

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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From the pen of Mike Callahan of 9229 Loma Vista Dallas, TX 75243 we have the following information on Brewer/Browuer/Brower.

Eldora Brewer

- b. 01 Nov 1856 in Johnson County, Indiana
- m. Thomas Henry Pettitt on 22 Sept 1874

Her father:

John C Brewer

- b. 08 Jan 1821 in Mercer County, KY
- d. 24 Jan 1874 in Johnson County, IN
- m. Ann S Comingore who was born 29 Mar 1825 in Mercer County, KY

His father:

Abraham V Brewer

- b. 19 Apr 1791 in Mercer County, KY
- m. (1st) Anna Cozine on 11 Nov 1814 in Mercer County, KY. She died in 1830 in Mercer County, KY
- m. (2nd) Delilah Rice on 17 May 1831
- d. 12 March 1873 in Johnson County, IN. He moved from Mercer County, KY in 1834 to Johnson County, IN.

Father of Ann S (Comingore) Brewer:

Henry R Comingore

- b. (?) March 1793 in Mercer County, KY
- m. Elizabeth Smock who was b. Sep 1797 Mercer County, KY. Her father was Jacob Smock who m. Ann Banta.

His father:

Henry Comingore

- b. _____(?)
- m. Rachel Brower who was b. 21 June 1752 in Hackensack, NJ.

Father of Rachel Brower above:

Daniel Brower

- b. 05 July 1719 in Hackensack, NJ
- m. Maria Koning on 10 Oct 1743
- d. _____(?)1791 in Mercer County, KY

His father (?):

Abram Brower

- b. _____(?)
- m. 29 March 1700 to Leah Demarest

Mr Callahan believes that Abraham V Brewer and his first wife, Anna Cozine were both members of the Dutch Colony from Conawago, PA., previously from New Jersey. Also, Anna Cozine could be descended from the

Rev. Cornelius Cozine and his wife Mary Brower, daughter of Daniel Brower and Maria Koning. The Demarest Family History believes that Abram Brower is the son of Pieter Brower, oldest son of Adam Brower Berckhoven.

Some further notes and a querie from Mr Callahan are as follows:

Does anybody know the parentage of Abraham V Brower who was born on 19 April 1791 in Mercer County, KY and who married, first, Anna Cozine on 11 Jan 1814, and second, to Delilah Rice on 17 May 1831, and who moved from Mercer County, KY to Johnson County, Indiana in 1834. Could he be the grandson of Daniel Brower and his wife Maria Koning of Bergen County, New Jersey and who died in Mercer County, KY in 1791?

In a book put out by the Francis Vigo Chapter of the DAR pertaining to pioneer families of Knox and Sullivan Counties in Indiana it states that the father of Adam Brower Berkhoven, who married Magdalena Verdon in 1645, was Peter Clement Brower, a merchant of the City of Heorn, Holland and who was the first president and general manager of the Dutch West Indies Company founded in 1614. Also, Magdalena Verdon's father was the secretary and her grandfather, Thomas Badie, was the treasurer of the Dutch West Indies Company which founded New Amsterdam.

Peter Clement Brower was born in Heorn, Holland in 1580 and died in 1625. He was married to Helena May. She was born in 1581 in France and her brother was the navigator for the same company. She died in 1641, the year before Adam came to New Amsterdam. Peter Clement Brower was the son of Nicholas Brower who was born in 1555. Nicholas was married to Sophia Kiess. She was born in 1558, the daughter of John Clement Kiess.

Nicholas Brower's father was Arant Brower, burgomeister of Amsterdam from 1550 until his death in 1575. Arant Brower and his brother owned all the Breweries and flour mills in Amsterdam and the town of Heorn at the time of his death.

Now some notes about Brewers/Brouwers/Browers, etc., of Kentucky. They are furnished by Mrs Ruth Kiesling of 314 East Linden Avenue in Logansport, Indiana 46947.

Booklet of Old Mud Meeting House, Mercer County, Kentucky; among the Huguenots who fled to Holland were: Banta, Boyce, Brower (Brewer), Bahons, Cozine, Comingore, Huff, Hite, Kyle, Smock, Vannuys, Ryker, Vanarsalls, Voorhees, Vanmeter, Verlryke, Vandervier, Vanaglin, Vanderipe, Vandyke, and Vaughn.

