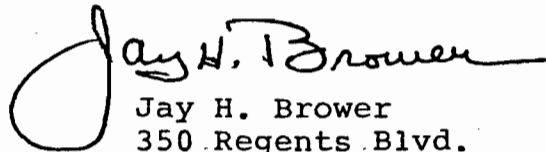


THE BROWER FAMILY CIRCLE

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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 the 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 welcome as well. The cost is being born by the undersigned in order to generate interest in the Brower lineage. Donations will be accepted and we do ask that you return postage.


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The following information has been sent to me by Mrs Ruth Kiesling of Logansport, Indiana.

The believed lineage of Mr Ron Brunk of RR #2 Eldora, Iowa 50627

His Father:

D. Elmer Brunk

His Father:

Albert Brunk who married Ida Mae Weaver

Her Father:

Samuel Peter Weaver He was b. 14 Aug 1846 and d. 12 June 1931 in Lima, Ohio He married Eliza Cupp who was b. in 1845 and d. 1920.

Her Father:

Elizabeth Brower who was b. 27 Aug 1829 and m. Marcus Cupp who was b. 26 May 1811 and d. 3 Feb 1905.

Her Father:

John Brower who was b. 28 July 1793 (Family Circle states: 1787 and died 1 June 1856 (Family Circle states: 1842). He married Hannah Miller.

His Father:

Enoch Brower d. 1835 in Augusta County, VA. He m. Susannah Eickenberry. He wonders if perhaps his grandmother remembered wrong, and it is Faronica??

Mr Ron Brunk writes: As you can see from this that my ancestor is Enoch Brower. My grandmother wrote in 1920 some notes for my father on what she knew of ancestors and she thought Enoch Brower married Suannah Eickenberry and that four brothers originally came from Germany and he was the son of one. This winter I have found information his wife was possibly Fronica Eichenberry. The information you have (Robert Brower's tree) on Hubert Brower and three sons corresponds and I am very happy to get this..... If this Enoch Brower is "my Enoch" Brower then this is the first I have found the names of his brothers and sisters and his parents. I have had difficulty in determining if the Enoch Brower on my family tree is THIS ENOCH BROWER. The problem I guess is I had his wife as Susannah Eickenberry and information I am finding now has the name Fronica.

Editors' Note: See a book called: A History and Genealogy of Peter Eichenberry Family in the USA, compiled by Charles S. Eickenberry and W. Lewis Eickenberry, 1955. I have not seen this book but believe the answer to the question of Mr Brunk would be in the book. JHB.

General Comments by Mrs Ruth Kiesling

ENOCH L. BROWER 1831-1897

Enoch L. Brower was a minister in the Church of the Brethren and was affiliated with the Barren Ridge Church, where he served as Minister and Elder. He also had a small church building erected on his mountain grazing farm on the top of the Blue Ridge where he frequently preached to the mountain people. He was active in his ministry east of the mountain as well as in Augusta and Rockingham Counties.

BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE AND ENOCH L. BROWER

Bridgewater College was founded in 1880 by Daniel C. Flory, a minister in the New Hope, Virginia area. The school was first opened in the village of Spring Creek near Bridgewater and was first known as the Spring Creek Normal and Collegiate Institute. It was moved to Bridgewater in 1882. The school was chartered under the name of Bridgewater College in 1889, thus becoming the 1st coeducational liberal arts college in Virginia. Enoch L. Brower was a member of the 1st Board of Trustees appointed by the school and served from 1882 until the approximate date of his death in 1897. The College officials were highly pleased to receive a large picture of Enoch L. and his wife Hannah Wine Brower donated to the college by the writer in 1976.

