

[Smith, Andrew Jackson]

Complete History of Babcock Hollow School District No. 11
(excerpt)

Andrew Jackson Smith, like all his [2] brothers and [3] sisters, was born on his father's farm, the original "Muckle Andrew" Smith homestead, on September 18, 1827. His early life was spent at home, where he grasped the advantages offered him of a good education. He taught school and later attended Lima academy, where he learned the science of land surveying. This he put into practice and many of the roads and boundary lines of our county were laid out by him. On October 27, 1857, he married Miss Zidana Le Gro, daughter of Samuel Le Gro, of Bath. After their marriage he purchased the Alexander Freeman farm, where he engaged in farming and spent the rest of his life. Later he purchased more land until at the time of his death he owned 362 acres. In his religious belief he was a strong Universalist [as was his father], and in his political views a staunch Republican. Mr. Smith was radically temperate in all respects, and earnest and industrious in all his habits. He was of a very quiet and reserved disposition, but was ever ready to promote the welfare and happiness of his family and those around him. He possessed very generous impulses, and never turned a deaf ear to the wants of his friends. While he lived he was respected by all who knew him, and when his work on earth was done he was mourned by many. His death occurred at the family home on November 26, 1889, in his sixty-third year. His faithful wife [Elizabeth Lewis Smith] followed, April 30, 1910, in her seventy-ninth year.

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