

## PREFACE:

In some of the Revolutionary War records it shows ABEDNEGO GREEN and a NATHANIEL GREEN, thought to be the NATHANIEL GREEN of Revolutionary War fame.

Also, in some of the records it notes that ABEDNEGO GREEN was from Maryland. He perhaps moved on to the Pendleton District in South Carolina. It goes on to show the various movements of land from ABSOLOM BROWN to THOMAS BROWN and in some of the various documents there is made mention of a JOHN BROWN. It is thought that JOHN BROWN may have been the Father of ABSOLOM BROWN.

In documents written by MARGARET COPPINGER we can trace the descendants of ABEDNEGO GREEN, Father of JOYCE GREEN and MARY JANE GREEN. This document concerns itself primarily with the BROWN's. Nothing that has been done to research the History of the GREEN's, so suffice it to say that the two Sisters, JOYCE GREEN and her Sister MARY JANE GREEN, with the Father ABEDNEGO GREEN, form the start and perhaps the end of this story of the GREEN's.

This research, conducted by DAN WILLIS BROWN, basically starts with that of LEDDEN BROWN and continues on down through his Son JOHN DANIEL, then to JOHN DANIEL's Sons and the one Daughter and then on to the present time.

In some correspondence from a K.D. HAYES that was written by him in Old Hickory, Tennessee in 1958 there is found a lot of information concerning the Brothers and Sisters and the Half-Brothers and Half-Sisters of JOHN DANIEL BROWN. These letters, copies of which are held by the Writer, have been used for this compilation, however they do not form a part of this document.

While the general history of the BROWN's is included and while it does contain the names of the descendants in part, it does not cover all the descendants. This document concerns itself primarily with JOHN DANIEL BROWN, Son of LEDDEN BROWN and his Wife LOUISA ARENA CROSSLAND, and their descendants. It goes on to cover most of these descendants, however it concludes at this time with the History generally covering that of one of the Sons of JOHN DANIEL; namely JOHN GILLIAM BROWN and his Wife, SIDYA GRIBBLE and their children, and on to the present time.

This research has been aided by letters from numerous descendants of ABSOLOM BROWN who are presently living in Tennessee, Georgia, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. There are copies of some of these letters attached to this compilation. There are also included some recollections from some of the Children and Grandchildren of JOHN DANIEL BROWN as to their memories of early days in Tennessee, Oklahoma and Texas.

It is always regretted that we, as individuals, cannot go back in time as far as we would have liked; say perhaps to that first BROWN who came over on the MAYFLOWER, or by whichever method, and to be able to follow him and his descendants down through the years to follow. The things that we are able to uncover, the events that we were given the opportunity to witness as a child, the stories that were told to us over the years; all these can be as exciting as that first adventure into the forest, a fishing trip, a visit to the farm where our Grandparents lived, seeing the old tombstone over the grave of a distant Great Grandfather who fought on the side of the CONFEDERACY during the Civil War, and hearing how after the War he walked to Texas and to a new life and to bring into this World a family that would later be our Grandparents and Aunts and Uncles and Parents. We can only hope that our life can be as rewarding and exciting as we feel their life must have been in those days of so long ago.

It's been a lot of fun over the years trying to get this together, and from both sides of my Parents' families. It hasn't been easy, and I am sure that somewhere up there a few laughs must have been had by some of these ancestors of ours at mistakes with their birthdays, exploits attributed to them, and for other things. At the end of the day we are still our ancestor's children, for better or for worse. It is hoped that we have learned from their experiences and their good deeds and their mistakes. I just wish that we could have known the ones that we didn't have the age to have known; and for the ones that we did know, it is wished that we could have had a bit more foresight and understanding at that time. I do regret that we cannot make that QUANTUM LEAP back into the past.

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**GENERAL NOTES:**

In various deeds, land records and church documents the spelling of some of the names of the BROWN's is often spelled one way, and then in another document it would be spelled another way. Below are some examples and listed beside each is the manner in which it is thought should be the correct spelling.

LEADEN            LEADEN BROWN in the Grundy County Census, 1860  
District 4, p. 18, age 32 then.

LEDDEN            In the will of THOMAS BROWN, LEADEN's Father, it  
is spelled as LEDDEN. It is assumed that his Father must have had the  
spelling correct.

ABSALOM  
ABSOLEM  
ABSOLOM            Thought to be the correct spelling

LEONIDAS  
LEONIDUS            Thought to be the correct spelling. There are other  
instances in which names are spelled incorrectly, however these seem the  
most obvious and are assumed to be correct.

## ABSOLOM BROWN

ABSOLOM BROWN was born in South Carolina in 1780. He first married JOYCE GREEN, a Daughter of ABEDNEGO GREEN, SR., also from South Carolina, and said to have been closely related to NATHANIEL GREEN of Revolutionary fame. ABEDNEGO GREEN came to Warren County, Tennessee and according to Latter Day Saint records he died in 1839. He does not show up on the NATHANIEL GREEN Family Tree, therefore it is not certain if he was kin to GREEN. Perhaps they both came from the same place in North Carolina.

NATHANIEL GREENE, according to most encyclopaedia reference books, spelled his name as GREENE, with an E, and not like ABEDNEGO GREEN, therefore it is not known if they were kin. Please refer to the ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA for information on NATHANIEL GREENE, Revolutionary War Hero.

After the death of his first Wife, ABSOLOM BROWN married MARY JANE GREEN, his Wife's Sister.

When the Mountain District (Warren County, Tennessee) was opened to settlement in 1806, among the early settlers were the BROWN's and the GREEN's, both from Pendleton District in South Carolina. The County of Warren, Tennessee was formed in 1807.

There was a JOHN BROWN who lived near ABEDNEGO GREEN in Pendleton District, South Carolina. Both are listed in the 1790 Federal Census of that District.

