

HISTORIC RED HOOK

Dr. Richard Caldwell Brewster

1844 – 1907

St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Red Hook

South side of old section near access road, Masonic symbol

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.