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- 1856 — (October 17) — Hester Ann Elizabeth Doshier, wife of Julius Doshier, died. She was born June 14, 1834. Interment was on Federal Point.
- 1856 — (October 22) — Napoleon Buonaparte Brown died. He was born in Charleston, S.C., February 24, 1824. Interment was in the Smithville Cemetery.
- 1856 — (November 28) — Funeral held for Ellen Mae Fremont, aged 7, at Smithville.
- 1857 — Mr. M. F. Clegg was assigned to the Smithville Methodist Circuit.
- 1857 — During the summer of 1857 while attached to the U.S. Coast Survey schooner "Gallatin," based at Smithville, Lieutenant John Newland Maffitt, in company with Lieutenants T. A. Jenkins, J. S. Bradford, and others, participated in the social activities of that place, along with summer residents and officer's families from Forts Johnston and Caswell.
- 1857 — (April 27) — Catherine D. Galloway, 39, died. Interment was in the Smithville Cemetery.
- 1858 — Mr. C. D. Jeffrey was assigned to the Smithville Methodist Circuit.
- 1858 — (February 4) — Cora Arabell Smith, aged 6, died. Interment was in the Smithville Cemetery.
- 1858 — (June 17) — Ann Price, 82, died. Interment was in the Smithville Cemetery.
- 1858 — (September 5) — Annis Taylor, 63, wife of Richard Taylor, died. Interment was in the Smithville Cemetery.
- 1858 — (October 20) — John Smith, 65, Ordnance Sergeant, died. Interment was in the Smithville Cemetery.
- 1859 — Mr. A. D. Betts was assigned to the Smithville Methodist Circuit. In 1859-60, William H. Drew and Captain W. J. Potter served as chairman of the Board of Stewards for the circuit.
- 1859 — (March 30) — Thomas D. Meares purchased Lots Nos. 20 and 21, in Smithville, including "the Mansion House, built by Benjamin Smith, and all other outhouses and buildings situate, lying and being on the premises. . ." from Thomas C. Miller, of Wilmington, for \$2,500.
- 1859 — The old residence of Benjamin Smith, corner of Bay and Potts streets, delapidated, was torn down by Thomas D. Meares, and a new structure was built upon the ruins. The old house was built by Benjamin Blaney, according to tradition.
- 1859 — (December 29) — Sarah Doshier, 41, wife of William R. Doshier, died. Interment was in the Smithville Cemetery.
- 1860 — In the Smithville area, there were four large plantations: Waldens Creek Plantation was divided between John Brown, James W. McKay, Nathaniel Galloway and Edward Clemmons; Reaves Point Plantation, owned by Joel Reaves; Dutchman Plantation was divided between John C. Swain, Thomas G. Sellers, William Robinson and James Pritchett; Goose Marsh Plantation was divided between George W. Swain and Joseph Green. All were slave owners. All produced some rice except Goose Marsh.
- 1860 — (February 5) — Mabel F. Vernon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred M. Vernon, died. Born May 17, 1859. Interment was in the Smithville Cemetery.
- 1860 — (April) — Bishop Atkinson consecrated St. Philip's Episcopal Chapel in Smithville. He visited the church again in June, 1861.
- 1860 — (May) — The conversion of the "U.S.S. Arctic" to "Lightship No. 8" was completed at Norfolk, Va. The new lightship was towed from Norfolk to Smithville. On May 14th, she was stationed on the Frying Pan Shoals.
- 1860 — (May 22) — John Daniel died. Born May 2, 1859. Interment was in the Smithville Cemetery.
- 1860 — (July 18) — Joel Reaves died. Born August 12, 1782. Interment in the Drew family cemetery.