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John E. Bruner, New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pa., was born at the old homestead in Carroll Township, Perry County, August 27, 1854. He is a son of **Jacob** and **Elizabeth (Hipple) Bruner**. His paternal grandfather, **Abraham Bruner**, was a merchant and farmer, and for many years kept a hotel in Wheatfield Township, Perry county. He was married three times. The children of the first marriage were: **John; Samuel; Elizabeth; Jacob;** and **Susan**. Only the first two are living. Three children were born to the second marriage: **Mary; William;** and **Lavinia**. His third wife was **Mrs. Wox**. **Mr. Bruner's** maternal grandfather, **John Hipple**, was a cooper and farmer. He was married to **Elizabeth Silor**. They had eleven children: **Kate (Mrs. John Bauman); Sarah E.; Susan (Mrs. James McCarter); Margaret (Mrs. Daniel Wallet); John; Wesley; Rebecca; Jeremiah,** killed in the army; **Elizabeth,** deceased; **William,** deceased; and **Lavinia,** deceased. **Mr. Hipple** and his wife were members of the United Brethren church. He died about 1858; his **wife** died in October, 1875, aged seventy. **Mr. Bruner's** father, **Jacob Bruner**, plasterer and farmer, was born in Cumberland County, Pa. He was a member of the Republican Party, prominent in the county, and was elected to various township offices, serving as supervisor and school director. He enjoyed the esteem and confidence of his neighbors and was frequently called upon to settle estates. **Mr. Jacob Bruner** was married three times. His first wife was **Miss Jane Ann Owen**. They had one son, **Oliver**. His second wife was **Miss Murphy**. They had one son, **Isaiah**, who resides in Ohio. His third wife was **Elizabeth**, daughter of **John** and **Mary (Siler) Hipple**. They had five children: **John E.; Cyrus; Annie (Mrs. Elmer Smith); Frank;** and **Charles**. **Mr. Jacob Bruner** was a member of the United Brethren Church. He died February 14, 1876, aged sixty-five years, one month and fourteen days; his wife, April 27, 1891, aged sixty-five.

John E. Bruner received his education in the district schools of Carroll Township. He attended school during winter and worked with his father on the farm until he was seventeen, when he began to learn carpentry. After working at his trade for several months, he changed his plans and learned plastering with his father, serving a two years' apprenticeship. He worked at this trade for a few years, but the attractions of farm life proved irresistible and he returned to the homestead where he now resides. Although not prominent in local politics, **Mr. Bruner** has identified himself with the Republican Party.

John E. Bruner was married, March 22, 1881, to **Mary A.**, daughter of **J. B.** and **Sarah (McCoy) Owen**. They have five children: **Olive Pearl; Cyrus M.; Cora A.; Sarah A.;** and **one** who died in infancy. **Mr. Bruner** and his family are members of the United Brethren church, in which **Mr. Bruner** is a deacon; he is also connected with the Sunday school.

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