the Mt. Sterling, Ky., home of Sarah (Smith) Jameson Lane when she was married to Thomas Jameson III. Note on reverse says, “Home of Thomas Jameson III who married Sarah, daughter of Enoch Smith – built 1809 on adjoining land / beautiful carved woodwork (porch of course added later).” circa 1950 (73-050)
  - Photograph 10: Gravestone of Sarah (Smith) Jameson Lane. Inscription reads, “Sarah / Wife of / J.H. Lane, / Formerly Wife of / T. Jameson, Jr. / Died / Dec/ 8, 1850, / aged / 64 Years.” Note on reverse says, “Grave stone at old Jameson place – of Sarah Smith who married 1. Thomas Jameson III, 2. James Hardage

Lane – her first cousin, son of James Hardage Lane and Mary Jane Smith.” circa 1960 (73-050)

### **Folder 9: Genealogical and Biographical Information**

- Two pages typed from Maryland records on the James Sanders (1764-fl.1836) family. [Sanders’ second wife, Mary (Smith) Donelson, was a daughter of Daniel Smith. Sanders was born in New Bern, N.C., and died near Hendersonville, Tenn., about 1836.] n.d. (73-050)
- One page typed from Virginia records showing three generations of Smiths, and listing Daniel’s sister and brothers. [One is Enoch Smith, one of the first settlers in Montgomery County, Ky.] n.d. (73-050)
- Two-page typed genealogy of the descendants of Thomas, James, and William Sanders, veterans of the American Revolution. A number of corrections are penciled in. n.d. (73-050)
- Entitled “Daniel Smith,” this is a 9-page history of Washington County, Va., which includes biographical information about Daniel Smith and others. Compiled by James M. Bourne/Boume [?]. n.d. (73-050)

### **Microfilm Reel #2**

#### **Oversize Documents, Drawer #36:**

##### **Envelope 1**

- Will: True copy of Daniel Smith’s will (original), dated 12 February 1818 [16”x10” (folded)] (71-050)
- Will, Daniel Smith, Appendices #1 and #2: These appendices are mentioned in the original 1818 will. They contain detailed descriptions of land left to Daniel Smith’s daughter Mary Sanders – 16” x 10” (71-050)
- Letter to George Smith in Hendersonville, Tenn., from W. Kerr, Norfolk, Va., who offers the younger man some business advice, 11 October 1818 – 15.5” x 10” [Transcription of letter may be found in Appendix V, following the Container List] (73-050)
- Land Record: North Carolina land grant #56, 3140 acres for Daniel Smith on Drake’s Creek, Davidson County, Tenn., dated 4 March 1784 [Note: This is the grant for what would become Smith’s home, “Rock Castle,” in Sumner County, Tenn.– 17”x14” – Transcription of this record may be found in Appendix VII, following the Container List] (71-050)
- Land Record: North Carolina land grant #770, 640 acres for Daniel Smith, as assignee of Dempsey Wamble, for Revolutionary War service, Sumner County, N.C. dated 8 October 1787 [17”x 14”] (71-212)
- Land Record: North Carolina land grant #146, 26 acres to Daniel Smith, as assignee of Martin Armstrong, Davidson County, Tenn., 7 January 1794 [16”x13”] (71-212)

##### **Envelope 2**

- Land Record: Tennessee land grant to Daniel Smith, Sumner County, Tenn., signed by Gov. Willie Blount 8 May 1813 [16”x14” – Transcription of this record may be found in Appendix VIII, following the Container List] (71-050)

## Appendix I: Letter from Thomas Jefferson to Daniel Smith, 1790

New York June 15<sup>th</sup> 1790

Sir

[*Illegible – could be “The” or “I, as”*] President of the United States [*illegible – page is torn*] to avail the public of your services as Secretary in and for the territory of the United States South of the river Ohio. I have now the honor of inclosing [*illegible – could be “you”*] the commission and of expressing to you the sentiments of perfect esteem with which

I am Sir

Your most obedient  
and most humble servant,

Th. Jefferson

Daniel Smith Esquire

## Appendix II: Letter from William Blount to Daniel Smith, 1793

Knoxville March 12<sup>th</sup> 1793

Sir

From the instructions I have received from Government it will be my Duty if the Measure can be brought about to go to Philadelphia this Spring with a Party of the Chiefs of the Cherokees of the lower as well as upper Towns hence will arise a necessity for your presence at this place to take the Reins of Government: The particular Time when it will be essential for me to set out is uncertain but to the end that you may be here early enough to receive from me my Ideas of the Objects of the Government I will be glad to see you by the 10<sup>th</sup> of April.

