

EXPIRES

Henry C. Breaker, 78, founder of the Harris County Abstract company and Houston pioneer, who died at his home Sunday morning. Funeral services will be held at the Central Presbyterian church at 3:30 p. m. Monday.



J.M.C's son

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Funeral services for Henry C. Breaker, founder of the Harris County Abstract company, who died early Sunday morning at his home, 4310 Walker avenue, will be held from the Central Presbyterian church at 3:30 p. m. Monday, Rev. Dr. L. S. Richardson officiating. Burial will be in Glenwood cemetery under the direction of Wall & Stabe.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Blair Breaker, two sons, Henry Blair Breaker and John Cantey Breaker, two brothers, George H. Breaker and Lewis F. Breaker, four sisters, Mrs. Fred M. Court and Mrs. Albert Bisbee all of Houston; Mrs. Etta Breaker, Dallas, and Mrs. D. G. Miller, Austin, eight nephews and nieces.

Mr. Breaker was born in Beaufort, S. C., September 4, 1853. During the Civil war he was a resident of Columbia, S. C., and after the conflict moved to Missouri, making the change in 1868. He lived in St. Louis and St. Joseph and in 1877 removed to Houston where he has made his home since.

The first night that he was in Houston Mr. Breaker stopped at the old Noble hotel, then located on the plot of ground where the Esperson building now stands and in which he had his offices.

In 1886 he began the work of making the books of the Harris County abstract company, being backed by the old law firm of Charles Stewart and George H. Breaker, his brother. After the dissolution of this firm he continued the work aided by his brother and the late George H. Hermann.

Mr. Breaker read all the records and deeds and instruments on file in Harris county and in addition the proceedings of land cases in the district courts. These he dictated into dictaphone records, which were later

typed off. He pursued this work for many years and began issuing abstracts in 1890.

Due to a remarkable memory Mr. Breaker is said to have acquired a knowledge of records in Harris county exceeding that of any other one person.

Other abstract companies of Harris county could at any time call on Mr. Breaker for any information and he was always glad to give them every assistance, business associates declare.

Mr. Breaker was confined to his bed for eight days prior to his death, suffering from pneumonia.

In addition to his work in the abstract field, Mr. Breaker was well known to Houstonians for his musical ability. For years he served as organist and choir director at the First Presbyterian church, but in later years gave up this work.

Active pallbearers, taken from the membership of the Men's Bible class of the Central Presbyterian church, will be: J. P. Miller, Gus Cook, J. T. Griffin, John Teer, W. E. Keach and W. J. Parker.

Honorary pallbearers will be: Minor Stewart, Dr. E. A. Perkins, J. F. Tomlinson, Louis Mills, El. M. Mills, J. L. McReynolds, Dr. Davidson, Alvin S. Moody, J. S. Wickett, Henry Buse, Dr. S. C. Rad, Dr. Charles Edge, J. E. Burkhart Sr., Dr. William

Subj: **Re: Lewis Frederick Breaker**
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Robert,

Thanks for writing back. You have had a lot of success with your research! I enjoyed seeing it all. Now I am going to point out to you where our information differs. Please don't think I am saying you are wrong, because I am not clear on what's right. These facts get so warped as they pass from generation to generation, that it is sometimes hard to know what to believe. But it is interesting to see the differences and similarities. Please overlook my inconsistencies. Better yet, ask me about them so I don't confuse you.

George Howe Breaker was, indeed, born in Georgia as were all his siblings, to the best of my knowledge. He was the brother of my great grandmother, Annie Bordeaux Breaker Court. He was an attorney and a business man. All of the family in Houston were very close, I am told. Uncle George was the wealthiest and most successful of the siblings, again according to oral tradition. He is listed numerous times in old Houston City Directories . Here is a link:

<http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?svr=search&Databaseld=4761&db=1890houstx&GSI=116065164&TI=0&GSFN=GEORGE+&GSLN=BREAKER&GSKW=&GSPL=1%2CANY+LOCALITY&GSDR=0&PROX=1&SUBMIT=SEARCH&GS=BREAKER+GEORGE>
Hope it works for you. By 1917 he had a mortgage company. His brother Henry Cantey worked as a clerk for George, I think. There is a story about Henry and the big hurricane of 1900, about how he was trying to get home from work. Power was out so the streetcar was not running. The wind was so strong that he had to crawl on his hands and knees most of the way, tearing out the knees of his good business suit and getting soaked to the skin. Apparently Uncle Henry was a very shy and retiring type, always neat and proper and unassuming. It quite unsettled everyone to see him so changed.

