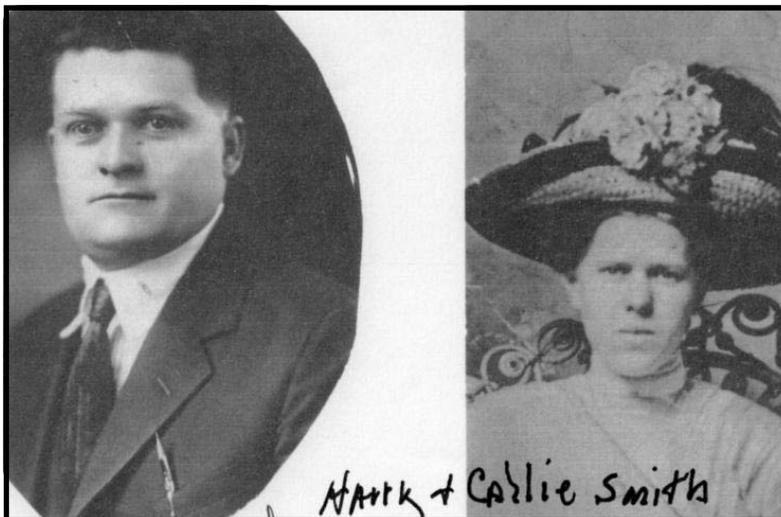


THE FAMILY OF HARRY C. Sr. AND CALLIE McCOMBS SMITH  
AND DESCENDANTS

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Harry Conway Smith Sr. was born in [Glendale, S. C.](#) February 22, 1889, the son of Silas and Margaret Smith (click [More Mill Superintendents](#)). His first job was as a doffer in [the mill, later becoming a machinist in the mill shop.](#) He married a local lady, Callie McCombs, the daughter of George W. and Margaret Zimmerman McCombs and they became the parents of nine children. After living a few years in Winnsboro, S. C., they moved to Spartanburg where Harry, after serving many years, retired as an associate with Pierce Motor Co.

The 1920 Winnsboro Mills, Fairfield County Census listed the household as;

Harry C. Smith, 32, husband/machinist	Wife; Callie 28
Their Children;	
Harry 7	Lois 5
Dorothy 3	Margaret 3 months

The 1930 Spartanburg Census listed the household as;

Harry Smith 41, husband/Pierce Motor Co. Assoc.	Wife; Callie 38
Their Children;	
Harry 17	Lois 16
Gaines 8	Ruth 6
Dorothy 14	Margaret 10
Gerald 4 ½	Laura 2

Betty was born after the 1930 census.

Excerpts from the obituary of Callie McCombs Smith published May 15, 1938;

“Funeral service for Mrs. Callie Smith, 46, wife of Harry C. Smith Sr., who died at her home yesterday morning, will be conducted this afternoon at the El Bethel Methodist Church where she had been a member, taking a very active part for many years. Rev. J.

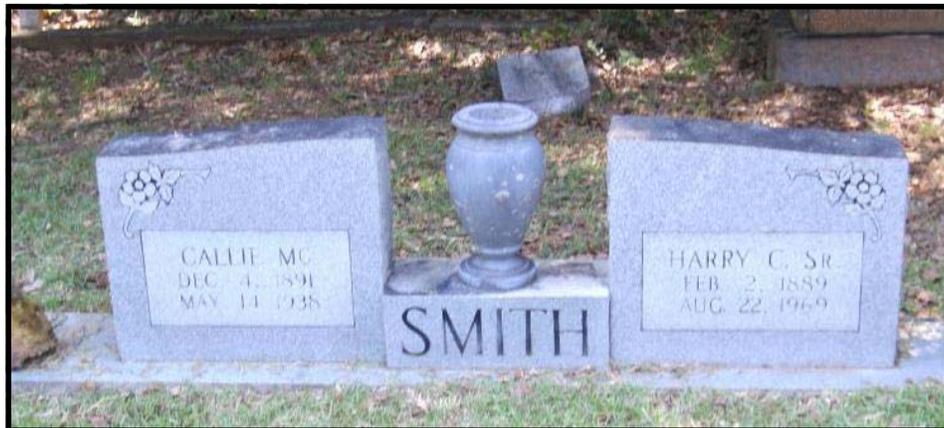
T. Frazier officiating, with interment to follow in the [Glendale Community Cemetery](#).

Survivors are her husband and the following nine children; daughters, Mrs. Lois Littell, Mrs. Dorothy Stone, Margaret, Ruth, Laura and Betty Smith; sons, Harry Jr., Gaines and Gerald Smith; her father, G.W. McCombs; three sisters, Mrs. J. T. (Jeanie) Varner, Mrs. Albert (Ella) Crocker and Mrs. Davis (Ollie) Wiggins; five brothers, LaFoy, William D., Bryson, Bunyon and James V, McCombs.”

Excerpts from the obituary of Harry C. Smith Sr., published Saturday August 23, 1969; “Harry C. Smith Sr. 80, husband of the late Callie Smith, died Friday at his home. He was the son of the late Silas and Margaret Smith.

