

The descendants of Hercules Smith or “Old Arti” of Tadmarton 1779 – 1871.

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Hercules “Arti” Smith 01 Senior 1779-1871

1779 Hercules was baptised as “Hercules, son of Jasper & Sarah,” on [Dec 26 1779](#) at Bletchington/Bletchingdon, Oxon.

The relationships between Hercules and his relatives are explored in the Gypsy Lore Society Journal – based on evidence given by Nanny, the wife of Hercules’ Grandson, Au/Gustin Smith. ¹

“Her father in law (Nanny), Wisdom, who was a son of a Jasper Smith, had two brothers (or two half-brothers as his father had two wives and I do not know which was his mother) Arkless “Old Arti” who settled with some of his family at Tadmarton, and Tom, who founded the Gypsy Colony at Headington, who had already been there for some 15 years when Groome discovered it as an undergraduate in 1872.. and both of these were reputed centenarians.”

This may be a little doubtful, as Hercules’ Mother is indeed listed as Sarah, but his brother Thomas’ Mother is listed as Catherine, the mother of all the other siblings. This makes him the only “half” brother.

1803 Nov 22 joined the 52nd Regt of foot ([Oxfordshire Light Infantry Regt..](#)) at [Silver Hill](#), in Sussex & recruited by Lord William Bentinck.

“5 foot eight and half inches tall, aged 24, dark complexion, long visage, dark eyes, black hair, born Bletchington, Oxfordshire. A labourer, previously served for three months.”

Lord Bentinck, who had recruited him in November 1803, was appointed Governor General of Madras in 1803. It may be probable that Bentinck’s link to India is the reason why Hercules, by his own words, travelled there – giving him time to learn to play the fiddle which was to feature quite largely in his life:

“At any rate, he told his great-grandson, Frank Biddle², that he was taught to play after he had entered the army by the officer to whom he was attached as a servant on the voyage to India. He soon surpassed his Master and was reckoned the best fiddler in India. But, as he used to add: “I came back thinking I was the best fiddler in the world, but when I got home I found lots of men who could CIV a bow up their BUL and fiddle better than I could. “ It would appear then that he did not consider himself a “deadly fine fiddler...”³

Bentinck returned in disgrace to Britain after a mishandled mutiny at Vellore in 1806 – is this what caused Hercules’ return?

1806 Hercules is listed as “Deserted Sept 13.” The desertion coincided neatly with the Regiment moving on from several years at Hythe to service in Sicily from September.

¹ *Journal of the Gypsy Lore Society 3rd Series, January April 1946 – Vol 25, nos 1-2 Page 56/57 “Some Gypsy Centenarians” E.O.Windstedt*

² *Who was he ? Ed.*

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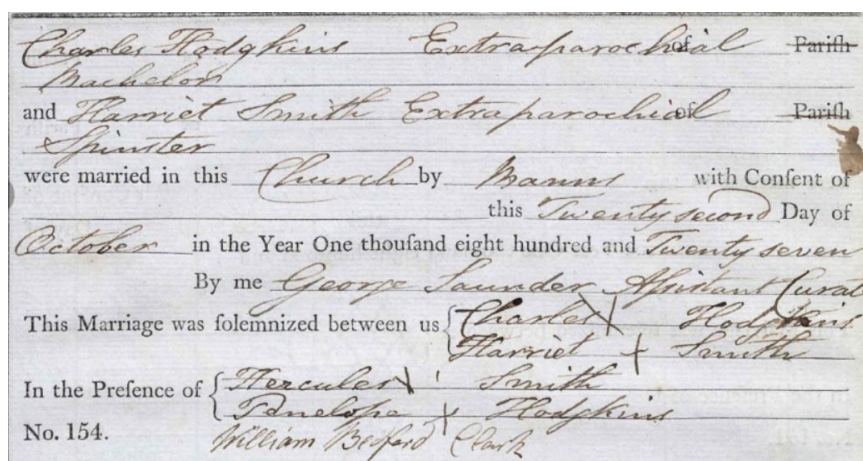
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1810 – son Joseph, supposedly born about 1810 in Tadmarton. Baptism not yet found. He, in his turn, married Susannah Wood in 1832 in Banbury - and had a large family on the road including a son, Hercules (born 1833 Banbury) See below.

1814 - son Henry, bap^t 6 Nov, at Little [Lemington, Gloucestershire](#) "Henry, son of Hercules and Charlotte Smith, travellers"

According to the Journal of Gypsy Lore, Henry was married to Priscilla Bagley.⁴ Priscilla and Henry had one son Au/GUSTUN Smith (baptised 1838) who lived at Headington. (Gustin bpt 1838, md Sarah Tolley, 12/11/1860 at Headington, witnesses, Wisdom Smith and Ellen Tolley.)

1827 October 22 – Hercules acted as witness at the marriage of Harriet, the daughter of his brother Wisdom in Chipping Norton:



1841 Census not yet found.

Figure 1: 1851 Wigginton [Census](#) Hercules Smith (73 yrs)

1851 Wigginton					
Hercules Smith	Head	Married	73	Gypsy Fiddler	Bn Bletchington
Charlotte Smith	Wife	Married	78		Bn Slaughter

1852 Oct 21 Wigginton – Hercules and Charlotte were finally married – in their 70s and 80s!

“Archelaus Smith (x), 74 years, bachelor, traveller of this parish, son of Jasper Smith, traveller and Charlotte Bagley (x), 80 years, spinster, daughter of Robert Bagley, sailor; were married by Banns October 21, 1852. Witnesses: Charles William Moffat, ”

Charlotte Smith was buried 4 months after her marriage, on the 5th of February 1853, in Wigginton, aged about 80.

Figure 2: 1861 Hook Norton [Census](#), - Hercules Smith (79 yrs)

1861 Census Hook Norton – Main Street					
Hercules Smith	H	W	79		Bletchington

⁴ After Henry's death she married Henry's cousin Wisdom, the son of Thomas Smith of Headington Quarry. (Priscilla is discussed in full in the section on Wisdom and Priscilla's children below.)

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Joseph Smith	S	M	54	Drover	Tadmarton
Susan Smith	DinL	M	48		Banbury
Joseph Smith	GS	U	24	Drover	Woodstock
Silvey Smith	GD	U	16		Tadmarton
James Smith	GS		14		Tadmarton
John Smith	GS		10	Scholar	Tadmarton
Job Smith	GS		6	Scholar	Tadmarton

1861 - The Banbury Guardian of 24th October 1861 recorded the 79 year old Hercules’ involvement in a Court Case – someone stole his Father’s fiddle. His father, of course, being Jasper, “the King of the Gypsy Fiddlers.”

1861 “Stealing a violin: George Harrington was charged with stealing a fiddle from Hercules Smith, of Neithorp, on Friday. Prosecutor stated that he went to the Rose and Crown, Calthorpe Lane, and the Company asked him to play a tune on his fiddle. He did so, and while he was subsequently in the act of lighting his pipe, the prisoner walked off with the violin. The instrument had not since en found. Remanded till the Petty Sessions to-day.”

The Jackson’s Oxford Journal of 26th October 1861 records again:

“24 October. BANBURY TOWN HALL COURT. “Banbury Division – Banbury, (Case heard) October 24th (1861) A man, named George Harrington, was charged with stealing a violin belonging to an old man named Hercules Smith, from a beer-house in Calthorpe Lane, Banbury. Two months imprisonment.”⁵

The Banbury Guardian of 31st October 1861 records in fuller detail:

“Case Heard 1861 24 October BANBURY TOWN HALL COURT. Stealing a fiddle. George Harrison was brought up on the remanded charge of stealing a fiddle, the property of Hercules Smith, on the Fair Day. Hercules Smith, a venerable looking old gypsy, went to the Rose and Crown, Calthorpe Lane, with his fiddle, and the defendant stole it whilst he was lighting his pipe. The fiddle had been the property of the prosecutor’s father before him, and he would not have parted with it for any money. He had been offered £2.00 for it. George Holloway (sic) was in the Rose and Crown tap room when the prisoner took the fiddle away. He had previously wanted the prosecutor to lend the fiddle to him, offering two pence to have it for a little time. Mr. Rann, the landlord, said the prisoner brought him the fiddle, which he wished to leave as security for sixpence for a quart of ale he ordered without having the money to pay for it. Witness refused to take it and the defendant went out. P.S. Fry took the prisoner into custody at the bottom of the lane. Prisoner, who pleaded guilty, was sentenced to three month’s hard labour.”

Figure 3: 1871 Tadmarden Census - Hercules Smith (91yrs)

1871 Census Tadmarden					
Joseph Smith	H	M	65	Drover	Tadmarton
Susanna Smith	W	M	66	Hawker	Banbury
John Smith	S	U	18	Drover	Tadmarton
Susannah Smith	GD		8		Hook Norton
Hercules Smith	Father	W	91		Bletchington

1871 Nov 29 – [Tadmarton](#) burial “Hercules Smith, 92 of Tadmarton”

1871 30 Nov Banbury Advertiser – death notice of Hercules:

⁵ Reference in Jackson’s Oxford Journal of 26 October 1861, page 8, provided by Keith Chandler – May 2001.

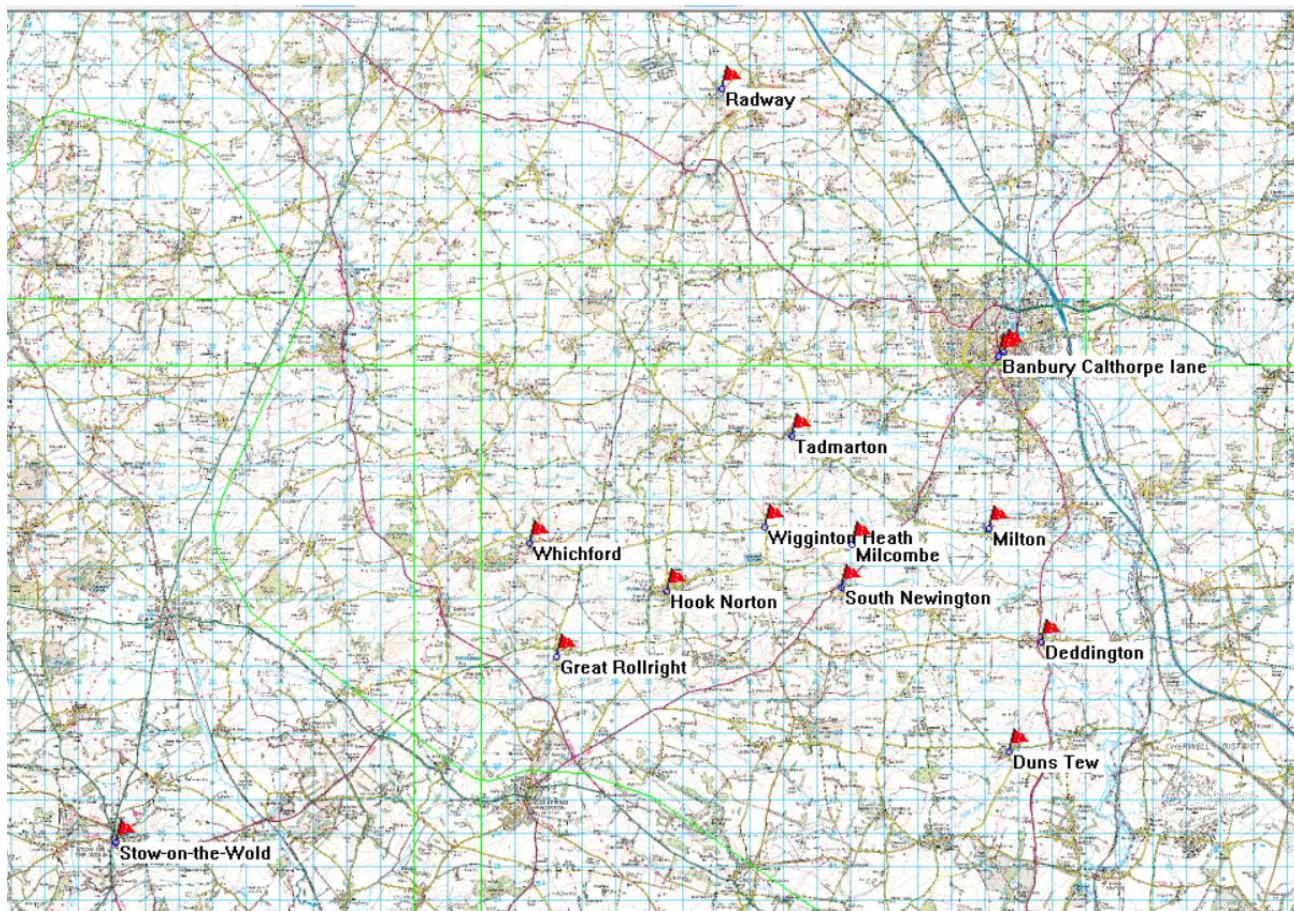
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u	Nov. 25, at Crouch Street, Banbury, Mrs. Sarah	8
n	Brownsill, aged 68 years.	1
tl	Nov. 25, at New Grimsbury, Jane King, aged 52	0
n	years.	n
ll	Nov. 26, at Tadmarton, Hercules Smith, aged 92	t
l-	years.	4
o	Nov. 29, at Corn Hill, Banbury, Gertrude Mary,	s
z	daughter of Mr. William George Luker, aged 5	1
e	months.	1
it		3

Hercules “Hearty” Smith o2 Junior (1833-1901)

Grandson Hercules, however, had a far more entertaining career, as recorded in the newspaper court proceedings of the SW “Banbury-shire” area.