JOHN BROWN	1 Male over 16	Father
	3 Males under 16	3 Boys
	1 Female	Mother
ABENDNEGO GREEN	1 Male over 16	Father
	2 Males under 16	2 Boys
	3 Females	Mother & 2 Girls
	1 Slave	

Probably this JOHN BROWN was the Father of ABSOLOM. The early census enumerations were taken by men on horseback going from house to house, and the manner of listing suggests the probable location of families in those early times. Following the ABEDNEGO GREEN listing comes the names of 43 "Heads of Families" and then is listed the family of JOHN BROWN. This is the only BROWN family listed anywhere near ABEDNEGO GREEN.

The circumstance that ABEDNEGO GREEN owned a slave seems to suggest that he was situated somewhat better than most of his contemporaries in the area, as few people were able to own any slaves at all in the "back country", which that district comprised.

The South Carolina Archives at Columbia, South Carolina do not have other Pendleton County records until after 1820. There probably are records of deeds and perhaps other estate records on ABEDNEGO GREEN and probably the BROWN's also in Anderson, South Carolina, which is the seat of Anderson County which was part of the Pendleton District where the Pendleton records would be located.

According to some records in Somerset County, Maryland, Oaths of Fidelity and Allegiance and the Cause of Freedom were signed by a number of GREEN's, two being ABEDNEGO GREEN and NATHANIEL GREENE (famous Revolutionary War Hero).

In the Pendleton District of South Carolina it shows ROBERT GREEN of Deep Creek, HENRY GREEN of Hurricane Creek and ABEDNEGO GREEN of Hurricane Creek; ABEDNEGO GREEN being originally from Maryland.

The Pendleton District, South Carolina Land Deed Office also shows land being deeded from various individuals to ABEDNEGO GREEN. These were dated 1790, 1800 and 1804.

**CHILDREN OF THE FIRST MARRIAGE OF ABSOLOM BROWN TO  
JOYCE GREEN**

**(A) TOMMY**

**(B) GREEN**

**(C) MISSOURI**

**(D) Note: perhaps one other whose name is not known**

**Note: There are a number of Half-Brothers and Half-Sisters since ABSOLOM was married to Sisters as noted. BILLOAT BROWN is a Half-Brother to THOMAS "TOMMY" BROWN noted below.**

**(A) THOMAS "TOMMY" BROWN was born on December 27 1800 in South Carolina and died March 28 1881 age 81 years 3 months and 1 day. He was first married to a MARY MORTON who was born June 14 1804, probably in South Carolina and died January 29 1840. It is understood from a Granddaughter of DIAL BROWN, Son of TOMMY BROWN, that THOMAS "TOMMY" BROWN had married a Cherokee Indian, MARY MORTON. In the Will of THOMAS BROWN he notes her names as ELIZABETH. Perhaps her full name was MARY ELIZABETH MORTON. Their children are listed 1 through 9 below.**

**(1) THOMAS JR. married a NANCY BOND THOMPSON, her first Husband having been a THOMPSON.**

**(2) CELIA was born June 18 1837 and was married on March 28 1858 to a BENJAMIN MCCOLLUM. He was born in 1824.**

**(3) DIAL was born in 1824 in Warren County and on May 8 1849 married MALINDA "MILLY" CRUSE. She was born in 1830.**

**(4) LEDDEN, who first married LOUISA ARENA CROSSLAND, and secondly SUSAN JANE VAN HOOSER ESKEW. See the History on this family that follows later in this document.**

**(5) ISALAH better known as "ZAY" was born either on December 25 or December 26, 1832 and married on September 17 1857 to an ELIZABETH CROSSLAND. She was born February 9 1842. She later married ABE JONES and died in Tribune, Missouri. It is likely that she is buried there.**

NOTE: It is interesting to note that both LEDDEN and ISAAH, Brothers, married Sisters; in this case they married the CROSSLAND Sisters, LOUISA ARENA and ELIZABETH respectively.

(6) CARLYLE (died young)

(7) ELIZABETH CAROLINE born Aug 26 1835 and died Sept 15 1851.

(8) ISAAC was born August 2 1831 and married PHILADELPHIA THOMPSON

(9) LEVICY ADELINE was born June 4 1829 and died August 16, 1853 age 24 years two months and 12 days. She had married a GILLIAM MARLOR (or MARLER). They had two children.

Note: Two old ladies, MRS. MAGGIE GIBSON, age 82 and her Sister MISS JENNIE VAN HOOSER, age 92, who were living in Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee in 1967 and who were the Grand-Daughters of LEVICY ADELINE BROWN said that their Grandmother was half Cherokee. As LEVICY was a Daughter of Thomas, born 1799, this would mean that THOMAS had married an Indian.

Note: This information came from some records that had been put together by a MRS. HAZEL RAGSDALE HOPKINS (MRS. HERBERT BROWN HOPKINS) in August of 1969. It would be good if there was some way to prove some of these statements concerning the Indian connection.

A Grand-Daughter of DIAL BROWN, LEVICY's Brother, says she has the marriage record of THOMAS BROWN and the record says THOMAS married an Indian

THOMAS "TOMMY" BROWN was married a second time. The second marriage was to a MARY "POLLY" BROOKS, a Daughter of ISAAC BROOKS. Their children were ABSOLOM, WILLIAM W. "BUCK", MARTHA, MARY & WINNIE.

(1) ABSOLOM, born 1849, married JANE NUNLEY

One of the children of ABSOLOM BROWN and JANE NUNLEY was LUTHER.

LUTHER BROWN married LAURA SMITH and their children were GORDON, ANNIE, IDA, MYRTLE, GEORGIA, PAUL and ERNEST.

(1) GORDON, who never married

(2) ANNIE, who married CARL FOSTER

(3) IDA, who married ? CUNNINGHAM

(4) MYRTLE, who married FRANK CREIGHTON

(5) GEORGIA, who married BRYAN BOULDIN

(6) PAUL, who married ZELMA

(7) ERNEST

The other four children of THOMAS "TOMMY" BROWN and his second Wife MARY "POLLY" BROOKS are listed below as 2, 3, 4 & 5.

(2) WM. WHITE "BUCK" born Oct 16, 1850 married MARTHA HUDSON

(3) MARTHA M. born 1844 married JOHN PATRICK

(4) MARY was born January 19 1846 and died August 2 1888. She was married to a JAMES MADEWELL

(5) WINIFRED MARGARET "WINNIE", b Oct 18 1854 married JACOB BONNER.

