

Brou'wer or Brower or Brewer Genealogy

(copied from what seems to be a newsletter from the Canadian Brower group. It also contains from interesting genealogy from the early Browsers in America) From "New York Genealogy and Biographical Record", volume 9, page 126. "Contributions to the History of the Early Settlers of Kings County, New York" by T.G. Bergen. Selected by Fred J. Maxwell, son of Jas. Maxwell, Kingston.Ont.

ADAM BROUWER, or more properly ADAM BROUWER-BERKHOVEN, immigrated to this country in 1642 from Cologne and married March 19, 1645, in New Amsterdam, Magdalena Jacobs Verdan. Berkhoven is probably his correct surname. Brouwer, the Dutch for brewer, referring to his occupation, which he probably at one period followed. BERKHOVEN, although occasionally used by some of his children has been the surname of the family.

ADAM on his arrival in this country appears at first to have settled in New Amsterdam where February 13th, 1645 he purchased a house and garden lot of HENDRICK JANSEN, for which in consequence of HENDRICK'S refusing to deliver the Deed, he commenced a suit against him in May of the same year. February 7th, 1647 he obtained a Patent from the Government for a Lot on Manhattan Island. This Lot he sold August 19th, 1656 to Dirck Schilluyne, with the house thereon lying "North of the begun Craft", between the lot of Jan, the Cooper, on the West, and Egbert Woutersen on the East.

At the date of the sale Adam resided on Long Island. The date of his removal to Long Island has not been ascertained, but in 1661 he and Isaac De Forest held jointly the oldest tide Mill in Brooklyn, known for many years as BROWER'S MILL, and lately as FREEKE'S MILL of which Brouwer purchased De Forest's interest. These parties probably held as tenants or leases for the land was within the boundaries of the Patent of Jan Everst Bolut of July 6th, 1665. BOUT in his lifetime appears verbally to have given the Mill to Adam's children which gift was probably considered void from a recital in the Deed of April 30, 1707 of SYBRANT BROUWER to ABRAM and NICH. BROUWER (see Lib. 3-P201 of Con. K.C. Registry

Office) It appears that a conveyance had been executed by the heirs of Jan. Everst Bout and "TUNIS NUYSE" to ADAM BROUWER their ancestor for the neck of land which the Mill was located. April 1st, 1654 "THEUNIS NYSSSEN" farmer of Gowanis, sold to Adam Brouwer a piece of woodland 45 Dutch Rods (551 ft. 3 in) broad extending in the woods as the Patent of Nyssen's land extends, also the land on which Adam's house is built and enclosed in fence and the meadows in front thereof located in GOWANIS.

The will of ADAM BROUWER is dated Jan. 22nd 1691/2 proved March 21st 1692 and is on file in the Office of the Court of Appeals at Albany, New York. The executors were Henry Sleight, Cornelis Sebring and _____ Fredericks. In it he is styled Adam Brouwer Berkhoven and names his wife MAGDALENA and his children, PIETER, JACOB, ADELTE, MATHYS, WILLIAM, ADAM, ABRAHAM, NICHOLAS, MARY GYTIE, HELENA, ANNA, SARA, and RACHAEL. He devises the use of his property to his wife during life, then equally to his children exception the first three named, whom he styles "disobedient children" and whose shares he devises to their children.

The Records of the Dutch Reform Church in New Amsterdam show the following records of Marriages and Births in their connection:

October 3, 1663 – William Bogardus married Ann Wyntie SYBRANTS in the presence of Cornelius Bogardus and Marrett Lockerman (Witnesses)

October 1st, 1701 – their daughter Ann Wyntie Bogardus married Jacob Brouwer. The said William Bogardus was the first son of Rev. Everardus or Jansen. The said JACOB BROUWER was the second son of Adam Brouwer mentioned above.

