



Smith County, Tennessee

The county of Smith is bounded north by Trousdale and Macon Counties, east by Jackson and Putnam, south by DeKalb, and west by Wilson Co. It lies mostly in the central basin, and is drained by the Cumberland River, which flows through it from east to west. William Walton, original proprietor of the site of Carthage, settled, according to best information, on the north side of the Cumberland, opposite the mouth of Caney Fork in 1787. He is said to have been the first settler in the territory now composing Smith County. Organized, act of the General Assembly of the State, October 26, 1799.

Smith County Historical and Genealogical Society of Tennessee has started a “150 Club”. To qualify for the “150 Club” the applicant must descend from an ancestor who settled in Smith County, TN prior to 1850. The data furnished will be a valuable addition to the history of the county and a source of information for future generations. A Quarterly newsletter is sent out by the Smith County Historical Society. You can join the club, dues are \$12.50 annually with the year beginning in January. Address all communications to: SCH&GS, P.O. Box, 112, Carthage, TN 37030-0112 – President, Faith Young. The Smith County Homecoming 86’ Heritage Committee had a book published: Smith County History: ISBN – 0-88107-079-3, 1987. Many family histories and local history were compiled in this book. The Society along with the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a new Smith County Heritage Museum, grand opening, Easter 2004. Membership to the Smith County Heritage Museum is welcomed: Individual \$25; Family \$40; Student \$5. Checks may be mailed to Johnny Law, Treasurer, Citizens Bank, P.O. Box 195, Carthage, TN 37030

My ancestor is Benjamin Denney, s/o possibly Zachariah Denny. Benjamin Denney md Barbury/Barbara Stagner. Their son was Zachariah Denney who md Katherine Stallings. Their son was Timothy Denny who md Elizabeth Hettie Paul. Their son was Virgil Timothy Denny who md Audra Camilla Anderson. Their only child, Tim Denny md Geraldine Loftis. They had 3 sons and 1 daughter, Ronald Timothy, Richard Lewis, Audrey June & Joe Denny. I have qualified for “150 Club” of Smith Co. TN and received this certificate from the Smith County Historical and Genealogical Society of Tennessee, January 2004. [www.ajlambert.com](http://www.ajlambert.com)