

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 undersigned in order to generate interest in the Brower line. Donations welcome.

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Christian Brower of Coventry Twp.,  
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Christian Brower of Coventry Township in Chester County, Pa., was born ca 1715-1718 in Germany the son of Hubert and Ann. Settled on the banks of the Schuylkill River what is now East Coventry Township as early as 1742. He owned 200 acres. The land was obtained through a grant from the Proprietaries. See the Pa Archives, 3rd Series, VOL XI, XII and XXIV. He died in Chester County Pa ca 1771. He married Eve Bowman the widow of John Bowman, Sr.. Her maiden name was Brenneman. Her date of birth and date of her death are not known, nor is the place of birth or death. There were two children from her marriage, John Bowman, Jr and Mary Bowman.

His will is dtd 3 June 1771 in which he left all to his wife, Eve. Will #115 of the year 1771 in Phil., Pa..I, Christian Brower, (Brauer) of Coventry Twp., Chester County, Pa 3 June 1771...Beloved wife, Eve, plantation on which George Weimer now dwells...household goods. Continue to live on my plantation wheron I now dwell...to my son John BRAUER, sum of 5 pounds over and above his equal share...he being the son of my youth...estate to be equally divided among children. My stepson John Bowman and stepdaughter, Mary Bowman...John Baugh and Peter Crumpacker to be Executors.

Witnesses: Henry X Brauer Signed: Christain X Brower  
Daniel Brouwer Attests  
Tobias Miller Attests

In Nov 1771 Daniel Brauer and Tobias Miller appear and attest to the signing of the will.

Additional account of John Baugh, surviving executor. Balance in hands of executor to be disposed of as the Law Directs.

Balance due on (last)? settlement in the Registor's office on 16 Jan 1773. All monies are given in English pounds, etc.

16 Jan 1773	32.1.6
	487.6.11
Sale of Real Estate	1245.
	<u>1764.7.17</u>

By Sundry Bills paid since last settlement:

TO:	Nicholis	1.2.6
	Christian Sower	0.6.0 (Bible)
	Nicholas Bruner	0.5.0
	Henry Grubb	0.15.0
	Jacob Ecker	0.3.6
	Simon Meredith	0.7.6



County, Iowa. From Botetourt County, VA ca1795 then to Washington County, Indiana where Jacob died Sep/Oct 1831 in Jackson Township. Susannah then removed with a son to Jackson County, Indiana and last to Benton County, Iowa in 1854.

12. David b. 1760?. Married Barbara \_\_\_\_\_? of Franklin County, VA. To Franklin County, VA ca1795 and then to Montgomery County, Ohio with his brother Christian. David had a son named William J., and he is buried in a cemetery in New Paris, Ohio.

DEED H.3.199 Chester County, Pa to: Rudolph Harley, Jr., Emanuel Brower of Frederick County, Maryland and Christiana: Tobias Miller and Barbara, his wife; Enoch Brower and David Brower of Frederick County, VA and Jacob Urney of Chester County, Pa.. Peter Brower of Pa.. Conveyed of John Rinehart and John Baugh of Coventry Township, their attornies by letter of attorney dtd 13 Aug 1796...being same land that Jacob Baugh & Salome, his wife conveyed to Christian Brower 13 May 1768, who by his statement dtd 3 June 1771, did give and devise the same unto his wife Eve and the above named...signed 20 July 1806. /s/ John Rinehart & John Bough.

Henry Brower, another son of Hubert and Ann was born 14 Feb 1720 in Germany. He married 1st Eve or Salome DeFraine and 2nd married Barbara High (Hoch). Dates and places of marriages are not known.

He owned 226 acres of land on the Schuylkill River in Coventry Twp Chester County, Pa. This land was purchased in 1743 from Anthony Tunis. Deed Book G-8 page 130 of Philadelphia, Pa. Henry died intestate on 14 Oct 1784 in Coventry Twp., Chester County, Pa.. See Pa Archives 3rd Series VOL XI, XII and XXIV.

Barbara High (Hoch) was born 1 April 1732 and died 17 Jan 1797, she the daughter of Jacob High and his wife Elizabeth Longenecker. Jacob High was of New Hanover Township and his wife of Mingo. Jacob settled in the Mingo area in 1733 on 240 acres of land. The father of Elizabeth was named Daniel.

