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born: November 10, 1947

Presently lives in Geeville, Mississippi (near Baldwin)

Born in Ripley, Mississippi; graduated from Ripley High School, 1965

Attended United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, graduated 1970 as Second Lieutenant in the Artillery.

Served in 11th Armored Cavalry in Germany

Attended and graduated from Ole Miss Law School in 1975

Practiced with the Judge Advocate General's Corp in Denver, Colorado for 3 years. Attained the rank of Captain

Moved to Mississippi in 1978, and was an Associate with Mitchell, Voge and Clayton for three years.

Opened my own office in 1981, and has been a solo practitioner since 1981.

Married to Sharon Baldwin Smith;

Jak and Sharon have four children between them; Hope McCoy, a Court Reporter here in Tupelo, who is married with three children; Manny, who lives in Baldwin with his wife and two children; Robert, who is an Iraq Veteran and now works for Congressman Trent Kelly, and Jocelyn, a Yoga instructor in Memphis, Tn. Ten grandchildren!!

Hobbies:

Backpacking—Sharon and Jak have hiked over 400 miles of the Appalachian Trail

Napoleon Bonaparte—Former Vice President of the Napoleonic Historical Society, a national organization that focuses on the life, history, and times of Napoleon. Presently on Board of Directors of the Napoleonic Historical Society.

Lafayette Society member.

Mountain Climbing: Since 1990 climbed the following mountains: Mt. Ranier(4x); Mt. Blanc, France; Mt. Elbruz, Russia; Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa; Mt. Aconcagua, Argentina; Mt. Hood, Washington; Mt. McKinley, Alaska; Mt. Whitney, California; Mt. Fuji, Japan; Mt. Katahdin, Maine; Longs Peak, Colorado, Pike's Peak and Mt. Elbert, Colorado

History: Member of the Lewis and Clark Heritage Trail Commission; Civil War

Roundtable; Interest in World War II; Early American History, Napoleonic Era

Leads tours of Gettysburg each year. Member of the Company of Military Historians, Gettysburg Foundation and Adams County Pennsylvania Historical Society

Member of the American Alpine Club

Present president of the North East Mississippi chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Vice President of Mississippi Sons of the American Revolution for one year.

Member of American Bar Association(Family Law Section); past president of the Family Law Section of the Mississippi Bar
Past President of Lee County Bar Association
Mississippi Trial Lawyers Association