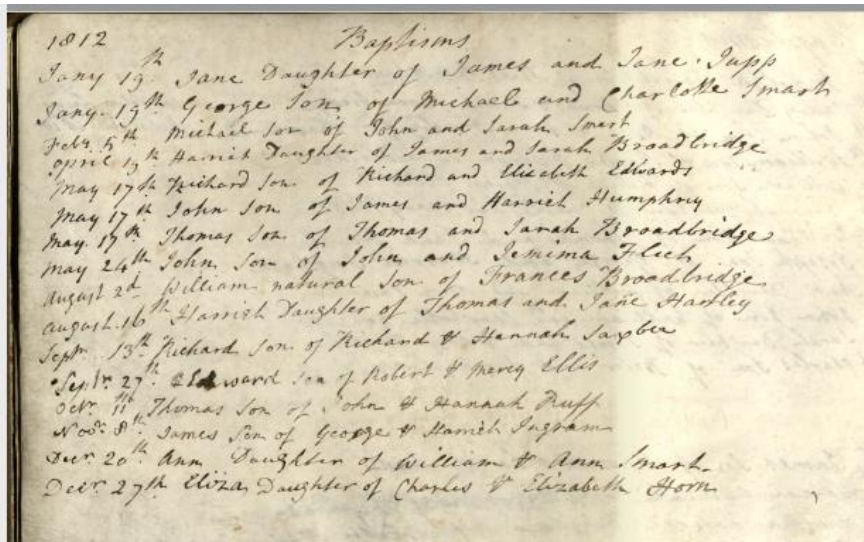


George Smart of Aldingbourne, emigrated 1832

This case study concerns George Smart who at the age of 20 emigrated to New York State in 1832 with the aid of the parish of Aldingbourne (Par 1/30/1).

Many parishes sponsored people to emigrate, especially between 1820 and the passing of the Poor Law Amendment Act in 1834. Some local landlords assisted, perhaps the most famous being the Earl of Egremont of Petworth House and estate who sponsored emigrants to Upper Canada: <https://www.petworthemigrations.com/>.

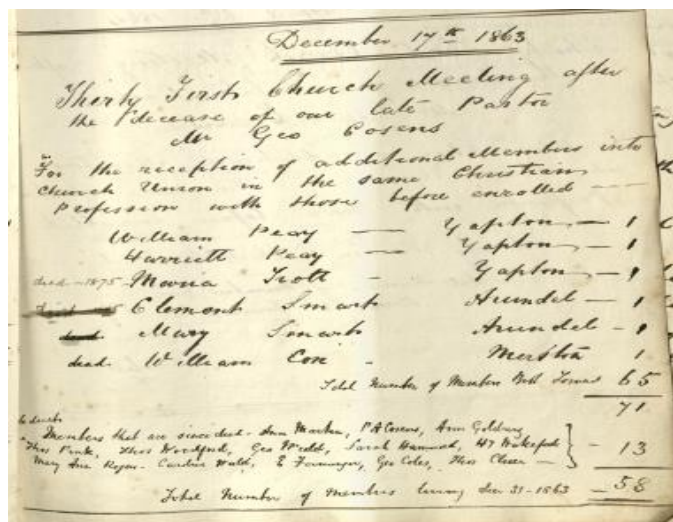


Par 175/1/1/2 - George Smart Baptism, Slindon 1812

George was baptised at Slindon parish church on 12th January 1812, parents being Michael Smart and Charlotte Apps, who were married at Slindon on 1st March 1808. George had five siblings, one of whom, Reuben, emigrated with him in 1832:

- **Sarah Smart**, the eldest, was also baptised at Slindon on 12th June 1808 and married Henry Caplin at Aldingbourne on 12th November 1831, with the consent of her parents. She had one son George baptised at Aldingbourne 19th February 1832. Unfortunately she died aged 25 and was buried at Aldingbourne on 22nd December 1833.
- **Reuben Smart** was baptised at Slindon on 7th Feb 1815 and emigrated with George in 1832 aged 18. Research into Reuben's activities in the United States have so far yielded no information. It's possible he died prior to the first substantial census in 1850 or he returned to England and we are unable to determine where he ended up. Early Inward and outward passenger manifests detailing where emigrants went were destroyed in a fire at Ellis Island in 1890s and all we have access to is the entry lists, giving us names, ages, and occupation. so, it may not be possible to find more than his entry into the United States.
- **Emily Smart** was baptised at Slindon on 21st March 1819 and married Michael Crees at Pagham on 20th October 1841; before her death at East Lavant on 10th March 1899, the couple had five children:
 - Michael Crees, baptised at Pagham 8th June 1842, died, and was buried aged one on 2nd February 1844

- George Crees, baptised at Pagham 6th August 1843, died, and was buried aged 7 months on 8th February 1844.
- Emily Crees, born 23rd March 1845 and baptised on 4th May 1845 by Edward Parsons in the independent chapel at Chichester (NC/X1/2/2). She married John Miles at Petworth on 31st January 1876.
- Sarah Crees, born 21st January 1847, at Pagham, and baptised 21st February 1847 by Edward Parsons (NC/X1/2/2). She never married and died at Petworth in July 1920 aged 73.
- James Crees, born 2nd August 1849, at Pagham, and baptised 9th September 1849 by Edward Parsons, at Subdeanery Chichester (NC/X1/2/2). He married Charlotte Arnell at Boxgrove on 25th May 1872. At the time of his wedding his occupation was listed as a carter (a farm labourer).
- **Susan Smart** was baptised at Slindon on 11th August 1821 and was buried 6 months later at Slindon on 10th February 1822.
- **Clement Smart** was baptised at Slindon on 24th Dec 1822 and, at the age of 22, he married Sarah Albon in Aldingbourne on 12th March 1845. His occupation was a labourer and an ancestry family tree suggests that he married Mary Child in about 1862 at Brighton and subsequently married Ruth Child in 1889, in the same town. Clement died on 15th November 1893 at Brighton by which time his occupation was recorded as a baker.
 - By his wives, Clement had 7 Children:
 - Reuben, who married Hephzibah Lindfield (Burgess Hill 23rd June 1869) & had Henry on 26th February 1873 in Arundel (NC/X1/2/1)
 - George, born at Aldingbourne c.1846
 - Sarah, born on 17th July 1857 in Arundel (NC/X1/2/1)
 - Rebeka, born in 1863 at Arundel (NC/X1/2/1) Mother Mary.
 - Clement born at Arundel in 1866 (1871 census)
 - Jabez born in c.1870 or 1871 at Arundel (1871 census)
 - Benjamin, born in 1880/1 at Brighton (1881 census)



NC/X1/1/2/1 - Clement and Mary Smart of Arundel

Age	Sex	Occupation	Country of Birth	Marital Status	Color
11	Male	Quartermaster	U.S.	Single	White
20	Male	Quartermaster	U.S.	Single	White
19	Female	Quartermaster	U.S.	Single	White
24	Female	Wife	U.S.	Single	White
22	Female	Wife	U.S.	Single	White
14	Female	Wife	U.S.	Single	White
20	Female	Wife	U.S.	Single	White
21	Female	Wife	U.S.	Single	White

White
White
White
Capt. Weston
Geo. Smart
Richard do.
Thos. Bridges
Harriet Wood
John Penick
John do.
John Smith
Martha Smith
John Smith
Hugh Hayler
John Heath
Mr. Hanger
Harper

George Smart entered the United States via Ellis Island aboard the Westmoreland on 14th June 1832. The ships passenger list shows he travelled with other emigrants from Aldingbourne, including the Whites and the Sothertons.

