CLASS OF 1801

SAMUEL BLAIR SMITH

Died Nov. 28, 1834.

Son of Rev. John Blair Smith.
Was appointed post-surgeon U. S. A., Nov. 12, 1816,
and assistant surgeon, June 1, 1821.

He married -------- Ferguson, daughter of Ebenezer
Ferguson.
They had issue:

1. Charles Ferguson, born Philadelphia, Pa.,
   April 24, 1807; died Savannah, Tenn., April
   25, 1862. Was graduated at the Military Academy
   at West Point in 1825. He led the storming party
   at the Battle of Monterey, and was present at the
   storming of Chapultepec and the capture of the city
   of Mexico. At the outbreak of the Civil war he was
   given charge of the defenses at Washington, D. C.,
   and was appointed Brigadier-General of volunteers,
   April 1, 1861, and ordered to Kentucky. He distin-
   guished himself at the capture of Fort Donelson, and
   was made Major-General of volunteers, March 22, 1862.
   His death was caused by a chronic disease, aggravated
   by the exposure to which he was subjected.

The Kittochtinny Magazine
Chambersburg, Pa.

1905 p. 230
February 17, 1931.

My dear Mr. Schermerhorn:

Dr. Samuel Blair Smith was born on July 10, 1784 in Virginia (probably at Hampden-Sidney College). He was the son of Elizabeth Fisher Nash Smith and John Blair Smith. Dr. Smith's father was a clergyman, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1773 and the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1785 from Princeton University. He was president of the Hampden-Sidney College from 1779-1789 and president of Union College from 1795-1799.

Dr. Samuel B. Smith entered the University of Pennsylvania Medical School in 1805 receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1807. He was a physician in the Medical Corps of the United States Army from 1816-1834, being appointed "Post Surgeon" in the Army on November 12, 1816; retained as Assistant Surgeon of the Army until June 1, 1821 and died as such.

Dr. Smith was married on May 22, 1806 to Margaret Ferguson, the daughter of Ebenezer Ferguson, who was 1st Sergeant, Capt. of Campbell's Company of Cumberland County, Penn.; Militia in the Revolution, and later Colonel of the 1st Regiment of the Pennsylvania Artillery. He was Justice of the Peace and held various political offices in Philadelphia.

Dr. Smith had four daughters and four sons: Charles Ferguson Smith, Francis Nash Sharpe Smith (died young), Elizabeth Ferguson Smith, Anne Hill Smith, Francis Marion Smith, Henry Ferguson Smith, Caroline Laurens Smith and Lucie LeGrand Smith.

The above information was given by W. W. Jeffers, U. S. N., Washington, D. C., a great grand son of Dr. Smith.

Yours very truly,

[signature]

Alumni Registrar

Mr. W. Schermerhorn
Graduate Council
Union College
Schenectady, N. Y.
DIED:—On the 28th ult., Samuel Blair Smith, M. D.,
of the United States Army, in the 50th year
of his age.

National Gazette
December 2, 1834.

Post Surg. 12 Nov. 1816; asst. surg. 1 June 1821;
died 29 Nov. 1834.

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Samuel B. Smith
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From Genealogical Society Pennsylvania P.137.

Descriptions from Tombstone in the Burial ground of 3rd Presbyterian Church Philadelphia.


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