

Adam Francis Smith (1865 – 1911)

I was handed down items from Adam Francis Smith and felt compelled to investigate his life's journey. He was born March 29, 1865, on his Father's farm in Mount Pleasant Township near Mount Rock, now called Centennial Pennsylvania, the same farm his father Pius Stanislaus Smith (1822 – 1883) was born and later owned. He was the youngest of seven children, all of them males. His Grandfather Joseph Smith (1788/89 – 1863) was born in Allemagne Germany and fought on the American side of the war of 1812.

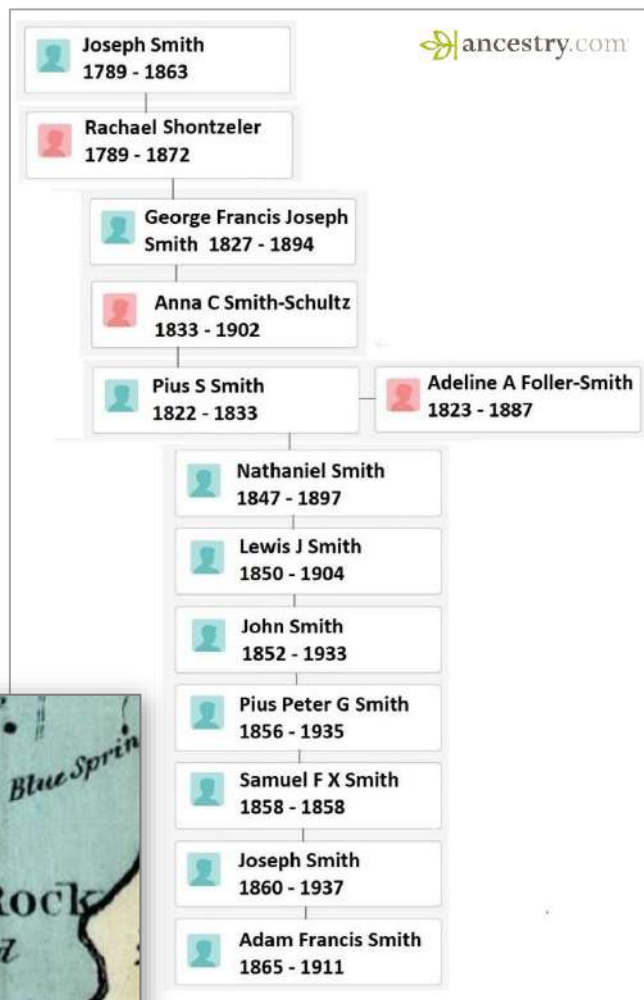
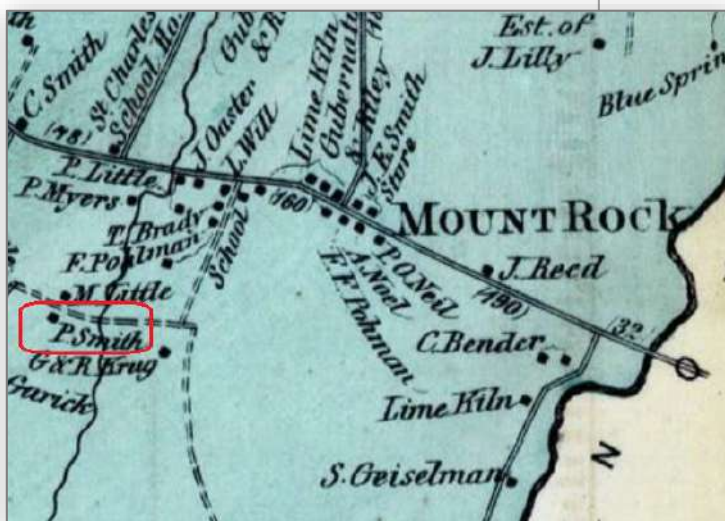
The **1870** Census mimics the 1872 Mount Pleasant Adams County Pennsylvania map where it shows Michael and Barbara Little and William and Agnes Krug as farming neighbors to Pius S. Smith (Carpenter) and his family. Another close neighbor, Samuel and Agnes Little where he was a professional Mason.

Adam had just turned four years old so was not in school. His three older brothers (John, Pius P, Joseph) were enrolled. Nathaniel followed his father into carpentry business while Lewis at the age of twenty was reported as living at home. Mary Ann Foller (age 55) was listed as living with the family. She is the aunt of Adam and the sister of his mother, Adaline Foller Smith. When she passed, she was buried at Conewago where a year or more later Pius Peter and Laura Smith would bury their infant Annie Elizabeth.

Many of the neighboring family names are still nearby today. Surnames of Pohlman, Lawrence, Myers, Weaver, and many others.

By the **1880** Census, Adam was 15 years of age and no

longer in school but helping and working at their Mount Rock / Mount Pleasant Township home. His brother Joseph (19) and Pius Peter (23) are living with the family as well and helping with the farm. John appears to have followed his older brother Nathaniel and father Pius Stanislaus (58) into the Carpentry profession. Adaline is home helping with the farm; her sister no longer lives with them while they now have Susan Gallagher (29) living with them and is listed as a servant. Families that did not have any daughters very often had house cleaners that helped with the house chores and cooking.



Courtesy photo from Paul Smith



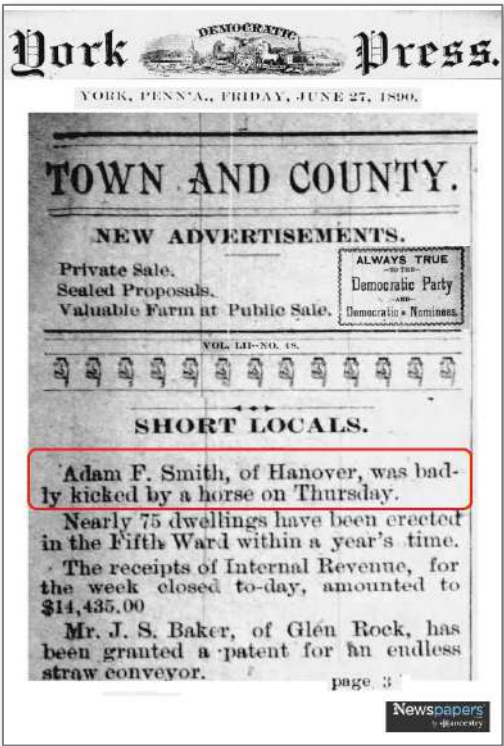
Adam Francis Smith
1865 - 1911

Susan replaced Mary Ann Foller, and her surname is often spelt in many different ways. The Gallagher surname ranks in the top [surnames in Ireland](#), and there are some thirty-plus variations of this Irish last name. The family name has a long and deep history in the Mount Rock (Centennial) area. The only other Susan Gallagher reference found is her participation in an 1883 baptism service for Adams brother Nathaniel and wife Louisa Ginter-Smith. She served with Adam as a witness to Nathaniel's & Luisa's fourth child, [Phillip Francis Joseph "Felix" Smith](#) at the Sacred Heart Conewago church.