THOMAS BROWN, ESQUIRE, WILL

APRIL 5 1881

STATE OF TENNESSEE

WARREN COUNTRY

I, THOMAS BROWN, being of Sound mind, do make and publish my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me made at any time.

1st, I give my Soul to God who gave it, and my body to the dust from whence it came.

2nd, It is my will that my funeral expenses and just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible, out of any money that I may have on hand at my death, or that may first come to the hands of my Executors.

3rd, I give to each of my children (or their heirs) both by my first and last Wives, an equal Share in my land, which being only about 140 acres, could not be divided so as to make these each a home, but shall be sold by my Executors as required by law, and the proceeds divided equally among them, except my Son ISAIAH, who has already received \$46.50) Forty Six dollars & fifty cents out of my estate, for which I hold his receipt, and for which he must be charged, but he is not to pay interest on said \$46.50. I desire here to explain that my Son ISAAC is not of sound mind and is incapable of taking care of himself, and being anxious that he shall be well cared for, I say that any of his Brothers or Sisters of the whole blood, or any friend who will take good care of him during his natural life, shall be entitled to ISAAC's portion or share of the land. I have divided bits and few clothing among all of my married children, and whoever takes care of my Son ISAAC shall be entitled to his bit and bit-clothing, to be theirs forever.

4th It is my will that all of my personal property of which I die siezed and possessions, both in the house and out of doors, (except ISAAC's bit and clothes above mentioned) shall be sold by my executors as the law directs and the proceeds divided equally among all my children, both by my first and last Wives, and whoever takes care of my Son ISAAC shall be entitled to his Share of Said Proceeds.

5th It is my will that my Wife MARY S BROWN be allowed none of my property neither real nor personal, for the reason that she has deserted my house and home in my old days, and left what ought to be a happy home a miserable deserted place. I have settled with her and given her all that she asked me of my personal property. I begged her to live with me. She refused and I don't feel bound to give her any thing, except what I have already given her.

6th I desire that my Son ISAAC have all of my wearing clothes, shoes and hats at my death. Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my Sons LEDDEN BROWN and G T BROWN the Executors of this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal this the 15th day of November 1876.

Witness

J H ROBERSON

THOMAS BROWN ESQUIRE

J C M ROSS

R R WOMACK



I, THOMAS BROWN, of the County of Warren & State of Tennessee, do this 24th day of January make and publish this codicil to my last will and testament, in manner following.

I give and bequeath to my Son ISAAC besides what I have given him in my last will One hundred Dollars to be used to his benefit when he needs it, & if he becomes of proper mind. I want him to have the care of what I have allowed him in my will, and this my codicil to my will, & and if he does not become capable of managing I want his own Brothers to have a Guardian, or see that he is not wronged out of his rights, and when he dies if he has no legal heirs, I want his own Brothers and Sisters and their heirs to have his Share equal divided of my first Wife's children. ELIZABETH, I bequeath that the hundred dollars be paid to him out of my estate for his care. - provided he is not capable of caring for himself.

And I further state that in my last will that I made, ABSOLOM BROWN my Son and MARTHA PATRICK my Daughter, & WM W BROWN, my Son equal Shares in my will with my other children and for just and legal causes. Since I signed my last will I allow them nothing nor their heirs as in last will. In particular for trying to slander me on my character in my old days which is well known to the country and public - in general, & for being the cause of me having to pay a good deal of money for nothing, and further for their Mother conveying from me and them my double wove counter pins & other property & goods with out my leave or consent, which I think is as much as their shares ought to be, beside the two boys (to wit) ABSOLOM & WM W BROWN, owes me on account I think near one hundred dollars - for which reasons mentioned above I allow none of them any share in my estate of lands or personal property or anything else, for the above named reasons.

Lastly, I desire that MARY S BROWN, my former Wife because she deserted me in my old days be allowed nothing because my former will left her all I had during her life or widowhood & she has abandoned me & all & I want her to have nothing more, as I divided with her when she left a full share, & she agreed to take it for her portion forever. And in consequence of her leaving me, and causing me to pay with money in my old days my desire and will is that she be allowed nothing more, & lastly, it is my desire that this my present codicil be annexed to & made a part of my last will & testament, to all intents & purposes.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 24 day of Jan 1880. Further more I appoint G T BROWN, my Executor of my last codicil & will.

THOMAS BROWN, ESQUIRE

Signed, sealed in our presence by the said THOMAS BROWN to be his last codicil to his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who have hereunto set our names, as witnesses in the presents of the testater, this 24th day of January 1880.

WITNESSES:      A H WOODLEE

WILLIAM PATRICK his mark

JOHN S COPPINGER

APRIL TERM 1881 WARREN COUNTY COURT:

THOS BROWN's WILL

This day appeared in open court, LEDDEN BROWN, the Executors, and produced a paper perporting to be the last will & testament of THOS BROWN (DEC) and also the codicil thereto, and also came J H ROBERSON , J C M ROSS and R R WOMACK, the three subscribing witnesses to the will who after being sworn as required by law, & after hearing the will read & examining the same, proved that the said THOS BROWN signed said will in their presence, after the same had been read to him, & he made acquainted with its contents, and that he requested them to attest the same, which they did in his presence, and that as they verially believe he said THOS BROWN was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time and also cause WM PATRICK and JOHN S COPPINGER the Subscribing witnesses to the codicil, who after being legally sworn, & hearing the paper read and examining the same proved that THOS BROWN signed Said Codicil in their presence after hearing the same read over to him and being fully aware of its contents, and that he requested them to attest the same which they did in his presence and as they verially believe the said THOS BROWN was at said time of Sound mind and disposing memory. It is therefore ordered by the Court that said will & codicil be recorded.

On April 4 1882 regarding THOMAS BROWN's ESTATE:

State of Tennessee

Warren County

Persuant to an order of the Warren County Court made its January Term 1882, I make the following Settlement with LEDDEN BROWN Executor of THOMAS BROWN DEC--

Define in said Executors hands as per his Inventory made and Sworn to 5 September 1881.

