

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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William Brower, M.D., whose ability and skill in professional matters has gained for him an enviable reputation among the medical fraternity of Chester County, Pennsylvania, is a resident of Spring City where he has engaged in active practice for more than thirty-five consecutive years. He is a son of Gilbert and Lydia (Urner) Brower, and was born in East Coventry township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, Feb 25, 1842.

The Brower family is possibly of Holland extraction, although the pass in possession of the family shows that Hubert Brower and his wife Ann, with three sons and two daughters, emigrated from Nenwild, in the Palatinate*, on May 4, 1726. Henry Brower, youngest son of Hubert Brower, born February 14, 1726, settled upon the banks of the river Schuylkill, in what is now East Coventry, as early as 1742. He was twice married and seven children were the issue of these marriages. His eldest son, Abraham Brower, born April 1, 1745, died October 21, 1805, was a farmer by occupation and held membership in the Mennonite Church; he married and reared a family of ten children. Henry Brower, son of Abraham Brower, was born September 29, 1785, married and reared a family of seven children, and his death occurred April 23, 1833.

Gilbert Brower (father), son of Henry Brower, was born on the old homestead in East Coventry township, February 5, 1815. During his early manhood he resided in Berks county, Pennsylvania, for a few years but subsequently returned to the neighborhood of his birthplace and followed the vocation of his forefathers, that of agriculture. Prior to the formation of the Republican party, Mr. Brower was an old line Whig in politics, but during the early days of the slavery, advocated the principles of the Abolitionist party. His religious convictions were in harmony with those of the Brethren's Church. Mr. Brower married Lydia Urner, who was born December 20, 1818 (a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Grubb) Urner, and a descendant of Ulrich Urner, a member of the well known Urner family of Canton Uri, Switzerland. He was driven thence by religious persecution, settled in the province of Alsace, France, and about the year 1708 his three sons, John, Bishop Martin and Jacob came to this country and settled in Pennsylvania). The following children were born to Mr and Mrs Brower: Harrison, who died February 15, 1877; William, mentioned at length hereinafter; Rev. Issaac U., born January 17, 1844, a minister of the German Baptist or Brethren Church; Sallie, who died June 29, 1888; and Elizabeth, who died in early childhood. Gilbert Brower (father of these children) died December 28, 1881.

William Brower, second son of Gilbert and Lydia Brower, spent his early childhood upon his father's farm and his literary education was obtained at Oakdale and Freeland Seminaries, and the Millersville State Normal School, being a member of the senior class of that institution during the years 1862 and 1863. He began his business career as a school teacher, serving in that capacity for six terms, and in the spring of 1865 having decided to lead a professional life, he pursued a course of medical reading with Dr. A. R. Savidge, of Parker Ford. After the course he entered Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated March 9, 1867. He thereupon established an

office in Spring City, where in due course of time, he built up a large and lucrative practice which he has retained ever since. He has always taken an active part in school matters, has served continuously as a member of the school board for thirty-five years, most of that period as president or secretary, and his labors in behalf of the public school system have been crowned with success, as the schools of Spring City are among the best in the county. He has served as a director of the National Bank of Spring City, president of the Oak Grove Cemetery Association, president of the Spring City Building and Loan Association, president of the Board of Health (since its organization eight years ago), and has been frequently called upon to act as administrator and executor in the settlement of estates. Dr. Brower holds membership in the Brethren's Church and his political allegiance is given to the Prohibitionist party.

Dr. Brower was united in marriage, September 18, 1869, to Sallie M. Kendall, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Kendall, of Linfield, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of one child, Blanche Brower, who was born March 9, 1872."

Taken from page 471, Vol. II, Chester and Delaware Counties, PA Cope and Ashmead New York...Chicago The Lewis Publishing Company 1904

*Palatinate The territory ruled by a palatine**. The Rhine Palatinate is a district west of the Rhine, formerly a state of the German empire.

