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Hinds AHS High School

Tougaloo College: B. S. in Chemistry, Minor in Biology

Howard University School of Medicine: M.D., Medical Education

Internship: Cook County Hospital, Chicago, Illinois

Post Graduate Training: Cook County Graduate School, University of Mississippi Medical Center, and the University of Tennessee

Executive Director, Central Mississippi Health Services, Inc.

Charter Diplomat and Fellow, American Board of Family Medicine

Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Family

Medicine, University Medical Center, Retired

Faculty Emeritus of Community Medicine, Brown University

Former Member, Department of Community Medicine, Tufts University

A Founder of the Medical Committee for Civil Rights - Human Rights

A Principal Founder of the Local and National Community Health Center Movement, now FQHCs, with 22 Centers in Mississippi serving seven or eight hundred thousand yearly and 30 million nationally, 1965

Participant in national programs such as Public Law 89239 which brought the advances of heart, cancer and stroke to the local community and later included renal disease, 1965

Participant in President Johnson's landmark White House Conference on Health, 1965

Served nationally and locally on the State Steering Committee and ending with a stint as Commission of State Health Planning in 1987

Served on the Charter Board of more than a dozen institutions, both private and non-profit, serving statewide and nationally. Served on Several Corporate and Non-Corporate Boards, Locally and Nationally

Involved in groundbreaking and landmark research as co-principal investigator of Arteriosclerosis in Communities (ARIC) at University Medical Center and four other centers nationally that has led to other studies such as the Jackson Heart Study

Worked with the late Drs. Aaron Shirley, James Anderson, Humphrey, and others under the Association for Health Care for the Poor, which became the Mississippi Primary Health Care Association, to help establish the first health centers in the state

Numerous recognitions locally and nationally including two Doctorates of Humane Letters

Dr. Smith, a community leader and servant for the past several decades, has approached his life work in 5 distinct ways: Physician, Civil Rights Activist, Researcher, Educator and Public Policy Advocate for the rights of all Americans to health care. The proudest of his accomplishments is that he has been a family physician to thousands of Mississippians.

Dr. Robert Smith was married to the late Otrie B. Hickerson, MD, and they have three children - Claude, Donna and the late Robert, Jr. - and two grandchildren.