Introduction

Rachel Emma Smith married Henry Bigger. Emma Rachel Smith was born August 29th 1870 to William Smith and Sarah Jane Long in Pine Top, Columbia County, Pennsylvania. William was born in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, and Jane was born in Jordon Township, Lycoming County. [[1]](#endnote-1)

This paper is on the William Smith Family.

William Smith (1847-1879)

William Smith was born in 1847 in Pennsylvania.

William married Sarah Jane Long about 1869 in .

Sarah Jane Long was born January 11th 1846 to Rudolph Long and Experience McCalumet (McCummins) in Jordan Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. [[2]](#endnote-2)

In 1870 23-year-old William and 23-year-old Sarah lived in the post office area of Serena in Pine Township, Columbia County, Pennsylvania. William worked as a saw mill operator.

William was 32 years old when he died from a fire at the Station Shaft coal mine on May 8th 1879 in Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. He was laid to rest at the Salem Cemetery, Unityville, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. FAG#: 206149318 [[3]](#footnote-1)

William Smith Death: The information came from The Stanton Shaft Disaster, Page 4, Thursday, May 8th 1879, Wilkes-Barre Times Leader, the Evening News, Wilkes-Barre Record, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; Ancestry, Newspapers.com, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043.

About 1923, Sarah moved in with her granddaughter at Dawson, Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

She was a member of the Evangelical Church. Shortly after moving in with her granddaughter, Sarah began falling in health, and by September 1931, her condition worsened.[[4]](#endnote-3)

Sarah was 85 years old when she died Sunday evening, November 8th 1931, at her granddaughter’s home, Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Keller at Dawson, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, on.

* Mrs. Smith, widow of William Smith, who died 51 years ago, (1880)
* She is survived by seven grandchildren, including Mrs. Keller.
* She is also survived by one sister.
* Her two children died a number of years ago.

Sarah’s body was shipped November 13th by Funeral Director Frank B. Galley of Vanderbilt to Mrs. Smith’s former home at Unityville, Lycoming County, where the funeral service will be held. She was laid to rest at the Salem Cemetery in Unityville, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. [[5]](#endnote-4)-[[6]](#endnote-5) FAG#:206147898 [[7]](#footnote-2)

William and Sarah had these children. In the 1900 federal census record, Sarah did not indicate having any children, however in the1910 Sarah indicated she had two children, and only one was still living.

1. Robert D. Smith was born to William Smith and Sarah Long about 1869 in the post office area of Serena in Pine Township, Columbia County, Pennsylvania.

After his father died in 1879, 12-year-old Robert D. Smith became a ward of the Mt. Joy Soldiers Orphans School in Mt. Joy, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. By 1880 he had been a ward and pupil for one year.

We lost track of Robert after 1880.

Robert was the child who was not still living in his mother’s 1910 census. He may have died prior to 1910.

1. Rachel Emma Smith was born August 29th 1870 to William Smith and Sarah Jane Long in Pine Top, Columbia County, Pennsylvania. [[8]](#endnote-6) Rachel Emma Smith’s name also was recorded as Emma R., and she usually went by the name Emma.

Emma 1st married Mr. Kelly, who died prior to the birth of their son Leonard on October 13th 1897. While pregnant with Leonard Emma married Henry Ward Bigger [[9]](#endnote-7) about 1897.

* *See Kelly Research Papers.*

In 1900 the Bigger family lived in Unityville area of Jordon Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.[[10]](#endnote-8)

* *See Bigger Research Papers.*

Bibliography

1. Family Oral History: Emilie Jayne Bigger-Ross via her daughter, Judy Ross, of Camp Hill Pennsylvania. Emilie received a 12-page handwritten letter from her cousin, Louise Mattioli-Wertz (daughter of John and Christie Mattioli), on December 12th 2011. The letter contained numerous accounts of the Nicholas and Lucy DeJoice family.
2. 1900 to 1940 Federal Census Records on the Name DeJoice: National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Washington, DC 20408-0001.

End Notes

1. Emma Smith Name, Birth Date, Place of Birth, and Parent’s Names and Their Places of Birth: The information came from her Pennsylvania Death Certificate #:93332, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944 and 1906–1963; Series 11.90 (1,905 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. Sarah Jane Long Name, Birth Date, Place of Birth, and Parent’s Name: The information came from her Pennsylvania Death Certificate #:104994, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944 and 1906–1963; Series 11.90 (1,905 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. Find-A-Grave, FAG, is a web site for cemetery memorials managed by Ancestry, Find-A-Grave, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
4. Sarah Jane Smith Name, Husband, Life Events, Residence, Surviving Grandchildren Including Mrs. Keller, Death of Two Children, Date of Death, Place of Death, and Funeral: The information came from the Page 10, State, Mrs. Sarah Jane Smith obituary, Thursday, November 12th 1932, The Pittston Gazette, Pittston, Pennsylvania; Ancestry, Newspapers.com, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043. [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
5. Sarah Jane Long Name, Residence, Date of Death, Place of Death, and Burial: The information came from her Pennsylvania Death Certificate #:104994, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944 and 1906–1963; Series 11.90 (1,905 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120. [↑](#endnote-ref-4)
6. Sarah Jane Smith Name, Husband, Life Events, Residence, Surviving Grandchildren Including Mrs. Keller, Death of Two Children, Date of Death, Place of Death, and Funeral: The information came from Monday, November 9th 1931, The Daily Courier, Connellsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; Ancestry, Newspapers.com, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043. [↑](#endnote-ref-5)
7. Find-A-Grave, FAG, is a web site for cemetery memorials managed by Ancestry, Find-A-Grave, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
8. Emma Smith Name, Birth Date, Place of Birth, and Parent’s Names and Their Places of Birth: The information came from her Pennsylvania Death Certificate #:93332, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944 and 1906–1963; Series 11.90 (1,905 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120. [↑](#endnote-ref-6)
9. Rachel Emma Smith Name: The name came from Henry Ward Bigger WW I draft card, United States Selective Service System; World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918, National Archives and Records Administration, M1509, 4,582 rolls; National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Washington, DC 20408-0001. [↑](#endnote-ref-7)
10. Henry Ward Bigger Name, Marriage to Emma Smith, and Residence: The information came from his Pennsylvania Death Certificate #:90497, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944 and 1906–1963; Series 11.90 (1,905 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120. [↑](#endnote-ref-8)