THE DAVID BROWER FARM AND HENRY C. EARLY

Henry C. Early became one of the most highly regarded ministers and church leaders of his time. His biog., reveals that shortly after his marriage in the late 1870's, he purchased a small farm in Augusta County, Virginia near the Enoch L. Brower farm where he established a home. Being young and without experience he soon felt the need for counselling from an older and more experienced man. After reviewing the possibilities he selected Enoch L. Brower and requested his help. Mr Early always looked upon this decision as one of the best. He not only found help but also established a life long friendship with the Brower family. In addition to Mr Early's interest in farming he soon became interested in becoming a minister. At the end of a two year period, he decided to relocate. He reasoned that his land did not produce well, his buildings were old and inadequate and the Barren Ridge Church did not seem to offer much opportunity for him to develop his interest in ministerial work. Enoch L. Brower purchased Early's farm about 1882 and it later became the original tract of the David Brower farm which is still owned by the family. Early moved to the Middle River Ch. area, where he farmed successfully for four years and then moved to the Pleasant Valley area in Rockingham County. Still later he purchased the home of his father near the Mill Creek Church. Reference: "H. C. Early, Christian Statesman" by John S. Flory, pages 34 and 128.

C. E. May and Elder John Brower

C. E. May of 421 College Street Bridgewater, Virginia, is the author of a book entitled "Living Under Four Clags in the North River Basin." Mr May, a retired teacher, spent five years researching historical records pertaining to the life style of the residents of this valley before starting his book. The records reveal that Elder John Brower (one of the 16 children of Enoch) bought land in Rockingham County on 1 May 1821. He helped organize and served as the 1st pastor of the Beaver Creek Church (Book ref: pages 260 and 270). His son Daniel

also served as a pastor of the same church. Some of the members of the John Brower family moved to Allen County, Ohio in 1844. His single grave is in the Beaver Creek Cemetery.

J. Paul Glick's Review of the Brower Genealogy

The most complete and comprehensive study of the Brower Genealogy known by the writer was made by Mr J. Paul Glick, retired, living at 360 Maple Ave in Waynesboro, Virginia. He enjoys doing this kind of work and in addition, he seemed to have a feeling that the contribution made to the Brethren Church by the Brower family far exceeded the recognition it had been given. His information was gathered in a variety of ways, including personal contacts, correspondence, searching historical records at churches and court houses, and checking grave markers. During the 1960s Mr Glick and the writer exchanged numerous letters. At the completion of his study a copy of his summary of information was presented to the Bridgewater College Library. One of Mr Glick's verbal comments to the writer was an expression of surprise at the large number of ministers the family produced and that so many were missionary minded people who were willing to go where there was a need. He found that some went to the West coast, especially the state of Oregon. He recalled that one family in the mid-west had three sons and all were ministers.

The Samuel Brower Lineage:

The relationship of the Sam Brower family to the other families of the same period is sometimes questioned. This can best be answered by use of a skeleton type of diagram using only one name from each generation to show the lineage to the next. Using the writers name and working back one can see that two of Enoch's (father of 16) sons--Daniel and Christian--each had a son named Enoch. Being of the same generation, there was a need to be able to distinguish between them. Enoch L. being a large man became known as big Enoch and his cousin was referred to as little Enoch.

Note The Chart Below:

Hubert and Anne Brower - Emigrants from Germany 1726

Christian, son of Hubert

Enoch, son of Christian and father of 16

Daniel, Christian brothers and sons of Enoch

Enoch Enoch first cousins

Joseph Samuel second cousins

Harper Russell third cousins

Joseph H.

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Sources of information and purpose of recording it:

The foregoing information was gathered from many sources, some by word of mouth relying on the memory of older family members and some from records in courthouses and churches.

Other sources include grave markers in cemeteries and by correspondence with individuals in other areas. The purpose of this effort on the part of the writer was to establish the direct lineage back to the emigrants Hubert and Anne Brower and to record a few interesting comments. Specific information obtained from the work of others has been identified herein and is gratefully acknowledged by the writer.

Signed: Harper A. Brower
20 Feb 1979

NOTE: It is important to remember that the names of the children shown may be incomplete. In some instances none of the names of the women are shown, and there may have been other men. H. A. B.

Another note from another letter from J. Paul Glick: (He is dead) There is one Elder, John Brower who still puzzles me for placement. If you can help or suggest, I wish you would. He is recorded in D. H. Ziglars History of the Brethren in the Valley. I have copies if you want to see it. He was the 1st Elder of the Barren Ridge Congregation in 1865, and served until 1884. Then Enoch L. Brower was Elder from that date (1884) to his death in 1897. What kin was this John Brower to Enoch L. Brower? Could this John have been an older brother of Enoch L., or was he the John Brower of Christian Brower who moved to Kansas. The answer written on my copy, "Believe this John was the son of Christian (9-5-1792-2-28-1851) who was one of 16 children born to Enoch and Francis (?) Eikenberry Brower.

