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#### Generation One

1. Andrew Bremner #22785, b. c 1705? in Aberdeen?, ABD, SCT.

Register of the Empire State Society, 1899, further confirmation from various descendants' applications to the Sons of the American Revolution, none of which give a name for his wife. I suspect that given his Aberdeen background he may be linked to the family of John BREBNER and Agnes MOIR, but that is very much speculation at present.

## He married (**unidentified**) #22786, b.<sup>1</sup> (**unidentified**):

Note that great-grandson Col. Andrew Augustus BREMNER did not supply Andrew's wife's name on his SAR Application.

Children:

2. i. John Bremner #22781 b. 02 APR 1737.

### Generation Two

2. John Bremner #22781, b. 02 APR 1737 in Aberdeen, ABD, SCT,<sup>2,3</sup> d. 31 JAN 1807 in Jamaica, NY, USA,<sup>3</sup> occupation Private Soldier and Militiaman.

There exists the "Journal of John Bremner, 1756 - 1764" New-York Historical Society, Manuscript Division (typescript), 41 "Bousquet Papers," MPHC 19:252.

From the SAR Application of g-g-grandson Edwin Rushmore JACKSON:

"John BREMNER, born in Aberdeen, Scotland, April 2nd 1737, came to America to fight for England in the French and Indian Wars. When he was discharged from the British Army he settled at Jamaica, Long Island N.Y. where he was a member of a Congress held December 13th, 1775 and was associated therewith as a `Minute Man` for the defence of American Liberty. Later he was a Private Soldier in the Sixth, Albany Regiment of New York State Militia under Col. Henry K. VAN RENSSELAER and in the Company of Captain Samuel SHAW. The said regiment being in service from 1779 - 1781".

The 55th Regiment of Foot was raised in Stirling, Scotland 28 December 1755 and arrived at Louisbourg, Nova Scotia 8th July 1757. By November 1757, the Regiment was in Albany, and by 1760, Oswego, New York. The Regiment took part in the French and Indian War of 1757 - 1761, then during Pontiac's Indian Uprising from 1763 to 1764, arriving in Detroit in 1763. From 1776 to 1778, they fought in the Revolutionary War.

From John's Journal after being discharged from the British Army where he had served as Foot Soldier since joining in Scotland in 1756, was shipped to North America, served in both the Seven Years' War and Pontiac's War and Bradstreet's Campaign wrote:

" I hop[e] it wil (sic) be forever for thought I had Enough of soldiering."

It's worth noting that none of the subsequent applications for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution by family members show either a wife for John's father Andrew BREMNER, or any earlier antecedents.

(Died 1807... who is the John in 1810 census?)

Charged estate 31 JAN 1808 for bell; (The Origin and History of Grace Church, Jamaica, LI; H.O. LADD, 1914.); 31 JAN 1807

Signatory as Jamaica Minuteman, 1775 (Documents and Letters intended to illustrate the revolutionary incidents of Queens County; Henry Onerdonk, 1846.)

Son died 1800? Charge for bell at Grace Church, 7th DEC 1800. (The Origin and History of Grace Church, Jamaica NY; H. LADD, 1914.)

He married<sup>4</sup> Barbara Nesbit #22782, b. 29 APR 1748,<sup>1</sup> d. 05 DEC 1800 in New York?.<sup>1</sup>

Children:

- 3. i. Mary Bremner #58559 b. 24 DEC 1776.
- 4. ii. Andrew Bremner #22778 b. c 1785?
  - iii. John Bremner #22787.

Noted as John Bremner, Jr., fore-singer in English at First Reformed Dutch Church of Jamaica, Long Island (Onerdonk, Henry; History of the First Reformed Dutch Church of Jamaica, L.I.; 1884).

Generation Three

3. Mary Bremner #58559, b. 24 DEC 1776 in New York?, d. 13 OCT 1847 in New York?, NY, USA.<sup>1</sup>

Married 14 MAY 1803 in New York?,<sup>1</sup> Samuel Coulter #58560.

Children:

- 5. Caroline Coulter #58561 b. 07 AUG 1805. i.
- 4. Andrew Bremner #22778, b. c 1785?, occupation Major, Army, d. before 1832? 1812: Major, 11th Regiment N.Y. Heavy Artillery.

