

# **DENNEY LICENSES FROM 1849-1867 IN SMITH COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

**The following licenses came from a small book entitled simply licenses in the Smith County Archives. It is available to view on microfilm at the end of Smith County Reel 87 Juvenile Court Minutes Aug 1834-Oct 1867. Everyone who operated a retail business, owned a stud horse or jackass that was rented out for stud duties, lent money on interest, or owned a distillery had to pay a fee for a license and pay taxes. The pages in the little volume are not numbered. It is not clear, but it seems that the license had to be renewed each year, so in the cases where there is only one license year, it may be that the enterprise failed, or it may indicate that the person in question simply failed to follow through on his taxes and license, which was not uncommon at this time.**

**Tennessee, Smith County – William Denney, having paid the requisite tax and fees is hereby licensed to stand his Jack in said County for the year 1849. June 5, 1849 W.V.R. Hallum Clerk \$4.00 [taxes] \$1.00 [fee] Rec'd & cert. same day Hart [this is William Denney, son of Claiborne Denney, who lived at Hiwassee, received the pension from his War of 1812 wounds, and died in 1852]**

**Tennessee, Smith County – [William C.] Denny and [Oscar K.] Ewing having paid the requisite tax and fees are here by licensed to keep a retail store in said county for one year from this date hereof 3 July 1849. W.V.R. Hallum \$10.87 [taxes] \$2.71 [fee] Rec & Cert same day Hart [William C. Denney was the son of William Denney of Hiwassee. He owned a grocery store in Rome with his brother-in-law Oscar Ewing. Ewing and Denney both married daughters of William Bradley.]**

**Tennessee, Smith County – John Bray having paid the requisite tax and fee is hereby licensed to stand his horse in said county for the year 1850. 30 May, 1850 W.V.R. Hallum Clerk \$2.00 \$10.50**

**Rec. & Cert same day Hart Clk [John Bray married Candace daughter of Willie Denney and granddaughter of John and Sarah Winfree Denney]**

**Tennessee, Smith County – Osker S. Ewing & [William C.] Denny having paid the requisite tax and fee are hereby licensed to keep a retail store in said county for one year from the date hereof. W.V.R. Hallum Clerk July 23, 1850 \$13.75 \$3.43 Recd & cert same day Hart Clk [Osker K. Ewing and James Hibbets licensed for a year from the date of Nov 4, 1850. As there is no reference for this firm in 1849, it may be that he opened his partnership with Hibbets knowing that he and Denney were breaking up. ]**

**Tennessee, Smith County – Willie Denny having paid the requisite tax and fee is hereby licensed to discount securities for money and to share notes for one year from the date hereof. Aug 8, 1851. W.V.R. Hallum, Clk. \$1.00 \$0.25 Rec & Cert same day Hart. [Willie is the son of John and Sarah Winfree Denney]**

**Tennessee, Smith County – William C. Denny having paid the requisite tax and fee is hereby licensed to keep a retail store in said county for one year from the date hereof 26 Sept 1851. Witness W.V.R. Hallum \$10.70 \$2.67. Rec'c & Cert 26 Sept 1851 Hart. [Ewing and Hibbets renewed their license on Dec 1, 1851]**

**Tennessee, Smith County – Carroll W. Denny having paid the requisite tax & fees hereby licensed to discount securities for money & share notes for one year from the date hereof. 5 Feb, 1852 W.V.R. Hallum \$1.00 \$.0.25 Rec'd & Copied same date Hart [Carroll W. Denney was the son of William Denney of Hiwassee and brother of William C. Denney.]**

**Tennessee, Smith County - William C. Denney having paid the requisite tax & fee is hereby licensed to keep a retail store in said county for one year from the date hereof 10 Sep, 1852. Witness W.V.R. Hallum \$2.70 \$7.\_\_\_\_ Rec & Cert same date Burdine Clk**

**Tennessee, Smith County – Carroll W. Denny having paid the requisite tax & fees hereby licensed to discount securities for money & share**

**notes for one year from the date hereof. 14 Feb, 1853 W.V.R. Hallum  
\$1.00 \$0.25 Rec'd & Copied same date Burdine Clk**

**Tennessee, Smith County – Carroll W. Denny having paid the requisite  
tax & fees hereby licensed to discount securities for money & share  
notes for one year from the date hereof. Dec 28, 1855 W.V.R. Hallum  
\$1.00 \$0.25 Rec'd & Copied same date Burdine Clk**

**Tennessee, Smith County – Carroll W. Denny having paid the requisite  
tax & fees hereby licensed to discount securities for money & share  
notes for one year from the date hereof. 28 Dec 1855 W.V.R. Hallum  
\$25.25 \$0.12 ½ Rec'd & Copied same date Burdine Clk**