

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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This will be a continuation of the items in Vol III No. 4 dated Jan 79 on Preble County, Ohio.

The will of Jacob Brower, Preble County, Ohio dated 22 November 18__ (?), proved 20 June 1831. Names wife, Anna, and the children: Henry, Sally, Daniel, Sophia, Elizabeth, Jacob, Joel, Anna, Susanna and Enoch. Executors: Wife Anna and son Henry. Witnesses: Peter Van Ausdal, Josph Milam, and Henry Brower. (Mrs. Ruth Kiesling of Logansport, Indiana thinks this is Jacob, son of Henry who died in Franklin County, Virginia. Also that the Henry in Miami County, Indiana was the son of the same Henry and Elizabeth _____ (?) Brower).

Henry Y. Brower was born 8 January 1778 and died on 29 June 1842 in Miami County, Indiana and is buried in the Brower Cemetery, Jefferson Township in Miami County. He married Hannah Dillman and she was born on 9 Dec 1781 and died on 12 Sept 1852. She lies in the same cemetery. Their children are listed:

Susannah	b. 1802	d. 1865	
Elizabeth	b. 1803	d. 1871	
Joseph	b. 1815	d. 1857	
Daniel	b. 1821	d. 1899	Born in Preble County and died in Cass County, Indiana. He Married Mary Elizabeth Thompson who was born in Virginia, date unknown. She died in 1910.
Margaret	b. 1826	d. 1875.	

The children of Daniel and Mary Elizabeth (Thompson) Brower are listed below:

Margaret Agnes (Jones)	b. 1861	d. 1940
*Viola Artemus (Irvin)	b. 1864	d. 1941
Franklin Willard	b. 1867	d. 1934
Irvin Daniel	b. 1869	d. 1950
George Lyman	b. 1872	d. 1935

*Viola Artemus Irvin was the grandmother of Wilma (Mrs Lloyd) Rusk of RR #1 Bringham, Indiana 46901, who submitted the outline of Henry's family.

In the Greenlawn Cemetery, Jefferson Township, Miami County, Indiana lies a Joseph Brower who died 5 October 1885, at age 70 years and four months. Is this Joseph from the family of Jacob and Elizabeth (Teal) Brower (?), or Henry and Elizabeth (?) Brower. From gathered data; the children of Jacob, said to have been the son of Jacob of Franklin County, Virginia. Family of Jacob and Anna Rudy.

Bible Record Daniel born in 1803; John born in 1805; Sophia born in 1807, she married _____ (?) Deardorff; Jacob III born in 1813; Joel born in 1815; Anna born in 1817; Susan born in 1820; and Enoch born in 1822.

John of this family who was born 22 July 1805, also had ten (10) children:

Dave (Went to Roam, Indiana)
Jacob
Polly
Anna
Louis
Josiah
Daniel (Went to N. Manchester, Indiana)
Becca
Aaron
Joseph

History of the Church of the Brethren of the Southern District of Ohio 1708 to 1920, from the Otterbein Press Dayton, Ohio 1921

SUGAR HILL (Lower Twin)
Preble County, Ohio

The Lower Twin Church was presided over from its organization in 1830 by Elder John Brower until his death on 27 April 1863, at the age of 80 years. Elder Brower came from Pennsylvania. He purchased his farm in Lanier Township on 23 Feb 1830. He may have come several years earlier. He was, doubtless, the son of John Brower, Sr. If so, his father died about 1813 in Montgomery County, Ohio and his mother, Mary Magdalena, died in Miami County, Indiana on 3 Sept 1845 at age 85 years and one month. His brothers were Abraham, Jacob, and George and his sisters were Susan, Polly and Betsy. Jacob and George were both ministers. Jacob moved to Mexico, Indiana in 1837 and John in 1843. Elder, John Brower was married to Rebecca Harter and had nine children:

Israel
Jonas
John
George
Catherine
Molly
Diannah
Elizabeth
Rebecca

Elder, John Brower's wife died 19 November 1858 at age 77 years, one month and two days. He served on the Standing Committee in 1843, 1850, 1858, and 1862.

