

Abstracts of Early Monmouth County (NJ) Court Papers, received from William B. Bogardus, 2009,
regarding BREWER in Monmouth County, New Jersey, collected from various sources

Part 1

Nos. 1 to 25 likely pertain to descendants of Jan Brouwer of Flatlands, L.I.

1. Deed; Monmouth Co., NJ Deed Book L, page 437. Benjamin Brewer and wife to Daniel Williams. Dated 8 March 1799. Benjamin Brewer and Mary his wife of the town of Shrewsbury in Monmouth County and Eastern Division of New Jersey, yeoman, of one part, and Daniel Williams of the same, yeoman, of the second part. For the sum of two hundred pounds paid by Daniel Williams, sell (etc.) all that lott of land situate in said town on the north westerly line of the Fall River to the Falls and whereon said Benjamin Brewer lately dwelt. Signed Benjamin Brewer and Mary Brewer. Wit.: Samuel Bruse(?), Samuel B. Bruse(?)
2. Monmouth County Orphans Court Book F, page 170. July 1820 term. The heirs of William Williamson, deceased. Commissioners appointed by the court to make division of the real estate of said William Williamson, deceased, among his heirs. Made report of their proceedings...dividing the real estate of William Williamson, deceased, in the County of Monmouth between Peter Williamson, William Williamson, Anne Williamson, Sarah Williamson, Ellinor Mason wife of John Mason, and Mary Cook, wife of James Cook, sons and daughters of William Williamson, deceased, and David Brewer, Gilbert Brewer, William Brewer, Johnston Brewer, and Elizabeth Brewer, grandchildren of the said William Williamson and children of Jane Brewer, deceased who was one of the daughters of the said William Williamson, deceased, heirs at law, some of which being minors under the age of twenty one years... The property is in the town of Freehold (boundaries described).
3. Monmouth County Orphans Court, Book F, 1820. David Brewer, one of the grandchildren of William Williamson, deceased. Application of David Brewer to the court to order a direct division of the real estate of William Williamson, deceased late of Freehold.
4. Justice of the Peace, loose papers. Joseph Van Derver, Justice. The complaint of Elias Brewer, Junior, constable for the township of Middletown, against Joseph Vronck(?) for extorting money from him and others...sometime in the month of October, 1804, said Vronck came to the house of John Brewer Junior with a warrant in behalf of the State of New Jersey against Matthias Brewer but did not take said Brewer but made a considerable riot in the house. Some days after said Vronck came to the house of said Brewer with others and said he had State warrants for John Brewer Junior, Anne Brewer, Elizabeth Brewer, Patience Brewer and Elias Brewer and said he had come as a civil officer and they had prevented him from doing his duty and that he ment to take them all to the State prison unless they would give him one hundred dollars. They said they could not pay the money then George Robison went to Vronck and talked to him and came back and said that Vronck would take sixty dollars or if not he would take them to State prison immediately whereon they agreed to give him sixty dollars and gave him a joint note for the same. Taken before me the 13th day of March 1806, Joseph Vanderver, Justice. Signed by Elias Brewer. Subpoena John Woolley.

