

## GUIDE TO THE SMEAD FAMILY PAPERS

### SCOPE & CONTENT NOTE:

The Smead Family Papers were received by the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association from many sources over many years. The collection numbers just over 100 items, with inclusive dates of 1705 to 1945.

The superscript numbers that accompany the notes below refer to the number assigned to that individual by George Sheldon in genealogical notes on the Smead family that are included in the second volume of his *History of Deerfield* (1895). Many of the following biographical notes were taken from that source and *Our Footprints* by E. B. Smead.

**Sarah Smead**<sup>3</sup>, daughter of Samuel<sup>3</sup>, probably of the Wapping section of Deerfield. Sarah was born Jan. 22, 1709/10. She had a daughter named Sarah on Apr. 30, 1740. No other information is given.

Her papers include two 1736 property surveys done by Elijah Williams.

**Ebenezer**<sup>5</sup>, son of William<sup>2</sup> and Elizabeth Lawrence Smead, was born 1675, died 1753. He was a constable, selectman, and town meeting moderator in Deerfield. He married Esther Catlin in 1753 and had ten children. Three of his sons are listed below.

His papers include a bond to repay £200.

**Ebenezer**<sup>8</sup>, son of Ebenezer<sup>5</sup> and Abigail Barnard Smead, was born 1704, died 1783. He was an ensign in the Louisburg Expedition of 1745. He later settled in Greenfield, Mass., and served as a selectman for the town. He married Abigail Barnard in 1726; they had four children.

His papers include a writ and a promissory note.

**Jonathan**<sup>9</sup>, son of Ebenezer<sup>5</sup> and Abigail Barnard Smead, was born 1707, died 1783. He settled in Greenfield and married Mehitable Nims in 1731. They had 12 children.

His papers include a 1748 writ of trespass brought by the town of Deerfield against him for cutting down ten pine trees valued at £30.

**Joseph**<sup>10</sup>, son of Ebenezer<sup>5</sup> and Abigail Barnard Smead, was born 1713, died 1796. He lived on the Street in Deerfield and later moved to Pine Nook. He made snow shoes during the French and Indian wars. He married Eunice Field with whom he had seven children. One of his sons is mentioned below.

His papers include estate-related items such as invoices, receipts, and legal papers that include a writ and an attorney appointment.

**Oliver**, son of Joseph<sup>10</sup> and Eunice Field Smead, was born on 1743 and died about 1784. No other information is found.

His papers include two financial documents relating to his estate: a receipt and a promissory note, both dated 1784.

**Samuel**<sup>11</sup>, son of Samuel<sup>6</sup> and Rebecca Severance Smead, was born in 1748. He was probably from Montague where he was born but removed to Deerfield. He served in the American Revolution as a minute man at Lexington. He participated in other revolutionary campaigns. He then moved to Shelburne in 1783, then to Ohio in 1828. He married Mary Hawks about 1776; they had 6 children. He was still alive in 1832.

His papers contain a receipt and an account.

**Reuben**<sup>14</sup>, son of John<sup>7</sup> and Mary Allis Smead, was born 1735, died in 1848. He settled in Shelburne, Mass., went to New York in 1810, returned to Shelburne, and in 1834 moved to Michigan. He married three times: Charlotte Bardwell c. 1798, Sarah Lothrop in 1803, and Anna Hawks in 1807. He fathered eight children in all.

His papers consist of one writ, dated 1769.

**David**<sup>23</sup>, son of David<sup>15</sup> (a state representative and senator ) and Mary Hastings Smead, was born 1761, died in 1833. He lived in Greenfield, Mass. In 1791, he married Electa Smead and with her had three children.

His papers consist of a single receipt, dated 1816.

**Thomas**<sup>26</sup>, son of Lemuel<sup>17</sup> and Sarah Nims Smead, was born 1768, died 1837. He lived in Greenfield and is noted as having been a captain of militia. He married Rebecca Hinsdale in 1794; they had nine children.

