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Based on age and occupation in the 1900 Chicago census it's likely that this is **Robert Bremner**, second of eight children to **Archibald Bremner** and **Catherine Campbell**. Born in Peebles, he emigrated with his family sometime prior to 1850 and settled in Baltimore before moving to Chicago.

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