John McKee is in the lower Towns bending his endeavors to the above Object that is inducing the Chiefs of the hostile Party to visit Philadelphia this Spring. This would undoubtedly ensure Peace at least as to the Cherokees during the Time of their Chiefs being within the Limits of the United States and in my Opinion the most political Step that can be taken at the present junction.

I am dear Sir with great and Sincere Esteem  
Your Obedient Servant  
Wm Blount

Daniel Smith esquire  
Secretary

## Appendix III: Letter from Daniel Smith to John Sevier, 18 October 1798

Sumner County, Octo. 18<sup>th</sup> 1798

Sir,

On the 11<sup>th</sup> instant, Mr. Jackson delivered to me the Commission, with which you lately honored me.

To be thought to merit such an important office by the first Magistrate of our State, fills my mind with grateful and pleasing sensations—but they are opposed by strong apprehensions that my abilities are not equal to the task.

The most I can say is that however weak these abilities may be, they will be accompanied with fidelity and zeal to promote the welfare of the United States in general and of this State in particular—and to obtain these purposes they will be exerted to their extent.—Should I fail in my attempt, let be beg that the failure may be imputed to its true cause, namely, error, not intention.

I expect the pleasure of waiting on you in Knoxville in 10 or 12 days—and am Sir with regard and esteem—You obed. Serv.

Danl Smith

Appendix IV: Dinner invitation from Thomas Jefferson to Daniel Smith,  
1808.

To The Honorable  
Genl. Smith  
of Tennessee

Th: Jefferson requests the favor of Genl. Smith to dine with him on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> at  
half after three, or at whatever later hour the house may rise.

Tuesday Mar. 15. 08.

The favor of an answer is asked.

Note: There are numbers/calculations written in the area of the upper right corner of the  
invitation, apparently calculations and averages Smith was working on.

7..20..25

7..16  
7..27  
14.43  
7.21 ½

1793            7..17 5  
1795            7..28 ½  
                  14.45.1  
                  7..22.55

1794            7..23..6  
dif. of 1.43    [18.5]  
1756            7.11

## Appendix V: Letter to George Smith from W. Kerr (transcription)

Norfolk Va October 11. 1818

Dear Sir

I had the pleasure of receiving yours of the 1<sup>st</sup> August addressed to me at New Orleans a few days ago at this place. I sympathize with you in the bereavement the family has suffered [*Daniel Smith had died on June 16 of that year.*] very sincerely. When I left my native state my health had been wasted under the most tedious and cruel state of morbid excitement of mind perhaps every [*sic*] suffered by man with a hope that the climate and the change of scene would restore me to a tranquility of mind and composure of feeling which now is all the boon I seek but the same causes which produced the secession from Virginia were presented to my imagination in forms more agonizing to my feelings and with a dissimulation [*sic*] so glaring that my mind, not completely restored from a state [*of*] excitement little short of madness – became nearly extinct in chaotic vacuity—I determined to come back and endeavor to pierce the veil of obscurity that had been attempted to envelope me and to act in the case with all the energy and decision and liberality and sincerity the case might demand. The events here glanced at has made my former place of abode not a desirable of place [*of*] residence and I have determined for the present at least to remain in this place.

I observe you intend to go down to Orleans with your growing crop of tobacco.—and that you intend to become a Merchant. I have now been employed for twenty years in the various mercantile pursuits of this country and can affirm with truth that I have known a single instance of a man's becoming rich by vending dry Goods only the solitary instance of [*sic*] some Scotchmen in Baltimore when it first began to get some celebrity as a trading town and that in the wholesale way—and chiefly for exportation for Spanish market—to be smuggled and in the present state of society it is all a farce to think that a highminded honorable man can succeed—it has now become necessary that a seller of goods should possess that easy flexible conscience that can stoop the practice of chicanery, tergiversation, and dissimulation [*sic*]—plain and direct honesty and truth will be lost amidst the vortex of exterior politeness veiling the most detestable deceit and delusion. A seller of groceries – what now may be deemed the necessities of life may with prudence and industry provided he has capital succeed—although the profits are much less on the amount sold yet he has no draw back for remnants nor unfashionable articles—not the same necessity of deception and delusion—But it has held with my experience that the prudent exporter of and dealer in the domestic produce of the country has succeeded best in all that range of country which has come within my knowledge—still he ought to remember that at least Eleven out of the twenty since my experience have either died insolvent or failed during their lives—and of course of the man of capital will think ere he exposes his money to the griping of the base speculator who trades on the capital of others—that is on his own credit.

