The Clarence H. Smith Papers, 1775–1955, are housed in the William Henry Smith Memorial Library at the Indiana Historical Society and consist of fourteen manuscript boxes and one folder of photographs. The collection details and brings color to Smith’s genealogy through family discussion as well as commentaries on contemporary political and religious issues in letters, journals, and family histories. Smiths, Janneys, Taylors, Croasdales, and others may find ancestors in these pages, which reference many more families across North America. Locations most frequently mentioned within the collection include Indiana, North Carolina, Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

Clarence H. Smith was a local historian and genealogist who personally aided many family history researchers via correspondence. Smith served as the Henry County Historical Society Museum as curator from 1922 to 1952. Clarence, who was the youngest of seven children, never married. His well-preserved collection of letters, notebooks, and biographical sketches elaborates primarily upon his ancestors in the Smith and Taylor families.

Included in the Clarence H. Smith collection is an extensive ninety-page genealogy, thoroughly detailing Smith’s ancestors and cousins through several generations. Excerpted below is a transcript of pages thirty-one through thirty-eight of Smith’s genealogy, beginning with the Smith family and their origins in eastern North Carolina colony, on the north shore of the Albemarle Sound. From there the family spread throughout the New World, with many landing in Indiana, especially in Wayne and Henry Counties. Smith attempted to detail locations and dates of individuals, with some occasional supplemental biographical information. Pages thirty-three and thirty-four, since they do not directly relate to the direct lineage, have been omitted.

Smith numbered each of these loose pieces of paper at the top, which is reflected in bold type in the transcription. He then assigned most people a number. For example, Frances Janney is the first person listed on page thirty-one, but in the entire manuscript, Smith counted her as the 446th person in the genealogy. He further indicates that this number has been used with
parentheses around the number. Smith often noted additional pages where a name could be found. Though he did not enter the word “page” next to these numbers, they have been added in brackets here to provide clarity. Throughout the manuscript, Smith occasionally adds a superscripted number next to names; it is unclear what those markings mean, but they have been retained in the transcription.

Readers may find more materials concerning these families in the Wayne and Henry County collections at the Indiana Historical Society Library, as well as the abounding volumes of Quaker minutes, available at many local and family history libraries. Additionally, the IHS possesses a copy of the papers of Clarence Smith’s father, Robert Barclay Smith.4

Notes
3. Ibid.

Smith Family Genealogy

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(446) Frances Janney7 m. 12-27-1883 Samuel Carroll Derby, Prof., Ohio S.U., son of Dexter and Julia (Piper) Derby
Their children
452. Walter, b. 10-23-1884 d. ______1904.
453. Dorothy, b. 5-2-1889. d. 1-10-1899.
Frances Janney Derby d. 8-30-1892
Both (445) Anna Janney Deming and (446) Frances (Janney) Derby were graduated physicians and successful practitioners.

[Pages] 20 & 29. (305) Mary (Taylor) Janney5, after the death of Thomas Janney, m. 2nd Seth Smith 11-4-1819, son of Samuel and Rachel (Cooper) Smith grandson of
Thomas and Mary (Ross) Smith g. grandson of Thomas & Elizabeth (Sanders) Smith g.g. grandson of William & Mary (Croasdale) Smith, both of whom came to Pennsylvania in 1682, the latter in the “Welcome” with William Penn.

The children of Seth Smith & Mary (Taylor) Janney

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454. Hannah A., b. 8-15-1820 m. Alfred Burr Powell

455. Kezia G, b. 11-2-1821, m. John W. Griffith.

456. James, b. 4-14-1823, m. 1st Beulah A. Morgan. 2nd Susan (Jarret) Parrish

457. Margaret, b. 11-13-1825, d. 8-7-1830.

458. Letitia, b. 12-26-1827, d.s. 3-20-1906

459. Mahlon, b. 11-1-1829, m Mary Ann Marshall 2-15-1854 she d. 11-24-1854 he d. 9-23-1855 n.c.

460. Mary, b. 5-6-1832, m. Alfred K. Williams

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461. Robert Barclay b. 4-27-1834, m. Catherine Taylor

462. Charlotte A. b. 3-5-1837, m. Thomas Milhous 10-16-1878. n.c. He was descended from Thomas and Sarah Milhous, early Irish Quakers who settled in Penn. He deceased 11-9-1900