Note: This goes on to list the various settlements made. At the conclusion the Executor LEDDEN BROWN goes on to note "Executor claims that he has been at considerable trouble looking after said estate- that he has spent 18 days labor - and that he ought to be allowed \$1.50 per day. - But I am of opinion that he should not be allowed excluding twenty dollars for his Said Services.

L BROWN makes oath that the above and foregoing report is true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Sworn to before me

L. BROWN

22 Febry 1882

J H ROBERSON, CLERK

Note: There are some additional comments and then it notes that one should see the Minute Book No. 6 Page 312, April 3 1882 and it is signed by J H ROBERSON CLERK.

Note: This concludes the WILL OF THOMAS BROWN DECEASED. For additional information and for the full contents of the Will, it is understood that there is a Book of Wills in the Warren County Genealogical Library in McMinnville, Tennseess.

(B) GREEN BROWN was born in 1806 and married MALINDA OLIVER who was born 1810 in South Carolina. All these children were born in Warren County, Tennessee. Their children were J.H. "HOOKER", SAMUEL, WILLIAM, ELIHU, CYNTHIA JACKSON, JOHN B., and CELIA.

(1) J H "HOOKER" married SARAH JANE SCOTT, Daughter of COOPER SCOTT and SARAH MCCOLLUM SCOTT. "HOOKER" was killed at the Battle of Franklin during the Civil War.

(2) SAMUEL, first married ELIZABETH TATE and secondly married MELVINA MEDLEY. They had one Son, WILLIAM C "BILL" BROWN

(3) WILLIAM, who married SALLY FERN in 1854

(4) ELIHU

(5) CYNTHIA

(6) JACKSON

(7) JOHN B.

(8) CELIA

(C) MISSOURI Note: Born 1808 probably Warren County. There is nothing in the records on MISSOURI

(D) Note: There is nothing in the records on which is thought to have been a fourth child

#### CHILDREN OF THE SECOND MARRIAGE OF ABSOLOM BROWN TO MARY JANE GREEN, SISTER OF JOYCE GREEN

(A) RUSSELL was born 16 September 1801 and died 26 October 1852. He was the Husband of MARY DYKES. He is buried in the BROWN CEMETARY near Camp Woodlee, off Hill's Creek Road.

(B) PERMELIA (married JOHN GOOLMAN TATE - 9 children listed under TATE. These children were MARY E., ELIZABETH M., JAMES B., RUSSEL, JOHN C., RUTH J. (HOXIE ANN), JULIA, MARTHA AND NANCY. MARTHA and NANCY were twins.

JOHN GOOLMAN TATE was born January 16 1820 in Warren County, Tennessee and died September 15 1908 in Mclain, Muskogee County, Oklahoma and is buried in the Elm Grove Cemetary. He had lived in Tennessee, Kansas and Oklahoma. He was a farmer and his church affiliation was Methodist. His Father's name was JAMES TATE and his Mother's name was RUTH. JOHN GOOLMAN TATE married PERMELIA BROWN as noted above. Her parents were, as noted above, were ABSOLOM BROWN and MARY JANE GREEN.

(1) MARY E. was born 1841 in Warren County, Tennessee and married WILLIAM BROWN on September 3 1854 in Grundy County, Tennessee.

(2) ELIZABETH M was born 1842 in Warren County, Tennessee and married SAMUEL DYKES on December 28 1874

(3) JAMES B. was born 1844 and married F P AKENS on December 28 1874

(4) RUSSELL BROWN was born 1848

(5) JOHN C. was born Warren County, Tennessee in 1854 and on September 5 1878 married SARAH A. SMITH

(6) RUTH J. "HOXIE ANN" was born 1856 and on December 5 1874 in Grundy County, Tennessee married JAMES M. DUGAN. She died in 1923 in Delaware, Nowata County, Oklahoma and is buried in the Delaware Cemetary.

(7) JULIA was born December 15 1857 and on December 15 1877 in Grundy County, Tennessee married T B LOCKHART

(8) MARTHA was born 1859 and in Grundy County, Tennessee married WILLIAM E NELMLEY on February 18 1875.

(9) NANCY was born 1859 and is a twin to MARTHA. She married on May 2 1883 a GEORGE W ROGERS in Sequatchie, Tennessee.

(C) BILLOAT

(D) ABSOLOM, JR (no records listed). Please note that there is an ABSOLOM BROWN who was born September 3 1822 and died March 7 1884. He is buried in the BROWN CEMETARY near CAMP WOODLEE off HILL'S CREEK ROAD. This is likely the Son of ABSOLOM BROWN.

(E) WILLIAM SANFORD

(F) Note: Child six was a Daughter who married JOHNNIE GREEN, the Miller at Hill's Mill on Hill's Creek. JOHNNIE GREEN, according to the census of 1850, was born in South Carolina in 1800. He first married this Daughter of ABSOLOM BROWN SR. Their children were MARY, MINERVA, PERMELIA, JOINER, HANNIBAL, NARVEL and ASHLEY.

- (1) MARY, who married EPHRAIM BOWERS and had no children
- (2) MINERVA, who never married
- (3) PERMELIA, who married HOUSTON HIGGINBOTHAM
- (4) JOINER, who married DRUVICIE KING
- (5) HANNIBAL
- (6) NARVEL
- (7) ASHLEY

(A) RUSSELL was born in September 16 1801 and died October 26 1852. The ten children of RUSSELL BROWN and his Wife MARY "POLLY" DYKES, who was the Daughter of ISHAM DYKES, SR. and his Wife PRUDENCE CHOATE DYKES were ASBURY, PRUDENCE, JAMES K POLK, FRANCES, HORTENSIA, JOHN G, JULIA, ISHAM, THOMAS J. and AURENA. He is buried in the BROWN CEMETARY near CAMP WOODLEE, off HILL's CREEK ROAD.

