

Smith Fults, mentioned in preceding paragraphs, grew to manhood in Grundy county, received a meager education in the early schools and here he devoted his life to general farming, residing on the same place from 1847 until his death. Until the commencement of the war of the states he carried produce to Nashville, bringing back various articles and household necessities which he sold to the settlers. He thus combined farming and trading for many years. These regular trips to the capital city were made by wagon and ox team. Physically he was a very robust man, tall and of great strength, and was the finest marksman in the county, his record in the use of firearms being known over a large portion of the state. In 1847 he married Susan Winton to which union three children were born, namely: John, deceased; James and Sallie; the latter married G. S. Winton.

Smith Fults's first wife died in 1854 and in 1856 he married Timie Ellen Sanders, and to this union eight children were born, of whom Jefferson D., of this sketch, was the seventh in order of birth. Five of them are still living as follows: Smith Jackson; Tennessee, wife of W. R. Johnson; Christina; Jefferson D., and Florence who married E. F. Overturf.

Politically Smith Fults was a strong Democrat, however, he was never an office holder, but was a very prominent man in his locality and influential in public affairs. He was well read for the early period in which he lived and was considered well educated by his neighbors and acquaintances, many of whom frequently sought his counsel in various matters.