

## 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 publisher in order to generate interest in the Brower line. Send your lineage to:

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Below is listed the lineage of Mr Merle Seth Brower of 5801 Highland Hills Terrace Austin, Texas 78731.

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pb. Pinevalley, MS  
d. 12 Oct 1966  
pd. Konawa, OK  
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His father:

Brower, John Sanders  
b. 03 April 1838  
pb. \_\_\_\_\_(?), MS  
d. 14 Sep 1923  
pd. Yalobusha County, MS

His father:

Brower, John  
b. \_\_\_\_\_(?)  
pb. \_\_\_\_\_, NC  
m. Elizabetha \_\_\_\_\_(?)

No other information.

John Sanders Brower, a son of John Brower above, wrote a letter to the editor of the paper published in Coffeenville, MS which is copied in verbatim below. The name of the paper must be the Courier which started publishing in 1900. This letter was written in 1915.

"The following letter was handed to us by Mr. Frank Brower as a clipping from an old newspaper. The writer was the father of Mr. Frank Brower, who is just past 84, and he thinks his father was about 80 when the letter was written. The clipping was dated May 15, 1915.

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I was born in Franklin County, Tenn., the 3rd of April, 1838. My father moved to this county the next winter before I was one year old on a place now belonging to Mr. P Hudson, joining land with Mr Ruben Cox. He was there when we moved there and was the only man that lived near us. My father then bought a place 9 miles east of Coffeenville on the Pontotoc road where he died when I was about 15 or 16 years old.

The Indians were in this country when we moved here, also some bears, wolves, turkeys and squirrels were plentiful. Times were altogether different then to what they are now. No railroads were here, then people took their cotton to Memphis on wagons and sold it and brought back their supplies they needed for the coming year. If you needed a little money in the fall, your neighbor had it for you.

Coffeerville at that time was all on the hill, there was only two business houses there at that time. Messrs. Newburger and Raybourn owned these stores.

John Murry was sheriff, John Ramsey was his deputy sheriff. Mr. Ramsey was raised in less than one-half mile from where our present sheriff was born and raised. He went to see his best girl one day late in the fall. Her father had killed a hog the day before. The people in those days did not bob the hogs' tails like they do now. While the old man was returning thanks Ramsey took his fork and lifted the tail on his plate and said he would have that piece sure.

The Civil war came on. I volunteered May the 2nd, 1862, and got back home June 15th, 1865. I joined Captain John Powell's company at Coffeerville, went to Grenada and stayed a few days, then to Oxford and stayed a few days, back to Grenada and stayed a few days, then to Oxford and stayed a few days, back to Grenada and joined the regiment. J. R. Miller was our colonel. We went from Grenada to Richmond, Virginia. There we joined Joe Davis' brigade the second, eleventh and forty-second. Mississippi regiments and two North Carolina regiments constituted the brigade. We joined Heath's division, A. P. Hill's corps. We guarded prisoners on the James River at Bell Island. The rest of 1862 we guarded prisoners and did picket duty the most of 1863. The battle of the Wilderness was the first big fight we were in.

I had seven holes shot in my clothing, but I never had the skin broke all during the war. The next fight we had was near Spotsvalina court house. The next was Getesburg.

I had lived in Yalobusha County ever since I was one year old, except during the civil war. I am now living on a place I moved on in 1867 in two miles of the place my father settled on when he first moved to this country, being land with the place he died on. I will soon be 78 years old. I never paid any fine of any kind and never have been arrested.

I know no man who has been in Yalobusha County as long as I have been.

Hoping that I will be the oldest resident, I am

Yours truly,  
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Water Valley, Miss "

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