

JOHN T. SMITH, who is successfully engaged in the merchant tailoring business at Dayton , was born in Centre county, Pennsylvania, October 2, 1824, and is a son of Capt. Henry and Catherine (Beal) Smith. His paternal grandfather, Henry Smith, Sr., was a native of Germany, where he married. He came to eastern Pennsylvania and subsequently removed to centre county, where he followed farming. He was a Methodist in religious faith, and after arriving in the United States became a democrat in political opinion. His son, Capt. Henry Smith, the father of John T. Smith, was born near the city of Philadelphia, and went with his father to centre county, where he was engaged in farming until his death. He was a Lutheran in religious faith, a democrat in politics and a scrupulously honest man in business. He served for several years as captain of one of the militia companies of the State. He married Catherine Beal, whose father was a native of England, who had settled in eastern Pennsylvania some time after the close of the Revolutionary war. Captain and Mrs. Smith reared a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters.

John T. Smith was reared on a farm and received his education in the subscription and common schools of Centre county. He learned the trade of tailor and established himself in the tailoring business at Spring Mills, that county, where he remained for two years. At the end of that time he removed to Smicksburg, Indiana county, which he left after a residence of fifteen years and came (1866) to Dayton, where he opened his present merchant tailoring establishment. He has a large patronage and does a good business.

He married Mary Walker, daughter of William Walker, and they have three children, two sons and one daughter: William H., who resides in Pittsburgh; Webster L., engaged in a store in Kansas City, and Eva S., wife of James R. King, who resides at Kittanning, and is president of the Young Men's Christian association of that place.

John T. Smith owns a good house and lot at Dayton, and is comfortably situated to enjoy life. He is a good workman, has the benefit of over forty years' experience in his line of business and generally gives satisfaction to his numerous patrons. He is a republican in politics and a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church of Dayton. He has served creditably as a member of the borough council, although he takes no part in politics.