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There are two sets of references to Hercules Smith. One, the elderly Fiddler of Tadmarton discussed above, and the other, the far greater scoundrel – his grandson.

A series of Hercules references in court cases in Oxfordshire first came to light when Keith Chandler was researching for his book “*Gypsies, Hawkers and other travellers*”⁶

⁶ He emailed me some of the original material that later appeared in the published version by the Romany and Traveller Family History Society in 2005.

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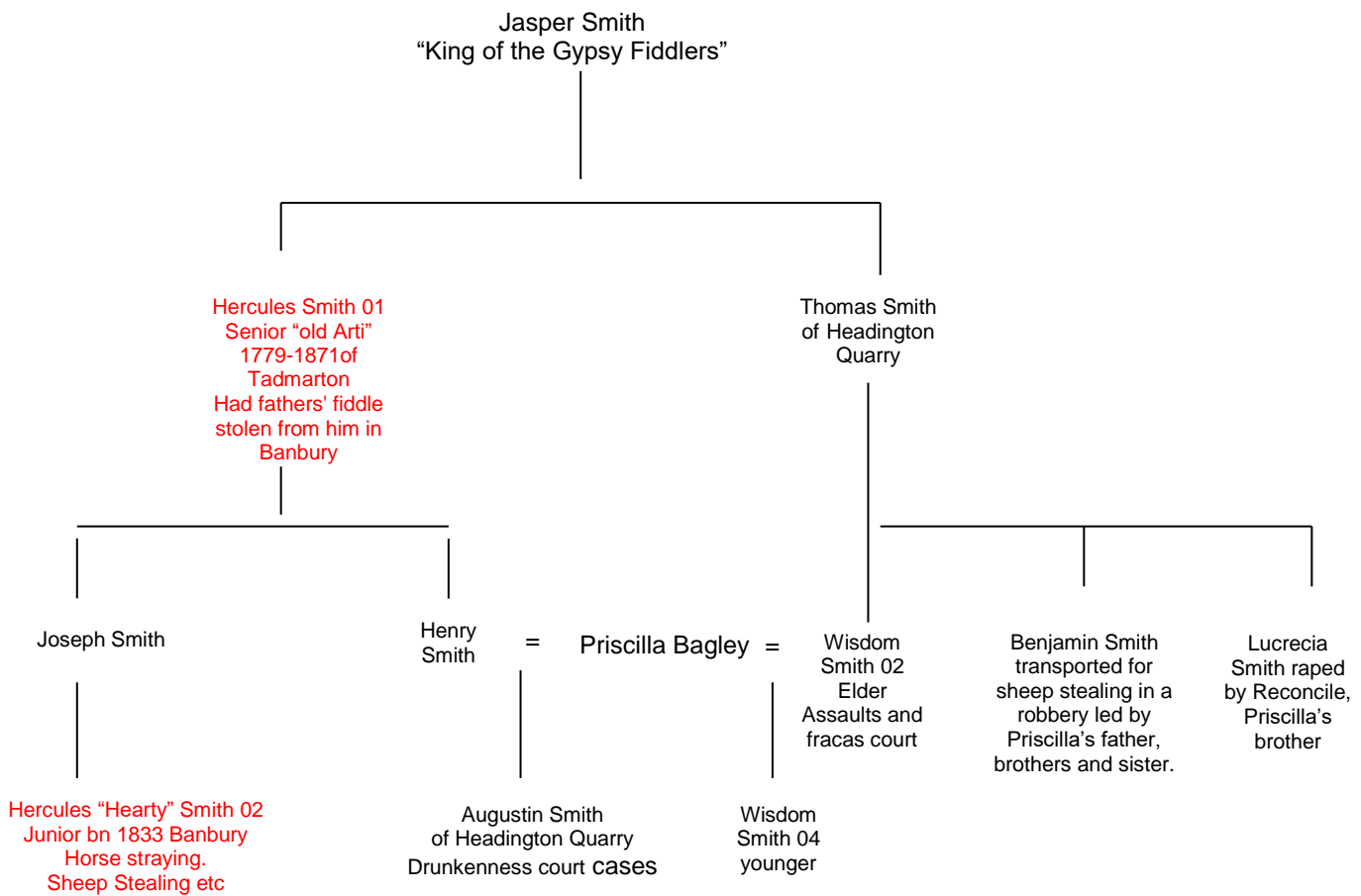
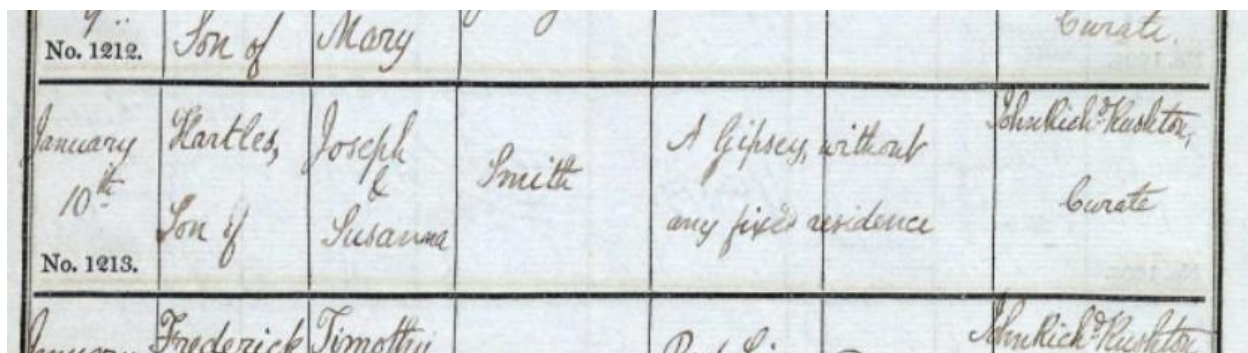


Figure 4: Family tree for criminal cases – Hercules Smith &c.

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1833 Hercules (Hartles) was born in [Banbury](#) according to Censuses. Baptised January 10th.



1841 census the family was in tents at Tadmarton, but with no sign of Hercules.

Joseph Smith	31	Hawker	Yes
Susannah	23		Yes
Frances	12		Yes
HERCULES MISSING	c. 8		
Henry	6		Yes
Joseph	4		Yes
Register (female)	6m		Yes

Figure 5: 1851 Tadmarton Census - Hercules Smith (aged 17)

1851 Tadmarden Census					
Joseph Smith	H	M	41	Drover	Tadmarden
Susannah Smith	W	M	40		Banbury
Francis Smith	S	U	20	Ag Lab	Banbury
Arkliss (Hercules) Smith	S	U	17	Ag Lab	Banbury
Henry Smith	S		16	Ag Lab	Chastleton ?
Joseph Smith	S		13	Ag LAB	Tackley
Register Smith	D		11		Cherrington
Silvey Smith	D		9		Tadmarden
James Smith	S		5		Tadmarden
Richard Smith	S		2		Tadmarden
Thomas W. ??	Nephew		14		Banbury

1854 Hercules' theft of a gelding at Stow-on-the-Wold Horse Fair. This is known today as a gypsy horse fair and was held at that time on the nearest Thursday to May 12 in the town square. ⁷

1854 July 1 Bristol Mercury	1854 June 2 Coventry Standard
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⁷ ; "the gypsies always come to Stow-on-the-Wold on the **nearest Thursday to May 12th and October 24th**. Often it's easy to see which Thursday that will be after checking the calendar, but sometimes it could be the Thursday before or after the charter day."

<http://www.cotswolds.info/blogs/gypsy-horse-fair.shtml>

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<p>DOWN REMOVED.</p> <p>TRIALS OF THE PRISONERS.</p> <p>IMPRISONMENT, Twelve Months.—William Henry Cole, for stealing seven spoons from Wm. Bariton, his master, at Obeltenham; Hercules Smith, for stealing a gelding from Isaac Castle, at Stow-on-the-Wold.</p> <p>Six Months.—Dinah Hunt, for stealing 2s. 6d. from Martha</p>	<p>over to the same account.</p> <p>A TARTAR CAUGHT.—At a recent fair at Stow-on-the-Wold, a man giving his name as Hercules Smith, of Todmorton, Oxon, entered a stable belonging to Edward Durham, in Stow, where there were a number of horses standing. Mr. Isaac Castle, of Milton, Oxon, observed the fellow enter the stable, and believing him to be a sharper, watched him through the stable windows, and saw him examine several horses. At last he came to a brown gelding, the property of Mr. Castle, and after examining him began to untie him. Mr. Castle, on this, walked into the stable, and said,—“Hallo, my friend, what are you at?” The fellow replied,—“I am just going to take my horse out for half an hour.” Mr. Castle said, “I think I shall take my pony too,” and began to untie his pony, which stood next to the brown gelding. The fellow backed the horse out of the stable, and took it up the passage into the street, closely followed by Mr. Castle, who collared him and said “You have got my horse.” The fellow denied it, and a struggle took place, but a blow from Mr. Castle, as he was endeavouring to escape, sent him reeling to the ground, and two policemen coming up, he was delivered into custody, and has been subsequently committed for trial.</p> <p>OPERATIONS UPON HORSES UNDER CHLOROFORM.—</p>
<p>1854 May 23 the Cheltenham Chronicle reported:</p>	<p>1854 27 May the Worcester Journal reported:</p>
<p>the younger, Gent., to be ESQU.</p> <p>A TARTAR CAUGHT.—A MAN WHO GIVES HIS name as Hercules Smith, of Todmorton, Oxon, entered a stable about two o'clock in the afternoon of Friday (Stow fair day) belonging to Edward Durham, in Stow, where there were a number of horses standing. Mr. Isaac Castal, of Milton, Oxon, observed the fellow go into the stable, and believing him to be a sharper, watched him through the stable windows, and saw him examine several horses; at last he came to a brown gelding, the property of Mr. Castal, and after examining him began to untie him. Mr. Castal entered the stable, and said,—“Hallo, my friend, what are you at?” The fellow replied,—“I am just going to take my horse out for a half an hour.” Mr. Castle said I think I shall take my pony out too, and began to untie his pony, which stood next to the brown gelding. The fellow backed the horse out of the stable, and took it up the passage into the street, closely followed by Mr. Castle, who collared him in the street, and said,—“You have got my horse.” The fellow denied it, and said it was his own horse, and a struggle ensued, the rascal endeavouring to escape, but a blow from Mr. Castle sent him reeling to the ground, and by this time two policemen came up, and he was delivered into custody.—On Saturday morning he was taken up before the Rev. F. E. Witts, at Upper Slaughter, and committed to take his trial at the next assizes.</p>	<p>and discharged.</p> <p>A TARTAR CAUGHT.—At a recent fair at Stow-on-the-Wold, a man giving his name as Hercules Smith, of Todmorton, Oxon, entered a stable belonging to Edward Durham, in Stow, where there were a number of horses standing. Mr. Isaac Castle, of Milton, Oxon, observed the fellow enter the stable, and believing him to be a sharper, watched him through the stable windows, and saw him examine several horses. At last he came to a brown gelding, the property of Mr. Castle, and after examining him began to untie him. Mr. Castle, on this, walked into the stable, and said,—“Hallo, my friend, what are you at?” The fellow replied,—“I am just going to take my horse out for half an hour.” Mr. Castle said, “I think I shall take my pony too,” and began to untie his pony, which stood next to the brown gelding. The fellow backed the horse out of the stable, and took it up the passage into the street, closely followed by Mr. Castle, who collared him and said “You have got my horse.” The fellow denied it, and a struggle took place, but a blow from Mr. Castle, as he was endeavouring to escape sent him reeling to the ground, and two policemen coming up, he was delivered into custody, and has been subsequently committed for trial.</p> <p>A MAN BURN'T TO DEATH IN A LIME KILN.—A</p>

“1860 23 November. Oxford Chronicle, 1860 1st December. James Smith may have been his brother aged 13.

DEDDINGTON Police Office, November 23rd. Zachariah Davis, Hercules Smith and James Smith of Hook Norton were charged by Inspector Thorogood with having no visible means of subsistence and wandering abroad, and lodging in an outhouse in the parish of Deddington the same morning. James Smith and Davis were discharged and Hercules Smith was committed for 21 days hard labour.”

1861 Census shows him in close proximity to possible members of the Sherrif family of his future wife, and members of the Mole family who may yet prove to be related to her own marriage before she eventually married Hercules.

1861 census - Hook Norton, Schedule 79 & 80.					
William Moles	Head	Wid	65	Chair-bottomer	Bn Deddington
John Mole	Son	Unmarried	35	Chair-bottomer	

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<i>Eliza Sherrif</i>	<i>Visitor</i>	<i>Unmarried</i>	23		<i>Bn Newbold</i>
<i>John Mole</i>	?????		2 m		<i>Bn Stow</i>
<i>Urcles Smith</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Unmarried</i>	23	<i>Drover</i>	<i>Bn Tadmarton</i>

Hercules and Esther had their own daughter Susannah in 1862, born November 19th in Hook Norton, a couple of days before their own marriage:

1862 MARRIAGE 23 Nov 1862 at Hook Norton.

“ARCULES Smith (so pronounced by the man who is illiterate), 27, Bachelor, Labourer (Gypsy) of Southrop, Hook Norton, of Joseph a Gypsy Cattle Driver TO Esther Mole, 28, Widow, of Southrop, of Isaac Sherriff, itinerant.