**Palatine Of or belonging to a count, earl, or county palatine. A native or inhabitant of the Palatinate.

"Joseph L Brower is a native of Miami County, Indiana, son of the old and highly esteemed pioneers, Noah and Sarah (Lybrook) Brower, who were natives of Ohio and Indiana respectively. He (Noah Brower) was a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Teal) Brower, who settled in Miami County, Indiana, in a very early day. They were the parents of ten children;

Aaron
Joseph
Noah
Mary
Rebecca
Elizabeth
Abraham
Sarah
Susannah
Jacob

Noah, the father of our subject, was born in Preble County, Ohio, on January 28, 1817. He came to Miami County, Indiana, about the year 1836, and was married in Jefferson Township (this county) on May 3, 1840, to the daughter of Balser and Mary (Eikenberry) Lybrook, Sarah. She was born in Union County, Indiana on March 28, 1823. After Noah Brower's marriage, he settled near Mexico, Indiana, and for a number of years carried on tanning. He afterwards purchased land near Mexico, upon which he settled and resided for eighteen years. He then purchased a farm near Denver, Indiana, upon which he resided until death on July 22, 1877. His wife survived him until January 3, 1885. They were the parents of four children:

Mariah	b.	2 Aug 1841	
Joseph L	b.	22 May 1845	
Balser J	b.	14 Sep 1856	
Albert C	b.	21 May 1861	

Joseph L. Brower was married in Richland Township, this county, on November 17, 1867, to Samantha O. Kirby (daughter of Benjamin F. and Catherine C. (Wooley) Kirby). She was born in Richland Township on October 24, 1848. In about the year 1874, Mr. Brower settled upon his present farm in Richland Township, where he has since resided. He owns 170 acres of fine land, which is well improved and under a high state of cultivation. He has had born to him eight children:

Almedia M.	b.	10 Oct 1868	
Deo O.	b.	13 Aug 1870	
Noah B.	b.	22 Feb 1873	
Nettie M.	b.	4 Jan 1875	
Grace M.	b.	27 Dec 1876	d. 6 Jun 1878
Clarence A	b.	27 Jul 1879	d. 3 Aug 1881
Sylvia I.	b.	10 Jul 1881	
Sarah E	b.	20 Sep 1884	

Mr. Brower and wife are members of the German Baptist Church, in which he has been a minister since the year 1880."

Taken from the History of Miami County, Indiana 1887 page 773

REFERENCES

Scharf's Western Maryland. The big Maryland cemetery records book does not contain the early obits, at least of any lines I've checked, probably because most of the Frederick County old cemeteries have given way to parking lots, stores, etc..

History of Western Maryland, page 1046, Washington County May 1881
David Brewer of Clear Spring died _____(?)aged 83.

Source Records of Maryland - Eleanor Passano

Brewer (MHS-Md. Historical Society)
Ances. Rec. and portraits. Colonial Dames of America, 1910, Vol. 2,
pg 602 MHS DAR Baltimore, its history, its people. Hall Vol. 2 MHS DAR

Battee, Brewer, Boteler, family records, photos. MHS
Bench and Bar of Maryland Vol. 2, pg 415, 597 Library of Congress
MHS; Peabody Library. Biography.
Biographical Enc of Rep. Men of Maryland and D.C., pg 89 MHS DAR
Cary Genealogical Collection Ms. MHS.
Cemetery Creek, Anne Arundel County tombstone inscriptions. Founders
of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties pg 333 MHS DAR
*Founders of Anne Arundel County Warfield, page 320 MHS DAR *Genealogy.
Genealogy of Henrietta Chauncy Wilson Upshur MHS
Hill, Mass Col & Rev. families of Philadelphia Jordan Vol. 1 pg 293-
322.
History graves of Maryland and D.C. Ridgely MHS
History of Baltimore City and County Scharf pg 369 MHS
Lineage Books Natl DAR Soc of American Col Vol. 1 pg 83 MHS DAR
Maryland Gleanings in English Wills. N.H. Magazine 1910 Vol 5
Medical Annals Maryland Cordell 1903 pg 332 MHS
Monumental City Howard MHS DAR
Mrs. E. N. Morison Chart MHS
Patriotic Maryland Maryland Society of SAR 1930 MHS DAR
Peale Genealogy Collections MHS (This is the portrait painted, he
married a Brewer girl)
See Peale-Brewer-Ridgely. Lineage Books, National Society, Daughters
of American Col. Vol. 2, page 201 MHS DAR
Pedigree of John B and Philip C Hall Soc Col Wars Maryland Culver
1940 MHS DAR
Pedigree of Edward Hammond. Soc Col Wars Maryland MHS DAR
(Seven generations) Pedigree of Thomas Carroll Roberts, Soc. Col Wars,
Maryland MHS DAR
George Donald Milery Riley DAR
St Paul's Parish, Baltimore Vol 1 and 2 MHS Mss.
The Sun, Baltimore 25 Dec 1904 and 1 Jan 1905
Whitely Chart
See Baldwin-Brewer-Disney-Maccubin (Anne Arundel County 1690-1758 deas.
wills, etc.), MHS
See Magruder Samuel Brewer Magruder (1744-1818) Amer Clan Gregor
Book (1929) pages 27-39 (1930) page 11 MHS DAR