The father of Eve DeFraine was Peter DeFraine.

The children of these marriages are listed below:

1. Abraham by 1st wife b. 1 April 1745 and died 21 Oct 1805. His will was probated on 12 Nov 1805. He married Margaret or Magdalena Buckwalter. They had 7 children. See Will Book No 11 page 117 West Chester, Pa.
2. Daniel was born on 2 May 1757 and died 21 April 1809. He married Frances Reiff on 23 May 1779 and settled in Providence. Frances was born 26 April 1756 and died 7 Oct 1822. She was the daughter of Christian and Veronica Reiff. A note on the marriage page states that Frances Reiff Brower was the daughter of Abraham Reiff and granddaughter of Christian and Barbara Meyer. Daniel by 2nd wife.
3. Jacob by 2nd wife. No information except that he never married.
4. Isaac by 2nd wife. Date of birth unk. Died in 1796. Married May or Maria Gabel, daughter of Henry Gabel.
5. John by 2nd wife (listed as first child) born cal750 and died 1777. Married Susanna.
6. Sallomy (Salome or (Sarah) by 1st wife. Date of birth and date of death not known. Married Jacob Baugh.
7. Elizabeth by 2nd wife date of birth not known. Died 25 April 1787 married Jacob or John Urney. They had a son named John.

John Brower, another son of Hubert and Ann was born ca 1715-20 in Germany. He married Susanna \_\_\_\_\_? He died on 30 May 1777 in Chester County, Pa. He settled on the banks of the Schuylkill River in East Coventry Township, Chester County, Pa. He owned 133 acres. Purchased in 1743. See Pa Archives 3rd Series, VOL XI, XII and XXIV.

Not much is known of this John Brower. We find his name, sometimes as Brougher. On the tax lists of Chester County 1742 and from the deeds we learn that he purchased of Sebastian Wagner and wife Sybilla on 21 April 1743, a tract of land in Coventry, adjoining other of his lands which he seems to have purchased at an earlier date but did not have recorded, and lands of his brother, Christian Brower. See MSS of tax lists, Chester County, Pa.. Deed 21 April 1743, between Sebastian Wagner, of Coventry Township and Isabella, his wife, and John Brower, of same, in his actual seisin, in consideration of 200 pounds, for a certain messuage and tract of land situate in Coventry Twp, Chester County, Pa., adjoining lands of Jacob Steager, John Garber, Jacob Enger, John Shearer and Henry Overholtzer containing 161 acres, being the same which Sebastian Wagner purchased of Jacob Hoffley. See Deed Book N, page 12, West Chester, Pa.. Part of this land, John and his wife Susanna, whose surname is not known, transferred to Daniel Brower. (Both names appearing on the original deed as Brewer for 300 pounds). This on 30 May 1770. The evidence of this is a Deed dated 30 May 1770 between John Brower of Coventry Twp Chester County, Pa., Yeoman and Susanna, his wife, and Daniel Brower of same, Yeoman. Consideration of 300 pounds. Assigns to Daniel Brower a certain tract of land in Coventry Twp adjoining land of Andrew Hate, land of John Brower, Conrad Grim, Christian Brower Jacob Stegger, containing 114 acres. It being part of 161 acres which --bastian Wagner and wife Sybilla on 21 April 1743, sold to John Brower in fee. See Deed Book No 5, page 9 West Chester, Pa.

John Brower died in Chester County, Pa in 1777. Letters of Administratic on his estate were granted to his brother, Henry Brower and to Daniel Brower, who may have been a son, on 30 May 1777. (See Chester County Administrations). There was no account of the estate filed in the office of the Wills or Orphans' Court at West Chester, so we have no list of his children. He was, so far as we can determine without further evidence, the father of a Brower who later was in Philadelphia in 1779, 1780 and 1785. (See Pa Archives 3rd Series, VOL XIV, XV and XVI) but from a certain record which we quote, it is believed that it was this John Brower who is mentioned in the Will of Abraham Wagner of Union Twp, Berks County, Pa 1792 as living in the Carolinas and the father of Abraham Brower of Berks County. (See Berks County Will Abstracts, VOL I, page 528).