Esther had been married twice before, to Edward Gregory in March 1852 (died 1855) and to Thomas Moles in 1861 (died after about 6 months). She had certainly had three children: Ellen Gregory at Hook Norton, William Gregory at Shutford, and Thomas (perhaps Moles) Gregory at Hook Norton. These children were called Moles after their stepfather in 1861 and Smith after their next step-father Hercules in 1871.

Susannah was baptised there at Hook Norton on the 26th December.

1864 December 10 – the Oxford Journal reported a hitherto unknown grand-child of Hercules Senior, named Matilda, stealing a glass from a pub in Deddington:

WOOTTON NORTH DIVISION.—*Deddington, Nov. 25.*
 Before C. C. Dormer, Esq., and Rev. Thos. Curme.
 George Thompson, a tramp and an old offender, was charged with maliciously breaking a street lamp, the property of the Deddington Inspectors of lighting and watching. Defendant did not deny the charge; committed for 14 days hard labour.
 Matilda Smith and George Barton were charged under the Criminal Justice Act with feloniously stealing on the 22nd ult. a tumbler glass, the property of Henry Edmund Sturch. It appeared that the prisoners went into prosecutor's house (the Crow and Tuns Inn) on the night in question, being Deddington fair, and ordered some ale, which was supplied to them, when Smith was seen to take a glass from the table and put it into her companion's pocket, and upon being accused of the theft, she herself took it out and gave it up to the prosecutor, who immediately sent for the police and gave them both into custody. During the hearing of the case the female prisoner (who is a granddaughter of Hercules Smith, an aged member of the gipsy tribe, and well known in this neighbourhood) was seized with a succession of fits, which considerably hindered the proceedings; they were, however, eventually completed, and Smith convicted, but the Magistrates kindly took into consideration the malady from which she was suffering, and sentenced her to only one day's imprisonment. Owing to her having been locked up more than a day the sentence was equivalent to a discharge, and she was at once liberated, the conviction, however, being recorded against her. The complicity of Barton not being clear, proved he was discharged.

1865 May 6th, Oxford Chronicle reported - case heard 3rd May, CHIPPING NORTON PETTY SESSIONS. Hercules Smith, a gipsy, allowing horses to stray, and was fined 3s. and 8s. costs.

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George and James Phippe, market gardeners, of Hook Norton, were charged, under the new Highway Act, by George Bayliss, district surveyor, with allowing two horses and a donkey to depasture on the sides of the highway in the township of Hook Norton aforesaid. — Fined 3s. each and costs.
Hercules Smith, a gipsy, was charged with a similar offence to the above, and was also fined 3s. and costs 8s.

Jackson's Oxford Journal of 26 October 1867:

1867 Case Heard 24th October - BANBURY Petty Sessions, Banbury Division - Banbury - Hercules Smith, of Tadmarton, for a similar offence (drunkenness) was fined 5s. and costs 10s."

Oxford Times 18 April 1868, he was given 14 days imprisonment for his horses straying onto Mr Garrett's land at Tadmarton on the 3rd and 4th of April – and then for taking them back:

COUNTY POLICE STATION, NEITHROP.
DIVISION-PETTY-SESSIONS, APRIL 9TH.
Before the Rev. F. Wyatt (chairman), Col. North, M.P., A. R. Tawney, Esq., H. Norris, Esq., R. A. Cartwright, Esq., and Major Goddard.
Hercules Smith, of Tadmarton, was charged with allowing some horses to stray on land occupied by John Garrett at Tadmarton, on the 3rd and 4th of April.
John Garrett deposed that he was joint occupier of the land with his brother Thomas, and on April 3rd he was asked whose horses those were on his land. He started with his carter to take them to the pound, and when doing so he met the defendant, who asked him where he was taking them to? Witness told him to the pound. Defendant said he would not have them impounded, and offered witness 5s. not to take them. Witness said he was determined to do away with the nuisance, and should charge him 15s. Defendant said he would not pay that, and took the horses away by force. They did as much damage with their feet as with their mouths. It had become a great nuisance.
H. Norris, Esq., said that the defendant's horses were continually on the roads, and he had no place to keep them—not a single foot of ground.
The Chairman said defendant was liable to a penalty of £15, but the Bench had ordered him to pay a penalty of £1 and costs, or 14 days' imprisonment.
John Taylor and *James Giles*, who were remanded on April 6th on the charge of assaulting P.C. Robin.

1868 Oxford Journal, 18th April

BANBURY DIVISION.—Banbury, April 9.
Before the Rev. C. F. Wyatt, H. Norris, A. R. Tawney, and A. Cartwright, Esqrs., Col. North, M.P., and Major Goddard.
Hercules Smith, of Tadmarton, higgler, was charged with releasing horses which had been seized for the purpose of being impounded, in consequence of being found trespassing in a field of Mr. Garrett's. It appeared that the defendant keeps three old horses perpetually upon the roads, from which they stray into the fields adjacent. Fined 1l. and costs, or 14 days' imprisonment; committed.

1868 Oxford Times, of August 22nd- Offence of July 10th -, straying horse at Sibford. Wife appeared, husband Ill. 5/- fine.

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COUNTY POLICE STATION, NEITHROP.
DIVISION PETTY SESSIONS, AUG. 13.
Before the Rev. F. Wyatt, A. R. Tawney, Esq., and
A. Cartwright, Esq.
Charles Lines, of Sibford, was charged with allow-
ing a horse to stray on the highway, in the parish of
Sibford, on July 10th. Defendant said the road
surveyor had given him leave. The Bench told him
the surveyor had no power to do so; cautioned him
(defendant) not to let his horse stray again, and dis-
missed the case.
Hercules Smith, of Tadmarton, was charged with
allowing a horse to stray on the highway in the
parish of Sibford, on July 29th. Defendant's wife
appeared and pleaded guilty for her husband, who is
ill. Fined 5s. and costs, or 14 days' imprisonment.
A fortnight allowed for payment.
Ellen Jones, of Neithrop, was charged with

1868 November 14th – Oxford Journal reported that on October 1st, Hercules' horses wandered in Great Tew and that he was sleeping under the cart with a woman!

costs, and 4s. on police fees.
Hercules Smith was also charged with allowing a horse
to stray on the highway in the parish of Dun's Tew, on
the 1st of October. P.C. Horne deposed that on the day
named, on going from Worton Heath to Dun's Tew, he
saw defendant's horse grazing; and, on looking round for
the owner, saw him sleeping under the cart on the opposite
side of the road, with a woman. Fined 5s., with 10s. costs,
and 6s. police fees.
Thomas Woodhouse of Hampton was charged with

1869. Hercules let his horses stray on the highway at Tadmarton on the 5th of February. The case was heard at Neithorp Police Station on the 11th, where his wife represented him – and he was then summoned by a warrant. The case was reported in the Banbury Guardian on the 18th of February.

Banbury Guardian 18 Feb 1869:

1869 Case Heard February 11th. NEITHROP POLICE STATION Horse on the Highway. Hercules Smith, Tadmarton, was charged with allowing his horse to stray on the highway on the 5th of February. Hercules did not appear, but his wife did. When asked why her husband did not appear, she said that he had some thing else to do than always to be coming there. She wondered what they meant all by bringing him there so often. He was away trying to get bread for his family. Mrs Smith was told that her husband should have appeared and that a warrant would be issued for him.

1869. On April 12th he finally appeared personally in court at the Banbury Magistrates, where he was fined a pound, failed to pay, and was sent to prison for 14 days. This was reported in the Banbury Guardian of 15th April 1869.

1869 April 12th BANBURY MAGISTRATES Brought up on a warrant. Hercules Smith, Tadmarton, was brought up on a warrant charged with allowing a horse to stray on the highway there on the 11th of February, and also failing to appear when summoned on the 11th of that month. P.C. Aspin proved the case. Smith, who is a very old offender on this score, was fined 5s with 15s expenses, and in default went to prison for 14 days.

1869 April 17th – the Oxford Chronicle reported the same case on the 12th :

a furious rate. Ordered to pay 5s., and 7s. costs.
COUNTY POLICE.—On Monday last Hercules Smith, of
Tadmarton, was brought up under a warrant, at the
Magistrates' Clerk's Office, charged with allowing his
horse to stray on the highway, on the 7th of February.
Fined 5s., and 15s. costs, or 14 days at Oxford.

1869 15 May the Oxford Journal reported a May 12th case at Chadlington Chipping Norton Division about more horse straying at Great Rollright on 26th April.

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paid.
CHADLINGTON DIVISION.—Chipping-Norton, May 12.
Before the Revs. Thos. Harris and J. H. Worsley.
Henry Eeles, of Leafield, was charged by Mr. George Bayliss, of Chadlington, district surveyor, with allowing his horse to stray on the highway, at Leafield, on the 24th ult.; dismissed on payment of costs, 5s.
Samuel Owen, of Chipping-Norton, was convicted of a like offence at Over-Norton, on the 28th ult.; penalty and costs, 12s.; in default, 7 days; paid.
Hercules Smith, of Tadmarton, was convicted of a like offence at Great Rollright, on the 26th ult.; penalty and costs, 1l. 1s.; in default, 7 days.

The Oxford Chronicle of the same day did the same, with a mention of a warrant.

CHIPPING-NORTON.
DIED.—May 6, Mary, widow of Wm. Smith, aged 82.
CHADLINGTON DIVISION PETTY SESSIONS,
CHIPPING-NORTON, MAY 12.
(Before the Revs. T. Harris and J. H. Worsley.)
Hercules Smith, of Tadmarton, was charged by Mr. G. Bayliss, district surveyor, with allowing two horses to stray on the highway, at Great Rollright, on April 26. Fined 5s. and costs 16s. Warrant issued.

1870 Jan 20th the Banbury Advertiser reported: INDEXED BUT NOT FOUND

In June and July of 1870 there came an amazingly detailed coverage of yet another one of his horse straysings – this time at a new home in South Newington.

1870 23rd June Banbury Guardian reported Hercules

June 17th 1870 DEDDINGTON Petty Sessions - Straying Horses at South Newington. Hercules Smith, South Newington. Was charged with allowing a horse to stray on the highway there on the 10th of June. Sergeant Barton asked for an adjournment, as Mr Bennett, the highway surveyor, was not present to prove the charge. Adjourned till next meeting.

24th June 1870 Banbury Beacon reported him being represented by his wife:

June 17th 1870 DEDDINGTON A horse straying. Hercules Smith, South Newington, was charged with having a horse straying on the Highway, on the 10th of June, in the Parish of South Newington. Defendant was represented by his better half, but the case was adjourned to the next court.

1870 June 25th the Oxford Chronicle (and Oxford Times) reported the same meeting on June 17th at Deddington,

apprehension.
Hercules Smith, of Tadmarton, was summoned for allowing his horse to stray.—Adjourned for a fortnight.
William Allison and Geo. Parsons, both of Barton.

7 July 1870 Banbury Guardian, his eventual appearance at Deddington on July 1st was reported

1 July 1870 DEDDINGTON PETTY SESSIONS STRAYING HORSES AT SOUTH NEWINGTON. Hercules Smith, higgler, was summoned for allowing his horses to stray on the highway at South Newington on the 10th of June. Mr Bennet, surveyor of the Highway board, said he saw a horse on the road the above day. Defendant said it was his horse. There was no one with it. It was a quarter of a mile from the defendant's home. Defendant now said the horse was just outside the stable. He was going with his horse to get an honest living, as near as he could, (a laugh) Mr Curme asked – has the defendant been seen here before? Mr Bennet, he is a stranger to our district. He was once convicted here for the same offence committed at Duns Tew. Mr Risley asked – how do you get a living? –by ragging and boning. I have 5 children, and nobody earning anything but myself. I had no wish to turn the horse out. Defendant was fined £1 with 10s costs and 4s police fees and was allowed a month to pay.

8th July 1870 Banbury Beacon

2nd July 1870 DEDDINGTON POLICE COURT

The descendants of Hercules Smith or "Old Arti" of Tadmarton 1779 – 1871.

A HORSE ASTRAY. Hercules Smith was charged with allowing his horse to stray on the Highway at South Newington on the 10th of June, The animal was a quarter of a mile from him and out of his sight. Defendant said the horse got out of the stable, while he went from the house for a sack, when he came back from ragging and boning. In which business he tried to get an honest a living as he could. He was fined £1 14s, including costs, or in default of payment, one month imprisonment. A month was allowed to pay in.

1870 July 9th in the Oxford Times

COUNTY POLICE COURT, FRIDAY, JULY 2ND.
Before C. C. Dormer, Esq. (Chairman), Lieut.-Col. Bowyer,
Dr. Guest, T. Curme, Esq., and H. C. Bisley, Esq.
Hercules Smith was charged with allowing his horse to
stray on the highway, in South Newington, on the 10th
June. The animal was a quarter of a mile from him and
out of his sight.—Defendant said the horse had got out of
the stable, while he went to the home for a sack, when he
had come back from "ragging and boning" in which
business he tried to get as honest a living as he could.—He
was fined £1 14s, including costs, or in default of payment,
one month's imprisonment.—A month was allowed to pay
in.

1870, July 9th, the Oxford Journal reported the same case as being July 1st:

WOOTTON NORTH DIVISION.—Deddington, July 1.
Present, Charles Cottrell Dormer, Esq., Rev. T. Curme,
H. C. Bisley, Esq., Colonel Bowyer, and Dr. Guest.
Hercules Smith, a Gipsy, was charged with allowing a
horse to stray on the highway at South Newington on the
10th of June. Mr. Peter Bennett, the District Surveyor,
proved finding the horse with no one in charge of it, and
the defendant acknowledged that the horse belonged to
him. Fine 17, costs 14s., or in default of payment to be
committed for one calendar month; allowed a month.
Henry Mann, of Bishon's Itchington, labourer, was

1870 9th July Reading and Abingdon Herald.

