Benchmark Sample Descendant Report

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First Generation

1. **Reginald Edward² Smythe** (Sir Charles¹), son of Sir Charles and Jane (Edwards) Smythe, was born on 3 August 1780 in Little Chesterford, Essex, England.¹ Reginald's mother died in childbirth. Anna Chordray, the wife of Sir Charles' gardener, was enlisted to serve as wet nurse and nanny. Reginald died on 14 April 1826 at Lot 32 Concession 10, Murray Twp., Newcastle District, Upper Canada.² Cause: Drowning. Reginald married (1) on 15 July 1803 in Burnt Pelham, Hertfordshire, England, **Elizabeth Conyer**,³ who was born on 15 September 1786 in Ickleton, Cambridgeshire, England.⁴ Reginald married (2) on 10 June 1810 in Malta, **Rachel Woods**,⁵ who was born on 2 May 1785 in Ilford, Essex⁶ and died in October 1818 at sea.⁷

Reginald was christened on 20 August 1780 at St Margaret's, Ickleton.⁸ Anna Chordray acted as surrogate mother in the absence of Reginald's parents. Reginald was educated between September 1785 & June 1797 at Ridgeway's, Braintree, Essex.⁹ He was educated between September 1797 & June 1801 at King's College, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire.¹⁰ He graduated from there on 12 July 1801.¹¹ He and Elizabeth obtained a marriage license on 10 July 1803 in Cambridge.¹² The marriage of Reginald and Elizabeth was annulled on 10 August 1803 at Chancery Court, London, England.¹³ The bride's father, Sir Rodney Conver, Knight, discovered his underage daughter was planning on marrying Reginald Smythe using a license obtained fraudulently. Arriving too late to stop the marriage he took his daughter home by force and applied to his friend, the Bishop of London, for an annulment. Reginald served in the military on 10 October 1805 in London.¹⁴ To ensure Reginald created no further embarrassment for the family Sir Charles prevailed upon his friend, Lord Thompson, Colonel of the 8th Dragoons, to obtain a commission for his son. On the 10th of October 1805 Reginald was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the 8th Dragoons. He was shipped to Malta shortly thereafter. A marriage contract for the marriage of Reginald and Rachel was signed on 1 May 1810 in Malta.¹⁵ Marriage Banns for Reginald were published on 20 May 1810 in St. Stephen's, Malta.¹⁶ He adopted Rebecca Moore on 14 November 1810 in Malta.¹⁷ Reginald had a total of 2 marriages. He was a client of George Van Stone. George van Stone handled all of Reginald Smythe's legal affairs. George was Reginald's administrator. He participated in a military promotion on 15 March 1812 in Malta.¹⁸ He retired on 15 July 1816 in London.¹⁹ He emigrated from there on 10 August 1818.²⁰ He had a property change on 25 August 1818 at Lot 32 Concession 10.²¹ He immigrated on 1 November 1818 to Coburg, Newcastle District.²² Arriving in Coburg Reginald needed both help and advice. George van Stone, local business man and entrepreneur, who was handling Reginald's land grant suggested he could either give up the grant and take employment as a laborer or prove the grant. Either way he would require someone to care for the children. He suggested the Potter Valois family in Brighton. They had a son John's age and at 13, Rebecca would be a help to Mrs. Valois. Reginald spent Christmas with the Valois and decided to accept their help. It would prove a good decision. Reginald signed a will on 12 January 1825 in Coburg.²³ His estate was probated there on 28 April 1826.²⁴

Child of Reginald Edward Smythe and his second wife, Rachel Woods:

JOHN³ SMYTHE, born 14 May 1813 in Ilford;²⁵ born 14 April 1814 in Little Chesterford;²⁶ died 12 December 1891 at home, Lot 32, Conc. 10, Brighton Twp.;²⁷ buried 3 days later at MacPhail Cemetery, Brighton Twp., Northumberland Cty., Ontario, Canada;²⁸ married 2 July 1834 at Lot 32 Concession 10, Maria Sauvé,²⁹ who was born on 5 May 1815 in Quebec, Lower Canada³⁰ and died on 6 June 1896 in Brighton Twp., Northumberland Cty.³¹ She was buried 4 days later at MacPhail Cemetery.³²