Brewer family Amos. Genealogical Collections Ms. MHS
Brewer family copies from Riley family Md Genealogical Records Com
1934-35 page 379-82, 394 DAR

_____ (1) Brewer St Paul's Parish, Baltimore Vol 2 MSS MHS

Mrs Osborn, the Genealogy of Henrietta Chauncy Wilson as above (contains photos) also has Bowman - other references. Bowman - M. E. church burial ground. Laytonsville Mont. County, Maryland; Genealogical Records Commission 1934-35 page 69-82 MSS DAR Same Ref Mt Carmel burial ground 1934-35 page 85 MSS DAR St Paul's Parish Vol. 1, and 2. Hagerstown tombstone inscriptions NGSQ 1919, Vol 8. No. 1 and 2, National Genealogical Society Quarterly.

MHS - Maryland Historical Society, Library of: 201 W Monument Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

DAR Library 1776 D Street NW Washington, D.C. 20006

Library of Congress, Washington D.C. 20540

For Land Records, Hall of Records, State of Maryland, Annapolis,
Maryland 21401 (Probate records same place).

(NOTE: These libraries will do no research, but will make copies of materials for a fee.)

Marriages of Frederick County, Maryland (Lic 1778-1814)

Brewer, John and Lenah (Mobley)	5 Oct 1802
Brewer, Jacob and Hannah (England)	1 Oct 1802
Brewer, John and Micha (Hall)	30 Jan 1813
Jones, Richard and Sarah (Brewer)	1 Apr 1786

Does anyone have a copy of the following item tucked away in the attic?
It was used to drum up interest in the New World. It would be in
German.

A true and believable (?)
List
of those who through the will of God
are still alive, and who
under the Lord's wonderful guidance
went from Germany to
America
or the New World
and who in different towns
are seeking their daily bread
For all the loved ones, families
and close friends
this list is good news
By Ulvich Simmizdiger
In North America for seven years
but now again in his
home town
Reutlingen

Detailed and Complicated
Report
from the famous countryside
Carolina
In the
English America
located
Given this day
by
Kocherthalen
Fourth Printing
With inclosures of a
description by two
English authors
and an information sheet
written in High German
during the trip from London
also a map of Carolina (?)
Frankfurt and Main
By
George Hbinfich Dehrling
1709

Requested
"he asked for but not received "CANAAAN"
Just groves (?)
or the exact description of the
unfortunate trip of the
pilgrims who recently
went from Germany to
Carolina and Pennsylvania
located in English America
Contrary to the one sided badly established
Kochenthaler report

Brower Births in Miami County, Indiana, from "The Early Birth, Marriage and Death Records of Miami County, Indiana". Compiled by Ray Bakehorn. (Volume One)

- 1870 BROWER, Deo. O, daughter of Joseph L and Samantha O (Kirby) Brower, born 13 August 1870, in Richland Township, Miami County, Indiana.
- 1873 BROWER, Nath B, son of Joseph L and Samantha O (Kirby) Brower, born 22 February 1873, in Pipe Creek Township, Miami County, Indiana.
- 1875 BROWER, Nettie M, daughter of Joseph L and Samantha O (Kirby) Brower, born 4 January 1875, in Richland Township, Miami County, Indiana.
- 1876 BROWER, Grace M, daughter of Joseph L and Samantha O (Kirby) Brower, born 27 October 1876, in Richland Township, Miami County, Indiana.
- 1879 BROWER, Clarence A, son of Joseph L and Samantha O (Kirby) Brower, born 27 July 1879, in Richland Township, Miami County, Indiana.
- 1905 BROWER, Sylvia, married to Charles W LONG (age 23) on 12 June 1905. County Clerk Office, Peru, Indiana (Book 12, pg 31)

The following information is from the Clerk Office, Peru, Indiana, for Miami County. Marriage records for BROWER from 1921 to 1974:

BROWER, Audra E

Born: 22 March 1937 in Miami County, Indiana
Father: Walter BROWER (Deceased), b. Cass County, Indiana.
Mother: Catherine Mary BIRK, b. Chicago, Illinois.

