

and that I shall not have occasion of leaving you so long again, for I was not sensible of the attachment that I had for your person before I left you, for my anxiety and regard for you increases every hour since I left you, and never was I more sensible of a desire of seeing any person since my remembrance than of seeing you, and that for several reasons which you must well know. But I hope by the blessing of God, I shall see you in the spring, as I mentioned to you, when I left you; so must remain your sincere friend and very humble servant.

Mrs. Lucy Martin,  
Cushing, District of Maine.

NATHAN SMITH.

Dr. Smith at this time was 61 years of age, and the Widow Martin 29 years younger.

“ Within his heart unceasing tumults rolled,  
And various thoughts perplexed his anxious soul,  
Nor aught could soothe, nor aught his pains remove,  
Save the soft bands of Hymen and of Love.”

The marriage took place, and the year following a son was born, Thomas M. Smith, for many years Chief of the Fire Department, and father of George F. Smith. Dr. Smith resided at his old home in St. James Street, Lower Cove, until his death in December, 1818, in his 82nd year. Eight years later his widow, then in her 57th year, entered wedlock the third time; the happy groom was Walter Bates, Sheriff of Kings County, then in his 67th year.

On the death of the Sheriff in 1842, his widow returned to the old home at St. John, it having been left to her by her second husband, Dr. Smith, enjoying at the same time a pension as his widow. Her death took place in December, 1864, at the age of 95 years.

In 1883 George F. Smith, Esq., placed in the “Old Grave Yard” a fountain in memoriam of his grandfather, Dr. Nathan Smith, and also planted a tree on Queen Square on Arbor Day to his memory.

The old homestead, a modest one-story wooden building, was one of the city landmarks up to the great fire of 1877. From it the old door, with its antique knocker, both brought from New York in 1783, was saved by a grandson, William O. Stewart, and at the exhibition of 1883 was seen in the department of old relics in charge of the Historical Society.

#### DR. WILLIAM HOWE SMITH.

This physician was a son of Dr. Nathan Smith, by his first wife; the mother of Nathan Smith DeMill, the Apostle of Temperance in New Brunswick, was a daughter. William Howe Smith was brought up to