

# John Nelson Smith

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Birth: May 10, 1840  
Chattooga County  
Georgia, USA  
Death: unknown  
Arkansas, USA

John N. Smith was the son of John and Rebecca J (Eddington) SMITH, who came to Scott Co. AR about 1871, and they purchased 160acs and improved it. They sold it and moved to Yell, around Briggsville and were engaged milling--sawmill, cotton gin and gristmill.

John N. married 1): Elizabeth Green, bn S.C., 9 Dec. 1861, in Catoosa GA; after her death sometime between 1870-1880, he mar. 2); Emma David or Davis...as 1880 Scott Co. census lists a 5 yr-old step-son, named James M. DAVIS.

Other of his children on that census were, John B(oyce), age 17, bn GA; Justin E(zekiel) age 11, bn KY; Elza C(rechaw) age 8, bn AR.

He was a Georgia Civil War soldier, and the GA military records list numerous John Smiths; but his unit most likely was 39th GA Inf. Regiment, as it was from his county. He enlisted in 1862. His unit was in the seige of Vicksburg, Battles of Franklin, Missionary Ridge and Chickamauga. He was taken prisoner at Vicksburg, but lived to be surrendered 9 Apr. 1865, at Appatamox, VA. Date of his death is unknown. (If add'l info, pls contact me). Above info from census, WFT, Hist. of AR, and military records.