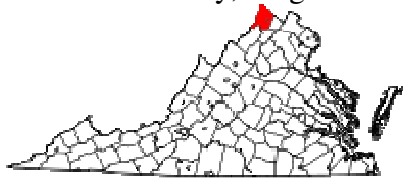


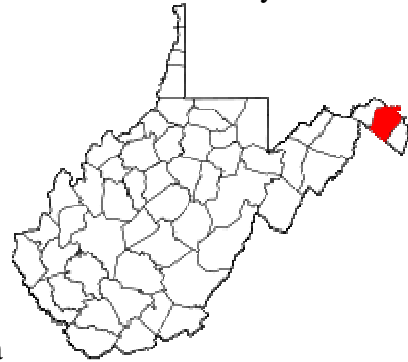
Henry Brewer, Adams Co., OH  
Notes

- Henry Brewer born Mar 1765, place and parents not stated (Rev War Pension File NARA S42093).
- Henry Brewer married Sarah Hawke, 14 Feb 1786 in Berkeley Co., Virginia (WV Div of Culture and History, Marriage records online).
- Henry Brewer died 20 Feb 1829 in Adams County, Ohio (Rev War Pension File NARA S42093).
- A descendant of Henry Brewer has participated in the Brewer DNA Project (summer 2010). Results prove that the participant is a descendant of Adam Brouwer, most likely though Adam's son Pieter Brouwer.
- Henry Brewer enlisted in December 1779 at Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., Virginia (now West Virginia) and served two years as a private in Capt. John Melon or Malon's Co., Col. Joseph Crockett's Virginia Regt. He again enlisted in April 1782 and served as a private in Capt. Shaffner's Co., Col. Armand's Legion and was discharged in the fall of 1782. (Rev War Pension File NARA S42093).
- Henry Brewer was allowed a pension for his service during the Revolution on 13 June 1818 while a resident of Adams County, Ohio (township not stated). His widow died in May 1829 (her name not given). His children living in 1830 were: Mrs. Polly Davis of Romney, Virginia; Mrs. Peggy Handsberry or Handsbery of Fairfield Co., Ohio; Mrs. Sally Williams; Anna Boldman wife of James Boldman; Elijah Brewer, Susan Brewer and Charles Brewer all of Adams Co., Ohio (Rev War Pension File NARA S42093).
- Frederick County, Virginia was formed in 1743 by the splitting of Orange County



Present day Frederick Co., VA

- Berkeley County, Virginia was formed in February 1772 from the northern third

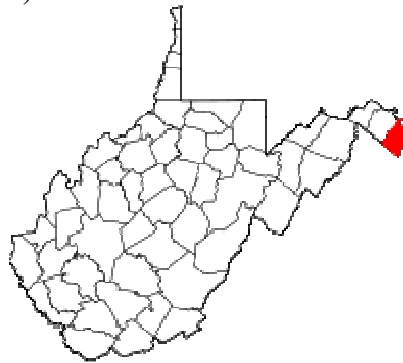


of Frederick County, Virginia

- Martinsburg, VA (now WV) was founded in 1778 by General Adam Stephen. It is the county seat of Berkeley Co.



- Jefferson County, VA (now WV) was formed in 1801 from Berkeley County. It



lies to the east of Berkeley Co.

- Shepherdstown (now WV) is stated to be the oldest town in the state. In 1734 Thomas Shepard was granted 222 acres on the south side of the Potomac River. He selected 50 acres from the tract and laid out a town and named the town

Mecklenburg. It was chartered by Virginia in 1762. In 1798 the name was changed



to Shepherdstown.