New York Arriving passenger manifest for the West Moreland 1831

Newspapers by Ancestry

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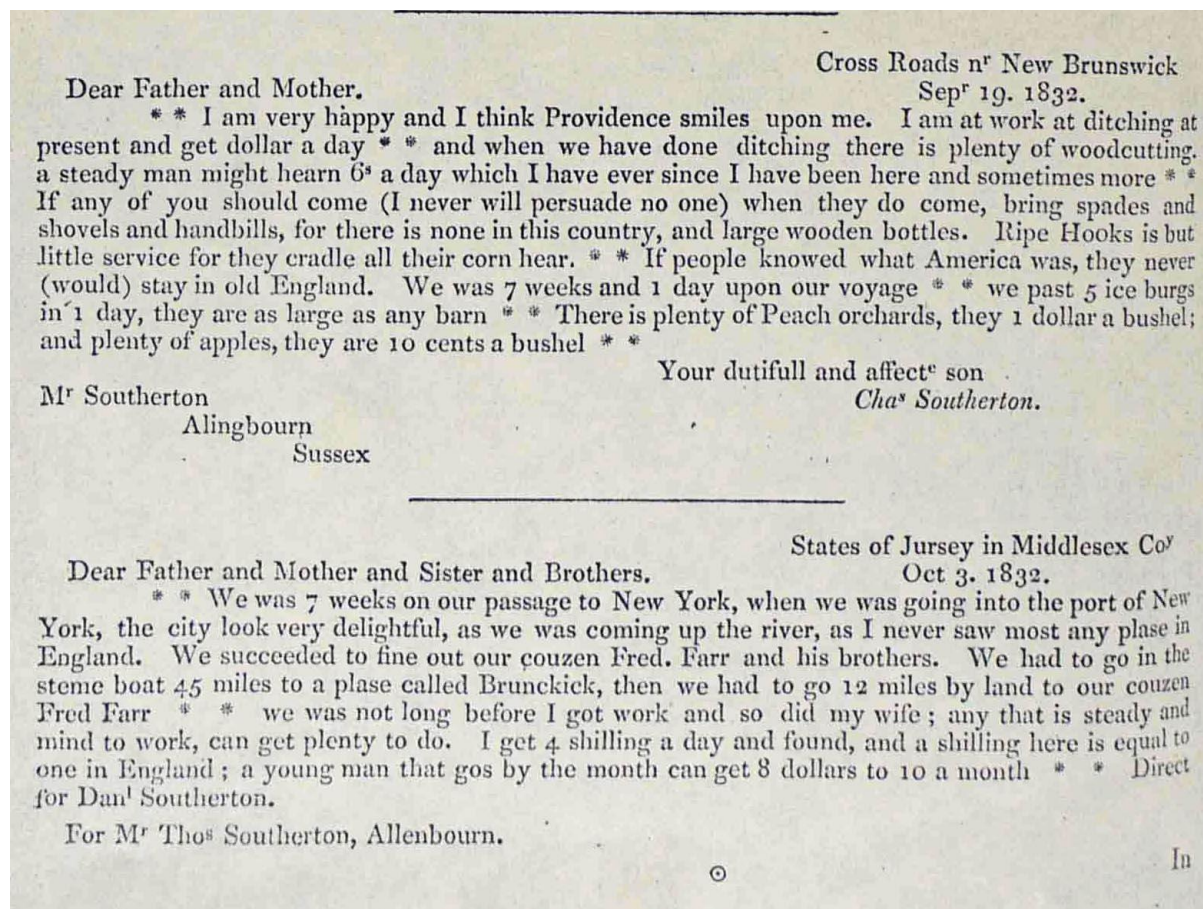
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ARRIVED LAST EVENING.
Packet ship Britannia, Marshall, Liverpool, May 16, to F Thompson. The Robt Bowne, fm Charleston; Robt Burns, and Craikson Castle, fm Savannah, and Anzora, and Lightfoot, fm Mobile, had just ar. The Augusta, Johnson, for this port, sailed in co. 11th inst. lat 40 25, lon 71. exchanged signals with ship Charlemagne, hence for Havre.
Br ship Maida, Pocket, fm Hull, 29th April, to Faber & Moore. 124 passengers.
Frship Orlan-to, Foura, Havre, 37 ds, with 150 baskets wine, to Cottenet, H Barbey & Co. 114 steerage passengers. May 16, lat 45, lon 23, spoke brig Aurora fm Boston for Livp'l.
Br barque Robt Peel, Jones, Hull, 11th May, with mdze, to S Hicks & Son. Passengers, Messrs John Brady, Andre, Musiores, and 83 in the steerage. Left brig Draper, for NYork, soon.
Br brig Westmoreland, Henry, Portsmouth, April 28, with mdze, to A Watt. 92 steerage passengers. Spoke, May 20, lat 39 22, lon 52, brig Clyde. 11 ds fm Boston for Charleston.
Br brig Mqs Anglesra, Hughes Fangor. 43 ds. 47 passengers. Spoke, June 4th, lat 42 1/2, lon 61 1/2, ship Canton, fm Boston, for Malaga.

