

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. Donations will be accepted. Send your lineage to:

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From Clara M. Turner of 210 Carroll Street, Beaver Dam, WI 53916 we have the following Brower information:

Jacob Brower, Thomas Mackie and families were first at Fox Lake, eight miles NW of Beaver Dam, WI. Then they settled at Beaver Dam and later Jacob moved back to Fox Lake but was buried at Beaver Dam. Henrietta Brower was the first white girl born in Beaver Dam, WI, and there is a plaque to her on a building on Front Street which is the main street of Beaver Dam. This is on the sight of the Brower cabin. There seems to be no surviving members of these families now at Beaver Dam. Would any one know where in New York these Browsers and Mackies came from.

Outline of Brower family according to burials in Old Beaver Dam Cemetery (now City Cemetery) Beaver Dam, WI.

Paul Brower 1774-1855 Soldier of War of 1812 Corporal 2 Arty US Vols - m. Rachel DeBaun 1775-1859.
Son: Jacob 1799-1846 m. Martha Mackie sister of Thomas Mackie. - married 28 November 1846.

Mary Brower 1777-1869 aged 92. Sister of Paul?

As listed above:

Jacob Brower 1799-1846 b. in New York according to 1850 census. m. Martha Mackie 1802-1875 born in New York according to 1850 census.

Their children:

1. Erphemia m. James Ackerman, son of Abraham and Hannah Ackerman, their daughter Flora d. 1863, age 2.
2. George W. 1821-1897 moved to Oakwood Cemetery 25 Nov 1821 - 9 Jan 1897.
3. Henrietta 1842-1870 born and died in Wisconsin. 22 July 1842 - buried 29 Aug 1870.
4. Francis Marion 1838-1886. Civil War Soldier Co. I 2nd NJ Inf. - buried 9 June 1886.

George Brower mentioned above: married Julia E. Hamlin in Beaver Dam in 1853.

From Mrs. Virginia Overpeck 1206 North Virginia, Rockville, Indiana 47872 we have some information that has many blanks. Can anyone help to fill them in for her:

Hubert: w/wife Ann and three sons from Nenwild in the Palatinate.

Christian son of Hubert

Emanuel son of Christian.

David son of Emanuel

Peter Great Grandfather of Mrs. Overpeck, son of Peter was b. 20 Jan 1817 or 1819 and d. 12 Dec 1897. Peter and his wife Rebecca and children came to Indiana about 1860. Rebecca died in 1866 and in 1873 Peter married Clementine Crooks McAlister. They had nine children. The oldest of these were the twins, Chancy and Quincy. Quincy was killed in 1893. Chancy was my grandfather. He married Sarah Wittenmyer. Their oldest son, Bennie was my father. Peter lies in the Nevins Cemetery, Parke County, Indiana.

Children of Peter and Rebecca:

Keziah
Jane
Melisa
Samantha
Mary Ellen
Elva
Anna
Elmer Reed

Children of Peter and Clementine were:

Chancy
Quincy
Angelina
Martin Dee
Nancy Belle
Cassandra Ella
John
Roy
Jane

Following Brower information sent in by Mrs. Lawrence G. King of 1779 NW Riverview Drive, Roseburg, OR 97470.

Abraham Brower of Unionville, Union Township, Berks County, Pa. He had a son John. Unionville is the oldest hamlet in Union township. The union of two (2) townships. Land owned by Abraham Brower, the business point founded by son John Brower as Browerstown in 1828. See page 1187 of Montgomery - the History of Berks County, Pa. Philadelphia-Everts, Peek and Richard 1886. On microfilm from the holdings of the Pa., State Library-Harrisburg, Pa., Research Publications, New Haven, Conn. Reel #22 Berks County #46 and #47 available on interbranch loan.

There is also a Diderick Brouwer of Early Palatine 1709 see pages 248-254 Early 18th Centruy Pataline Migration by Knittle, Walter Allen Genealogical Pub Co 1970 Baltimore, Maryland.

Danville, Montour County, Pa. A collection of Historical and Biographical Sketches by D.H.B. Brower, Founder of the Montour American and the Danville Record. Harrisburg, Pa. Lane S. Hart, Printer and Binder 1881. A Repreduction by Unigraphic, Inc. 1401 North Fares Avenue, Evansville, Indiana 47711 1976. NOTE: Has an index that leaves much to be desired.