- In 1779, Shepherdstown, a.k.a. Mecklenburg was in Berkeley County, Virginia.
- Abstracts of Frederick County, Virginia Wills... (FHL film #0924002). Among the wills abstracted is one of interest. Jacob Van Derveren/Van Derveer, will dated 2 Oct 1772, proved 3 Sep 1790 in Fredericks County. Jacob Van Derveer was a resident of Bedminster, Somerset Co., New Jersey and his will was proved there on 17 Feb 1777 (NJ Wills v.5 (1771-1780) p.539). Jacob Van Derveer lived in Bedminster but was a large landholder in parts of Virginia and Maryland. Properties in these places were bequeathed to heirs in his will. Also in his will were bequeaths of money to a number of Dutch Reformed Churches including the congregation at Conowago, Pennsylvania. According to Judith Smith Cassidy, "Journey of One Hundred Years: The Journey of the Conowago Reformed Dutch Church Records of York County...", *New Netherland Connections* v.15, no.3 (2010), p.78, "Conowago, an early frontier Reformed Dutch Church located several miles northeast of Gettysburg, was established about 1769 in Straban Twp., then York Co., PA, by residents of New Jersey and New York. A temporary extension of this congregation was established in Berkeley Co. VA/WV near Shepardstown around the same time." Then on p.80, "The Berkeley community comprised of relatives of the Conowago Dutch families was located about 40 miles south of York County near Shepardstown on land owned by Jacob Vanderveer, a resident of Somerset Co., NJ...Residents and ministers of both communities, frequently traveled between these two congregations. Neither the Conowago nor the Berkeley Co. settlers ever intended to remain indefinitely in these areas. Their intent was to purchase a large tract and permanently settle in Kentucky. No evidence exists that a church was ever erected in the Berkeley Co. area."/ "Vince Akers provides extensive information about the members of the Berkeley community, disclosed in the pension applications of those who served in the VA militia during the Revolutionary War (Vincent Akers, *The Low Dutch Company, A History of the Holland Dutch Settlements of the Kentucky Frontier, a Series of Articles reprinted from the Holland Society's Journal of History, de Halve Maen* [Bargersville, IN: Vincent Akers, 1982])." On page 81, "Rev. (John) Black served as a supply pastor to the Conowago Congregation from 1794 to 1800 until receiving a call from the Presbyterian churches in the towns of Unity and Greensburg, Unity Twp., the Prebytery of Redstone, Westmoreland Co., PA

in 1800. Several Conowago parishioners later migrated to this area of Westmoreland Co.”

- Henry Brewer has been claimed to be a son of Abraham Brewer and Mary WILTS (D.A.R. application of Orpha Farmer, 1915). No record of this couple has been found. Undocumented family papers have claimed a family for Abraham Brewer and Mary Wilts with 8 children born between 1758 and 1770. A genealogy prepared for James W. Gray (1856-1919) claims a descent from Anneke Jans, though great-grandson Sybrant Brouwer, for Abraham Brewer and gives dates of birth for the children of Abraham Brewer. The claimed descent is incorrect and none of the dates have been confirmed by other records.
- Among the families found at Conawego, PA, is the family of Abraham Brouwer/Brewer (b. ca. 1745) and Sarah Van Orden, with children: Daniel (bpt. 1770 Schraalenburgh), Jan (b. 1772, NJ as per Wm. Hoffman), David (bpt. 1775 Conewago), Maria/Mary/Polly (bpt. 1778 Conewago); Sara (married in 1805); Abraham (claimed as a son by a secondary source, “died in infancy” but otherwise not confirmed. Abraham Brewer married second in 1817 at Mercer Co., Kentucky, Mary WELLS. Abraham Brouwer/Brewer is a great-grandson of Pieter Brouwer (Abraham<sup>5</sup> Daniel<sup>4</sup> Abraham<sup>3</sup> Pieter<sup>2</sup> Adam<sup>1</sup>).

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- “Official Militia Roster, Berkeley Co., West Virginia, (tax list) 1782,” FHL film #0848624, item 3: No Henry Brower or any man named Brower found. No men named Hawke, Timmonds or Cameron. Of possible interest may be John Williams, Henry BOWER, William Kelly
- “Berkeley County Index Wills, Inv. Sale Bills, etc,” FHL film #0163713, item 1: No men named BROWER are found. There are numerous entries for persons named BOWERS, including a Henry. There is, however, no reason to suspect that BOWERS was a misread of BROWER.
- “Land Owners Berkeley County, WV, 1784-1799,” FHL film #0163713, item 3: No Henry Brower found. No men of any given name with the surname BROWER found. Of interest, found Elijah Hawk, 1784, 85, 87, 88; Elijah Hack, 1789, 90, 91, 92; Elijah Hawke, 1793; Adam Hawk, 1786, 88; Bryan Timmons, 1786, 88, 89, 91, 92, 93; Bryan Timmonds, 1790, 93; Jesse Timmonds, 1792. There is also a Daniel Cameron, Robert Carter Willis, John Williams, John Carter Willis, Cary Williams, Thomas Kelly/Kelley, Dr. Edward Williams, Rich Willis, Nathaniel Willis, Joseph Wiles, and Henry, George and Jacob BOWERS, who appear at various times on the lists between 1784 and 1794.