

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 line of Mrs Clifford (Martha) M. Hardin of 10 Roan Lane St Louis, MO 63124.

Martha Love Wood

b. 13 Aug 1918
p. Muncie, Indiana
m. 28 Jun 1939 to Clifford M. Hardin
p. West Lafayette, Indiana

Her Father:

Lawrence Anselm Wood

b. 21 Jul 1882
p. Mitchell, Indiana
m. 14 Jun 1911 to Bonny Blossom Williams
p. Mitchell, Indiana
d. 16 Jul 1960
p. Lafayette, Indiana

His Father:

Anselm Wood

b. 13 Oct 1842
p. Lawrence County, Indiana
m. 26 Sep 1866 to Mary Jane Pless
p. Lawrence County, Indiana
d. 13 Dec 1913
p. Mitchell, Indiana

His Father:

Edwin Wood

b. 31 Oct 1815
p. Randolph County, NC
m. 25 Feb 1841 to Mary Emiline Sheeks
p. Lawrence County, Indiana
d. 31 Mar 1890
p. Lawrence County, Indiana

His Mother:

Hannah Brower

b. 26 Nov 1793
p. _____ (?), North Carolina
m. 06 Sep 1812 to Zebedee Wood
d. 14 Jun 1846
p. Lawrence County, Indiana

Her Father:

Christian Brower

- b. _____ 1754
- p. Coventry Township, Chester County, Pa
- m. _____ 1793 to Magdalene (Molly) Amick
- p. _____ (?)
- d. 02 May 1819

His Father:

John Brower

- b. _____ c1715-19
- p. Germany
- m. _____ (?) to Susanna _____ (?)
- d. 30 May 1777
- p. West Chester, Pa

His Father:

Hubert Brower

- d. _____ (?)
- p. Newwild, Germany and arrived in Philadelphia on 4 May 1726
- m. _____ (?) to Ann _____ (?)

From Louise Brewer Harper we have the following information on the Brewers:

Louise (Brewer) Harper

Her Father:

Austin Brewer of Center Point, Indiana

His Father:

Ed Brewer

His Father:

Andrew Jackson Brewer

His Father:

James Brewer

- b. _____ (?)
- p. Pa.
- m. _____ (?) to Elizabeth Arnold After the marriage, they moved to Ohio, then into Indiana

The brothers and sisters of Andrew Jackson Brewer are listed below:

John
Eliza
Daniel
Henry
Isaac
Rebecca
Elijah
Louisa Emeline
Sharlet
Susanah Catherine
Emily Elizabeth
Israel

The brothers and sisters of James Brewer (listed on page 2) are listed below with their dates of birth:

Sarah	b. 25 May 1787
Agnes	b. 15 Feb 1790
John	b. 17 Oct 1793
Rebecca	b. 17 Sep 1797
Sharlotte	b. 24 Jul 1799
Abija	b. 28 Apr 1803

(Note: There is no other information on this line)

Can anyone help Mrs Charles E Kirk of 117 South Waverly Drive Tulsa, OK 74104?

William Showalt r

b. _____ 1806
p. Virginia
m. _____ 1829 in Wayne County, Indiana to Mary (Polly) Brower
d. _____ 1893
p. Wells County, Indiana

Mary (Polly) Brower

b. _____ 1810
p. Ohio
d. _____ 1894
p. Wells County, Indiana

Does anyone know the parents of Mary (Polly) Brower above?

Does anyone know the parents of:

Matilda Brower

b. 05 Nov 1815 in North Carolina
m. 03 Feb 1834 in Randolph County, NC then to Nathaniel Norwood
d. _____ 1896 and Nathaniel in _____ 1898, both in Nelson, Nuckolls County, Nebraska

In 1859 Nathaniel and Matilda (Brower) Norwood were still in Randolph County, NC, or at least were in Court as petitioners in a case there. They moved to Hamilton County, Indiana and then to Nuckolls County, Nebraska.

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Can anyone help on the following:

Abraham Brower from Saratoga County, New York. His known children are listed as follows:

Abram	m.	Eliza Martin	
Mary	m.	William Martin	
Esther	m.	Edward Olcott	
David	m.	Chloe (Cloe?)	_____ (?)

In 1906 the family moved to Oneida County, New York.

Lots of missing data on this family. Perhaps someone can lend a hand.

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Another line with a lot of blanks listed below:

Rachel Brower
b. ca 1716
p. Bergen County, New Jersey
d. ca 1750
m. 12 Aug 1738 to Henry Banta
d. _____ (?)

Her Father:

Abram Brower
b. ca 1675
p. Hackensack, New Jersey
m. _____ (?) to Leah Demarest
d. _____ (?)

