

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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A letter from Joan Brush Baumgarten ✓ 5540 Maple Rd Voorheesville,
New York 12186 Her Brower line is as follows:

Her mother:

Mildred Gertrude Brower

The father of Mildred:

George Harvey Brower

b. 29 Dec 1884. Place unknown. Married Ida M. Shotwell. He
died 30 March 1928 in Northport, NY.

His Father:

Charles Edward Brower

b. 16 Dec 1854 Place not known. Married Libby Joy. He died
27 Jan 1919.

His father:

Charles Brower and he married _____ Shadbolt. No other
information.

A letter from Hattie Shacklett ✓ 261 East Corona Ave in Corning,
CA 96021. Her Brower information is as follows:

Her grandmother:

Erminnie Alice Brower

b. 1876 in Webster City, Iowa d. 1954

Her father:

Henry Spencer? Brower

b. 12 April 1842 in Canada. Believe he married Lydia Stryker who was
born in Pa. We think Henry's father was a Daniel Brower who was
born 1811 in Canada and died in 1865 in Iowa.

From Adeline R. Preston of 230 W Main Street Elkton, MD 21921.

I am looking for information about my Great Great Grandfather Daniel
H. B. Brower who was born in Pennsylvania, possibly Berks County,
around 1815. He was elected to the Pennsylvania State House of
Representatives on 9 Oct 1849 from Butler County. He served one
two year term. He lived in Danville, Pa from 1855 thru 1878 and while
there edited and published several newspapers. He also wrote the
book "Danville Past and Present". Dr Brower and his wife, Jane
(Kennedy?) Brower, had seven children as follows:

Rosa M.
Anna Imogene

Mary S.
Wilbur G.

Imelda J.
Elizabeth

Daniel H. B.

The family moved to Cecial County, Maryland, in 1878 and also there,
with his sons and daughter, Mary, edited and published two newspapers.

In 1881, Rosa M. married John T. Biddle of North East, Maryland, and, as far as I know, spent the rest of their lives in Cecil County. They are my Great Grandparents.

The rest of the family moved away and some were found on the 1900 census of Washington, DC. As late as 1932, they were in contact with the Cecil County family. Two daughters were in Lock Haven, Pa., in April 1897.

It has also been passed down in the family that Dr Brower had a brother who was publisher or editor of a Philadelphia newspaper and another brother who was a homeopathic doctor.

I know nothing of the forebearers of Dr Brower and Jane. I have several Brower histories, but no link with Daniel H. B. Brower. He seems very elusive. Any information will be appreciated.

From Marian L. Matchett 51 Columbia Street Jackson, Ohio 45640.

Brewer Lineage:

Jacob Brewer b. 22 Sep 1790 in Delaware. d. 20 Nov 1866 in Coshocton County, Ohio. m. 1812 in Greene County, Pa to Cassandre McDonald.

Their son, Jacob Brewer b. 28 Jul 1828 in Union County, Pa. Died 2 Oct 1908 in Coshocton County, Ohio. Married 1 Sep 1853 in Coshocton County, Ohio to Eleanor M. Tilton, daughter of Joseph and Susannah (Miller) Tilton, b. 3 Mar 1830 in Coshocton County, Ohio died there on 13 May 1892. Both buried South Lawn Cemetery, Coshocton, Ohio. They had nine children

Their daughter, Rowena Angeline Brewer, the first child, was born 21 July 1854; died 10 Jan 1952 in Coshocton County, Ohio. Married on 21 Dec 1873 to Absolom Cass Trovinger, son of Daniel and Ivy (Roadruck) Trovinger, born 15 Sep 1850 in Coshocton County, Ohio, died there on 27 March 1941. Both lie in the South Lawn Cemetery, Coshocton, Ohio. They had two children. Both daughters.

Their daughter, Lulu Ivy Trovinger, born 5 Jan 1875 in Coshocton County, Ohio and died there on 11 Aug 1935. Married on 14 Nov 1894 to Thomas Wilford Lear, M.D., son of Henry Nott and Sarah Louise (Marshall) Lear, born 22 Feb 1870 in Coshocton County, Ohio and died there on 17 Dec 1945. Both lie in the South Lawn Cemetery Coshocton, Ohio. They had three children.

