

# HISTORIC RED HOOK

## Dr. Richard Caldwell Brewster

Born 1844 Died 1907

St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Red Hook

*South side of old section near access road, Masonic symbol*

A Brooklyn Dentist

The reason this man is buried in this cemetery is simple: he married a local gal. Dr. Richard Brewster shares a tombstone with his wife Caroline "Carrie" C. Lasher (30 June 1842 – 23 January 1920) who was the daughter of merchant Philip Henry Lasher and Catharine Milham. Her parents are also buried in the cemetery. Richard was born in Goshen, Orange County, NY, the son of Joseph and Charlotte Brewster.

For over 35 years, Richard Brewster practiced dentistry in Brooklyn. He graduated from Long Island College Hospital where he studied medicine, but he took up dentistry instead. He belonged to a large number of medical fraternal orders and societies as well as the Ancient Order of United Workmen (AOUW), and his religious affiliation was with Holy Trinity Church in Brooklyn Heights.

Richard died at his home, 126 Lefferts Place in Brooklyn, after a lingering illness. He and Carrie did not leave any children.



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Sources:

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/203886738/caroline-c-brewster>

*Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, 19 May 1907

1850 Federal Census, Red Hook, Dutchess Co NY, Philip Lasher

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1860 Federal Census, Goshen, Orange County, NY, Richard C. Brewster

1870 Federal Census, Brooklyn, Kings Co NY, Richard C. Brewster