In 1887, Adam and the daughter of his uncle George, [Agnes](#) Smith-Redding, were the official witnesses to the marriage of Pius Peter and Laura Lawrence-Smith's February 20th Sacred Heart church wedding.

The [1890 Census data was mostly lost to a major 1921 fire](#) so there is limited information available. This is well documented and contains many questions, complaints and conspiracy theories about accuracy and fraud. New York State officials were accused of bolstering census numbers, and the intense business competition between Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota, resulted in at least nineteen indictments against Minneapolis businessmen for allegedly adding more than 1,100 phony names ("First in the Path of the Firemen | National Archives")

In the York Democratic Press social news section of June 27, 1890, it has a Newspaper report of Adam F. Smith of Hanover being badly kicked by a Horse! Soon thereafter he moves to Reading Pennsylvania and takes up residence for the next eight plus years.



By 1891 Adam had moved to Reading Pennsylvania and joined the local Bartenders Union and remained a member through the rest of his life. He first moved to 402 North 6th Street and is documented as a Bartender in the local directory. His residence appears to have been a boarding house near the active main train station (see picture & maps).



In 1900, the Reading Shops began construction along the Reading yards and North 6th Street, facilitating the maintenance and construction of locomotive and rolling stock fleet, and completed 4 years later.



By the next year Adam moves to George Romig's Continental Hotel at 341-345 North 9th Street where he becomes a Clerk and Bartender and listed in the Reading City Directory from **1891 through 1900**. The Census report for **1900** lists him as residing at the Continental and as the clerk / bartender. This move confuses the Postal Office, and a letter is listed as undeliverable by the Reading Times Newspaper. In their August 18th, 1891, issue they report the undeliverable letter notifying all and that he has two weeks to pick up his mail or it will be returned to sender.

Further investigation is needed to understand why Adam moved to Reading. Who was he close to there that prompted him to come to Reading? Proably due to relatives since so many from the Adams County area residents came from or had relatives in the Reading / Burks County area. In one letter he mentions family, but a specific connection or member cannot be determined at this time. He also became a Bartender and joined the Reading Bar Tenders Union.

In **1899** Adam either bought or received a ticket to go to the Reading Liederkrantz February 7th which is a German American social club. It was one of eleven local German organizations in the late 1800's, organized by eight Germans as a German Singing Society in Bowman's Hall, North Tenth Street, Reading, Pennsylvania, on **July 23, 1885**.

For the first seventeen years the singers practiced in rented facilities throughout Reading. Finally on March 26, 1902, property at 833-835 Chestnut Street was purchased. In 1909 the building was razed, and a new clubhouse was built, designed to be a singing hall. The new building was dedicated on the 5th Sangerfest of the United Singers of Pennsylvania, **June 1910**. ("Club History — Reading Liederkrantz") The Chestnut Street building was the club's home for the next 88 years. In **1990** the current property was bought at 143 Spook Lane.

Translated, the ticket reads Ninth Big or Great Masked Ball of Reading Liederkrantz, Tuesday 7, February **1899** in the harmony Men's Choir Ball Complimentary Ticket for Sir or Mr. Adam Smith.

The [Reading Liederkrantz](#) is still open today with a highly active schedule of events.



See Fourth Page.

Reading Times

READING, PA., TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 18, 1891.

Letter List.

LETTER LIST.—Following is the list of letters remaining in the Reading, Berks county, Pa., Post Office, for the week ending Aug. 17, 1891. Persons applying for these letters will please mention that they are advertised in the **READING TIMES**.

To obtain any of these letters the applicant must call for "Advertised Letters," giving the date of the list.

If not called for within two weeks they will be sent to the Dead Letter Office.

The persons whose names are hereby advertised should leave their addresses at the Post Office, so that their letters may be delivered by carriers.

LADIES' LIST.	
Bean, Miss Laura Boone, Miss Kate Comstock, Mrs Theo Diefenderfer, Mrs Thos Freyfeart, Mrs Clara Gillian, Mrs James Gable, Mrs S A M Hoover, Miss Sue E D Kline, Miss Lizzie M	King, Miss Anna Mickley, Mrs Sarah Stine, Miss Susie Thompson, Miss Agnes L Unfrist, Mrs Sarah Weiger, Miss Annie Weirner, Mrs
GENTLEMEN'S LIST.	
Anderson, E S Albert, G T Beeber, Wm L Boni, Andria Duglass, W W Feihoff, Geo Dreher, Luke Durang, Capt Eberle, Louis Eyninger, Robert Geary, Dan Hoffmaster, Jacob L Hinckle, David Hartung, Valantine Kota, Wawzyneec Kusellowitz, A Lamm, David Maurer, Frank McGuire, Patrick Martin, Chas	Nye, A C Rightmeyer, Wm A Reigel, W A Rowe, Harvey Renninger, Frank Sheaffer, Joseph Samuels, L Speckelt, John F Smith, Adam F Semis, S Souder, Samuel Seckinger, W W Troxel, Wm Tobias, Edward Vickery, H S Wilson, Choracl Wagner, S E Waltz, C Zeigler, Geo
FOREIGN LETTERS.	
Aulin, Schiller Gniotozynska, Antonina Higeb, Hedvzej Kernn, Franz Staniezewski, Josef	
LIST OF THIRD CLASS MATTER.	
None.	
LIST OF FOURTH CLASS MATTER.	
None.	



In the 1900 Census taken on June 9th, Adam is reported to be living and employed as Bartender / Clerk at Reading's Continental Hotel. This is a significant hotel near the Railroad Terminal on Ninth Street. He reports that he has been working full-time for the last 12 months. This Census shows Forty-seven more people are registered at the hotel as boarders which includes two male hostlers (horse carers) and seven women servants who are mostly young and single.

In September of 1902 Adam writes twice from Reading to his Brother Pius Peter back in the Mount Pleasant / Mt Rock area. These letters are exceedingly difficult to read due to the handwriting, phonetic spelling, language / accent, and pure age of the letters. They are written on the Hotel Lafayette's letter paper with the proprietor's name of C. M. Weber crossed out.