Some Americanized names: Dearset-Demaree, Dyryzs-Duries, Lorous-Rues, Terheum-Terhune, Demottes-Demott, Debauns-Debouns, Cossatt-Cozarter and Cozatt, Deschamps-Schamp and Scomp.

New Brunswick, New Jersey to Bucks County, PA. Dutch colonists in 1765 from New Jersey to York County, PA (now Adams County). Conewago Colony is about three (3) miles south of Gettysburg, PA. The Church was attached to the New Brunswick _____ (?). In 1780 fifty heads of families had gone to Mercer County, KY from southern PA. In 1781 more to Kentucky.

Some went to the country around Genesee Lakes in New York. The last to be baptized in the Church was on 14 May 1793. (From PA Archives VOLS: 10, 11 and 12. Series unknown.)

Colonists purchased six or seven thousand acres of land, "The Low Dutch Tract" in Henry and Shelby Counties, Kentucky about 1827, many left to: Johnson County, Indiana, Switzerland County, Indiana and Darke County, Ohio.

To Kentucky: Bantas, Brewers, Montforts, DeMotts, Bergens, Smocks, Vanarsdalls, Cassatts, Cozines, and many others. See: Collins History of Kentucky, VOL II, page 523. Deeds recorded to: Abraham Banta in 1789; Albert Banta in 1799; Abraham Brewer in 1792; Henry Banta in 1794; Peter Banta in 1794; Abraham Brewer in 1796; Thomas Kyle (Dominie) in 1802; Charles Vanarsdall in 1796; Lucas Vanarsdall in 1796 and James Vanarsdall in 1796. See History for other names.

From: Minutes of the Orphanmasters of New Amsterdam on 8 Feb 1663, City Hall, New York. Adam Brouwer, Thomas Verdon and Arien Willemsen appear before Orphan Masters to request that they may have their fathers' property for which purpose the following order is made:

Adam Brouwer, 'and other two' all children by previous marraiges of the wife of Paulus Van de Beeq, having shown an extract from the Record of Resolutions of the County of Breucklen dtd 24 Jan 1663, request that they have not received their fathers' inheritance, that they may have it from above Van de Beeq, who has hitherto retained it. The case was decided to be out of the Orphanmasters' jurisdiction, and was referred to the director-general council of New Netherlands.

Tomas Smidt married on 29 Sept 1692 in Brooklyn to Sarah Adamze Brouwer, the widow of Tunis Jansen. Sarah probably the daughter of Adam above.

From the early settlers of Kings County, New York, page 140: David Hendricks (Hendricksen) married on 22 Oct 1681, Helena, daughter of Adam Brouwer of Cowanus, the emigrant.....Evert Hendricks married Sophia Adamse Brouwer. Page 142: William Hinton of Brooklyn married Rachel Adamze Brouwer - his mark to documents 1698.....Pieter Hendricks from Friesland in the Netherlands married on 5 Jun 1698 in New York, to Rashel Berekhoven (Brower) daughter of Adam Brower of Cowanus, both residents of New York. William Hendricks married on 5 Aug 1693 at the Highlands, Magdalena, daughter of Adam Brouwer of Cowanus, both residents of Highland at the time of the marriage. (New York Dutch Reformed Church Records).

N.C.S.Q. March 1944, page 108: John Easter who was born 17 Jan 1760 in Washington County, Maryland.....later drafted and served under Captain Peter Brewer's Militia Company. About 1830 he left Maryland for Hampshire, now Morgan County, Virginia.

1840 Census of Pensioners of the
United States

Logan County, Kentucky

Moses Hendricks, aged 75. Head of household listed as Moses Hendrich (ks)

Marion County, Kentucky

William Hendricks, aged 95. Head of household listed as Archibold Brown

Pensioner Edw. Beeson, #512984, who served in North Carolina militia from Guilford (later Randolph) County. Vol., spring of 1788 and David Brewer was his Capt. After Brewer was killed, Woods became Capt. (She thinks that) Capt David Brewer was killed in battle with tories at Brush Creek. Colonel was Thomas Bougan.

Phillip Brewer born in South Carolina 26 Oct 1822, son of John and Catherine (Heller) Brower of PA, and they being born 1787 and 1791 respectively. In 1845, family to Indiana, locating in Sullivan County. Married on 7 Jun 1849 to Charlotte, daughter of John and Nancy Dean, who were born in Virginia and North Carolina respectively. Their children: Nancy C (d), Susa, James, John Wesley, Robert W., Rosetta R (d), Albert R., and Louis S. This information from Mrs Gurdon Haines of RR #4, Box 116 North Vernon, Indiana 47265. Ref: Widner Township, Knox County, Indiana.