1870 July 2nd DEDDINGTON-COUNTY POLICE COURT, FRIDAY, JULY 2ND. Hercules Smith was charged with allowing his horse to stray on the highway, in South Newington, on the 10 June. The animal was a quarter of a mile from him and out of his sight. - Defendant said the horse had got out of the stable, while he went to the house for a sack, when he had come back from "ragging and boning" in which business he tried to get as honest a living as he could. - He was fined £1 14s. Including costs, or in default of payment, one month's imprisonment. - A month was allowed to pay in."

Quite a coverage for a simple horse straying!

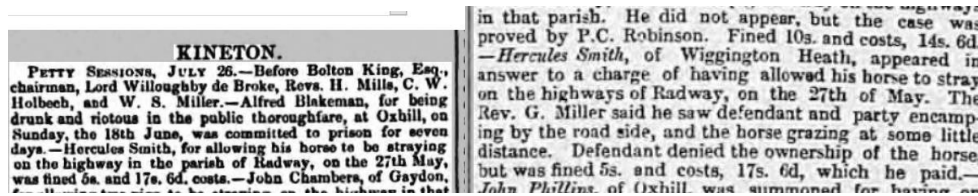
Table 1- South Newington: 1871 Census - Hercules Smith (aged 43yrs)

South Newington, Charles Lane, 1871 Census, No 10 Cottage					
Hercules Smith	H	M	43	Gypsy Land Man	Banbury
Esther Smith	W	M	30	Gypsy Sand Man	Glympton
Ellen G(?regory) Smith	D	U	18	Gypsy Sand Man	Hook Norton
William G(?regory) Smith	S	U	16	Gypsy Sand Man	Shutford
Thomas M(?oles) Smith	S		12	Gypsy Sand Man	Stansfield
Naomi Smith	Vis		1	Gypsy Sand Man	Banbury
Isaac Sherrif	Vis	W	71	Gypsy Sand Man	Brafield
George Davis	Vis	M	62	Razor Grinder	Badby
Rebecca Davis	Vis	M	60		Not stated.
Jonah Boswell	Vis		30	Tinker	Tachbrook
Mary Boswell	Vis		27	Gypsy	Stretton on Fosse.
Armandine Boswell	Vis		1		Northam

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Catherine Boswell	Vis		10	Gypsy	Spilsby
Henry Boswell	Vis		7	Gypsy	Bloxham
Frances Boswell	Vis		12	Gypsy	Chippenham

1871 July 29th Warwick Advertiser and Leamington Spa Courier: Horse straying in Radway, before the famous Warwickshire politician, Mr Bolton King.



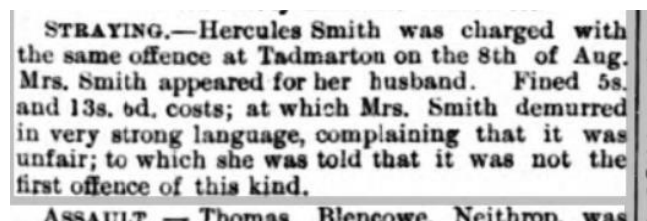
1872 April 29, daughter Esther baptism at Wiggington. ["Arkles & Esther, labourer of the Heath"](#)

25 June 1872 Oxford Chronicle.

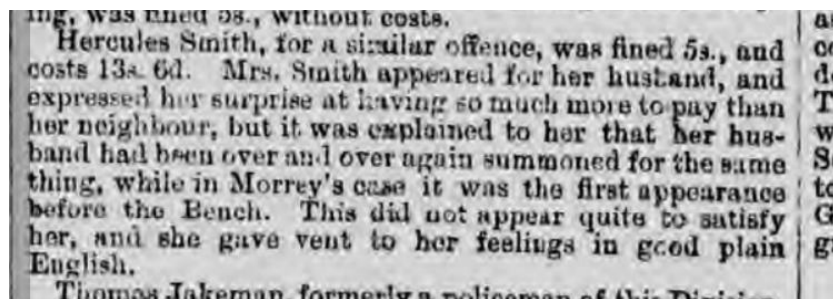
5th June 1872 CHIPPING NORTON PETTY SESSIONS

Hercules Smith, of Wiggington Heath, was charged by Thomas Sellars, with trespassing in the day time in search of game, at Great Rollright, on May 24th. Fined 1s and costs 12s.

1873 21 August - Banbury Advertiser - horse straying at Tadmarton. Mrs Smith replied in "very strong language" - another case where Hercules failed to turn up.



1873 August 16th Oxford Journal straying as above at Tadmarton - "good plain English."



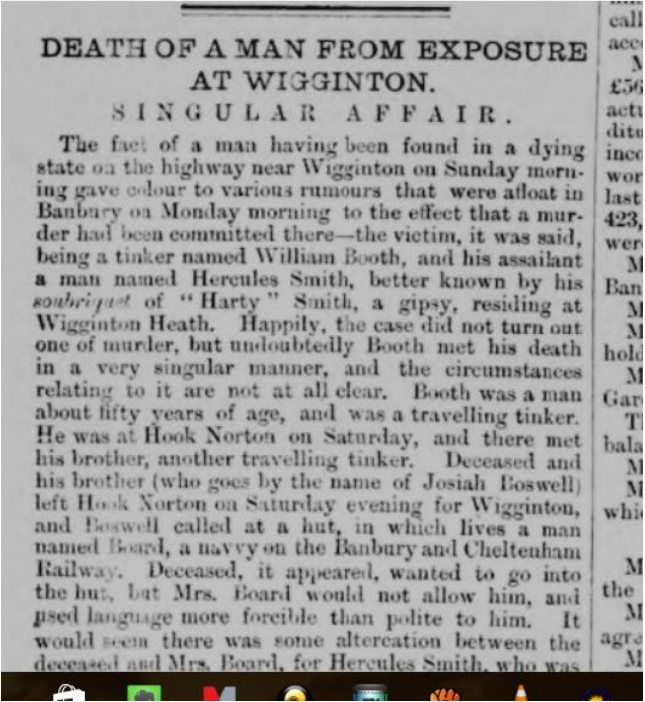
1874 December 10th in the Banbury Advertiser: straying horses at Wiggington. This time, he was represented by his mother:

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HIGHWAY OFFENCE.—Hercules Smith, of Wiggington, was charged with allowing certain horses to stray on the highway, at Wiggington, on the 21st November.—P.C. Gibson deposed that about half-past five in the morning, he found two horses belonging to the defendant, on the highway leading from Swerford to Wiggington. Watched them till half-past six, and then took them to defendant's house.—Mr. Norris: He's paid enough fines already to buy a couple of horses of the sort that he has got.—Defendant did not appear, but was represented by his mother, who pleaded that he had a large family.—The Bench fined him £1 4s., including costs.—His mother paid £1, and he was allowed a fortnight to pay the remaining 4s.

1874 March 22 – baptism of Mozella at Wiggington "[Hercules and Esther, labourer of Wiggington](#)"

1876 October 12 an article in the Banbury Advertiser discussed a traumatic case where "Hearty Smith, a Sand Man" was prosecuted for causing the death, in a fight, of a Tinker, William Booth, at Wiggington. Not guilty after detailed description of the fight and the death declared to be from apoplexy and exposure. Also the Banbury Guardian on the same day, and on the 14th the Buckingham Advertiser gave a summary with the same details.

1876 October 12 th , the Banbury Advertiser with the following witnesses:	1876 October 12 th , the Banbury Advertiser with the following witnesses:
<p>Josiah Boswell, a travelling tinker and brother of the deceased – William Booth. George Burgess, "horse keeper" on the Cheltenham and Banbury Railway; Joseph Cross, "excavator" on the Banbury and Cheltenham railway. William Derby Hyde, surgeon of Bloxham.</p>	
	 <p>DEATH OF A MAN FROM EXPOSURE AT WIGGINGTON. SINGULAR AFFAIR.</p> <p>The fact of a man having been found in a dying state on the highway near Wiggington on Sunday morning gave colour to various rumours that were afloat in Banbury on Monday morning to the effect that a murder had been committed there—the victim, it was said, being a tinker named William Booth, and his assailant a man named Hercules Smith, better known by his <i>soubriquet</i> of "Harty" Smith, a gipsy, residing at Wiggington Heath. Happily, the case did not turn out one of murder, but undoubtedly Booth met his death in a very singular manner, and the circumstances relating to it are not at all clear. Booth was a man about fifty years of age, and was a travelling tinker. He was at Hook Norton on Saturday, and there met his brother, another travelling tinker. Deceased and his brother (who goes by the name of Josiah Boswell) left Hook Norton on Saturday evening for Wiggington, and Boswell called at a hut, in which lives a man named Board, a navy on the Banbury and Cheltenham Railway. Deceased, it appeared, wanted to go into the hut, but Mrs. Board would not allow him, and used language more forcible than polite to him. It would seem there was some altercation between the deceased and Mrs. Board, for Hercules Smith, who was</p>

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MYSTERIOUS OCCURRENCE AT WIGGINTON A GIPSY FIGHT.

Sunday morning last was ushered in in the neighbourhood of Wigginton—a desolate looking spot some six miles on the west of Banbury—by a very sad event, which deprived one William Booth, a tinker, of his existence. As soon as the poor fellow was dead, the wildest rumours were afloat regarding the nature of his death, and it was solemnly asserted that he had been brutally kicked to death by a local celebrity styled "Hearty Smith," also of the tinkering persuasion. Happily, however, this proved exaggeration, and the coroner's jury, who have since sat on the body, find that he died from natural causes. This affords considerable consolation, but the circumstances of the deceased man's death are very mysterious. It would seem that on Saturday afternoon he was at Hook Norton, and left in the evening for Wigginton. When he got near this latter place, it was observed that he was very drunk, and a fight ensued between himself and a woman who refused him admission to her hut. This was taken up by the man Smith, but the fight does not appear to have lasted long. Smith and his party went on towards Wigginton, followed by the deceased, and when near the second hut the men fought again. Three or four navvies, we are told, were present at this encounter, but no one comes forward to speak definitely as to the fight, though one witness—the man's brother—said that both men "hit as hard as one another," and the deceased got the worst of it. This was between ten and eleven o'clock at night, and at the close of the fight the deceased was left lying on the ground, having only his trousers and boots on. No one appears to have looked after

deceased and Mrs. Board, for Hercules Smith, who was in the hut, said he would not see Mrs. Board "put upon," to use the language of Boswell. Thereupon Smith and the deceased had a fight, but how long it lasted we are unable to say. After the fight was over, the combatants and their friends left Board's hut and went to another one occupied by a man named Burgess, near which the hostilities were again commenced, and ultimately the deceased gave in to the superior fighting ability of Smith, and shook hands with him. Although the fight appears to have been witnessed by some navvies, by Boswell, and others, there is no more seen or heard of the deceased till Sunday morning, when he was found half-naked near where the fight had occurred, in an unconscious and dying state. Both of the men were, it is said, the worse for beer, pulled off their coats and shirts to fight, "struck one another very hard," and yet there were no marks of external violence on the deceased, who was found with his head on the grass and his feet on the bank. After shaking hands with Smith, the deceased went away, and although some of those who witnessed the fight, must, from the evidence at the inquest, have passed the place where the deceased was found, they do not appear to have noticed him, or if they did they made no effort to see to him. The evidence of Boswell, who was the principal witness at the inquest, was of a confused nature, as might be expected from a man of his calling, and it was with difficulty he could be understood, owing to what we suppose is the

a man of his calling, and it was with difficulty he could be understood, owing to what we suppose is the gipsy *patois*. When the deceased was found, he was put in a cart, and taken to the Swan public-house at Wigginton. Smith had decamped, so that we had not his version of the affair at the inquest. A *post-mortem* examination of the body of the deceased was made by Mr. W. D. Hyde, of Bloxham, and he found an extravasation of blood on the brain, which he said might have caused death, but added that it was possible deceased might have died from exposure or apoplexy. He, however, gave it as his opinion that the deceased died from natural causes, accelerated by exposure.

THE INQUEST.

The inquest was held at the Swan public-house on Monday afternoon at two o'clock, before C. D. Faulkner, Esq. Mr. Slatter was foreman of the jury, the other juryman being Messrs. W. Coles, T. Coles, C. Shirley, S. Stanbra, W. H. Stanbra, E. Wyatt, A. Stanbra, E. Stanbra, M. Sharman, W. Simms, and W. Warmington.

Josiah Boswell deposed—I have no regular residence, being a travelling tinker. I have known the deceased, William Booth, since childhood. He was my brother, and was the eldest of nine children. I was with him when he died on Sunday morning between eight and nine o'clock. He died on the road at Wigginton, near Mr. W. Stanbra's field. On Saturday I was at Hook Norton with the deceased. We were in the Bell

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and boots on. No one appears to have looked after him during the night, and it was not till seven o'clock the next morning as a navvy—or an "excavator," as he chose to call himself—was passing along the road that he found the poor fellow in the position in which his companions, it must be inferred, had left him. He was attended to as best as he could be, but he died in less than an hour afterwards. Mr. Hyde, who made a *post-mortem* examination of the body, declined to say that there was any trace of illusage, and it only remained for the jury to return a verdict of natural death. The man Smith, upon hearing of the death of Booth, immediately left the neighbourhood, and the police, who naturally suspected that the deceased met with his death through violence, were alert on Sunday and Monday for his apprehension. The verdict of the jury, however, exonerates him from all blame.