Second Generation

2. **John³ Smythe** (Reginald Edward², Sir Charles¹), son of Reginald Edward and Rachel (Woods) Smythe, was born on 14 May 1813 in Ilford, Essex, England³³ or John was born on 14 April 1814 in Little Chesterford, Essex.³⁴ He died on 12 December 1891 at home, Lot 32, Conc. 10, Brighton Twp.³⁵ Cause: Heart disease. John was buried on 15 December 1891 at MacPhail Cemetery, Brighton Twp., Northumberland Cty., Ontario, Canada.³⁶ He married on 2 July 1834 at Lot 32 Concession 10, Murray Twp., Newcastle District, Upper Canada, **Maria Sauvé**,³⁷ who was born on 5 May 1815 in Quebec, Lower Canada³⁸ and died on 6 June 1896 in Brighton Twp., Northumberland Cty.⁴⁰

John was blessed on 30 May 1813 at St.Mark's, Ilford.⁴¹ He was baptized there the same day.⁴² He was confirmed on 12 April 1825 in Brighton, Newcastle District.⁴³ He received John's first communion there on 15 September 1826.⁴⁴ John Potter Smith is an alias of John. His religious affiliation was Church of England.⁴⁵ He resided at Lot 32, Concession 10, Brighton Twp, Northumberland Cty, Ontario from 1835 to 1891.⁴⁶ He was ordained on 30 June 1843 in Brighton, Brighton Twp (Deacon).⁴⁷ He appeared on the census of 1851 in Brighton Twp (Nominal and Agricultural).⁴⁸

Children of John and Maria (Sauvé) Smythe:

- i. JOHN REGINALD⁴ SMITH, born 2 July 1836 in Murray Twp.;⁴⁹ died 12 March 1897 in Brighton Twp., Northumberland Cty.;⁵⁰ buried there 4 days later;⁵¹ married 15 August 1880 in Brighton, Brighton Twp, Rosamund Henson,⁵² who was born before 1862. John had a property change 15 August 1858 at Lot 12, Concession 8, Brighton Twp., Northumberland Cty.⁵³ He was christened 2 December 1858 in Brighton Twp., Northumberland Cty.⁵⁴ He filed for divorce from Rosamund 22 September 1882 in Toronto, Ontario.⁵⁵ John and Rosamund were divorced there 10 August 1883.⁵⁶
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 ii. CHARLES⁴ SMITH, born 6 January 1838 in Murray Twp.;⁵⁷ died 22 December 1900 in Bountiful, Utah;⁵⁸ buried there 2 days later;⁵⁹ married 12 September 1866 in Carthage, Illinois, Edwina Cripps,⁶⁰ who was born there on 20 June 1840⁶¹ and died on 12 February 1925 in Bountiful.⁶² She was buried there 4 days later.⁶³
- + 5 iii. ANGELINE⁴ SMITH, born 1 May 1840 in Murray Twp.;⁶⁴ died 4 September 1910 in Toronto;⁶⁵ buried there the following day;⁶⁶ married 30 June 1858 there, Edward Wiseman,⁶⁷ who was born about 1835⁶⁸ and died on 12 November 1882 in Toronto.⁶⁹ He was buried there the following day.⁷⁰

+ 6 iv. MARIA⁴ SMITH, born 2 April 1846 in Brighton Twp., Northumberland Cty.;⁷¹ died there 15 February 1916;⁷² buried 3 days later at MacPhail Cemetery;⁷³ married 22 October 1866 in Brighton, Northumberland Cty., Robert Wright,⁷⁴ who was born on 22 September 1831 in Littlebury, Essex⁷⁵ and died on 12 April 1899 in Brighton Twp., Northumberland Cty.⁷⁶ He was buried 3 days later at MacPhail Cemetery.⁷⁷