Family of David Brower, Alliance, Ohio; and Hazel Brower Johnson

Catherine Geiger, the oldest daughter, was born near Hagerstown, Maryland. She was brought up in a home where negro servants did the work. She was taught how housework should be done but her time was spent in doing fine needlework. She visited relatives in Baltimore frequently before her marriage. She often rehearsed to her grandchildren the good times she had attending dancing parties and many other amusements while in the city. She was sent to school but little as it was considered unnecessary to give girls an education, and she held to that view herself, even to her old age, and was not slow to express her opinions to her granddaughters. At the age of 17, Catherine was married to David BROWER of Frederick City, Maryland, and they went to live with his parents. She always complained that she was not treated right and that she had to work too hard. Her husband served in the war of 1812, and she suffered great anxiety. It was during that time that her daughters Mary Ann and Susan died. When the war was over she and her husband moved to Ohio. They started from Maryland in the fall of 1816 and wintered in Pittsburg. It was here that her third son, Isaac, was born. In the spring they resumed their journey, arriving at Leesburg, Ohio sometime during the summer of 1817. There was much hard work to be done in the country. The cloth for their clothing had to be woven from wool, carded and spun at home, or from linen made from the flax raised on the farm. She had not been used to doing such hard work and it was difficult to get help. All these things made her somewhat dissatisfied. She was the mother of a large family, twelve children, which added greatly to her cares. Then sickness and death came. Her husband David BROWER died in 1833, leaving her a widow at the age of 45.

Then Sarah died at the age of 7 years. Adeline died at the age of 12 years. David died at the age of 2 years and Caroline died at the age of 20 years. All are buried at the old cemetery at Leesville, Ohio. Sarah, Adeline and David died in an epidemic of spotted fever and Caroline died of consumption. Catherine was not friendly to the church, owing to her hatred of the Roman Catholic Church. She gave up housekeeping at the age of 60 and lived with her children the remainder of her life. She made her home with her daughter Ellen. She died on 21 Aug 1871 at the age of 83 and was buried by the side of her husband in the cemetery at Leesville, Ohio.

Query

Jacob Miller married #1 _____, daughter Anna Miller who was born 28 Oct 1769 married Phillip Lybrook. Believe daughter Elizabeth (Betsy) Lybrook married on 30 Dec 1805 in Franklin County, Virginia to William Moss.

Jacob Miller married #2 Barbara _____

Abraham Brower married Magdalene Buckwalter b. 29 March 1745 in Chester County, PA and d. 29 Sep 1831.

Daughter of Jacob Brower and Elizabeth Teal--

Mary Brower b. 11 Sep 1819 in Preble County, Ohio and died 21 Aug 1854 in Indiana married on 31 Aug 1840 to David Moss.

NOTE: There are Millers and Lybrooks in the Brower lines.

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On pages 6 and 7 you will find a lot of information sent in by Mrs Moss and this is published for your information and assistance.

From Mr R. R. Richard of 8415 Delwin Houston, Texas 77034 he has many questions on his BREWER Line.

His Father: Richard, Album b. 1 Mar 1903 in Church Point, La. m. Billy B. Brewer on 5 Oct 1926. He d. 16 May 1958 in Beaumont, Texas. The father of Billy B. Brewer was Jack V. Brewer who was born on 20 Feb 1878 in Milo, Arkansas and died on 30 Jan 1940 in Beaumont, Texas. He married Lula Belle Taylor date unknown. She was b. 1 Aug 1881 in Dermott, Arkansas and died on 16 Sept 1956 in Port Arthur, Texas. Who can help Mr Richard go much further back in his lineage on the Brewer side?

Mary Brower b. 9-11-1819 Ohio d. 8 21,1854 prob. Cass Co., Ind.

M: 8-31-1840

David Moss b. 11-23-1817 Union Co., Ind. or Va ? d. 6-1-1902 ? Cass Co., Ind.