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The passenger list suggests that this ship sailed from Dundee. A common practice for Cargo ships going from port to port around the UK was to pick up or take aboard small parties of emigrants who will fill the ships as they quietly headed back across the Atlantic. Indeed, A description for the arrival of the Westmoreland in the New York Evening post for the Day George arrived (14th June 1832) suggests this was the case having 92 Steerage passengers and an unidentified cargo – possibly maize?

Letters sent by fellow passengers Charles and Daniel Sotherton, make interesting reading:



Parliamentary Papers vols XXVIII, XXVII, Poor Law Commission (WSRO ref. Lib 1626)

It seems poignant that Charles Sotherton is mentioned in this case study because on 22nd November 1834 in Middlesex County New Jersey, George Smart married Ann the daughter of Charles Sotherton. Anne and George's relationship may not be as surprising as emigrants would often group themselves into loose associations while travelling, or for neighbourly co-operation after their arrival in the US. For another example of marriage between fellow passengers, please see the James Merton case study on this website.

From censuses we know that the Smarts settled in Cayuga and Onondaga County New York. They had 11 children:

1. **Harriet Emily** born about 1835. Harriet Smart can be found on the 1850/1851 register of students at the Falley Seminary, Fulton, New York.

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Harriet E. Smart

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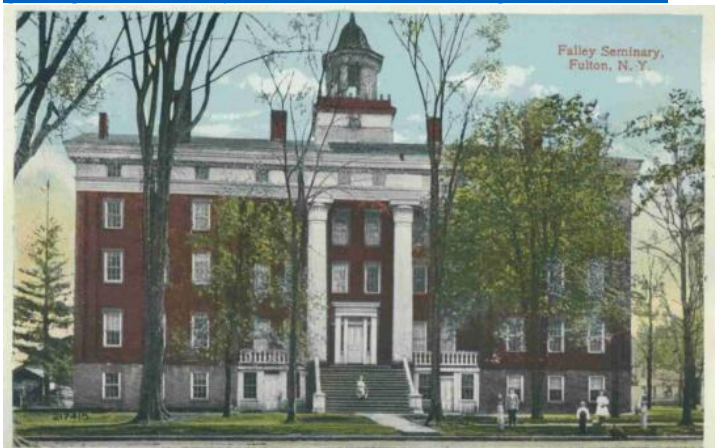
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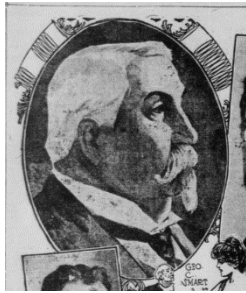
The Falley Seminary appears to be a school for training female teachers. A history of the school can be found via Google Books at https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=T7jOAAAAMAAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_ge_summary_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false



Falley Seminary c1916 (<http://sites.rootsweb.com/~nyoswego/towns/fulton/photofulton2.html>)

From an Ancestry family tree, it appears that Harriet married Julius Baird about 1855 and they had two children, Lilian in 1859 and Etta in 1867. From 1860 they are reported to have been at Jackson County Michigan, although this needs verifying.

2. **Sarah Jane Smart**, born about 1837, was listed on the 1850 census with her parents, by 1860 she was in Auburn New York, living as a house servant in a house occupied by Farmer James H Taylor aged 79; husband and wife Mary Wheaton (aged 74) and David Wheaton (aged 73 and a labourer) and 15 year old labourer William Ferman. The 1877 directory shows she was at No 3 Franklin in Auburn New York as a Domestic. No evidence of a marriage or a death was found in this research.
3. **Ann Elizabeth Smart**, born about 1839 was listed on the 1850, 1860 and 1870 censuses with her parents George and Ann; Find a Grave.com suggests that she died in about 1870 and is buried at Union Hill cemetery, Cayto, Cayunga New York.

