

Commemorative Biographical Encyclopedia of The Juniata Valley, comprising the Counties of Huntingdon, Mifflin, Juniata and Perry, Pennsylvania. 1897, J. M. Runk and Company, Publishers, Chambersburg, PA

**JOHN L. SMITH**, Falling Springs, Perry County, Pa., was born in Perry County, June 4, 1861. He is a son of **H. F.** and **Catharine (Kochenaur) Smith**. His paternal grandfather, **A. P. Smith**, carpenter and shoemaker, is eighty-four years old and resides in Perry County. **Mr. A. P. Smith** was married to **Catherine Fry**. They have eight children: **H. F.**; **John C.**; **Samuel B.**; **Susan (Mrs. Josiah Hertzell)**; **Elizabeth (Mrs. George W. Palmer)**; **Sarah (Mrs. Abraham Kitner)**, deceased; and **Catherine**, deceased. **Mrs. A. P. Smith** died December 7, 1894, aged eighty one. She was a member of the Church of God, to which **Mr. Smith** still belongs. **John L. Smith's** maternal grandfather, **Peter Kochenaur**, spent his life in farming. He married **Miss Bair**. Only six of their children are living: **Daniel**; **John**; **Peter**; **Washington**; **Catherine**; and **Martha (Mrs. Thomas Shearer)**. **Mr. Smith's** parents were natives of Perry County. **His father**, a mason and bricklayer, was a successful business man, and from a laborer became a contractor. He was interested in township affairs and served as supervisor and as judge of elections. He was frequently drawn as a juror. He was married to **Catherine**, daughter of **Peter** and **Catherine Kochenaur**. Their children are: **Annie (Mrs. Oliver Schaeffer)**; **John L.**; **Mary (Mrs. Samuel Keiner)**; **Henry**; **Samuel**; **Elizabeth (Mrs. Kochenderfer)**; **Nora**; **Curtis**; and **Catherine**, who died in March, 1890. **Mr. Smith** and his wife are members of the Church, of God. They reside at Landisburg, Perry County.

**John L. Smith** received his education in the district schools of his native township. He remained at home, learning fanning with his father until he was twenty-one, when he began farming for himself. Industrious and thrifty, he saved money, and in 1895 purchased from his father the farm on which he now resides. **Mr. Smith** is a member of the Republican Party.

**John L. Smith** was married October 11, 1888, to **Margaret**, daughter of **George** and **Hannah (Page) Shoop**. They have six children: **Henry F.**; **Mase**; **Elmer E.**; **Curtis A. C.**; **John L.**; and **Katie E.**, died at the age of one year, one month and thirteen days. **Mrs. Smith's** parents were natives of Perry County. Her father, **George Shoop**, spent his life in the cultivation of the soil. He was married to **Hannah**, daughter of **Joseph Page**. They had two children: **Ellen (Mrs. Joseph Adams)**; and **Margaret (Mrs. John L. Smith)**. **Mr. Shoop's** widow resides in Centre Township, Perry County.