The following records show the births from this marriage:

MAGDALENA – March 8th, 1704

JOHANNES – March 19th 1712

ABRAHAM ADAMS BROUWER – listed ninth and son of Adam Brouwer – called Abraham Adams Berkhoven in the marriage record. Married February 6th, 1692 at Flatbush to CORNELIA HAESYN, of Bushovick, where he resided in 1714. Have an account of five of his children. He and his

brother Nicholas owned the Mill Property as will appear by a Deed hereinafter set forth. "The Deed" - On a Deed, not recorded, in the possession of the heirs of Garret Brewer, of Gowanus, dated Aug. 12th 1698, Peiter, Matthyas, William, Jacob, and Adam Brewer, Barnet Van Tillburg, Matthye Cornelisse, Jes___ Dreax, William Nazareth, William Hilton, Thomas Knight and Pieter Hendrix, "All sons and sons-in-law of Adam Brewer of Gowanus convey to Abraham Brouwer and Nicholas Brouwer, their two sons, in consideration of Two Hundred and Seventy Pounds Sterling, the plot on which the Mill stands and the neck of land and meadows thereunto belonging". From the deed it is evident that from the data thereof Van Tillburg was a son-in-law of Adam Brouwer, but no certain account has been seen of the daughter he married. The only account seen of Van Tillburg is that May 1, 1709 he was as Witness at the Baptism of Maria, daughter of Wm. Brouwer. On the same date, August 12, 1698, MAGDALENA, widow of Adam Brouwer, conveyed to her sons, Abraham and Nicholas, in consideration of an annual payment of 300 gal, 10 skipplles of wheat, 2 of Indian Corn, and 2 loads of hay, and the payment of her debts, her right in the dwelling house, Mill House, Mill and Creeks thereunto belonging, situated in Brooklyn.

Besides Adam, there were other Brouwers here at an early date, among them John or Johannes Brouwer, who immigrated in 1657, married Jannetze in 1687, took the oath of allegiance in Flatlands where he resided at least from 1677 to 1698, he and his wife being members of the Dutch Church at that place in 1677. From his paying the Church for a grave for his wife June 10th, 16__ it is evident she died about that time. There was a Jan Brouwer and Jannitze Jans—who had sons: Jan. Pieter, Hendricks and Hendrick, baptized in the Dutch Church on New Amsterdam, New York the first on May 26th, 1658 and the last on November 14, 1663, who may be the above Jan Brouwer of Flatlands.

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(son of Adam Brouwer listed eighth) Baptized May 18th, 1662 in Brooklyn. Married first, (as per Flatbush Church Records) May18, 1690 –

MARRETZE HENDRICKS, both of Brooklyn. On the marriage records he is entered "ADAM ADAMS BERKHOVEN". Married second – ANGENILTZE _____. Took the oath of allegiance in Brooklyn in 1687. Had three children baptized.

Jacob or Jacobus Adams Brouwer, (The son of Adam Brouwer or more properly Adam Brouwer Berkhoven). Jacob Adams Brower – married at Brooklyn Jan. 29, 1682, Annetze, daughter of William Bogardus and Wyntze Sybrants, and Grand-daughter of the Rev. Everardus Bogardus and Anneke Jans (of Trinity Church memory) baptized October 3, 1663 (see Pearson's *First Settlers of Albany*, p. 21) on the Marriage Records he hails from Gowanus and she from New York. He took the oath of allegiance in Brooklyn in 1687 and supposed he had ten children. He is listed second son of Adam.

Remarks: One extensive connection especially in Canada traces through _____ Jacob Brouwer and _____ Jan Bower married Thomas Hill whose son Nazareth Brower Hill married Catherine Edwards the daughter of Captain _____(?)

Association Meetings

[from the Canadian Brouwers]

- Mrs. G.E. Whiten of St. Marys Ontario writes that her mother was a daughter of William Hill who married Abigail Montgomery. That William Hill was a son of Hannah and Thomas Hill who were Untied Empire Loyalists. This William Hill would perhaps be a brother of the Nazareth Hill we have traced. So far we have no information about the father of Nazareth Hill except that the name was Thomas. We fully intend to keep searching and we invite the connection to keep searching too and exchange information gathered.