From The House of Brewer, by Edward Fanton Brewer Tulsa, OK 1947, apart of page 47, section on Brewer family here. On page 30: 'Drege de Baouerer held Seignery of LaBruviere near Bethune in ancient Flanders, a region of France, though close to Belgium. To England with William the Conqueror in the year 1080. He went back to Flanders, but the children remained in England.'

John Brewer, a London merchant, within twenty (20) years of 1st settlement of 1607 at Jamestown, Virginia, came to Virginia. Member of the House of Burgesses from 1629-30. Father's name was Thomas. John brought his wife and three children with him and two more were born in America. Of these, Francis and Henry died before he did. He lived to the South, across the James River from Jamestown and in the Warwick River district and owned two estates, "Brewer's Neck" and "Stanley Hundred". His descendants spread to the South and West.

Henry Brewer's son, John, was a Revolutionary Soldier. The author's branch separated from the others when Henry, son of George and born in Brunswick County, Virginia, came to Bedford County, Pa., in the 1760's just after the French and Indian War, in which war Henry was a soldier. Henry's son John stayed and died in Pa., but William, son of John, went to Morrow County, Ohio. William's son, Danton, author's grandfather, stayed and died in Morrow County, Ohio as did my (author's) father, Henry Lloyd Brewer.

Lovering Family History, page 41: Henry _____(?) Lovering, born Whip-pain Township, Philadelphia County, PA on 10 June 1738 and died 26 August 1810 in Belfast Township, Bedford County, PA. He married Ann Wynn, who was born 11 Mar 1744 and died 4 Jan 1822. He was a blacksmith and after their marriage, moved first to the Durham Iron Works in New Jersey and in 1785 to Bedford County, PA.

The fifth child, page 126, married John Brewer. The ninth child, born 7 June 1778 (Ann), married Christopher Breuer, living or rather lived in Bedford County, later to Greene County, PA, nothing more on them.

Mary, page 126, born 15 June 1771 in New Jersey, died in 15 Oct 1831 in Morrow County, Ohio. She married John Brewer, who was born 28 Feb 1763 and died in 1810. Said to have served in the Revolution in James Leech's Company of Ranger of the Frontier. Mary married again (2nd time) to Samuel Greves. The father of John Brewer, who was also named John, gave him 154 acres of land in Bedford County at the time of this marriage. Of their children, page 418, Henry married _____(?) and lived in Fulton County, PA; page 419, Barbara married _____(?); Rachel married Willie Ryan and died in Knox County, Ohio; Jonathan married to Jane Maxfield; page 422, Sarah married Samuel Grahen; page 423, William married Mary Fock; page 424, John married Elizabeth Hart and went to Morgan County, Missouri; page 425, Abigail born 13 Jan 1803, married on 12 Jan 1821 to William Rush, who was born 13 May 1794; page 423, William was married to Mary Peck in 1823 and died in 1846, their children were... Jonathan, Denton, Daniel and Nathan.

History of Warren County, Ohio page 968: John W. Brewer, farmer, Deco-field Township, was born in Westchester, Butler County, Ohio in 1825, son of Abram and Ann Elder Brewer. Abram was born in Johnson County, Kentucky in 1800 and Ann born in Indiana County, PA in 1799. Abram and his father, Daniel, to Butler County, Ohio in 1799 and Abram married to Ann Elder. Their children, three living, John W., David W., and Abram N., four deceased, Sarah A., Matilda, Maria and Daniel K. (Presb. Church).

Yearbook Penna SAR 1955 page 57: Among the famous patriots from the vicinity of Harrisburg were the fighting parson, John Elder, Capt. Mathew Smith, Capt. Michael Whitley (I think he was one that counties in Indiana and Kentucky were named for). If you have read about the "Black Boys" you know who John Elder was. They do not mention James Smith, possibly because he moved to Kentucky. If you are interested, read "The First Rebel" by Swenson. (Note by Jay H Brower: The Black Boys were formed to fight Indians in the year 1763.) John Wayne starred in a movie about this man.