- (1) ASBURY, who married MARY "POLLY" MORTON
- (2) PRUDENCE, who married JOHN HOBBS
- (3) JAMES K POLK, who married ELIZABETH SMITH
- (4) FRANCES, who married TAYLOR DUGAN
- (5) HORTENSIA, who married JAMES CAGLE
- (6) JOHN G., who married first SALLIE JOHNSON, and secondly AZALEE MOFFITT GROSS
- (7) JULIA, who married SANDERS DYKES
- (8) ISHAM, never married and killed in the Civil War
- (9) THOMAS J., who married NANCY GROSS. The Son of THOMAS J BROWN and NANCY GROSS is WILLIAM BROWN. He was born September 3 1883 and died May 20 1884 and is buried in the BROWN CEMETARY near CAMP WOODLEE off HILL's CREEK ROAD.
- 10) AURENA, of whom there is no record

(B) PERMELIA, who married JOHN GOOLMAN TATE (nine children listed under TATE). See the listing above under JOHN GOOLMAN TATE.

(C) BILLOAT BROWN and his Wife JENNIE BROOKS had the following eleven children; RUTH, ABSOLOM DUSKIN, ALLEN, LAFAYETTE, MARY, ABBIE, SAM, FRANK, ANNIE, ELIZABETH and JESSE.

- (1) RUTH, who married DR. B. W. SPARKS
- (2) ABSOLOM DUSKIN, who married ELIZABETH DYKES
- (3) ALLEN, who married MARTHA SCRUGGS
- (4) LAFAYETTE, who married JULIA OWEN
- (5) MARY, who married DOCK ARGO
- (6) ABBIE, who married JAMES YEARWOOD and had no children
- (7) SAM, who never married
- (8) FRANK, who never married
- (9) ANNIE, who married CASS SMITH and had no children
- 10) ELIZABETH, who married JOE PENNINGTON and had no children
- 11) JESSE, who married GRACE HENDERSON

(D) ABSOLOM, JR. of which there are no records

(E) WILLIAM SANFORD BROWN was born November 7 1820 and on July 28 1839 he married NANCY DYKES, the Daughter of ISHAM and PRUDENCE CHOATE DYKES. She was born August 6 1821. WILLIAM SANFORD BROWN was the first Methodist Preacher in Beersheba Springs. They had ten children which are listed below:

- (1) JACK V BROWN
- (2) RUSSELL L BROWN
- (3) JAMES K P BROWN
- (4) WILLIAM A BROWN
- (5) MARY E BROWN
- (6) LOUISA J BROWN
- (7) PRUDENCE SUSAN BROWN
- (8) NORRIS B BROWN
- (9) H WESLEY BROWN
- 10) LEANDER VIRGIL BROWN

FAMILY OF JACK V BROWN

JACK V BROWN was born July 19 1840 and married ABBIE WILLIAMS and had the following five children; JOHN WESLEY, ALTHA, ANNIE, HASSIE, and JIMMIE MAY.

- (1) JOHN WESLEY, who married DOROTHY ECHART
- (2) ALTHA, who married ? MARTIN
- (3) ANNIE, who married VIRGIL CARR
- (4) HASSIE, who married ? SEGROVES
- (5) JIMMIE MAY, who first married ? TANNER and secondly to LOYAD NARROD



## FAMILY OF RUSSELL LASSITER BROWN

RUSSELL L. BROWN was born October 24 1842 and married ELIZABETH TATE. Their six children were NANCY ANN, LAURA, ABBIE, VICTOR, NOAH and JAMES JACKSON.

- (1) NANCY ANN, who married CARROLL PARSONS
- (2) LAURA, who married JOHN SLOAN and had no children
- (3) ABBIE, who married CHARLES P SWEETON. Their five children were CHARLES DOUGLAS, JAMES MARSHALL, LEONARD LYLE, CYNTHIA ELIZABETH "LIBBY" and CARL WILSON.
- (4) VICTOR, who married MARY BROWN in Pratt City, Alabama
- (5) NOAH, who first married SUSIE HENDERSON, and secondly to NANNIE SCRUGGS.
- (6) JAMES JACKSON, never married.

## FAMILY OF JAMES K P BROWN

JAMES K P BROWN was born November 17 1844 and married a BARSHA COPPINGER. Their five children were ALBERT, EMMA, MACKEY J., RACHEL and MARGARET "MAGGIE".

- (1) ALBERT BROWN, who married BELL TATE
- (2) EMMA, who married FRANK GROSS, and had the following children: IRENE, MARIE, LUCILLE, KATHLEEN & CHARLES
- (3) MACKEY J., married FLORA MAY SWOPE and had no children
- (4) RACHEL, who married HENRY GIVENS
- (5) MARGARET "MAGGIE", who married LAWRENCE E WARD

## FAMILY OF WILLIAM A BROWN

WILLIAM A BROWN was born March 23 1847 and married a PENELOPE "NEPPIE" SAINT and had the following eight children; SANFORD, JOHN, MATTHEW, HENDRIX, MERVIN, EDDIE, ELENORA and FRANK.

(1) SANFORD "SANTY", who married MAGGIE NUNLEY and had the following children: ETHELEEN, CARL DAVID, SANFORD, and MARGARET.

(2) JOHN, who married HATTIE WALKER, and had the one child; VIVIAN

(3) MATTHEW, who married ETHEL CHARLES and had the following children: CHARLES, NELLIE and EMMETT

(4) HENDRIX, who married ROSA GROOMS and had the following children: RUDOLPH, LUCILLE, and ROSA LEE

(5) MERVIN, who married TIMMIE SMITH and had the following children: RAYMOND, who married LOIS NATION; DENNIS, who married FRANCES HUGHES and STANLEY, who married DOROTHY BECK

(6) EDDIE, who married EMMA SWEETON and had the following children: DOUGLAS, who married ROSE ?; ETHEL, who married HARMON HODGE; GLADYS, who married SAM MERRELL; HAZEL, who married RAY DAVIS and JAMES EDWARD, who married BELLAH MAE NESTOR

(7) ELENORA, who married JOHN C CAMPBELL

(8) FRANK, who first married VERA LUSK, and second FLORA PARMELY NUNLEY. She had earlier been married to a NUNLEY. FRANK Adopted children of FLORA PARMELY NUNLEY. Her maiden name was PARMELY.