The children of John and Susanna as known, are listed below:

1. John                      b. Chester Co Pa
2. Daniel                    b. b. 2 May 1757 in Chester Co Pa and died  
2 April 1809. Married Francis Rife (Reiff) on 23 May 1779.
3. Christian                b. 1754 and died 2 May 1819. m. Magdalene (Molly).
4. Abraham                 b. 1760 and died 28 Oct 1828. m. Mary.

5. Adam            b. 6 Mar 1763 and died 6 Aug 1822. m. Katherine.

Now to John Brower, son of Christian, who was the son of Hubert to continue the line.

John Brower was born cal758 in Chester County, Pa and died in Dec 1812 in Montgomery County, Ohio. He was a Dunkard. He married Mary Magdolene cal778 in Pa. In 1801 he moved from Rockingham County, VA to Montgomery County, Ohio and in 1815 to Lanier Township, Preble County, Ohio. He also lived in Franklin County, Va. See Will Book A page 52 Montgomery County, Ohio. He is listed in the Preble County, Ohio History which was published in 1881. A deed dtd 1804, John and Mary sell land in Franklin County, Va. Children listed below:

1. John            b. 6 Sep 1783 and died 27 April 1863. He married Rebecca Harter on 5 Sep 1803. She was born 17 Oct 1781 d. 19 Nov 1858
2. Abraham       b. 1779 in Franklin Co VA and died in Preble County, Ohio in 1821. He married Elizabeth Harter on 3 Nov 1800 in Franklin County, VA. She was the daughter of George Harter, Sr and Mary (Kitterman) Harter.
3. Jacob (family line) b. 28 Nov 1791 in Franklin County, VA and died in Miam County, Indiana on 30 March 1867. He married Betsy Teal on 23 Oct 1810.
4. George        b. 22 April 1799 in Franklin Co VA and died 22 May 1888 in Miami County, Indiana. He married Sarah Swihart on 26 Sep 1824 in Preble County, Ohio.
5. Susanna       b. cal784 in Franklin County, VA. Her date of death is not known.
6. Polly (Mary)    date of birth not known. No other information.
7. Betsy (Elizabeth) b. 20 Oct 1785 in Franklin County, VA and died 18 May 1856. She married Joseph Harter 15 July 1806.

NOTES: The John Brower who was born 6 Sep 1783 was an Elder from 1830-1863 of the Sugar Hill (Lower Twin, Church of the Brethren-Preble County, Ohio).

See Miami Valley, Ohio Pioneers. A Genealogical Index by Lindsay M. Brien (1970) page #14.

The will for John Brower who died Dec 1812 above was dated 27 DEC 1813. It was recorded 20 Jan 1813? Names wife Mary; all my sons and sons-in-law; George Brower, youngest son. Executors: Wife and John B rower. Witnesses: W. Browne, Jacob Sinks and Johannes Starbow.

Now to Jacob Brower son of John who was son of Christian who was son of Hubert.

Jacob Brower was born 28 Nov 1791 in Franklin County, VA and died 30 Mar 1865. He lies in the Brower cemetery, Jefferson Township, Miami County, Indiana. He married Elizabeth Teel either on 23 Oct 1810 or 6 Nov 1810 in Preble County, Ohio. He was a Dunkard. His occupation was Farmer and Preacher. Jacob settled land in Miami County, Indiana in 1837. The house that was built then of walnut with walls 12 inches thick still stands. Taken from the History of Miami County as follows, he lived in Franklin County, VA and then to Preble County, Ohio and last in Miami County, Indiana. Near Mexico. Helped organize the German Baptist (Dunkard) Church.

From the Brower family bible in the hands of a descendant in Casper, Wyoming the children are listed as follows:

1. Aaron b. 26 May 1812. Nothing else is known.
2. Joseph (family line) b. 12 Dec 1814 and died 10 May 1885. Married Elizabeth Harmon.
3. Noah b. 28 Jan 1817 and died 22 July 1877. Married Sarah Lybrock 3 May 1840.
4. Mary b. 11 Sep 1819 and died 21 Aug 1854. Married David Moss on 31 Aug 1840.
5. Rebecca b. 27 Apr 1822 and died 25 June 1890.
6. Abraham b. 16 Oct 1824 and died 28 Feb 1857.
7. Elizabeth b. 28 Sep 1827 and died 10 Sep 1908. Married Joseph Fisher 12 Jan 1848.
8. Sarah b. 16 Dec 1829 and died 5 Jan 1885. Married Joseph Martur on 5 Oct 1854.
9. Susanah b. 21 April 1832 and died 1 Aug 1891. Married William Stevens 25 March 1847?
10. Jacob T. b. 16 June 1834 and died 16 Feb 1861. Never married.

