

Judge George Washington Smith
Associate Judge, Texas Supreme Court, 1866-1867

Justice Smith was born in Rockcastle County, Kentucky on September 25, 1822. Reared and educated in Kentucky, Smith graduated from the University of Kentucky and in 1847 moved to Columbus, Colorado County, Texas.

While in Columbus, Smith was a leader in civic and state affairs as a lawyer, legislator and judge.

In April 1846, Smith married his first wife, Elizabeth R. Thomas Sherrill in Missouri. In December 1851, he married Mary Jane Hinch the daughter of Sheriff Michael H. Smith and his wife Mary.

Smith's connection to Petersburg was in real estate. On February 27, 1848, Arthur Sherrill deeded to Smith the following property:

Block 1 Lot 2	Block 3 Lot 1 & 2	Block 4 Lot 1 & 2
Block 5 Lot 2 & 3	Block 6 Lot 3 & 4	Block 7 Lot 4 & 6
Block 8 Lot 3 & 8	Block 9 Lot 4	Block 10 Lot 5 & 6
Block 11 Lot 4 & 5	Block 12 Lot 1 – 5, & 8	Block 13 Lot 1
Block 14 Lot 4 & 5	Block 15 Lot 1, 5 & 6	Block 16 Lot 4
Block 17 Lot 7 & 8	Block 18 Lot 5	Block 19 Lot 1, 5 & 6
Block 20 Lot 2, 4 & 5		

Plus, the undivided $\frac{1}{4}$ of said 300-acre tract not included in said town.

Two days later, Smith sold the exact same property to Mary Sherrill, the wife of Arthur Sherrill. The deed stated that the property was to be forever solely for her own use. In January 1849, Arthur and Mary Sherrill sold Lot 6 in Block 7 to Smith.

Smith served an illustrious career in Columbus, being involved in many local and state governmental projects before serving as an associate judge.

Smith died of yellow fever at his home in Columbus on October 24, 1873 and is buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Columbus, Texas.