

Andrew Smith

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DEATHS AT BRUNSWICK

Mrs. Sally Hudson, Miss Sarah M. Roberts, Mrs. Margaret E. Snow, Herbert L. Snow, Dosia Coston, sailor, name unknown, Henry F. Black, Isaac Christian, Netty Cohen, Dr. B.H. Hampton, Sam Chinaman, Henry Cox, Palmer Jones, Wm. R. Cozard, E.B. Courtney, Miss Louisa Hicks, Joseph Goodbread, Stringfellow, steward brig "Laura Gertrude," sailor, name unknown, Fannie Waters, B.W.H. Davenport, E.W. Kelly, Lizzie Floyd, E.W. Cox, Almander [Alexander?] Peters, Gustave Peters, Mary Shrine, E. Moran, Katie Moran, Geo. Ray, E. Gatchell, Jno Slian, Wm. Kraus, Salvaorn Saverese, sailor, name unknown, M. Bartlett, Phillip Burchard, James Davis, Rosa C. Racetty, Alex A. Williams, Jno. Powers, B.E. Tenniman, ?E Golding, C.A. Bunkley, S.E. Moore, John Peters, Wm. Burns, J.T. Zeigler, C.L. Cole, Mrs. West, Seaborn Jones, C.E. Todt, Oscar Dover, Mrs. Thos. Borne, Mrs. Tuthill, E.C. Tuthill, Mrs. P.N. Blair, T.F. Smith, editor Appeal, Mrs. Margaret Hudson, Wm. Savage, A.J. Smith, lawyer, Chas. Sperr, Anna Bryant, Dr. Taber, Pat Hawkins, Tom Chinaman, Miss Lela Mason, Dr. R. Nobles, Mrs. Gray, W.F. Herzog, W.E. Jones, Eddy Woodwin, sailor, sailor, Thos. Peters, Salson? Green, J.W. Fowler, Mr. Morgan, Captain Roberts' child.

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In Memoriam, Col. A.J. Smith

Col. Andrew J. Smith was born in Coweta County, Georgia, March the 1st, A.D. 1837. He was the son of Dr. Ira E. Smith, a physician of large and lucrative practice, and a reputation coextensive with his State. Dr. Smith represented Coweta county a number of terms in the Lower House of the Georgia Legislature, and his Senatorial District several times in the State Senate. His personal popularity, as a public man, was unsurpassed.

Col. Andrew J. Smith, graduated with the class of 1855, at Emory College, Oxford, Georgia, at the early age of seventeen (17) years. His standing at college, as the writer well remembers, (he having been a member of the graduating class of 1854) was such as to win the admiration of his fellow students, and to foreshadow the brilliant career which distinguished his after life.

He was married in Coweta county, Dec. 24th, 1856 to Miss Lizzie Tench.

He taught school several years after graduation, both in Texas and in his native State, and, at one time, was Principal of the Palmer Female Institute, at Oxford, Georgia. As a teacher, Col. Smith gave entire satisfaction to his patrons, and won applause for himself.

He was admitted to the Bar, at the Henry county Superior Court, a short time previous to the war. After the surrender, he resumed the practice of his profession, the pursuit of which had been greatly interrupted by the events of the war, and rapidly acquired reputation throughout middle Georgia, for legal ability and eloquence. His ability as a criminal lawyer was so marked, as to win for him the title of, "the S.S. Prentiss of the Georgia Bar."

In the year 1870, on account of his feeble health, and other circumstances, Col. Smith removed to Brunswick, Ga., where he speedily attained to the position of "leading lawyer of the place," the claim to which, was cheerfully accorded him by the Bar, and people of the Brunswick circuit. At the time of his death, he was the regular nominee of the Democratic party for State Senator from the fourth Senatorial District, and would, doubtless, have been triumphantly elected, had his valuable life been spared.

When the yellow fever became epidemic in Brunswick, Col. Smith sent his family away, but determined, himself, to remain in the city, to aid in caring for the sick, although he had but just recovered from a severe attack of illness, and was as feeble as a child. Under the impulse of that noble nature which so distinguished him among his fellows, and won for him the love and admiration of all, he deemed it cowardice to desert his people in their time of affliction, and remained, but to fall an early victim to the "fell destroyer." He was among the first to place his name on the "roll of honor" as a member of the Relief Committee, to nurse the sick, with whom he labored until stricken down himself. He died Sept. 21, 1876, after four days of illness, at the age of thirty-eight years. During his last hours, he talked of nothing but his family who were then absent in middle Georgia where he had sent them for safety. Although conscious that he must die, he exhibited no fear of death. Having known no fear in the conflicts of life, his great spirit was unawed by the approach of the last enemy, and he passed away as gently and as quietly as the wearied child falls to sleep upon the bosom of its mother.

Thus have I briefly sketched the leading events in the life of this truly great man. Having known Col. Smith in the hey-day of youth, when life was all anticipation, and then again, more intimately among the conflicts and cares of maturer years, the writer is prepared to appreciate his character to realize, in a measure the value of his life, and to estimate the greatness of his loss, now that he is gone. As a college youth, Col. Smith was noble, frank, ambitious, hopeful. As a man, he was respectful, unsuspecting, generous to a fault, careful of his honor, honorable to his enemies, (if he could be said to have any) and true to his friends. As a lawyer, he was courteous to his associates, deferential to authority, modest in victory, unawed by defeat, true to his clients, and almost irresistible in the prosecution of their rights. As a citizen, he met all his obligations, discharged all his duties, and loved his State. As a husband and father, he was loving, tender, forgiving, and provident. In short, in that feeble frame, which yielded to the too active mind of Col. Smith, was encased as true a heart, as noble a soul, and as bright and intellect as earth has ever known.

His family, his friends, his city, his State, the world, are losers by his death. May his memory ever be cherished.

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