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**Prof. E. H. Bryner**, county superintendent of schools, and a resident of New Bloomfield, is a native of Perry County. Pa. His great-grandfather, **John Bryner**, was a native of Northampton, and while yet a young man became one of the first settlers of Madison Township, and later a resident of Toboyne Township, Cumberland County. Pa., where he passed the remainder of his life and died on the old homestead in 1842. **Joseph Bryner**, son of **John Bryner**, and grandfather of Prof. **E. H. Bryner**, Was born on the homestead at Sandy Hill, Toboyne Township, Cumberland County, in 1798. At the death of his father he succeeded to the home farm, which he cultivated for many years and finally sold. He died at the home of his son, **George M. Bryner**, in 1879, his wife having died in 1850. He was the father of thirteen children. **George M. Bryner**, father of **Professor Bryner**, was born in Madison Township. Perry County, April 9, 1832. His education was acquired in the common schools. He remained on the farm until he was eighteen years of age, when he went to Ickesburg to learn the blacksmith's trade. He later married and afterwards resided and for eight years conducted a smithy in Elliotsburg. Desiring to open a shop on a larger scale, he removed to Cisneys Run, in Perry County, where he has since resided. In August, 1864, he enlisted in the Two Hundred and Eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, in the company of Captain McKeehan, and with this regiment was assigned to the Ninth Army Corps, in which he served until the close of the war. He married **Fanny Peck**; their children are: **Theodore M.**, blacksmith at Cisneys Run, Pa.; **Albert K.**, foreman, in Perry County, and county commissioner; **Newton**, a graduate in medicine of the University of New York, who died at Cisneys Run; **Elmer E.**, died in infancy, at Elliotsburg; **Prof. E. H.** ; and **Ira L.**, superintendent of the Cumberland County schools.

Prof. **E. H. Bryner** was born at Elliotsburg, Perry County, Pa., February 13, 1864. He pursued the regular course in the public schools, and in 1887 entered the Millersville State Normal School, from which he was graduated in the class of 1890. Prior to his graduation from the normal school, he had been engaged in teaching in the schools of Perry and Lancaster counties. For three years after his graduation he continued teaching in the schools of Lancaster County, spending the last year of this period in the high school at Maytown. His next engagement was at Newport, where he served as principal of the schools for three years, and on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, 1896, he was appointed county superintendent by Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Public Schools. Mr. Bryner is a gold standard Republican.

**Professor Bryner** was married at Maytown, Lancaster County, Pa., June 6, 1893, to Miss **Minerva Brandt**, daughter of **Samuel** and **Maria (Stauffer) Brandt**; their children are: **Gail Leone**, who died in infancy; and **Helen**. He is actively interested in all church matters, as a consistent member of the Presbyterian denomination.

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