

pasture where it still remains in the pasture (now owned by Willard Durrance, a son of Dow) and is used as a camp house. The original log barn also still stands.

The Smith family was enumerated in precincts 11 & 12, Boney and Locklear, in the 1880 Manatee County census. Neighbors included the families of: Dempsey D. Crews, Jr., Charles B. Collins, Asa Hogans, Willis Crews, Mary A. D. Smith, David Mahon, William M. Crews, John L. Skipper, James Roberts, Robert Summeralls.

William and Helen Smith were members of New Hope Baptist Church. An official church history of the church gives 1879 as its founding; however, the third annual session of the South Fla. Baptist Association, convened October 20, 1869 at Shiloh Church in Hillsborough County, was represented by New Hope Church of Manatee County, pastor S. L. Cross, and delegates Boney and Crews. New Hope Church petitioned and was received as a new association member. Whether the church was discontinued for a time and then revived in 1879 is undetermined.

On February 5, 1895 William Smith made his last will and testament. Capt. William Smith died May 17, 1895. Burial was in New Hope Cemetery. His tombstone contains a Masonic symbol.

On September 3, 1907 Helen M. Smith applied for a Confederate pension as the widow of William Smith of Capt. F. A. Hendry's Company. She gave her post office address as Zolfo, DeSoto County (now Hardee County), Fl. E. B. Keen of Arcadia and E. Brooker of Gardner, comrades of William, gave a joint affidavit in Helen's behalf. H. E. Carlton, Clerk of the Circuit Court of DeSoto Co., certified the witnesses' affidavit. The Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County, consisting of R. L. Holzendorf (Chairman), D. S. Williams, C. L. Keene, and D. J. Farabee, recommended that Helen be granted an annuity. Her claim was approved on January 22, 1908 with pay from September 4, 1907 at the rate of \$120 per annum, certificate # A12136.

Helen M. Smith died January 25, 1915 and was buried beside William Smith in New Hope Cemetery.

SOURCES: Dorothy Skipper Brown; Park DeVane; Iris Smith Hendry; Judy Himrod; Ouida Smith Roberts; Lou Tyson; censuses: 1850 Columbia Co., Fl., 1860 & 1880 Manatee Co., Fl.; marriage records of Manatee and DeSoto counties; pension application of Helen M. Smith at Florida Archives; W. M. Hendry list of Capt. F. A. Hendry's Co. A; Manatee County tax records; Manatee County Marks & Brands; Pioneer Florida, Vol. III, page 949; "New Hope Baptists Celebrate 100 Years", by Nancy Van Dyck, The Herald Advocate, Nov. 29, 1979; "South Florida Baptist Association Minutes", South Florida Pioneers, Issue #7; New Hope Cemetery.