His Father:

Peter Brower (?)

His Father:

Adam Brower (?)

Mrs Scott Montfort
Woodland Drive
Lagrange, Kentucky 40031

Another line with many unanswered questions listed below:

Isaac Brewer
b. _____(?)
m. 21 Apr 1767 to _____(?)
p. New York, New York

Many of his children lived in Westchester County and the surrounding area. Believe he had a sister or aunt named Lettisha or Letitish who married a Thomas Abrams in 1783 in Nassau Hempstead, South Hempstead.

Mrs Jana Norman
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Bridgeport, Washington 98813

Who were the parents of:

Joel Brower
b. 29 Feb 1815
p. Preble County, Ohio

Mrs Paul Overly
RR #1
South Whitley, Indiana 46787

(NOTE: Mrs Overly has extensive information on Fisher line).

Below is listed line of:

Eloise A Pingree
29632 Pebble Beach
Sun City, CA 92381

Lovinia Victoria Brower
b. 20 Nov 1888
p. Wilford, Idaho in Fremount County
m. 23 Dec 1909 to Charles E Allen
p. Utah
d. 25 Mar 1971 in California

John Taylor Brower
b. 13 Dec 1852
p. Salt Lake City, Utah
m. 27 Jul 1874 to Jane Victoria Telford
p. Utah
d. 14 Feb 1929
p. Pocatello, Idaho

Ariah Coates Brower

- b. 13 Jan 1817
- p. Phelps, New York
- m. 06 Sep 1838 to Margaret E Hussey
- p. Huntsburgh, Ohio
- d. 25 Jun 1884
- p. Oakley, Idaho

John T (J?) Brower

- b. ca1784-85
- p. Phelps, New York (New Jersey?)
- m. ca1838 to Fanny Coats
- d. 02 Oct 1838
- p. Illinois or Indiana (?)

Joseph Brower

- b. ca1745 (1768?)
- p. Monmouth, New Jersey (Bergen, New Jersey?)
- m. 19 Apr 1763 to Leah Brower (his cousin)
- p. Phelps, New York
- d. 12 Jul 1832
- p. Phelps, New York

Abraham Lazarus Brower

- b. 06 Feb 1712
- p. New Harlem, New York
- m. 19 Jun 1745 to Efeje Van Geldere
- d. _____(?)

Jacobus Adam Jr

- b. 30 Nov 1684
- p. Brooklyn, New York
- m. 28 Oct 1709 to Petronella de la Monta
- p. New York
- d. _____(?)

Jacobus Adam Sr

- b. 30 May 1648
- p. Flatbush, New York
- m. 20 Jan 1682 (and) to Anneteje Borgardus
- d. 30 Apr 1707 in New York

Adam Berkshaven

- b. _____1619
- p. Holland
- m. _____1645 to Verdun Madelena Jacobs
- d. _____1691 in New York

(NOTE: He came to America in 1642 on the Holland Ship the "Fortune").

References: 1850 census records of Ontario County Phelps, New York.
Book of Deeds of Phelps, Ont., NY #10, page 557, #62, page 193-4. Will
of Joseph Brower dated 9 Mar 1832 Phelps, New York

NOTE: A book compiled by Oradell Brower Triplett of P O Box 758 in Kellogg, Idaho 83837 entitled Ariah Coats Brower sells for about \$35.00 and is very extensive on the descendents of this Ariah C Brower. Has a lot of background material on early Browers/Brouwers, etc. This book is well worth the cost. Order from Mrs Triplett.

From J. Marcus Whitler of Fairbanks, AK, the following information is furnished:

Copy of a letter written by Elizabeth Stagg McGuire. (John Stagg (the youngest son of Captain James Stagg) and his wife, Rachel, had a daughter, Elizabeth who married a Mr McGuire. When she was about 85 years old, she wrote the following letter, but as it was mostly from memory, it differs somewhat from the Hackensack records. Therefore, corrections are made in several places in the copy of the original letter).

March 8, 1892

"Who and what kind of people my ancestors were in their day and generation. I shall do this for the satisfaction of my dear children and for those that care to know when the writer shall have passed away.

I thank God for the little I know and have learned concerning my forefathers. They were not considered as of the rich or the great of this world, but they were as the salt of the earth. They were true honest upright God loving people. True to their God and true to their country as long as life lasted.

