



CHARLES WHITEFOORD SMITH served on the Court of Appeals of Georgia September 12, 1919, until November 15, 1920. He was born near Beaufort, South Carolina, on April 21, 1856, and died in Atlanta May 1, 1923.

He attended the public schools of Atlanta and was a student at Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He studied law in the office of Gartrell and Stephens of Atlanta and was admitted to the Bar on April 20, 1876.

He married Fannie H. Wright of Columbus, Georgia. They did not have any children, but adopted a niece, Daisey Francis Smith. He was a member, trustee, steward, superintendent of Sunday School, member of the General Conference, conference secretary of the Joint Board of Finance, and lay leader of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Judge Smith was a sole practitioner most of his life except while in a partnership with Captain John Milledge at one time. He served as State Senator, Mayor of Edgewood for six terms, Atlanta City Council, 18 years in the Georgia State Militia, Senior Captain of the Georgia Governor's Horse Guard Association, Judge of Stone Mountain Circuit, and was appointed to the Georgia Court of Appeals.

Tributes are recorded in 31 Georgia Appeals Reports, pages 813,816, in a memorial dated January 14, 1924. "He was a man of strong convictions, altogether fearless, and 'hewed to the line' without fear or favor; but at the same time he was always open to conviction and yielded readily to any convincing argument. He expressed himself vigorously, succinctly, and clearly but studiously avoided the use of extravagant language." Judge Jenkins commented: "His home life was beautiful to behold. He was a devoted husband and father. Delightful were our visits to his home. It was located on a street which bears his honored name of 'Whitefoord,' and was situated in a majestic grove and surrounded by beautiful shrubbery, flowers, and trees. I was impressed with the fact that Judge Smith was a lover of nature and I believe that this influence aided him much in attaining and maintaining his high moral and intellectual standards."