The Brower Meeting House was built on his farm about 1845 or earlier as the deed was made 22 Sept 1838. Nearby the church the cemetery, in which his remains lie, was laid out. The church house west of Gratis known as the Brubaker church, no longer used, was built during the eldership of

John Brower. The Tom's Run house, which was erected about 1860, was also built during his eldership. His son, Israel Brower, was married to 'Susanah Swihart' on 17 February 1828. She died 4 May 1863 at age 56 years, 11 months and 5 days. He was elected in 1852 and was known as the "weeping preacher". He moved to Lower Stillwater in 1868, to Lower Miami in 1872, and died in 1879.

"As early as 1805 or 1806, members of the church consisting of the Teals, Aukermans and Haldermans gathered at Samuel Teal's house for religious worship. From this small beginning the Twin Church began. Elder John Hart came from Virginia in 1808 and with the assistance of Elder Jacob Miller of the Lower Miami Church organized the Twin Church in 1809. A more complete reorganization probably occurred in 1820. The Teal dwelling continued the place of meeting every four weeks, but as more members moved in, their homes in turn were used for this purpose, church houses few people, and church houses not being in evidence for many years. Many members used, and moved in from other states, some coming up from the Stonelick Church, Clermont County. Twin territory now embraced the larger part of Preble County, the northern part of Butler and the southwestern part of Montgomery. Elder John Hart was the Presiding Elder as long as it remained one organization. In 1830, Twin Church was divided into the Lower Twin and Upper Twin churches. The line was very irregular, being made to suit the elders, leading deacons and members."

(Page 169) Preble County, Ohio history has the biography of Abraham Overholser, who was born in Virginia between 1810 and 1815, and moved to Ohio in 1815 to Gasper Township. He married Lydia Brower, daughter of Dandel Brower of Gasper Township. Abraham died in 1877, with his widow living in Gasper Township. John H. Overholser, the eldest son, was born in 1842 and in 1865 married Mary Ann Bennett, the daughter of Elijah Bennett (dec'd). They had three children:

Ollie J
Daisy (dec'd)
Charles L.

In 1878 the Overholser's moved from Gasper Township to Sec #22 in Dixon Township. The name Overholser (Oberholts) appears along with the Meyer name in Brower records in Penna.

NOTE: Preble County is named after Commordore Edward Preble, who fought at Tripoli in 1803. He was born on 15 August 1761 and died 25 June 1806. He was born in Portland, Maine.

The following are notes on other counties in other states:

(Page 357 PA Archives). And at the same court, the following persons

being Quakers, or such who Conscientiously scruple to take an oath, being also Foreigners, and having complied with the terms required by the aforesaid Act of Parliament, took and subscribed the Qualifications for them appointed by the same Act of Parliament.

BROWER, CHRISTIAN

Chester County, PA

At a Supream Court held at Philadelphia, for the Province of Pennsylvania, before John Kinsey, Thomas Graeme and William Till, Esq, rs., Judges of the said Court, the Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth Days of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand and seven hundred and forty-three.

Certified by
John Kinsey, Ch Just

The foregoing is a true and perfect List, taken from the original Certificate, under the Hands of John Kinsey, Esquire, remaining in my office.

Richard Peters,
Secretary

Philadelphia
21st June, 1743

(Cope sent to the Secretary of the Lords of Trade).

(Page 605) History of Cass County, Indiana - Helm 1881. Daniel Brower, farmer, Adams Township, was born 1 November 1822 in Preble County, Ohio, the son of Henry and Hannah (Dillman) Brower. At the age of sixteen (16) he came to Cass County. In 1852 he was Treasurer of Miami County. He married on 13 November 1859 to Mary E Thompson, who was born in Virginia. They had five children:

Margaret A	b. 21 Jan 1861
Viola B	b. 06 Jun 1864
Frank W	b. 22 Jan 1867
Irvin D	b. 20 Nov 1869
George L	b. 05 Aug 1872

(Page 614) John B Rush was born 11 Aug 1846 in Preble County, Ohio, the son of Cornelious and Barbara (Brower) Rush, natives of Ohio (they came to Cass County in 1848) and married on 19 May 1870 to Frances A Tanquary, who was born in Ohio on 7 Dec 1846 (the daughter of William and Elizabeth (Shackelford) Tanquary, also both natives of Ohio.) Both were members of the Methordist Episc Church.