We have a Jannetie Van Horn who married Jacob Banta on 28 Sept 1705. Her parents were Cornelius Van Horn and Eltie Van Santwoort. Am looking for the children of Cornelius Jansen Van Horn and Anna Maria Jans or any of the Van Horns. It looks to me as if Christian Barentsen Van Horn and Cornelius Jansen Van Horn married sisters (Jannetje Jans and Anna Maria Jans) unless the information in the Compendium of American Genealogy - First Families of America is incorrect.

Has anyone got information to further the quest on the Demarest family as listed below:

Maria Demarest b. 1740 daughter of Peter Demarest and his wife Maria Batton, married Richard H. Heaton. Maria Batton was the grand daughter of Jean des Marets 1645-1719 and Jacomina de Ruine, great grand daughter of David des Marest and Marie Sohier. I got a lot of information from a book called the Demarest Family - Migration to America 1663 - David des Marets and Marie Sohier by Voorhis D. Demarest, Hackensack, NJ 1964. In the supplement to this publication 1971 there is a sentence "Marie's (Sohier) line of descent comes down directly from Charlemagne. All of above from Mrs. Lawrence King.

From Hollis H. Brower of 835 Thornvine Lane, Houston, Texas
77079, we have his lineage:

Hollis Herbert Brower
b. 28 Feb 1917
p. Bois D'Arc, Missouri
m. Doris Ethyl Stearns

Herbert Hugh Brower
b. 30 Sep 1894
p. Greene County, Mo
d. 22 Oct 1988
b. Clear Creek Cemetery, Greene County, Mo.
m. Mary Louisa Mason

Dudley Dumas Brower
b. 10 Aug 1873
p. Green County, Mo.
d. 1946
b. Clear Creek Cemetery, Greene County, Mo.
m. Cordia Eunice prophet

Jesse D. Brower
b. 20 June 1842
p. Randolph County, NC
d. 14 Aug 1905
b. Clear Creek Cemetery, Greene County, Mo
m. Mary Elizabeth Glover

William W. Brower
b. 20 Feb 1807
p. Randolph County, NC
d. 6 May 1878
b. Clear Creek Cemetery, Greene County, Mo
m. Jane Cox

John Brower'
b. 2 July 1783
p. ?
d. 26 Jan 1851
b. Liberty Grove Cemetery, Randolph County, NC
m. Margaret Reitzel (sp?)

Christian Brower
b. 1754
p. Probably in Chester County, Pa.
d. 2 May 1819
b. Liberty Grove Cemetery, Randolph County, NC
m. Madgalene (Molly) Amick

John Brower
b. ca 1715-1719
p. Palatines
d. 30 May 1777
p. Chester County, Pa
m. Susanna ????
Hubert Brower and Ann. The original immigrants.

From Mr. Merritt R. Ermev 3622 Julio Ave. San Jose, CA 95124
we have another lineage going back to Hubert and Ann:

Merritt Ralph Ermev

b. 1 June 1918
p. Independence, Kansas
m. 7 Sep 1940 and 10 July 1970

Thomas Ralph Ermev

b. 10 May 1893
p. Chanute, Kansas
m. 14 July 1917 to Hazel Dell Slayton
d. 23 June 1975
b. Sun City, Arizona

John Franklin Ermev

b. 5 Mar 1862
p. Unknown
m. 6 Mar 1892 to Alta Cordelia Clover
d. 19 Nov 1936
p. Wichita Kansas lies in Chanute, Kansas

Christian Columbus Ermev (Urmev)

b. 9 Nov 1830
p. Tippecanoe County, Indiana
m. 20 March 1851 to Susan Nelle Beard
d. 22 Aug 1905
p. Leanaa, Kansas

George Day Ermev (Urney) (Urmy)

b. 11 Feb 1810 d. 30 Jan 1896 place unknown.
p. Dotetourt County, Virginia
m. 11 Feb 1830 27 Dec 1842 and 14 Mar 1859
1st wife: Jemima Fletcher
2nd wife: Malvina Worley
3rd wife: Beaulah Hocket (DeLaan)

Christian Urmy (Urmev)

b. 6 Jan 1787
p. Chester County, Pa.
m. 24 Mar 1807 to Lydia Day. She dies prior to 1850 in
Indiana.
d. after 1850
p. unknown.

Jacob Urmy

b. 1755
p. Montgomery County, Pa.
m. Date unknown to Elizabeth Brower. She was b. in Pa and
d. 25 Apr 1787 in Chester, County, Pa.
d. Sept 1831 in Washington County, Indiana.

John Urmy

b. date and place unknown
m. Data not available
d. 10 May 1802 in Chester County, Pa.

