

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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From Mrs Bessy E. Danels of PO Box 80-455 College, Alaska 99708 (Her line)

Bessy E (Shaul) Danels

Father William Bryan Shaul b. 1900 d. 1971

His mother Alice Lillian Brower - Shaul b. 1866 d. 1953

Her father Hammond Healy Brower b. 1819 d. 1909

His parents: Abraham Brower b. NY d. LaSalle County, Ill.

Philotha Webster b. Conn d. Ohio

Philotha Webster was a relative of Noah Webster. Their first child was in 1911. In 1931 Abraham moved the family to Ashtabula County, Ohio.

Mrs Danels invites correspondence on her line and will share.

Mrs Lamora Magdaleno of 965 Evergreen Lane Port Hueneme, CA 93041 has a query as follows:

Brewer, Martha b. cal796 USA, married on 11 March 1816 at Philipsburg, Quebec at St Paul's Anglican Church, to Adam Stone who was born 1791 in Canada and died 9 Sep 1862. He was the son of Simon and Anna (Schoolcraft) Stone. Martha died in 1868 aged 72. Both are buried in the St Ignace de Stanbridge Cemetery, Missisquoi County, Quebec. Who were her parents? She was "of Stanbridge" at time of marriage.

From Mrs Dorothy Van Cleef of 70 Kenilworth Court Lafayette, IN 47905 we have the following lineage:

Her mother: Nelle Ruth Gibson b. 14 April 1902 in Salina, Kansas  
d. 6 Sep 1982 in Salina, Kansas.

Her mother: Viola Elmira Brower b. 31 July 1875 in Poweshiek County, Iowa.  
She died 1 Nov 1959 in Salina, Kansas.

Her Father: Sylvester (Ves) Brower (Brewer). b. 11 May 1852 in Chillicothe, Peoria County, Ill. He married Martha Ann Parks 29 Aug 1874 and died 19 April 1926 in Litchfield, Nebraska.

His Father: James Brewer b. 5 Nov 1824. Place not known. Married to Jane Dickson on 4 June 1846. He died 10 Aug 1897. Place not known.

His Father: Solomon Brewer b. 10 Aug 1794 in North Carolina. Married 6 May 1813 to Elizabeth Moats. He died in Poweshiek County, Iowa, date not know.

His Father: Willis Brewer. Born cal774 in New York. Died cal847 in Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio.

Mrs Van Cleef has the names and other data on all children of the individuals listed and invites correspondence.

Her query is: "As far as I can tell, the name was Brewer all the way back to Willis.

Then in about 1900, my Gr. Grandfather, Sylvester Brewer(I have his signature and it was definitely BrEwer) changed his name to Brower and all of his family now claim adamantly that it was ALWAYS BrOwer. Why he changed it, I cannot discover. It was not done officially or legally through the Courthouse. The rest of the brothers/sisters, etc., are still BrEwers, but no one living who can explain the switch.

I would really appreciate anything you, or anyone, can do to help me go back beyond Willis Brewer and find out when, and if, the original name was Brower, Brouwer,,,or if they really were BrEwers///.

From Verneile Brower Schumm of RR #1 Box 547 in Lawrence, Nebraska 68957

Her great-grandparents were:

Berend B. Brauwer born in 1850 in Germnay. Married in Germany in 1876 to Trientje Schaa. She was born in 1847 in Germany. Family came to the US in 1879. They first located in Illinois and came to Rosemont, NE in 1886. Trientje had a brother Roelf Schaa and a falf sister, Janna Kruse Rose. Both located in the Rosemont area. NOTE: Do not find this town or country listed in Nebraska on my maps. From JHB, Her paternal grandfather, Bert Nichols was adopted ca 1897 at the age of 9 years Neligh, Nebraska orphanage. His name was changed to Bert Brauwer. He thought the name too Dutchy and changed it to Brower cal902. The adoption was by Berend B. Brauwer and his wife Trientje above mentioned. Can anyone assist in naming the parents of Berend and Trientje?

For the record where was Rosemont, Nebraska located?

From Joann M. Butterbaugh of 5220 N Foothills Drive in Tucson, AZ 85718.

See chart on next page. Can anyone help on this line?

Mrs Pam Shaffer of 54734 Eisenhower Dr Elkhart, IN 46514 has information on the Bownan/Bauman line. Taken from a Brenneman History. Her letter as follows:

Eve Brenneman was born in 1757 and died in 1824. She was the d/o Melchior Brenneman, Jr. and his wife, Anna Good. Eve married John Bowman III in 1780. He was born in 1755 and died on 11 Nov 1813. He was a veteran of the Revolutionary War. He died in New Holland, Pa. His parents were: John Bowman and his wife Barbara\_\_\_\_\_? Now, the dates do not make sense per your article (NOTE: She is referring to an article which appeared in the Mennonite Family History VOL IV No 3 dtd July 85 by the undersigned, Jay H. Brower) as John Bowman didn't die until 1813 whereas Christian Brower died in 1771. John & Eve had 11 children that we know of:

1. Henry	died young		
2. Henry	died young		
3. Anne	b. 1781	d. 1865	m. Joseph Bowman
4. Esther	b. 1782	d. 1871	m. Daniel Bowman
5. Maria	b. 1783	d. 1873	m. Anthony W. Baldwin
6. Susanna	b. 1785	d. 1820	m. Joseph Erb
7. John	b. 1788	d. 1861	m. Martha Herr
8. Elizabeth	b. 1789	d. 1870	m. Jesse Tweed
9. Abraham	b. 1795	d. 1875	m. Anne E. Frost
10. Joseph M.	b. 1799	d. 1892	m. Anna Brua
11. Isaac	b. 1802	d. 1875	m. Anna Musser

