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John H. Horting, Marklesville, Perry County, Pa., son of **Benjamin** and **Catharine (Harman) Horting**, was born in Perry County, Pa., May 16, 1837. His grandfather, **Michael Horting**, was a native of Lancaster County and a farmer. He was married twice and reared a family of eight children, two of whom are still living: **Eliza (Mrs. Henry Smith)**; and **Mary (Mrs. Christian Long)**. The others were: **David; Michael; Benjamin; John; Abraham;** and **Margaret**, all deceased. **Michael Horting** died September 19, 1834, aged fifty-two years, one month and twenty days. **Mr. Horting's** maternal grandfather, **Jacob Harman**, was a blacksmith. He had five children: **Rebecca (Mrs. John Grove); Eliza (Mrs. Jacob Kipp); Catharine (Mrs. Benjamin Horting); Mary (Mrs. Jacob Linthirst);** and **Sarah (Mrs. Thomas P. Runyan)**. All are deceased except **Mrs. Grove**.

Benjamin Horting was born in Perry County, in 1806, and made farming his occupation. Being a popular man, and interested in local affairs, he was chosen to fill various township offices, serving as supervisor as many as five terms, and also as school director. He married **Catharine**, daughter of **Jacob** and **Elizabeth Harman**, of Perry County. They had ten children: **Elizabeth (Mrs. John Bonsall); Margaret (Mrs. William P. Lenker); Sarah (Mrs. Jeremiah Baer); John H; Catharine (Mrs. John Fickes); Mary J. (Mrs. Eli Grubb); Harry H.,** married to **Susan Turnbaugh; Abraham,** married to **Mary Holley; Benjamin,** deceased; and **Emma,** deceased. **Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Horting** were consistent members of the Lutheran Church. **Mr. Horting** held successively all the offices in the congregation. He died in 1873, aged sixty-seven years, eleven months and twenty one days. **Mrs. Horting** died in 1885, aged seventy-two years, nine months and five days.

John H. Horting attended the public schools of Howe Township, Perry County, during the short winter term, and during the summer he worked on the farm. When he was twenty-six years old, he began farming for himself, first cultivating his father-in-law's farm for three years, then the farm on which he now lives for two years; after which he removed to Millford, Perry County, where he remained three years. He then bought his present farm, lately owned by **Henry Fickes**, and has made it his home ever since. He has held various township offices, including that of school director for twelve years, and supervisor in Juniata Township for one year, and inspector for two terms. The **Hortings** have always been active Republicans.

Mr. Horting was married December 22, 1863, to **Sarah**, daughter of **Henry** and **Rebecca (Hoffman) Fickes**. They have these children: **Benjamin F.**, who married **Annie J. Fickes**, March 17, 1896; **Harry F.**, who married **Mary E. Toomey**, December 27, 1892; **William; Anna Belle**, who died February 24, 1879, aged twenty-one days; and three others who died in infancy. The family are adherents of the Lutheran Church, in which the father held the office of deacon.

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