

History of Perry County, Pennsylvania, Including Descriptions of Indian and Pioneer Life from the Time of Earliest Settlement Sketches of Its Noted Men and Women and Many Professional Men, By H. H. Hain, Harrisburg, Pa., 1922 - Hain-Moore Company, Publishers, Harrisburg, Pa.

Rev. J. E. Smiley was born near Shermansdale, February 10, 1848, the son of **Andrew B.** and **Frances (Lenhart) Smiley**. He attended the public schools, the Millerstown Normal School of Prof. Wright, and the Millersville State Normal School. He went to Ohio in 1872 and taught for a number of years. He finally located in Paulding County, Ohio, a new territory, and entered the mercantile and timber business. While there he was postmaster, railway agent, and express agent, the post office being named **Smiley**. In 1908 he began teaching in the Fairmount Bible School, at the same time taking the course himself and graduating in 1911. He continues to teach there but is also a licensed minister. He is treasurer of the Indiana Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, having filled the position for the past twelve years, on the Republican ticket. After serving his term as county treasurer, **Mr. Sowers** took up his residence at Piper City, near which place he had large landed interests, and in company with his son engaged in buying and shipping grain. There, he passed away several years ago. The business is continued by the son.

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