Reading Railroad Served Reading to Gettysburg

The Lafayette's Landlord C. M. Weber, was arrested in December of 1900 for selling liquor to minors, selling it on Sunday and on election day and finally selling it to intoxicated persons. Both the Bartender and General Manager provided police statements, but neither were Adam Smith. The charge was later thrown out of court in March of 1901. We do not know if on this trip to Reading, if Adam stayed at the Hotel Lafayette, or did he just use their writing paper?

ADAMS COUNTY NEWS
PUBLISHED SATURDAYS
N.W. Corner Centre Square, Gettysburg
Times and News Publishing Company
W. L. Avere Hafer
Sec'y & Treas.
Philip R. Bikle,
President and Editor.

NEW OXFORD
 New Oxford, Feb. 18—Clayton H. Myers, who has been very sick the past few weeks, is not improving

Adam Smith, bar-tender at Hotel Oxfod, has resigned his position and has returned to his home at Mt. Rock.

FEBRUARY 19 1910.
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A few takeaways from his writings include mentioning family in the Reading area but it is inconclusive as to who that is directly. Adam in his letters asks about Pius Peter's wife, children and their [Uncle George](#). He talks of his life in Reading and the [Reading Coal Strike of 1902](#). The strike affected many and he has difficulty finding work and may go off to Philadelphia for employment. It was a bloody strike and President Theodore Roosevelt intervened as a neutral arbitrator. Adam mentions local family and the local Hospital being full and boarding costs. [\[Adam's letters are included here below\]](#).

By the 1890's Train travel was extremely popular and common. People could travel from the Hanover area to Philadelphia and return late the same day. Adam occasionally traveled back and forth from Reading to Mount Pleasant. He remained remarkably close to his Brother Pius Peter who by then owned their father's farm.

Adam likely attended the funeral of his brother's wife, Laura Lawrence-Smith who passed March 9, 1909. Since he was Pius Peter's witness at his wedding, corresponded from Reading a few times, it is probable he

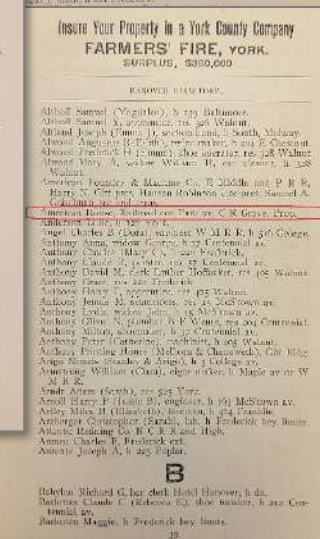
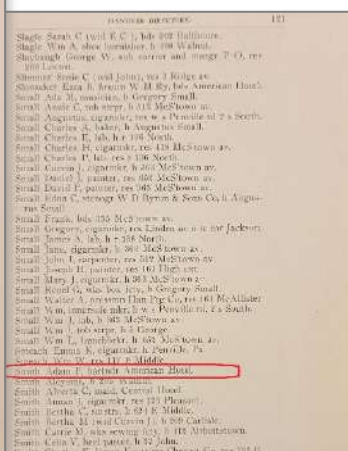
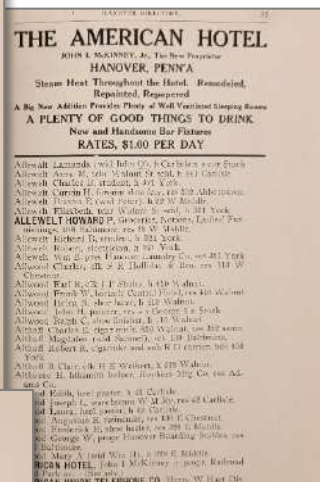
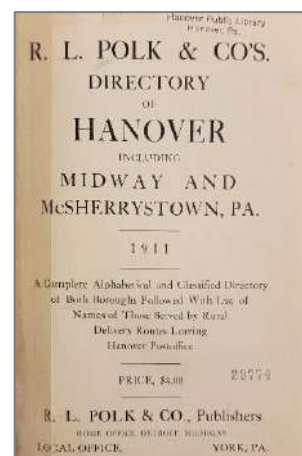
Laura M Lawrence-Smith



visited and stayed in the area to console his brother and his family. Laura's documented cause of death was epileptic convulsions which is a common somatic comorbidity with emphysema. It is just speculation, but he probably returned home when his Uncle George passed away on April 15th 1894.

1910 – Adam stayed in the Adams County area and was working at the Oxford Hotel in New Oxford (Adams County). No Census information was found for Adam’s specific residence or location, but it is recorded in a couple of publications (**2-19-1910**) that Adam resigned from his Bartender / Clerk job at the Hotel Oxford (New Oxford PA) and moved back home to Mount Rock (Centennial), now his brother’s farm. He was replaced at the Oxford Hotel by [David Henry Fink](#) (1858 – 1932) who was the former Adams County Commissioner.

Later in **1910**, it appears Adam began living and working as a Bartender at John I. McKinney's, The American Hotel, located next to the Hanover Train Station. He is listed in the R L Polk & Company's **1911** Hanover Directory which was probably prepared in 1910. He later moved to the Ocker House in Littlestown where a Trolley line called the "The "Hanover Fast Line" (1908 – 1938/48) was flourishing connecting local residents with McSherrystown, Hanover and York.



He moved again and this time to the Ocker House, a hotel in the center of Littlestown that was originally built in 1848 and named the Barker House or Central Hotel.

1911, New Year's Morning & Obituary – Adam F. Smith bar clerk at the Ocker House in Littlestown died suddenly Sunday January 1st, **1911**, of heart attack, he was 45 years old. He arose Sunday morning in the best of health and attended church.


On returning to the hotel, as he was passing up the stairway to his room, he was stricken, and carried to his room in an unconscious condition where he expired minutes later.

The deceased was a son of the late Pius S. Smith of Mt. Pleasant township. He was a member of [Hanover Aerie of Eagles](#) and also of the Bar Tenders' Union of Reading. He was employed for several years at Hotel Oxford, New Oxford, and later at the

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LITTLESTOWN ADAMS COUNTY, PA. JANUARY 7 1911 VOL. XXIII

NEWS RECORDINGS OF LITTLESTOWN AND THE VICINITY

Adam F. Smith Dies Suddenly After Returning from Church.

