

Brochal (Blessing in Hebrew)
 Righteousness
 Elite
 Ahava (Love in Hebrew)
 Koach (Strength in Hebrew)
 Szedakah (Charity in Hebrew)
 Talmidim (Scholars in Hebrew)
 Obedient
 Nemen
 (River that flows thru Ponemus)
 Erlachkite (Honesty in Yiddish)
 BEN STONE,
 Childs, Pennsylvania.

BREAKSTONE WORLD

Beauty of soul
 Reverence for the mind
 Earnestly our goal
 Amity to find
 Knowledge to enrich
 Sincerity in deed
 Thoughtfulness we preach
 Onward we speed
 Nature's world to learn
 Eagerly to the Clan we
 turn
 JUDGE P. B. BREGSTONE,
 Chicago, Ill.

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PRIDE OF ANCESTRY

By PHILIP P. BREGSTONE

Though strongly adhering to the higher principles of democracy, I am a firm believer in "Pride of Ancestry." To deny love and admiration for our progenitors, is to deny the basic element in the human soul. Without self love life would soon become extinct; but "self love" can not be limited to the individual self, it includes all that makes up the individual, and his descent, his antecedents, his progenitors are important parts of him. Love and respect for those who brought us in to the world are also great moral forces in human life; those who love their ancestors, will seldom, if ever, go wrong.

We can trace it back to Moses, our teacher. Hence, the Paradox in me.

As I am reflecting on "Pride of Ancestry" my imagination carries me back to a distant clime, and four generations ago. I see myself at the close of the eighteenth century, on the rocky cliffs along the banks of the Lithuanian river, the Niemon; opposite the city of Kovno. The air is charged with darkness, ignorance and superstition, and the hearts of men are filled with trembling fear. Lithuania is enthralled by Poland and Poland is enslaved by Russia; they vie with each other with an eagerness to destroy one another, the defenseless and helpless Jew is the common victim of all of them. In the maze of darkness there looms up a figure, strong, powerful and dominant; he holds firmly both feet on the ground, but his thoughtful face, his blue dreamy eyes, and a beautifully round shaped head, that would do honor to a painting of Leonardo Da Vinci, penetrate the heavens. I recognize him, he is Reb Berl, later known as Berl Bregstein, the progenitor and founder of the Breakstone clan. We all descend from him, he is our great-grandfather.

Berl Bregstein is tilling the soil, and sowing the seeds; he is ploughing and reaping; harvesting and gathering into the barn all that mother earth and the trees have yielded; but his mind is wandering elsewhere, he thinks of his

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THE MARSHMALLOW ROAST

Among the many frolicsome events was a frankfurt and marshmallow roast. It was late in the evening, and, through the darkness of the night could be seen the light of a great bonfire. Many voices were heard singing the Breakstone song (composed by Leo Levy). Nearing the light, a group of smiling faces around the fire could be made out. The evening's refreshments consisted of grape juice, frankfurts, marshmallows, and salted peanuts. Charming young waitresses, composed of members of the Breakstone clan officiated in the serving of a most luxurious feast. After this a program was presented with Joe Sisto as master of ceremonies, and Jack and Bob Carlo, our entertainers for the week, being the feature attraction. The Breakstone anthem concluded the program which will ever be remembered by those who were present.

REUNION RECOLLECTIONS

The first of the many enjoyable events of the Breakstone reunion at White Lake, was the meeting with all members present, on Sunday, August 25th. What a grand and glorious feeling everyone had! It was the beginning of a gala week.

OUR WELCOME

A real welcome was given by Mr. and Mrs. Max Calvin, who did all in their power to make the occasion a happy one, and surely they succeeded. With every meal they provided music or amusement of some kind. After supper guest cards were given to those wishing to attend the dances.

DIVERSIONS

There were many card parties that added much pleasure to all other enjoyments. There wasn't a spare moment for anyone at any time, with our wonderful host and hostess working every minute that we might enjoy ourselves.

BREAKSTONE BANQUET

On Friday evening, August 30th, the Breakstone family reunion banquet took place. Here were gathered the seed and flower of the Breakstone family, all in all about 100 people. The tables were festive and decorated with beautiful flowers. The richly colored gowns of the women were resplendent against the sober tones of the men's suits. Although the members came from far and wide, they all blended into a peaceful harmony of love and good will.

