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John Smee, Shermansdale, Perry County, Pa., was born in Perry County, March 4, 1835, son of **John** and **Elizabeth (Souder) Smee**. His paternal grandfather, **George Smee**, came from Maryland to Perry County, and settled in Carroll Township, where he engaged in farming until his death. He held the various township offices. **Mr. Smee** served in the war of 1812. He was married to **Miss Messmer**. They had ten children, one only survives, **David**. Those deceased are: **John; George; William; Benjamin; Jacob; Sallie; Rachel; Ann;** and one **infant** child. **Mr.** and **Mrs. Smee** were members of the German Reformed Church. His maternal grandfather was a native of Perry County, and a farmer. He was the father of six children. Those surviving are: **John;** and **George**. Those deceased are: **Jacob; Henry; Elizabeth;** and **Susan**.

John Smee was born in Maryland, and came with his parents to Perry County. He was in the butchering and huckstering business, and also that of agriculture. He was supervisor for many years and served in other township offices. **John Smee** was married to **Elizabeth**, daughter of **Jacob** and **Susan Souder**. Their children are: **George; Jacob; John;** and **Mary (Mrs. Theodore Jones)**, who died in 1864. **Mr. Smee** died aged seventy seven; his **wife** died at the age of eighty. **Mr. Smee** was a member of the German Reformed Church. **Mrs. Smee** was a member of the Lutheran Church.

John Smee attended the common schools until he was seventeen. He assisted his father until he was twenty-two, when he learned carpentry, serving an apprenticeship of two years with **Jacob Smee**, and being afterwards his partner for five years. On August 17, 1863, **Mr. Smee** enlisted, and was assigned to Company G, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers. He served until the close of the war, and was discharged at Alexandria, Va., June 24, 1865. While in the United States service **Mr. Smee** took part in ten battles. He was with General Grant's army in the thirty days' campaign from the "Wilderness to Cold Harbor. In the first battle of the Wilderness, he was struck by a ball, and in the engagement at Laurel Hill, he was wounded by a shell; he was in the severe fights at Spotsylvania, North Anna River, Cold Harbor, Weldon Railroad, Hatcher's Run, Bellfield, and in front of Petersburg. After the close of the war, **Mr. Smee** was employed at his trade until a few years ago, when he engaged in farming. He is a Democrat, and has served as inspector for a number of years. He is a member of Post No. 480, G. A. R., at Bloomfield.

John Smee was married January 2, 1862, to **Elizabeth**, daughter of **Jacob** and **Mary (Smith) Shatto**. Their children are: **Jacob W.**; **John W.**; and **George M. Mrs. Smee's** paternal grandfather, **Benjamin Shatto**, had a family of three sons: **Abraham**; **Jacob**; and **John**. Her maternal grandfather was a native of Perry County, and engaged in farming. He was married to **Mary Shearer**. They had ten children, only one surviving, **David**. Those deceased are: **Catharine**; **John**, died in the late war; **Susan (Mrs. Ephraim Day)**; **Elizabeth (Mrs. William Souder)**; **Frederick**; **Rebecca (Mrs. Henry Snyder)**; and **Mary M. Mr. Smith** died at the advanced age of ninety four; his **wife** died aged fifty-eight. They were members of the Evangelical Church, of which **Mr. Smith** was an office bearer.

Jacob Shatto was a native of Perry County. In early life he was a miner. His occupation for many years was farming. He was married to **Mary**, daughter of **Solomon** and **Eve Smith**. They had twelve children: those surviving are: **Susan (Mrs. Joseph Bender)**; **Elizabeth (Mrs. John Smee)**; **Isabella (Mrs. Washington Kochenderfer)**; **Samuel** and **Amos**. Those deceased are: **Catharine**; **John C.**, died in infancy; **Solomon**; **Henry**; **Abraham**; **William**; and **Mary (Mrs. Allen Hassinger)**, who died June 10, 1890, aged forty-four years. **Mr. Shatto** died November 22, 1891, aged seventy eight; his **wife** died November 1, 1893, aged seventy-seven years, six months and eighteen days. **Mr. and Mrs. Shatto** were members of the Lutheran Church.