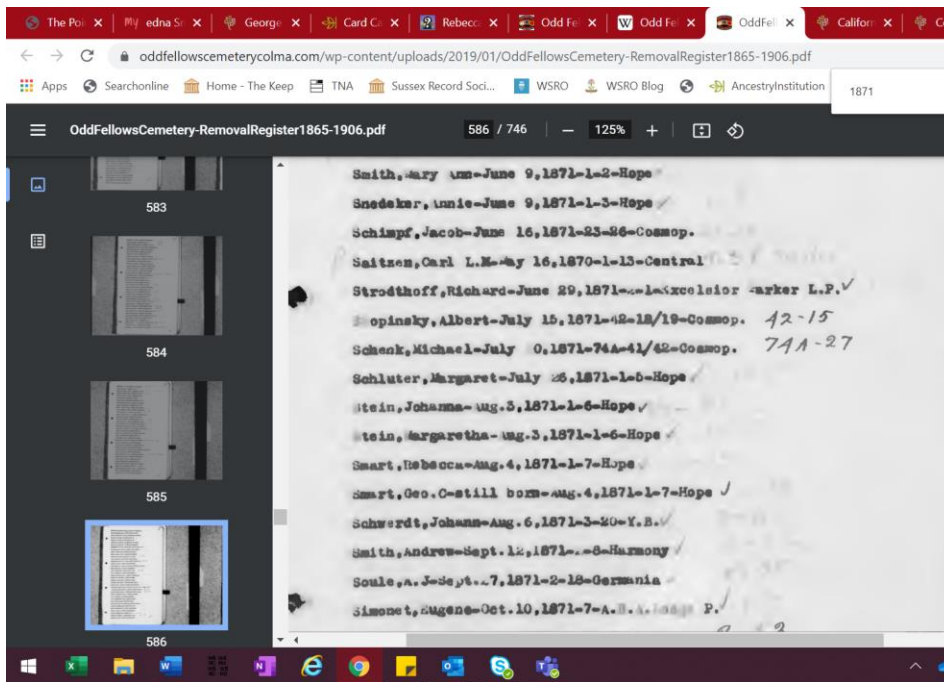


4. **George Clement Smart**, born about 1841, was by far the most interesting in this family. On 23rd September 1861 he enlisted in the American Civil war fighting on the side of the Union in the 75th Regiment Company B, mustering out on 26th November 1864. Following the Civil War, we find him with his brothers James, Charles and Francis in San Francisco, and was the head of the New York Dairy and one of the proprietors of Smart & Co.

George Smart image taken The San Francisco call, October 26, 1905

San Francisco City directory 1879

He married Rebecca...? prior to the 1870 census. According to an Ancestry family tree she was Rebecca Callahan and they married on 14th April 1868 at the Howard Presbyterian Church, San Francisco. Sadly Rebecca died on 3rd August 1871, a day after her second child a still-born son (California, U.S., County Birth, Marriage, and Death Records, 1849-1980, via Ancestry. Both mother and son are buried at Greenlawn Memorial Park, Colma, San Mateo County, California. Their burial entry on Find a Grave.com suggests that they were moved from the Odd Fellows Cemetery in San Francisco and the Odd Fellows burial registers confirms their previous burial plot as 1-7-Hope.



