

1868 Brick

## Stith House

As one travels north on the blacktop road from Atterberry, one approaches the stately old home built in 1868 by Elzy Creel Stith. The Stith family lived in a log house nearby, when work was started on their new home. Bricks were burned for the house on the farm, the clay for the bricks coming from east of the present home. The kiln for burning the bricks stood west of the house near the timber.

Contractor of the house was Gaines Greene, who moved here from Mason county. He was a brother of William G. Greene of Tallula, and an uncle of Gaines Greene who lived in Petersburg.

This dignified and charming old home has eleven rooms, six of which are upstairs and five downstairs. The staircase is of walnut and the woodwork is of white pine. A large brick fireplace graces one end of the living room. This house has a hip roof which is topped by a bell tower. This bell was used to call laborers from the field.

Elzy Creel Stith was born in 1818 and his wife America Witt Stith was born in 1822. Both came to Illinois from the state of Kentucky. They were the parents of ten children: James, William, Thomas Milton, Richard, David, Elzy Creel Jr., Jenkens, Mary who married James Thomas, Kate who married Henry Spilly, and Jane who married William Davis, the latter two being the parents of Mrs. Kate Bailey. Thomas Stith and Elzy Stith married sisters, the daughters of William and Sarah Armstrong Watkins. Thomas married Laura Watkins and Elzy married Etta Watkins.

After the death of their parents, the house was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jenkens Stith, Mrs. Stith being the former Sarah Girard. They were the parents of one child who died at birth.

Mr. and Mrs. Elzy Stith Jr. were the parents of four children: Homer, who married Imogene Thomas; Norma, who married Henry Meyer; Geraldine, who married Wymer King; and Floy, who married Elmer Page.

Following the death of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkens Stith, the house was owned by Homer Stith. It was occupied by his son Frewert Stith and his wife the former Vera Taylor and their daughter Linda Kay Stith. Wayne Stith is also a son of Homer Stith. Wayne married Gertrude Estill Smith.

Following the death of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Stith, the house was sold to James Hawks, who owns it at the present time.



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