Third Generation

4. **Charles⁴ Smith** (John³ Smythe, Reginald Edward², Sir Charles¹), son of John and Maria (Sauvé) Smythe, was born on 6 January 1838 in Murray Twp., Newcastle District, Upper Canada⁷⁸ and died on 22 December 1900 in Bountiful, Utah.⁷⁹ Cause: Heart Disease. Charles was buried on 24 December 1900 in Bountiful.⁸⁰ He married on 12 September 1866 in Carthage, Illinois, **Edwina Cripps**,⁸¹ who was born there on 20 June 1840⁸² and died on 12 February 1925 in Bountiful.⁸³ She was buried there 4 days later.⁸⁴

Charles was naturalized on 4 July 1864 in Carthage.⁸⁵ He had a total of 1 chidren. He was baptized in the LDS church on 10 October 1864 at NAUVO, Nauvoo, Illinois.⁸⁶ He was confirmed there the same day.⁸⁷ He was engaged to Edwina on 1 January 1866 in Carthage.⁸⁸ Charles received Charles's endowment on 10 June 1866 at NAUVO.⁸⁹ His sealing to Edwina was completed there on 15 October 1866.⁹⁰ Charles was sealed to parents on 10 January 1886 at SLAKE, Salt Lake City, Utah.⁹¹

Child of Charles and Edwina (Cripps) Smith:

i. JOSEPH⁵ SMITH, born 12 January 1876 in Salt Lake City;⁹² died there 10 July 1972.⁹³ Joseph's sealing to parents was submitted 10 January 1886 at SLAKE.⁹⁴ He resided at 164 N West Temple;Suite 6;Salt Lake City, UT 84150. He was described as 165 lbs, 5 ft 10 in, blood type AB, gray hair, blue eyes. He was employed as a Millwright about 1930 in Saltair, Utah. He was assigned a national ID number of 824567 there about 1930 (Employee Identification number). He was assigned a Social Security number of 417-15-4013 14 January 1937 in Bountiful.⁹⁵ He retired 10 July 1945 in Salt Lake City.⁹⁶ He participated in a reunion there 16 June 1946.⁹⁷ He was cremated there 16 July 1972.⁹⁸

5. **Angeline⁴ Smith** (John³ Smythe, Reginald Edward², Sir Charles¹), daughter of John and Maria (Sauvé) Smythe, was born on 1 May 1840 in Murray Twp.⁹⁹ and died on 4 September 1910 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.¹⁰⁰ She was buried there the following day.¹⁰¹ She married on 30 June 1858 there, **Edward Wiseman**,¹⁰² who was born about 1835¹⁰³ and died on 12 November 1882 in Toronto.¹⁰⁴ He was buried there the following day.¹⁰⁵

A settlement for the marriage of Angeline and Edward was made there on 15 May 1858.¹⁰⁶

Child of Angeline Smith and her only husband, Edward Wiseman:

8 i. REBECCA⁵ WISEMAN, born 10 May 1859 in Toronto.¹⁰⁷ Rebecca became a bas mitzvah there 12 July 1872.¹⁰⁸

6. **Maria⁴ Smith** (John³ Smythe, Reginald Edward², Sir Charles¹), daughter of John and Maria (Sauvé) Smythe, was born on 2 April 1846 in Brighton Twp., Northumberland Cty., Ontario¹⁰⁹ and died there on 15 February 1916.¹¹⁰ Cause: Influenza. Maria was buried on 18 February 1916 at MacPhail Cemetery, Brighton Twp.¹¹¹ She married on 22 October 1866 in Brighton, Northumberland Cty., **Robert Wright**,¹¹² who was born on 22 September 1831 in Littlebury, Essex, England¹¹³ and died on 12 April 1899 in Brighton Twp.¹¹⁴ He was buried 3 days later at MacPhail Cemetery.¹¹⁵

Child of Maria Smith and her only husband, Robert Wright:

ROBERT⁵ WRIGHT, born 16 August 1867 at Lot 34, Concession 3, Brighton Twp.;¹¹⁶ died 22 July 1945 in Brighton Twp.;¹¹⁷ buried 3 days later at MacPhail Cemetery.¹¹⁸

Notes

- 1. Clarence Alexander Smythe II, *Smythe Family Records* (The Strand, London: Vanity Publishers, no date), Page 36; Call number 93 V32 nm, Saffron Walden Public Library, Essex, England. Condition, fair. This is a limited edition book. Only known copy is in the Saffron Walden Library.
- 2. Ibid.
- 3. Ibid.
- 4. Curate Edward Gregg, *St Margaret's Parish Registers, Ickleton, Cambridgeshire, England* (No place: Church of England, no date), Page 26, Item 3; LDS # 462789, Family History Library, Salt Lake City. Registers cover the period from 1865 to 1837. Registers are in excellent condition.
- 5. Ministry of Defense, Great Britain, *Service of Officers Retired on Full and Half Pay, 1828* (Kew, England: Public Record Office, no date), Public Record Office. Records are not indexed. Use of a professional researcher is required.
- 6. "Reginald and his wife, the former Mrs. Rachel Moore, nee Woods, born in Ilford on May 2, 1785, left for Canada today." Smythe, *Smythe Family Records*, Pages 56.
- 7. "Letter from Reginald. Anna died three days from port. Buried at sea." Ibid., Page 62.
- 8. "Reginald Edward, son of Sir Charles Smythe and his late wife, the Lady Jane Edwards." Gregg, *Par Reg Ickleton*, Page 26.
- 9. "Sir Charles sent Reginald to Ridgeways in the hope they would discipline the child." Smythe, *Smythe Family Records*, Page 40, Paragraph 2.
- 10. "Reginald entered King's College on September 12, 1797." Ibid., Page 42, Paragraph 1.
- "Sir Charles was greatly pleased." Ibid., Page 44; "Reginald Edward Smythe, Bachelor of Arts." Registrar of King's College, *Cambridge University, Graduate Lists 1455-1939* (Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England: Cambridge Press, no date), Page 56, Line 4.; LDS # 1234567, Family History Library, Salt Lake City. Lists not complete.
- 12. Smythe, Smythe Family Records.
- 13. Ibid.
- 14. Ministry of Defense, Great Britain, Officer Service, Page 52.
- 15. Ibid.
- 16. Ibid., Banns were read May 20, 27 and June 3rd.
- 17. Ibid.
- 18. "Lt. Smith promoted to Captain" Ibid., 65.
- 19. "Captain Reginald Smythe retired at half pay." Ibid., Page 76.

- 20. "Reggie and wife left for Canada today." Smythe, Smythe Family Records, Page 62.
- 21. Archives of Ontario, *Land Records Index* (No place: Archives of Ontario, no date), Free Grant, RG Series, Vol 2. Page 141; LDS # 0609876, Archives of Ontario, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- 22. Smythe, Smythe Family Records.
- 23. Reginald Smythe Will, Address: Coburg, ON, 12 January 1825; Will was found with land records for lot 32, concession 10, Brighton Township, Northumberland County, Ontario, Canada., Land Record Office.
- 24. "I, Reginald Smythe, do leave my land and implements to my son, John. To my adopted daughter, Rebecca I leave my household goods. Any moneys remaining after my funeral expenses shall be equally divided between the two aforementioned." Ibid.
- 25. Ministry of Defense, Great Britain, Officer Service.
- 26. International Genealogical Index Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City: 1993, Family History Library, Salt Lake City. This data is from an index and must be considered questionable until confirmed.
- 27. Reginald Edward Smythe monument, MacPhail's Cemetery, Lot 34 Concession 3, Brighton Twp, Ontario, Canada.
- 28. Ibid.
- 29. "Ceremony was held at John's home by a Roman Catholic missionary at Maria's request." Smith Family Bible (London: Royal Bible Society, 1812). Present owner: Edgar Cagney. Present whereabouts are unknown. Last known location: Coburg ON 1996. Condition at time of examination was good.
- 30. Ibid.
- 31. Ibid.
- 32. Ibid.
- 33. Ministry of Defense, Great Britain, Officer Service.
- 34. IGI, 1993, FHL.
- 35. MacPhail's Cemetery.
- 36. Ibid.
- 37. "Ceremony was held at John's home by a Roman Catholic missionary at Maria's request." Smith Bible.
- 38. Ibid.
- 39. Ibid.
- 40. Ibid.

