

THE BROWER FAMILY CIRCLE

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This newsletter is published with the hope that with enough interest, someone will send in the necessary information to fill out all the blank spaces in Brower-Brewer-Brouwer lines, clear back to the countries in Europe where we all originated from. At the present time, there are a lot of unanswered questions.

Anyone having Brower lineage may have their lines published here as long as they send in a release authorizing such publication. All queries are welcomed as well. The cost is being born by the undersigned in order to generate interest in the Brower line. Donations welcome.

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VOL X No 1 dtd April 1985. The entire contents from William Brower Bogardus of 1121 Linhof Road Wilmington, Ohio 45177.

From Virginia Poling of 233 Oak Valley Drive Hagerstown, MD 21741 we have the following information:

The Solomon Miller Family

Solomon Miller, b. Dec. 15, 1797, in Frederick County, Md., son of Abraham and Elizabeth Crumpacker Miller, d. May 11, 1864, in Allen Co., Ohio.
m. 1827 Lydia Smith, b. Oct. 10, 1808, in Frederick Co., Md., daughter of Solomon and Elizabeth Smith, d. Apr. 6, 1879.

Children:

Lewis F., b. July 16, 1828, Fred. Co., Md., d. Sept. 15, 1898
m. June 1, 1854, Jane Ann Kiger, b. May 10, 1936, in Va., d. Jan. 23, 1936

Elizabeth, b. Jan. 9, 1830, in Fred., Co., Md., d. Jan. 6, 1862
m. Oct. 20, 1853, John B. Miller, b. 1818 in Va., d. 1887

Susannah, b. Jan. 22, 1831, in Fred. Co., Md., d. June 5, 1889
m. April 12, 1855, Samuel Click, b. 1831 in Va., d. 1908

Nathan, b. Jan. 19, 1832, Fred. Co., Md., d. May 18, 1881
m. Aug. 23, 1857, Elzinah Shupe Brower, b. Nov. 28, 1830, d. 1896

Mary Ann, b. Mar. 9, 1833, Fred. Co., Md., d. Jan. 9, 1891
m. Jan. 30, 1859, Daniel Driver, b. 1834, d. Jan. 2, 1922

Abram Isaac, b. Oct. 20, 1834, Seneca Co., Ohio, d. Jan. 28, 1909
(1) m. Nov. 10, 1859, Elizabeth Williams, b. Dec. 14, 1837, d. Dec. 22, 1861
(2) m. Nov. 1, 1866, Elizabeth Stemen, b. July 10, 1842, d. May 30, 1882
(3) m. Sarah Ann Altic, b. May 25, 1850, d. Mar. 10, 1905

John E., b. June 28, 1836, Seneca Co., Ohio, d. July 25, 1863

James Stephen, b. Jan. 26, 1838, Seneca Co., Ohio, d. Jan. 19, 1904
m. Nancy J. Garber, b. Dec. 10, 1840, d. Aug. 31, 1911

Jemima C., b. May 10, 1839, Seneca Co., Ohio, d. Jan. 7, 1917
m. Mar. 31, 1861, Tobias Kauffman, b. 1833 in Pa., d. 1897

David D. b. June 29, 1840, Seneca Co., Ohio, d. Mar. 2, 1863

Sarah Jane, b. Dec. 30, 1841, Seneca Co., Ohio, d. Dec. 23, 1907
m. Dec. 25, 1862, Daniel M. Miller, b. 1837, d. 1917

Uriah, b. Sept. 28, 1843, Seneca Co., Ohio, d. July 16, 1848

Lydia Hannah, b. July 8, 1845, Seneca Co., Ohio, d. Jan. 22, 1915
m. Oct. 26, 1865, Daniel D. Wine, b. Oct. 3, 1841, d. Oct. 18, 1906

Solomon S., b. Feb. 28, 1847, Seneca Co., Ohio, d. 1921
m. Feb. 7, 1867, Mary Miller, b. Feb. 22, 1844, d. Dec. 13, 1919

William H., b. Dec. 22, 1850, Seneca Co., Ohio, d.

Interrelationship with other Brethren families

Lewis Miller married Jane Ann Kiger, daughter of Charles and Margaret Wise Kiger and great granddaughter of Christian and Margaret Kiger of Rockingham County, Va.

Elizabeth Miller married John B. Miller, son of Samuel and Barbary Sanger Miller.

Susannah married Samuel Click, son of John Click III and Anna Harshbarber Click and great grandson of John Click, Sr. Moved to Vernon County, Mo.

Nathan married Elizabeth Shupe Brower, a daughter of Jacob J. Shupe and daughter-in-law of Hannah Brower, who after her husband died, moved to Allen County, Ohio. Moved to Iowa.

Mary Ann married Daniel Driver, son of Dr. Jacob and Polly Funk Driver

Abram married (1) Elizabeth Williams, daughter of Silas and Sarah Williams;
(2) Elizabeth Stemen^e, daughter of Samuel and Magdalena Hilliard Stemen;
(3) Sarah Ann Altic, daughter of Abe and Betty Altic of Franklin County, Virginia Moved to Missouri

James Stephen married Nancy Jane Garber, daughter of Jonathan Garber. (Nancy was born in Montgomery County, Ohio) Moved to Missouri

Jemima married Tobias Kauffman, born in Pennsylvania Moved to Missouri

Sarah Jane married Daniel M. Miller Moved to Missouri

Lydia married Daniel D. Wine, son of Christian and Catherine Miller Wine, and great grandson of Michael Wine Moved to Missouri

Solomon S. married Mary Miller, daughter of Jacob B. and Salome Wine Miller, and granddaughter of Michael Wine of Virginia Moved to Illinois

William H. according to family tradition, moved to Iowa and married a Brower. He was still living in 1920 when his brother, Solomon died. No other documentation--yet.