Married 11 NOV 1809 in St. George Episcopal, Hempstead, NY, USA,<sup>5</sup> Catherine Sell #22779 (daughter of James Sell #22783 and Mary Thorne #22784).

Children:

- 6. Andrew Augustus Bremner #22780 b. 31 DEC 1812. i.
  - ii. Mabel Augusta Bremner #60583.

Married 01 FEB? 1830/32 in New York, NY, USA,<sup>6</sup> Andrew B. Coulter #60584.

Generation Four

5. Caroline Coulter #58561, b. 07 AUG 1805 in New York?,<sup>1</sup> d. 26 SEP 1829.<sup>1</sup>

Married 11 DEC 1826,<sup>1</sup> James Cooke #58562, b. 05 AUG 1801,<sup>1</sup> d. 03 DEC 1855.<sup>1</sup>

Children:

- 7. i. Mary Cooke #58563 b. 23 NOV 1827.
- 6. Andrew Augustus Bremner #22780, b. 31 DEC 1812 in New York, NY, USA,<sup>7,1</sup> d. JUN 1907 in Brooklyn, NY, USA,<sup>8</sup> buried 10 JUN 1907 in Green Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, Kings Co.,<sup>9</sup> occupation Farmer/Merchant/Army Officer. 1850: Lived in Ward 18, New York; Balance Maker.

1854: US Passport application gives description: Age 42, stature 5 ft 5 in, forehead high, eyes, hazel, nose aquiline,

hair black, face round ... 1870: Lived North Hempstead, Queens.

1900: Lived with Son-in-law William ADAMS and family in Brooklyn, widowed.

New York Daily Tribune, Monday March 29, 1897.

"To Honor its Old Leader."

"Colonel Andrew A. Bremner will be the 7th Regiment's Guest."

"He commanded the organization half a century ago, and will witness the review on Thursday evening --- he belongs to fighting stock, and his interest in the Regiment is as keen as ever."

The guest of honor at the review to be given by the 7th Regiment, N.G.N.Y., to its Veteran Association on Thursday evening will be Colonel Andrew Augustus Bremner, who commanded the regiment from 1845 to 1849. Colonel Bremner, who is the oldest living ex-commander of the 7th, is now in his 85th year and lives quietly in a beautiful home at No. 1325 Pasicic-st., Brooklyn. He is in excellent health and visits his office in New-York three or four times a week. His interest in the affairs of his regiment is as keen as it was fifty years ago, and he is thoroughly familiar with the regiment's history from the date of its organization."

Colonel Bremner received a personal invitation from Colonel Appleton to attend Thursday's review, and he is eagerly looking forward to his visit to the armory. "The members of the regiment always greet me most cordially when I go over," said Colonel Bremner to a Tribune reporter on Saturday, "and I always feel that I should accept their invitations, not only because they are always so good to me, but because of the enjoyment I always get from my visits"."

"Colonel Bremner's ancestry entitles him to membership in nearly every patriotic organization in this country. He comes from a family of soldiers, and he connected himself with military organizations as soon as his age entitled him to membership. His grandfather fought valiantly in the French and Indian War and in the Revolution with Washington. His father was a major in the 11th Regiment of Artillery in the War of 1812, and in 1812, he was in command of a company of troops which was detailed to throw up a line of breastworks in what is now Fort Greene Park, in Brooklyn."

"In 1832 Colonel Bremner, then twenty years old, enlisted in the old President's Guard. He passed through all the grades of that organization, and in 1839 was elected captain of the 7th Company of the old 27th Regiment. In the same year he was transferred to the command of the 4th Company. In 1841 he was elected major of the 27th, in June 1845, he became lieutenant-colonel, and in November he was elected colonel. While he was colonel of the regiment its number was changed from the 27th to the 7th. To his influence was mainly due the selection of the number 7 for the new designation. There was much opposition to any change, but the retention of the mystic 7 was more or less of a satisfaction for the entire regiment.."

"The historian of the 7th says that to Colonel Bremner was largely due the honor of introducing in the regiment a higher order of drill and discipline than had ever before been known in the organization. A thorough, practical soldier, a master of military tactics and a commanding officer of unusual executive ability, he made the regiment one of the strongest in the State before he had been in office a year. The regiment was harmonious and progressive throughout his administration, and on parade it was never excelled by its rivals. While he was the commanding officer of the 7th, Colonel Bremner was conducting an extensive business in the manufacture of fancy steel goods, in partnership with Major Thomas Morton, also of the 7th. His business became so exacting that in February, 1849, he was obliged to resign his office. He did this against the wishes and entreaties of the most influential members of the regiment's staff."