J.C.M. may have preached at the First Baptist Church in Houston for some time, but he helped re-form the South Main Baptist Church in his own home. I believe the church had been in existence for some time prior to his calling there. At the time of the famous Parlor Meeting where he accepted pastorship, the church had only a few members and no building of their own. It went on to prosper and grew into a huge church. My family were life-long members of this church. My uncle and cousin and their wives are still very active there.

This is the first I have ever heard of the family going to MO before coming to TX. Where did you find that information? Do you know where in MO? Not that I disbelieve it, I just would have thought it would have been mentioned in the oral tradition. However, Emma does not tell the story of her own meeting and marriage, or of their family history together in her book. More's the pity. Emma says he (JMC) helped out at various country churches while he was in school and that his first church after graduation was in Chester SCC. He was there for one year before accepting a call to Greenville.

I did some research on the Hornbys and Hornby Castle. Sorry to say, the family Hornby took the wrong side in the War of the Roses. Henry Tudor awarded Hornby Castle (spoils of war) to the Stanley family after the

Battle of Bosworth Field in the 15th century. It has been passed back and forth between that family and the Crown several times in the last 500 years, but it has not been occupied by the Hornby Family in all that time. I also looked up the title Emma says we descend from and there is no such person as the Earl of Lansdowne in Lancashire (where Hornby Castle and Village are). The father of Thomas Phipps Hornby (Emma's great grandfather) was William Hornby born before 1650 in Queen's County Ireland. He married a woman named Hannah Oldham (sometimes spelled Odlum). The county is now called Laois and is in Northern Ireland, I think. I have spoken to both Hornby and Odlum researchers, and they confirm William and Hannah marrying ca 1754. All four of their children were born in Ireland. They immigrated to SC sometime before 1776. William became a merchant in Charleston. Emma's history is much different than this, but she sights no proof or specific source. When you read her book you will see what I mean. She was quite the moon-spinner. I do believe the family was originally English. One man told me William was a British Army officer, himself the son of an officer "stationed" in Ireland. We may never know.

About Tiege Cantey: I'm pretty sure there is no Cook County England. There is a Cork County Ireland, however. My source says he was born there. Some sources say he came to SC via Barbados, others do not.

Did you get the message where I told about George Broecker of Prussia being Lewis Frederick's father? Emma really wrote very little about the Breaker family, concentrating instead on those romantic Hornbys and Juhans. But it is fun to read; very dated in style.

Speaking of Emma's book, it is merely some typed pages bound in a paper folder. The paper is rather thick and parchment-like and will not tear easily. It is only 49 pages long. It is a precious thing to have, despite its obvious faults. I will be glad to attempt to copy it and send it to you, if you will send me a mailing address.

Guess that's enough for one night.

Take care. Let's keep hunting!

Cousin Cindy

original message

> Hello Cindy!

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> It's good to hear from you. So we are related! That's great! Well, let me

> tell you my line so you can see where we fit in.

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> I've been doing an extensive study on the Breaker family and have found out a

> lot. I believe that Lewis F. Breaker is my x4 great grandfather. He was

> born in Goose Creek, S.C. and died in 1842 in Key West, Florida.

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> Here's my family line and then I'll tell you more. I'll start with myself.

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> I'm Robert Breaker III Born in 1974 in Milton, FL

> My dad is Robert Breaker Junior. Born in 1943 in Houston, Texas.

> My Grandpa is Robert Breaker Sr. Born in 1921 and died in 1998. He was born

> in Houston, Texas.

> His father was Roland Trapp Breaker. Born in 1889, died in 1947. He was
> born in Houston too.

> His father was George H. Breaker. He was born in 1851 and died in 1935.
I

> think he was born in S.C. but I'm not sure.

> His father was Rev. Jacob Manly Cantey Breaker. He was born in S.C. in
1821

> and died in Texas in 1894. He went to Furman University in Greenville,
S.C.

> and graduated there and became a pastor. He pastored the first Baptist
> church in Greenville for a while and then had another church in S.C. From
> there he moved to Missouri and pastored and then from there he moved to
> Houston, Texas and was pastor at the First Baptist church there from
> 1877-1886. He died in Houston on April 14th, 1894.

> I think his father was Lewis Frederick Breaker. He was born about 1779
and

> died 1842 in Key West, Florida. I know he was married in Goose Creek
(used

> to be called St. James Goose Creek) on Mar. 1, 1807. He married Martha
> Cantey (1789-1842).

> I don't know who the parents of Lewis Frederick Breaker are. That is the
> information I'm seeking.

