

-- BREWSTER --

The family groups represented in this collection may not be complete, because information was entered bit by bit as I found it or happened upon it; I have not done any systematic research on these families. Because they do not compose whole family genealogies, these listings are arranged differently from most genealogical records or histories. Each listing is a family group, and is arranged and filed alphabetically under the name of the head of the family.

Names are generally in alphabetical order (disregarding spelling variations and middle names), then in approx. chronological order. The first sorting is by surname (mixing together any and all spelling variations), then by given name, then by approximate birthdate (when known) in approximate chronological order. For easier reference, surnames in headings are grouped together under the most common spelling usage that evolved in this geographical location, regardless of individualistic spellings in the records themselves. Cross references are used in most cases where surname spellings substantially vary.

Within the quoted records, the individual spellings have been (mostly) retained because they sometimes provide clues (although in general—but with exceptions—they seem to largely reflect the record keeper's particular orthography and not always, at this early period, any special family preference). Those interested can see the variety and evolution of a particular name's spelling and the interesting and sometimes amusing attempts at phonetic reproduction. Keep in mind that before names and spellings were standardized, records reflected the individualistic whim of the particular recorder (often two different spellings of the same name within the same document). In addition, all records were handwritten, and sometimes deciphering a handwritten name in early records can be quite challenging! So expect to search under all possibilities of spelling (for both surnames and given names).

Given names are grouped together without regard for middle initials or middle names. Because middle names and/or initials are sometimes used, sometimes not used in various records, it seemed simplest to arrange entries as if the middle names or initials did not exist. Usually all variations of a given name are grouped together as though spelled one way: Jan, Johannes, John, etc. are all grouped as one (but also look under the other forms).

Sources and references are included with each "family" grouping, but may or may not include sources that are cited (or are obvious, such as baptismal records, etc.) within the narrative or listing itself.

As with any compiled genealogical record, researchers should regard this information as leads and clues, and should verify all data with independent research.

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Brewster, Henry

Henry Brewster
son of Nathaniel Brewster &
Phebe Smith
b. 30 Jan 1721/22 Brookhaven, Suffolk Co., NY
bp.
d. 1 May 1795 Blooming Grove, Orange Co., NY

m. 2 Nov 1749
Presbyterian Chapel,
Bethlehem, Orange Co., NY,
by Rev. Chalker (Brewster
Family Bible)

Mary Smith

dau. of Joseph Smith &
Mary Aldrich
b. 28 Oct 1733 Southold, NY
bp.
d. 1 May 1797 Blooming Grove, Orange Co., NY
buried

buried 2 May 1795 Old School Baptist Cem., Warwick, NY
Henry Brewster's son Matthew wrote in his family Bible: "Mother was the sister of David Smith, who was my father's best friend, and who came up with him from Long Island to Butter Hill in 1747."

Henry Brewster fought in the Revolutionary War; was with the Orange County Militia.

Last Will and Testament of Henry Brewster" from Orange County, Probate Records; Book B:294-7; Orange County Clerk's Office, Goshen, New York.

Butter Hill in the original Dutch was called "Boterberg" by the early settlers from New Amsterdam; today it is called Storm King Mountain of the Highlands.

---children of Henry Brewster & Mary Smith:

- **Henry Brewster, Jr.**, b. 2 May 1751 Butter Hill, Cornwall Township, Orange Co., NY. Captain Henry Brewster fought in the Revolution and was several years held a prisoner of the British Army,
- **John Brewster**, b. 3 Dec 1755 Butter Hill, Cornwall Township, Orange Co., NY; d. 30 April 1817 Goshen, NY. Lieutenant John Brewster fought during the Revolutionary War with the men of Orange County.
- **William Brewster**, b. 23 Nov 1759 Butter Hill, Cornwall Township, Orange Co., NY; d. 30 June 1820 Seneca Lake
- **Joseph Brewster**, b. 22 Oct 1764 Butter Hill, Cornwall Township, Orange Co., NY

• **Matthew Brewster**, b. 29 Aug 1767 Butter Hill, Cornwell Township, Orange Co., NY; d. 26 Sep 1844 Red Creek, Wolcott Township, Wayne Co., NY; buried Fairmont Cem., Red Creek, NY; m. 9 May 1784 Baptist Church of Christ, Warwick, NY, **Sarah Tuthill**, dau. of John Tuthill & Abigail Terry. She was b. 20 March 1771 Blooming Grovem Cornwall Township, Orange Co., NY; d. 6 Oct 1844 Red Creek, Wolcott Township, Wayne Co., NY.
 ---Sources: Information online Dec 2002 from Carolee N Diamond <sixof@erols.com> citing "The Family of Richard Smith of Smithtown: Ten Generations" by Frederick K. Smith; Information posted online at Ancestry.com Dec 2002 by William R. Randall <wrandall@social.rr.com> citing "Brewster Family Bible"; Matthew Brewster; copied by J. Robbie Schmidt; Iowa City, Iowa (Brewster Archives)

Brewster, Jonas

Jonas Brewster m.
 ---children of Jonas Brewster &

• **Phebe Brewster**, m. **Eli Gurnee**, son of Eli/Elias Gurnee & Deborah Coe. He was b. 1775; d. 5 Dec 1859.

Brewster, Jonas

Jonas Brewster m. **Mary**
 son of (poss) Samuel Brewster & dau. of
 d. before 7 Oct 1800 d.

Mary Brewster of town of Haverstraw, widow of decedent, was granted Letters of Administration on the Estate of Jonas Brewster, Oct. 7, 1800.