James Stagg, my paternal grandfather, was a son of Cornelius and Annie Christy, whose ancestors fled from Scotland on account of their religious beliefs. (Ancestors here refers to Annie Christy's as the Staggs came from England). They were Protestants and could not submit to the established religion of Scotland at that time. Annie Christy was born and brought up in the City of Aberdeen, Scotland. After they (her ancestors) fled to (from Scotland) they united with what at that time was called the Church of Holland. Annie Stagg was considered as a remarkably pious good woman. They came to America during the reign of Queen Anne (Cornelius was only about six years old when Queen Anne died) on what was called the Calidonian Fleet, which brought over a large colony of Holland Dutch who settled near Trenton, New Jersey, also at Hackensack. Cornelius Stagg settled on Hackensack River not far from the town, where he died of consumption.

James Stagg, their son and my grandfather, was always considered as a Dutchman, because he had always lived among the Dutch, and was educated with them, but there was not a drop of Dutch blood in his veins. But Leah Brewer, whom he married, was a real Holland born woman. Her father's name was Daniel Brewer. Her mother's name was Mary Konig (in Dutch), in English, Mary King. Daniel Brewer, after a time, left the Colony in New Jersey and moved into what is now York County, Pennsylvania, near the town of Little York. They afterwards moved to Mercer County, Kentucky, near Harrodsburg, where a number of the families of their countrymen also removed.

"James Stagg died on the 1st day of May 1825. He was an old Revolutionary Captain and a true Christian. The records say of him, never did a mortal possess more pure piety than he. He never was out of the memory of his Saviour Jesus Christ, who freed him from the wages of sin and death and brought him to the full enjoyment of his glory in Christ and has left behind him a numerous host of friends and relatives to mourn over this great loss. He was an old Revolutionary Soldier serving as Captain under Colonel Dye of a New Jersey regiment and commissioned by Gen. Washington and honorably discharged by him at the close of the war. He was a true Whig until the day of his death. On the day previous to his death, he appeared in perfect health - had walked over the farm of his son, Daniel, where he was visiting at the time, came in about the middle of the forenoon, ate a lunch and sat down to read. He had not been reading long when he raised his hand to his forehead and fell out of his chair to the floor. From that time he was unconscious and died at eight o'clock the next morning, without a sign or a groan, at age 87 years and eight months. James Stagg served during the Revolutionary War from the commencement until the close. Was a faithful soldier, was in numerous hard fought battles, yet was never wounded, and not often disabled by sickness. When the British invaded New Jersey and trouble was expected, his wife, Leah, was at their home not far from Trenton alone, except for one of their children who was an infant. He got leave of absence from duty for a few hours. He hurried home and gathered up a few articles that they could not do without very well and hastened to take his wife and child to her father, who lived in the Southeastern part of Pennsylvania in York County, near a town called Little York. Here they remained until peace was proclaimed. As soon as his family was considered safe for a time, he hastened back to his post in the Army and it was well for his family that he cared for them as he did. In a few days, the city of Trenton and the surrounding county was invaded by the British and Indians, who laid waste to everything they could not eat or wear. The Indians took Grandmother's bed curtains and tore them up and made handkerchiefs to adorn themselves with. After destroying all they could, they burned the buildings and so mutilated the place that my grandfather never went back there again to live.

John Stagg, the fifth son of James and Leah (Brewer) Stagg, died on the third day of November, 1812 at the age of 25 years. He died in Mercer County, Kentucky, about two miles southeast of Harrodsburg, the county seat. Leaving his wife, Rachel, and two little children in the care of his father, James Stagg, as John and Rachel had lived in the house built for them joining my grandfather's. John R. Stagg was born on the first day of December following my father's death, November 8, 1812. The writer of this record was at the time of my father's death only four (4) years old - yet can remember vividly some things that transpired at that time in life's journey. It was the custom of my grandfather, who was a Elder in the Presbyterian Church of which the late Rev. Thomas Cleland was Pastor in Harrodsburg and Providence, six miles north, to hold a prayer meeting in the neighborhood when there was no meeting in town. It so happened that prayer meeting at the time of which I write was at my grandfather's, James Stagg. In my grandfather's bedroom was a very nice

