

Benjamin Bremner Disappears

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Mr. Benjamin E. Bremner a gentleman of about fifty years of age, formerly of the firm of **Heyer, Bremner and Burdett**, grocers, but recently a broker in Wall street, has been missing since Thursday 8th inst. On that day he stated to **Mrs. B.** that he was going to Albany on important business. The captain of the steamer *Empire* recollects that he was on board when she left New York that afternoon, and took a stateroom in company with a gentleman who was on his way to Galena, and who has been written to, but of course not heard from as yet. **Mr. B.** did not arrive at Albany, nor has any trace of him been found beyond what we have stated. His affairs have on examination been found in order, and nothing can be thought of, which should have induced a voluntary disappearance. The painful apprehension is therefore left on the minds of **Mr. Bremner's** family, that by some accident he must have been precipitated from the boat during the night.

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It's likely that **Benjamin** was the brother of **Alexander Bremner** who died in 1824:

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At New-York, **Mr. Alexander Bremner**, aged 33, of the House of **Hyers, Bremner & Burdett**.

Based on the ages and the common business link, it would appear that may have been brothers, and from that it may be possible to assume that they are **Alexander Bremner**, b 1797 and **Benjamin Bremner**, b 1799 in Wick to parents **Benjamin Bremner** and **Helen Nicol**. Neither have been found in the 1841 and later Scottish censuses. It's possible that other brothers may also have emigrated to the USA.

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