ROBERTS, William K (Husband of Audra E BROWER)

Born: 28 March 1936 at Columbus Grove, Ohio
Father: George A ROBERTS, b. in Ohio
Mother: Mita Ruth WILLIAMS, b. in Ohio

Marriage application 6 October 1958
Married 11 October 1958
Rev. A. C. Underwood, Minister
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BROWER, Larry George

Born: 21 January 1938 in Miami County, Indiana
Father: Avery BROWER, b. in Indiana
Mother: Orpha BROWER, b. in Indiana

LOVE, Geraldine (Wife of Larry George BROWER)

Born: 26 January 1937 at Smithville, Tennessee
Father: William J LOVE, b. in Tennessee
Mother: Martha PACK, b. in Tennessee

Marriage application 29 May 1958
Married 1 June 1958
Rev Austin F Gable, Minister
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BROWER, Lela M

Born: 25 March 1929 at Macy, Miami County, Indiana
Father: Avery BROWER, b. at Macy, Miami County, Indiana
Mother: Orpha BROWER, b. in Miami County, Indiana

DEEDS, Lyledeon A (Husband of Lela M BROWER)

Born: 10 June 1929 at Winamac, Pulaski County, Indiana
Father: Guy W DEEDS, b. in Miami County, Indiana
Mother: Mahala CLINGAMAN, b. in Miami County, Indiana

Marriage application 6 August 1949
Married 9 August 1949
Rev Kenneth Q Hostetler, Minister
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BROWER, Marlene

Born: 04 June 1932 in Miami County, Indiana
Father: Walter BROWER (Deceased), b. in Chicago, Illinois
Mother: Catherine Burke, b. in Chicago, Illinois

REED, Edward Lee (Husband of Marlene BROWER)

Born: 08 March 1931 in Peru, Miami County, Indiana
Father: Harry REED, b. at Onward, Cass County, Indiana
Mother: Katherine Benner, b. at Onward, Cass County, Indiana

Marriage application 16 November 1951
Married 19 November 1951
Rev J Harry Brown, Minister
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BROWER, Penny Mae

Born: 02 May 1943 in Indiana
Father: _____ (?) BROWER, b. in Indiana
Mother: Dorothy Jean Mong, b. in Indiana

CLEMONS, Bobby Joe (Husband of Penny Mae BROWER)

Born: 09 January 1943 in Indiana
Father: Cay Lee CLEMONS, b. in Tennessee
Mother: Hallie HALE, b. in Tennessee

Marriage application 23 November 1962
Married 25 November 1962
Rev C Johnson, Minister
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BROWER, Raymond J

Born: 21 November 1927 in Miami County, Indiana
Father: Walter BROWER, b. in Cass County, Indiana
Mother: Catherine BURKE, b. in Peru, Miami County, Indiana

LEWIS, Fay (Wife of Raymond J BROWER)

Born: 14 December 1928 at Lewlie County, Kentucky
Father: Noone LEWIS, b. in Fox, Kentucky
Mother: Bell FARLEY, b. in Kentucky

Marriage application 24 September 1948
Married 1 October 1948
Rev G. L. Maus, Minister
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BROWER, Vera R

Born: 08 August 1932 in Miami County, Indiana
Father: Avery BROWER, b. in Miami County, Indiana
Mother: Orpha BOWEN, b. in Miami County, Indiana

GREEN, Marvin E (Husband of Vera R BROWER)

Born: 07 July 1931 in Howard County, Indiana
Father: Roscoe W GREEN, b. in Miami County, Indiana
Mother: Martha FINKEL, b. in Wabash County, Indiana

Marriage application 8 August 1953
Married 11 August 1953
Rev Charles F Golden, Minister
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