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- Edward Hill of Wyvale, Ontario states that his grandfather's name was George Hill and married a Montgomery. That the children of George Hill were:

- William
- Thomas
- George

Alexander
Silas
John
Margaret (married to Faregar)
Mary (married to Rumball)
Matilda

- That the family of George Hill (son of George Hill) were:

Edward George
William (dead)
Alexander (dead)
Silas (dead)
Albert (dead)
Lettie (married J. Brethan of Parry Sound, Ontario)
Annie (to McDonald of Hamilton)
Mary (married to Mr. Clarke – now dead)

- John Faregar of Hillsdale, Ontario is a son of Margaret Hill and her husband Faregar.

- The children of Edward George Hill are:

Alexander (Orr Lake)
Albert (dead)
Jennie (dead)
Frederick Joseph
Herbert (dead)
Jessie (married to B. Delaney)
Margaret (married to Henry Cruse)
Catherine (married to Offely McCalley)
Minnie (dead)
Mary (married to D. Delaney)
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Isabel to D.J. Webb (Wyvale)
Ethel to A.J. Craig, Mabel (dead)

- William Hill leaved descendants:

William in Hamilton
Jannie (married to Wm. Howard of Hamilton, Ontario)

- Silas Hill leaves one son – John Hill (Soo, Mich.)

- Alexander Hill leaves:

George (Wyebridge)
William (Toronto)
Mary (Toronto)
Florence (Toronto)
Adeline (dead)
Rosie (dead)

- Children of Mary Hill and John Rumbal:

Joseph
Richard
George

- Children of Joseph Rumball

Richard {
John {
Thomas { all of Hillsdale, Ontario
Herchal {
Ralph {

- Mrs. J. Harradine of Brantford, Ontario states that she is the daughter of Alice Ann Hill (who became Mrs. A. Daubney)

- Alice Ann Hill (was the daughter of Robert Hill of Glenora, Prince Edward, County. E.E. Co.) says our ancestors land as U.E. Loyalists. We have no doubt help will be found herein to trace back.

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Thomas Morris (Charlottetown PEI)

sends the following:

We omit the former part as the history is more correctly to be found in foregoing genealogies and history:

- William Bogardus married Wynchie Sybrant in 1658. Their children:

Everardus – 1659
Snythy – 1661
Peter -1661
Jacob – 1662
Annike – 1663

- Annike Bogardus married Jacob Brower on 28 Jan. 1682. Their children:

Sybrant and Jacob (twins) - 1684
William – 8 May 1687
Everardus – 8 Dec 1689
Adolphus – 6 Oct 1693
Ann Elizabeth – 15 Nov 1694
Adam – 1696
Madeline -1704
Susan – 1713

- Adolphus Brower married Yanchie Farden. Their children included "Famisha" who in 1744 married Henry Gesner.

- The children of Famisha Brower and Henry Gesner:

Elizabeth – 6 Dec 1745

John Henry – 24 Sept 1749
Jacob – 23 Dec 1751
Isaac – 15 May 1753
Abraham and Henry (twins) - 10 Nov 1756
Cornelius – 1 Feb 1761
Nicholas – 10 Dec 1765

- Henry Gesner married Sarah Pines (married by Rev. Graham Cornwallis). Their children:

Rebecca – 27 May 1787
John Henry [4th ?] - March 1794
Elizabeth – 11 March 1791
David Henry – 7 March 1793
Famisha (Brower) – 29 March 1794
Abraham – 29 March 1797
Gibbs Henry – 12 July 1799
Henry – 17 April 1804
Anna Maria – 28 Sept 1806
Lavina Caroline – 22 May 1809
Charlotte Hibbert – 8 Sept 1813

- Lavina Caroline Gesner married Ebenezer Kerr. Their children:

James – 7 Dec 1828
Anna Maria – 2 Sept 1830
John – 30 April 1832
Robert – 12 June 1834
Ebenezer – 31 Jan 1836
Famisha - 4 Feb 1838
Harriet Elizabeth – 2 Dec 1839
Henry – 2 Aug 1841
Lavina Caroline – 29 July 1843
Joseph Norman Bond – 1845
Julia Charlotte – 2 Oct 1847
Sarah Catherine – 9 May 1849
Alida Yates – 5 April 1851

- Julie Charlotte Kerr is the mother of Mrs. Thos. Morris

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Genealogy of descendants interested in Robert Edwards Estate

Elizabeth Edwards married her first cousin, Henry Edwards of England. Elizabeth Edwards was a sister of Robert Edwards.