Odd Fellows, San Francisco burial register c.1871

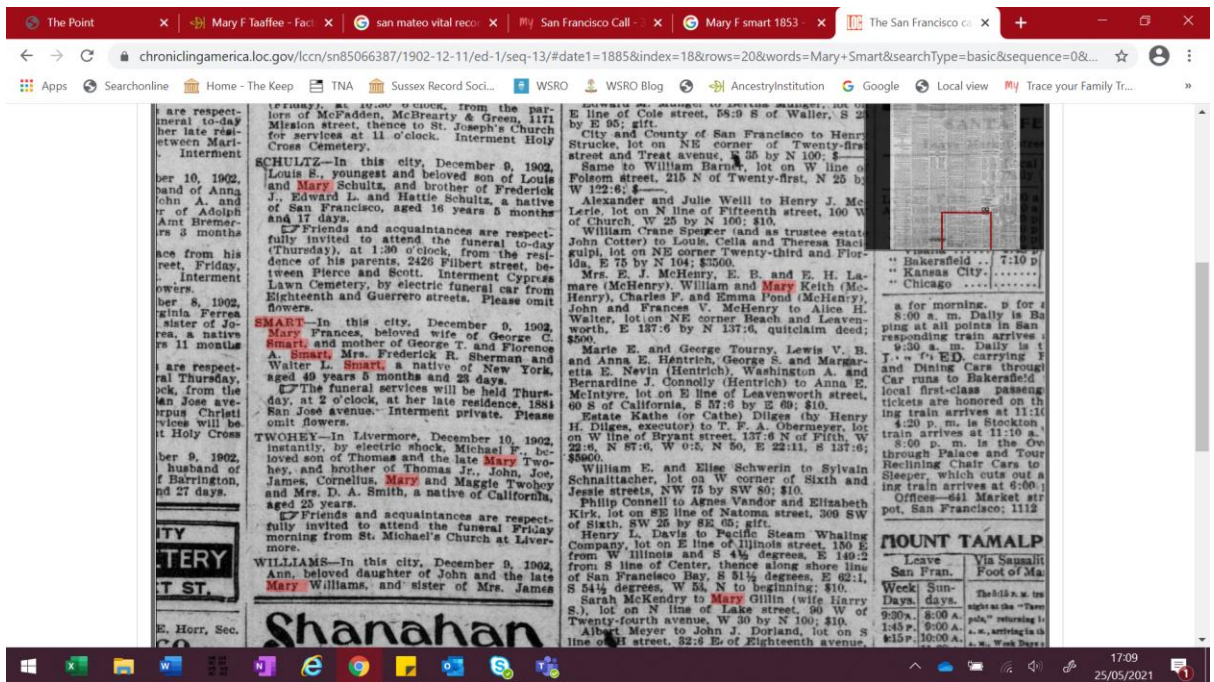
The 1870 census showed he had a son George Talbot Smart by Rebecca but also that he was rich enough to employ and board a Servant and 10 dairymen, including his brother James.

Prior to 1880 he married Mary F Taaffee (Ancestry tree), and they had three children: two daughters Florence Daly (1877 -1957) and Edna Sherman, nee Smart (1880 - 1957) and a son Walter (1881 – 1908).

In October 1905, George was reported in the *San Francisco Call* newspaper for poisoning his milk supply with formaldehyde. According to the Smithsonian Magazine¹ formaldehyde was the dairy industry's solution to official concerns about pathogenic micro-organisms in milk; the most dangerous included those carrying bovine tuberculosis, undulant fever, scarlet fever, typhoid, and diphtheria. Unfortunately, the formaldehyde in Smarts Milk made the children of a lawyer ill, and the newspaper reported that a court fined George the maximum \$200.

Upon George's death on 5th May 1915, he left a substantial estate which included \$10,000 bequeathed to his eldest daughter Florence and two grandchildren (Grace and George Stanley Smart), at least \$8,000 to one grandchild (Margaret Evelyn Smart), all grandchildren were the children of his two sons, both of whom pre-deceased him. The 1920 census shows Grace and George (Stanley) living with Florence. A newspaper report on page 17 of the *San Francisco Examiner* dated 15th December 1916 suggests that there was a dispute associated with the bequest for Margaret and a gift of £2,000 was given by Florence and Edna to end the case.