## FAMILY OF MARY E BROWN

MARY E BROWN was born in 1852 and first married NOAH STOKES. Their two children were SUSIE and NANCY.

(1) SUSIE, who married a DR. CHARLIES HEMBREE and had the following children: MARY ELLEN HEMBREE & JOE HARRY

(2) NANCY "NANNIE" STOKES, who married STERLING CAGLE and had three Sons; STOKES, CHARLES and EDWARD

After the death of her first husband, NOAH STOKES, who was killed in a railroad accident, MARY E BROWN (STOKES) married CLAUD HILLIS. They had the following four children; ADA, GEORGIA, ETHEL and JESSIE.

(1) ADA, who married JOHN CRABTREE

(2) GEORGIA, who married SOL SHEARER

(3) ETHEL, who married HENRY CRAWFORD

(4) JESSIE, who married KATHERINE BUTLER

## FAMILY OF LOUISA J BROWN

LOUISA J, who was born August 2 1857 died September 14 1857

## FAMILY OF PRUDENCE SUSAN BROWN

PRUDENCE SUSAN was born September 23 1858 and married MONROE MORTON and had the following five children; JOE, GERTRUDE, MARY, GEORGE WASHINGTON and JOHN SANFORD.

(1) JOE died at the age of 19 and unmarried

(2) GERTRUDE married BILL PALMER

(3) MARY MORTON married BARNEY KOLIFF of Bulgaria. They were married in Dallas, Texas

(4) GEORGE WASHINGTON MORTON married EDNA FERGUSON

(5) JOHN SANFORD MORTON married BESSIE SALESBY in Dallas, Texas

## FAMILY OF NORRIS B BROWN

NORRIS B BROWN was born November 17 1849 and died January 26 1941. He married MARTHA JOSEPHINE JOHNSON BROWN. MARTHA was raised in McMinnville, Tennessee. She was born December 31 1850 and died January 16 1923. She is buried near the Methodist Church in Hobbs Hill, Tennessee. Their nine children were WILLIE L., MOLLY, A S "GUS", IDA, J.B., OSCAR, ALICE, HERBERT and PAULINE.

(1) WILLIE L, who married ROSA ALLEN

(2) MOLLY, who married JOHN CONRY and had three children; LYSTER BERNARD born September 23 1899 and died July 15 1964; HESTER CONRY born August 27 1898 and died November 9 1898 and an unnamed stillborn Brother, date of death unknown.

LYSTER BERNARD CONRY I married a MISS CLINTON ADAMS in 1920. Their children were LYSTER BERNARD CONRY II and JOHN CHARLES CONRY who was born February 25 1925.

NOTE BY THE WRITER: Please see the attached that was written by LYSTER BERNARD "LES" CONRY II. These few pages are entitled "THAT'S LIFE" and were written by LES CONRY date unknown. This document was found in the Tracy City, Tennessee Library. It has been corrected in part for grammer, spelling, etc.; however is basically the same as the original version.

THAT's LIFE  
by LES CONRY

When my Father was born, HESTER had been dead for a year - died at six and buried with her stillborn baby Brother by Hobbs Hill Methodist Church. NOTE by Writer: HESTER CONRY was born August 27 1892 and died November 9 1898. She was the Daughter of JOHN and MOLLY CONRY. She was placed in the grave with her unnamed stillborn Brother in the cemetery near Hobbs Hill Methodist Church. END OF NOTE.

JOHN CONRY was a member of the Roman Church, a faithful member of it until his death, but he was married to a Methodist circuit-rider's Daughter; she was also a Granddaughter of the first Minister at Beersheba Springs before and during the time Bishops of the Episcopal Church had Summer homes there.

At the time JOHN and MOLLY CONRY got married with both Latin Priests and Methodist Ministers there, the two churches agreed that if any children were born, each could have a church of choice; and so my Father, in an Episcopal school, chose Episcopal.

My Father never learned to be a store-keeper like his Mother, dabbled some at gardening but couldn't do it well, and certainly never learned masonry, but he was good at schoolwork.

My Father and LEROY ROGERS worked with the Tennessee Governor's aide starting the Employment Service where he worked to death shortly before retirement. He enjoyed driving, liked to go to Florida and once took his Mother there. The first morning there, being an early riser, she went in the cafe and stood real close to the Nickelodean with its flickering light until my Father came in; and she whispered to him; "Son, this heater doesn't get very warm, does it?".

My Father would tell how Florida's orange orchards were laid out so one could plow diagonally as well as vertically and horizontally in all rows; later that year JOHN CONRY took some of us along with my Father to see a few acres of knee high corn in rows perfectly straight in all three directions.

My Father joined clubs, joined a Masonic Lodge, became a Shriner who drank too much, lost jobs, became abusive, and my Mother left my Father and us children with his parents who had a country store and a farm with orchards. After a divorce which followed in 1930, I never knew my Father to take alcohol or to speak of the matter again, nor did he try to teach us any trade, but he did help us with schoolwork; and in that he was good.

During the time my Father attended St. Andrews his parents were with Fairmont Female College, and one semester two Chinese Sisters were there, but that was years before one became ruler of China.

The proudest moment that I know in the life of my Father was just before WWII when WSM and National Life and Accident Insurance Company had a national contest predicting football scores - my Father won.

It was a weekly contest of college football games with a grand prize at the end. LYSTER BERNARD CONRY, my Father (it's good to have something to be proud of, and we were all proud), won every week and won the grand prize. Grand prize was a trip to the bowl game of the winner's choice, and the Rose Bowl wasn't his choice, but he was persuaded to go to California.

Among many things was a guest appearance on the JACK BENNY show, a lunch with 3 ROBERTS, (namely; ROBERT YOUNG, ROBERT TAYLOR, ROBERT MONTGOMERY); also SHIRLEY TEMPLE had lunch with them.

He was a poet (wrote and sold to two New Yorkers "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles"; verses, not music.

