

William Henry Smoot

(11 Apr 1845 - 1 Dec 1885)

Smoot. On Tuesday, December 1, 1885, William H. Smoot, in the 36th year of his age. Funeral from the residence of his mother, Mrs. Juliana Smoot, 63 K street Thursday, December 3 at 2 p.m.

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William Henry Smoot, C.S.A. (1845-1885)

William Henry Smoot, son of Joseph and Julia Anne (Dement) Smoot, was born April 11, 1845, in Washington, D.C. At the outbreak of the Civil War he was in school at Blacksburg, Virginia, and at the early age of 16 years he, with his entire class at school enlisted in the Confederate Army. He served faithfully throughout the War between the States and was furloughed near Richmond. He made his way to Washington mostly on foot only to find his mother's residence invested with hordes of negro refugees. He then traveled to his grandmother's home in Maryland. And as he was coming up the path to the house, his mother, who was on the porch saw an unkempt, emaciated man with several weeks' growth of beard and bare-footed. She became alarmed and started to return to the house when he cried, "Mother, don't you know me?" Her first remark was "But where are your boots?" "I ate them before I left Richmond."

In 1869 he married Lavania, the daughter of Matthew and Hannah (Harrison) O'Brien, of Avandale, Fairfax County, Virginia. The license was issued in Fairfax County and stated that the prospective bride was aged 22 and was born in Baltimore, Maryland. William Henry Smoot died about December 1, 1885.

Children of William and Lavania (O'Brien) Smoot

- 1.2. Two children died in infancy
3. John D. Smoot married Emily Kenrick.