THE SMITH FAMILY OF NEW YORK.

WILLIAM SMITH A NATIVE OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE IN ENGLAND , REMOVED TO PORT ROYAL IN JAMAICA IN THE LATER YEARS OF THE 17.TH CENTURY . HE SUFFERED BY THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE WHICH DEWASTATED THAT COUNTRY , BUT REPAIRED HIS LOSSES BY SUCCESSFUL COMMERCE AND MARRIAGE , DEC.12.TH 1693. AT PORT ROYAL HE MARRIED FRANCES PEARTREE , DAUGHTER OF WILLIAM PEARTREE AND ANNA HIS WIFE . HE WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN A COLONEL IN THE BRITISH ARMY . HE REMOVED TO THIS COUNTRY IN QUEEN ANNES REIGN , AND AT HIS INSTANCE SEVERAL BRANCHES OF HIS FAMILY LEFT BUCKINGHAMSHIRE AND SETTLED IN NEW YORK . WM. SMITH WAS ALDERMAN OF THE CITY IN LORD CORNBURY'S TIME FROM 1702-3 AND AGAIN 1707-13. WM. PEARTREE THE FATHER - IN LAW OF WM. SMITH , VOTED FOR BRANDT SCHUYLER AS ALDERMAN IN THE SOUTH WARD OF NEW YORK CITY BEING TAXABLE INHABITANTS . THE CHILDREN OF WM. SMITH & FRANCES PEARTREE SMITH , WERE PEARTREE THE ELDEST , WM.THE SECOND SON BORN 1698 , WHO HAD A CAPTAINS COMMISSION AND SPENT THE LATTER PART OF HIS LIFE IN NEW YORK CITY . HIS SON WM.PEARTREE SMITH GRADUATED AT YALE COLLEGE IN 1742 , AND DIED NOV. 20.TH 1801 . HE MARRIED MARY DAUGHTER OF CAPTAIN WM. BRYANT OF NEW YORK , WHO DIED 1811 . THEY HAD TWELVE CHILDREN , TWO ONLY BECAME HEADS OF FAMILIES , CATHARINE FIRST WIFE OF ELIAS BUDINOT , AND DR.WM. PITT SMITH OF NEW YORK . AMONG THE RELATIVES OF WM. SMITH [OF JAMAICA] WHO AT HIS INSTANCE LEFT BUCKINGHAMSHIRE WERE HIS BROTHER THOMAS WHO LANDED IN NEW YORK IN1715 WITH HIS FAMILY OF THREE SONS WM., THOMAS[?], SAMUEL[?], WM. SOON BECAME ONE OF THE MOST ABLE LAWYERS OF NEW YORK , HE MARRIED MARY HET DAUGHTER OF RENE HET A MERCHANT OF FRENCH DESCENT.

CAPTAIN WM. SMITH PROBABLY ONE OF THE SAME FAMILY OF SMITHS [BUT A DISTINCT PERSON FROM WM. SMITH OF JAMAICA] MARRIED RENE HETS' DAUGHTER SARA , AS HIS SECO 2.ND WIFE [HIS FIRST WIFE HAVING BEEN CHARITY BOSCH.]

THERE SEEMS A STRONG PROBABILITY AT LEAST THAT THESE TWO WM. SMITHS WHO MARRIED DAUGHTERS OF RENE HET WERE RELATIVES , BUT WHETHER CAPTAIN WM. SMITH WAS A NEPHEW OF THOMAS SMITH WHO LANDED WITH HIS SONS IN 1715 CAN NOT BE STATED HERE WITH CERTAINTY , YET THERE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH POINT TO IT .

ALL THE SMITHS WERE MEMBERS OF THE WALL STREET PRES BYTERIAN CHURCH AND WERE PROMINENTLY CONNECTED WITH IT , THERE NAMES APPEARING AS ELDERS, DEACONS, & IN TEMPORAL AFFAIRS AS IN 1720. THEIR BOOK PLATES ALL BORE THE SAME ARMS AND THEIR HISTORIES WERE CONNE