Adam F. Smith, bar clerk at the New Ocker House, this place, died suddenly at 11 a. m. Sunday, of heart disease, aged about 45 years. Mr. Smith arose Sunday morning in the best of health, and attended the early Mass at St. Aloysius' church. On returning to the hotel, as he was passing up the stairway to his room, he was stricken, and carried to his room in an unconscious condition, where he expired a few minutes later. He was a son of the late Pius Smith, of Mt. Pleasant township. He was a member of Hanover Aerie of Eagles and also of the Bar Tenders' Union, Reading. He was employed for several years at Hotel Oxford, New Oxford, and later at the American House, Hanover. He is survived by three brothers—John Smith, of Gettysburg; Pius P., of Mt. Rock, and Joseph F. Smith, of Hanover. Funeral on Wednesday, January 4; services and interment at Conewago Chapel at 9 a. m., Rev. Germanus Kohl officiating.

American House, Hanover. He is survived by his three brothers, John Smith of Gettysburg, Pius P. Smith of Mt. Rock, and Joseph F. Smith of Hanover. The Funeral was on Wednesday, January 4th, services, and interment at Conewago Chapel at 9 am with Rev. Germanus Kohl officiating.

Shortly thereafter there are legal notices announcements of Pius Peter Smith appointed as Adam's legal custodian and estate administrator of all his belongings starting just after his passing with a final notice in December of 1911.

GETTYSBURG TIMES.

Gettysburg, Pa. Saturday, December 16, 1911 Price Two Cents

Auditor's Notice

The undersigned Auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Adams County to make distribution of the balance in the hands of Pius P. Smith, Administrator of the estate of Adam F. Smith, late of the Township of Mount Pleasant, Adams County, Dec'd, will sit at his office, Masonic Building, Borough of Gettysburg, Pa., at 10.30 A. M. on Wednesday the 20th, day of December, 1911, for the purpose of his appointment, when and where all persons interested may appear.

ROBERT E. WIBLE, Auditor.

ADAMS COUNTY INDEPENDENT LITTLESTOWN

JANUARY 14 1911.

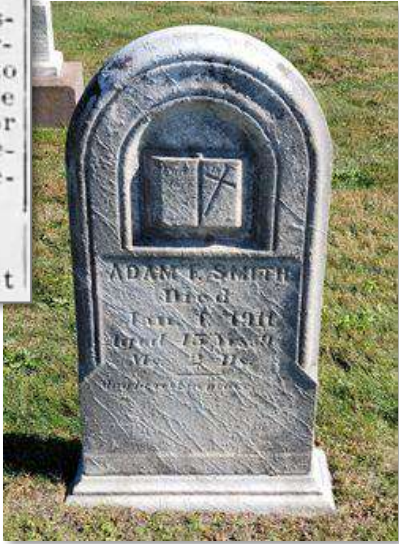
ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Adam F. Smith, late of Mt. Pleasant Twp., Adams County, Pa., Deceased.

Letters of administration on said estate having been granted to undersigned all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payment and those having claims or demands against the same, will present them without delay for settlement to the undersigned.

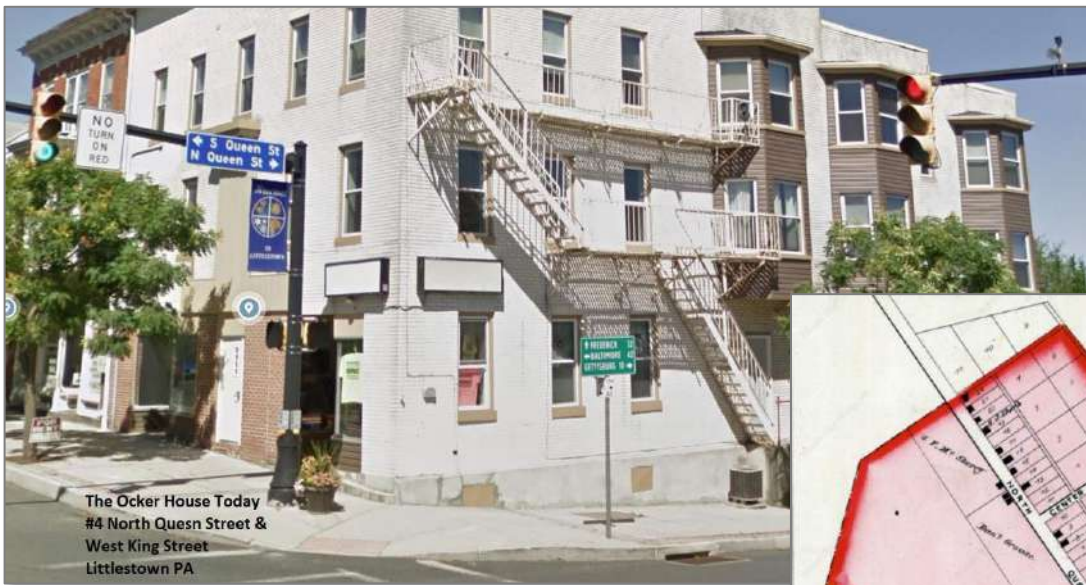
PIUS P. SMITH, Admr.
Littlestown, R. D. No. 3.
Ehrehart & Bange, Attys. 1.14.6t

Thanks to P. Smith, we now have photo identifying Adam. Also, some believe the formal Devil Den's portrait of Pius Peter and his wife Laura, include Adam F. Smith. These two brothers were very close. ([click here](#))