Their daughter, Delilah Edwards, married Angle Huff of New York State. Their son:

John Edward Huff

Two children of John Edward Huff:

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Abram Huff

Eleanor Huff (married Edward Perritt – see Edwards Estate page herein.)

- Eliza Ann Huff, daughter of Abram Huff (born 12 Sept 1841), married William Kirkly Fish. Their children:

Celia Victoria – 23 March 1863,
married 18 May 1886 to W.J. Tackaberry. Their child, Olive Anneliza, is now Mrs. John Farrow.
William S. Fish – 24 Nov 1864
Mary Ann Fish – 4 Feb 1866 is now Mrs. W. J. Whaley of Muskoka Falls
George D. Fish – 19 Feb 1868
Beatrice Victoria – 1 Nov 1896 –
Married Lawrence Pearson
William Henry – 10 April 1899
Ida Ellen – 17 March 1901
Olive Angeline – 1 Oct 1904 – Married
Harold Newlove (Huntsville – 16 July 1923)
Joseph W. Fish – 5 Aug 1879
Angeline S. Fish – 17 May 1872 (Second wife of W.J. Tackaberry)
E.S. Fish – 15 Dec. 1877 – Married Francis E. Williams. We understand that Mrs. Harry Ferris and Mrs. Lorne Wilson are in this family.

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Making one more of the victims who are lured on by hopes of reclaiming some of the millions of dollars worth of property that is supposed to belong to them lying around Trinity Church, the body of Edwin. O. Edwards of Colville, Washington was placed in a coffin in the old Greenwich Village last night and prepared for shipment to his relatives.

Mr. Edwards died at 231 West Thirteenth St. He took his meals with John Fonda at 253 on the above street. Mr. Fonda, who is past eighty years old, but still with a keen eye, a ready tongue and white hair ____coxcorn shape, denied that he knew Mr Edwards before he came to New York. Mr. Fonda is president of the Unich Association of Heirs of Harlem, Anneke Jans Bogardus, Edwards and Webber Estate. Mr. Fonda has never recovered any property for these heirs. According to Mr. Fonda, Mr. Edwards came here with papers

that show his right millions worth of property in the lower part of the city.

The dead man's papers were all taken in charge by the police and turned over to Coroner Feinberg. Mr. Edwards was connected with the Colville Loan and Trust Company of Colville, Washington.

(Remark: We could print twice the size of this report with the most wonderful fairy tales. But the Toronto Star continues to print such so we will try to confine ourselves to history and the truth.)

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Webber Genealogy

It is to be understood by readers that the information recorded herein has been given as authentic and is doubtless considered correct. That some is not authentic is evident but we include it in hope that some benefit will be gained there from by readers.

- Wolfert Webber of Holland married Sara, daughter of the Prince of Orange and had two children:

Anneke – married John Roeloffson in 1620
and came to the New Netherlands
Wolfert Jr. – 15 Jan 1604 in Amsterdam,
Holland and married Ann Wallace on
12 Jan 1630. Their children:
Samuel – 1631 in
Amsterdam, Holland

- Samuel Webber – his children:

Samuel Webber, Jr.
John
Mary
Benjamin
Dorcas
Watistill (died in infancy)
Waitstill – twin – 1698 in Gloucester, Mass.
Patience -twin – 1698 in Gloucester, Mass.

- Waitstill Webber married Merribah Hutchings.

Their children:

Benjamin – married Mary Newcomb
Daniel – married Mary Keho
David
Jeremiah – killed in war
Josiah Webber - 4 Aug 1723 – married
Mary Thomson. Their child:
John George Webber

Hannah
Mary
Susan
Marion
Patience
Deborah
Jane