

ELIZABETH (PRINCE) OAKES SMITH,

Literary Grand Dame of Patchogue, NY – 1860 - ca. 1875 A Selected Bibliography

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■ General

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Gravesite of Elizabeth Oakes Smith, October, 2000 (Elizabeth Oakes Smith Page)

<http://www.neiu.edu/~tscherm/eos/gravesite.htm>

-- Includes views of Cedar Grove Cemetery, Patchogue, NY, gravesite and view toward the site of her former house, "The Willows".

"Mrs. Oakes Smith. The Body of This Once Famous Woman Sent Here and Buried Sunday Morning. Laid by the Side of Her Husband, the Author of the 'Jack Downing Papers'." *Patchogue Advance*, November 24, 1893: p. 1.

■ Oaksmith, Appleton (Son)

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■ **“The Willows”**

Central Patchogue, Long Island, 1869 (Elizabeth Oakes Smith Page)

<http://www.neiu.edu/~tscherm/eos/patch.htm>

-- Map of a section of north western Patchogue, NY, showing the location of “The Willows”

■ **Writings**

Elizabeth Oakes Smith (1806-1893)

<http://www.neiu.edu/~tscherm/eos/eospage.htm>

-- Contains bibliographies, a chronology (with links, to family homes), the full text of her primary work, *A Woman and Her Needs*, as it was written for the *New York Tribune*, a portrait gallery, with commentary, *Links, Biography, and Selected Criticism*. A good starting point.

Elizabeth Oakes Smith (1806-1893)

<http://www.sonnets.org/shitheo.htm>

-- Includes links to a biography, and to several of her poetry: (a) *Despondency*, (b) *A Summer Morning Picture*, (c) *Heloise to Abelard: A Sonnet*, and (d) *An Incident*.

Poems by Elizabeth Oakes-Smith (Poetry Archive)

http://www.poetry-archive.com/o/oakes_smith_elizabeth.html

-- Included are: (a) *Annihilation*, (b) *An Incident*, (c) *A Summer Morning Picture*, and (d) *The Unattained*.

Oaksmith, David P. [Letter of April 23, 1943, to Alma D. Custead, Librarian, Patchogue Library.] Miami, FL: David P. Oaksmith [grandson of Elizabeth Oakes-Smith]. 2 p.

-- Includes a transcription of a poem written at "The Willows" in 1873, now owned by New York Historical Society, corrections of editorial errors made in a local newspaper, mention of a *Lewiston Journal* clipping (probably her obituary), a photo.

"Seba Smith – Elizabeth Oakes Smith" In *Cyclopedia of American Literature*. New York: Charles Scribner, 1856: p.[?]. (University of Virginia. Library. Early American Fiction)

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-- Includes her poems, "Midsummer," "Strength from the Hills" and "The Poet".

Richards, Wynola Louise. *A Review of the Life and Writings of Elizabeth Oakes Smith, Feminist, Author, and Lecturer: 1806-1893: A Dissertation Submitted to the Graduate Educational Policies Council in Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for the Degree, Doctor of Philosophy*. Muncie, IN; Ann Arbor, MI: Ball State University; University Microfilms International, November 1981. vii, 198 p. bibliog.: pp. 190-198.

- An account of the stages of her life, literary and social reforming career. Includes a classified bibliography of her works, by genre.

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