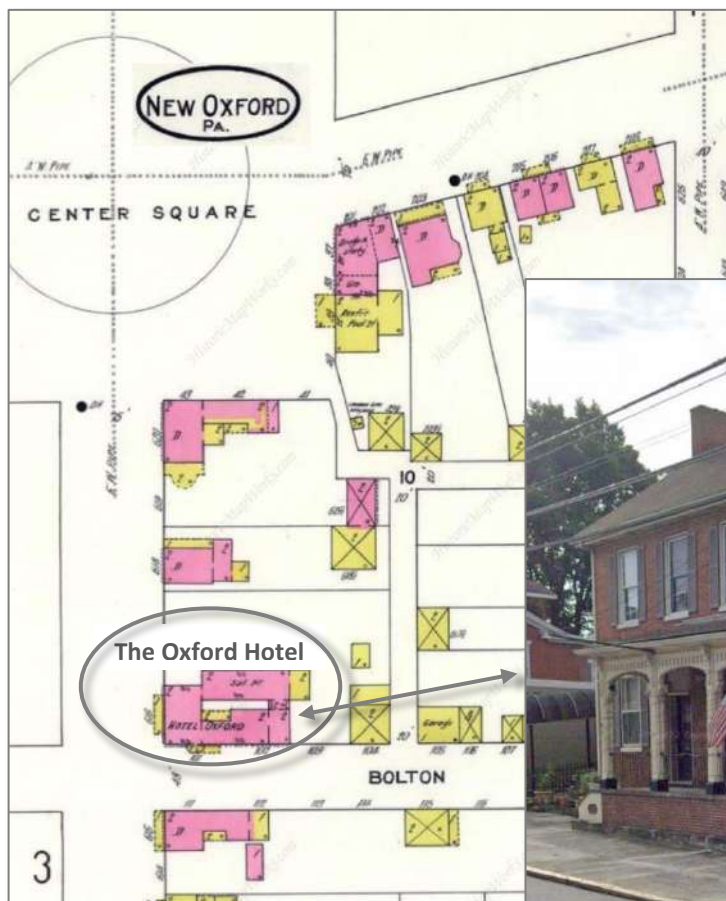
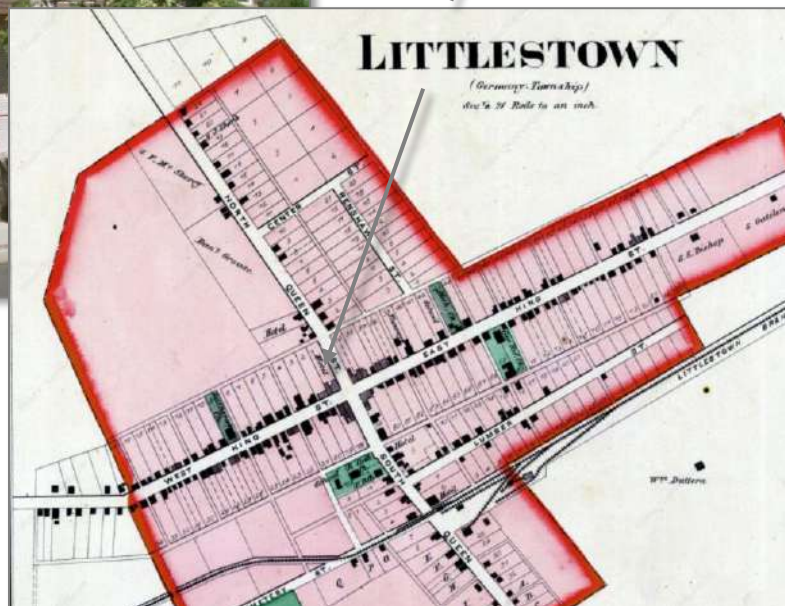


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Reference Materials Follow



The Ocker House Center
 Littlestown Square
 (Formerly the Central Hotel)



The Oxford Hotel
 #7 Lincoln Way West
 & Bolton Street
 as it looks today

Form V. S. No. 5-50M-9-12-10.

1. PLACE OF DEATH.
 County of Adams
 Township of Littlestown Pa
 or Borough of
 City of

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.
 Registration District No. 107
 Primary Registration District No. 1007

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
 BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
 File No. 6377
 Registered No. 1

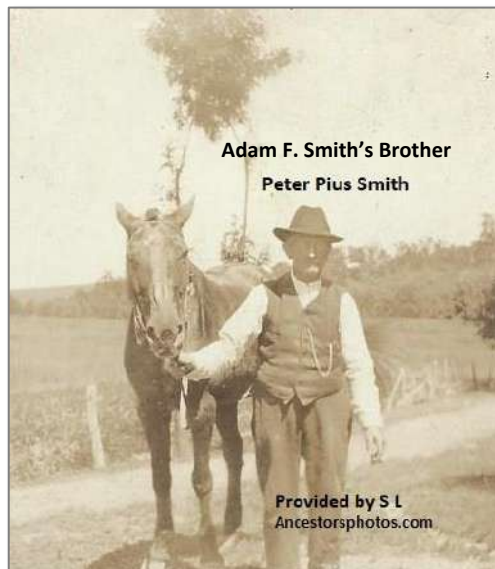
2. FULL NAME Adam F. Smith

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS
 3. SEX male
 4. COLOR OR RACE white
 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Single
 6. DATE OF BIRTH March 29 1861 (Month) (Day) (Year)
 7. AGE 45 yrs. 9 mos. 2 ds. (If LESS than 1 day how many hrs. or min.)
 8. OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Bartender
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)
 9. BIRTHPLACE (State or Country) Port Pleasant Shipton
 10. NAME OF FATHER Pius P. Smith
 11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country) Penn
 12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Amelia Scholer
 13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country) Port Pleasant Pa
 14. THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.
 (Informant) Mr Pius P. Smith
 (Address) Littlestown Pa
 15. Filed January 2 1911. Ad H. L. ... Local Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
 16. DATE OF DEATH Jan 1 1911 (Month) (Day) (Year)
 17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Jan 1 1911, to Jan 1 1911, that I last saw him alive on Jan 1 1911, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 11:30 A.M. The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:
Angina pectoris
cardiacitis
10 minutes (Duration) yrs. 203 ds.
 Contributory (specify) (Duration) yrs. 203 mos. 203 ds.
 (Signed) H. S. ... M. D.
 18. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For transient residents, state the date of arrival in the place of death) At place of death, yrs. 10 mos. 203 ds. In the State, yrs. 10 mos. 203 ds.
 Where was disease contracted, If not at place of death, Former or usual residence.
 19. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Canawago Chapel DATE OF BURIAL January 4 1911
 20. UNDERTAKER John H. ... ADDRESS Littlestown Pa