" Colonel Bremner retired from business in 1854 and moved to Manhasset, N.Y., After the Civil War opened he took up his business again and made his home in Brooklyn. He was invited early in the days of the war to command the 15th Regiment, a Long Island organization which served as a home guard throughout the war. Colonel Bremner drilled the regiment and commanded it until it disbanded. After the war he was one of the few veterans who were active in organizing the 7th Regiment Veterans' Association."

" Colonel Bremner has been an ardent and enthusiastic Republican since the party nominated its first ticket in this State, and he was a protectionist long before the Republic and inherited the doctrine of protection from the Whigs. He lost a hat on Buchanan's election in 1836, but had the satisfaction of seeing the winner of the hat-challenged at the polls and kept from voting because he has boasted too loudly and too frequently of his "sure thing" on the bet. He has a clean memory of the Nation's political history from the days of Jackson, and tells of his recollections in the most interesting manner. He has long been a reader of The Tribune, and says he wishes to be considered one of strongest admirers."

He married **Maria C. (unidentified)** #22953, b. c 1824 in NY/VA, USA,<sup>10</sup> d. AUG 1891 in Brooklyn, Kings Co., NY, USA,<sup>11</sup> buried 22 AUG 1891 in Green Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY.<sup>12</sup>

### Children:

- i. Adaline A. Bremner #24506, b. c 1844 in New York?, NY, USA.<sup>13</sup>
- ii. **Catherine Elizabeth Bremner** #24507, b. c 1847 in New York?, NY, USA,<sup>13</sup> d. 14 JAN 1859 in Manhasset. Long Island, NY, USA,<sup>14</sup> buried 18 JAN 1859.<sup>15</sup>
- iii. Maria Bremner #24508, b. c 1849 in New York?, NY, USA.<sup>13</sup>
- 8. iv. Ella L. Bremner #22955 b. APR 1854.
  - v. **John Hobart Bremner** #41652, b. c 1855 in New York?,<sup>16</sup> d. 04 MAR 1863 in Manhasset, Long Island, NY, USA.<sup>17</sup> John was the only son in this family.
  - vi. **Sara Augusta Bremner** #22954, b. c 1857 in New York, NY, USA.<sup>18</sup> Sarah was the youngest daughter in the family.

Married 23 APR 1885 in 385 Grand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, USA,<sup>19</sup> **Frederick C. Seabury** #59264, b. c 1850 in New York, NY, USA,<sup>20</sup> occupation 1910 Banker. **Frederick**: 1920: Lived at 411 Grand Avenue, New York, NY.

## Generation Five

7. Mary Cooke #58563, b. 23 NOV 1827,<sup>1</sup> d. 19 MAY 1901 in New York?.<sup>1</sup>

Married<sup>1</sup> Peter Hugh Jackson #58564, b. 11 JUL 1829,<sup>1</sup> d. 17 JUN 1908 in New York?.<sup>1</sup>

Children:

- i. Charles Jackson #58635, b. c 1853 in New York, NY, USA.<sup>21</sup>
- Caroline Jackson #58636, b. c 1855 in New York, NY, USA.<sup>21</sup> 1930: Unmarried, lived with brother Edwin in Oakland, Alameda County, CA.
- iii. Francis D. Jackson #58637, b. c 1858 in New York, NY, USA.<sup>21</sup>
- iv. Warner Jackson #58638, b. c 1860 in New York, NY, USA.<sup>21</sup>
- Robert Addison Jackson #58566, b. 20 SEP 1864 in New York City, NY, USA.<sup>1,21</sup>
   1925: When Robert applied for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, he lived at 578 Montclair Avenue, Oakland, CA. Employed as County Assessor for Alameda County.