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> I don't know if your interested in the Cantey or Canty family or not but
this

> is the farthest back I've been about to find. I found this from the
Mormon

> Genelological center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

> Martha Cantey's father was Samuel Cantey (1760-1826). He married Judith
> Wilburn.

> Samuel Cantey's father was Joseph Cantey (1735-1781). He married someone
> named Ann born in 1739 and died sometime after 1776.

> Joseph Cantey's father was Samuel Cantey, born sometime after 1704 and
died

> before 1762. He married a woman named Ann too who was born around 1708 in
> S.C.

> Samuel's father was a William Cantey who was born in 1657 and died in
1716.

> He married Jane Baker (born 1656 died between 1703 to 1725).

> William Cantey's father was Teige Cantey (1621-1679). He was born in Cook
> County England and died in S.C. He married a woman named Elizabeth before
> 1650 somewhere in Ireland. Elizabeth was born in 1625 and died in 1678.

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> So, that's it about my family. That's all I know. If you know anything
> else, please do tell.

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> Now let me ask you about the family history you were talking about based
on

> the writitng of Emma Juliette Juhan Breaker (who was Rev. Jacob Manly
> Cantey's wife). How would I get a copy of it? I'd sure like to find out
> more about them and I'm really interested in it. From what I understand
they

> moved from South Carolina to Missouri and then to Houston. Is there a way
> that I could get that book?

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> Also, here's some info about Emma Juhan. She was born in 1830 and died in
> 1918 in Houston, Texas. Her father was Nathaniel Bourdeax Juhan

(1800-1851).

- > On October 14, 1823 in Augusta, Georgia he married Henrietta Jane Hornby.
- > Who was born in the late 1700's in Hornby castle near Manchester, England.
- > Now Nathaniel Bourdeax Juhan's father was Stephen Alexander Juhan. He was
- > born in 1765 and died in 1845. He married Elizabeth (Eliza) Martha Bourdeax
- > on Feb. 29, 1792. I don't know any more about her.
- > Stephen Juhan's father was John James Juhan (1740-1804). He married Mary
- > Payzant between the years of 1761 and 1764 in Nova Scotia. Mary Payzant was
- > born in 1747 but I don't know when she died. I don't know who John James
- > Juhan's father is but I do know the father of Mary Payzant. His name was
- > Louis Payzant and on Jan. 20th 1738 he married Marie Ann Montcalm Noget who
- > was born in 1717 in Normandy, France, and who died in 1795.
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- > Whew! That's a lot of information, but that's all I know. What else can you
- > tell me?
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- > I hope this helps.
- > Keep in touch.
- >
- > Robert Breaker III
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July 16th

Dear Nina -

I'm sorry I can't help you
more in your research, but
my only knowledge of the Trapp
family is through the marriage
of Lillian Trapp and my Uncle
George Brecker. We knew her
as Aunt Lilly.

Roland, Frank, & Mrs. Pearson
were children of their marriage
my father was George's brother.

Again, I'm sorry that's the
extent of my knowledge of the
family.

Sincerely,

Henry D. Brecker

Ruby Brecker
married a
man named Pearson

talked to
Mr. Brecker on
July 20 1997
He said Roland,
Pearson & Mrs. Pearson
all dead. I thought
all of them had
over



Children & they
could be living
in the Houston area
he will try to find
but no promise.

August 20, 1997

Dear Henry,

Thank you for taking time to write me about the Trapps. It helps just to know that Frank Trapp definitely had family members in Houston area at sometime.

You mentioned, on the telephone, that Frank, Roland and Ms. Pearson were long deceased but they had children. You also said you had lost contact with these children but thought perhaps there were decedents of Frank Breaker still in the Houston area. Would you please:

1. Let me know the names of the children and grand-children of Frank and Roland Breaker and Ms. Pearson.
2. Where you last knew them to live (city, state etc.).

If I have this information I can try to find them by beginning to search where they were last known to be located.

There are so many Pearsons in the Houston area and I have no idea which ones to try to contact. With any names it would at least narrow the search.

Tracing the Trapp roots has been most interesting and I feel the Breaker or Pearson decedents from Frank Trapp would be most interested in the research that I have done on the Trapps. I also would hope the name of the city, town, etc. that Frank Trapp came from in Germany - Alcase Lorraine was handed down to them by family stories.

I am enclosing two self addressed envelopes. Keep one envelope for later, just in case you should have additional information for me in the future.

You have been most gracious to help and I thank you for this help.

Sincerely,



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9/21/97

Dear Nina-

I am sorry to have delayed
so long in contacting you, but
I have no recollection of the
names and location of Frank &
Roland's descendants.

If I find them I will let you
know.

Denny

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HENRY BREAKER