The inquest was held on Monday afternoon, before C. D. Faulkner, Esq., coroner, at the Swan Inn, Wigginton, at which place the body was lying. The following were sworn on the jury:—Messrs. A. Slatter (foreman), T. Coles, W. Coles, C. Shirley, S. Stanbra, W. H. Stanbra, E. Wyatt, A. Stanbra, E. Stanbra, M. Sharman, W. Simms, and W. Warmington. "The body having been viewed, the following evidence was taken:

Josiah Beawell, sworn, deposed: I have no permanent residence, but travel the country as a tinker. I am about forty years of age. I knew the deceased, William Booth, from a child. He was my brother, and was the eldest of nine of our family. My wife and myself were with him when he died, between eight and nine o'clock yesterday morning, on the side of the road opposite Mr. W. Stanbra's field. On Saturday night I was at Hook Norton, in company with the deceased. At the Bell Inn, we had some beer. We left Hook Norton between seven and eight o'clock, and came towards Wigginton. When we came to a hut occupied by a man named Board, about half-a-mile from Hook

by a man named Board, about half-a-mile from Hook Norton, we found my wife, Hercules Smith (a sand man), and his wife there. They let me in. The deceased wanted to go in too, but Mrs. Board would not let him go in. She doubled her fists at him, and said she would fight him. Hercules Smith then went out and said he would not see a woman put upon. At the same time he fought with the deceased. I did not go out, as I thought it best to keep away. This was about nine o'clock. Shortly afterwards, we left this hut. Smith and his wife, my wife and myself, came on towards Wigginton. When we got to Burgess' hut, Smith and Booth (who had followed us) commenced fighting again. They both pulled their shirts off. I could not tell which commenced the row this time. They were both as bad as one another. It was an old grievance. Both had had beer, but Booth had had the most. They were fighting for about half an hour. Four or five navvies were there at this time. I got a blow on the side of the head, and went back to Burgess' hut. The deceased gave in, having got the worst of the fight, and went away. I don't know what became of the deceased when he gave in fighting. I saw no more of him till

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Hook Norton with the deceased. We were in the Bell Inn, and had some beer. I left Hook Norton between seven and eight o'clock and deceased followed me towards Wigginton. When I got to Board's railway hut, about half a mile from Hook Norton, I went up to it and found my wife and Hercules Smith (a sand-man), and his wife. The deceased wanted to go into the hut, but Mrs. Board would not let him in. She doubled her fists at him, and with an oath said she would fight him. She went out, and Hercules Smith said he would not see a woman "put upon," and he went out and "fit" (fought) Booth. I heard the noise outside the hut, but I did not go out, as I thought I was better away. This took place after 9 o'clock. After then, I, Hercules Smith, his wife, and my wife, came out of the hut, and went on the road towards Wigginton. Booth followed us. We went to "Curley" Burgess' hut, and Booth and Hercules Smith began fighting again on the road, pulling their shirts off. I don't know who struck first. They both began fighting at once, and there was an old "disturbance" between them. Both of the men were in beer, and Booth seemed to have had most. They fought for about half an hour. There were four or five navvies there, and I was struck by some one on the side of the head. I did not interfere any further, and went back to the hut. The deceased gave in to Smith, who gave him "the best of it," and then went away. He shook hands with Smith when he gave in. The next time I saw deceased was on Sunday morning. He was in Smith's cart, and

was being taken towards Wigginton Heath. He was dead. Smith was the biggest man, and "they both struck one another very hard." I saw deceased die. He gave a gasp, and died at once. He could not speak, and could hardly open his mouth. There seemed to be something in his throat. I did not see

the deceased from Saturday night at ten o'clock until Sunday morning at eight.

George Burgess, a horse-keeper on the Banbury and Cheltenham Railway, deposed—I live in the Quarry Hut, on the Hook Norton Road. I was at home at ten o'clock on Saturday night, when Hercules Smith's wife came and asked to remain in my hut all night, as she was afraid to go home. She afterwards went home. Before this I had seen two men fighting on the road for about ten minutes. I do not know who they were. On Sunday morning, about half-past seven, a man named Joseph Cross came to my hut, and told me that there was a man dangerously ill up the road. I went to see, and about 300 yards up the road, I found the deceased lying. He was nearly dead. I got him a glass of hot beer, a little of which he swallowed. Smith's cart and pony were in the yard at my hut, and Cross and I put the deceased into it, and started the cart towards Smith's house at Wigginton Heath, but we brought him here. Ellen Gregory would not have him at Smith's house. Deceased was cold as clay, and his eyes were closed. He had nothing on but his trousers and boots, and a handkerchief round his neck. I did not see any bruises on him; there were some scratches on his body. I do not know where Smith was all Saturday night. Where I found the deceased was very near the place where I saw the two men fighting on the Saturday night. There were no marks of a scuffle on the road, and there was no marks of blood. Joseph Cross, who said he was an "excavator" on

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yesterday morning, about eight o'clock, when he was in a cart, in charge of a man named Cross. I can't say what caused his death. Smith is the heaviest man, but I think they both hit as hard as one another. The deceased did not say anything to me when he was dying. He appeared to have something in his throat, and could not speak.

George Burgess deposed: I work on the Banbury and Cheltenham Railway, and live at the Quarry hut. On Saturday night my wife and myself went to Hook Norton, having borrowed Hercules Smith's pony and cart. After we had returned, about ten o'clock, I heard somebody fighting, but did not know who it was. They appeared to be fighting for about ten minutes, and then went away. Neither Smith or the deceased had any beer at my hut. I did not hear any more fighting that night. I got up about half-past five yesterday morning, and attended to my horses in the stable. Joseph Cross came to my hut about half-past seven, and said there was a man dangerously ill up the road, about 300 yards from my house. I went to the place, in company with Cross. The deceased was not then dead. I got a glass

of beer, made it warm, and put some ginger in it. He swallowed a little of it. He did not speak to me. I got Hercules Smith's cart (which was in my yard), and started with it towards Smith's house, in charge of Cross. He was breathing very slightly at that time, but he was very cold. He had nothing on but his trousers and boots, and a handkerchief and belt round his waist. I only noticed a little scratch on one elbow. I cannot say where Hercules Smith was on Saturday night. I found the deceased near to the spot where I saw and heard the fighting the previous night. I noticed neither blood nor marks on the road.

Joseph Cross deposed: I am an excavator on the Banbury and Cheltenham Railway. On Sunday morning, about seven o'clock, I found the deceased about 100 yards from the Quarry hut, on the side of the road. I tried to get him to speak, but failed. I went to Burgess' hut and told him what I had seen. We went back to the spot, and took a pony and cart with us, which I believe belonged to Hercules Smith. I brought the deceased to Wigginton, but he died on the road. I got to the Swan about a quarter past eight. He had nothing but his trousers and boots on. He was lying with his head on the grass. His head was much lower than his feet, and the water was running under his body. I first of all started to take the deceased to Hercules Smith's house, on Wigginton

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Joseph Cross, who said he was an "excavator" on the Banbury and Cheltenham Railway, deposed—I found the deceased yesterday morning a short distance (about 150 yards) from the Quarry Hut. There was nothing on him but his trousers. I went to the last witness' hut, where there was a horse and cart, and we put the deceased into the cart, and brought him to this house. He died on the road. When I found the deceased his feet were on the bank, and his head on the road, and the water ran underneath the body. I started at first to take the deceased to Hercules Smith's house at Wigginton Heath, but Ellen Gregory said that she dare not have the body there. They would kill her if she took it in. I found a jacket with an empty purse in one of the pockets by the side of the road. I also found a portion of a soldering bolt on the road. The handle of the bolt is gone. I was about all day yesterday seeking for "Harty" Smith.

William Derby Hyde, surgeon, Bloxham, deposed—I have made a *post-mortem* examination of the body, and I find some scratches on the shoulders and back caused apparently by falling on the hedge or on the ground. I have examined the head of the deceased, having shaved the hair off, and there is no evidence of injury beyond a slight scratch on the nose and discoloration below the right eye. There is an old scar on the top of the head, which had been healed up for some years. There were no other marks on the surface of the body. I have examined the brain and the inside of the skull, and there is no evidence of fracture or injury

to the brain, but there were two clots of blood immediately above and below the brain, and they might have caused death. I will not say the clots arose from a blow. I have examined the chest, and found the ribs, heart, lungs, and substance all healthy. There was a clot of blood resting on the aortic valve of the heart, which might have caused death by arresting circulation. The abdomen and viscera were healthy. Found no evidence of injury to the body sufficient to cause death. It is possible that deceased might have died from exposure or apoplexy. The clots of blood on the brain had not existed long, or the man would have been dead before now. Violence might have accelerated the extravasation of blood, but there was no evidence of a blow. I should say that deceased died from natural causes accelerated by exposure. The body was well nourished.

The jury returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased died from apoplexy accelerated by exposure.

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<p>turning under his body. I first of all searched to know the deceased to Hercules Smith's house, on Wigginton Heath, but on the way I met Ellen Gregory (Smith's sister), who said I should not take the body there. If I went there, she said, they would kill her. She said the deceased was only "gammoning."</p> <p>William Derby Hyde, surgeon, Bloxham, deposed: I have made an external examination of the body of the deceased. On the shoulders and the back I found scratches, but not sufficient in themselves to cause death. I examined the head of the deceased, having shaved the hair off, but found no evidence of injury beyond a slight scratch on the nose, and discolouration below the right eye. There was an old scar on the top of the head, probably healed some years. I found no other marks on the external parts of the body. I made a post-mortem examination of the deceased. I examined the brain and the inside of the skull. There was no evidence of fracture or injury to the brain; but I found two clots of blood immediately above and below the brain. These might have caused death. I should not say that these clots of blood arose from a blow. I examined the chest, and found the ribs, heart, lungs, in substance all healthy. There was a clot of blood resting on the aortic valve of the heart, which might have caused death by arresting circulation. I could not see any evidence of injury to the body sufficient to cause death. It is possible from the appearances which I saw, that he died from apoplexy, or he might have died from exposure. I found nothing on the deceased to lead me to suppose that he met with his death at the hands of another person. I should say that the deceased died from natural causes, accelerated by exposure. The body was well nourished. I have possession of the contents of the stomach, if it is thought necessary to have them analysed.</p> <p>The Coroner said that as the medical man stated there was nothing to connect Smith with the deceased's</p>	<p>promi in the by the crown them trespa theref remov midst here I our y of our partic</p> <p>M even Foun dinn of M Robt Saxo Char Engl Stab The with by t new</p> <p>K the for part the the has</p>	
<p>contents of the stomach, if it is thought necessary to have them analysed.</p> <p>The Coroner said that as the medical man stated there was nothing to connect Smith with the deceased's death, he did not see how they could carry the enquiry any further.</p> <p>The jury, after a few minutes' deliberation, returned a verdict of "Died from apoplexy, accelerated by exposure."</p>		

1878 August 3rd – The Oxford Journal reported stealing peat from Miss Cobb of Wigginton on July 23rd – 4 days locked up and 10/- fine after a hearing at Shipston Petty Sessions.

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PETTY SESSIONS, JULY 27.
 Before W. Dickins, Esq., Lord Northwick, and W. Moxon, Esq.

Hercules Smith, a gipsy, was brought up in custody, charged with having, on the 23rd July, feloniously stolen two pecks of peas, value 2s., the property of Mr. Lovell, of Whichford.—George Jones, carter to Mr. Lovell, said that early on the morning in question he was crossing the farm and saw the defendant gathering peas and putting them into a bag. He asked the prisoner what he was going to do with them, and he said, "Take them home and eat them to be sure." Information was given to P.C. Moseley, who apprehended the prisoner and searched for the peas, but could not find any.—Smith pleaded to taking about half-a-peck of peas—not more.—The Bench convicted in the penalty of 10s., taking into consideration that the gipsy had been in the lock-up for four days; the fine was paid.

1878 August 27th - stealing half a peck of peas at Wigginton Heath from Miss Cobb and fined 28/- . Reported in the Banbury Advertiser (Beacon) 12 /14 December 1878 and the Oxford Journal of the 14th December.

TUESDAY.
 Before T. E. Cobb, Esq.

THEFT OF PEAT.—Hercules Smith, of Wigginton, was brought up on a warrant charged with stealing a quantity of peat, the property of Miss Cobb, of the same village, 17th November.—William Coles, publican, Wigginton, said that on the day in question he saw a pony and trap standing outside a plantation belonging to Miss Cobb in which there was peat. The peat produced was similar to that which was growing in the plantation.—Richard Hartley said he looked after a plantation belonging to Miss Cobb, and that on the 27th November he saw that a quantity of peat had been recently removed. The peat produced corresponded with that growing in the plantation. There were foot-marks in the plantation, which corresponded with the prisoner's boots.—P.C. Shattock said he saw the prisoner at Bloxham on the day in question, coming from the direction of Wigginton. The cart contained sacks, in which was peat. He took the prisoner back to Wigginton Heath, and in the presence of the last witness they saw that peat had been recently taken away. There were marks of prisoner's boots and corduroy trousers in the soil.—In defence, prisoner said he had the peat at Epwell White House.—He was fined 10s, damage 5s, and costs 13s, or 21 days. Defendant paid the money.