Page 644, John Elder (Col. Lancaster County, PA., militia), 26 Jan 1706-17__ (?) to 1792. Married 5 Nov 1751 to Mary Simpson, who was born in 1732 and died 3 Oct 1786.

Thomas Elder, born 30 Jan 1767 and died 29 Apr 1853, married on 30 May 1813 to Elizabeth Shippen Jones, who was born 13 Dec 1787 and died on 31 Oct 1871.

Page 552, Joseph Sheirer (Private in Lancaster County, PA., Militia), born in 1730, died in 1776, and married to Mary McClure. Son, Samuel Sheirer, born 1755 and married Elizabeth Barnett and their daughter, Juliana, married David Elder.

Page 322, Thomas Frederick (Private in Lancaster County, PA., Militia), born ____ (?) Feb 1751 and died 3 May 1808, married in 1774 to Anna Margt. Tibbens who was born 17 Mar 1754 and died 28 Feb 1826. Their daughter, Mary, born 24 Aug 1797, married Matthew Elder on 4 Sep 1863. Elder was born in 1788. Mary died on 1 Dec 1863.

Page 698, Col. John Elder (listed on Preceeding page) also had a daughter named Sarah, born 19 Oct 1752 and died 14 Feb 1822, married on 19 June 1787 to Jason Wallace (Private in the Lancaster County, PA., Militia). Wallace was born in 1750 and died 15 Dec 1823.

Highland County, Ohio Deed Records: Braugher, heirs of Frederick to Reuben Pennywait, 18 July 1828. He died intestate, leaving wife, Nancy and following heirs: Isaac Braugher, Marry Ann who married Peirse Evans, Margarate who married William Smith, Christopher Braugher, Allen G. Braugher, Hester Ann and Sarah Ann.

Harmonus Brewer, born 6 Jan 1723 and died after 1793, married first to Margrita Akker, and married second to Margaret Van Epps.

DAR Peter Brewer, born 31 Jan 1756 and died 5 Sep 1834, was married to Mary Grove, Capt. PS Md.

Peter Brower, born 1745 and died 28 Feb 1799 married to Magd. Snyder, Pvt Penna.

(NOTE that Ann Elder, wife of Abram Brewer of Warren County, Ohio was born in 1799 in Indiana County, PA. Also the Brewers and Elders were in Fountain County, Indiana c. 1830).

In Vol. 7 of the Compendium of American Genealogy, page 293:

1. Rev. Everardus Bogardus
2. William Bogardus, from 1639 to 1711, New Amsterdam Notary Public, married in 1659 to Wantje Sybrant, who was born in 1642 and died in 1868(?). (Even if it were 1768 when she died, she would have been 126 years old at the time of death).
3. Annetze Bogardus (1663-1747), married in 1682 to Jacobus Brower (1656-1733), son of Adam Brouwer (Berkhoven).
4. Sybrant Brower (1683-1727), married in Brooklyn in 1705-06(?), to Sarah Webber, who was baptized in 1685.
5. Abraham Brower, who was born in 1706, married in 1725 to Elizabeth Ackerman.
6. Abraham Brower, who was born in 1735, married in 1760 to Mary E. Wilts.
7. Mary Brower, married in 1799 to Patrick Timmonds of Virginia. She was born in 1775.

8. John W. Timmonds (1800-1849) Stanton sic VA (Staunton) to Adams County, Ohio married 1st to Mary A. Woodworth (1805-1847), the daughter of Richard Woodworth, American Revolution. (Could be a connection with the Revolutionary Pensioner Henry or Henrick Brower-Brewer of Adams County, Ohio.)

John Myer (Moyer)(?) of Paxtang, Deuphin County, PA died in April 1782, leaving wife Christena, children: John, Elizabeth, Abraham, Solomon, Michael and Samuel. Executors: Wife and son, John.

Dauphin County was the home of the Rev. John Elder, who served with the "Black Boys" in the Indian outbursts before the Revolution.

Origin of Some Conewago Penna., Families That Later Emigrated to Mercer County, Kentucky, by Samuel Scott Brewer, New Lebanon, Indiana, dtd 1 October 1937 Ind., State Library:

From the original manuscripts and records now in the private library of the writer at the Brewer estate, "Forest Haven", one mile southwest of the village of New Lebanon.