During the delicious seven course meal, an orchestra played and the Breakstone songs were sung by the family. After the meal came the speakers of the evening. Mrs. Fannie Breakstone introduced the toastmaster, Dr. Benjamin H. Breakstone. He in turn, introduced the others with short mirth-provoking speeches. The speakers were as follows: Mr. Etienne Breckstein, Mr. Jerome S. Breakstone, Mr. Mike Bregstein, Mr. Leo Levy, Miss Hilda Silverman, Miss Elizabeth Breakstone, Mr. Samuel Goodman, Mrs. Minnie Josephson, Mr. Ben Stone, Mrs. J. L. Savler, Mr. Milton Breakstone, Mr. Isaac Breakstone, and Mr. A. Breakstone. Our beloved president, Mrs. Sarah Levy, was not able to give her speech of welcome as she was taken ill and could not be present at the banquet. Mrs. Rose Breakstone and Miss Esther Goodman each obliged with two vocal solos which were received with much applause.

There were four generations represented at the banquet. About twelve o'clock the banquet broke up and the guests tired, but happy, went their various ways.

BREAKSTONE TALENT NIGHT

A great and worthwhile discovery was made on "Breakstone talent night." There were many fine entertainers (Breakstones, at that). We specialize in every line—singing, dancing, dramatic art, humorists, pianists and every other line. At the close of the evening old tunes were played while the married couples became young again and danced to their hearts desire.

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EDITORIAL

With the advent of a new star upon the journalistic horizon, a great question arises. Will it endure with a steady and lasting glow, or is it doomed to brilliantly flare and sink to the ground in oblivion? It is obvious that the answer depends entirely upon the contributors.

This paper is of, by and for the Breakstones. It is not a secretarial record or a journal compiled by a choice few. If this paper is to exist and be a success, it must have the support of all. It is our publication and we must express ourselves individually.

This paper is primarily a means of advancing the interests of our family. The platform is: an equal voice for all; bigger and better reunions; to promote a greater feeling of kinship and cooperation throughout our clan; and especially to make the name Breakstone known and respected throughout the world.

The Breakstone World takes advantage of the opportunity to extend its best wishes for a ~~Happy New Year~~ to all.

BREAKSTONE QUERY

Question—What impressed you most at the Breakstone World Reunion of 1929 at White Lake, New York?

Answers—

Mr. Sam Brackstein, Corinth, Mississippi:

The uniform spirit of good feeling, and the apparent manifestation of strong ties of kinship regardless of remoteness of degree of relationship.

Mrs. Sarah Levy, New York City

The moment of silent prayer for our dear departed ones was the moment of deeper feeling for me, and therefore made a deep impression on me.

Jerome S. Breakstone, Chicago, Illinois
 I shall never forget the pilgrimage

to Cousin Stone's home at Crystal Lake, Pennsylvania, where we had journeyed by automobile to see Joe Breakstone. As we approached him, tears of joy trickled down his ever-beaming cheeks; and when we departed to return to White Lake, he, with true Breakstone warmth and simplicity, kissed all of us, male and female alike, as a child might do.

Mr. Etienne Bregstein, Holland (Translated from German to English)

Our sojourn in White Lake belongs to the most beautiful time in our life, and so much the more for me where, after forty years, I at last achieved the great happiness to get together with people of my own flesh and blood, many of whom up to that time were strangers, without knowing that our splendid family hold such important and influential physicians, lawyers and industrial leaders, all of whom, without exception, have gained our love, and left with us the most pleasant memories to carry back to Europe; but the greatest impression we received from our dear cousin Sarah Levy, our president, and will remain with us the greatest wonder which we have lived to see up to the present time. If any one of our family could devote himself to write her memoirs, I am sure that such a book would be much more successful than the book "All is Quiet on the Western Front."

Iring A. Breakstone, Chicago, Illinois

Help! Now this is going to be kind of hard as all those that were at the reunion know—gee, what should I say? Oh yes! Ask Jack Derzavitz about the night of the weenie roast and the Parisian.

The night of the main banquet also deserves to be mentioned with emphasis.

Harold Rodman, New Rochelle, New York

The greatest feeling I experienced at the Breakstone reunion at White Lake, was the feeling that all the people were members of one family. It may seem impossible, as it did to me, that over one-hundred and seventy people could comprise one family, but after tracing through the family tree, it turns out to be true. Even the one-hundred and seventy people do not comprise the whole family; for I know personally many who were not able to be present at this remarkable gathering.

