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

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

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 ⁱ

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.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.

ⁱ Find-A-Grave, FAG, is a web site for cemetery memorials managed by Ancestry, Find-A-Grave, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043.

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. ⁴-⁵ FAG#:206147898 ⁱⁱ

William and Sarah had these children.

- i. Robert D. Smith died prior to 1931
- ii. Rachel Emma Long. She married 1st to George Kelly and 2nd to Henry Ward Bigger
 - See Kelly Family Research Paper.
 - See Bigger Family Research Paper.

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End Notes

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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.

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.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.