

Emma H. Smith

(- 3 May 1946)

Smith, Emma Hanford. On Friday, May 3, 1946, at her residence, 1622 33rd st. n.w. Emma Hanford Smith, widow of Dr. Hugh McCormick Smith and mother of Mrs. Edmund Vincent Cowdry of St. Louis and Mrs. Janet Smith Claudy of Washington. Services at Gawler's Chapel, 1756 Pa. ave. n.w., on Monday, May 6, at 2 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery. Please omit flowers.

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Mrs. Emma H. Smith, Widow of Authority On Fisheries, Dies

Mrs. Emma Hanford Smith, 79, wife of the late Dr. Hugh McCormick Smith, United States commissioner of fisheries in the Wilson administration and internationally known fishery authority, died today at the home of her younger daughter, Mrs. Janet E. Claudy, 1622 Thirty-third street N.W.

Mrs. Edmund Vincent Cowdry of St. Louis, her elder daughter, announced funeral services will be held at Gawler's funeral home, 1756 Pennsylvania avenue N.W., at 2 p.m., Monday. Burial in Congressional Cemetery will follow.

Mrs. Smith, who had lived most of her life in Washington after coming here with her parents, William Haines and Abbey Pixley Hanford, in 1874, was born in Scottsville, N.Y., June 2, 1866. She was married to Dr. Smith in Washington in 1889.

Descendant of Gov. Bradford

She was a descendant on her father's side of the Rev. Thomas Hanford, who settled in Norwalk, Conn., in 1652, and on her mother's side of Gov. William Bradford of Massachusetts.

She had a wide acquaintanceship among old Washingtonians and was famous for a collection of 400 fans which she had obtained from many countries. She was a member of the Twentieth Century Club.

Mrs. Smith spent a number of years with her husband in Siam when he was special adviser on fisheries to the Siamese government for a 12-year period. Dr. Smith's fishery studies in Siam and in other countries of the world brought him international renown. He discovered a large number of previously unidentified species including the "archer" fish which is capable of dislodging insects from overhanging branches by ejecting a drop of water from a groove in its tongue.

Was Entertained by Royalty

Mrs. Smith made many friends in Siam and kept up an active correspondence with them until her death. She and Dr. Smith lived in Bangkok while in Siam and were entertained by Siamese royalty during their stay there.

She traveled widely with her husband, who represented this country at The Hague Convention in agreements on international fisheries.

Beside her two daughters, Mrs. Smith is survived by five grandchildren.