Page 3, Banta Among the passengers on the ship "DeTrouw" in 1659 was Epke Jacobs, Epke son of Jacob with wife and five (5) sons (1679) and after the sons names found as Hendrick Spke, Seba Epke, Derrick Epke and Weart Epke. Cornelious Epke (named 1st) in 1695 appears as Cornelious Epke Banta, Hendrick Epke Banta, etc., all settled Bergen County, New Jersey at Hackensack and Schralenberg.

Conewago Baptisms

Jacob Banta Jr and his wife Marie Delano had Abraham, who married Margat Monfort, they had:

Rachel	Date of Baptism:	23 Oct 1769
Hendrick	Date of Baptism:	4 Jul 1772
Johanna	Date of Baptism:	31 May 1773
Margaret	Date of Baptism:	10 Sep 1776
Margaret (2)	Date of Baptism:	31 Aug 1777
Hendrick	Date of Baptism:	23 Oct 1769
Peter	Date of Baptism:	31 May 1772
Albert	Date of Baptism:	27 Nov 1773
Jan	Date of Baptism:	2 Apr 1775
Abraham	Date of Baptism:	27 Sep 1778

NOTE: Albert (#2) and Styntie Monfort, his wife. Davis (#3) and Femmetje Brouwer, his wife had:

Johannes	Date of Baptism:	25 Jan 1777
Marya	Date of Baptism:	26 Jul 1778

Page 70, Daniel Brouwer (Brewer), son of Abraham Brouwer and Sara Van Norden baptized 24 Aug 1770 at Schraaelenberg, New Jersey. Married in Mercer County, Kentucky to Mary Voorhees daughter of Stephen Voorhees and Margaret Van Dyke. Later removed to Butler County, Ohio (c) 1806-07. One son, John, settled in Sullivan County, Indiana in 1816. A sister, Marie baptized on 8 Nov 1778 at Conewago, married a _____ (?) Voorhees in Mercer County, Kentucky. Of this family would be Stephen Brewer in Ohio census records. Probably the Hendrick or Henry Brewer who married Anne Hawk (Rev., War Pensioner). See the Ohio Revolutionary Soldier Book.

Page 71, Abraham Brouwer, baptized in the Dutch Church, New York City, on 19 March 1746. Witnesses: Abraham Brouwer and Aafie Van Gelder, his wife. He married Sara Van Norden, settled first Schraaelenberg, New Jersey. His first two (2) children were baptized there. Daniel, born Jan 1770 - 1772(?) at Conewago; David, 16 Apr 1775 and Marie, 8 Nov 1778, Jan (2nd child), baptized 6 May 1781.

(NOTE: Mary Voorhis, wife of Daniel Brewer of Butler County, Ohio, was a sister of Peter Voorhees, the grandfather of Senator Daniel Woolsey Voorhees.)

Alice Brewer Voris (Mrs Carl) of 10 Whitwell Circle, Edmond, OK 73034, has Brewer line back to Adam Brewer¹, Jacobus Brewer², Sybrant Brewer³, Abraham Brewer⁴, John Brewer⁵, Richard Brewer(Brouwer)⁶, Meshack Brewer⁷, Mary Margaret Brewer⁸ (who married a man with the last name of Welch.) Their daughter, Margaret Keziah Welch married Jabez Eli Brewer. Jabez Eli Brewer's father was Walter Folger Brewer, who married Julia C. Marshall. They lived in Yates Center, Kansas prior to moving to Guthrie, Oklahoma in 1889. They were married in 1871.

Mrs Carl (Alice) Voris says it was Richard Brewer who changed the name to Brewer. She has a family bible 200 years old with a list of Hill's in it. Oldest daughter, Pagy Hill, born 13 Jan 1760, was the second wife of one of these Brewers, and a family tradition is that a 2nd wife burned the family history. It is interesting, too, to note the husband's name, Voris, (Form of Voorhees, Van Vorhees, etc.) They were in New York and New Jersey early; around 1765 large numbers of the "Low Dutch" and Huguenots came to Adams County, PA., (then York County) Bantas, Demarests, Browsers, Van Arsdales, Van Voorhees, etc. They built the Conewago Church. Around 1795 they got restless again, and large numbers left, some to the Lake Country in New York; the Bantas, Browsers, etc., to around Mercer County, Kentucky. See booklet "Old Mud Meeting House", tells all about this. There is a typed manuscript in the Indiana State Library written by a Brewer, tells of his ancestry. Brewer, who had children baptized at the Dutch Reformed Church in New Jersey also had two baptisms at Conewago.