5. To the Honorable the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas holden at Freehold in the term of January 1807. Petition dated 27 January 1807 of Hendrick Brewer, in confinement at the common goal (jail) in Monmouth County for debt and was so confined on or before the 28th of November last, to wit from the ____ day of July last past, and has so continued 'til this day... He provides a list of his creditors and his asking for release on the promise that he will make payment. The list of creditors includes Benjamin Brewer (\$4) and Benjamin Brewer, Junior (\$3). On 17 March 1807: I Hendrick Brewer, a person now confined in the common goal of the County of Monmouth for debt in order to (?) myself to the benefit of the late insolvent acts of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey do in compliance with the requestions of the said acts hereby assign, transfer and make over for the use of any creditors al my estate real or personal whatsoever to William Truax...Signed by Hendrick Brewer. William Truax is sworn in to manage the estate of Hendrick Brewer, an insolvent debtor, March 1807.
6. Source not recorded. "three months after date wen either of us promise to pay or caus to be paid unto Sarah Bacon or order the first and full sum of three dollars and sixty eight cents: if not then paid interest until paid as witness our hand and seals this second day of April 1800." Signed Hendrick Van Brunt, Anthony Holmes. Witnesses present: Silvanus Brewer.
7. Monmouth Pleas. Cover page: James Brewer, son of Peter Brewer, decased, vs. John Culp, adm. Of Peter Nofs (Noss?, Not?) decased. Debt case. April term 1786. At Freehold before David Forman, Esq. and his commission , Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Monmouth of the term of April in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and Eighty Six. James Brewer, executor of Peter Brewer decease puts in his place Jonathan Rhea his attorney against John Culp administrator in a plea of Trespass on the case___. John Culp administrator puts in his place Richard Stockton his attorney against James Brewer executor in a pleas___. The case involves one hundred and sixty six pounds due James Brewer, executor of the estate of Peter Brewer, from Peter Nofs who died intestate before making payment.
8. Monmouth County Court of Common Pleas, July 1823 session. Petition of John A. Brewer, confined in the Monmouth County common goal, dated 20 Jun 1823. Confined because of debts. List of creditors includes Robert Woodward, administrator for the estate of Hendrick Brewer, decased (\$400). John Erickson approved to manage the estate of John A. Brewer, 8 September 1823.
9. Monmouth County Court of Common Pleas, October 1832 term. Petition of John A. Brewer, debtor, in the custody of Aaron Carsen(?), constable. Assigns to Aaron Brewer, all real and personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever, except the wearing apparel of myself and family, and the tools and implements of my trade, not exceeding the value of ten pounds, allowed my by the Court...Assignee authorized to sell all property and to apply the monies for use of the creditors. Dated 30 November 1832.
10. Monmouth County Mortgage Book B, page 233-234. Aaron Brewer to Thomas Henderson, mortgage made 13 December 1790 between Aaron Brewer of the Township of Shrewsbury, Monmouth County of one part and Thomas Henderson of the township of Freehold, Monmouth County, of the second part, all the following tracts and lots of land situate in the township of Shrewsbury. First tract: The tract of land whereon the said Aaron Brewer dwells, bounded south by Manasquan River, west by the highway that leads from John Richmonds mill to the bridge

over said river, north by Long Brook and east by William Lewis's land and land purchase by said Aaron Brewer from Joseph Stillwell containing about one hundred and fifty acres to grant and convey which the said Aaron Brewer hath right by virtue of a purchase thereof from James Vandorne. The second tract of land beginning at the southwesterly corner of a tract of land William Lewis purchased of Jacob Vandorne on the north side of said river thence running north four degrees west 49 chains and 55 links along the line of the whole tract to a stake or stone planted for a corner, thence south 85 degrees west twenty one chains and sixty five links to a black oak sapling marked on four sides standing in the western most line of the said tract, south 4 degrees east 43 chains and 55 links to said Manasquan River, thence down the river as it runs but measured in a straight line 23 chains to the beginning, containing one hundred acres, to grant and convey which the said Aaron Brewer hath right by virtue of a purchase thereof from Joseph Stillwell. The third tract of land beginning in the easternmost line of the Plantation formerly the property of Christopher Romine on the top of the Banks on the north side of Manasquan River aforesaid thence running north 1 degree 30' west 41 chains to Long Brook thence Northeast up said brook 5 chains and 10 links, thence south 1 degree 25' East 65 chains and fifty links to a marked chestnut tree on the northerly bank of said Manasquan River thence west and by north up the same four chains to where it began, containing 23 48/100 acres strict measure to grant and convey which the said Aaron Brewer hath right by virtue of a purchase thereof from Peter Schanck, Esquire together. Principle money two hundred and fourteen pounds proclamation money payable on a certain bond or obligation proved 13th day of December by Euphemia Clayton before Denise Densye, Esquire, one of the judges of Monmouth. Brought to be recorded 29 December 1790.

11. Monmouth County, The Grand Inquest for the State of New Jersey, that Walter Dunlavy of Shrewsbury, Monmouth County, schoolmaster, 3 October 1798, with force and arms at the township of Shrewsbury in the county aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this Court in and upon one Hendrick Brewer. (The pages pertain to a case of assault, apparently by Walter Dunlavy upon Hendrick Brewer, but this is not clear. The handwriting is difficult to read and the language, sentence structure and lack of punctuation, make it difficult to follow.) Among those mentioned on the pages are James Morrison, innkeeper, George Smith and Aaron Brewer (at training at Colt's Neck), "complained to" William Herbert, constable and to Wm. Mathews. Thomas Layton's son William. "The Brewers," are also referred to (assume to mean Hendrick and Aaron).
12. Inferior Court of Common Pleas, Monmouth County, April term 1832. Petition of Benjamin B. Brewer, an insolvent debtor, confined in the goal of Monmouth County, willing to surrender property, both real and personal, to satisfy his creditors. Cause of imprisonment is an execution issued against him at the suit of Joseph Johnson. Petition dated 24 April 1832. Includes a list of creditors.
13. Inferior Court of Common Pleas, Monmouth County, at Freehold. Petition of Benjamin B. Brewer, an insolvent debtor confined in goal. This petition includes the suits of John G. Ely, John B. Hendrickson, Darby Brammin(?) and David Esther. Dated July 24, 1832.
14. Inferior Court of Common Pleas at Freehold in Monmouth County. July term, 1840. Petition of Benjamin D. Brewer, an insolvent debtor of Monmouth County. Suits brought by creditors John

Headden, John Perrine and John Applegate. Arrested 4 June 1840 by Thomas Smith, constable. Petition dated 28 July 1840. Benjamin D. Brewer provides an inventory of his assets.