¹ Smithsonian Museum article on Formaldahyde <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/19th-century-fight-bacteria-ridden-milk-embalming-fluid-180970473/#:~:text=The%20use%20of%20formaldehyde%20was,fever%2C%20typhoid%2C%20and%20diphtheria.> (Accessed 30/5/2022)

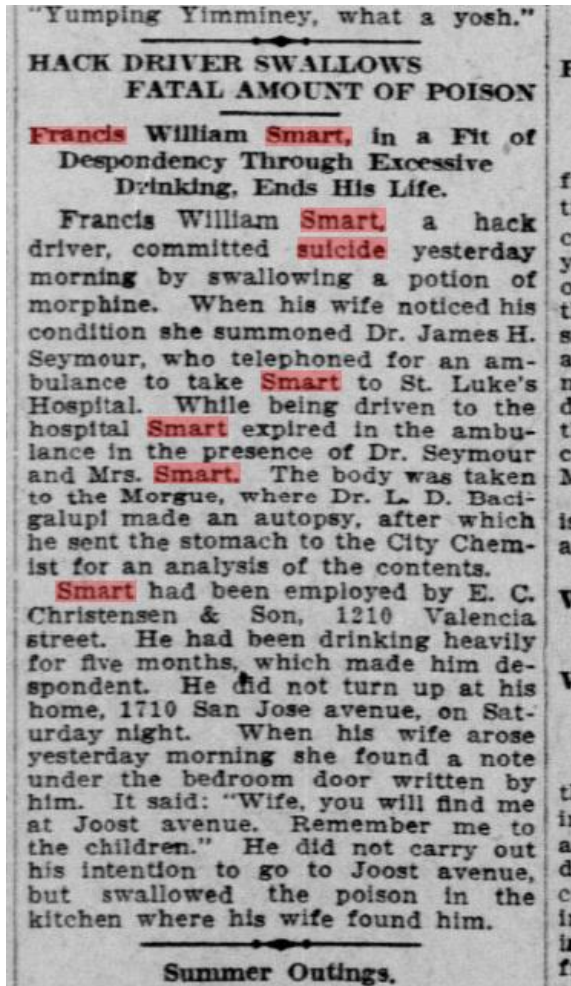


Death notice for Mary Smart, wife of George C Smart, died 9th December 1902
San Francisco Call 11th December 1902

5. **Charlotte Maria**, born about 1844; alive in 1860 but no further references found after that year.
6. **James George** born about 1849 and died 11th December 1924. He moved to San Francisco California along with his brothers George, Francis, and Charles. By 1880 he was living with his Wife Ella J... They appear to have had no children. James also fought in the Civil war in the 2nd Regiment New York Cavalry Union and his wife received a pension upon his death.
7. **Alice Adelle (Alias Della)** born 1850 and died 26th August 1932. She was the second wife to Edmund or Edwin Shrubbs (1841 -b1884), a farmer, and they married some time before the 1875 census, and she was stepmother to Myron Jay Shrubbs (1869 – 1929) and mother to Luttie A Armstrong (nee Shrubbs). In 1880 the household was able to afford and board Edwin's father John, two farm labourers and a servant. In 1889 she became a widow and remained one until her death in 1932, where she was buried at Onondaga Valley Cemetery Syracuse, New York.
8. **Charles R**, born about 1852 and died in 1912. He moved to San Francisco with his brother and worked for Smart & Co. By 1880 he had married Harriet F. Mills and curiously the 1880 census shows that he was living next door to his mother Ann, his sister Mary and Her Husband Menzo Jones.
9. **Mary Lidia**, born 1855 and died 27th April 1943, buried at Queen Anne Columbarium, Seattle, King County Washington. Married Menzo/ Amanzo Jones a Teacher at the Industrial School in San Francisco. She had two daughters Mable A Anderson (Nee Jones) and Anna M Beery. In 1880 she was living near her brothers Charles and George Smart. A comment on an ancestry family tree suggest that

Mary's Husband Menzo was born Amenzo Alcott but adopted the name Jones when he was taken in to care by the Jones Family.

10. **Francis** born 1858 -26th March 1905. He married Celia Brown and had two children Carrie (born in 1891) and James (born in 1896). Sadly, Francis committed suicide in 1905 by drinking poison, following heavy drinking.



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11. **Margaret Ellen** born 1860. Probably died aged three in 1863 and is buried as Martha E. Smart at Union Hill Cemetery, Cato, Cayuga County New York.

Finally our emigrant George died on 20th May 1871 and is buried at Union Hill cemetery, Cato, Cayuga County New York.

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NC/X1/2/1 - Register of births and baptisms at Providence Chapel, Chichester, 1798-1887