Table 2: Wigginton: 1881 Census - Hercules Smith (aged 50)

Wigginton, 1881 Census					
Hercules Smith	H	M	50	Agricultural Labourer	Banbury
Esther Smith	W	M	47	Ag Labourer's wife	Glympton
Esther Smith	D		9	Scholar	Wigginton
Mozilla Smith	D		7	Scholar	Wigginton

1881 Oxford Journal reported on 20th August a Banbury court-case of the 16th where Hercules was in a dispute over 6/- and a pair of boots:

March, 1879.

Joseph Smith, Wigginton, v. Hercules Smith, of the same place. Claim for 3s. for money lent, and 3s. the value of a pair of boots. Plaintiff and his wife were called, and deposed to the money being owing, but the defendant's wife stoutly denied that such was the case. A severe altercation thereupon took place between the parties.—Judgment was given for the plaintiff, whereupon the defendant's wife became very violent, and declared she would never pay it.

Thomas Smith, South Newington, v. Edward Orgill.

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1881 20 October the Banbury Guardian printed a report of a dispute over 6,000 skewers in Banbury County Court – again with J. Smith, of Wigginton

disposed of the following cases :—
HERCULES SMITH, v. J. SMITH, Wigginton.—Claim for 9s., for 6,000 skewers. The Judge did not think the plaintiff had made out his case, and dismissed it.
BELL & Co., Liverpool, v. M. MORGAN, Banbury.—

1884 June 21st, Hercules arrested for being drunk and disorderly in Hook Norton, according to the Oxford Journal of 5 July 1884.

to pay 14s. 6d., fine and costs.
Hercules Smith, of Wigginton Heath, a gipsy, was charged with being drunk and disorderly in the public streets at Hook-Norton, on June 21.—After hearing the evidence of P.C. Quarterman, the defendant, who did not appear, was fined (inclusive of costs) 15s.; in default to be committed for 14 days' hard labour.
James Collier, a young man of Oxford, but recently arrived on the Banbury and Cheltenham Railway at

1885 the Banbury Advertiser reported on the 18th of June a case on at Banbury Police Court on Thursday June 11th that on May 29th:

ANOTHER.—Hercules Smith, labourer, Wigginton, was charged with allowing a horse to stray at Milcombe, on May 29.—Defendant did not appear.—P.C. Hope proved the case and defendant was fined 5s. and 12s. costs.

1885 Poll Book, [Ancestry](#) shows a Hercules Smith, Dwelling House, Wigginton Village.

Hooknorton Polling District.
PARISH OF WIGGINTON *continued.*
 OCCUPATION VOTERS.

No.	Name of each Voter at full length, the Surname being first.	Place of Abode.	Nature of Qualification.	Description of Qualifying Property.
445 I	Howse William	Wigginton.....	Dwelling-house.....	The Village.
446 I	Jackson George.....	Wigginton.....	Dwelling-house.....	Wigginton Heath.
447 I	Knibb George	Wigginton.....	Dwelling-house.....	The Village.
448 I	Moore George	Wigginton.....	Dwelling-house.....	The Village.
449 I	Paintin George	Wigginton.....	Dwelling-house.....	White Swan Inn.
450 I	Powell James	Wigginton.....	Dwelling-house.....	The Village.
451 I	Powell John	Wigginton.....	Dwelling-house.....	The Village.
452 I	Powell Joshua	Wigginton.....	Dwelling-house.....	The Village.
453 I	Powell William, senior	Wigginton.....	Dwelling-house.....	The Village.
454 I	Robinson Richard	Wigginton.....	Dwelling-house.....	The Village.
455 I	Smith Hercules	Wigginton.....	Dwelling-house.....	The Village.
456 I	Stanbra Edmund R., junior.....	Wigginton.....	Dwelling-house.....	The Village.

1886 24th November – Hercules' step-grandaughter, Naomi Gregory, stole some jewellery in Cadoxton, South Wales, and the ensuing courtcases involved Hercules' mother, Susannah as a witness, Esther's sister Eliza Biddell, as a witness and "receiving" charges against his wife, Esther, and her daughter, Ellen Gregory Eatwell.

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Cases took place in Penarth Police Court, Banbury Police Court and the Oxford Quarter Sessions- the only sentence being 1 month's hard labour for Naomi. ⁸

1887 June 2 Banbury Advertiser reported his horse straying (again!) at Wigginton for which he was fined 17/-

costs.
HORSE STRAYING.—Hercules Smith, Wigginton, was charged with allowing a horse to stray on the highway at Wigginton, on May 20th.—P.C. England proved the case, and defendant, who did not deny the offence, was fined 5s. and 12s. costs.

1889 straying horses at Wigginton on April 28th. Reported in the Banbury Advertiser of May 16th - a case in Banbury Police Court:

Stanley, Esq.
HORSE STRAYING AT WIGGINTON.—Hercules Smith, hawker, Wigginton, was summoned for allowing a horse to stray, at Wigginton, on April 28th.—Defendant said he left the horse in a close he rented of Mr. Stanbra, and it could not have strayed far from the gateway.—P.C. Justice deposed that on Sunday evening, April 28th, about eight o'clock, he found the defendant's horse straying in the road leading from Wigginton to Swerford. Witness afterwards met the defendant about a mile and a half from the horse, and said he was going to put the animal in the field. The horse was on the highway for three-quarters of an hour, to witness's knowledge. Witness added that he had several times cautioned the defendant about the same thing.—Defendant, who said he did not know that the horse was straying, was fined 5s. and 12s. costs; in default of distress, fourteen days' imprisonment.

APPELLATION CASE.—Thomas French, labourer.

1889 Banbury Advertiser 24 December, given a month for stealing 6d of hay at Wigginton from Mr Stanbra.

HEAVY SENTENCE FOR STEALING SIXPENNYWORTH OF HAY.—Hercules Smith, hawker, Wigginton, was charged with stealing about twelve pounds of hay, value 6s., the property of Stephen Stanbra, farmer, Wigginton, on December 12th.—The prosecutor deposed that on Thursday night, December 12th, between eight and nine o'clock, P.C. Justice took the prisoner to witness's house, and charged him with stealing a quantity of hay, produced, from the Rectory Farm, which was situated in Wigginton parish, and in witness's occupation. Defendant said he had been having some of witness's offal hay. He valued the hay at sixpence. Witness had not authorized defendant to have the hay, and he had no right on the land.—P.C. Justice stated that on the evening in question, at ten minutes past eight, he saw defendant's cart standing on the road near Mr. Stanbra's rick. Witness went to the rick, and saw defendant pulling the hay produced from a cut near the bottom of the rick. Defendant put the hay into the bag produced, and took it to the cart. Witness then charged him with stealing the hay. Defendant said Mr. Stanbra had given him permission to have a bit of offal hay any time he wanted it. Witness said he did not believe him, and they went to Mr. Stanbra.—The prosecutor, re-called, said he had never given the defendant permission to have any hay, or to go on the land.—Defendant pleaded guilty, and elected to have the case settled by the Bench, asking them to impose a fine upon him.—Defendant was committed for a month without the option of a fine.

EDUCATION CASE.—John Wyatt, Adderbury, was

⁸ South Wales Echo 31 Jan 1887 South Wales Daily News 1st Feb 1887 Western Mail Feb 1 1887 Banbury Advertiser 3rd Feb 1887 Cardiff Times 5th Feb 1887 Banbury Advertiser 7th April 1887 Oxford Journal 9 April 1887

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1889 Banbury Guardian of 6th December, more details given a month for stealing the 6d of hay at Wigginton from Mr Stanbra.

costs 11s. The money was paid.
THEFT OF HAY AT WIGGINTON. — Hercules Smith, Wigginton, hawker, was charged with stealing about twelve pounds of hay from a field at Wigginton on the 12th inst., the property of Stephen Stanbra, valued at 6d. Stephen Stanbra, Wigginton, deposed—On Thursday night the 12th inst., between 8 and 9 o'clock, P.C. Justice brought the defendant to my house and charged him with stealing the hay produced off the Rectory Farm in my occupation. The defendant said he had been having some of my offal hay. I value the hay at 6d. I gave him no permission to take it. He had no right on the ground. P.C. Justice deposed—On 12th inst. at ten minutes past eight o'clock in the evening, I saw the defendant's cart standing on the road near Mr. Stanbra's rick, at Wigginton. I went round the ricks and saw Smith pulling the hay produced from a cut in the bottom of the rick. He was putting it in the bag produced, and he then put it into the cart. I charged him with stealing it, and he said Mr. Stanbra had given him permission to have a bit of offal hay any time he wanted it. I said I did not believe it, and he asked me to go and see Mr. Stanbra, which I did. In answer to the Clerk (Mr. Fortescue) Mr. Stanbra said he had given no such permission. Defendant was then charged and elected to have the case settled summarily. He pleaded guilty and asked the Bench to inflict a fine which he could pay in a fortnight. The Bench sentenced him to a month's imprisonment.
EDUCATION CASE.—The case under the Elmen-

1890 Banbury Advertiser on 13th of November reported, yet again, a horse straying – this time at Milton on October 25th: He was arrested at the Black Boy pub.⁹

AN OLD OFFENDER.—Hercules Smith, of Wigginton, labourer, was charged with allowing a horse and cart to stray on the highway, in the parish of Milton, on October 25th.—Defendant did not appear.—P.S. Wright proved service of summons, and stated that on Thursday, Oct. 25th, when on duty in the parish of Milton, at 8.15 p.m., he saw the defendant's horse and cart standing across the road. He waited about a quarter of an hour, and then went to the Black Boy public house, about one hundred yards distance, and found the defendant there. He owned the horse was his property. The night was rather cloudy.—The Bench inflicted a fine of 5s. and 12s. costs, in default fourteen days' labour.

[1891 census of Wigginton](#) – in a two room cottage in the village:

Hercules Smith	Head	Married	60	Agricultural labourer	Employed	Bn Banbury
Esther Smith	Wife	Married	58			Bn Glympton
Esther Smith	Daughter	Single	20			Bn Wigginton
Thomas Smith	Grandson ¹⁰		6 wks			Bn Wigginton

1893 13 April - Banbury Advertiser & 15 April 1893 and the same text in the Banbury Beacon – cruelty to a horse at Wigginton on March 16th. Fined £2 1s.

⁹ "Milton has one public house, the Black Boy Inn, that was a gastropub,^[4] owned by chef [Marco Pierre White](#), who now no longer owns it. The public house has an outdoor garden and children's climbing equipment." Wikipedia.

¹⁰ One presumes this is the bastard child of daughter Esther.

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WORKING A PONY IN AN UNFIT CONDITION.—Hercules Smith, hawker, Wigginton, was summoned for cruelty to a pony, by working it while in an unfit condition, at Wigginton, on March 18th. —Inspector Jowett, of Oxford, prosecuted on behalf of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.—Defendant did not appear, and P.C. Burrows proved service of the summons.—P.C. Read, of the Northamptonshire Police, stationed at Boddington, stated that on the 9th March he saw the defendant with a pony and cart. There was a large raw wound, about three inches long, on the back of the animal, caused by the saddle, which was then in contact with the sore. There was also a large place on the pony's shoulder, caused by the collar. He noticed a large dry scab on the pad of the saddle. He called defendant's attention to the state of the pony, and defendant said it was a bad job, and if witness would allow him to take the pony home he would turn it up and get it fat. [Laughter] The animal was in a very poor condition.—Inspector Jowett stated that on the 16th March, in consequence of a report he received from Sept. Norman, of the Northamptonshire Police, he went to Wigginton, and made enquiries for the defendant. After waiting three or four hours, he met defendant, who had a very aged bay gelding pony, attached to a cart in which was a sack of wheat. The pony was in a very emaciated condition, and scarcely able to crawl. The harness was in rags. On the rear shoulder of the animal, witness found an old wound, freshly rubbed by the collar, and on the back there was an old wound extending the length of the saddle. A piece of rag (produced), saturated with wet matter, separated the harness from the wound. Defendant admitted that the pony was the same which the police-constable in Northamptonshire spoke to him about the week previously. Defendant said he was very sorry, and he had only used the pony to fetch the sack of corn. Witness told him he had been working the pony since ten o'clock in the morning, and defendant admitted that was so. Witness instructed defendant to take the pony home, and he had not seen it since.—Mr. Cartwright said it was a very bad case, and defendant would be fined £2 and 10s. costs.

POACHING AT NORTH NEWINGTON: OLD OFFER-

1895, January 3rd the Banbury Advertiser reported the death of Esther, at Wigginton, 1895. (Also Oxford Journal Jan 5th 1895).

Smith—December 28, at Wigginton, Esther, wife of Hercules Smith, aged 54 years.

1895 October 25th Banbury Advertiser (Banbury Beacon, 26 October) for yet another straying horse, on the Wigginton to Swerford Road:

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Jockey, Bodicote, to Mrs. Draper.

A STRAYING HORSE.—Hercules Smith, dealer, Wigginton, was summoned for allowing a horse to stray at Wigginton on 3rd October.—Defendant did not appear.—P.C Tim: proved service of summons, and deposed that about 10.30 p.m. on the day in question he saw the horse on the side of the road leading from Wigginton to Swerford. There was no one with the horse, and he watched it for about three-quarters of an hour. Witness, thinking the horse belonged to defendant, went to defendant's house and told him he thought his horse was down the road. Defendant got up and fetched the horse back.—Supt. Keal put in a long list of convictions for similar offences against defendant, who was now fined 5s. and 6s. costs.