(454) Hannah A. Smith m. Alfred Burr Powell 4-[blank]-1843

Their children

463. James William, b. 6-11-1845 m. Cynthia Wickersham

464. Mary G., b. 2-10-1847

465. Virginia C., b. 7-4-1849, m. Melvin S. Grant.

466. Frank H., b. 6-6-1851, m. Emma Horner.

467. Charles L. b. 10-2-1853, m. Carrie Ellingwood

468. Robert Fremont, b. 3-2-1855.

469. Mahlon Taylor, b. 4-6-1857, m. 1st Anna Horner m. 2nd Ada Fleming, n.c.

470. Howard, b. 7-4-1859 m. Sadie Ellingwood. The Powell family removed to Leavenworth Co. Kas. in 1860

(463) James William Powell m. 5-[blank]-1869 Cynthia Wickersham

Their children

471. William, d.y: x472. Flora I., b. 3-17-1870 m. Frank Barber. x473. Elizabeth Hannah, b. 9-10-1875 m. Sully Dosier

474. Clara L. b. 3-25-1882, m. Frank Wright, n.c.

475 Grace b. 8-7-1885, m. Harry P. Caldwell

(472) Flora J. Powell m. Frank Barber 4-28-1888

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(455) Kezia Smith, m. 1-24-1844, John W. Griffith, son of John and Rachel (Hackney) Griffith, grandson of John and Martha (Faulkner) Griffith, great-grandson of John and Mary (John) Griffith, who came from Cardigan S. Wales after 12-1716 to Chester Co. Pa.
Their children

x498. Seth Smith, b. 11-21-1844 m. Isabelle Peale
x499. Rachel m. A. H. Cadwalleder
500. Mary, b. 2-6-1857 d. 5-14-1881.
501. Anna J.
502. Alice Brooks
503. Martha Letitia
504. Elizabeth Bailey

John W. Griffith deceased 9-30-1902 at Indianapolis, Ind. where [h]is widow (453) Hannah Kezia (Smith) Griffith aged 85 resides with her daughters.

(498) Seth Smith Griffith m. Isabelle Peele, d. of Henry and Mary (Morris) Peele of Wayne Co., Ind.

Their children

505. Alice K.
506. Margaret

(499) Rachel Griffith m. A. H. Cadwalleder 7-9-1879. She deceased 7-29-1886

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San Antonio Texas.

Their daughter

507. Rilla Miriam

(507) Rilla Miriam Cadwalleder, m. 12-10-1901. William Fleming Barnes

[Page] 31  (456) James Smith m. 1st Beulah A. Morgan d. of Nathan and Beulah (Bittle) Morgan 12-2-1852.

Their 4 children

508. Anna [ ] d.y.
509. Mary Elizabeth d.y.
x510. Morgan Taylor, b. 8-23-1857. m. Amy Gaston
511. Edwin Ross, b. 2-15-1861, m. Susan Van Uxem [ ] Beulah A. (Morgan) Smith d. 1-10-1884

[Page] 31  (456) James Smith m. 1-29-1885 Susan (Jarret) Parrish, widow. n.c.

(456) James Smith d. 11-24-1905 at Richmond, Ind. where for over fifty years he had been a prominent manufacturer.

(510) Morgan Taylor Smith, m. 8-23-1888 Amy Gaston, Res. Austin, Texas

Their children

512. Herschel
513. Victor
514. Beulah
(511) Edwin Ross Smith⁷, m. 5-12-1881, Susan Van Uxem. n.c.
Both (510) Morgan T. Smith and (511) Edwin Ross Smith reside in Austin, Texas.

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(460) Mary Smith⁶ m. 6-3-1873. Alfred K. Williams
Their daughter
515. Mary Williams⁷ b. 6-12-1875 d.s. 4-10-1900. Alfred K. Williams d. 1-8-1894.

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(460) Mary (Smith) Williams d. 8-27-1901. All d. in Washington, Kansas.

[Page] 32 & 38 (461) Robert Barclay Smith⁶, m. 10-3-1861, Catherine Taylor, d. of John and Ann (Shroyer) Taylor of Newcastle, Ind.
Their 7 children
516. Emma, b. 8-15-1862, d. 4-4-1863.
x517. Arthur Lincoln, b. 2-20-1864, m. Sarah Grace Conover.
x518. J. Harry, b. 8-19-1866, m. Harriet J. Hayes.
519. Lottie, b. 7-1-1869, d. 5-8-1870.
520. Robert Lynn, b. 3-17-1871. Chena, Alaska
x521. Mary Elizabeth b. 6-6-1873, m. W. Herbert Heller
522. Clarence Herbert, b. 7-4-1875.
(517) Arthur Lincoln Smith⁷, m. 1-5-1891 S. Grace Conover, d. of David and Rebecca (Parrish) Conover.

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Their 3 children
523. Hubert Conover, b. 10-31-1893.
524. Arthur Wilson, b. 2-20-1895.
525. Robert Paul, b. 5-17-1898.
(518) J. Harry Smith⁷, m. 5-26-1904, Harriet J. Hayes, d. of John and Margaret (Gray) Hayes.

Their daughter
526. Margaret Catherine Smith⁸, b. 3-26-1905.

(521) Mary Elizabeth Smith⁷ m. 6-1-1904, Wm. Herbert Heller
Their daughter
527. Catherine Barbara Heller, b. 6-19-1906. d.y.

[Page] 32 & 37 (461) Robert Barclay Smith d. 7-25-1900 at Newcastle, Ind. where his widow, Catherine (Taylor) Smith with her sons (518) J. Harry and (522) Clarence H. and daughters (521) Mary (Smith) Heller resides