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Smiley Among the earliest settlers of Carroll Township, Perry County, Pennsylvania, was **George Smiley**, ensign of Colonel Frederick Watt's company in 1777. He came to Carroll Township in 1755 and on February 3rd of that year had warranted to him two hundred and twelve acres, and **William Smiley** warranted two hundred and forty-one acres on the same day. The **Smileys** took up other tracts and were long the largest land owners in the township and prominent in its early history. The name was written both **Smyley** and **Smiley**.

(I) Ensign **George Smiley** was of Scotch-Irish descent and lived prior to 1755 in York County, Pennsylvania. He came to Perry County in 1755 and accumulated a large estate. He married and had issue: **Frederick, David, George; James**, of whom further; **Elizabeth, Jane, Margaret, Mary** and **Sarah**. **Jane** married **George Barnett** and died in March, 1877, at the extreme age of ninety-three years.

(II) **James**, son of Ensign **George Smiley**, was born in Perry County, Pennsylvania, and in later life owned the farm first taken up by his father. He was a prosperous farmer and spent his life in Perry County, where he owned hundreds of acres of land. He and his wife **Martha** both died in Perry County. Children: 1. **Margaret**, married **Wilson Smiley**, both deceased. 2. **George**, a merchant and farmer, owning the homestead, died in Perry County. 3. **John**, of whom further. 4. **Twin of John**, died in infancy. 5. **Sarah**, married (first) **John McCord**, (second) **George Lease**.

(III) **John**, son of **James** and **Martha Smiley**, was born in Perry County, Pennsylvania, in 1825, died September 19, 1896. He was a well-to-do farmer, owning a good farm of over one hundred and fifty acres. He was a Republican in politics and held several local offices. Both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. He married **Sarah Eliza McBride**, born 1843, died September 30, 1910, daughter of **Matthew** (2) and **Mary (McGee) McBride** and granddaughter of **Matthew** (1) **McBride**, a blacksmith, who warranted land in Center Township, Perry County, about 1780, and on January 9, 1786, purchased one hundred and fifty acres additional. Upon this farm he erected a blacksmith shop, distillery and a tilt hammer, there manufacturing sickles. He had sons: **John, William, Samuel, Joseph, Matthew** (2), **Meredith** and **James**. **Matthew** (2) and **Meredith** settled upon the old homestead: the latter enlisted in the Union army and was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg. **Matthew** (2) died a young man, leaving a widow and three children, who afterward lived at New Bloomfield. Children: 1. **Sarah Eliza**, of previous mention, married **John Smiley**. 2. **John**, a retired carpenter of Bellingham, Washington. 3. **Samuel**, a retired farmer of New Bloomfield. Children of **John** and **Sarah E. (McBride) Smiley**: 1. **Martha Alice**, married **John L. Garman** and resides in Landisburg, Pennsylvania. 2. **Mary V.**, married **George Miller** and resides in Shirleysburg, Pennsylvania. 3. **James Meredith**, of whom further. 4. **Howard Miles** (q. v.). 5. **Sarah E.**, married **N. J. Briner** and resides in Perry County, Pennsylvania. 6. **Anna B.**, graduate of Cumberland Valley State Normal School and now a teacher in Pittsburgh.

(IV) **Dr. James Meredith Smiley**, son of **John** and **Sarah Eliza (McBride) Smiley**, was born in Perry County, Pennsylvania, February 20, 1867. He was educated at Bloomfield Academy and Cumberland Valley State Normal School, whence he was graduated, class of 1891. He taught

school for several years. He then decided on medicine as a profession, and entered Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, remaining three and a half years, when a serious illness prevented his graduation. After his recovery he went south and there entered the medical department of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee (now located at Nashville), whence he was graduated M. D., class of 1900. He began the practice of his profession in Nashville, Tennessee, remaining one year, then returning north and locating in Yeagertown, Pennsylvania, practicing alone until October, 1906, where he formed a partnership with his brother, **Dr. Howard M. Smiley**, which still continues. **Dr. Smiley** is a member of the Perry County Medical Society, and is well established as a skillful, honorable physician. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Newport, Perry County, Pennsylvania, and is an Independent in politics. He married, April 21, 1904, **Anna Johnston**, born in Mifflin.