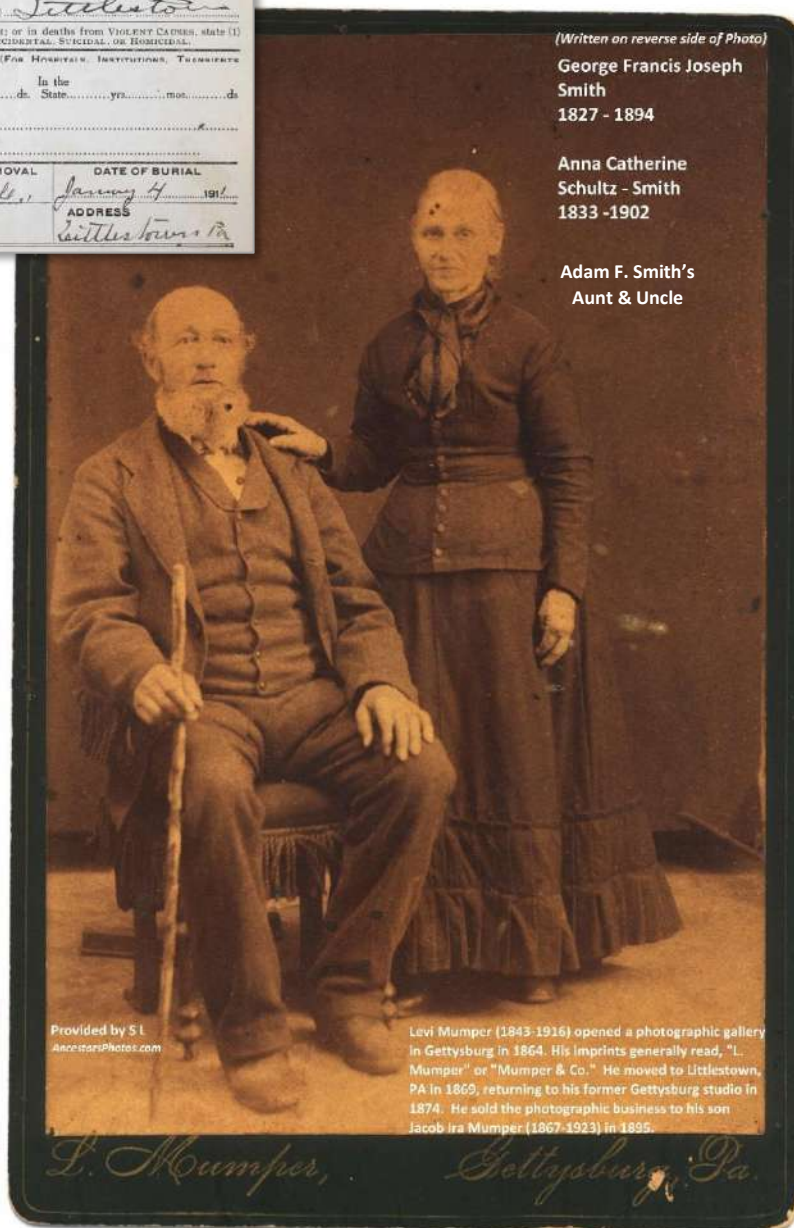
Adam Francis Smith Death Certificate

March 30, 1861
January 1, 1911



Adam F. Smith's Brother
Peter Pius Smith

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AncestorsPhotos.com



(Written on reverse side of Photo)

George Francis Joseph
Smith
1827 - 1894

Anna Catherine
Schultz - Smith
1833 - 1902

Adam F. Smith's
Aunt & Uncle

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Levi Mumper (1843-1916) opened a photographic gallery in Gettysburg in 1864. His imprints generally read, "L. Mumper" or "Mumper & Co." He moved to Littlestown, PA in 1869, returning to his former Gettysburg studio in 1874. He sold the photographic business to his son Jacob Ira Mumper (1867-1923) in 1895.

L. Mumper, Gettysburg, Pa.

Devil's Den Photo with Pius Peter, Laura and Others...

According to Gettysburg historians, this classic J. I. Mumper (1843 – 1916) portrait photo was taken around 1998. Pius Peter and Laura M Lawrence-Smith are identified with writing on the reverse side. This portrait was given to three different families.

For years after the Civil War the Gettysburg Battlefield was quite popular with locals and visiting Tourist for touring around and in their Sunday's best outfits. Photographer's would set up at their designated spots and offer to take and deliver photos

for an average of 50 cents. This price was very competitive compared to what it would cost to visit an in-house studio. Thus, tourist both local and far away, would tour around the Battlefield and the photographers would be standing at their designated spots offering their services for a fair price to take their picture.



The Government started to license Photographers to specific battlefield locations to take formal pictures starting in 1895. They would have to rotate so all the photographers had opportunities at the best locations.

The Devil's Den site and a few others quickly became a very popular places so now licensed photographers had these designated picture taking places.

Historians point out that this photo is of close relatives, and not two different or random parties jumping into one picture to maximize cost savings or photographer's revenue.



So, could the relative in this picture include Pius Peter's brother, Adam F. Smith? Hopefully over time we can find other pictures of Adam and confirm...

[BACK](#)



THE BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

"CONEWAGO CHAPEL"

EDGE GROVE, ADAMS COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA

DEATH AND BURIAL RECORDS
1752 — 1979

SMITH, Pius S. d 10/6/1883

Adeline w/o Pius d 12/5/1887 a 64y 5m 7d

Adam d 1/1/1911 a 45y 9m 2d

Samuel F. E. s/o Pius S. and Adeline E. b 6/1/1858 d 7/21/1858
a 1m 20d

B/28/G6

B/28/G7

B/28/G8

A/21/G2

SMITH, LOUIS JOSEPH

d.d. 5/25/1904

d.b. 5/27/1904

Mt. Rock

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a.d. 54 years, 18 days

Son of Pius and Adeline Smith

error

b	-	born	ABBREVIATIONS
d	-	died	
g	-	grave	
y	-	years	
m	-	months	
d	-	days	
STAR.	-	Starner Cemetery Records of the	
C.C.D.R.-	-	Conewago Chapel Death Record	
Vet.	-	Veterans organizations record	
Reily	-	John T. Reily	
m/t	-	married to	
c/o	-	children of	
d/o	-	daughter of	
w/o	-	wife of	
h/o	-	husband of	
WW-1	-	World War 1 Veteran	
WW-2	-	World War 2 Veteran	

FNAME	MNAME	LNAME	Birth M	Birth D	Birth Y	Death M	Death D	Death Y	Inter M	Inter D	Inter Y	Vet	Priest-Etc	Sec	Lot #	Grave #
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1911
Die 1 Jan. Obiit Adam Smith son of
Pius Smith & Emeline Smith age
44 years, 9 months & 2 days.
Sepulchus est die 3 Jan. 1911. her -
E. Kohl,

PART 1
BAPTISMS

A

NAME OF CHILD Name of Parents	BIRTH DATE	BAPTISM DATE Name of Sponsor	REGISTER	CELEBRANT
SMITH, FRANCIS (Adam) Pius & Adeline Faller Smith	3-29-1865	4-1-1865 Francis & Mary Pohlman	III-42	JBC
FINK, PIUS JEROME William & Margaret Smith Fink	2-13-1863	2-15-1863 Pius & Adeline Em. Smith	III-35	JBC

Conewago Sacred Heart Church Records

Adam F. Smith is a witness to his brother Pius Peter and Laura Lawrence’s 1887 Wedding