- 41. Ministry of Defense, Great Britain, *Officer Service*.
- 42. Ibid.
- 43. Smith Bible.
- 44. Ibid.
- 45. Ibid.
- 46. "On reaching his majority John came into his inheritance. At this time he changed his name to John Potter Smith." Township of Brighton, *Township Papers* (No place: Archives of Ontario, no date), Archives of Ontario, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- 47. Smith Bible.
- 48. "John Smith, age 38, Maria, age 35, John age 14, Charles, age 13, Angeline age 11, Maria age5. John and boys religion is Methodist. Maria and girls, Roman Catholic. John was born in England, Maria in Quebec, children in Ontario. John has square timbered 4 room house, a barn, two horses, one cow, 2 pigs, 20 acres in peas and potatoes, 50 acres in wheat a wagon and a sleigh." Government of Canada, *1851 Census of Ontario* (Ottawa, Ontario, Canada: Queen's Printer, no date); LDS #s 1432567-1432988, Family History Library, Salt Lake City.
- 49. Smith Bible.
- 50. Ibid.
- 51. Ibid.
- 52. Ibid.
- 53. Land Titles Office, *Land Titles for Northumberland County* (Toronto, Ontario, Canada: Queen's Printer, Government of Ontario, no date), Land Record Office.
- 54. Smith Bible, Took place at a Methodist camp meeting.
- 55. Ibid.
- 56. Ibid.
- 57. Ibid.
- 58. Ibid.
- 59. Ibid.
- 60. IGI, 1993, FHL.
- 61. Ibid.

- 62. Smith Bible.
- 63. Ibid.
- 64. Ibid.
- 65. Ibid.
- 66. Ibid.
- 67. Interview with Rabbi Eisenberg, Beth Israel Synagogue, Toronto, Ontario, by John Smith, 12 December 1996. Rabbi Eisenberg provided all dates pertaining to the Wiseman family.
- 68. Ibid.
- 69. Smith Bible.
- 70. Ibid.
- 71. Ibid.
- 72. Ibid.
- 73. Ibid.
- 74. Ibid.
- 75. Curate John Begg., *St Mark's Parish Registers, Littlebury, Essex, England* (No place: Church of England, no date), Page 63; LDS # 692476, Family History Library, Salt Lake City. Registers cover the period from 1632 to 1837. Registers from July 1745 to August of 1756 are almost illegible due to water damage. The Reverend John Begg was a circuit curate. His registers appear to have been kept by an unnamed person.
- 76. Smith Bible.
- 77. Ibid.
- 78. Ibid.
- 79. Ibid.
- 80. Ibid.
- 81. IGI, 1993, FHL.
- 82. Ibid.
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- 91. Ibid.
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- 95. Social Security Death Index Progeny Software, Nova Scotia, Canada: 1996; CD file, Family History Library, Salt Lake City.
- 96. Smith Bible.
- 97. Ibid.
- 98. Ibid.
- 99. Ibid.
- 100. Ibid.
- 101. Ibid.
- 102. Interview, 12 December 1996.
- 103. Ibid.
- 104. Smith Bible.
- 105. Ibid.
- 106. Interview, 12 December 1996.
- 107. Smith Bible.
- 108. Interview, 12 December 1996.
- 109. Smith Bible.

110. Ibid.

- 111. Ibid.
- 112. Ibid.
- 113. Begg., Par Reg, Littlebury, Page 63.
- 114. Smith Bible.
- 115. Ibid.
- 116. Ibid., Born at home, Lot 34, Conc. 3, Brighton Twp.
- 117. Ibid.
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