CHILDREN:

1. Sarah Moss b. 10-7-1842 Cass Co., Ind., d. 4-21-1897 Miami Co., Ind. M: 1-1860 Isaac Fisher
2. Elizabeth Moss b. 6-10-1844 dec.
3. Louis Moss b. 8-8-1846
4. Aaron Moss b. 7-5-1848
- X 5. William Moss b. 7-20-1851 or (1-20-1851) Cass Co., Ind. d. 9-4-1925 Flint, Genesee Co., Michigan
M: 2-15-1877 Logansport, Cass Co., Ind Missouri Kansas Moore b. 2-16-1860 Miami Co., Ind.
d. 12-21-1933 Flint, Genesee Co., Mich.
6. Lavina Moss b. 1-5-1854 d. 10-16-1937 Miami Co., Ind. M: Wm. Rush

DAVID MOSS M: #2 6-21-1855 MARGARET SHIDLER DAU OF DAVID & REBECCA (LANDIS) SHIDLER

CHILDREN OF THIS UNION:

7. Abraham Moss b. 11-29-1856
8. John Moss b. 5-24-1859
9. Alfred Moss b. 7-11-1861
10. Rebecca Moss b. 1-5-1868 M: Morton V. Tyson b. 1865; had son Orvil Tyson

#1 Sarah Moss M: Isaac Fisher (Wife #2 for Isaac) Isaac b. 1-3-1827 Franklin Co., VA d. 3-8-1914 Miami Co., Ind.
son of Jonathan Fisher & Susannah Neff

Wife #1 M: 11-4-1853 Mary Lybrook b. 1829 d. 7-4-1858

CHILDREN OF ISAAC & MARY (2)

1. Joseph L. Fisher b. 1857 M: 12-6-1875 Mary Cinderella Flora
 1. _____ Fisher
 2. Stella Fisher M: _____ Everett
 3. Lilly Fisher M: _____ Lybrook
 4. _____ Fisher
2. Infant d. 7-4-1858

CHILDREN OF SARAH & ISAAC :

3. Simon Fisher b. abt 1862 Lyon Co., Iowa
4. Sylvester Fisher b. abt 1864 M: 12-24-1895 Harriet Vore
5. Leander Fisher b. 11-28-1866
6. Susannah Fisher b. abt 1868 M: 12-2-1883 Andrew Zimmerman
7. Mary Ellen Fisher b. 5-11-1870 Jefferson Twp., Miami Co., Ind M: 4-15-1889 Walter Scott Bond b. 8-23-1873
dau. Vernice Marie Bond b. 6-14-1903-M: Harold Donaldson d. 3-9-1940
8. Lavina Elizabeth Fisher b. 1873 d. 4-6-1896
9. Jennie N. Fisher b. 7-27-1874 d. 5-24-1967 M: 11-4-1897 Marcus M. Morrow
10. Amos A. Fisher b. 11-24-1876 Ind. d. 2-5-1904 Paris, Texas. Traveling salesman
11. Noah (Nora??) C. Fisher b. 1-1-1879 M: 11-19-1902 Ora Fouts b. 1878 d. 1908 Child: Floyd Fouts

X 5. Wm Moss b. 7-20-1851 or 1-20-1851 Cass Co., Ind. d. 9-4-1925 Flint, Mich. Buried: Corinth Cem. Cass Co., Ind. M: 2-15-1877

Missouri Kansas Moore b. 2-16-1860 Miami Co., Ind. d. 12-21-1933 Flint, Mich. Bur: "" "" "" "" ""
(Missouri's father ~~Wm Moore~~ Washington Moore)

CHILDREN OF WM & MISSOURI:

- X 1. Francis David Moss b. 1-20-1878 Twelve Mile, In. d. 2-18-1948 Ind. Bur: Mt. Hope Cem. Ind.
2. Sarah Elizabeth Moss b. 5-28-1880 d. 3-9-1920 M: 12-13-1902 Elias W. Kirtland (dau-Eldna Kirtland)
3. Laura Moss M: Isiah Maus (Had dau Audna Maus M: _____ Johnson)
4. Edmond E. Moss b. 4-20-1890 d. 8-28-1923 M: 2-9-1911 Edna L. Overly (Had dau Edna Lee Moss)
5. Raymond Moss
6. John Moss

FRANCIS DAVID MOSS M: 1897 India Olive Bookwalter b. 6-30-1880 d. 7-15-1933 Bur: Mt. Hope Cem., Ind.