REVERAND NORRIS BAIN BROWN sold land to JOHN CONRY, and in 1888 helped JOHN build a log cabin, a place where newly weds, JOHN and MOLLY, could live. The cabin in 1993 A.D. still stands (my Father's birthplace in 1899). The 105 year old log cabin is on the old Colony Road atop Hobbs Hill, Tennessee where the stage coach passed to connect Beersheba Springs with Tracy City below Hobbs Hill. It was a part of the Chattanooga-Nashville coach line.

NOTE BY THE WRITER: In the book by LES CONRY are shown the pictures of the cabin noted above and also one of the baby LYSTER BERNARD CONRY and his Mother MARY ELIZABETH "MOLLY" BROWN CONRY, Wife of JOHN CONRY.

LYSTER BERNARD CONRY I was born September 23 1899 and died July 15 1964.

He was taught at Fairmont School until a teenager when he would bicycle to St. Andrews - staying there some.

His parents worked at Fairmont Female School, and while his Father was overseer of the farms and of the livestock, his Mother MOLLY taught some.

Contrary to "Beersheba Springs, A History", a book of early settlers and visitors, his Mother "MOLLY" (MARY ELIZABETH BROWN) was the firstborn child of REVERAND NORRIS BAIN BROWN and MARTHA JOSEPHINE JOHNSON BROWN.

All I know at present of JOSEPHINE is that she was raised in McMinnville, Tennessee, married NORRIS BAIN BROWN, and dates on her tombstone by the Methodist Church Hobbs Hill, Tennessee show December 31 1850 to January 16 1923. A story persists that she was closely related to ANDREW JOHNSON 1808-1875 (He once had to leave a pregnant Wife in Tennessee while he perfected a divorce he thought he had; difficult to find facts).

MOLLY's Father, REVERAND NORRIS BAIN BROWN, well known Methodist circuit rider in both middle Tennessee and Kentucky was born November 17 1849 and died January 26 1941. Where there were no church building he would hold meetings under a bush-arbor, and before he was 20 he held such meetings in Tracy, atop of the Cumberland Plateau in Tennessee, a place where an Episcopal church was built a year later.

NORRIS was a family man, fathered nine children, but rode the circuit to talk with gatherings all over his circuit. He rode a fine horse, and it is said that they made a handsome pair entering towns - yet I never saw him on a horse as he was 80 when I first remembered him, but his visits to us when we lived a Tyner, Tennessee I do remember.

My parents stayed on Hobbs Hill above Tracy City, Tennessee after my Father's parents moved away as Fairmont Female College closed when WWI began, and in June 1923, when I was 9 months old, we moved to where JOHN and MOLLY CONRY lived, moved to what's now called Brainerd Village, but then only an old 2-story frame house by the Chickamauga Creek.

I was less than 29 months old as my Brother wasn't born, yet I vividly recall a tribe of Indians that camped by the creek near us, resting so they could continue carrying their dead to a burial place at Ryall Springs - a beautiful place with water-crest. These Indians' faceskins were very white with red blood vessels showing to make them look red-faced.

We moved further along the creek to an area which today is a wildlife sanctuary, and the place where on February 25 1925 CHARLES was born; 2 things I remember there before I was 29 months old: 1 - my Grandmother MOLLY sitting on a log in the creek and fishing, 2 - walking by my Mother who was large with CHARLES in her and choking on dust from the road when we came home from the Concord Baptist Church (first Indians, later dust, and still not 29 mos. old).

JOHN CHARLES was born, and my parents took us into Chattanooga (which in those days ended at the end of McCallie Avenue where Shallowford Road or Cleveland Pike came off of it at Missionary Ridge). We lived at several places on 9th above Central Avenue; on corner of Baldwin & Vine, etc.; first on Walnut Street overlooking Tennessee River and lastly on Lookout Street between 5th and 6th Streets; there I began school at Clara-Carpenter; when 4 before starting school with CHARLES almost 2, we were watching BABY GEORGE (I've no idea who that was, but could barely walk), so the 3 of us walked up to 6th, down across Walnut and Cherry Streets to Market Street., then up to 9th Street going in all stores, crossed and back to 6th Street; workers stopped and talked with us in all store, gave us candy, do-dads and we had a ball.

Hours later we trudged back up 6th to be met with people who were searching for us. My Mother told my Father after she spanked me, so he spanked me.

When 5 my Mother took us to Warner Park, and saw as we walked a uniformed man shaking doors as he passed buildings. She told us that owners hired private police to watch their buildings, and the door-shakers did keep crime to a minimum.



Still 5 my Mother took CHARLES and I to visit the LOCKES, who had 3 young boys in school. My Mother and theirs sent me to school with the boys saying I could learn what school was about, but we got to gathering nuts on the ridge - didn't get to school, and someone told on us. I got spanked for playing hookey a year before I started to school - a record.

During my start at Clara-Carpenter I moved to Tyner with my parents, went 7 years there, then St. Andrews where I was first Son of a graduate to graduate.

My Father's parents owned 2 houses and a grocery store on the Cleveland Pike (Shallowford Road to Hickory Valley, where their store was, and on to Tyner by the school).

My Grandfather CONRY saw that we went to church, and saw that we kept our bodies and speech clean.

Orphans from Bonny Oaks stayed with us part of the year (boys or girls, black or white each in turn), and always treated as any other family member.

LYSTER BERNARD CONRY II's on my birth certificate, but when I returned after years as a metallurgist around the Great Lakes, my Father banked in the same banks as I did, and often our accounts were mixed.

A circuit judge's Wife and my Wife were friends; they had me see the judge and to make both names LES & LYSTER BERNARD CONRY my legal names.

My Mother, my Father and myself along with other relatives were born on Hobbs Hill, Tennessee, but my Father's parents, after the Fairmont School had closed with the onset of WWI, were now in Hamilton County, Tennessee where JOHN CONRY was in charge of the Rosenthal Farms and Dairy, a place near an old Indian trading post above where Hickory Valley Road joins the East Brainerd Road.

They lived at the Chickamauga Creek where it's now called a Wild Life Sanctuary. I remember seeing my Grandmother MOLLY fishing, and I remember our walking on the dusty road from the Concord Baptist Church with my Mother when she carried my Brother JOHN CHARLES CONRY 25 February 1925 to May 17 1936. His JOHN and CHARLES came from our Grandfathers names.