(Page 605) Jacob Barnhart, son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Neff) Barnhart, both born in Virginia, was born in Franklin County, Virginia on 25 Sept 1823. He married Mary Fisher, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Brower) Fisher. Mary was born 18 April 1826. They spent early life in Virginia, removed to

Ohio and then to Miami County, Indiana. Jacob and Mary had ten children. Mr Barnhart was a minister for 24 years, and was a farmer in Adams Township. Farmed Sec #20. He was married on 7 Jan 1849, their children are as follows:

Elizabeth	b.	13 Mar 1851	d.	_____ (?)
Levina A	b.	30 Nov 1849	d.	04 Apr 1862
George	b.	14 Apr 1852		
Maria	b.	20 Nov 1853	d.	_____ (?)
Susannah	b.	08 Aug 1855	d.	06 Nov 1856
Henry A	b.	11 Sep 1858	d.	_____ (?)
Harvey	b.	26 Mar 1860	d.	10 Jun 1861
Unnamed Infant	b.	12 Dec 1862	d.	___ Dec 1862
Emma A	b.	16 Jan 1866	d.	_____ (?)
Marvin E	b.	17 Jun 1869	d.	_____ (?)

(Note: The Barnhart's were German Baptists.)

Information on the family name of:

DIEHL-DEAL-DIEL-TEEL-TEAL-TEALL-TRIFL-TRALE

In the History of Montgomery County, Ohio, Perry Township. Eli Diehl, farmer P. O. Lebanon, born here, on 16 March 1829, son of John Diehl, who was born in Penna., and Susanna Miller, who was born in Virginia.

Jacob Diehl was born in Beauford County, Penna., and came to Ohio in 1806. died this Township (Perry). Maternal grandfather was Isaac Miller, who was born in Virginia and then to Ohio, Jefferson Township in 1805, died there. Was a soldier in the Revolution.

North Carolina History The Germans settled in Forsyth near old Salem, along the Abbott's Creek area in Davidson County across the Yadkin in eastern Rowan County into Cabarrus County and certain areas of Randolph County. Western Rowan County was primarily an English, Scotch-Irish settlement. Searched records of St Peters Lutheran and Organ Lutheran Church in Rowan County and found nothing. He thinks records of the Brower line would be in the Union Lutheran Church, which they do not have. When the Germans came to Montgomery County, Ohio ca 1804, they were definitely German Baptist - quite active and several of them were ministers or elders in Preble County, Ohio and Miami-Howard Counties in Indiana.

Montgomery County History, Ohio Capt Steele's Dayton Company of Militia in the War of 1812. After the news of Hull's surrender, a partial list of the men is included below. The rest evidently on scouting duty.

<u>Captain</u>	<u>1st Sgt</u>	<u>Pvt</u>
James Steele	John Folerth	George Ward
		James Miller
<u>Lt.</u>	<u>1st Corp</u>	John Henderson
George Grove	Matthew Patton	Moses Raffle

The first settlement of the county, the McClures. The father of James, John, Kate and Ann McClure was killed at St Clairs defeat. His widow brought them to Dayton, lived with them in the cabin at the southwest corner of Water and Mill Streets for four or five years, then moved to Honey Creek, Miami County.

In 1798, several men from Randolph County, North Carolina came to search for land, entered land in 1801 and settled in 1802. David Mast, wife and sons, Daniel Hoover and family, David Hoover and family.

By the census of 1800, there were 42,000 people in that part of the North-western Territory, now included in the bounds of Ohio. Application was properly and promptly made for admission into the Union, as a State. The enabling act of Congress, 30 April 1802, was approved by the President.

On 24 March 1803, the legislature enacted a law for the division of Hamilton County and Ross County and by that act, Montgomery, Warren, Butler and Greene Counties were created. Montgomery County was named for Gen. Richard Montgomery, who was killed in the assault on Quebec on 31 Dec 1775. The four original Townships were Washington, German, Dayton and Elizabeth. At that time, there were 526 white male inhabitants over 21 years of age in the county. Greene County 446; Warren County 854; Butler 836; and in the state, 15,314.