A YOUNG GAMEKEEPER.—William Flint. a

1901 Census Banbury in Tobin's Lodging House in [Calthorpe Street](#), shows Hercules Smith aged 65, a single man and a general hawker, bn Banbury. Is this him?

John Thomas Boardman	44	John Thomas Boardman	44	John Thomas Boardman	44
John Thomas Boardman	45	John Thomas Boardman	45	John Thomas Boardman	45
John Thomas Boardman	46	John Thomas Boardman	46	John Thomas Boardman	46

1901 May 31 - sudden death of Hercules in Calthorpe Street, Banbury,

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years.
Smith—May 31, at Calthorpe Street, Banbury,
Hercules Smith, aged 68 years.
Taylor—May 28, at 71, East Street, Grimsbury,

Also in the same edition the Inquest was reported, with witnesses being: his Brother James Henry Smith, a chimney sweep of Byfield; Robert James Dickinson, a fiddler/pedler; Frank Tobin, lodging house keeper of Calthorpe Street; P.C. James and finally Innes Griffin, a Surgeon. The case was observed by a representative of the Pearl Assurance Company.

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<p>SUDDEN DEATH OF AN AGED MAN. INQUEST AT THE TOWN HALL.</p> <p>Hercules Smith, who is well known in the district as a hawker of sand and peat, being a native of the neighbourhood of Wigginton, died suddenly at Tobin's lodging-house, Calthorpe Street, on Friday afternoon. The old man, who was stated by a brother to be eighty-six or eighty-seven years of age, had been in a weak state of health for about two years, and some months ago consulted Mr. Innes Griffin, but disregarded the doctor's advice to give up work and take rest. On Whit Monday he was at a brother's house at Byfield, and complained of feeling ill, but left on that day with his donkey and cart, turning up at the lodging-house in Banbury on Friday afternoon. He was then apparently very ill, and was at length induced by another lodger at the house to take some brandy. He was seen soon afterwards to be in a dying state, and although Mr. Griffin was promptly in attendance the deceased had breathed his last, the cause of death being attributed to heart failure.</p> <p>An inquest was held in the Court Room, Town Hall, on Saturday evening, before Mr. J. S. Tayton, Borough Coroner. The jury was composed of the following:—Messrs. F. Penn (foreman), F. Stoodon, J. Garrett, J. Watts, C. Prescott, S. Root, Joseph Jackson, J. Cox, E. Taylor, J. Heritage, J. Rose, T. Clarke, and J. Moss. Mr. G. F. Ayres attended on behalf of the Pearl Assurance Company.</p> <p>The Coroner having briefly opened the enquiry, the jury proceeded to view the body, which had been removed to the mortuary, and the following evidence was taken:—</p> <p>James Henry Smith, chimney sweep, of Pound Cottage, Byfield, deposed: The deceased was my eldest brother, and was eighty-six or eighty-seven years of age. He was last at my house on Whit Monday, and complained of being unwell. He had about three eggs, some bread and butter, and two cups of tea, but brought them all up again.</p> <p>Robert James Dickinson, pedler, deposed: Yesterday afternoon I was at Tobin's lodging-house, and the deceased came in about half-past three. He had with him a donkey and cart, which he asked me to take up the yard, saying he was bad. I unharnessed and fed the donkey, and on returning to the kitchen I asked Smith whether I should fetch him a sup of brandy. At first he would not have any, but about a quarter of an hour afterwards I fetched him three-penny-worth of brandy, a little of which he took. I asked him if he would go to bed, and he said he would, but he came downstairs in about a minute and went into the yard. I had to hold him up, and on looking into his face I said to Mr. Tobin "He is dying. Send for a doctor at once." We carried him into the kitchen and got him into a chair. I gave him another sup of brandy, but he died just as Mr. Griffin got there.</p>	<p>used just as Mr. Griffin got there.</p> <p>Frank Tobin, lodging-house keeper, Calthorpe Street, deposed: I knew the deceased, who occasionally stayed at my house. For a considerable time past he has appeared to be in a weak state of health. I have heard the witness Dickinson's evidence, and can corroborate all he has said. Deceased said he had come from Aston-le-Walls that day. The last time he slept at my house was a fortnight last Thursday.</p> <p>P.C. James deposed: I was at the Town Hall at a quarter-past four yesterday afternoon, and was sent for to take the stretcher to Tobin's lodging-house, which I did. I found Smith lying on a bed in the kitchen, dead. By the doctor's orders I removed the body to the mortuary, and on searching the body I found a purse containing 8s. 13d. Deceased was wearing neither his jacket or waistcoat.</p> <p>Innes Griffin, surgeon, deposed: Yesterday afternoon, about four o'clock, I was sent for to the lodging-house, and found Smith on a chair, dead. So far as outside appearances went, there was nothing to see. I have heard the evidence of the witnesses, and am of opinion that he died from syncope, or heart failure. Deceased came to me some months ago, and I advised him to give up work and take rest, but he would not do so.</p> <p>The jury at once returned a verdict of "Death from heart failure."</p>
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In slightly different details in the Banbury Guardian 6 June 1901

<p>SUDDEN DEATH OF AN OLD MAN.</p> <p>On Friday afternoon, an old man named Hercules Smith, a well-known sand and peat hawker, died suddenly in Tobin's lodging house. He was 86 years of age, but as he had not been medically attended for some time, Mr. Tayton (coroner) thought it advisable to hold an inquiry. This was held at the Town Hall on Saturday evening. The following composed the jury:—Messrs. F. Penn (foreman), J. Garrett, F. Steadon, J. Watts, J. Rose, S. Root, C. Prescott, T. Clarke, J. Heritage, J. Moss, J. Jackson, E. Taylor and J. Cox. Mr. Tayton having briefly addressed the jury, and the body having been viewed at the Mortuary, the following evidence was taken:—</p> <p>James Henry Smith, chimney sweep, of Byfield, said deceased was his eldest brother, and was 86 years of age. He was at his house last Monday, and complained of being unwell. He had three eggs and some bread and butter and two cups of tea, but he brought it all up again.</p> <p>Robert Dickinson, fiddler, said he was in Tobin's lodging house from two till eight. At 3.30 deceased came up with his donkey and cart. He asked witness if he would take his donkey out, as he was bad. He did so and saw to the animal, and then came and asked deceased if he should fetch him some brandy, and he eventually fetched him threepenny worth. Deceased took a little of it. He then went up to bed, and in about a minute he came down again into the yard. Witness saw he looked very queer and had to hold him up. He then told Tobin to send for the doctor, as he was dying. They got him in the kitchen and put him in a chair. Witness gave him another sup of brandy. The doctor arrived as he took his last breath.</p>	<p>The doctor arrived as he took his last breath.</p> <p>Frank Tobin, lodging house keeper, Calthorpe Street, said he knew the deceased. He occasionally stayed at his house. He had been ill for some considerable time, but went about his business. Witness was there when he came in the previous day, and could corroborate all the last witness had said. He last slept at his house a fortnight previously.</p> <p>P.C. James said he was stationed at the Town Hall the previous day at 4.15 and was sent for to take the stretcher to Tobin's lodging house. He did so and found Smith lying in the kitchen dead. He removed him to the mortuary on the doctor's order. He searched the body and found a purse containing 8s. 1½d. in one of the pockets.</p> <p>Mr. Innes Griffin said he was sent for about four o'clock the previous day to Tobin's lodging house and found Smith sitting up in the chair dead. He made a superficial examination of the body and found nothing on the outside of it. He believed he died from syncope. He came to him a month ago and he advised him to give up work for a time and lie up, but he would not do so.</p> <p>The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.</p> <p>Mr. G. F. Ayres attended on behalf of the Pearl Assurance Company.</p>
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No present present reference to a burial.

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Outline Descendant Report for Hercules Smith 01

Hercules Smith 01 (1779 - 1871) b: 1779 in Bletchington; Hercules Smith son of Jasper & Sarah, d: 29 Nov 1871 in Tadmarton, Oxfordshire, England; Residence: 1851 in Wigginton, Oxfordshire, England; Hercules Smith, aged 73, Gypsy Fiddler. of Wigginton living with Charlotte Smith.
*Case 16 Oct 1861 in Banbury, Calthorpe Lane, Rose and Crown.; Hercules Smith's father Jaspers' fiddle stolen in the R
 DATA DUMP descendants of Hercules on R.N. Family Tree files.*

- +Charlotte Bagley Smith "Traveller" (1772 - 1853) b: 1772 in Slaughter, Oxford, England, m: 1852 in Wigginton; traveller of this parish, son of Jasper Smith, traveller and Charlotte Bagley (x), 80 years, spinster, daughter of Robert Banns October 21, 1852. Witnesses: Charles William Moffat, E, d: 1853 in Oxfordshire, United Kingdom, Residence: 1851 in Wigginton, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Wife
-2Joseph Smith a Higgle (about 1810 - 1892) b: Abt. 1810 in Tadmarton, , Oxfordshire, England, d: 1892 in Oxford 1841 in In Tents, Tadmarton, Oxfordshire, England; In Tents Joseph 31 hawker Y Susannah 23 Y Frances 12 Y Y, Residence: 1851 in Tadmarton, Oxfordshire, England; Joseph 41 Drover, Susanna 40, Francis 20, Arkliiss 17 Y Silvey 9, James 5, Richard 2, nephew Tom Ward., Residence: 1861 in Main Street, Hook Norton, Oxfordshire, E 48, Joseph 24, Silvey 16, James 14, John 10, Job 6., Residence: 1871 in Tadmarton, Oxfordshire, England; Joseph 8 Granddaughter 8, Hercules, Father 91., Residence: 1881 in Tadmarton, Oxfordshire, England; Joseph 79, supposed travelling hawker., Residence: 1891 in Tadmarton, Oxfordshire, England; Joseph aged 82, Job son aged 28.
- +Susannah Ward Smith (1811 - 1890) b: 1811 in Banbury, Oxford, England, m: 03 Dec 1832 in Banbury, Oxfordshire, United Kingdom, Court Case: 1887 ; Acquitted in prosecution of daughter-in-law Esther Sn woman of Tadmarton, Residence: 1851 in Tadmarton, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Wife; Residence: 1871 in Tadmarton, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Sons Wife, Residence: 1881 in Tadmarton, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Wife; Marital Status: Married
-3Francis Smith (1831 -) b: 1831 in Banbury, Oxford, England, Residence: 1851 in Tadmarton, Oxfordshire, England; Son

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.....3Hercules Smith 02 a sand merchant (1834 - 1901) b: Jan 1834 in Banbury, Oxfordshire, England, d: 05 Jul 1901 in Calthorpe Street, Banbury; Death from heart failure in Calthorpe Street. Full Inquest descriptions Banbury Advertiser & Banbury Guardian 6 June 1901. SEE ATTACHED MEDIA, Court Case: May 1854 in Stow on the Wold, Gloucestershire, England; Bristol Mercury 1 July, Coventry Standard 2 June, Cheltenham Chronicle 23 May, Worcester Journal 27 May - Gloucester sessions giving Hercules Offence on 27th May. Smith receiving 12 months for stealing a gelding from Isaac Castle, at Stow on the Wold., Court Case At Chaddlington Sessions: 21 Jun 1884 in Chipping Norton Magistrates; Hercules Smith fined 15s. for being drunk in the streets of Hook Norton on 21 June 1884. Oxford Journal 5 July., Court Case At Deddington: 01 Jul 1870 in Deddington Police Court.; Adjourned form 17 June. On June 10 his horse straying on Highway whilst Hercules was "ragging and boning" with his sack. Fined £1.14s. BANbury Guardian 23 June et al., Court Case At Deddington.: Oct 1868 in Deddington Police Court.; Prosecution for Horse straying on the Highway on 1 Oct. . Hercules sleeping under the cart with a woman. Dun's Tew Rd to Worton. Fined 20/- Oxford Journal Oct 1 1868., Residence: 1851 in Tadmarton, Oxfordshire, England; Arkliss (Hercules) Smith S U 17 Ag Lab, Residence: 1861 in Hook Norton, Oxfordshire, England; Urcles Smith, Head, unmarried, 23 Drover born TAdmarton, Residence: 1871 in Charles Lane, South Newington, Oxfordshire, England; Hercules Smith, 43 Gypsy Sand Man., Residence: 1881 in Wigginton, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Head; Marital Status: Married, Residence: 1885 in Wigginton, Oxfordshire, England; Poll book - house in the village, Residence: 1891 in Wigginton, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Head, Residence: 1901 in Lodging Hse, 37 Calthorpe St., Banbury, Oxfordshire, England; Aged 65, General Hawker, bn Banbury.

