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**Amos Smith**, New Bloomfield, Pa., son of **Henry** and **Elizabeth (Markel) Smith**, was born in Centre Township, Perry County, December 7, 1832. His grandfather, **Adam Smith**, was a native of Germany, who settled in the eastern part of Pennsylvania, and served seven years in the Revolutionary war. He then became a farmer in Perry County. He was twice married; his children were: **Jacob; Daniel; Henry;** and **Benjamin**, all deceased. The maternal grandfather of **Amos Smith** was **Adam Markel**, a German, for six years a blacksmith, and later a farmer. His wife was also a native of Germany, and their children were: **George; John; Elizabeth; Sophia;** and **Susan**. **Henry Smith** was born in Perry County and was always a farmer. He married **Elizabeth**, daughter of **Adam Markel**; their children are: **Mary; Emanuel; Henry; Elizabeth; Amos; Catharine; Samuel; Sarah;** and **John**.

**Amos Smith** attended the public schools. He has followed farming all his life. He has served as school director, judge of elections, traverse juror twice, and grand juror once. Although elected justice of the peace, he declined to accept the office. He is a Prohibitionist.

**Mr. Smith** was married in February, 1861, to **Catharine**, daughter of **Benjamin** and **Susan (Powell) Rice**. He is a member of the Evangelical Associated Church, has been a class-leader, exhorter, and Sunday-school superintendent. **Mrs. Smith's** paternal grandfather was **Henry Rice**. He married **Miss Thomas**; they had twelve children, one of whom survives, **Susan (Mrs. Hinkel)**. **Benjamin Rice** was a farmer, and for eight years steward of the Perry County almshouse. He married **Susan Snyder**; their living children are: **John; Catharine; Annie; Susan; Elizabeth; Benjamin; Francis;** and **George W.**; **Henry** died aged twenty-seven. **Mr. Rice** died in May, 1878; his widow died January 25, 1887. She was a member of the Methodist Church, and her husband of the Lutheran Church.

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