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**Cyrus W. Smith**, Shermansdale, Perry County, Pa., was born February 24, 1851, in Carroll Township, not far from his present home. He is a son of **John** and **Elizabeth (Smiley) Smith**. His paternal grandfather was of Scotch-Irish descent. He was a tailor, and came from Baltimore to Perry County, where he took up land and farmed, and became one of the early settlers of the county. He had five children: **Margaret; John; Annie; Smiley;** and **William;** all deceased. He and his wife lived to an advanced age. **John Smith** was a native of Perry County and a farmer. He married **Elizabeth Smiley**, and had two sons: **Cyrus W.**; and **Elmer E.**, a farmer of Carroll Township. **John Smith** died in his sixty-sixth year, March 3, 1870. **Mrs. John Smith** was a devoted mother and an earnest Christian; she was an active worker in the church and Sunday-school. She professed her faith early in life, and all those that knew her felt the influence of her piety. Her death, which occurred in 1889, was peaceful; she was then sixty-eight years old.

**Cyrus W. Smith** attended the public schools of Shermansdale, and remained with his father until the death of the latter, which occurred when **Mr. Cyrus Smith** was in his twenty-ninth year. He continued to cultivate the homestead for four years, and then bought a small farm of Enoch Young, on which he lived for three years. In 1892, he bought his present farm of Jacob Billow. **Mr. Smith** is a Republican; he has served the township as assessor for three years, being elected in 1888, and as auditor, to which office he was elected in 1893 for three years; he is now county auditor.

**Cyrus W. Smith** was married in 1879, to **Elizabeth**, daughter of **John McAllister**. Their children are: **Cora; Charles; Blair;** and **Bessie**. **Mrs. Smith** died in February, 1890, aged thirty-five years. She was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church. **Mr. Smith** was married in 1892, to **Elizabeth**, daughter of **Peter** and **Elizabeth Shaeffer**. They have one daughter, **Grace**. **Mr.** and **Mrs. Smith** are members of the United Brethren Church. The parents of **Mr. Smith's** first wife, **Mr.** and **Mrs. McAllister**, came from Ireland, when their daughter **Elizabeth** was a child, and settled in Duncannon, Perry County. **Mr. McAllister** was an iron-worker. **John McAllister** had five children: **Mary (Mrs. Charles Detra); Martha; David; Annie;** and **Elizabeth (Mrs. Smith.)**

**Mr.** and **Mrs. Peter Shaeffer**, the parents of **Mr. Smith's** second wife, were farmers of Perry County. Their children are: **Jemima (Mrs. Trostle); Columbus; Amanda (Mrs. Trego); George; Rudolphus; Elizabeth;** and **Sarah (Mrs. Nixon Bixler).**

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