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Martin F. Forrer, Bloomfield, Perry County, Pa., son of **Christian** and **Caroline (Kendig) Forrer**, was born in Lancaster County, Pa., December 31, 1842. His grandfather, **Martin Forrer**, was born in York County, and was a carpenter, but also worked as a distiller for many years. He married and reared a family. He was a member of the Mennonite Church, in which he held office. Both he and his wife died at a very advanced age. **Mr. Forrer's** maternal grandparents, **George Kendig** and wife, were natives of one of the eastern counties of Pennsylvania, but were of German ancestry. They had the following children: **Annie**, widow of **Henry Souder**; **Amelia (Mrs. Henry Forrer)**, of Ohio; **Caroline (Mrs. Christian Forrer)**; and **Christian**, deceased. **Mr. and Mrs. George Kendig** were members of the Mennonite Church, and both died while yet young. **Christian Forrer**, father of **Martin F.**, was born in Lancaster County, and reared on a farm. He was a blacksmith, and worked at his trade for fifteen years, but after his removal to Perry County in 1855, he engaged permanently in farming. During his residence in Perry County, he served as school director for many years, and at different times as jurymen. He was married to **Caroline**, daughter of **George Kendig**, and their children were: **Martin F.**; **Amelia (Mrs. John Weaver)**; **Catherine (Mrs. John Comp)**; **Mary**, widow of **John Herr**; **Margaret**, deceased; **Christian**, deceased; and **Henry**, deceased. The father and mother were members of the Mennonite Church. He died March 14, 1881, aged sixty-one years and nine months. **Mrs. Forrer** died at the age of ninety-nine years and five months.

Martin F. Forrer was educated in the public schools of Lancaster and Perry Counties. He was reared on a farm, and worked for his father until he was thirty years of age. He resides on the same farm that his father occupied on coming from Lancaster County to Perry. **Martin F. Forrer** was married December 26, 1872, to **Catherine**, daughter of **Christian** and **Mary (Rasphen) Weaver**. They have had these children: **Mary K. (Mrs. Samuel Bruner)**; **Christian**, who resides in DeKalb County, Ill.; **John M.**; **Thomas**; **Jane**; **Samuel**; and **Maggie E.**, who died when five years old. Since **Mr. Forrer's** marriage, he has been very successfully engaged in farming. He is a member of the United Brethren Church, and is one of the most highly respected citizens of Carroll Township.

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