Another thing which impressed me was the distance some people traveled to the reunion. Special mention should be made of Mr. and Mrs. Etienne Bregstein, who came from Holland to attend the family reunion. From the showing the so-called out-of-town relatives made, it may seem that there is a great deal of family pride.

I certainly look forward to the next family reunion to be held at Detroit in 1930. It looks far off, but I know that with the thought of a reunion in mind, the year will pass quickly. I also hope that the 1930 reunion will be better, if possible, than the 1929 gathering, and that 1930 out-of-town guests will make as good a showing as the 1929 ones did.

Gertrude Breakstone, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

The thing that impressed me most was the absolute friendliness of all the members of the family to everyone else. Everyone treated the rest so kindly and sweetly as though they were very intimate relations instead of 52nd cousins or so. I liked the spirit of cooperation and helpfulness and the love of the family expressed by all. If all our reunions are as gratifying and orderly as this one, my family may well be proud of itself.

Blanche Breakstone, Chicago, Illinois

Everything at the reunion was so impressive that it is hard to answer this question. I think the night of home talent was one of the most impressive events. It showed that we did not have to go outside of the family for entertainment. The older folks becoming young again was very amusing to us, and I am also sure that they felt as happy as they looked.

Mrs. Bernard Breakstone, Chicago, Ill.

My impression of the family reunion is a memorable one, never to be forgotten. As it happened about the time of our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, we could not have chosen a more fitting place for the occasion.

The trip across the mountains, the beautiful scenery, the ideal weather, and the reception at the hotel throughout the entire week; everything including the food and the entertainment was marvelous. Above all, the friendly spirit that prevailed!

Seldom does one meet with anything quite like it.

A most impressive sight was the trip to Crystal Lake, to visit cousin Joe. That was indescribable. The spirit of good fellowship, long may it live and be a magnet to the Breakstone clan.

TWO NEW MEMBERS JOINED THE BREAKSTONE CLAN

Robert, born to Irma Maxine Bregstone Zukowsky.
 Harris, to Florence Horwich Kohn.

OBITUARY

Lightstone, Mrs., wife of Eli
 Lightstone, Detroit, Mich.

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wife, daughters and five sons; of the education of his children and the children's children; he dreamed of the last page of the Talmud which he studied before the dawn, of the Mishnah and the prophets. He dreams of universal peace, of the days when there will be war no more; and, Ah, he thinks of the children of Israel, exiled and persecuted the world over. His neighbors too work their farms, and they too are preoccupied with thoughts, but of a different character; they think of women and wine, of war and human blood, of raising their sons for warriors, soldiers and heroes.

Berl Bregstein is dead, his five sons and daughter are all dead, but his spirit lives. His off-springs are scattered all over the face of the earth, and everywhere they carried the spirit they inherited from him; everywhere they gave to humanity knowledge, wisdom, high ideals and the benefits of their experience. Everywhere they have distinguished themselves in the arts and crafts, in science and letters; and everywhere they have rendered valuable services to humanity.

I believe in "Pride of Ancestry", and I am proud to be a descendent of Berl Bregstein.

BREAKSTONE ANNUAL MEETING

The Breakstone annual meeting was indeed an interesting one. Mrs. Sarah Levy, our president, played her part wonderfully. Not only did the adults participate in it, but the younger generation showed that they had ideas of their own which they expressed freely. It was decided that the next reunion be held at Detroit, Michigan. We surely do hope that it will be as successful as this one has been.

TRIP TO CRYSTAL LAKE

One afternoon a line of cars started out for Crystal Lake, Pennsylvania, to visit Joe Breakstone, who because of illness could not attend the reunion. It was about 62 miles from White Lake, and a very pleasant trip. Joe Breakstone seemed so happy to see us that he shed tears of joy. The scenes at Crystal Lake were so beautiful that we hated to leave so soon. The Stones were very hospitable and treated us with wide open hearts and "beer". Everyone agreed that this was one of the best times had at the reunion.

OUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Life has a purpose; otherwise we would not have united after so many years have passed. Five generations ago, a family of brothers and sisters lived an ideal life; not one of luxury and wealth, but one that was built upon the cardinal principles of honesty, industry, love and kindness. It is this heritage of self-esteem and self-respect that our forefathers bequeathed to us, and thereby laid the foundation upon which we are building our present family organization. It is gratifying and fortunate for us that their lives were enveloped in such harmonious surroundings.