Elizabeth Teal, above, who married Jacob was born 19 Dec 1800 and died 25 April 1869. She lies in the Brower Cemetery, Jefferson Twp Miami County, Indiana. The cemetery used to be on Brower land but now lies on private property just North of Mexico, Indiana. The bible mentioned above was given to her by her parents. It was printed in Germantown, Pa and is a SAUER bible.



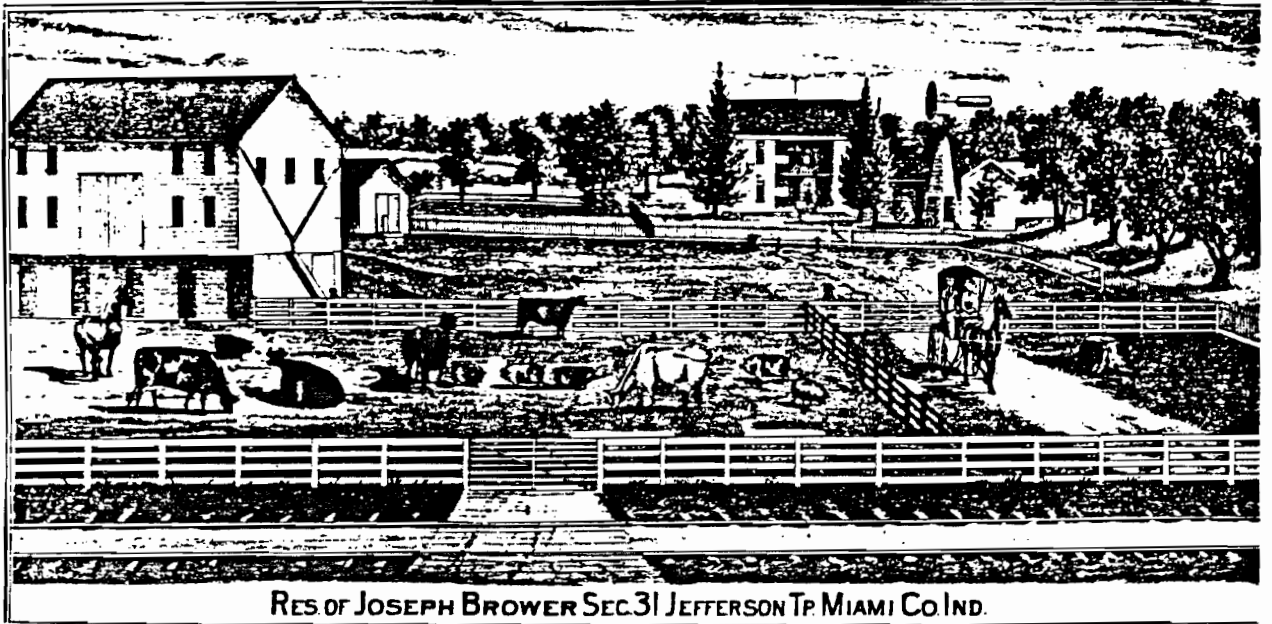
Now to Joseph Brower, son of Jacob, son of John, son of Christian, son of Hubert.

Joseph Brower was born 12 Dec 1814 in Preble County, Ohio and died 10 May 1885. He lies in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Jefferson Twp Miami County, Indiana. Cemetery is next to the Church of the Brethren just outside of Mexico, Indiana. The Church sits on land donated for that purpose by Jacob Brower.