The Elizabeth Brower listed on page 6 married to Jacob Urmy
b. Date and place unknown
m. Jacob Urmy
d. 25 April 1787
p. Chester County, Pa.

Henry Brower
b. 14 Feb 1720
p. Holland/Germany (Note from Editor) Palatinate
m. Date unknown. To Barbara High. Ehe was b. 1 Apr 1732
d. 17 Jan 1797
d. 14 Oct 1784 in Chester County, Pa.

Hubert Brower and his wife Ann.

(The following research was prepared by Mrs. Edna E.R. Brewer,
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It is apparent that ADAM BROWER BERKHOVEN was the first
immigrant to enter the United States. All information I
have acquired from ADAM thru ISAAC came from two books
(Geneological and Memorial History of the State of NJ, Lee
Vol IV, R 920 page 1414-15; and This Old Monmouth of Ours,
pg 381) Verification of facts in these two books if not
available. Copies of these pages are attached.

ISAAC I. BROWER b. 10 Jun 1781 in Monmouth County, NJ, a
miller by occupation, married SCHICHA VANBRUNT on 5 June 1804,
and died 12 January 1857. Children:

Elias I.	b. 3 Nov 1804 d. 30 Nov 1858 m. Elizabeth Anderson
Schicha	b. 1802
Joseph	
Anm	
Catherine	
Henry	
Elizabeth	
Benjamin D.	married Catherine
Gilbert Vanbrunt	b. 2 Feb 1816 (Marlboro, NJ) d. 1854 (Pt Pleasant NJ) m. 1st Ann Marie Hesketh, 2nd Amelia Hesketh (sisters)

ELIAS I. DROWER b. 3 Nove 1804 in Monmouth County, NJ, a
laborer by occupation, married ELIZABETH ANDERSON (1797-19
Feb 1979, buried Atlantic Cemetery, Colts Neck, NJ) d. 30
Nov 1858 (unknown place of death). Dates came from Brewer
Bible in my possession. Children:

William Henry	b. 15 Mar 1825 d. 23 Apr 1899 (buried Holmdel Cemetery Holmdel, NJ) m. Elenore Riddle. Child of William and Elenore (Adella) born 1863 wed by A.C. Weiderhalt on 6 Feb 1884 at Atlantic Reformed Church, Colts Neck, NJ.
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Catherine
Sara J. b. 1846 d. 1916 (buried Atlantic
Cemetery, Colts Neck, NJ w/ husband)
m. George H. Crawford (1843-1908)

Isaac b. 18 Jun 1827 d. 26 Jun 1892 (buried
Reformed Church Cemetery, Marlboro, NJ)
m. Mary E. Clayton

Ellen
Lydia Ann b. 18 Jun 1829 d. 23 May 1907 (buried
Fairview Cemetery, Middletown, NJ)
m. Charles Martin

David b. 4 Nov 1837 d. 15 Feb 1907 (buried
Fairview Cemetery, Middletown, NJ)
m. Mary Burk

Mary b. 1841

Henry b. 1843 d. 11 Mar 1920 of cancer (buried
Fairview Cemetery, Middletown, NJ) m.
Carclyn P. vanDrunt 10 Jun 1864

Thompson b. 1845

Adaline b. 1847 d. 24 June 1893 after struck
by lightning (buried Atlantic cemetery
Colts Neck, NJ w/ husband) m. Daniel
Polhemus 22 Nov 1864. Daughter Annie
1865-24 Dec 1896) wife of D. S. Conover,
age 31 yrs, buried at Atlantic Cemetery,
Colts Neck, NJ, m. 14 Dec 1882 at
residence of parents.

DAVID BROWER b. 4 Nov 1837 in Middletown, NJ, m. Mary Burk
(15 Dec 1834-22 Feb 1893) on 21 January 1857 at the Atlantic
Reformed Church, Colts Neck, NJ, by Rev. JS W ckoff (Book
#X, Page #93) d. 15 Feb 1907 and is buried at Fairview
Cemetery, Middletown, NJ. He never owned property. He was
a farmer/share cropper.
Children:

David Henry b. 20 Sep 1859
Mary Augusta b. 29 Dec 1857, nicknamed "Gussy",
m. Edward Evans

Isabella b. 28 Sept 1961 m. _____ Bowman
Elias Edward b. 7 Mar 1863 d. 7 Sep 1891 (buried
Fairview Cemetery, Middletown, NJ w/ wife)
m. Carrie D.