With such a background of pride and courage to enrich us, we can go thru life with a deep feeling of safety and security, inspired and encouraged to live our lives as nobly and honorably as the kind and glorious reputation with which we are endowed.—Mrs. Sarah A. Levy, President, New York.

FROM PENNSYLVANIA

"I hope and pray that the younger generation of the Breakstones will grasp my interpretation of our great family name and follow in the footsteps of the patriarchs of our family of whom the younger generation have heard little. If we all try to live a clean and honest life like our parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts and cousins the name of Breakstone will stand as a shining light through all the dark clouds and the strength of Gibraltar for the endurance of us all.

I dedicate this article to memory of my beloved mother Sziva Breakstone Stone, whose dying wish was to be buried by the side of her two cousins Yekel and Judah Reuben Breakstone who were both loved and respected by everyone. All three are now resting in peace in the Jewish cemetery in Scranton."

Ben L. Stone, Childs, Penn.

CREAM OF "WIT"

What is happening to the old fashioned customs of decency? Clothing is becoming more and more abbreviated. We read recently that a statue has been unveiled. Imagine a perfectly respectable statue running around unveiled.

Contrary to the belief that women have been getting free drinks, we feel that the Grecian women "urned" their drinks.

We hear that Bernice has become an adept swimmer. We surmise that her boy friend calls her his "floating rib."

SONGS DEDICATED TO THE BREAKSTONE FAMILY

(To the tune of "Bye Bye Blackbirds")

Let's join together and partake
Of the glories of White Lake
WE ARE BREAKSTONES.
We have come from everywhere
To celebrate this grand affair
WE ARE BREAKSTONES.
Problems are requiring a solution;
We're all members of one institution
Let us work hand in hand
Build a noble, strong and grand
BREAKSTONE FAMILY.

By Leo Levy.

(To the tune of "Let the Rest of the World Go By")

To White Lake we have come—
We're Breakstones everyone
And here we'll find a welcome true.
We're glad that we belong
To such a mighty throng,
And to each other we'll be loyal, right
or wrong.

We'll try our best
To stand the test
Of the Breakstone reputation.
And now that we are here,
Our voices rise in cheer
TO THE BREAKSTONE FAMILY.

By Levy Sisters.

THE FAREWELL PARTY GIVEN IN HONOR OF THE HOLLAND RELATIVES

On Tuesday, October 14th, the Breakstones of New York gave a farewell party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Etienne Bregstein of Holland, at Gotlieb's restaurant, New York City. This was followed by a theatre party, the name of the show being "Madame Mediste". During the courses at the dinner, Etienne was presented with a leather bridge set and Mrs. Bregstein with a jewelry case. Forty-nine guests besides the guests of honor were present.

It is the youth of the family, the offspring of the third and fourth generation, with its beauty, intelligence and vim, that garnishes the family in its most glorious colorings.

It has been a real source of gratification to me to see the youth of the family eagerly volunteer to take charge of the family paper.

You can imagine my joy when at last I was able to satisfy the long hoped for wish of Jerome Breakstone, chairman of Chicago branch, to have a family paper founded.

Mrs. Max Breakstone, New York

ECHOES OF THE REUNION

Do you know that we have two licensed fishermen in our family? Congratulating Messrs. Jerome S. Breakstone and Bernard Breakstone.

Any one out on the lake early one morning would have thought that Barney Breakstone was drowning! — he was only telling his wife, across the water, about the giant three inch fish he caught. — Good boy, Barney!

"We want light wines and beer," says a certain duo. They emptied eleven bottles at the banquet. Beat that one.

Certain young men had a habit of coming in at 2:00 A. M. regularly each morning. When they walked through the corridors they up and said, "I wonder if anyone is asleep here." Is that nice?

Certain young people established strong friendships, very strong. We might say that they may even go farther than mere cousinry. We hope so, anyway.

Certain people voted for Detroit as the place for the next reunion—simply because it is nearer to Canada. We don't blame them!!

The most popular farewell greeting was, "See you at the next reunion."

BREAKSTONE BRIDGE

Over one hundred members and guests of the Breakstone family attended a bridge on Saturday, November 16. The bridge, which was very successful, was held at Fleischer's in New York City.

During the evening the moving pictures of the Breakstone reunion at White Lake, New York, were shown by Harold Rodman. They were received with great enthusiasm by those present. Beautiful prizes were distributed to the high scorer at each table, donated by Mrs. Isaac Breakstone. At the conclusion of the bridge playing, refreshments were served. This concluded a very enjoyable evening. It was announced that the next bridge would be held in January, 1930.

