

## The Brewer Ancestry of President Calvin Coolidge

During his time in office as President of the United States, Calvin Coolidge made one or more trips to the State of Wisconsin where he looked up some of his Brewer relations. His great-grandfather, Israel Chase Brewer, had moved his family from Rutland County, Vermont, west to Wisconsin during the decade of the 1850s. Many Vermont families left the state about this time, seeking out more space and more suitable farmland in the mid-west. Among the other Brewer families making this move were some of the sons of Jeremiah Brower, himself one of the first settlers of Highgate, Vermont. On his trip to Wisconsin, President Coolidge met up with some of the descendants of Jeremiah Brower whose family name was now Brewer. Since both the President and Jeremiah's descendants had Brewer ancestors originally from Vermont who settled in Wisconsin, it was assumed by all that they were naturally related. The President and Jeremiah's descendants even kept up a correspondence in the years following. As it turns out, the parties involved were not related at all, probably not even remotely. President Coolidge's Brewer ancestors came to Massachusetts from England in the mid 1600s, while the Brewers descended from Jeremiah Brower cantrace their ancestry to Adam Brouwer, born in Cologne, and came to New Amsterdam in 1642. The lesson being, families with the same surname, found in the same location, and at the same time, are not necessarily related, and researchers should not make the assumption that they are related.

### The Brewer Ancestry of President Calvin Coolidge in Ahnentafel Format

#### --- 1st Generation ---

1. **(John) Calvin<sup>1</sup> COOLIDGE 30th President of the United States (1923-1929)** was born on 4 Jul 1872 at Plymouth, Windsor Co., Vermont. He married **Grace Anna GOODHUE**, daughter of **Andrew GOODHUE** and **Lemira B. (\_\_\_)**, at Burlington, Chittenden Co., Vermont, on 4 Oct 1905. He died on 5 Jan 1933 at Northampton, Hampshire Co., Massachusetts.

#### --- 2nd Generation ---

2. **Col. John Calvin<sup>2</sup> COOLIDGE** was born on 21 Mar 1845 at Plymouth, Windsor Co., Vermont. He married **Victoria Josephine MOOR**, daughter of **Hiram Dunlop MOOR** and **Abigail FRANKLIN**, at Plymouth, Windsor Co., Vermont, on 6 May 1868. He died on 18 Mar 1926 at Plymouth, Windsor Co., Vermont.

#### --- 3rd Generation ---

5. **Sarah Almeda<sup>3</sup> BREWER** was born on 17 Dec 1823 at Ludlow, Windsor Co., Vermont. She married **Calvin Galusha COOLIDGE**, son of **Calvin COOLIDGE** and **Sarah THOMPSON**, at Plymouth, Windsor Co., Vermont, on 3 Mar 1844. She died on 2 Jan 1906 at Plymouth, Windsor Co., Vermont.

#### --- 4th Generation ---

**10. Israel Chase<sup>4</sup> BREWER** was born on 26 May 1797 at Paxton, Worcester Co., Massachusetts. He married **Sally BROWN**, daughter of **Israel Putnam BROWN** and **Sally BRIGGS**, in 1822. He died in 1873 at Wisconsin.

--- 5th Generation ---

**20. Eliab<sup>5</sup> BREWER** was born on 6 Apr 1760 at Rutland, Worcester Co., Massachusetts. He married **Sally RICE**, daughter of **Bezaleel RICE** and **Sarah BENT**, at Rutland, Worcester Co., Massachusetts, on 18 Feb 1782. He died on 24 Sep 1835 at Ludlow, Windsor Co., Vermont.

--- 6th Generation ---

**40. Samuel<sup>6</sup> BREWER** was born on 4 Nov 1716 at Framingham, Middlesex Co., Massachusetts. He married **Martha BENT**, daughter of **John BENT** and **Hannah RICE**, at Framingham, Middlesex Co., Massachusetts, on 10 Mar 1739/40.

--- 7th Generation ---

**80. Jonathan<sup>7</sup> BREWER** was born on 21 Jun 1689 at Sudbury, Middlesex Co., Massachusetts. He married **Arabella GOULDING** at Framingham, Middlesex Co., Massachusetts, circa 1715. He died circa 1752 at Framingham, Middlesex Co., Massachusetts.

--- 8th Generation ---

**160. John<sup>8</sup> BREWER** was born on 10 Oct 1642 at Cambridge, Massachusetts. He married **Elizabeth RICE**, daughter of **Henry RICE** and **Elizabeth MOORE**, at Sudbury or Framingham, Massachusetts, circa 1668. He died on 1 Jan 1690/91 at Sudbury, Middlesex Co., Massachusetts.

--- 9th Generation ---

**320. John<sup>9</sup> BREWER** was born in 1621 at Cambridge, England. He married **Anne ( )** at Cambridge, Massachusetts, circa 1641. He died circa 1646 at Sudbury, Massachusetts.

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