Solomon, father of the above children. was the son of Abraham Miller, who married Elizabeth Crumpacker, daughter of Jacob Crumpacker and granddaughter of Hans and Elizabeth Crumpacker.

Dates: Solomon Miller, 1797-1864
Lydia Smith Miller, 1808-1879

Solomon and Lydia Miller moved from Frederick County, Md., to Seneca County Ohio, in 1833. Moved to Allen County, Ohio, in 1852. Solomon died in Allen County, Ohio; Lydia died in Vernon County, Missouri, at the home of her daughter, Susannah.

Prepared by Virginia Smith Poling,
granddaughter of Lydia Miller Wine

In 1858 my great uncle, Nathan Miller married Elzina Brower. In the Allen County, Ohio, court house we found that Elzina had previously been married to Enoch Brower, and they had three children. Enoch died in 1854. He was the son of John and Hannah Brower. John had purchased land in Ohio and then died before he could make the move. So Hannah took her children and moved to Ohio where several of the family already lived. After Enoch died in 1854, Hannah continued to live with Elzina and her family. We found that Elzina was the daughter of Jacob and Cynthia Myers Shupe.

Elzina's children were Emmanuel, Lucetta and Cynthia Ann. Nathan and Elzina had four children. About 1858 they moved to Iowa, first living in Keokuk County and later Warren County. Nathan died in 1881, and Elzina and the children stayed on the farm there. Most of them are buried in the Shupe cemetery. Descendants of Nathan and Elzina still live on the farm in Warren County.

Emmanuel Brower moved to Nevada, Missouri, where some of the Millers had settled. In the 1880 census he had two children, Floyd and Larrow (?). The picture we have from Yakima, Washington, is of Cousin Floyd Brower. Somehow or other the family must have moved to Washington. I haven't found out that part of the story yet.

So--the family relationship continued even though there was no blood relationship. I guess this is what makes genealogy so interesting--the stories we find out of the past.

Just last week I received a picture which had been in an old trunk belonging to my aunt, Nellie Beshore, of a young man. On the front is printed "The James Studio, North Yakima, Wash." And on the back is written in my aunt's handwriting "cousin, Floyd Brower." My aunt was the one who kept the family in touch with each other and supplied family information.

Does any of this ring any bells for you as to Browers? We found the information about Nathan from diligent searching in the court house at Lima, Ohio, where we found original documents. We plan to make another trip to Allen County in the spring. I also found Nathan's obituary in the Gospel Visitor of 1881 in the Brethren Archives in Elgin, Illinois.

My husband, Newton, and I are researching the Brethren families who lived along the Conococheague and the Monocacy in Maryland. Much has already been written about some of them individually, so we are studying relationships of families from the historical as well as the religious background. We find it fascinating!

I really have three questions: Who is the young man "Cousin Floyd Brower" who had his picture taken at the James Studio, North Yakima, Wash. about 1890-1900.

Could he be a descendant of Emanuel Brower, son of Enoch Brower of Lima, Ohio? His mother was Elzinah Shupe Brower, who married Nathan Miller after the death of Enoch in 1854. Elzinah and Nathan moved, along with the Shupes to Warren County, Iowa, some time after 1857. There were other Browsers at this place in Iowa. Nathan Miller became a minister in the Marion County, church, but died in 1881.

Also, we understand that Nathan's brother, William H., moved to Iowa and married a Brower. In the 1870 Census William was living with his mother in Allen County, Ohio. His mother moved with her daughter to Vernon County, Missouri, in 1876. We have no further word about what happened to William except the above. We have not had access to an Iowa census of 1880 or 1890. Did William Miller remain in Iowa, or did he move west?

Among my Aunt Nellie's treasures I found a copy of a poem, with the signature David Brower at the bottom. Enclosed is a copy for your use.

I don't know whether there is any relationship between the Browsers and Millers, but they were all a part of the Brethren group around Sugar Creek. Six of my great uncles and aunts were married by Daniel Brower during the 1850's and 1860's.

NOTE: Page #5 contains a photo copy of the poem mentioned above.

On page #151 of History of the Northern Plains 1844-1977 Church of the Brethren. Mention is made of the Marion County Church in Marion County, Iowa and a Nathan Miller who was a minister who resided in this congregation. Others listed were Enoch Brower, William Bacon and others. JHB

1st My blood and stay is call'd away

And I am left alone

My husband dear who was so near
Is fled and gone away

2nd

It breaks my heart 'tis hard to part

With one that was so kind

Whine shall I go to vent my smart
O'er ease my troubled mind.

3rd

In wisdom ways we spent our days

Altho' comfort we did find

But he is gone in dust to lay

While I am left behind

4th

Nought can I find to ease my mind

In things which are below

For earthly toys but were my joy

And aggravate my woe

5th

But I'll repair to Jesus where

I'll ease my troubled breast

To Christ above who is all love

And my eternal rest

6th

And O that he would send for me

And call my spirit home

To worlds of rest among the blest

Where troubles never come

Rockingham County
Virginia.

David Drower Allen County

1846