- vi. Edwin Rushmore Jackson #58565, b. 29 MAY 1872 in New York, NY, USA,<sup>22</sup> occupation 1930 President and Manager \*.
   1930: Lived at 248 Ridgeway Avenue, Oakland, Alameda County, CA with sister Caroline. Both unmarried. Occupation: President and Manager, Sidewalk Lights?
- 8. **Ella L. Bremner** #22955, b. APR 1854 in New York?, NY, USA,<sup>23</sup> d. 1926? in Brooklyn, NY, USA, buried 19 MAY 1926 in Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY, USA.<sup>24</sup> 1920: Widowed, lived with children at 1327 Pacific St., Brooklyn.

Married c 1877,<sup>25</sup> **William R. Adams** #22956, b. JUN 1851 in New York?, NY, USA,<sup>26</sup> (son of **R.W. Adams** #22962 and **Lydia** (**unidentified**) #22963), d. AUG 1918 in Brooklyn, NY, USA,<sup>27</sup> buried 09 AUG 1918 in Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY,<sup>28</sup> occupation Lumber Dealer. **William**: 1880: Lived with family at father's home in Brooklyn. 1900: Family lived at 1327 Pacific St., Brooklyn, NY; Father-in-Law Andrew BREMNER lived with family.

Children:

- i. Russell D. Adams #22957, b. OCT 1878 in New York?, NY, USA.<sup>26</sup>
- Clara Belle Adams #22958, b. SEP 1880 in New York?, NY, USA,<sup>26</sup> d. AUG 1953 in Brooklyn, King's Co., NY, USA, buried 24 AUG 1953 in Green Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY.<sup>28</sup>
- 9. iii. Ella Louise Adams #22959 b. JUL 1882.

Generation Six

9. Ella Louise Adams #22959, b. JUL 1882 in New York, NY, USA.<sup>26</sup>

She married **Harry C. Hutchins**,<sup>29</sup> #22960, occupation Civil Engineer. **Harry**: 1930: Family lived in Scarsdale, Westchester Co., NY; worked for water authority. Only one child shown 1920-30.

Children:

i. Georgina May Hutchins #22961, b. c 1910 in Brooklyn?, NY, USA.<sup>30</sup>

- <sup>5</sup> St. George's Episcopal Church Registers; Register of the Empire State Society, 1899.
- <sup>6</sup> New York Spectator 1830/32, announcement.
- <sup>7</sup> Register of the Empire State Society, 1899
- <sup>8</sup> With daughter in 1900 Brooklyn census; not found 1910.

<sup>9</sup> Green Wood Cemetery <http://www.green-wood.com/>.

- <sup>11</sup> Husband Andrew widowed in 1900 NY census.
- <sup>12</sup> Green Wood Cemetery <http://www.green-wood.com/>; Lot 26672, Section 197.
- <sup>13</sup> 1850 New York census; age/birth state/parents.
- <sup>14</sup> New-York Daily Tribune, 15 JAN 1859; obituary.
- <sup>15</sup> New-York Daily Tribune, 15 JAN 1859; obituary.
- <sup>16</sup> Age 9 at death.
- <sup>17</sup> New York Herald obituary, 04 MAR 1863; c/d: Inflammation of brain.
- <sup>18</sup> 1870 NY census; age/birth state.
- <sup>19</sup> The New York Times, Historical Announcements (ancestry.com); Minister: Rev. John G. BACCHUS.
- <sup>20</sup> 1910 Brooklyn, NY census; age/birthplace/relationship.
- <sup>21</sup> 1870 New York City, NY, USA census; age/birthplace/relationship.

- <sup>23</sup> 1910 Brooklyn census; age/birthdate.
- <sup>24</sup> Green Wood Cemetery <a href="http://www.green-wood.com/">http://www.green-wood.com/</a>> Lot 22227, Section 6. (\*\* verify \*\*).
- <sup>25</sup> 1910 census gives length of marriage as 33 years.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, ancestry.com, January 2012.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Register of the Empire State Society of the Sons of The American Revolution." New York, The Society, 1899.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Register of the Empire State Society, 1899.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 1880 New York census for daughter Ella gives birth state of Virginia; 1850 NY census gives age 26 and birthplace of New York State.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, ancestry.com, January 2012; age shown as 26 on application form.

- <sup>26</sup> 1900 Brooklyn census; age/birthplace.
  <sup>27</sup> Wife Ella shown as widow in 1920 Brooklyn census.
  <sup>28</sup> Green Wood Cemetery <a href="http://www.green-wood.com/">http://www.green-wood.com/</a>> Lot 22227, Section 6.
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