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Alexander G. Smith, deceased, was born near New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pa., October 2, 1831. He was a son of **Daniel** and **Elizabeth (Kline) Smith**, who had seven other children: **John**; **Joseph**; and **William**, all deceased; **David**; **Samuel**; **Jackson**; and **Susanna**. **Alexander G. Smith** was educated in the schools of Loysville and of Toboyne Township; he was not fond of study, preferring manual labor. When he was a boy, his parents removed to Jackson Township, Perry County, and later to the farm now occupied by his son, **John**, where he grew to manhood. After his first marriage, he removed to the home in which his widow now resides, a farm of 119 acres, where he spent the remainder of his life. During the Civil war, he enlisted at Harrisburg, Pa., in Company B, Two Hundred and Second Pennsylvania Volunteers, and took part in many skirmishes. He was a Republican, and served his township in various offices. **Mr. Smith** was a member of Samuel Baker Post, No. 543, G. A. R., at Blain, Pa.; and always took an active part in the ceremonies of Decoration Day, and delighted to honor the memory of his departed comrades.

Alexander G. Smith was first married November 16, 1852, to **Margaret E. Beaston**. Their children are: **James A.**, born February 19, 1854, died March 18, 1879; **Emeline (Mrs. William Shields)**, of Shelby, O., born March 4, 1856; **John R.**, born December 10, 1858, resides on the homestead; **William P.**, born February 21, 1863, works in the orange groves of California; **Elmer E.**, born July 19, 1866, a farmer of Perry County; and **Eugene**, born September 18, 1872, resides in California. **Mrs. Smith** died January 30, 1874. **Mr. Smith** was married, January 19, 1875, to his second wife, **S. Jennie Trostle**. Their children are: **Ora C.**, born January 28, 1876; **Carry May**, born August 4, 1879, died August 24, 1879; **Ira L.**, born May 17, 1880, resides in Shelby, O.; and **Myrtle Gertrude**, born June 24, 1883. **Mr. Smith** was a member of the Church of God, and held the offices of deacon and elder. He was a Christian gentleman, much esteemed by all who knew him, and a devoted husband and father. He closed a good and useful life September 15, 1896. **Mrs. S. Jennie Smith** was born in Madison Township, Perry County, March 25, 1844. She is a daughter of **Andrew** and **Sarah (Kennedy) Snyder**. Her parents had nine children: **Mary Ann (Mrs. George Walton)**, of Juniata County; **S. Jennie**; **James B.**; a farmer near Shelby, O.; **David C.**, a fruit grower in Michigan; **Hannah C. (Mrs. John Kline)**, of Greenwich, O.; **William**, at home; **John R.**, a farmer of Madison Township; **Ida Sowers**; **George F.**, of Madison Township, married **Jennie Barkey**, has two children, **Arthur** and **Ethel May**, deceased; and **Elizabeth (Mrs. Grant Campbell)**, of Toboyne Township. **Mrs. Snyder** died in Madison Township, where **Mr. Snyder** now resides. **S. Jennie Snyder** was married February 22, 1870, to **Daniel Trostle**, of Madison Township. Their children are: **Harry E.**, born January 8, 1871, married **Mary Fry**, resides in Toboyne Township; and **Sarah E.**, born April 9, 1872, died in January, 1870. **Mr. Trostle** died aged about twenty three.

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