

# Versailles Statesmen

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## Died in Little Morgan.

Jim Will Smith, An Old Settler in Little Morgan, Died August 1—Buried at Otterville.

One of the best known citizens of North Morgan was Jim Will Smith. He was well known by reason of his long residence there and because he was an extensive farmer and stock raiser and because he was an active citizen all along the best lines.

Jim Will is dead. He died Thursday night August 1, 1918, after a long illness. He had cancer of the stomach and was also afflicted with Bright's disease.

Mr. Smith was born in Otterville about 65 years ago. His father was George Smith, an early day settler of Otterville and he was born in 1810. Jim Will was raised on the farm. He was a brother of Frank, Alley and Joe Smith. Joe Smith perished in a well from the "damps" around thirty years ago. His widow became the wife of Judge

~~J. P. Dougherty in later years.~~  
Jim Will also had two sisters, Rose and Mat. Rose married Jim Bane, brother of Mrs. Dr. H. M. Ross, of Versailles, and Mat married Mahlon White, a business man of Otterville who died several years ago.

Jim Will Smith was married to Josie Howell of Otterville. Two children was born to this marriage. This wife died more than twenty years ago and in later years he married Sallie Luckett, of Lookout, Mo. and four children were born to them, two of the boys being now in the army, one of them in France.

Mr. Smith bought a farm in Little Morgan county thirty years ago or more and has been prosperously engaged in farming and stock raising since moving here. He was a prominent Odd Fellow and was a leading member in the Presbyterian church at Otterville. The funeral services were held Saturday, Rev. C. H. Harrell of Versailles, Mr. Smith's former pastor, conducted the services. A large crowd attended the funeral of their old friend and neighbor. Mr. Smith was a good man, a good citizen and a well-liked neighbor.