His papers hold one account book page from 1798-1800.

**Seth**<sup>30</sup>, son of Daniel<sup>18</sup> and Tirza Wells Smead, was born 1778, died 1838. He, too, was a captain who resided in Greenfield. He married Elizabeth Newton in 1809; they had eight children.

He is represented by one account book page from 1816-1818.

**Elihu**, son of Solomon<sup>35</sup> and Dorinda Dole Smead, was born in 1829, died 1900. He was born in Shelburne, Mass., and later moved to Newton, Mass. He married Elinor G. Wright.

His papers include a deed of land on Pocumtuck Mountain in Deerfield, dated 1885.

**Amelia Ann**, daughter of Solomon<sup>35</sup> and Dorinda Dole Smead, was born in 1833 in Shelburne, Mass. She spent many years on the school board in Newton, Mass. Very little else is known about her.

Her papers include 3 deeds of land in Deerfield. Two are dated 1874 and detail land bought by she and her sister Jane. Jane in turn gives Amelia some Deerfield land in 1904.

## CONTAINER LIST:

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- Folder 1: Sarah, surveys, 1736- 2 items
- Folder 2: Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, bond, 1705- 1 item
- Folder 3: Ebenezer<sup>8</sup>, legal papers, 1768, 1770- 2 items
- Folder 4: Jonathan<sup>9</sup>, writ, 1748- 1 item
- Folder 5: Joseph<sup>10</sup>, estate and legal documents, 1756/7-1798- 9 items
- Folder 6: Oliver, son of Joseph<sup>10</sup>, financial documents, 1784- 2 items
- Folder 7: Samuel<sup>11</sup>, financial documents, n.d., 1818- 2 items
- Folder 8: Reuben<sup>14</sup>, financial document, 1769- 1 item
- Folder 9: David<sup>23</sup>, financial document, 1816- 1 item
- Folder 10: Thomas<sup>26</sup>, financial statement, 1798-1800, 1 item
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- Folder 12: Elihu, son of Solomon<sup>35</sup>, deed, 1885- 1 item
- Folder 13: Amelia, dau. of Solomon<sup>35</sup>, deeds, 1874, 1904- 3 items
- Folder 14: Miscellaneous Smead records, 1842-1914, n.d.- 9 items
- Folder 15: Manuscript- military history of Smead family members, n.d.- 1 item  
(Contains Civil War history of John Radcliff Smead in detail)
- Folder 16: Manuscript of Civil War recollections of Jonathan H. Smead, with  
biographical note and donor letter- n.d, 1986- 3 items
- Folder 17: Manuscript of 175th Anniversary of 1st Cong. Ch. in Gfld by E. B. Smead, n.d.-  
1 item
- Folder 18: Printed Address by Col. Isaac Smead on church dedication in Ohio, 1893- 1 item
- Folder 19: Newspaper and magazine article on Theodore D. Judah, n.d.- 2 items
- Folder 20: Various newspaper clippings, some transcribed, 1901-2004, n.d.- 25 items
- Folder 21: Ephemera- speech, notes, photo, n.d.- 12 items

### Box 2:

- Folder 1: Typescript of "Our Footprints" a Smead genealogy by Edwin Billings Smead,  
c.1927- 1 item
- Folder 2: Typescript of "Memorandum as to the Smead Family of Mass.," n.d.- 1 item
- Folder 3: Typescript of "Smead- A List of Smead Sons Born Before 1850" by M. Walker,  
1945, 2 copies
- Folder 4: Copy of "Family Record (on Billings) from Pierce Bible" by Wm. Joyce, 1899-  
1 item
- Folder 5: Genealogical correspondence, 1870-1927
- Folder 6: Genealogical correspondence, 1928 (mainly to Edwin Billings Smead)
- Folder 7: Genealogical correspondence, 1929-1987
- Folder 8: Genealogical notes