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Harvey T. Smith, who, for fifteen years has served as high constable of the borough of Curwensville, Pa., and fills other important public offices, was born April 28, 1843, in Pike Township, Clearfield County, Pa., and is a son of **John J.** and **Nancy J. Smith**, both now deceased.

Harvey T. Smith obtained his education in the old log school house known as the "Oakland." He afterward helped his father on the home farm until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he enlisted for military service, becoming a member of Co. B., 149th Pa. Vol. Inf., the famous "Bucktail" regiment. **Mr. Smith** remained in the Union army until the Rebellion was suppressed and then returned to his home to re-engage in peaceful pursuits. He has escaped all the many hazards that attend a soldier's life and came back practically unharmed. Finding profitable employment as a lumber man he went into that business and continued until he settled on his present place in Curwensville. He has a comfortable and commodious residence on McNaul Street, which he has occupied for twenty-two years.

On December 5, 1872, **Mr. Smith** was married to **Miss Annie E. Gensler**, who was born at Sharpsburg, Allegheny County, Pa., June 13, 1855, a daughter of **George** and **Nancy J. (Schriv) Gensler**. **George Gensler** was born at Newport, Perry County, Pa., and his wife at Sharpsburg. Both are now deceased, the father of **Mrs. Smith** passing away at the age of sixty-five years and the mother when aged seventy-two years, his burial being at Curwensville and hers in Tioga County. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal and Lutheran Church respectively. **Mrs. Smith** is one of a family of nine children, six of whom are living. To **Mr.** and **Mrs. Smith** seven children were born, namely: **Percy E.**, who married **Edith Daugherty**, is in the ice and coal business and is constable of the Second Ward, and they have three children—**Harold**, **Lee** and **Merl W.**; **Clarence B.**, (who served in the Spanish American war, in Battery B, 4th Artillery) resides at Du Bois, married **Mary Jordan**, a daughter of **Reuben Jordan**, of Rockton, Pa., and they have four children—**Otto**, **Ralph**, **Nellie** and **Annie**; **Oliver F.**, whose residence adjoins his father's at Curwensville, married **Tensie Johnson**, and they have had five children—**Raymond**, **Chester**, **Katie B.**, **Frederick B.** and **Dewey**, deceased; **Katherine**, who died at the age of thirteen years, and is interred in Oak Hill Cemetery; **Eugene F.**, who served in the Spanish-American War, in Co. L, 5th Pa. Vol. Inf., was accidentally killed afterward, when at work, his young life being taken when he was but twenty-one years of age **Alice I.**, who is the wife of **Fred McKenzie**, lives across the street from her father, and they have two sons—**Eugene** and **Harvey L.**; and **Harvey, Jr.**, who is a student at Curwensville. **Mr.** and **Mrs. Smith** are members of the Presbyterian Church. He has been identified with the Republican Party ever since he became a voter and has been a very active and useful citizen. He is a member of the Board of Health at Curwensville and is serving as a jury commissioner. For many years he has been an Odd Fellow and has been through the chairs of the local lodge and belongs to the Encampment at Clearfield, and is a member also of the Red Men. He served as street commissioner sixteen years and at present is not employed.

