

FORRAR, HORACE E

Horace E. FORRAR, senior member of the firm of FORRAR & Son, general merchants at Bryant, has been a resident of Jay county for more than twenty years and has long been recognized as one of the active figures in the commercial life of this county. Mr. FORRAR was born at Swanders, in Shelby county, Ohio, September 23, 1874, and is a son of John and Sarah (WALTZ) FORRAR, both of whom also were born in Ohio, the former in Shelby county and the latter in Montgomery county. John FORRAR was a successful merchant at Swanders, Ohio, conducting for years a grocery store there, and he and his wife were the parents of twelve children, nine of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Margaret, Oliver, Ida, Lula, Pearl, Frank, John and Edith. Reared at Swanders, Horace E. FORRAR received his schooling in the schools of that place and was from the days of his boyhood well trained in business forms, acting as an assistant in his father's store. He married when twenty-one years of age and not long afterward was made manager of the local elevator of Alton Bros. at Swanders, a position he occupied for two years, at the end of which time he was offered the position of manager of the local elevator of Holmes Bros. at Bryant, this county, and moved over here, establishing his home at Bryant, where he ever since has resided. For twelve years Mr. FORRAR continued to act as manager of the grain elevator at Bryant and then, in 1911, decided to engage in business himself. With that end in view he opened a meat market at Bryant. Four years later he added to this business a general line of groceries and as the business expanded added to his stock until he had a well-equipped and well stocked general store. In the fall of 1919, upon the return of his eldest son Harley E. FORRAR, from the army Mr. FORRAR admitted this son to partnership in the concern and the business since has been carried on under the firm name of FORRAR & Son, carrying on an extensive trade within the normal trade area of Bryant. On October 16, 1895, while still living in Ohio, Horace E. FORRAR was united in marriage to Lotta HUNT, who was born in the village of Botkins, in that state, daughter of Newell and Mary (HELBERN) HUNT, and to this union have been born four children, Harley E., Maurice S., Mary and Marguerite. Harley E. FORRAR, junior member of the firm of FORRAR & Son and a veteran of the World war, was inducted into military service on July 24, 1918, and served for twelve months overseas as a member of the 356th Butchery Company, Q. M. C. and was mustered out as a sergeant at Camp Dix, New Jersey, September 27, 1919. On July 4, 1920, he was united in marriage with Gertrude HARLEY, who was born at Shelbyville, Ind. To this union one child has been born, Merilyn Jean, born on January 5, 1922. Harley E. FORRAR is a member of Limberlost Post No. 124, American Legion, at Geneva, and both he and his father are members of the local lodge of the Modern Woodmen at Bryant. In their political views they claim the privilege of independence.

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