CHILDREN:

- X 1. Frederick D. Moss b. 8-20-1898 d. 7-28-1951 Detroit, Mich. Bur: Oak Hill Cem. Owosso, Mich.
M: Leona Snell b. 7-13-1905 (dau of ~~Anna~~ Anna Devitt & Frank Snell) b. Millington, Mich.
Ch: 1. Frederick D. Moss Jr. (by 1st marriage) M: Wanda Grosse
2. Juanita June Moss b. 6-15-1930
3. Alvira Jean Moss b. 2-16-1932
X 4. Richard Eugene Moss b. 3-8-1938 M: 10-6-1956 Janet Ruth Farley b. 9-29-1939
Ch: Deborah Lynn Moss b. 12-6-1957 M: 9-22-1979 Terry Alan McInally b. 9-14-1958
Gary Frederick Moss b. 2-19-1959
Michelle Rae Moss b. 12-13-1961
2. Martha M. Moss b. 8-21-1903 d. 4-17-1981 Bur: Mt. Hope Cem Ind. M: Ted Collins
Ch: David, Robert, Jerry, Larry, William, Danny, Harold, Lucille, Opal, Sandra, Judith COLLINS
3. Florence Moss M: _____ Richter

Mr Charles M. Morris of 951 South 14th Street New Castle, Indiana 47362 has some questions:

His great great grandmother was Sarah Brower (Craig). She was born in 1846 and died in 1932. She was the daughter of Aaron and Polly Brower. Aaron was born 1818 and died in 1886 and Polly was born in 1818 and died in 1893. Aaron was the only son of Henry who died in 1842 and Anna Heckman who was born in 1795 and died in 1870. (Both natives of Virginia). Henry originally settled in Henry County, Indiana in 1820 and is buried here. His wife, Anna Anna is buried in Kosciusko County, Indiana. Aaron and his wife Polly are buried in Fulton County, Indiana. Can anyone assist Mr Morris to tell him who the parents of his great great grandmother were?

CORRECTION:

On page 8 of VOL VII No dtd July 1982 we listed the date of birth of William Brower as 26 Aug 1784 and it should be 26 Aug 1781.

From Jack Scott Light of 1055 Hazel Ave Deerfield, IL 60015 we have a biographical sketch a Peter BROWER, Jr. 1787-1865. Ltr is dtd 20 Dec 1983.

Peter Brower, Jr. (early spelling is Brewer) was born in New Jersey in 1787. His father was Peter Brower, Sr., and he was born in New Jersey in 1733. At this writing, his mother's name is unknown. It is noted that when Peter Jr was born his father was 54 years of age. Census data for 1820-30 indicates that the wife of Peter, Sr was 30 years younger; consequently, Peter Jr 's mother would be 25 at his birth, or his mother may have been as old as 45 at his bith and would have died in New Jersey. His father, Peter, Sr would have then taken a second wife 30 years younger than himself.

Evidence at this writing suggests that Peter, Jr was born in the Shrewsbury Township, Monmouth County area of New Jersey. It appears that he could have been maddied there about 1810 and had two children: Hannah in 1812 and Isabella in 1811.

The family migrated to the Clermont County, Ohio area about 1813-16. After the migration Peter, Jr met and married Ann Hickey in Clermont County, Ohio on 1 Jun 1817. The census of 1820 shows the following family structure for the Brewers:
2 males: One less than 10 years and one between the years of 26 and 45; four females: Three less than 10 years and one between the years 26-45, which is interpreted as follows:

Brewer, Peter, Jr.	Male	aged 33	Farmer	Born in New Jersey
, Ann (Hickey)	Female	aged 33		b. New Jersey
, Margaret M.	Female	aged 2		b. Ohio
, James B,	Male	aged 1		b. Ohio
, Isabella	Female	aged 9		b. New Jersey *
, Hannah	Female	aged 8		b. New Jersey *

*Most likely daughters of a prior marriage of Peter in New Jersey or these two females could belong to another family member and Peter and Ann were raising them.

The third child of Peter and Ann was a daughter, Ida Ann who was b. about 1821. The next child was born in 1828 and his name was Andrew H. Brower.

