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Michael Smith, Newport, Pa., was born February 26, 1827. His grandfather, **Wendal Smith**, was born and reared in Berks County, Pa., married **Barbara Heberling**, removed to Perry County, and settled on the old homestead about ninety years ago. For fifteen years before his death he was blind, and his grandson, **Michael**, when five years old, led him about by the hand. He was one of the foremost men of the county. He died aged seventy-five years.

Michael Smith, Sr., born in Berks County, Pa., came with his parents to Perry County in 1806. After reaching manhood he settled on a part of the **Wilson** farm, which is now owned by his son, **Michael**. He was a Democrat. He first married **Catharine Lenig**; their children are: **Elizabeth; David; Michael; Jacob; Catherine; Julia;** and **Barbara**. **Mrs. Smith** died, and **Mr. Smith** married **Elizabeth Fickes**, widow of **Mr. Brown**. **Mr. Smith** died in 1844; his wife, 1884. He was a member of the Lutheran Church.

Michael Smith attended subscription and public schools. He worked at home until his father's death, after which, remaining on the farm with his four sisters, he became the support of the family. At his majority, he bought the homestead farm, and has cultivated it ever since. In 1858, he married **Miss Harriet Crist**, of New Bloomfield. His children are: **Newton Kurtz;** and **Annie E. Mr. Smith**, formerly a Republican, is now a Prohibitionist. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

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