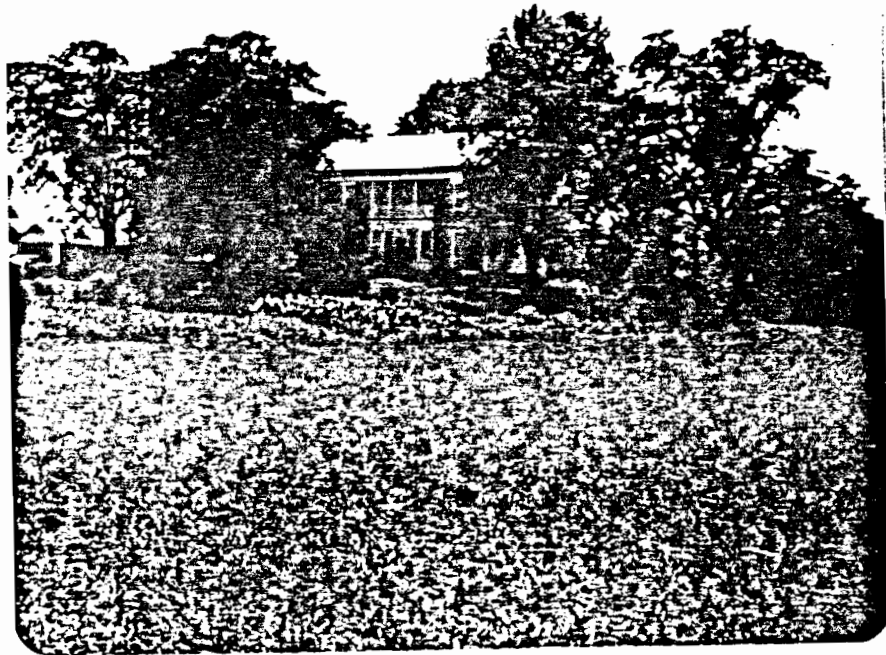
Joseph married Elizabeth Harmon on 2 Feb 1838 in Miami County, Indiana. Joseph was a farmer by trade. The children of this marriage are listed below:

1. William H. b. 19 Nov 1839 and died 14 Aug 1860. No other information
2. Rebecca b. 19 Dec 1841 and died 9 Oct 1864. No other information
3. Franklin Moriah b. 1843 and died before 1892. No other information
4. Lovina b. 13 Jan 1844 and died 19 Jan 1869. Never married.
5. Reuben b. 1845 and died before 1892. No other information.
6. Sarah b. 1846. No other information.
7. Samuel Cornelius b. 11 Aug 1848 and died 2 Nov 1869. Married Susan Chidester of Grant County, Indiana?
8. Elmira Mary or Mary Elizabeth b. 16 May 1850 and died in Logansport Indiana 17 Dec 1922. Married James M. Kimbrough on 18 Apr 1867.
9. Elijah Newman (family line) born 25 Nov 1851 and died 10 DEC 1924 in Parshall, North Dakota. Married three times. (More later)
10. Thomas F. b. 10 Sep 1853 and died 13 May 1854.
11. Sophia b. 1855 and died 13 Feb 1858.
12. Arlena b. 20 Jan 1858 and died 13 Feb 1858.
13. Abraham b. 1858 and died in 1858.
14. Sarepta (Mary Ann) born unknown and died 1922. Married Oscar A. Kennedy.
15. Elizabeth (Lizzie) born in 1859? and died 1914/1922. Married an Ireland.
16. Harriet Louise born 1 Aug \_\_\_\_? and died 1921. Married Charles Bond on 6 Feb 1877.

Elizabeth Harmon who married Josep was born 6 Feb 1817 in Adams County, Pa and died 1 Feb 1892 in Mexico, Indiana. Her father was Thomas Harmon and her mother is listed either as Lavina or Leavina. Came to Indiana with her parents in 1834. Record of her death is on page #2 Book #4, County Clerks Office, Peru, Indiana.



Picture above is from the Miami County, IN Atlas pub  
in 1877. Reprint 1974 by the Bookmark Knightstown, IN  
Picture below taken by the editor in 1975.



To continue the line we have Elijah, son of Joseph, son of Jacob, son of John, son of Christian, son of Hubert.

Elijah was born 25 Nov 1851 in Mexico, Indiana and died 10 Dec 1924 in Parshall, North Dakota. He lies in the Community Cemetery in Parshall, ND.

He married 1st Hannah C. Hockman on 7 May 1874 in Miami County, IN. From this marriage we have: Hallie who was born 13 March 1876 in Miami County, IN., and died 24 Dec 1959. She lies in the Community Cemetery, Parshall, ND. Never married.