+Esther Sherrif Gregory Moles Smith (about 1833 - 1895) b: Abt. 1833 in Glympton, m: 23 Nov 1862 in Hook Norton PARish Church; ARCULES Smith (so pronounced by the man who is illiterate), 27, Bachelor, Labourer (Gypsy) of Southrop, Hook Norton, of Joseph a Gypsy Cattle Driver TO Esther Mole, 28, Widow, of Southorp, of Isaac Sherrif, itinerant., d: 28 Dec 1895 in Wigginton, Oxfordshire; Death in 3 Jan 1895 Banbury Advertiser., Court Case: 1887 in Banbury Police Court. ; Indicted for stealing and receiving jewellery stolen by her daughter in south Wales. Aged 56, a labourer. Acquitted, Residence: 1841 in Tysoe, Warwickshire, England; Esther aged 8, daughter of Isaac., Residence: 07 Apr 1861 in Park Gate, Hook Norton, Oxfordshire, England; Thomas MOLE, 28 chairbottomer, birth N/K, Esther 26, Glympton, Ellen 7 Hook Norton, William 5, Shutford, Thomas 2 Hook Norton, Mary Sherrif Sister in Law 21 of ? Stratton and nephew Frank Smith of Chipping Norton, aged 2, Residence: 1871 in Cottage, Charles Lane, South Newington, Oxfordshire, England; Hercules, Esther, Ellen G Smith, William G. Smith, Thomas M Smith and 10 visiting gypsies - Davis and Boswell families., Residence: 1891 in Wigginton, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Wife Esther Smith

.....4Esther Smith Roberts (1871 -) b: 1871 in Wigginton, Residence: 1881 in Wigginton, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Daughter, Residence: 1891 in Wigginton, Oxfordshire, England; Resident with parents and with a 6 weeks old child. Presumably her illegitimate son, Thomas., Residence: 02 Apr 1911 in Birmingham, Warwickshire, England; Marital Status: Married; Relation to Head of House: Wife, Residence: Ashted, Warwick, England; Marital Status: Single

+Thomas Arthur Roberts (1881 -) b: 1881 in Birmingham, Whur, m: 29 Apr 1906 in Ashted, Warwick, England; Daughter of Hercules Smith, a sand merchant, Residence: 02 Apr 1911 in Birmingham, Warwickshire, England; Marital Status: Married; Relation to Head of House: Head, Residence: Ashted, Warwick, England; Marital Status: Single

.....5Thomas Smith (1891 -) b: 1891 in Wigginton

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-5Arthur Edward Robert (about 1909 -) b: Abt. 1909 in Birmingham, Whur, Residence: 02 Apr 1911 in Birmingham, Warwickshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Son
-4Mozella Smith Hicken (1874 - 1900) b: 1874 in Wiggington, d: 1900 in Birmingham, Warwickshire, Residence: 1881 in Wigginton, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Daughter, Residence: 1891 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Wife, Residence: Ashted, Warwick, England; Marital Status: Single
- +Philip James Hicken (1862 -) b: 1862 in Gornal, Sedgely, Staffs., m: 31 Jan 1891 in Ashted, Birmingham, Residence: 1891 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Head, Residence: 1901 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Head, Residence: 1912 in Birmingham, Warwickshire, England, Residence: Ashted, Warwick, England; Marital Status: Single
-3Henry Smith (1835 -) b: 1835 in Charleton, Residence: 1851 in Tadmarton, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Son
-3Joseph Smith (1837 -) b: 1837 in Tackley, Oxfordshire, England, Residence: 1841 in Tadmarton, Oxfordshire, England, Residence: 1851 in Tadmarton, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Son, Residence: 1861 in Hook Norton, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Grandson
-3Register Smith (about 1840 -) b: Abt. 1840 in Cherrington, Warwickshire, Residence: 1841 in Tadmarton, Oxfordshire, England, Residence: 1851 in Tadmarton, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Daughter
-3Silvey Smith (1843 -) b: 1843 in Tadmarton, , Oxfordshire, England, Residence: 1851 in Tadmarton, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Daughter, Residence: 1861 in Hook Norton, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Granddaughter
-3James Smith (1847 -) b: 1847 in Tadmarton, , Oxfordshire, England, Court Case: 1860 in Deddington Parish; Wandering - see brother Hercules conviction record. James' case dismissed., Residence: 1851 in Tadmarton, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Son, Residence: 1861 in Hook Norton, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Grandson
-3Richard Smith (1849 - 1852) b: 1849 in Tadmarton, , Oxfordshire, England, d: Oct 1852 in Banbury, Oxfordshire, Residence: 1851 in Tadmarton, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Son
-3John Henry Smith Chimney Sweep (1851 -) b: 1851 in Banbury, Oxford, England, Residence: 1861 in Hook Norton, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Grandson, Residence: 1871 in Tadmarton, Oxfordshire, England; Relationship: Son, Residence: 1881 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Marital Status: Married; Relationship to Head: Head, Residence: 1891 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Head, Residence: 1901 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Head

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+Ellen Beebee Smith (1854 - 1928) b: 17 Sep 1854 in Birmingham, Warwickshire, m: 1873 in Bishop Ryder, Birmingham, d: 1928 in Sparkbrook, Residence: 1881 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Marital Status: Married; Relationship to Head: Wife, Residence: 1901 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Wife

.....4Ada Smith (1874 - 1922) b: 1874 in Birmingham, Warwickshire, d: 1922 in Birm., Residence: 1881 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relationship to Head: Daughter, Residence: 1891 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Daughter

+Arthur Bloxham

.....4Minnie Smith (1874 - 1964) b: 1874 in Birm., d: 1964 in Birm., Residence: 1891 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Daughter

.....4Sylvia Smith Emigrant To Usa (1876 - 1966) b: 1876 in Birmingham, Warwickshire, d: 1966, Residence: 1891 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Daughter

+Joseph Smith (1870 -) b: 1870, m: 1895 in Aston Juxta Birmingham, Warwick, England

.....4Emily Smith (about 1876 -) b: Abt. 1876 in Birmingham, Warwickshire, England, Residence: 1881 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relationship to Head: Daughter

.....4Ellen Smith (about 1877 -) b: Abt. 1877 in Birmingham, Warwickshire, England, Residence: 1881 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relationship to Head: Daughter

.....4Ellen Smith (1877 - 1953) b: 21 Sep 1877 in Duddeston, Birm., d: 1953 in Alameda, California

+Henry Dixon (1873 - 1938) b: 03 Dec 1873 in Aston Juxta Birmingham, Warwick, England, d: 1938 in Utah

.....4Florence Smith (1878 - 1961) b: 1878 in Birmingham, Warwickshire, d: 1961 in UK, Residence: 1881 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relationship to Head: Daughter, Residence: 1891 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Daughter, Residence: 1901 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Daughter

+Ernest Young m: 1908 in Birm.

.....4Lilian Ruth Smith (1880 -) b: 1880 in Aston Juxta Birmingham, Warwick, England, Residence: 1881 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relationship to Head: Daughter, Residence: 1891 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Daughter

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-4Beatrice Rose Smith (1882 - 1969) b: 1882 in Aston Juxta Birmingham, Warwick, England, d: 1969 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., California, Residence: 1891 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Daughter, Residence: 1901 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Daughter
- +Charles Rogers m: 1904 in Birmingham Registry Office.
-4John Henry Smith (1883 - 1965) b: 1883 in Birmingham, Warwickshire, England, d: 1965 in Birmingham, Warwickshire, Residence: 1901 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Son
-4Minnie Smith (about 1886 -) b: Abt. 1886 in Birmingham, Warwickshire, England, Residence: 1901 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Daughter
-4Gertrude Smith (1887 - 1969) b: 1887 in Birmingham, Warwickshire, England, d: 1969, Residence: 1891 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Daughter, Residence: 1901 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Daughter
-4Edith Smith (1889 - 1974) b: 1889 in Birmingham, Warwickshire, d: 1974 in Fullerton, California, USA, Residence: 1891 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Daughter, Residence: 1901 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Daughter
- +Ernest Morson m: 1910 in Birmingham, Warwickshire
-4Ethel Smith (1891 - 1964) b: 1891 in Birm., d: 1964 in Birm., Residence: 1891 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Daughter, Residence: 1901 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Daughter
- +George Sydney m: Abt. 1920
-4Daisy Smith (1893 - 1931) b: 1893 in Birm., d: 1931 in Vermont, USA, Residence: 1901 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Daughter
- + [unknown spouse]
-4Harry Smith (about 1884 -) b: Abt. 1884 in Birmingham, Warwickshire, England, Residence: 1891 in Aston, Warwickshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Son
-4Anon Smith

-----+[unknown spouse]-----

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.....5Anon Smith

+ [unknown spouse]

.....6Sue Stevens

.....3Job Smith (1855 - 1919) b: 1855 in Tadmarton, , Oxfordshire, England, d: Dec 1919 in Warwick, Warwickshire, England, Residence: 1861 in Hook Norton, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Grandson, Residence: 1871 in Charlbury and Walcott, Oxfordshire, England; Relationship: Servant, Residence: 1881 in Charlbury, Oxfordshire, England; Relationship to Head: Servant, Residence: 1891 in Tadmarton, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Son, Residence: Warwick, Warwickshire, England

+Martha Ann Vickers (about 1863 -) b: Abt. 1863, m: 01 Sep 1884 in Tadmarton, Oxfordshire, England

.....2Henry Smith (1814 - 1857) b: 1814, d: Oct 1857 in HEadington, Oxfordshire, England; SPECULATIVE

+Priscilla Bagley Smith (about 1819 - 1884) b: Abt. 1819 in Brackley, Northamptonshire, England, d: 03 Sep 1884 in HEadington, Oxfordshire, England; Littlemore asylum, Court Case: 01 Feb 1862 in HEadington, Oxfordshire, England; Priscilla in a fight with her daughter in law.

.....3Augustin Smith "Gustin" (about 1841 - 1924) b: Abt. 1841 in Bletchington, Oxfordshire, England, d: 1924 in HEadington, Oxfordshire, England; Augustus Smith, Aged 89, Court Case: 01 Feb 1861 in HEadington, Oxfordshire, England; Either Augustin or his father Wisdom stealing turnip greens., Residence: 1871 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Head, Residence: 1881 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Head; Marital Status: Married, Residence: 1885 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Headington Poll Book, Residence: 1891 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Head, Residence: 1901 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Head, Residence: 02 Apr 1911 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Augustus aged 72

+Sarah Ann Tolley Smith (1841 - 1923) b: 1841 in HEadington, Oxfordshire, England, m: 12 Nov 1860 in HEadington, Oxfordshire, England; Is this Sarah related to Harriet Tolley, who married half brother Wisdom Smith?, d: Sep 1923 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England, Court: 1875 in HEadington, Oxfordshire, England; Drunkenness with husband., Court Case: 01 Feb 1862 in HEadington, Oxfordshire, England; Fight with her Mother in law, Priscilla, Residence: 1841 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England, Residence: 1851 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Age: 10; Relation to Head of House: Daughter, Residence: 1871 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Wife, Residence: 1881 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Wife; Marital Status: Married, Residence: 1891 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Wife, Residence: 1901 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Wife, Residence: 02 Apr 1911 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Marital Status: Married; Relation to Head of House: Wife

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-4Henry Smith (1863 -) b: 1863 in HEadington, Oxfordshire, England, Residence: 1871 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Son, Residence: 1881 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Son, Residence: 1891 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Son
-4George Smith (1866 -) b: 1866 in HEadington, Oxfordshire, England, Residence: 1871 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Son, Residence: 1881 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Son
-4William Smith (1870 -) b: 1870 in HEadington, Oxfordshire, England, Residence: 1871 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Son, Residence: 1881 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Son, Residence: 1891 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Son
-4Ada Smith Warland (1874 - 1952) b: 1874 in HEadington, Oxfordshire, England, d: 15 Jun 1952 in Oxfordshire, England, Residence: 1881 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Daughter, Residence: 1891 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Daughter, Residence: 1901 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Wife, Residence: 02 Apr 1911 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Marital Status: Married; Relation to Head of House: Wife
- +John Warland (about 1874 -) b: Abt. 1874 in Islip, Oxfordshire, England, m: 1895, Residence: 1901 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Head, Residence: 02 Apr 1911 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Marital Status: Married; Relation to Head of House: Head
-5Harry Warland (about 1895 - 1925) b: Abt. 1895 in Barton Headington, Oxfordshire, England, d: Sep 1925 in Bicester, Oxfordshire, England, Residence: 1901 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Son, Residence: 02 Apr 1911 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Marital Status: Single; Relation to Head of House: Son
-5James Warland (about 1898 - 1985) b: Abt. 1898 in Barton Headington, Oxfordshire, England, d: Apr 1985 in Bullingdon, Oxfordshire, England, Residence: 1901 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Son, Residence: 02 Apr 1911 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Marital Status: Single; Relation to Head of House: Son
- +Constance Alice Attwood Smith Warland m: Mar 1955 in Oxford, Oxfordshire
- +Victoria M Simmonds Warland m: Dec 1930 in HEadington, Oxfordshire, England
-5Fredrick Warland (about 1901 -) b: Abt. 1901 in Barton Headington, Oxfordshire, England, Residence: 1901 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Relation to Head of House: Son, Residence: 02 Apr 1911 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Marital Status: Single; Relation to Head of House: Son

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.....5Frank Warland (about 1903 - 1996) b: Abt. 1903 in Barton Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Residence: 02 Apr 1911 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Marital Status: Single; Relation to Head of House: Son

.....5Emily Sarah Warland (about 1906 -) b: Abt. 1906 in Barton Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Residence: 02 Apr 1911 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Marital Status: Single; Relation to Head of House: Daughter

.....4Charles Samuel Smith (1885 -) b: 1885 in Barton Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Residence: 1901 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Marital Status: Single; Relation to Head of House: Son, Residence: 02 Apr 1911 in Headington, Oxfordshire, England; Marital Status: Single; Relation to Head of House: Son

.....4Sarah Smith b: Headington, Oxfordshire, England

.....2unknown Smith

+ [unknown spouse]

.....3MAtilda Smith Newspaper Report: 10 Dec 1864 in Deddington, Oxfordshire, England; Report in the Oxford and Bucks Standard: "Hercules Smith, an aged member of the Gypsy tribe and well known in this neighbourhood"... stealing at Deddington Fair.

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