New Orleans is not the best place to purchase dry goods the necessities of life and other expenses of living make it essential that their profits should be greater than any other place—more than equivalent to the freight and expenses from New York—besides a great part of the goods exposed for sale at N.O. are purchased at N.Y. and and [*sic*] the eastern towns and of course produce a profit the seller at the former place. It may come within my views a few years hence to visit Tennessee and indeed I have a faint hope that I may yet leave my bones among you. I enclose you a line to W. Townes and remain with my respects to all friends and relations.

Your Affectionate friend

*W. Kerr*

Appendix VI: Letter from George Smith to Andrew J. Donelson, 1829.

Nashville June 9<sup>th</sup> 1829

Dear Andrew

This is the first time that I have written to you since you left this Country, I find that the post master at Gallitin [sic] has been removed, I do not pretend to say, but what it is perfectly right, it has been the cause of some excitement, which I wish may not injure Desha [*He may be referring to Joseph Desha, governor of Kentucky from 1824-1829.*], but I think that every post master in the State that is inimical to the Gen. Jackson should face the same fate, Now it is well known that the post master at Murphreeborough [sic], is a perfect creature of John William's and of course an enemy of the Gen'l, I think that Windle ought to be removed and James C. Moore appointed in his place he is the son in law of Genl Purdy's, of course possessing the right qualities he (Windle) is also the [illegible] friend of A Eswine

I am your with Esteem  
Geo. Smith

Capt. A.J. Jackson [sic]

*At bottom of page:*     Compliments of Bettie M. Donelson  
                                 Oct 22, 1897

*On cover, below address:*

Geo Smith marries Tabitha Donelson, daughter of Capt. John Donelson Sr. & Mary Pernell.

Geo. Smith – recommends Mr. More son in law of Gen Purdy for the Post Office  
Murfreeborough Ten  
PO



## Appendix VII. North Carolina Land Grant, 1787 (transcription)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, No. 56

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING.

KNOW Ye That We, pursuant to an act of our General Assembly, entitled *An Act for the Relief of the Officers and Soldiers of the Continental Line of this State*, for and in consideration of the Services of Daniel Smith, Surveyor of the Lands allotted the said Officers and Soldiers—have given and granted, and be these Presents do give and grant unto the said Daniel Smith—a Tract of Land, containing Three thousand one hundred & forty acres lying and being in our county of Davidson—

On the North side of Cumberland River at the mouth of Drakes creek, beginning [*sic*] at the mouth of Drakes creek runing [*sic*] thence up the Cumberland River According to its Meanders to a Sycamore box Elder and Hackberry thence North seven hundred and thirty two poles to three hicorys [*sic*] on a ridge West three hundred and fifty poles to a hicory and Elm North three hundred and twenty eight Poles to two hackberrys an Elm and a Spanish Oak West four hundred and ten poles crossing Drakes creek to an Elm and hicory Sapling on the South bank of the Camp branch five hundred poles East of Thomas Spencer's southwest corner, thence south along the line of the land belonging to William Cooper decd three hundred and sixty seven poles to a Mulberry and Dogwood West two poles to James Espy's corner and Oak along the said Espy's line south sixty seven poles to an Ash and Elm on a small branch of Espy's branch East two hundred and ninety six poles to an Elm and large Spanish Oak South five hundred poles an Ash and Elm on the North fork of the Glady branch down the Glady branch according to meanders to Drakes creek to the begining

as by the Plat hereunto annexed doth appear; together with all Woods, Waters, Mines, Minerals, Hereditaments, and Appurtenances, to the said Land belonging or appertaining: To hold to the said Daniel Smith his Heirs and Assigns for ever. Yielding and paying to us such Sums of Money yearly. or otherwise, as our General Assembly from time to time may direct, PROVIDED ALWAYS, That the said Daniel Smith shall cause this Grant to be registered in the Register's Office of our said County of Davidson within Twelve Months from the Date hereof, otherwise the same shall be void and of none Effect.

IN TESTIMONY whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and our Great Seal to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS RICHARD CASWELL, Esquire, our Governor, Captain-General, and Commander in Chief, at Kinston the eighth Day of October in the # 11 year of our Independence, and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty Seven.

