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Jeremiah Smee, Grier Point, Perry County, Pa., was born in Perry County, November 16, 1849. He is a son of the late **Jacob** and **Sarah (Corman) Smee**. His grandfather, **George Smee**, was a native of Maryland. He came at an early date to Pennsylvania, and settled in Carroll Township, Perry County, where he engaged in farming. He was married twice. His first wife was the mother of nine children, only one of whom, **David**, is living. Those deceased are as follows: **Benjamin; Jacob; George; William; Sarah; John; Ann;** and **Rachel**. After the death of his first wife, **George Smee** married **Miss Wox**. He and his second wife both lived to a very advanced age. **Ludwig Corman**, the maternal grandfather of **Jeremiah Smee**, was born in Lancaster County, Pa. He was a laborer. He removed to Perry County, and resided in Rye Township. He married **Mary Foulk**; of their eight children, only two are living: **Eve (Mrs. L. W. Thompson)**; and **John**. Those deceased are: **Samuel**, was accidentally killed in a well; **Mary (Mrs. Watkins)**; **Elizabeth (Mrs. Jonathan Corman)**; **Hannah (Mrs. William Smith)**; **Philip**; and **Sarah (Mrs. Jacob Smee)**. **Mr. and Mrs. Corman** were consistent members of the Lutheran Church. **Mr. Corman** died in 1872, at the venerable age of ninety-one. Ten years later, in 1882, his **wife** died, having attained the same age as her husband.

Jacob Smee, the father of **Jeremiah Smee**, was born in Maryland, March 5, 1815. He was a son of **George Smee** by his first marriage. When a young man, he came to Pennsylvania, and settled in Carroll Township, Perry County. He was a plasterer, and followed that occupation as long as he was able to work. He married **Sarah**, youngest daughter of **Ludwig** and **Mary (Foulke) Corman**. They had nine children: **John T.**, died April 6, 1858; **Mary (Mrs. John Richards)**, died July 2, 1872; **Lucia Ann; Francis; Jeremiah; Rebecca (Mrs. Charles Troup); Jesse; Sarah (Mrs. Jacob Dietch)**; and **Hiram**. **Jacob Smee** and his **wife** were both members of the Lutheran Church. The former died November 2, 1866, aged fifty-one; the latter passed away in December, 1895, aged nearly seventy-six years; she was born April 27, 1820.

Jeremiah Smee received his education in the public schools of the township, which he attended until he was about nineteen. He then for a few years assisted his father at his business of plastering, and also worked at farming. Since 1871, the year of his marriage **Mr. Smee** has been chiefly occupied with farming. After cultivating the same farm for about sixteen years, he removed in 1884: to Carroll

Township, on the farm where he has ever since continued to live. He was also for a number of years engaged in post fence making. During his residence in Carroll Township, **Mr. Sme**e has held different offices. In 1892, he was elected supervisor for the term of one year. In 1895, he was inspector of elections. He is a Democrat.

On January 1, 1871, **Jeremiah Sme**e was married to **Mary Ann**, daughter of **Frederick** and **Mary Ann (Floyd) Pillard**. They have had eight children, three of whom are deceased, as follows: **Adella**, died April 12, 1878, when one year old; **Chester A.**, died April 1, 1882, aged three years; and **Charles F.**, died December 5, 1889, aged fourteen years. The others are: **Elmer H.**; **Carrie A. (Mrs. David Wetzel)**; **Clarence A.**; **Laura E.**; and **Dora M.** The family are all members of the United Brethren Church, **Mr. Sme**e being one of the most active workers in his congregation. He was steward of the church for one year. He is also zealously engaged in Sunday-school work, and was for two years superintendent of the school. He has been class leader, and still holds that office.

Samuel Floyd, the maternal grandfather of **Mrs. Jeremiah Sme**e, was a native of York County. Pa. He was for many years a maker of spinning-wheels. He died in 1866, at the age of seventy-two.

Frederick Pillard, **Mrs. Sme**e's father, was born in Saxony, Germany. When a young man, he emigrated to America, where he became a resident of Baltimore, Md. He had learned weaving, and made that his occupation for several years. **Mr. Pillard** married **Mary Ann**, daughter of **Samuel** and **Mary (Hawn) Floyd**. Their only child now living is **Mary Ann (Mrs. Jeremiah Sme**e). Those deceased are: **John**; **Charles**; **Amelia** and **Salome**.