

GUIDE TO THE SMITH FAMILY PAPERS

Collection Abstract:

Stephen B. Smith, Sr. was a resident of Port Washington, New York and the father of Stephen B. Smith, Jr. and Isaac E. Smith. The collection consists of Stephen Smith's receipts for wharfage, sail making, supplies and groceries. Also included are receipts issued to Smith by the Town of North Hempstead and a marriage certificate for Isaac E. Smith and Mary Fearon.

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INTRODUCTION:

These items were found in the attic of the house at 10 Lincoln Place, Port Washington, New York. The house was once occupied by the Smith family. According to the *Port Washington News*, Stephen B. Smith (born c. 1810) purchased part of Manhasset Isle in 1851. Stephen Smith was married to a Mary E. (born ca. 1818). Smith was a boat builder and later an oyster planter. He was the father of nine children including Stephen B. Smith, Jr. (born ca. 1846), and Isaac E. Smith (born 1/21/1858), who was a boat builder.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The collection primarily consists of Stephen Smith's receipts from merchants in Port Washington and Manhattan, and the town of North Hempstead. These receipts may be for either of the Stephen B. Smiths, as most do not specify "Jr." or "Sr.". Also included is a marriage certificate for Isaac E. Smith and Mary Fearon.

BOX LIST:

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1. Receipt issued to Smith by the Town of North Hempstead for State, County, Town and Dog Tax. Total \$8.06. Dated April 29, 1876.
2. Receipt issued to Smith by School District #4, North Hempstead, for school taxes. Total illegible. Dated Nov. 1867 (?)
3. Receipt from William H. Dodge, Ship and Boat Builder, for \$11.66. Dated Aug. 16, 1869.
4. Receipt from George McKee, Flower Hill Ave., for \$2.20. Smith purchased matches, butter, vinegar, mustard, stockings and a head net. Dated April 18, 1871.
5. Statement of Smith's account with Alfred Woodhull, Carriage Maker and Blacksmith, Port Washington. Smith owed \$2.32. Dated March 24, 1874. The most expensive item on the account was a clam rake with 32 teeth, for \$10.92, purchased March 23, 1874.
6. Statement of Smith's account with David McLean Wholesale Grocery and Ship Chandlery Store, East St., near Delancey. Smith owed \$10.45. Dated Aug. 28, 1874.
7. Statement of Smith's account with Thomas McKee, General Dealer of Groceries, Dry Goods and Grain, Port Washington. Smith owed \$41.65 for lead, putty, cotton, paint, potatoes, onions, butter, etc. Dated Nov. 10, 1874.
8. Statement of Smith's account with David McLean Wholesale Grocery and Ship Chandlery Store, East St., near Delancey. Smith owed \$99.83. Dated June 22, 1875.
9. Receipt from James Boyle, Broome Street, for wharfage of Smith's sloop. Smith paid \$1.00 for 2 nights. Dated Sept 10, 1875.

10. Receipt from David McLean Wholesale Grocery and Ship Chandlery, foot of Delancey St., for \$10.00. Dated Sept. 21, 1876.
11. Receipt from Dr. D. Rea Porter, Manhasset, for \$1.50. Payment for 13 visits. Dated Aug. 2, 1875.
12. Receipt from James W. Boyle, foot of Broome St., for \$2.00. For wharfage in Sept. 1875 for the sloop "Ida May."
13. Receipt from John E. Baxter, Blacksmith and Horse Shoer, Port Washington, for \$1.60. Dated Sept. 26, 1875.
14. Summons issued to Stephen Smith by the Town of North Hempstead, to appear before James Baxter, Justice of the Peace, Port Washington, "to answer Thomas Fay in an action." Dated July 3, 1878.
15. Receipt from Baker & Affleck, Ship Chandlers, Corner East & Delancey Streets, for \$3.56. Dated May 3, 1878.
16. Receipt from J.H. Burtis, Port Washington, for \$7.94. Smith purchased groceries, kerosene, and coal. Dated Dec. 6, 1884.
17. Receipt from Cahill & Ferris, Sail Makers, No. 44 East St. between Delancy & Rivington, dated Sept. 11, 1872. Total illegible.
18. Brown burlap bag; 29 x 19 cm.

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19. Marriage Certificate, dated February 16, 1881, for Isaac E. Smith of Port Washington and Mary Fearon of Port Washington. They were married in Port Washington by Minister Still.