

**Smiley Background, Census Documents
and Descendants of John Smiley and Caroline Dixon**



St. Andrew, Church of Ireland, Parish of Currin ¹

Cootehill and other places associated with the Smileys were on the Monaghan border. Clones, where the Pollocks and Wades of Rawdon had once lived, was part of this parish. There are chapters on these two families in Up To Rawdon and like the Smileys they have connections to the Armstrong family. It is not known if it was the same Armstrong family that was at Rawdon or if there were blood connections between these four Rawdon settler families but a point for exploration.

Census documentation of the Smileys at Rawdon

1825 Rawdon Census: Microfilm C 718, page 1504

John Smilie [sic]
 8 in residence²
 1 under 6 years
 3 six to 14
 1 14 to 18
 1 single male 18 to 20
 1 married male 40 – 60
 3 females under 14
 1 married female 14 – 45

1825 Rawdon Census: Microfilm C 718, page 1504 (continued)

Samson [sic Samuel] Smilie [sic]
 6 in residence
 3 under 6 years
 1 six to 14
 1 married male 25 – 40
 1 females under 14
 1 married female 14 – 45

1831 Rawdon Census: microfilm C722, starts at page 1113

John Smiley 300 acres at 5 / 20	Sam'l Smiley 100 acres at 5 / 20
7 in residence	3 in residence
under 5 yrs.	1 (Jane Ann born July 1831)
5-14 1	
21-30 mar.	1
21-30 single 1	
30-60 mar. 1	
female under 14 3	
female 14-45	1
mar. fem, 45 + 1	
Church of England 7	3
300 acres, 100 cultivated	100 acres, 20 cultivated
60 minots oats, ³ 65 minots rye, 300 potatoes	6 wheat, 7 peas, 25 corn
10 cattle, 1 horse, 4 pigs	7 cattle, 3 pigs

Sam'l Smiley 600 acres at 8 / 7		John [sic] Smiley ⁴ 100 acres at 8 / 7
9 in residence		2 in residence
under 5 yrs.	1	
5-14	3	
30-60 mar.	1	1
60 + single	1	
female under 14	2	
female 14-45	1	
mar. fem, 45 +		1
Church of England	9	
Church of Scotland		1
600 acres, 30 cultivated		100 acres, 2 cultivated
30 wheat, 50 peas, 170 barley, 50 corn, 500 potatoes		/
11 cattle, 1 horse, 8 pigs		1 cow / ox, 2 pigs

It is evident, by interpreting the agricultural census that Samuel and William had not been long settled and that they worked together. The two acres cleared by William would be enough for his buildings, household garden and pasture for the horned beast (ox or cow).

February 1852 Rawdon, 1851 Census C1124

Spelling has been corrected from Smily to Smiley

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Mary Armstrong		Ireland	W. Methodist	60 ⁵	widow
John Smiley	Farmer	Ireland	W. Methodist	43	(son of John)
Elizabeth Evely ⁶		Ireland	W. Methodist	45	& 7 children

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Samuel Smiley	Farmer	Ireland	Protestant	46	(son of John)
Catherine Dixon ⁷		Ireland	Protestant	45	& 5 children

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Robert Smiley	Farmer	Ireland	W. Methodist	30	(son of John)
Margurite Torney		U. States ⁸	W. Methodist	27	& 4 children

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Mary Ann Smiley (daughter of Samuel & Mary) spouse of William Irwin and one son

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Matilda Smiley (daughter of Samuel & Mary) spouse of Francis Cassidy and two children

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Jane Ann Smiley (daughter of Samuel & Mary) spouse of Johnston Wade and one son

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William Smiley	Farmer	Ireland	W. Methodist	32	(son of Samuel)
Frances Ann Kerr		Ireland	W. Methodist	29	and 5 children

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John Smiley	Farmer	Canada	W. Methodist	25
Caroline Dixon		Canada	W. Methodist	18
Stephen Smiley		Canada	W. Methodist	1
William Mason	Labourer	Canada	W. Methodist	10

See photo at the bottom of the page.

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Samuel Smiley	Farmer	Ireland	W. Methodist	56
Mary Coughran [sic]		Ireland	W. Methodist	56

and 4 children.

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William Smily [sic]	Farmer	Ireland	Wes'l'n Methodist	66
Martha Cougheran [sic]		Ireland	Wes'l'n Methodist	65

Later Generations of the John Smiley and Caroline Dixon Family

Mary E. Smiley Carter, daughter of Dr. Thomas B. Smiley and **Clarence Smiley**, son of Dr. Jonathan Smiley were first cousins and grand children of John Smiley and Caroline Dixon. On the right is Clarence's son, **Douglas Smiley**; they are pictured at St. Lambert, Quebec, in 1964. Photo courtesy of Mary's daughter Nancy Carter Meikle; (see footnote 22 of the "Smileys of Monaghan" in Part Two of Up To Rawdon.)

Endnotes:

¹ Another photograph <http://ireland.anglican.org/news/3300> and more on this church.

² The total amounts to eleven because three female children are included in two categories.

³ All amounts are recorded in the old Québec measure of capacity used for grain and dry materials; the *minot* was equal to 8 gallons, or 36.67 litres; also defined as 6 bushels.

⁴ This is a clerical error and the residents are William and Martha Smiley. William received a Ticket of Location for 8 SE 7 in 1828. John Smiley, son of Samuel, had been allocated 9th Range, Lot 7 and was only a child.

⁵ John Smiley died at Rawdon 1846.

⁶ His wife was from a Rawdon family correctly spelled Eveleigh. Full list of children living at home may be found at *The Eveleigh Family*.

⁷ The large Dixon family settled at Kildare, the adjoining township to Rawdon. They were natives of County Carlow, Ireland. Caroline Dixon who married John Smiley and Margaret Smiley who married John Dixon are of the same family; however, their relationships have not been fully examined.

⁸ The name Margaret is always given a French flavour on this census. The Torney family was mostly from Inch, County. Down, N. Ireland and must have lived briefly in the United States or entered Canada from there.