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Jonas Smith, Newport, Pa., was born in Perry County, November 9, 1818. His grandfather, **Peter Smith** (1), a farmer, was born and lived in Berks County, Pa. His brother, **Martin Smith**, was a Revolutionary soldier. **Peter Smith** (2), father of **Jonas Smith**, was born and reared in Berks County, where he died. He married **Margaret Lesh**; their only surviving children are: **Jonas**; **Daniel**; and **Margaret**. **Mr. Smith** was a Democrat. He died in Perry County. He was a member of the Reformed Church.

Jonas Smith attended both subscription and public schools. He learned shoemaking, but relinquished it for farming. In 1842, he married **Mary Ann Bender**, of Cumberland County, Pa. He has always been a staunch Democrat. He is a member of the Reformed Church. His children are: **William H.**, died at Newport; **Lewis**, on the home farm; and **Jacob**, died young.

Jonas Smith served in the late war, being enrolled November 2, 1862, in **Capt. Henry Charles** Company E, One Hundred and Seventy-third Pennsylvania Drafted Militia, and was honorably discharged June 19, 1863, at Norfolk, Va., by reason of disability. **Jonas Smith** died January 7, 1897, in his seventy-ninth year. His wife, **Margaret Ann Smith**, born May 5, 1820, died March 21, 1897.

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