15. Petition of Benjamin D. Brewer, insolvent debtor, confined in the common jail of Monmouth County. 21 September 1840.
16. Deed. Book M, page 257. 14 February 1801. For five shillings; James Johnson and Ann, his wife, to Joseph Morris, Ephraim Buck, Nathaniel Dickinsen, Job Throckmorton, Garret Morford, Jonathan Heldrith, Hendrick Conk, William West and James Reynolds. A lot or parcel of land lying and being in Monmouth Cty. Aforesaid bounded and described as follows, to wit. Beginning at a large white oak tree marked on four sides with a blaze standing near the easterly side of the highway that ? line of land between said James Johnson and the late Aaron Brewer, deceased, then running... Signed James Johnson, Ann Johnson (her mark). Recorded 23 February 1801. (Daughter of Aaron Brewer, deceased).
17. Deed. Book M, page 434. 5 January 1801. John Brewer to Job Throckmorton, Joseph Morris, Garrett Morford, Ephraim Buck, Henry Conk, James Reynolds, Jonathan Heldrith, William West and Nathaniel Wilkinson, they the trustees belonging to the Methodist Society, for twelve and a half dollars, all that tract of land lying in the township of Shrewsbury and in the county and state aforesaid, beginning at Peter Brewer's south west corner of the land purchased from Aaron Brewer deceased, and at the north east corner of the Meeting House lot and running...containing $\frac{1}{2}$ acre more or less for the use of a burying ground and no other use. The said John Brewer to have an equal share of the lot of land with all the trustees for a burying ground for his own family. John Brewer hath right by virtue of will from his father Aaron Brewer deceased. Recorded 27 Jun 1801.
18. Orphans Court. Vol. 2, page 379. 1 May 1829. Hendrick Brewer, late of the County of Monmouth died intestate seized of a certain tract or plantation of land & premises situate in the county aforesaid leaving the following Heirs at law viz: Sylvanus Brewer & Aaron Brewer whose respective shares in the said property have been conveyed to the said Robert Walker, Lenah Brewer who is now the lawful wife of the said Robert Walker, Hendrick Brewer who has conveyed his share to Joseph VanMater, John Brewer who has since the death of the said Hendrick Brewer departed this life leaving the following children his heirs at law viz: Hendrick, Catharine, Lydia, Garret and Abigail, which said Abigail is now deceased and late the wife of George Paulding, William Brewer and Abigail Brewer, now the wife of Elisha Bowne and that by reason of the minority of some of the children of the said John Brewer dec'd, no division by agreement can be mad between the said children & heirs and therefore praying of this court to order and direct a division of the Real Estate of the said Hendrick Brewer dec'd among the children & heirs aforesaid agreeably to law and the matters contained in the said petition appearing to the court to be true it was thereupon ordered by the court that Elias Hubbard, John Johnson and James Grover being three indifferent persons now appointed by the Court do make, division of the said plantation or tract of land and premises held by the said Hendrick Brewer dec'd at his decease by metes and bounds between the said children & heirs aforesaid agreeable to law and it is further ordered that the report of the said Elias Hubbard, John Johnson and James Grover or any two of them made at the next Orphan's Court after the division in writing under their hands & approved of by the Court shall be conclusive to all parties

concerned and the said Commissioners before they entered on the duties of their appointment having been sworn according to law to make a fair & just partition of such real estate without partiality favor or affection & having examined said real estate & being of opinion that a partition thereof could not be made without great prejudice to the owners of the same they also reported and it appearing to the Judges of the Orphans Court aforesaid by satisfactory proof that the said real estate could not be partitioned among the owners and proprietors thereof without great prejudice to their interest it was thereupon ordered by the said Court in the term of July 1828 that the said commissioners sell said real estate at public auction to the highest bidder giving at least sixty days notice of the time & place of such sale by advertisements put up in five of the most public places in the county wherein said real estate lies & also in one public news paper circulating in the same County and the said Commissioners having advertised agreeably to the said order that the said real estate would be sold on the premises on the first day of October 1828 and at the said time & place the sale of the said premises was openly and public adjourned to be holden on the premises on the third day of November then next and at that time & place the said real estate was exposed to sale at public vendue or out cry and the said Joseph H. VanMater and Joseph Van Mater bidding for the same sum of nine hundred and sixty eight dollars and they being the highest bidders all the said real estate hereinafter described was on the third day of November 1828 between the hours of twelve and five o'clock in the afternoon of said day at the place aforesaid cried off and sold to the said Joseph H. VanMater and Joseph Van Mater and the said Commissioners made report of such sale at the next stated Term of January 1829...