Elijah married 2nd to Emma Lucinda Jones 25 Feb 1886 in Wabash County, IN. From this marriage we have:

1. Jay Houston (family line) born 21 Feb 1888 in Bunker Hill, Indiana. Died 30 June 1955 in Des Moines, Iowa. Lies in the Walnut Hill Cemetery, Council Bluffs, Iowa. More to follow.
2. Bernice b. 22 June 1890 and died 20 July 1890.
3. Walter Charles b. 18 April 1892 and died 15 May 1963. He married Anna Edith Schulze 14 Nov 1914 in Minot, ND. Two children from this marriage as follows: Jay Frederick Brower b. 4 Dec 1915 and died 23 Aug 1935. Never married. Paul George Brower b. 31 Dec 1917.
4. Joseph Newman (twin) born 24 Jan 1894 and died 11 Sep 1894. Lies in the Friends Cemetery, Wabash, IN.
5. Charles (twin) b. 24 Jan 1894 and died 8 Sep 1894. Place of burial not known.
6. George Leonard b. 3 Jan 1897 and died 21 March 1977 in Casper, Wyoming. He married 1st to Gertrude Flinn on 22 July 1916 and 2nd to Florida Teddern Heinicke on 30 Jan 1939. From these two marriages we have: Naida Fredericka Heinicke Gale b. 11 May 1922. George Milton Heinicke b. 10 Oct 1923. David Andrew Brower born 6 Oct 1946 and Barbara born 4 March 1953.
7. William Thomas born 25 Aug 1902 and died 2 Jan 1978. He married Mary J. Cook 19 June 1927. From this marriage we have: Eileen Theresa who married Rudolph Frank Rachele. She was born 31 July 1928. Dorothy Marie born 22 Aug 1929. William Jay who was born 11 March 1939. Carol Ann who was born 14 April 1941 and Michael James who was born 11 Feb 1947.

Elijah married 3rd to Love Miller (widow) on 18 Oct 1903 in Miami County, IN.

Elijah took out land on Patent #717395 153.01 acres near Parshall, ND on 7 Nov 1919. East Half of NW Quarter of Lots 1 & 2 of Section #30 Township 151 N (Banner) Range 88 W Fifth Meridian.

Excellent husbandman. Even tempered. Stocky. About 5 foot 5 inches tall. Weighed about 170 pounds. Attended Church at intervals. From a letter dtd 14 Nov 1971 from his son George as he remembered his father.

A query from Bettie Francis of P. O. Box 2452 Oakhurst, CA 93644.

Need names of parents of Alfred D. Brewer who was born 16 Jan 1830. Married Marrietta Rogers in Eaton Rapids, Michigan in 1862. He died in 1881 in Columbus, Wis. Their children are listed below: Alfred was born in New York City?

Alice	b. 1863	d. 11 Feb 1863
Lottie	b. 1864	d. 24 Nov 1864
Alfred D.	b. 1868	d. 2 Jul 1868
William	b. 1869	d. 15 Jul 1956
Bertram A.	b. 1871	d. 18 Feb 1941
Frederick F.	b. 1880	d. 4 Oct 1955

Alfred was in the U. S. Navy from 1846 through 1857. His last enlistment was from Philadelphia in 1854. He was in the 1860 census of Eaton Rapids, Michigan with William Brewer. Presume this to be a brother.

Some Notes on Hubert Brouwer (Brower)

Hubert Brower came from Neuweid (Neuwild) in the PALATINATE area of Germany. Statements that he came with three sons and his wife Ann on 4 May 1726 at the Port of Philadelphia. Two unnamed daughters were with the family. That he had a brother that remained in Germany. The Palatinate area of Germany is located in what is now the Pfalz. Only town spelled Neuweid of Neuwild is located just North of Koblenz on the Rhine River in Rhein-Hessen. Could this be the town?

The original pass or permit issued to Hubert Brower and family is still in the hands of his descendants. (Who they may be is not known to this writer). In the History of Chester and Delaware Counties, Pa., VOL II page #471 is the statement that the pass is still in the family. Nothing is known as to where and when Hubert and his wife Ann died or where they lie buried. I surmise that they lie in an old abandoned gravesite near Skippack. Skippack is located in Montgomery County, PA. Hubert later married the widow of a John Roth. This John Roth is the same that Hubert was said to have brought a letter to from the old country.

An article in the Genealogical Helper Sep/Oct 1983 entitled "The River's Source Was A Small Stream Named Germantown" by David J. Smucker and Robert F. Ulle states that Hubert Brower arrived in this country with others in 1684. Settled near the Schuylkill River.. Now if Hubert came here in 1684 his sons may of been born here.