



Smith Cemetery (72-2), Redstone Arsenal, Madison County, Alabama, July 2002.

There are two distinct graves at the rock tomb. One is underneath the rocks, the other is adjacent on north of the rocks (depression in foreground above). Hughy Smith may have buried his wife underneath the rocks in the 1840 - 1850 time period. When Hughy died, perhaps nobody erected such a tomb for him.

Hughy Smith was born in York County, South Carolina, one of 9 children of James Smith and his wife Mary Henry. James left a will in 1821, providing the names of all of the children. He left son Hughy one dollar, and he further stipulated that "...the plantation Hughy Smith now lives on to go to Polly."

Perhaps this provides a clue as to why Hughy came to Madison County. Hughy's siblings were Mary ("Polly"), Margaret, William, Robert, Elizabeth, Isabella, Nancy Agnes, and Mijamin, who was born in 1791. Hughy's father James Smith was born 1731/40 in England. He died in 1821 in York Co., SC, and he is buried in Beersheba Presbyterian Church Cemetery in that county. In fact, James and Mary donated 6 acres of land for the church and cemetery. Mary was born in 1749 in Augusta Co., VA. She was the daughter of William Henry, who was born in 1715 in Tyrone Co., Ireland. William married Isabella McCown in 1745 in Augusta County, VA. James Smith's father was John Smith.

John was born in 1680 - 1700 Ireland, and he died in 1774 in Mecklenberg Co., NC. John married Lady Edith Jane ---?----. His son James (father of Hughy) served in the American Revolution, and several of the officers of his regiment are buried in the Beersheba Presby. Ch. Cemetery near him and his wife. The 1821 will of James Smith is in the South Carolina York County Estate Papers, Box 63, # 2870 JR 7568-69.

Covering of graves with large boulders was a fairly common practice in Madison County prior to the late 1850s for prominent people. After that time, the railroad made it easier to import professionally engraved tombstones from the large cities, and many were brought in from St. Louis