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On reverse:

No. 56

Daniel Smith 3140 acres      Davidson county

Recorded in the Secretary's Office    3 March 1788

Recd to Register and the same day Registered in Lib A fol. 3

G Winchester Reg

P. Collier PS

T Glasgow, Secretary

[Other signatures are illegible]

# Appendix VIII: Tennessee Land Record, 1813 (transcription)

THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, NO. 4709

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

KNOW YE, THAT by virtue of part of Certificate No. 1207, dated September 17<sup>th</sup> 1812, paid by the Register, of West Tennessee to Thomas Dillon, and entered on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 1812 by N<sup>o</sup>. 9565—

THERE IS GRANTED BY THE SAID STATE OF TENNESSEE, UNTO Daniel Smith assignee of the said Thomas Dillon—

A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, CONTAINING one hundred and two acres, lying in Sumner county in the first District, and on the waters of Drakes creek, -- Beginning at an Elm the north west corner of said Smiths fifty acre tract, running from thence East, with his line, eighty poles to a dogwood, thence south with his east boundary, to his old Survey, one hundred poles to a hickory, thence with the line of the old survey East forty nine poles to a red oak and hornbeam by the side of a small branch, thence north one hundred and eighty nine poles to an Elm and Mulberry, thence West one hundred and twenty nine poles to a small Elm in a dry branch, thence South eighty nine poles to the Beginning—Surveyed December 12<sup>th</sup> 1812 by Daniel Montgomery DL.

WITH THE HEREDITAMENTS AND APPURTENANCES: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAID TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH ITS APPURTENANCES, TO THE SAID DANIEL SMITH—AND HIS HEIRS FOREVER. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WILLIE BLOUNT, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, HATH HEREUNTO SET HIS HAND, AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE TO BE AFFIXED, AT NASHVILLE ON THE EIGHTH DAY OF MAY—IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN, AND OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES, THE THIRTY SEVENTH.

*WILLIE BLOUNT*

BY THE GOVERNOR,

*W.C. BLOUNT*

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On reverse:

Daniel Smith is entitled to the within mentioned tract of Land.

D. McGavock Register  
of West Tennessee

N<sup>o</sup>. 4709

Daniel Smith

102 acres

Sumner County

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Recorded in the Registers Office of West Tennessee May 19<sup>th</sup> 1813

D. McGavock

Registered and paid

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State of Tennessee Sumner County—

August the 6<sup>th</sup> 1813—Then received ten cents and two mills, being the tax on the within Grant. Let it be registered.

David Shelley, Clerk of Sumner County Court.

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Register Office

I Jas. Douglass Register of Said County

do Certify that the Within Grant is duly

registered in Book M page 16<sup>th</sup> the

12<sup>th</sup> day of August 1813—

James Douglass Register

by Thomas Culbert Deputy

Register of Sumner County

## Appendix IX: Presidential Commission

George Washington, President of the United States of America

To all who shall see these Presents—Greeting.

Know Ye that reposing special Trust and Confidence in the Integrity, Diligence, and Abilities of Daniel Smith, Esquire, a Citizen of the Territory of the United States, South of the River Ohio, I have nominated and by and with the advice and Consent of the Senate, do appoint him Secretary in and for the said Territory, and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfill the Duties of that Office, according to Law, and to have and to hold the said Office, with all the Powers, Privileges, and Emoluments to the same of Right appertaining, for the Term of four Years from the Day of the Date hereof, unless the President of the United States for the Time bring, shall be pleased sooner to revoke and determine this Commission.

In Testimony whereof, I have caused these Letters to be made Patent and the Seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my Hand at the City of New York the Eighth Day of June, in the Year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

by the President  
G. Washington  
Th. Jefferson

*[Note: The U.S. Capitol was in New York City from January 1785 to the December 1790, when it was moved to Philadelphia.]*

## Appendix X: “Daniel Smith”

### Daniel Smith

In April 1775 Daniel Smith was residing near what is now the county seat of Russell County Va—see Calk Diary.—

In 1772 Fincastle county was formed out of Botetourt; and then embraced what afterward was made Kentucky, Washington and Montgomery counties (in 1776) and the name of Fincastle became extinct.

“The act passed in Oct. 1776, but it was not to go into operation until Jan'y 1777.—It received its military and civil organization on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 1777. It is the oldest county of Washington in the United States, being the first that was called after the father of his country.

xxx The following are the first records made in which the county received its civil and military organization:

“January 28<sup>th</sup>, in the first year of the commonweath [*sic*] of Virginia, and in the year of our Lord Christ 1777, being the day appointed by act of the General Assembly of the commonwealth of Virginia, for holding the first court of the county of Washington at “Black’s Fort.” A commission of the Peace and Declimus [?] of this county, directed to Arthur Campbell, William Campbell, Evan Shelby, Daniel Smith, William Edmiston, John Campbell, Joseph Martin, Alexander Buchanan, James Dysart, John Kincaid, John Sanderson, James Montgomery, John [Coale? – illegible], John Snoddy, George Blackburn and Moses Marten, gentlemen, bearing date the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 1776, were produced and read: Thereupon, pursuant to the Declimus William Campbell and Joseph Martin two of the aforesaid justices, administered the oath of a justice of the peace, and of a justice of the county court of chancery, to Arthur Campbell, the first justice named in said commission, and he afterwards administered the aforesaid oaths to William Campbell, William Edmiston and others named as aforesaid in the said commission.” XX James Dysart produced a commissive as county sheriff from Patrick Henry.” xx David Campbell, afterwards Judge Campbell of Tennessee was inducted into the office of county clerk.