THE BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
"CONEWAGO CHAPEL"
EDGE GROVE, ADAMS COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
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Adams County , Pennsylvania

Marriages 1883-1940

First Name	Date	Witnesses
Regina	8/18/1908	Francis Klunk & Rhoda Miller
Margaret Agnes	1/8/1938	David S. Baker & Marie G. Groft
Bertha M.	2/28/1924	Louis Smith & Gertrude Weaver
Grace	1/6/1914	Allen Brashers & Bertha Groft
Clara M.	5/8/1894	Francis P. Ackerman & Sarah A. Smith
Anna M.	5/27/1930	Bernard G. Smith & Helen C. Keagy
N. Evelyn	6/6/1927	Willis E. Smith & Mary E. Adams
Mary J.	4/21/1889	Joseph & Catherine Kellenberger
Genevieve Mary	7/29/1919	William Smith & Anna Lawrence
Martha	1/7/1890	Joseph Grunninger & Mary Jane Shorb
Claudine A.	10/19/1935	Bernard Smith & Mary Rose Smith
Mary Ann	10/21/1883	Linus Lawrence & Louisa A. Smith
Laura L.	2/20/1887	Adam F. & Agnes Smith
Ruth Viola	8/23/1931	Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Smith
Catherine	5/20/1884	Francis Klunk & Mary Schrader

Smith	Maurice J.	md.	Adams
Smith	Oliver A.	md.	Kellenberger
Smith	Paul	md.	Lawrence
Smith	Peter	md.	Shorb
Smith	Philip	md.	Neiderer
Smith	Pius	md.	Miller
Smith	Pius P.	md.	Lawrence
Smith	Ray Francis	md.	Lemmon
Smith	Samuel A.	md.	Clunk

Agnes Smith would go on to marry William Redding. The witnesses for her wedding were her brother George and the groom’s sister, Caroline. These two would then be married 9 years later!

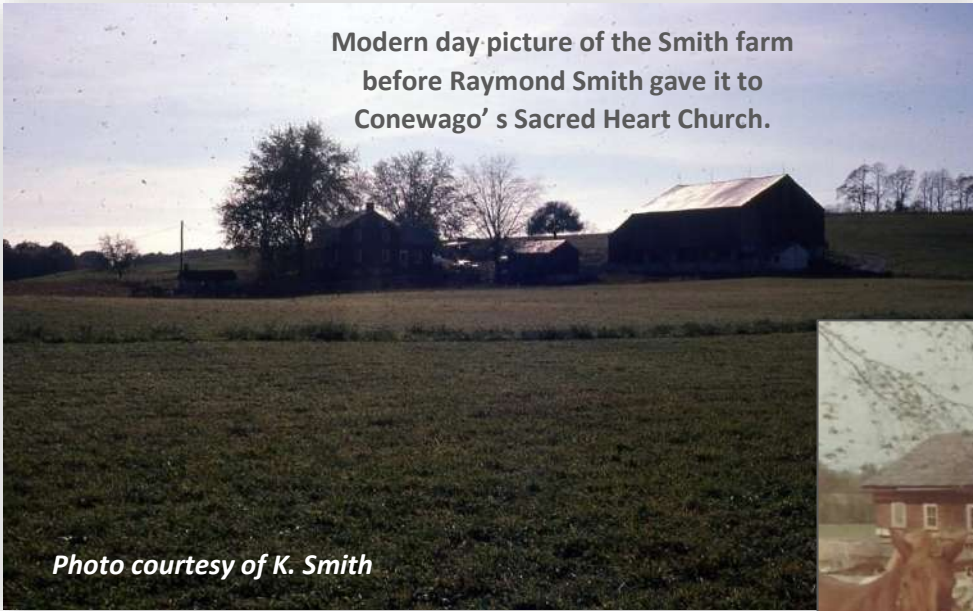


Photo courtesy of K. Smith

Raymond Cyril Smith
(1902 – 1990)



Pennsylvania > Berks > Reading Ward 09 > District 0075

1994

SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

213 A

Supervisor's District No. 7 } Sheet No. 9
 Enumeration District No. 75 }

Township or other division of county

Name of Institution.

Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division.

Ward of city. — 4

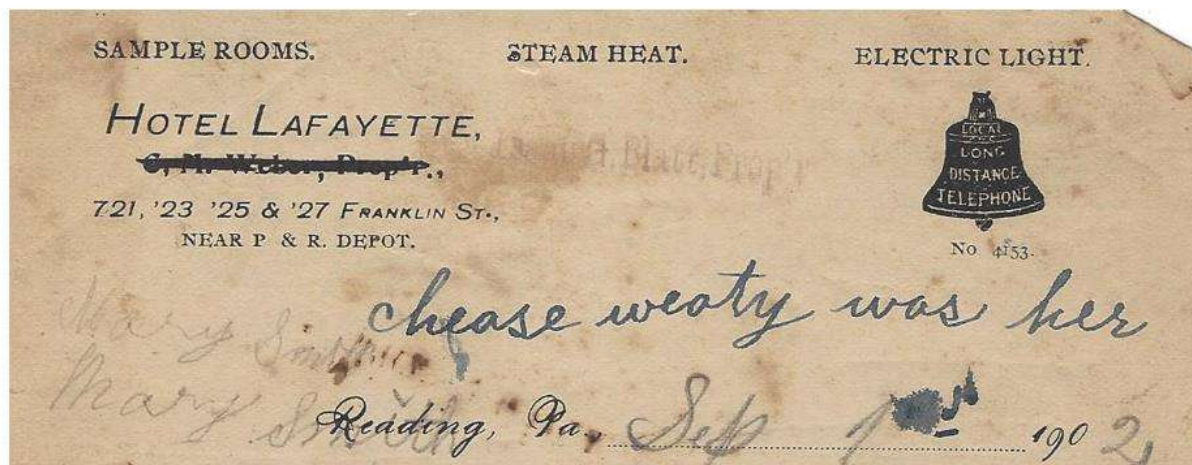
Enumerated by me on the 11th day of June, 1900.

Mary L. Reed Enumerator

[illegible]

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Dist No 91 not pleasant, in the County of Adams, State of Illinois, enumerated by me on the 8 day of August, 1870.
Post Office: Granite Hill Charles J. Miller Ass't Marshal.