Their daughter, Marjorie Eleanor Lear, born 16 Sep 1903, died 23 July 1984 in Coshocton County, Ohio. Married on 25 Aug 1925 to Raymond Homer Turner, son of Lewis N. and Nacy Florence (McVay) Turner, born 11 Feb 1903 in Coshocton County, Ohio and died there 11 April 1973. Both lie in the South Lawn Cemetery, Coshocton, Ohio. They had five children.

Their daughter, Marian Louise Turner, the first child, was born 31 May 1926. Married on 3 July 1948 to Karl Glenwood Matchett, son of Curtis Russell and Effie Ione (Williams) Matchett, born 13 Mar 1924 in Muskingum County, Ohio. Living (1989) in Jackson County, Ohio. One son.

Their son, Jon Timothy Lear Matchett, born 1 May 1953 in Coshocton County, Ohio. Married 27 June 1976 to Teresa Lynn Reigel, daughter of Fred A. and Norma (Leach) Reigel who was born on 24 May 1955 in Jackson County, Ohio. No issue.

Mr Don E. Kinnison of P.O. Box 712 Berkeley, CA 94701. His line back to Hubert Brower follows:

BROWER

Hubert Brower (1) the first of this branch of the Brower family in America, arrived at the port of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on May 4, 1726. He was accompanied by his wife, Ann, and sons Christian, John and Henry and possibly two daughters, names unknown. They were from Nenwild in the Palatinate of Germany. They at first lived on farms in the valley of the Schuylkill River at what is today Coventry Township, Chester County, PA near the town of Pottstown. Little more is known about Hubert and his wife, Ann. Their graves are lost. When and where they died is unknown. Several people have tried to locate their burial place, but so far have failed. Secondly, several of the Brower "brothers" left Pennsylvania and went to North Carolina where they were the first of the pioneers in Randolph County, where they founded the town of Liberty in 1780 owning most of it and the land around it.

References: "Some Descendants of Christian Brower and Allied Families" written by Mr. J. N. Butler, published in 1984. Mr. William Brower Bogandus of Modesto, California and Mrs. Francine Swain, Liberty, North Carolina. The children of Hubert and Ann are as follows:

I. Christian (2) born 1715-18 in Germany. He obtained 200 acres of land on the Schuylkill River from the Land Proprietories. He was married twice, name of first wife unknown, second wife was Eve Bowman. His will is dated June 3, 1771 and probated November 22, 1771. It is on file in the Office of the Register of Wills, Philadelphia, PA will No. 115-1771. Children by his first wife, name unknown:

1. John (3) Christian refers to this son "as to the son of my youth."

Children by second wife Eva Bowman:

1. Emanuel (3) he moved to Frederick County, Maryland.
2. Christian Jo. (3)
3. Barbara (3). She married Tobias Miller.
4. Enoch (3) Married Frances Eickenberg.
5. David (3) He and Enoch went to Franklin County, Virginia.
6. Swanna (3) Married Jacob Terrey.

II. John (2) born in Germany 1715-1719. See further.

III. Henry (2) youngest of Hubert and Ann's children was born in Germany on February 14, 1720. He, like his brother, also had a farm on the Schuylkill River. He was married twice. His wife was Salome Drfrain, and his second was Barbara, his widow when he died in 1784. Letters of Administrator were issued to his sons Oct. 23, 1784. Henry's children:

1. Abraham (3) born Apr. 1, 1745; married Margaret B. Buckwalker; died Oct. 21, 1805.
2. Daniel (3)
3. Jacob married Susan.
4. John (3)
5. Isaac (3)
6. Salome (3)
7. Elizabeth (5) married John Anney.

