



## **Obituary of Alexander Smart**

On Saturday night last died, at Honey Bottom, in the parish of Chute, Mr. Alexander Smart, in the 83d year of his age. He was in the early part of his life coachman to the late Mrs. Earle, formerly of Chute, and after living there some years, he commenced the business of a farmer, at Eastwick, in the vicinity of Newbury. Four years afterwards, at Charlton, in the parish of Andover, he rented at a very low rent one of the late Sir John Pollen's farms, on a lease of 21 years, which expired in the year 1801, when he disposed of his stock at the high prices of that year, and he often mentioned that he had a better crop of all sorts of grain, hay &c. that year than he had during any part of his lease. He then retired from business after having by his frugality and industry acquired an independent fortune, which by his will he has equally divided amongst his nearest relations. He enjoyed a good state of health until the last three weeks of his life. He was greatly esteemed through his long life for sobriety, honesty and integrity and died beloved by his numerous relations and friends.

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