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Joseph Mitchell Arnold, widely known as a thoroughly equipped educator, and now county superintendent of schools for Mercer County, New Jersey, was born in New Buffalo, Perry County, Pennsylvania, December 14, 1865, a son of **Jacob L.** and **Elizabeth (Mitchell) Arnold**.

He is a representative of an old Pennsylvania family, a grandson of **Peter** and **Caroline (Livingston) Arnold**, both of New Buffalo. **Peter** was born May 25, 1795, and died November 3, 1855; his wife was born March 23, 1803, and died July 21, 1851. She was one of the nine children of **Jacob J.** and **Katherine (Longnecker) Livingston**. Her father was one of the original settlers in Watts Township, Perry County, and the town of New Buffalo was laid out during his lifetime. **Peter** and **Caroline Arnold** had three children: **Susan**, **Caroline** and **Jacob L.**

Jacob L. Arnold, youngest child and only son of **Peter** and **Caroline (Livingston) Arnold**, was born in New Buffalo, February 12, 1835, and died August 27, 1873. He married **Elizabeth Mitchell**, born in New Buffalo, February 14, 1836, died November 12, 1866, having borne to her husband one child, **Joseph Mitchell**, to be further mentioned. She was a daughter of **Joseph** and **Mary (Liddick) Mitchell**. Her father was a son of **George** and **Hannah (Taylor) Mitchell**. **George Mitchell** was of a Scotch ancestry which settled in Ireland, whence he emigrated to America, settling in Greenwood Township, Perry County, Pennsylvania. **Jacob L. Arnold** married (second), and to them were born two children: **Jacob L.**, deceased; and **John W.**, married **Weast**.

Joseph Mitchell Arnold received his preparatory education in the public schools of New Buffalo, Pennsylvania, completed an academic course in New Bloomfield Academy, graduating in 1883, and entered Lafayette College from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1887. Predisposed to teaching as his life work, immediately after his graduation from college he accepted the proffered position of principal of Bloomfield Academy, and acquitted himself so creditably that his period of service was extended to six years, only terminating then because of the opening up of a larger field of usefulness. Elected county superintendent of schools of Perry County, he served in that capacity for upwards of three years. He then accepted a call to the supervising principalship of the Towanda (New York) public schools and discharged those duties for a period of two years, relinquishing his position to accept appointment as supervising superintendent of public schools in Princeton, New Jersey. He labored efficiently as such for seven and a half years, terminating in October, 1905, when he was appointed county superintendent of schools for Mercer County, New Jersey. Throughout his entire professional and official career he has given signal evidences of not only educational abilities of the highest order, but of entire conscientiousness in the discharge of each and every duty, and that healthy enthusiasm which is not only self-inspiring, but is an inspiration upon all who come in contact with him, resultant in harmony of purpose and devotion to lofty ideals of teaching and scholastic life. **Mr. Arnold** is a Presbyterian in religion, and a Republican in politics. He is affiliated with New Bloomfield Lodge, No. 319, Free and Accepted Masons. He is a prominent figure in the Royal Arcanum, a member of Princeton Council, No. 1605, and supervising deputy grand regent. He is a member of the Greek letter college fraternity, Delta Kappa Epsilon Rho.

Mr. Arnold married, July 9, 1891, **Florence Tomer**, daughter of **Frank** and **Margaret (De Hart) Tomer**, and has an older sister, **Harriet M.**, and a younger, **Elizabeth**. To **Mr.** and **Mrs.**

Arnold have been born two children: **Dorothy M.**, November 13, 1894; and **Mary A.**, December 20, 1896.

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