Survivors were; daughters, Mrs. Ruth Gentry, Mrs. Laura Neely, Mrs. Dorothy Stone, Mrs. Betty Sellars, Mrs. Margaret Roach and Mrs. Lois Littell; sons, Harry Jr., Gaines W. and Gerald W. Smith; 32 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Services Sunday at Floyds Greenlawn Chapel by Rev. Robert Wofford. Interment following in the [Glendale Community Cemetery](#).



**The Family of Harry C. Smith Jr. son of Harry Sr. and Callie McCombs Smith**

Harry Jr. (Conway as he was known) first married Mary Coggins, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Coggins. He was a WW2 Veteran, a member of the Ben Avon Baptist Church, a life member of the V.F.W. and the Knights of Pythias and was the repair body shop manager at Pierce Motor Co. for many years.

Conway and Mary became the parents of two children, Robert E. and Frances Leola Smith.

Mary L. Coggins Smith died on January 14, 1940, at the age of 21.  
Frances Leola Smith died on February 10, 1948, at the age of 10.



**Excerpts from the obituary of Margaret Smith Roach published Wednesday July 3, 2002;**

**“Margaret Smith Roach, 82, died July 1, 2002 at the Grand Strand Regional Medical Center. A native of Winnsboro, she was a Market Researcher and a member of the Roebuck Presbyterian Church where she was a member of “The Women of the Church” and the teacher of the Ladies Bible Class for many years.**

**Services were held in the Roebuck Presbyterian Church with interment following in the church cemetery, alongside of her husband.”**

**The Family of Gaines W. Smith, son of Harry C. Sr. and Callie McCombs Smith**

**Gaines W. Smith married Elinor L. Jones, daughter of Mr. Sidney M. and Kathleen M. Jones. They became the parents of two children, Kathleen and Sharon Smith.**

**Gaines was appointed US. Commissioner for the Federal Courts of the Eastern District of South Carolina where he remained for a period of approximately 20 years. He is now practicing law in Charleston, S. C.**

**The Family of Ruth Smith Gentry, daughter of Harry C. Sr. and Callie McCombs Smith**

**Ruth Elizabeth Smith married James Lander Gentry, a small business owner/operator. They became the parents of two children, Stephen and Donna Gentry.**

**James Lander Gentry died at the age of 70, in December, 1990 and was buried in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, Spartanburg, S. C.**

**Excerpts from the obituary of Ruth Smith Gentry published January 10, 2007;**

**“Ruth Elizabeth Gentry, 83, of Summerville, S. C. entered eternal rest January 7, 2007. Born February 4, 1924, she was the daughter of Harry Conway and Callie McCombs Smith. She was involved in various organizations in Spartanburg and was active in the Sue Knight Sunday School Class at Bethany United Methodist Church. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and Aunt.**

**Services were held at the Bethany United Methodist Church in Summerville with graveside services in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, Spartanburg where she was interred alongside of her husband.”**

**The Family of Gerald W. Smith, son of Harry C. Sr. and Callie McCombs Smith**

**Gerald W. Smith married Anne Jett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Jett. They became the parents of four children, Gerald Jr., Mellicent, Allyson and Courtney Smith.**

**Gerald Smith, an attorney, served as Vice President with State Farm Insurance Co. for many years before retiring to his home with his wife in Santee, S. C.**

**The Family of Laura Smith Neely, daughter of Harry C. Sr. and Callie McCombs Smith**

Laura Smith married Herman Lee Neely Jr., the son of Herman Lee Sr. and Nell Dowes Lee.

They had no children.

**Excerpts from the obituary of Herman Lee Neely Jr. published March 24, 2009;**

**“Herman Lee Neely Jr. died March 23, 2009 at the Magnolia Manor of Spartanburg. A native of Anderson County, he was a WW2 Veteran having served during the Battle of the Bulge. He received five Battle Stars. He was a member of the Abner Creek Baptist Church and was retired from the Kimbell’s.**

**He was survived by his wife of 62 years, Laura Smith Neely; three brothers, Gordon, Bob and Jim Neely and was predeceased by a brother, Joe Neely and a sister, Evelyn Bryant. Gravesite service were held in the Abner Creek Baptist Church Cemetery”**

Laura, at the age of 84, resides in Duncan S. C.

**The Family of Betty Smith Sellars, daughter of Harry C. Sr. and Callie McCombs Smith**

Betty Smith first married William Caldwell who served in the U.S. Navy. They became the patents of two children, Robert and David Caldwell.

Following the death of William Caldwell, Betty married Wayne Morrison, also serving in the U. S. Navy. They became the parents of three children, Duane, Scott and Timothy. Wayne died while stationed in New York.

Following the death of Wayne Morrison, Betty married George Sellars, They had no children.

**Betty Smith Sellars died in 1977 and was interred in the Live Oak Cemetery in Charleston, S. C.**

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My appreciation to Gaines Smith for his assistance in gathering data about the Harry C. Smith Sr. family. Callie McCombs Smith was this writers Aunt.

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