WILLIAMSON

History of Cass County, Indiana Helm 1886. Samuel A. Williamson born in Miami County, Ohio on 14 November 1825, the son of David and Clarissa (Coleman) Williamson. David Williamson was born in Cumberland County, Pa in 1784, and Clarissa Coleman was born in Glastonbury, Connecticut in 1797. They were married in Troy, Ohio in 1822. In 1836 they went to Bethlehem Township, Cass County, Indiana. David died on 17 Sept 1849, and Clarissa died on 24 February 1869. Their graves are not listed in either Cass or Carroll Counties at the State Library.

Samuel Williamson² married on 18 January 1850 to Temperance Conrad, who was born 1 January 1828 in Washington County, Penna., the daughter of Henry and Sarah (Spindler) Conrad. Four children were born to this union:

Cecilia M.	b. 01 Oct 1850	m. John Rohrer	12 Oct 1880
David M.	b. 16 Oct 1851	m. Hattie Yantis	27 Apr 1876
John J.	b. 03 Oct 1853	m. Agnes Tilton	27 Feb 1878
Joseph S	b. 23 Apr 1857	m. Rachel Panabaker	10 Aug 1882

(There is also a biography of members of the Presbyterian Church).

Honorable William Wright (Eel Township) born in Lancaster, Fairfield Co., Ohio in May 1814, son of Rev. John Wright, and Jane (Weekley) Wright (he was born in Cumberland Co., Pa., and she in Westmoreland County, Pa.).

They came to Logansport, Indiana in 1835. They had three (3) children, one (1) who is living, John M. Wright who married Eliza Searing.

Powell's History of Cass County 1912 says that "prominent among those who came to Bethlehem Township in 1837 was David Williamson". (Page 487). Bethlehem Presbyterian Church organized 1840 (records lost) Rev. McKinght Williamson, no dates shown for his ministry, next is the Rev. James T. Patterson 1865. Other ministers were the Rev. Levi Hughes, from 1851 to 1859 and the Rev. Robert Irvin 1861. The charter members of the church are not known. Robert Williamson was a trustee of this church in 1913. Rev. D Williamson was Pastor of Recorded Fair View United Brethren Church in 1885, same township.

(Page 719) Helm's History. James E. Patterson was born 1830 in Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana and the third of six children of James and Sarah (Whitcomb) Patterson. He being born in Montgomery County, Ohio and Sarah born in Vermont. James E Patterson married Margaret Brower c1857, Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Jason (James) and Margaret had three children.

Minutes of the Orphans' Court of New Amsterdam, 8 February 1663, City Hall, New York. Adam Brouwer, Tomas Verden and Arien Williamson appear before Orphan Masters to request that they may have their fathers property, for which purpose the following order is made: Adam Brouwer, Tomas Verdon and Arien Williamson appear before Orphans' Court, all children by previous marriages of the wife of Paulus Van de Beocq, having shown on extract from the Record of Resolutions of the county of Breueklen, dated 24 January 1663, request that they have not received their fathers' inheritance, that they may have it from above Van de Beocq, who has hitherto retained it. Case was decided to be out of the Orphan Masters' jurisdiction, and was referred to director-general council of New Netherlands. (Brouwer-Brower's my line - Mrs Ruth E Kiesling).

Records from the DAR, Logansport, Indiana

Banta Hendrik Banta, Sr from 1718 to 1750 (?), married Rachel Brower who was born 9 Dec 1716 and died after 1750. Marriage date is 12 August 1738. (Banta Genealogy page 164-169, 49, 88-156). Their children

Hendrik	b. 27 Jul 1740	m. Maria Stoyker
Abraham	b. 18 Apr 1742	d. An infant
Leah	b. 15 Jan 1744	m. Jacobus Montfort
Abraham	b. 07 Jul 1745	m. Margrieta Montfort
Albert	b. 20 Apr 1747	m. Styntle Montfort
Gertrude	b. 03 Dec 1749	m. Frans Montfort

Children of Hendrik Banta, Sr by 2nd wife (?):

Rachel	b. 19 Dec 1751	m. (1st) Theodore Williamson (2nd) Simon Van Arsdale
Samuel	b. 13 Jun 1753	m. Dyna Dorland
Pieter	b. 09 Feb 1755	m. Elizabeth _____ (?)

