

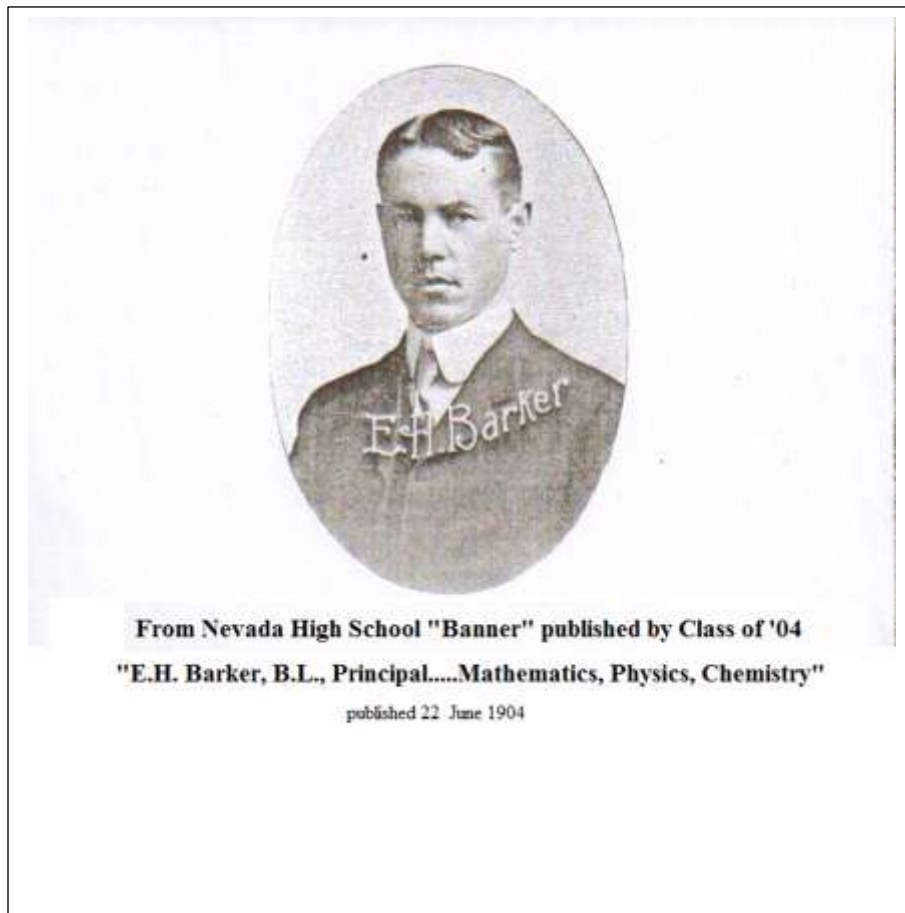
## **E.H. Barker**

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**E.H. Barker** was the principal of Nevada City High School until he left Nevada City in 1907 to become head of the Mathematics Department at Polytechnic High School in Los Angeles. He had taught mathematics, physics and chemistry at Nevada High since 1898.

Several times while he was principal at Nevada High, he submitted petitions to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors for appointment to the Board of Education.<sup>i</sup>

He bought the property that eventually became 337 Clay from Thomas O'Connor. Some thought Barker had built the house but his own letters to the Searls law firm in 1909 suggest he occupied the house for six years from 1900-1906 and made some improvements such as a fence walks, a wall and planted a lawn and trees—but did not build the house.



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<sup>i</sup> Petition of E.H. Barker, dated 28 March 1904 in files at Searls Historical Library.