Peter, Jr farmed adjacent to his father Peter, Sr and his brother Joseph in Williamsburg Township. Joseph married LaVina Biberson in Clermont County on 27 Dec 1820 and shared a residence and farmed with his father, Peter, Sr. The 1830 census showing the Peter, Sr family structure and household as follows:

Brewer, Peter, Sr	Male	Aged 97	Farmer	b. New Jersey
, Wife)	Female	Aged 65	Housewife	b. New Jersey?
, Joseph	Male	Aged 33	Farmer	b. New Jersey
, LaVina	Female	Aged 30	Housewife	b.

The 1830 census shows the household of Peter, Jr and his wife Ann with four children: Margaret aged 12; James aged 11; Ida Ann aged 9, and Andrew aged 2. Isabella and Hanna are missing from the family structure and can be explained by the fact that Isabella m. John McClain on 1 Jan 1829 and Hannah could be living with her sister, Isabella or her grandfather Peter. Hannah m. Abel Caldwell 15 March 1831.

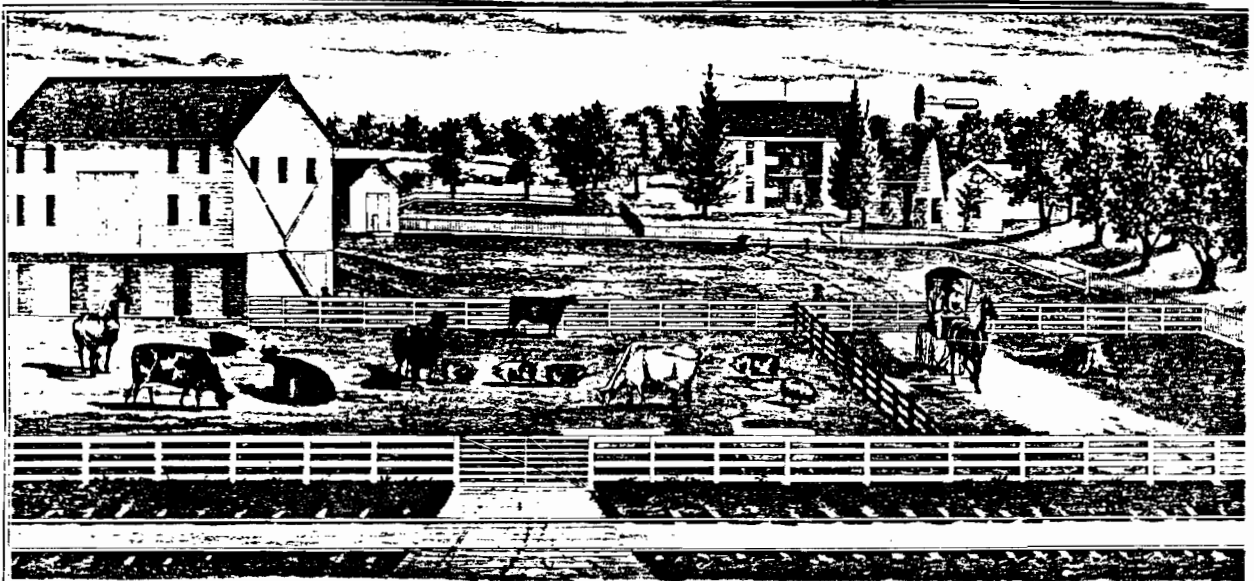
Peter Jr and family migrated to Ripley County, Indiana in 1843.

Mr Scott needs answers to the following questions:

1. Death date and place of burial for both Peter and Ann (Hickey) Brower. My search of Ripley County, IN revealed many Browers in a family farm cemetery 2 miles south of Dabney, IN but did not reveal the whereabouts of Peter and Ann.
2. Where did Andrew H., son of Peter, Jr., migrate to after he left Ripley County after 1870?
3. Who were the wife or wives of Peter Sr.?
4. Complete family history of both Peter Jr and Sr.
5. Who was Peter Sr's father and mother in New Jersey?

Chart No I

Lineage No LE



RES OF JOSEPH BROWER SEC 31 JEFFERSON TP MIAMI CO IND.

The homestead of the Joseph Browers as it appeared in the year 1877 above and as it appears today. Lower picture taken in June 1975 by the compiler, Jay H. Brower.