Mary Brewster, widow of Jonas Brewster of town of Haverstray, in her will dated Aug, 1, 1824, probated Oct. 23, 1824. mentioned Dau. Sally Bolson, wife of John Bolson; Grand dau. Mary Allison, the daughter of George and Hannah Allison. Executors: John Bolson, Samuel Goetschius and Sally Bolson

---children of Jonas Brewster & Mary

- **Sally Brewster**, m. **John Bolson**
- **Hannah Brewster**, m. **George Allison**

---Sources: Wills & Estates in Rockland County to the End of the Year 1850, NY, Budke Collection BC-68, Compiled by George H. Budke, 1921, transcribed 2003 by Bruce E. Hopper (Budke No. 650, Estate of Jonas Brewster) and (budke No. 285, will of Mary Brewster, widow of Jonas Brewster)

Brewster, Richard W.

Richard Brewster m.
 son of
 b.
 bp.
 d. May 1843

Hannah Gurnee
 dau. of Eli/Elias Gurnee &
 Deborah Coe
 b. 13 Jan 1782
 bp. 8 Sep 1782 [where?]
 d.

Richard W. Brewster of Haverstraw township, aged 65 years and upwards, in his will dated Mar. 9, 1843, probated May 18, 1843. Mentioned Wife, Hannah; Son, Samuel; Dau. Susan Smith; Children of my son Samuel; Children of my daughter Susan Smith; Grandson, Richard Brewster Marks; Hannah and William Brewster, children of my son Walter S. Brewster; Harriet and Abraham Waldron, children of my daughter Eliza; Mary Ann Rose, - one cow. Executors: Isaac Barns, John S. Gurnee and Daniel Johnson.

---children of Richard W. Brewster & Hannah Gurnee:

- **Samuel Brewster**
- **Susan Brewster**, m. **-?- Smith**
- **Walter S. Brewster**
- **Eliza Brewster**, m. **-?- Waldron**

---Sources: Wills & Estates in Rockland County to the End of the Year 1850, NY, Budke Collection BC-68, Compiled by George H. Budke, 1921, transcribed 2003 by Bruce E. Hopper (Budke No. 532, will of Richard W. Brewster)

Brewster, Samuel

Samuel Brewster m. **Mary**
 d. before 16 Dec 1824 d.

Samuel Brewster of the town of Haverstraw, in his will dated Nov. 11, 1824, probated Dec. 16, 1824, Weak in body, mentioned Wife, Mary; Sons, Walter F., Richard, Samuel, William, deceased, and Jonas, deceased; Charles Wm. Brewster, oldest son of my son Samuel; The farm where I reside with Stony Point to my son, Richard, during the life of my wife, then to Charles Wm. Brewster; Martha, the widow of my son William, to receive the two lots that my son William, deceased, bought of her brother Joseph D. L. Montanya, being his part of the estate of his father John D. L. Montanya; Grand children of my son Jonas, deceased; Mentions, "my 3 remaining sons and 2 daughters;" Mentions mountain land; Leaves \$50. toward the repair of the Presbyterian Church at Haverstraw; To the old black woman, Pillis, the house and ground she now occupies for life; To the black man Peter, the cow he now has the use of. Executors: Sons, Walter F., Richard and Samuel.

---children of Samuel Brewster &

- **Walter Fleet Brewster**, m. **-?-**
- **Richard Brewster**
- **Samuel Brewster**, m. **-?-**

• **William H. Brewster**, d. before 22 Oct 1819; m. **Martha Montanye**. Samuel Brewster, father of the decedent, was

granted Letters of Administration on the Estate of William H. Brewster of the town of Haverstraw. Oct. 22, 1819.

• **Jonas Brewster**, d. before 11 Nov 1824; m. -?-

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Brewster, Walter Fleet

Walter Fleet Brewster m. -?-
son of Samuel Brewster & dau. of
d. before 14 Sep 1835 d.

Walter Fleet Brewster, aged 55 years and upwards, in his will dated Jul. 10, 1835, probated Sep. 14, 1835. mentioned Dau. Delia and her husband, my son-in-law, Matthew Gurnee; My father, Samuel Brewster, deceased; Grandson, Walter Fleet Brewster Gurnee; My house-keeper, Mary Osborn. Executors: Son-in-law, Matthew Gurnee and James De La Montanye.

---children of Walter Fleet Brewster &

• **Delia Brewster**, m. **Matthew Gurnee**

---Sources: Wills & Estates in Rockland County to the End of the Year 1850, NY, Budke Collection BC-68, Compiled by George H. Budke, 1921, transcribed 2003 by Bruce E. Hopper (Budke No. 425, will of Walter Fleet Brewster)

Brewster, Walter S.

Walter S. Brewster m. -?-
son of Richard W. Brewster & dau. of
Hannah Gurnee

Richard W. Brewster of Haverstraw township, aged 65 years and upwards, in his will dated 9 March 1843, mentioned Hannah and William Brewster, children of my son Walter S. Brewster.

---children of Walter S. Brewster &

• **Hannah Brewster**

• **William Brewster**

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Brewster, William H.

William H. Brewster m. **Martha delaMontanye**
son of Samuel Brewster & dau. of John D. L. Montanya &
d. before 22 Oct 1819 d.

Samuel Brewster, father of the decedent, was granted Letters of Administration on the Estate of William H. Brewster of the town of Haverstraw. Oct. 22, 1819.

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