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Francis Smee, Shermansdale, Perry County, Pa., was born May 15, 1847, son of **Jacob** and **Sarah (Corman) Smee**. His paternal grandparents were natives of Maryland; his maternal grandparents were Germans by birth. **Ludwig Corman** was a cooper, and worked at his trade the greater part of his life. He married **Miss Foulk**. Their living children are: **Eve (Mrs. L. Wayne Thompson)**; and **John**. **Mr.** and **Mrs. Corman** are both deceased. **Jacob Smee** was a native of Maryland, and came to Perry County while yet a young man. He was a plasterer and worked at his business all his life. He married **Sarah**, daughter of **Ludwig Corman**. **Mrs. Smee** was an earnest member of the Lutheran Church. **Francis Smee** acquired his education in the public schools, and remained on his father's farm until he reached the age of twenty-four. He has farmed continuously since his marriage. **Mr. Smee** served on the election board for several years.

Francis Smee was married April 9, 1871, to **Julia Hanna Frances**, daughter of **Alexander** and **Elizabeth (Reed) Lackey**. Their children are: **Charles L.**; **Daisy Myrtle**; **Florence**; **Sarah**; **Henry Alexander**, died April 12, 1872; **Elizabeth May**, died January 24, 1880, aged six years, eleven months and five days. **Mr. Smee** and family are members of the United Brethren Church. **Mr. Smee** served his church as steward for fifteen years, is now trustee, which office he has held for twenty years. He is also a faithful worker in the Sunday-school, and has been superintendent since 1892.

Alexander Lackey, **Mrs. Smee's** father, was a native of Perry County. He taught school for a number of years, but afterwards gave his attention to farming. He had also learned carpentry, and worked at it for a time. **Mr. Lackey** filled various township offices; he was a member of the election board, and also served as assessor. **Mr. Lackey** was an earnest member of the United Brethren Church, he was steward, trustee and class-leader for many years; in the spring of 1871, he was ordained as a minister, but on account of ill health he could not serve long.

Alexander Lackey was married to **Elizabeth**, daughter of **Naaman** and **Julia (Fair) Reed**. Their children are: **Julia Hanna Frances**; **Ida May (Mrs. William Adams)**; **Margaret E.**, died in May, 1892, aged thirty two years; eight died in infancy. **Mr. Lackey** died September 18, 1875, aged fifty years, four months and twenty-seven days. **Mrs. Lackey** has reached the age of seventy years; she resides on the homestead.

Mrs. Smee's grandfather, **Alexander Lackey**, was a native of Germany; he came to this country and spent his life in farming. He was during the latter part of his life a local preacher. He was the father of ten children, mentioned elsewhere in this work. **Mrs. Smee's** maternal grandparents, **Mr.** and **Mrs. Reed**, had a family of seven children: **Conrad**; **David**; **Jacob**; **John**; **Mary**; **Catherine**; and **Julia**.