Volume 1 of The Brower Family Circle consists of four issues dated April 1976, July 1976, October 1976 and January 1977. Links to PDF versions of the individual issues can be found on The Brower Family Circle page. Here is a synopsis of what can be found in volume one.

No. 1, April 1976 (6 pages including title): A list of four Civil War files in the possession of Jay H. Brower. A call to readers requesting material pertaining to Brower families. A poem titled "Your Name." A list of a few items of genealogical interest in the author's possession. Summaries of some Brouwers found in New Jersey, citing William J. Hoffman's "Brouwer Beginnings" (TAG 23-24) and notes received from a correspondent in 1963. Page 5 includes four paragraphs of information regarding Brower families who are not necessarily related, and a mention of the will of Peter Bunn of Philadelphia County. A segment called "A Durable Town." A query regarding Joseph Brower, b. 12 Dec (1814) in Preble County, Ohio, and who married Elizabeth Harmon (this Joseph Brower is a direct ancestor of Jay H. Brower).

No. 2, July 1976 (17 pages): "Genealogical Research Among Pennsylvania German and Huguenot Families" from an address delivered before the National Genealogical Society in 1932 by Charles R. Roberts (pages 2 - 5, includes New Netherland families associated with the descendants of Adam Brouwer). Jay H. Brower's Brower ancestry (page 5). Queries on William John Brower (d. 1940) and Adam Brower (1763-1822) of Randolph Co., North Carolina. "Early Brower Lineage" (an account of the family of Sybrant Brouwer which incorrectly states that Anneke Jans was a daughter of Wolfert Webber, and genealogical summaries of a couple of Webber families and the "Webber-Bogardus-Brower Connection" from NYGBR vol. 56, followed by genealogical summaries of some descendants of Adam Brouwer which contains errors). On page 16 under "Brouwer Genealogy" is a transcription of the Family Record of Nicholas Brouwer. Please note that the Brouwer information found on pages 6 through 17 is not reliable.

No. 3, October 1976 (22 pages): Miscellaneous announcements. "Brower - Family History" which follows with baptism records of four children of David DeMaree (Demarest) and Antie Slode (Slot) at Hackensack. John Brower (a summary of the family of "Johan Brewer and Catharine Verwey" a.k.a. Jan Brower and Tryntje Verwey, Jan Brower being a son of Isaac Brouwer and Rachel Demarest). Summary of the family of Isaac Brouwer and Rachel DeMaree (Demarest) (this summary is incomplete as only those children baptized at Hackensack are included. Isaac and Rachel had four other children including two baptized at Tappan). Summary of the family of "Ulrick or Huldrick Brouwer and Hester DeVouw" (Uldrick's children with his second wife Ariaantje Pieters is not included). Summary of the family of Uzal Ward and Rachel Brouwer (daughter of Jan Brouwer and Tryntje Verwey). Abstracts of estate records regarding Jane Emmons who was the wife of Uzal P. Ward (son of Uzal Ward and Rachel Brouwer). Real estate records regarding Uzal P. Ward and his second wife Laura M. Mention of the will of "Sarah (Ogden) Johnson" and abstract of the will of Nathaniel Johnson of Newark, N. J. (these records refer to the Uzal Ward family but from an earlier generation). Verwey family summaries. DeMaree (Demarest) family summaries (Brouwer-Demarest-Verwey families conclude on page 14). "The Church of the Brethren" which includes a list of ministers for the years 1871 and 1881 named BROWER (page 15). Gravestone inscriptions from a German Baptist Church cemetery in West Alexandria, Ohio (pages 16-


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