John (2) was born in Germany about 1715-1719. He was married to Susanna and died May 30, 1777 in West Chester, PA. Letters of Administration were granted to Daniel Brower his son. There was an Abraham Brower born in 1760, that is thought to be a son of John and Susanna. About 1790 Abraham moved to Union Township, Berks County, and took residence on a farm owned by Abraham Wagner. Susanna might have been a relative to Mr. Wagner as in his Will dated May 7, 1794, he bequeaths to his friend Abraham Brower, son of John Brower, his plantation. John and Susanna's children are as follows:

I. John (3) born in Coventry Township, Chester County and died in 1814 in Randolph Co. N.C. married Catherine.

II. Christian (3) born in Chester County 1754. Died May 2, 1819, Randolph County N.C. married Magdalena "Molly" Amick. He owned several buildings in Liberty and lived on his farm - Magdalena died Sept. 1832. She and Christian are buried in the Liberty Grove Methodist Church Cemetery, Liberty, N.C. His will was written January 24, 1815. Children:

1. John B. (4) born July 2,
2. Abraham (4) born Sept. 29, 1785
3. Christian (4) born 1787; married Elizabeth McMasters
4. Eva (4) born 1783-4, married John Lane
5. Hannah (4) married Zebedee Wood
6. Mary Magdalena (4) married Thomas Destal
7. Edwin (4) married Sally Carter
8. Catharine married Joseph Johnson

III. Daniel (3) born May 2, 1757, Chester County, died April 2, 1809, married Frances Pife on May 23, 1779.

IV. Adam (3) See further.

Adam Brower (3) was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania, February 6, 1763 and died August 6, 1822, age 69 yrs. 6 mos. in Randolph County, North Carolina. He was married to Catherine, born Oct. 2, 1767. Died June 30, 1842. Both are buried in the Liberty Grove Methodist Church Cemetery at Liberty, N.C. Their farm was on the Rocky River in Captain Julins District. Adam and Catherine's children are as follows:

- I. David Brower (4), married Jane Kirkman. See further.
- II. Frederick (4) born 1794, died in Ohio May 13, 1875.
Married Nov. 12, 1815, Helen Staley.
- III. George (4) born Nov. 14, 1798. Married Delilah Bramer.
He died April 26, 1876.
- IV. Adam Brower (4) born Feb. 16, 1801, died in Missouri, March 6, 1880; married 1821, Charity Vaust.
- V. Ephraim (4) born Aug. 14, 1803, died Green County, Missouri, Nov. 9, 1891. Married Delilah.
- VI. Catharine (4) married Hugh Walker, Feb. 27, 1816; married Nathan Kendal July 12, 1832.
- VII. John (4) born 1779; died 1853-4, Yolo County, Miss.
- VIII. Elizabeth (4) married Oct. 15, 1826, William D. Fields.
- IX. Mavis (4) married Peter Amick.

David Brower (4) was born in Randolph County, North Carolina in 1795. He was married to Jane Kirkman, born in 1795, died 1859, on December 11, 1811. She was a daughter of Thomas Kirkman

that lived on Sandy Creek. The bondsman to this marriage was Phillip Amick. Witness was Zebedee Wood. They were in the County tax list for 1815 and lived in Captain Julin's District. 196 acres. David died in April or May 1821. The Rancolph County Administrator Bond was dated May 8, 1821. The administrator of his estate was Robert Julian. In 1824 a guardian was appointed for the heirs of David Brower. He was Thomas Kirkman. The heirs were Warren, Matilda, Thomas, and Rebecca Bramer.

Shortly after David died, Jane was married a second time to William Dawson on December 28, 1827. It is also said that she had an illegitimate daughter named Melvina in between. William Dawson's age in the Randolph County Census Reports for 1850 was 47. Born about 1803. The children of David and Jane are as follows:

- I. Warren (5)
- II. Matilda (5) born Nov. 5, 1815. See further.
- III. Thomas (5) Kirkman.
- IV. Rebecca (5) married John Ellison.

The children of Jane and William Dawson:

- I. Robert, age 22 in 1850 Census.
- II. Harris, age 19 in 1850 Census.
- III. William, age 16 in 1850 Census.

Matilda Isabell Brower (5) was born in Randolph County on November 5, 1815. She was married to Nathaniel Norwood on February 6, 1834. They moved to Hamilton County, Indiana in that same year. See Norwood Family History.

