

Samuel Smoot

(31 Jul 1780 – 8 Jul 1854)

Smoot. On the evening of the 8th instant in the 74th year of his age, Samuel Smoot, Esq. The friends of his family are invited to attend his funeral from the residence of his son L.R. Smoot, on K street between 26th and 27th this morning (Monday July 10) at 10 o'clock without further notice.

Newman, Harry Wright, *The Smoots of Maryland and Virginia, Washington, DC: 1936, p. 32-33*

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(1770-1854)

Samuel Smoot, son of Edward and Rosannah (Hodson) Smoot, was born July 31, 1770, in Dorchester County, Maryland. On September 24, 1795, his grandfather, Thomas Hodson, Sr., of Dorchester County, deeded him for the consideration of natural love and affection, describing him as a son of the late Edward Smoot, a negro called Tom aged 11 years. On December 12, 1793 he purchased from David Haroper, of Kent County Delaware, 3 acres of land on the southwest side of the northwest fork of the Nanticoke River.

Samuel Smoot married first Elizabeth, born February 13, 1781, the daughter of Captain Ezekiel Reed and his wife Nancy Smith. License was issued in Dorchester County on April 7, 1801.

Children of Samuel and Elizabeth (Reed) Smoot

1. Anna Maria, died young
2. Avery Smoot married Emily Hunter Terrett.

His first wife died on December 26, 1807. He married on May 5, 1808, his cousin Elizabeth, daughter of Clement Kennedy and his wife Lydia Smoot. Clement Kennedy in his will proved in Charles County on January 8, 1811, named his daughter Elizabeth Smoot.

Children of Samuel and Elizabeth (Kennedy) Smoot

3. Amanda Smoot, born June 25, 1809
4. Clement Smoot, born Sept. 20, 1811
5. Lydia Kennedy Smoot, born Aug. 4, 1815, died 1884, married Sept. 28, 1837, John Henry Waggaman, born 1807, died 1888, son of Thomas Ennalls and Martha (Tyler) Waggaman. Issues: Thomas Ennalls, born 1839; Elizabeth, born and died 1842; Samuel, born Oct. 23, 1843; Henry Pierpont, born Jan. 21, 1845; Mary Tyler, born Dec. 10, 1850; John Floyd, born 1852; Emilie; and George, born and died 1864.
6. Samuel Clement Smoot, married Emma Smallwood.
7. Charles Henry Smoot, born Apr. 14, 1820, d.s.p. 1840, married Mary Boshier.
8. John Smoot, born Feb. 20, 1823.
9. Luther Rice Smoot, married twice.
10. Rosa Smoot, born Sept. 10, 1827, married Joseph B. Pleasants. License D.C., July 2, 1845.
11. Arminta Smoot, born Apr. 23, 1831, married William H. Pleasants. License D.C., Nov. 2, 1852.

During the War of 1812, Samuel Smoot served in the First District of Columbia Regiment of Field Artillery commanded by Major George Peter, of Georgetown.

About this time or shortly before, Samuel Smoot had moved to the Federal District and settled in the city of Washington. His first acquisition of realty in the District was on October 12, 1814, when he

purchased from John Murdock, of Georgetown, land in Georgetown "south of Causeway Street" bordering the Potomac River, which had formerly been owned by William H. Dorsey. He began the manufacture of bricks which became the foundation for the affluence of this branch of the Smoot family.

On April 26, 1816, he bought of George Peter land in Washington City described as "lot numbered 7 in square numbered I". Agnes Peter, wife of George, waived her dower rights. The first published directory for Washington, that is 1822, lists Samuel Smoot as residing on the "north side of K Street north near Georgetown lower bridge." The 1850 directory shows "Smoot's lime kiln, west side 27 between K and L north". He died on July 8, 1854, and was interred in Congressional Cemetery, Washington.