It was the source of considerable pleasure to note the general interest evidenced by the large attendance at our recent reunion. It is through response and co-operation of this kind that great things can be accomplished.

The assemblage of all these people, I think, has helped materially to bring together relatives who otherwise would never have become acquainted.

This closer friendship must, without a doubt, bear some influence on the

undertaking of the younger set to issue a family paper, known as the "Breakstone World." This, I am sure, will be the forerunner of many fine things that these young people will do. Allow me to extend to them my sincere wishes for the utmost success in their undertaking.

I am always ready and willing to offer my assistance in behalf of the Breakstone family.

Beatrice E. Gordon, Secretary
3810 Broadway, New York.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Miss Anna Breakstone arrived in New York on Sept. 25, '29. She came from her home town, Poneman, Lithuania, on the White Star Liner Homeric, and is to spend six months here as a guest of her uncles Joseph and Isaac Breakstone and her brothers and sisters. Anna is stopping at 175 Pinehurst Avenue, New York City, at the home of her sisters.

She is very much interested in the doings of the family, and would like to meet as many relatives as possible.

The out-of-town cousins are therefore requested to please get in touch with her, if they chance to be in New York City, during her stay here.

The Beautifully Inspired Interpretation of the name Breakstone given by our dear cousin Ben Stone at recent banquet when many representatives of the family were present could not but make us proud and grateful to be members of the Breakstone family, whether by birth or marriage.

The family has distinguished itself in many spheres for activity, in the medical profession we are eminently represented by Dr. Benj. Breakstone of Chicago, and David Levy of New York. In the legal profession we are proud to number Jerome Breakstone and Philip P. Bregstone of Chicago and Abram Breakstone and Milton Breakstone of New York. In art, Isadore Levy of Paris. In the business world we boast of Etienne Bregstein of Holland, and Issac and Joseph Breakstone of New York and many others well known in their respective communities.

Let the youth carry on and win honor for the name Breakstone.

I send New Year Greetings to all the members of the Breakstone family and hope to see even a larger representation at our next reunion. I take this opportunity to extend my thanks to all those who so willfully gave their time and energy to assist in making this reunion so glorious an occasion.

Mrs. Max Breakstone, New York.

hat stores at 139 Dyckman St., New York City. The chain is to be called the Jacqueline-Bernard Hat Shops, and Bernard intends to open several branches soon. The stores are named in honor of his wife Jacqueline, who is a well known milliner in New York business circles and are Parisianly built.

Bernard has been very busy, but aside from his business activities, was on the speakers committee of the Republican party of New York City. He was quite occupied speaking every week in favor of F. LaGuardia for mayor, and F. Coudert for district attorney. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant and fought in the Battle of the Argonne.

ALL ABOARD FOR DETROIT
IN 1930

We hope that the Detroit cousins will have no more illness and we are sure that there will be twice the number present.

CHICAGO

Mr. and Mrs. Etienne Bregstein spent the last week of September in Chicago where they were banqueted by their niece, Mrs. H. L. Friedlen and also their nephew Mr. Louis J. Horwich, where the Horwich branch was well represented.

All Breakstones were invited to pay respects to our Holland cousins at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Breakstone and after a banquet, 120 cousins gathered. Inasmuch as Mr. and Mrs. Etienne Bregstein are going to spend the year in Italy, we had as our guest the great Italian painter and sculptor Enrico Glicenstein. The evening was spent very pleasantly as we were entertained by plenty of musical talent.

NEW HONORS CAPTURED BY
A BREAKSTONE

As we go to press the news reached us that Irving Breakstone, youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Breakstone, won first prize in an inter-high school contest, as the best saxophone soloist. All high schools of Cook County participated in this contest. Irving played the E flat alto. A new musical artist in the Breakstone clan.

OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS

CONNECTICUT

Silverman, Mr. & Mrs. Morris, c/o J. Ullman, 141 Cottage Street, New Haven, Conn.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Breakstone, Mr. & Mrs. M., Misses Lillian & Sarah, 1768 Lanier Place.

Derzavitz, Mr. & Mrs. David, 5323 Connecticut Ave., N. W.

Perau, Mr. & Mrs. William, 918 F. Street, N. W.

Poston, Mrs. Elizabeth, 1778 Lanier Pl