

ROBERT M. SMITH, a skilled photographer and one of the enterprising citizens of Indiana, is a son of Samuel T. and Mary (McGough) Smith, and was born in Young township, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, August 27, 1858. His great-grandfather, Judge James Smith, was a native of Ireland and came to this country with his wife and children in 1772. He settled in what is now Armstrong township, at a time when wolves and bears still abounded in that section. Here Judge Smith engaged in farming until 1806, when he was elected one of the first two associate judges of the county. Judge Smith was also a member of the first board of trustees of Indiana academy when it was incorporated. He died in 1859, aged ninety-three years. His son, William Smith (grandfather), was born in Pennsylvania and followed farming in Armstrong township. He filled the office of county commissioner during 1840 and 1841. He was an old-line whig and married Mary Miller, by whom he had eight children. William Smith was a leading elder in the West Union United Presbyterian church. His son, Samuel T. Smith (father), was a native of Young township, Indiana county, and was an enterprising farmer. He was an elder in the West Union United Presbyterian church. He was an energetic man, and much respected in the township. He died in 1879, in the fifty-first year of his age. He married Mary McGough, who was born at Indiana, in 1836, and is a member of the U. P. church. She is a daughter of Thomas McGough, a native of Scotland, who taught school for many years at Saltsburg, where he died.

Robert M. Smith was born on his father's farm and received his education in the public schools and the State Normal school at Indiana. Leaving school, he learned the art of photography with T. B. Clark and in 1888 opened his present gallery on the corner of First and Philadelphia streets. Strictly honorable in all his business dealings and desirous of pleasing his customers, he has met with good success. He deals in picture frames, albums, easels and many other needed articles. He is a member of the United Presbyterian church and stands well with all who know him.