John	b. (?)Sep 1756	m. Polly Rike or Pike (?)
Cornelious	b. _____(?)	m. (1st) Mary M Shuck (Durie?) (2nd) Agnes Shuck (3rd) Nancy Van Nize
Jacob	b. _____(?)	m. Catherine Voorhees
Mary	b. _____(?)	m. Henry Shively
Daniel	b. _____1765	m. Annie Shuck Durie
Annis (Annie?)	b. _____1769	m. Barnett Ryneerson

Four (4) more children (19 in all) see page 60 genealogy Hendrik Banta, who was born in Hackensack, New Jersey and during the Revolution lived in York County, Pa., and died in Shelley County, Kentucky. (Their son, Hendrik Banta of Hendrik and Rachel (Brower) Banta, born 27 Jul 1740 and died in July or August 1777). Married Maria Stoyker 11 Jun 1738 and died in March of 1778. Marriage in Somerset County, New Jersey. During the Revolution he was a member of the Committee of Observation, York County, Pa.

The Low Dutch Settlement of the Conewago - York now Adams County, Pa. Newspaper articles in the Gettysburg Time from 4 Apr 1960 - 6 Jan 1962. Reprinted by Arthur Weaner Press. (Arthur Weaner RD 6 Box 320 Gettysburg, Pa., 17325).

After 1760 a large group of colonists to what is now Adams County from Shralingburg, Bergen County, New Jersey. Most of, if not all, of the families named above came to York (now Adams) County. About a hundred years ago, the Rev. Dr. Demorest wrote an excellent history of the Low Dutch Settlement - the cemetery called "Upper" Burial Ground, near Hunterstown in good condition, much the same for the "Lower" burial ground near White Run. Rev. Demarest copied the names but not the inscriptions on the Burial grounds. Today, most of them are gone.

Henry, Abraham, David and Peter Banta, Abraham and John Brower. Nicholas Van Horn. Ralph, Cornelious, Arron and Garret Voorhees (Van Voorhees). David, William, George and Frederick Williamson.

Item 170 ff Cossart-Cossert Family - David Cossert born 11 April 1743, married in 1764 to Sarah Van Dyne, daughter of Dr. David and Iada (Montfot) Van Dyne, she was born in 1741 and died 27 Apr 1800. David Cossert died 29 Dec 1823 at age 81 years. (Line goes back to (item149) Jacques Cossart "Gentleman" left leyden, Holland to Amsterdam, New York 1662. Wife, Lydia Williams and two children accompanied him).

Among the children of David Cossart and Sarah Van Dyne was: No. 4, Margaret Cossert, baptized 13 Mar 1774, she married Peter Williamson, and died comparatively young. After her death, Peter Williamson married her cousin, Christine Cassatt, daughter of Jacob and Maria.

Item 150 David Cossart, 5th child of Jacques and Lydia Williams was:

David Cossart born 18 July 1671 died c1740, married on 11 Oct 1696 to Styntje Joriz Van Hoorne, daughter of Joris Jansen and Maria (Rutgers)

Van Hoorne of Flushing, New York. Shortly hereafter, he removed to Somerset County, New Jersey.

Item 301. Another of the Van Arsdale families to emigrate to Conewago from New Jersey was Garret Van Arsdale. Will on file in York County, Pa., dated 16 November 1782, probated 26 April 1787, wife Gracy, son Garret, son Isaac, son Joseph, Cleasey (son or daughter) and Ida Jenetie Brewer, Charity, and daughter Sarah.

Item 323. Ida, daughter of Simon and Jannetjie (Cosyn) Van Arsdale, was baptized on 11 June 1780 (this could not be the daughter of Garret, as the baptisms start in 1769 for Van Arsdales).

Item 304 ff. Garret's children apparently baptized in New Jersey.

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