4-Generation

ANCESTOR CHART

CHART # 9

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ON  
CHART  
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KEY

- b. - date of birth
- at - place of birth
- m. - date of marriage
- d. - date of death
- at - place of death

WRIGHT John H.

b. 18 FEB 1850  
at IN-Webash Co  
m. 17 OCT 1875  
d. 10 FEB 1941  
at IN-Webash Co

Farmer  
Minister

WRIGHT Peter

b. 20 MAY 1821  
at OH-Preble Co  
m. 26 MAY 1844  
d. 5 APR 1911  
at

BROWER Catherine

b. 10 FEB 1827  
at  
d. 22 OCT 1910  
at

WRIGHT William

b. 16 Oct 1799  
at VA-Franklin Co.  
m. 20 Feb 1820  
d. 12 Mar 1863  
at OH-Preble Co

RINEHART Eva

b. 3 Feb 1799  
at PA-?  
d. 3 Jul 1862  
at OH-Preble Co.

BROWER John

b.  
at  
m.  
d.  
at

Esther?

WRIGHT Mary Eta

b. 12 JUL 1876  
at IN-Webash Co  
m. 20 JAN 1894 (BUTTERBAUGH Theron) D.  
d. 14 SEP 1961  
at IN-N. Manchester

SPOUSE

SHOCK David I

b. 1 DEC 1795  
at  
m. 29 OCT 1815  
d. 15 NOV 1870  
at OH-Montgomery Co

MILLER Mary

b.  
at  
d.  
at

1834

SHOCK David II

b. 29 JUL 1825  
at  
m. 5 JUL 1844  
d. 18 JUN 1875  
at

SHOCK Lucinda Ann

b. 8 NOV 1852  
at OH-Montgomery Co  
d. 19 MAY 1928  
at IN-Webash Co

FULTZ Catherine

b. 23 NOV 1825  
at  
d. 12 JUN 1902  
at

b.  
at  
m.  
d.  
at

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I just wonder, what if:

Eve Brenneman born cal737, d/o Abraham and Mary \_\_\_\_\_?, married Henry Bowman who was born 1725/1730 and died 23 Nov 1808 was the Eve from your article.

John and Henry Bowman were brothers, Henry was the eldest and John the youngest. They both married an Eve Brenneman. One was an aunt to the other. The Brenneman history has John's Eve as marrying Christian Brower but the dates do not fit. Eve Brenneman and Henry Bowman had these children:

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|--------------|----------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| 1. John      | He went West in 1799 |         |                          |
| 2. Francis   | b. ?                 | d. 1833 | m. Elizabeth ?           |
| 3. Henry     | b. 1763              | d. 1841 | m. Esther Herr           |
| 4. Emanuel   | b. 1765              |         |                          |
| 5. Elizabeth | b. 1772              | d. 1861 | m. Jacob Rodrer          |
| 6. Mary      |                      |         | m. Tobias Bauman in 1793 |
| 7. Esther    |                      |         |                          |
| 8. Daniel    | b. 1777              | d. 1829 | m. Esther Bauman         |

Consensus. Both Eves married a Bowman. Both Eve's had children named John and Mary. Neither Eve's dates fit. Conclusion: Help! Is there a third Eve that they named after?

My records, (Pam Shaffer), are from the Brenneman History by Albert Gerberich 1938. Menn Pub Company of Scottsdale, Pa.

NOTE: Her letter goes on in some detail but the upshot is that there is and there will be a controversy on this line as well a Brower lines and I suppose a genealogist with unlimited funds could spend a lifetime to straighten out. Still, in some attic, in some old Bible, in some old letter now hidden away may come to light that would solve all the questions.

From Mrs Ann E. Hilles of 191 W Bayton St Alliance, Ohio 44601 the following query:

Edmond Turner b. 1715, married Hannah Brower in 1736. Their daughter Mary who was born cal740 in New York married in 1762 to Joseph GEE. Mary died in 1840 in New York. A brother of Mary named Joseph married in 1763 to Deborah Loocy. Can anyone help this lady find the information she needs.

From Marian Schmuhl of 7 Revolutionary Ridge Rd Bedford, Mass 01730 the following query:

Seek anc. Joseph Brower b. 20 Jan 1842 in Saratoga County, NY married on 20 Aug 1865 to Rebecca James, daughter of John James and wife Alida \_\_\_\_\_? Joseph d. 17 Feb 1906 in St James, Phelps County, MO. Had at least two brothers - William b. @1844, and Albert b. Dec 1858. Albert prob. a half brother. Can swap data on Joseph, Rebecca and their 4 children.

Seek parents of 3 Brower brothers: Joseph b. Jan 1842, Saratoga Co NY.. William b. @1844, NY., lived in Larimore, Grand Forks County, ND in 1906. Albert b. Dec 1858, NY., lived in Chandler, Murray County, MINN @1906-1916+. Will reimburse, sway data.

Seek info on Jeremiah and Kazia Brower, parents of Henry H. Brower, who was b. March 1842 in Saratoga or Troy, NY and died 26 Aug 1916 at the home of his brother, Albert Brower in Chandler, Minn. Evidence from Civil War Pension papers of Henry H. and Joseph indicate that Albert is a brother to both of them-- possibly half brothers? Will reimburse, sway data.