Emma Louisa b. 15 Dec 1866 d. 9 June 1920 (buried Fairview Cemetery, Middletown, NJ) m. Dr. Harry Naefie (buried Adelphia Cemetery, Adelphia, NJ w/2nd wife)

Sarah Elizabeth b. 13 Dec 1864
Daniel Polhemus b. 8 June 1869 d. 27 Dec 1946 (buried Fairview Cemetery, Middletown, NJ w/wife) m. Emma Bennett

Caroline b. 2 June 1871 d. 10 Jan 1877 (scalded, buried Fairview Cemetery, Middletown, NJ)

Elsworth b. 5 July 1874 d. 7 Jan 1877 (scarlet fever, buried Fairview Cemetery, Middletown, NJ)

Samuel J. b. 18 Sep 1876 d. 1965 (buried Fairview Cemetery w/wife) m. Hester Morris

Julia b. 21 Sep 1877 d. 27 Aug 1945 M. _____ Lagunzad

DANIEL POLHEMUS BREWER b. 8 June 1869 in Middletown, NJ a farmer by occupation; married 24 December 1890 to Emma L. Bennett (23 Jul 1873 to 30 May 1945) in Matawan, NJ; d 27 December 1946 at home in Marlboro, NJ; buried by Clayton Funeral Home, Adelphia and interred at Fairview Cemetery, Middletown NJ w/wife). Name changed: don't know why.
Children:

Sarah Elizabeth b. 23 Jan 1892 Morganville, NJ (nicknamed Libby) d. Feb 1963 m. William Brownier (1889-1970) buried Cedar Knolls Cemetery, Cedar Knolls, NJ.
4 children: Bertha, William, Frank, Walter

Minnie Luyster b. 22 Oct 1893 Morganville, NJ, d 13 Oct 1936 of cervical cancer (buried Maplewood Cemetery, Freehold, NJ w/husband) m. 1st Frank Ely 13 May 1913 2nd Joe Carr 27 Apr 1921 - no children

Edith E. b. 26 Dec 1895 Morganville, NJ (nicknamed JO) housewife and dog breeder d. 25 May 1962 of breast cancer (buried Tennent Cemetery, Tennent NJ w/husband) m. Harold Ely (1894-1948) on 16 Sep 1913. 4 children

Hazel b. 9 Apr 1896 Morganville, NJ d. 1968 intestinal cancer (buried Holmdel Cemetery, Holmdel NJ w/husband) m 19 Oct 1919 to Francis G. Roberts (1893-1965) in NY City. 4 children: Carl A. John M. Elizabeth, Frank

Ethel Maltby b. 17 Nov 1905 Montgomery PA. d. May 1958 heart attack housewife (buried St. Joseph Cemetery, Keyport, NJ w/grandson. m. John J. Gorman, Jr. (1905-1981) May 1929 at St. Joseph's RC Church, Keyport. 4 children: 3 died shortly after birth: a boy 1933 and twins 1940; John J. III still living in Matawan, NJ.

Edna b. 13 Jan 1902 Matawan, NJ hotel manager
m. Eben Ridgeway (1896-present) on 1 Mar
1919 eloped to Jersey City, NJ living in
Bradenton, FL - 2 daughters: Doris Jean
and Carolyn

Daniel Polhemus
Jr. b. 22 May 1906 Freneau, NJ farmer, carpenter,
mason, butcher d. 5 Sep 1962 at home in
Morganville, NJ (buried Fairview Cemetery,
Middletown, NJ) m. Dorothy Demery (b. 27
Feb 1910) she is remarried to John Moran
and living in Florida. 2 sons: William
Henry and Daniel Francis both living in
Monmouth County, NJ

Samuel Tildon b. 10 Jul 1910 Freneau, NJ, farmer, mason,
carpenter, school custodian, m. Elizabeth
Jean Hulsehart (1906-Present) at Freehold
Methodist Church, Freehold, NJ 24 July
1936. lived Freehold 1936-1981 then
Bradenton, FL. 2 children: Phoebe Ann
and Samuel Harold.

SAMUEL TILDON BREWER b. 24 July 1936 in Freneau, NJ, married
24 July 1936 to Elizabeth Jean Hulsehart, jaughter of John
D. Hulsehart and Elizabeth Bills. Children:

Samuel Harold b. 18 Nov 1949 m. Edna Elizabeth Redmond
4 Nov 1972 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.
Keyport, NJ. Living in Browns Mills, NJ
child due July 1981

Phoebe Ann b. 10 July 1940 m. James Repasky 15 Oct
1960 St. Peters RC Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
Living in Milford, Conn - 5 children:
Carol Jean, John Paul, Allen Thomas,
Mark Richard, Vicky Lynn