1	2	3	DESCRIPTION.			7	VALUE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED.		10	PARENTAGE.		14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
			4	5	6		8	9		11	12								13	
The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.			Age at last birthday (If under 1 year, state month and day.)	Sex (M., F.)	Color (W., C., O., I., or other.)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Father of foreign birth.	Mother of foreign birth.	If born within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., Mar., &c.)	If married within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., Mar., &c.)	Attended school within the year.	Cannot read.	Cannot write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	Males 21 years of age and over who have not attained 21 years of age on the first day of June, 1870, who are entitled to vote in the election of electors for President and Vice-President, and who are entitled to hold office as electors.		
214	214	Smith Isaac	50	m	wh	Carpenter	5000	2000	Pa									1		
		— Adeline	48	f	wh	keeping house			"											
		— Waltham	22	m	wh	Carpenter			"									1		
		— Louis	20	m	wh	at home			"											
		— John	18	m	wh	"			"											
		— Bess	15	m	wh	"			"											
		— Joseph	11	m	wh	"			"											
		— Adam	4	m	wh	"			"											
		Follow Mary	53	f	wh	live in family			"											
215	215	Little Michael	68	m	wh	Farmer	2000	1500	"									1		
		— Barbara	68	f	wh	keeping house			"											
216	216	King William	28	m	wh	Farmer	2000	"	"									1		
		— Agnes	24	f	wh	keeping house			"											
		— George	16	m	wh	"			"											
		Little John	16	m	wh	farm hand			"											
		Christine Miller	21	f	wh	Domestic serv			"											
217	217	McHenry Edward	53	m	wh	Farmer	600	2000	"									1		
		— Catharine	53	f	wh	keeping house			"											
		— Peter	20	m	wh	at home			"											
		— Josephine	48	f	wh	"			"											
		— Edward	10	m	wh	"			"											
		— James C	7	m	wh	"			"											
		— Patrick	18	m	wh	at home			"											
118	118	Herbaugh Michael	61	m	wh	Shoemaker	1500	"	"									1		
		— Julia A	51	f	wh	keeping house			"											
		— Mary	22	f	wh	at home			"											
		— Sarah	21	f	wh	"			"											
		— Josephine	19	f	wh	"			"											
		— Joanna	16	f	wh	"			"											
		— Jerome	10	m	wh	"			"											
		— Louisa	10	f	wh	"			"											
		Wheat Catharine	78	f	wh	live in family			"											
119	119	Storn Vincent	21	m	wh	Carpenter	500	"	"									1		
		— Josephine	21	f	wh	keeping house			"											
		Wheat Frederick	21	m	wh	Day laborer	200	"	"									1		
120	120	Mowery William	42	m	wh	Day laborer	200	"	"									1		
		— Sarah	38	f	wh	keeping house			"											
		— Mary	19	m	wh	at home			"											
121	121	Yuselman James	50	m	wh	Farmer	25000	6000	"									1		
		— Catharine	46	f	wh	keeping house			"											
No. of dwellings. 8			No. of white females. 17			No. of males, foreign born.			No. of females.			No. of males, colored.			No. of females, colored.			No. of males, blind.		
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Mary Smith

September 1, 1902

De Brother in will take the

Dear Brother, I will take the

Pleasure of writing too you ens (or you's)

Pleasure of writing too you ens (or you's)

Too let you knows that XXXXX

Too let you knows that XXXXX

Well at present an arrived safely

Well at present an arrived safely

I am in Reading and getting

I am in Reading and getting

Around to see the boys or Brothers

Around to see the boys or Brothers

I think that I will work

I think that I will work

In Reading if nothing happens

In Reading if nothing happens

I have promises of a job be

I have promises of a job be

If he is as good as his

If he is as good as his

Word so I tell you that

Word so I tell you that

It is very hard times

It is very hard times

In Reading at presently

In Reading at presently

The strike makes awful

The strike makes awful

In the coal region lots of

In the coal region lots of

Blood shed ed coal is mess??

Blood shed ed coal is mess??

Eight dollars a time and

Eight dollars a ton (time) and

Gis tham tis all for

Gis tham tis all ???

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Can't get them it is awful

Cants get them it is awful

There at present. By the way how

There at present. By the way how

Is youngins wife and family?

Is youngins wife and family?

How is George and Harry getting

How is George and Harry getting

A long? Want you write don't

A long? Want you write don't

You's Get and picks the right

You's Get and picks the right

The address or I will send yours

The address or I will send yours

A Card and their will be

A Card and their will be

The Address on Brothers if

The Address on Brothers if

I don't get a job be in a

I don't get a job be in a

few days I will go to

few days I will go to

Philad^a and i will let you

Philadelphia and I will let you

know at wants it is hard

know at wants (once) It is hard

have to get work since the

have to get work since the

strike it may Gay a few

strike its many good a few

weeks till i get a job be

weeks until I get a job be

Every yours Please and Right

every you'ens Please and write

Soon My Love too you'ens all

Soon. My love to the youn'ens all

Good Bye from your Brother

Good bye from your Brother

Adam Fr. Smith

Please write soon.

Adam Fr. Smith

Please Right Soon

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September 1, 1902

De Brother I would written

Dear Brother I would written

Sooner But I would have seen the

Sooner but I went to Geeng? the

The hospital to see the mad...?

The hospital to see the mad...?

Sister I had been'd trying than

Sister I had been'd trying than

Too see her I saw her on

Too see her I saw her on

Sunday morning and I even

Sunday morning and I even

Planned him (huns) of your case and

Planned him (huns) of your case and

She told me that she was

She told me that she was

Meaning Harry to tell me that

Meaning Harry to tell me that

She wouldn't Dare take such

She wouldn't Dare take such

A case She never like to charge

A case She never like to charge

You and me But it is in Posefle

You and me but it is in Posefle ???

To payed if it was a

To payed if is was a

Priest Sh Couldn't charged

Priest she couldn't charged

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The Hospittle is filld with

The hospital is filled with

Sick at the present time

Sick at the present time

But she told me if she

But she told me if she

Could dare take Home she would

Could dare take Home / house she would

Make Ronme it Such a

Make ronme its such a

Case she haded put in a

Case she haded put in a

Room a Lone and That would

Room alone and that would (never)

Cost you Tene Hallen a Week

Cost you (Ten) ??? dollars a Week

and that you couldn't afford

And that you couldn't afford

But she couldn't take him

But she couldn't take him

at any point Sister. Con situ She was

At any point Sister. Con situ She was

Very sorry but that is the

Very sorry but that is the

Case if it may be something

Case if is may be something

Else my she would take

Else my she would take

Hers at wants and mad Please or Place

Hers at wants and mad Please or Place

All right.

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