19. Inferior Court of Common Pleas. January term, 1820. Petition of Tylee Brewer, confined in the common goal of Monmouth County for debt, on the execution of a suit brought by John Robinson. Dated 28 January 1820. Presents a list of creditors. Peter Brewer appointed to oversee the liquidation of assets to satisfy the creditors. Dated 15 March 1820.
20. Monmouth County Court of General Quarter Sessions. 7 June 1825. Garret Hendrickson and Hendrick Hendrickson of Middletown, yeoman, acknowledged to be indebted to the state for the sum of one thousand dollars each. Whereas Catharine Brewer of Middletown, single woman, under oath on 25 November 1822 declared that on the 17th of October 1822 in Middletown, she was delivered of a female bastard child and that the said bastard child is likely to become chargeable to the said township of Middletown, and hath charged said Garret Hendrickson with having gotten her with said bastard child. Garret Hendrickson ordered to appear at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions.
21. Court of General Quarter Sessions, October term 1806. Before John Smock, one of the justices. 10 July 1806, by the oath of Catharine Brewer, widow of Peter Brewer, late of the township of Middletown, deceased, on her oath said she was delivered of a male bastard child in said township on the 17th day of June last past, which said child is likely to become chargeable to said township of Middletown and that Thomas Field of said township of Middletown did get her with child of the said bastard child. Warrant issued for apprehending said Thomas Field and being brought before me (the justice) the 12th day of August did enter into his Recognisance together with Robert Field his security. Thomas Field held indebted for one hundred dollars, Robert Field for fifty dollars.

22. State of New Jersey to the Sheriff of Monmouth County, 15 October 1786, before Garret Longstreet, Esq. of the Justices of Monmouth County. Came Peter Brewer and Luke Johnson Junior of said County and acknowledged themselves to owe and be indebted to the state of New Jersey in the sum of twenty pounds to be livied of their and each of their goods and chattels...Peter Brewer to appear before the next Court of General Quarter Sessions at Freehold, 17 October then next.
23. Monmouth County Miscellaneous Records, BKC p. 14. Recorded by Amos Burdsall, 3 March 1820. (The name, Elizabeth Stout, appears to the right of this statement). Aaron Brewer to Ann Brewer. Letter of Attorney. I Aaron Brewer of the City of New York have made constituted and appointed, and by these presents do make, constitute and appoint my loving wife Ann Brewer of the said City of New York, my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name, place and stead, to grant, bargain, sell, assign and convey unto any person or persons whomever and for the best price or sum that can be obtained for the same all my right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever both in law or equity of, in and to all the lands and tenements situate in the County of Monmouth in the State of New Jersey which formerly belonged to the father of the said Ann Brewer and which her mother died in possession of and which I am intitled unto or interested in as the husband of the said Ann Brewer and upon the sale of the same a good and sufficient deed or conveyance in the law for me and in my name and as my attorney to make, seal and execute and acknowledge in due form of law and for me and in my name and as my attorney to do all and every... Signed by Aaron Brewer (his mark) 7 March 1817. Witnesses: Wm. Van Hook, Frans. R. Tillon. William Van Hook a public notary for the State of New York. On 30 April 1819, Ann Brewer appoints Alexander Fairly of the City and State of New York, grocer, as her true and lawful attorney and substitute of Aaron Brewer. Signed Ann Brewer (her mark). Witness: John Tout, Notary Public.
24. Orphans Court, Book F, April 1825 term. Joseph Brewer, administrator of the estate of Peter Brewer, deceased. Application for an order to sell real estate made in the term of January last. Property containing six acres in the township of Howell adjoining the Methodist Meeting house.
25. Monmouth County Deeds Book H, pages 5-6. Indnture, John Johnston Junior to Elias Brewer, both of Freehold, dated 10 Feb 1725. Property in Freehold, Monmouth County. Images online at https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=explorer&chrome=true&srcid=0B8P8SDh4F1WuZmE3ZmU2ODYtZWVmMS00YmE3LTNmZjEtNDVhZmVhNzA3YzU2&hl=en_US

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