

Viewpoint: Who are those Smiths?

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Ever since "Smith 1959" appeared in Vol. 33 page 457 of *Journal of Range Management* (without further designation), I have felt the need to distinguish between the Smiths—to give those devils their due, so to speak. Now the appearance of *Index to Volumes 1-35, 1949 to 1982* brings need to a boil. The *Index* lists 30 Smiths, more or less, depending on whether Smith D.R.; Smith Dixie; Smith, Dixie R. are three persons or one.

The *Journal of Range Management* has made references to more than 200 Smiths. Twenty of these have been referred to 20 times or more. The other 180 have been mentioned fewer than 20 times. Now that is a lot of Smiths. From page to page, issue to issue, and volume to volume, ambiguity can only increase unless, in all good conscience, the writers contributing to the *Journal* respect each Smith for what he or she is worth.

Among the Smiths I count many good friends: Mike, Pat, Art, and Dixie, but what I know about the Smiths comes from the *Journal*. Jedediah was the first, a western explorer in 1828. Jared was publishing range management articles around 1900.

The most important Smith, based on references in the *Journal*, is Arther D., with 584 references last count. The *Index* lists Smith, A.D. 3 times as follows: 18:136—a Canadian; 32:275—from Utah State; 32:433—a Canadian. These references are separated by 4 other Smiths from Smith, Arthur D., where all 12 references go to the gentleman from Utah. However, the *Index*, which misplaced 32:275, has also ignored 5:304, "What should the goal of range education be?" apparently because it is an editorial and has overlooked 30:119 for no apparent reason.

Here is an annotated checklist of the 20 Smiths most mentioned in the *Journal*:

- (1) Arther D. (ranking 15th among all range managers, with 595 references); Utah wildlife and range manager as well as co-author of a classic McGraw-Hill text called *Range Management*
- (2) Dale W. (ranking 143, with 198 references); agronomist from Wisconsin specializing on the survival of winter hardened legumes and on carbohydrates
- (3) Dixie Ray (ranking 215, with 140 references); career range manager with USDA; US Forest Service
- (4) Edgar F. (ranking 280 with 114 references); Kansas specialist on the Flint Hills
- (5) Justin G. (ranking 283 with 113 references); specialist on forage quality and quantity for wildlife (Utah and Oregon); also cheatgrass and point frames
- (6) Patricia G. (ranking 326 with 102 references); editor of the *Journal of Range Management*
- (7) Henry H. (ranking 495 with 72 references); with the Soil Conservation Service in Texas
- (8) David A. (ranking 515 with 70 references); with the Soil Conservation Service in Arizona
- (9) Michael A. (ranking 538 with 67 references); professor of range management at the University of Wyoming
- (10) Dwight R. (ranking 680 with 52 references); in Colorado with the United States Forest Service
- (11) A.D. (ranking 753 with 48 references); agronomist from Alberta, Canada
- (12) N.S. (ranking 829 with 44 references); specialist on deer diets
- (13) H. (ranking 1,030 with 35 references); co-author with Draper, N. of a book on applied regression
- (14) Richard C.G. (ranking 1,288 with 28 references); Australian specialist on grazing systems
- (15) Jared G. (ranking 1,395 with 26 references); pioneer range manager, around 1900

- (16) Clayton Carl (ranking 1,525 with 24 references); in Oklahoma on overgrazing and Texas on brush control
- (17) Burton M. (ranking 1,582 with 23 references); in Utah with the United States Forest Service
- (18) S.J. (ranking 1,656 with 22 references); on Oklahoma soils
- (19) D.D. (ranking 1,731 with 21 references); on erosion
- (20) R.P. (ranking 1,732 with 21 references); on infiltration rates in New Mexico

Twenty-eight of our 50 states have contributed Smiths—some more than others, e.g. Texas 19, Utah and California 9 each.

Foreign Smiths have come from:

- (1) Africa: D.W.W.
- (2) Australia: D.F.; L.W.; M.D.; N.G.; R. and R.C.G.
- (3) Canada: Arthur D.; D.A.; D.W.; E.R.; J.H.G.; P.J. and R.L.
- (4) Great Britain: A.; Charles; J.H. and R.
- (5) New Zealand: A.J. and K.P.

Government Smiths have been found in:

- (1) ARS: Paul F.
- (2) SCS: Byron T.; Bud; Guy D.; Henry N. and Ralph
- (3) USFS: Alexander E.; Benton M.; John B.; John C.; and L.S.
- (4) BLM: Eastburn and Robert J.
- (5) BIA: V.D.
- (6) US Fish and Wildlife Service: Allen G.

Are some of them ranchers? Yes, some of them, for example:

- (1) Allen (South Dakota)
- (2) Arthur H. (Arizona)
- (3) Byron A. (Montana)
- (4) C.C. (Texas)
- (5) John B. (Oklahoma)

There are some doctors, e.g., Dixie Ray and Michael A., but there are many more with the M.S. or M.S., e.g. Charles Ray, Clayton Carl, Michael Allen, Lynne Lorayne Bixler, D.G., David A. and D.R.

In Colorado Mrs. Page is a librarian and Patricia G. is an editor. Otherwise J. Allen edited the *Proc. of the XIV Grassland Congress*. Books were written by Edward H. (*Land Uses and Wildlife Resources*); Guy-Harold (*Conservation of Natural Resources with N. Draper*), a book on applied regression; H.P. (*Farm Machinery and Equipment*); Lamont W. (*Agriculture Food and Man*); R.L. (*Ecology and Field Biology*); and S.E. (*Mycorrhizal Symbiosis*).