The same records exhibit the following as the military organization of the county in this the first year of the commonwealth, and morning of the American Revolution:

Arthur Campbell, county lieutenant or Colonel-commandant;

Evan Shelby colonel,

William Campbell Lieutenant [*sic*] Colonel;

Wm Edmiston / Daniel Smith, majors;

Captains, John Campbell, Joseph Martin, John Shelby Snr, James Montgomery, Robert Buchanan, Sam Lewis, John Duncan, Gilbert Christian, James Shelby, James Dysart, Thomas Marten, John Kinkaid, John Anderson, Wm Bowen (Bourne), George Adams, Robert Craig, Andrew Colvil and James Robertson.—Sometime after this organization Col. Evan Shelby resigned his commission,--and William Campbell was appointed in his place”—See Virginia Historical Collections, By Henry Howe, 1845, pp. 500 + 501.

This Daniel Smith was the Daniel Smith who was afterward Secretary of the lands lying south of the Ohio river; was, also, one of the first United States Senators from the State of Tennessee.

This Daniel Smith was residing near what is now Russell Court House Va. in April 1775—See the Diary of Mr. Calk.

Being Major of Washington county will entitle any descendant of his to membership of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

There was another Daniel Smith, I believe in Augusta county, who I think was a Captain—also.

Col. Arthur Campbell married a sister of Col. afterward Gen. Wm. Campbell, remained about 35 years on the farm on the Holston. He then removed to Yellow Creek, Knox County Ky, now Bell county, near Middlesborough, where he died of cancer in the face in his 74<sup>th</sup> year.

Genl. Wm. Campbell was an only son. He was in 1775 commissioned as Captain in the first Regiment of the regulars—He resigned in the latter part of 1776, on account of the Indian War breaking out. See . 505 Howe.

“Washington county during the whole revolution and up to 1786, embraced within its limits all southwestern Virginia south west of Montgomery county. It included parts of Grayson [Wm. Bourne became the first clerk], Wythe, and Tazewell, and all of Smythe, Scott, Russell [in which Daniel Smith resided] and Lee, and the present county of Washington.”

“Tuesday Nov<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1780, the Speaker laid before the House the report and proceedings of the commissioners appointed to run the boundary line with North Carolina xxx and further consideration deferred till the next session of the Assembly” p/8/

Friday, Dec<sup>r</sup> 8, 1780, Anthony Bledsoe [who I think introduced the Bill for the extension of line] acted as commissary to the commissioners and their guard, that run the boundary line between this state (Va) and N.C.”

Lieutenant Thomas Sharp petitioned for further remuneration for himself and the company who acted as guard to commissioner for running the boundary line with N.C. p. 12 Lt. Thomas Sharp allowed £500 per month.

Sergeants “ £300 “ “

Soldiers “ £200 “ “

for the time they acted as guards”—See proceeding of Va. Assembly.

In Calendar of Va. State Papers &c.  
vol. IV p. 19—“A party of Indians came to the house of John Walton, killed and scalpt his wife, about 15 miles from my station. About three years ago I apointed [sic] Lieutant {sic} Colo. in the Second Battalion of Washington Militia under Col. Smith, who has since removed to Cumberland—March 26, 1785.”

p. 26—“Bims [?] Jones, who had been a lieutenant, was broke by Sentence of a Court Martial, though I do not recollect for what.”

Letter of Col. Wm. Davis [a son of the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Saml. Davies].

I am not sure who is author of the extract from page 19—as I failed to note. I believe this determines that Daniel Smith, the U.S. Senator, was “Colonel in the Second Battalion of the Washington Militia” in the year 1782; as he “removed to Cumberland.” This also substantiates your conclusion that he was on the Cumberland 1783-'04.—

The “Calendar &c &c” Vol. iv I think covered the period between Jan<sup>y</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1785 and July 2d 1789.—

I also found on page 46, the following “The charges against Col. Arthur Campbell can be supported by Genl. Russell, Capt. Andrew Kincannon, Capt. Henry Smith, and Capt. Wm. Cocke of the Franklin settlement.—July 17, 1785.”

I believe this “Capt Henry Smith” was the brother of Daniel Smith and of Enoch Smith.

Please preserve these 9 pages.

James M. Bourne