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**Jesse W. Bryner**, Academia, Juniata County, Pa., was born in Spruce Hill Township, Juniata County, April 16, 1847. He is a son of **George** and **Susan (Yohn) Bryner**. His grandfather, **John Bryner**, was born in Perry County, Pa., and was a farmer and distiller. He went to Spruce Hill Township when he was a young man, and there resided all his life. He owned land amounting to 102 acres. He married **Miss Hench**, of Perry County; their children were: **George; Jacob; Eliza; Sarah; and Mary**. Mrs. **John Bryner** died in Spruce Hill Township. Their eldest son, **George Bryner**, was educated in the schools of that township. He passed his whole life in the same place, engaged in the useful vocation of farming. Here he married **Susan Yohn**, a native of Perry County. They had ten children: **John; James; George; McClure**; all these are residents of Spruce Hill Township; **Anna E.**, widow of **William Rice**, of Chester County, Pa.; **Sarah (Mrs. F. H. McNeal)**, of Spruce Hill; **Jesse W.; William**, of Tuscarora Township; **Isabella (Mrs. John Yoder)**, of Chester County; and **Matilda (Mrs. Peter Brandt)**, of Spruce Hill. Mr. Bryner was a Democrat. He held membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has been dead a number of years. **Mrs. Bryner** still resides at Spruce Hill, and has reached the venerable age of eighty-four.

**Jesse W. Bryner** received a somewhat limited education in the public schools of Spruce Hill. At the age of twelve years he left home, and for four years worked among the farmers for his board, clothing, etc. At the end of this time he began to receive wages, being paid at the rate of four dollars per month. He continued in this occupation until he reached his twenty-fifth year, when he became engaged in the retail butchering business, in Spruce Hill and Tuscarora Townships. For eight years he carried on this business with encouraging success; he then became a dealer in cattle and other live stock, and has for over fifteen years continued to prosper in this undertaking also. In 1889 Mr. Bryner removed to Academia, where in 1896 he became a storekeeper. In May of the latter year he was appointed postmaster, and has since fulfilled the duties of that office creditably and with satisfaction to the community. Mr. Bryner is well known as a good Democrat. He is physically a fine specimen of manhood, weighing over 222 pounds. By his industry and business talent he has secured success both as a merchant and as a stockman.

In 1872, **Jesse W. Bryner** was married, in Spruce Hill Township, to **Margaretta**, daughter of **James Beale**, a resident of the same township. They have seven children: **Harry**, who died young; **Rebecca (Mrs. Edward Rice)**, of Buffalo Mills, Perry county; **Lila; Mary; Lewis R.; George;** and **Elsie**.

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