From Mrs Linn V. Harris of 212 Beasley Neck Rd Salem, NJ 08079.
Her Brower lineage:

HARRET HARRIS :

Her father:

David Fogg

His father:

Luke Stretch Fogg

m. Rebecca Shaw Young on 22 Nov 1905

b. 9 Feb 1883

Cape May County, NJ

d. 29 April 1979

The mother of Rebecca Shaw Young:

Martha (Gandy) Shaw

b. 4 Oct 1857

d. 11 July 1923 Salem, NJ

The father of Martha (Gandy) Shaw

Henry Shaw

b. 17 Jan 1833 in Cape May County, NJ

d. 8 Nov 1901

The mother of Henry Shaw:

Eliza Brower

b. 13 Feb 1813

d. 12 Sep 1882

Eliza Brower married DeMott Shaw, Sr.

The father of Eliza Brower:

James Brower

b. 13 Mar 1792 in Queens County, NY

d. 16 Feb 1875 in Cape May, NJ

m. Hannah _____?

From Mrs Diane Eaton of 8433 Betty Lee St Louis, MO 63114.

Her father:

Esli Edward b. 7 Aug 1898 in Dallas County, Iowa

d. 21 Oct 1960 in Cando, North Dakota

m. Hala Mae Awalt

The mother of Esli Edward Price:

Bertha Ethel Stemen

b. 15 Jan 1874

d. 11 Jan 1956

m. Joseph Price

The mother of Bertha Ethel Stemen:

Lucetta Brower

b. 13 Dec 1851 in Ohio and died 3 July 1893 in Iowa
married Charles C. Stemen.

The father of Lucetta Brower:

Enoch Brower

b. 1823 in Virginia

d. before 1855 in Ohio

married 28 Oct 1847 in Allen County, Ohio by Chas. Crites, J. P.
to Elzina A. Shupe, daughter of Jacob and Cynthia Shupe

b. 28 Nov 1830 in Ohio

d. 13 Oct 1896 in Warren County, Ohio

Lies in the Shupe Cemetery, Lacona, Iowa.

Enoch Brower was Brethren Minister.

His father was:

J. B. Brower who married Hanna Miller. He was also a Church of
the Brethren minister.

His mother

From Shirley Joy of 306 Jamaica Drive in San Antonio, TX 78227

My great great grandfather was Daniel Brower born ca 1811 some where
in Canada. He died 28 Nov 1865. Believe he died in Iowa but I do
not know where he is buried. His wife was named Matilda??? born about
1811 in Ireland. Believe she later married a Joseph A. Snow on
4 April 1868. Do not know anything more about her. They had
seven children and I think they were all born in Canada.

Henry Charles

b. 12 July 1842 (my line)

Caroline

Married George Willix

Ozias

Married Emma?????

John

Married Sarah A. ?????

Charlotte

b. ca 1852

Margaret

Married a man named either Hawkins or Halkins

Obodiah

b. 11 June 1859. Married Lydia A. Ross
on 17 Nov 1872 and later Nancy L. Dutcher on
29 Sep 1879. Obodiah died 13 March 1925. Lies
in Iowa. I think he had 11 children.

My great grandfather Henry Charles Brower born 12 July 1842 in
Canada married Lydia Stryker or Striker. Marriage date unknown. He
died in 1927 in Mustang, Oklahoma. He and Lydia had 6 children
all born in Iowa. Lydia died 13 Jan 1894 and was buried in Webster
City, Iowa.

His second marriage was to Marcia A. Carr. The children of Lydia Henry were:

Charles Hubert	b. 14 Nov 1867	d. 1936
Charlotte Caroline	b. 10 Jul 1872	d. 1959
Erminne Alice (my grandmother)	b. 28 Mar 1876	d. 30 Apr 1954
Nettie May	b. 18 Sep 1878	d. 12 Mar 1899
Harry Chester	b. 5 Jan 1882	d. 1960
Tressa	b. 14 Feb 1885	d. 9 Dec 1885

If anyone can assist me as exact places of birth, complete dates it would certainly be appreciated.