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John B. Zorger, Shermansdale, Perry County, Pa., son of **Adam H.** and **Elizabeth (Pair) Zorger**, was born in York County, June 25, 1844. His paternal grandparents were natives of York county, of German descent, and were farmers. Their children were: **Michael; Charles; Jacob; Susan (Mrs. Burkholder)**, deceased; and **Adam H.**, deceased.

Mr. Zorger's maternal grandparents, **Mr.** and **Mrs. Bair**, were also of German extraction, and natives of York County. **Mr. Bair** was a miller and worked at that trade until he engaged in farming. The children of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Bair** were: **David; Martin; Samuel; John; William; Nancy; Eliza (Mrs. Adam H. Zorger)** and **Polly**; all deceased except the first two. **Adam H. Zorger**, father of **John B. Zorger**, was born in York County. He was a farmer, but later in life he was also interested in mercantile business and dealt in grain. Besides this he conducted a large sawmill for a number of years. He filled the office of school director in Carroll Township for nine years, and in Rye Township for one year; he was also supervisor and tax collector for two terms. **Mr. Zorger** was married to **Elizabeth Bair**; they had these children: **John B.; Mary E. (Mrs. W. A. Meyers); Lydia A. (Mrs. Daniel Stine); Jacob;** and **Susan (Mrs. William Sweger.)** The mother died in 1890, aged sixty-nine years; the father survived until October 17, 1893, when he died at the age of seventy-four.

John B. Zorger received his education in the public schools of Cumberland and Perry Counties; whither his parents had removed when he was a year old. He worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-one, and then began to cultivate the place on shares, continuing this for some years. In 1878, he removed to his present farm, which is one of the finest in Carroll Township. **Mr. Zorger** is a Republican, and has filled the office of judge of elections, and school director, in which latter position he is now serving, having been appointed, in 1896, to fill an unexpired term.

Mr. Zorger was married, in March, 1866, to **Sarah**, daughter of **Amos S.** and **Susan (Ferry) Green**. They have had two children; both died in infancy. **Mr. Zorger** is highly respected and esteemed by all.