little chest which he brought with him when he came from New Jersey, or perhaps New York, for his own private use. While the meeting was being held in another part of the house, my baby brother and I got into that chest. I was not greatly attracted by what I saw until I lifted the lid of the till at one end of the chest. There, I found what was too much for me to let alone. I found grandfather's fine silver and steel shoe and knee buckles, also stock buckles highly wrought, well preserved, and considered quite valuable to him, as he still at that time dressed in the style of the Fatherland. As soon as I saw them, I lifted my little white apron and gathering it up so I could hold them, I took my little brother by the hand and started to take them over to my other grandparent's to show my great prize. We had not gotten very afar until my brother could go no further, and were resting in the shade of a fruit tree. In a short time one of my uncles came along and asked what we were doing there. I told him I was going to his house. He said "no", I must not because there was no one at home and that I could not get my brother over the fences. He took my brother in his arms to carry him back to the house and as I rose to my feet to follow him, he heard the buckles rattle. He asked me what I had in my apron. I showed them to him when he exclaimed 'you have got your grandfather's fine buckles - now run with all your might and put them right where you got them or you might be put in jail for stealing'. And I did run and put them back and shut the lid down and never looked at it again. I did not want to go to jail, although I did not know what 'jail' was, neither did I know what stealing meant until that time. That circumstance led my mind to know that there is a right and a wrong way set before us in this life. My mother united with the Presbyterian Church when only ten years old. I can say to my knowledge, she was a true follower of the Lord and died knowing there is a crown filled with many stars waiting for her. Her life was filled with good for everyone. Always ready to help at the sick bed, day or night. Never was a hungry person turned from her door. Her life was filled with goodness. Surely there is a great reward for her."

The following is more on Captain James Stagg:

James Stagg was born at New Barbadoes, L. Ant., 18 September 1738 and was baptized on October 8th, 1738.

He married Lea Brouwer (now Brewer), in October 1765. They were living in Tappan, New York, near the Jersey line, when their house was burned by the British. He was granted leave of absence to move his family over into the State of New Jersey. Later, they moved to York County, Penna.

He moved to Mercer County, Kentucky about 1796. He owned and lived on the land where Harry Moore lived some years ago. He died suddenly at the home of his son, Daniel Stagg, near Mt Pleasant Church in Mercer County, in 1826, and was buried in the Kirby Graveyard, near the farm of his son. He is still in the old country cemetery and has a suitable marker. (I was out there several months ago).

Captain Stagg was a true patriot and requested his family not to ask for

or receive a pension, as he fought truly for the love of his Country and not for pay.

After the War, he and his family, with his sister, Katheleen (Kate), went to Cettysburg. They stayed there for some time, then moved to Harrod's Fort in 1780. Kate married Mr Alfred Curry's grandfather. They stayed in the Fort until it was safe to move to the farm. This was the Elwood Stagg farm, on the Cornishville Pike, and is still in the family.

There is a very interesting story told in one of our Kentucky Histories about Captain James Stagg.....There were three men who left the Fort to find some horses that had strayed away. They spent the night in an old, abandoned cabin near Shawnee Run. Some Indians came in and stacked their guns and made a fire in the center of the cabin. The three men, who were on their backs in the loft, wanted to know how many Indians, but were afraid to move for fear that the clapboards would make a noise. Captain Stagg made signs to his companions that he was going to turn over and count them. The other men in the party did all they could to keep him from moving, but that didn't stop him. When he moved, the clapboards fell and that frightened the Indians so that they all ran off, leaving their guns.

James Stagg

- b. 18 Sep 1738 and Christened 8 Oct 1738
- p. New Barbadoes, L. Ant.
- m. 13 Oct 1765 to Leah Brouwer (Brewer)
- p. Tappan, New York
- d. 01 May 1825
- p. Mercer County, KY

Leah Brouwer (Brouwer/Brewer)

- b. 14 Jul 1744
- p. Hackensack, New Jersey
- d. 29 Sep 1810
- p. Mercer County, KY

(NOTE: Her father was Daniel Brouwer and her mother was Marytin Konig)

The father of James Stagg:

Cornelius Stagg

- b. _____ 1705
- p. New Barbadoes, L. Ant.
- m. 07 Mar 1734 to Annie (Antje) Christie (Christi)
- p. Schralenburgh, NJ
- d. _____ (?)
- p. Hackensack, New Jersey

(NOTE: Annie Christie was born in Aberdeen, Scotland)

Daniel Brower (listed as Leah Brower's father)

b. _____ 1718
p. New York
d. 22 Feb 1791
p. Mercer County, KY

His Father:

Abram Brower

b. _____ 1670
m. _____ (?) to Lea De Marie (De Marist?)(Demarest?)
p. Schraadenburg, Hackensack, NJ (Church Records)
d. _____ (?)

His Father:

Peter Brower

b. 23 Sep 1646
m. _____ (?) (1st) Petronella Uldricks
_____ (?) (2nd) Geertruyd Jans
_____ (?) (3rd) Annetje Jans(en)
p. _____ (?)
d. _____ (?)

His Father:

Adam Brower

b. _____ 1624 and came to America in 1642
m. 21 Mar 1645 to Madalena Jacobs Ferdon
p. _____ (?)
d. _____ (?)