From the allied field of Animal Sciences come:

- (1) C.K. (on cobalt)
- (2) G.E. (on sheep diets)
- (3) Harry H. (beef and livestock)
- (4) J.C. (on sheep)
- (5) J.S. (growth in beef cattle)
- (6) L.W. (dairy cattle)
- (7) M.E. (on beef)
- (8) N.E. (on dairy cattle)
- (9) Paul F. (taking the long view for Swift and Co.)
- (10) R.H. (on cows)
- (11) R.L. (wintering beef in South Dakota)
- (12) S.E. (phosphorus and vitamins for cattle and sheep)
- (13) T.M. (cattle grazing in Nevada)
- (14) V.F. (digestive capacity of sheep)
- (15) Walter H. (progress with angus)
- (16) W.W. (potassium in the winter supplement of range beef cows)

and some roughly related subjects as dung (A.), mulch (R.) silage (R.E.), earthworms (R.M.). To continue the allied fields: chemistry:

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| (1) F.B. | (5) H.M. |
| (2) F.E. | economics: |
| (3) F.W. | (1) Stephen C. |
| (4) Paul E. | entomology: |

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- (1) C.F.
- (2) D.R.
- (3) L.L.B.
- (4) W.

forestry

- (1) D.A.
- (2) Herbert B.
- (3) Howard B.
- (4) J.G.
- (5) Lloyd F.

botany:

- (1) Alan L. (*Scholochloa festuca*)
- (2) C.A. (*Hyparrhenia* in Rhodesia)
- (3) D.R. (*Cercocarpus* in Utah)
- (4) E.V. (*Cyperus rotundus*)
- (5) G. David (*Tetradymia glaustrata*)
- (6) W.K. (*Bouteloua gracilis*)
- (7) G.S. (*Bouteloua gracilis* in New Mexico)
- (8) H.P. (pricklypear eradication in Texas)
- (9) P.J. (*Salvia columbariae* in California)
- (10) W.T. (*Nicotiana*)

soils:

- (1) H.L. (infiltration along the Pecos River)
- (2) H.W. (on the Kelley Soil Sampler)
- (3) Henry W. (soil morphologist)
- (4) I.L. (sampler for gravelly plastic soils)
- (5) J.L. (on a soil erosion gauge)
- (6) K.J. (on a soil erosion gauge)
- (7) L. (on soils with W. DeYoung)
- (8) M./I. (on selenium)
- (9) M.S. (on soil denitrification)
- (10) R. (on soils in Australia)
- (11) R.L. (soil nitrogen losses in Utah)
- (12) R.M. (soil erosion in Texas)

range management:

- (1) A.C. (brush control in Texas)
- (2) C.C. (overgrazing in Oklahoma)
- (3) D.W. (fire in Canadian pine)
- (4) Harold E. (from sagebrush to grass)
- (5) H.H. (aqueous spray of 2-4D)
- (6) J.S. (reseeding)
- (7) R.D. (seed dormancy and germination)
- (8) R.P. (oak control in Texas)
- (9) T.A. (seed germination)
- (10) D.D. (handbook on conservation planning)
- (11) Dale W. (survival of winter hardened legumes)
- (12) L.H. (foliar regrowth of alfalfa)
- (13) Mark A. (on *Medicago*)
- (14) N.G. (on legumes)
- (15) R.M. (forage grasses)

taxonomy:

- (1) J.P., Jr. (on vascular plant families)

watershed:

- (1) J.P. (on hydrology)
- (2) M. (on watershed)
- (3) R.E. (on rainfall and surface water hydrology)
- (4) R.L., Jr. (on water evaporation)
- (5) R.P. (infiltration rates in New Mexico)
- (6) S.J. soil loss and sediment discharge
- (7) V.E. (physical and hydrometeorological characteristics)

weeds:

- (1) J.D.

wildlife:

- (1) H. Clay (in deer browse)
- (2) J.C. (on deer food habits in Texas)
- (3) J.D. (Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife)
- (4) L. (Virginia Polytech. Inst.)
- (5) N.S. (deer diets)
- (6) P.J. (Fish and Wildlife Service)
- (7) R.H. (waterfowl)
- (8) R.J. (State Game and Fish Commission)
- (9) R.S., Jr. (frost injury to bitterbrush)
- (10) S. (deer food in Texas)
- (11) V.G. (animal communities of deciduous forest succession)

and related subjects: Courtney B. (rabbits in Utah), R.H. (rabbits in Arizona), R.E. (the natural history of prairie dogs), G.D. (hawks) and J.N.M. (finches).

In a recent letter to Abigail Van Buren (Dear Abby) the problem was given national attention:

Dear Abby, I work in the public relations office of the Hughston Sports Medicine Hospital in Columbus, GA., and one of my duties is to forward mail to patients after they are discharged. Sometimes this is next to impossible. For example: Mrs. John Smith. We have hundreds of discharged Smiths on file, but I don't know which one is married to John, so I have to go through every Smith in our files to find the most recent patient. If there are three or four, I must return this card to the sender.

The moral is: Smiths come in many forms (maybe they outperform the Johnsons). Somewhere between non-Smiths Ralph Aaker and E. Zyznar they lie in troublesome wait. Indexers beware. May all editors avoid incomplete or inconsistent citations of all names.

Editor's Note: And may all authors tell us who they are—consistently!

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