My Father was employed in the populated area that was called Chattanooga (an area that ran mostly along McCallie Avenue to Missionary Ridge, only a few blocks wide, and population of about 130,000, but though its area has increased many times since 1930, its population has stayed about the same).

When I was a teenager my Father let me drive his car on the Cleveland Pike, on the Shallowford road. In those days the road circled northward to cross the creek on an old narrow bridge. It scared me, but my Father could teach - when he would.

NOTE BY THE WRITER: In the book written by LES CONRY he shows some pictures with these captions: REVERAND NORRIS BAIN BROWN with his Grandson LYSTER BERNARD CONRY as they prepare for LYSTER's marriage to MISS CLINTON ADAMS in the year of 1920 A. D.

Twenty one years later in 1941 A. D. LES (LYSTER II) CONRY graduating from St. Andrews' College preparatory school for boys.

A striking resemblance of LYSTER and LES in pictures made 21 years apart.

END OF NOTES RE PICTURES

The 72 year old REVERAND BROWN sported a handlebar mustache which he would twist as he chewed on a bit of tobacco cut with his pocket knife from a twist of tobacco he always carried.

Once a bee stung me on the forearm. He took a pinch of his chewed tobacco, pressed it on the sting; it was soothed, swelling went down, but this 9 year old didn't like the method.

He'd say children were to be seen, not heard. Once we loud children were told that if we went in next room (a cold room), when he called, we'd come right through the wall - later we returned to a warm room, returned quiet, cold, but wiser children.

Another time he said, "MOLLY, I don't believe I've baptised the children." So for the 3rd time as we children remembered he took us to a nearby creek.

NORRIS' Grandfather BROWN was an Indian called by his tribe (BROWN BEAR)., but christened ABSALOM BROWN, and when the government was giving land to Indian's descendents, NORRIS stopped in Nashville and got legal papas for his quarter share.

He was on his circuit, so when he met a man from Tracy City, he asked if he'd bring the papers to JOSEPHINE. The man agreed, but got drunk on the way, and lost the papers. NORRIS never tried again to get legal papers for his part of Oklahoma land that was producing a great deal of oil.

NORRIS' Father (youngest Son, and next to youngest child, of ABSALOM and MARY JANE GREEN BROWN) was REVERAND WILLIAM SANFORD BROWN, born 1820 in Collins River Valley, where he lived and raised a family. He'd go up to the mountains to minister to those living in the vicinity of Beersheba Springs, was the areas' first minister, was ministering there before and when Episcopal Bishops had summer homes there, who consider a school for their Southern dioceses, where just before our Civil War took S. F. TRACY's offer to build a school at his abandoned diggings at Coal Bank - called it the University of the South.

WILLIAM SANFORD BROWN married NANCY DYKES, a Daughter of ISHAM born 1773 in Virginia, and of PRUDENCE CHOATE 1777 Virginia. CHOATES came to Virginia in 1635 and DYKES trace ancestry back to 1066 A. D., and ISHAM came to Warren County, Tennessee 1801.

ABSOLOM and family must've come to Collins River about that time - 4 BROWNS married 4 DYKES there.

END OF STORY BY LYSTER "LES" CONRY II.

(3) A S "GUS", who married IDA SWEETON and had the following ten children; LOU, CLARENCE, EDA MAE, JOE, WAYLAND, IRENE, CORA, LILLARD, IDA GRACE and SAM

(1) LOU, who married ? LAND

(2) CLARENCE, who married HELEN TUCKER and had the following nine children:

LOUELLA, CLARENCE JR., EDNA, CARLENE, CLARA BELL, LEON, MARY, WAYNE and PEGGY.

(3) EDA MAE, who married ? KRICHBAUM

(4) JOE, who married ELSIE MAYNARD

(5) WAYLAND, who married DOSSIE ?

(6) IRENE, who married ? COLLINS

(7) CORA, who married FELTS

(8) LILLARD (SNOOK), who married EULA CLINE

(9) IDA GRACE, who married ? COFFEY

10) SAM

(4) IDA, who married J C PARSONS

(5) J B married ETTA SWEETON and their children of four were ELMER F. NELL, MARY and CLARETTA.

(1) ELMER F

(2) NELL

(3) MARY

(4) CLARETTA

(6) OSCAR, who married SAVANNA SWEETON

(7) ALICE, who married JAMES L MCGOVERN and their children of three were JAMES, LUCILLE and IMA JEAN

(1) JAMES

(2) LUCILLE

(3) IMA JEAN

(8) HERBERT, who married LOUISE POE

(9) PAULINE, who married REVERAND S DEWEY ORGAN

## FAMILY OF H WESLEY BROWN

H WESLEY BROWN was born on November 17 1854 and married FANNIE SMITH. THEIR six children were MABEL, VANCE P, BESSIE, OLLIE, EDNA and HOWARD

(1) MABEL, who married WILEY COPPINGER

(2) VANCE P, who married BESSIE SAVAGE and had the children PERCY, HERBERT, LOUISE, PAULINE, WESLEY and LESTER.

(1) PERCY

(2) HERBERT

(3) LOUISE

(4) PAULINE

(5) WESLEY

(6) LESTER

(3) BESSIE BROWN, who married GEORGE STATE

(4) OLLIE, who married FRANK TATE

(5) EDNA, who married BERT SILVERS

(6) HOWARD, who never married

## FAMILY OF LEANDER VIRGIL BROWN

LEANDER VIRGIL BROWN, was born May 13 1861 and married MALVINA CORNELISON. Their eight children were NANCY AGNES, HENRY, MAUDE, ELLA, HASSIE, HERMAN, WILLIE DAN and ~~ANNIE~~  
*D. sister - not dau.*

(1) NANCY AGNES, who married REVERAND JAMES MADISON BEAN and had the following children; HARRY, JAMES & FRED D.

(2) HENRY married ANNA MEDLEY. Their children were MARGARET, who married FLOYD COPPINGER and had no children; CARLOS, who married FRANCES COPPINGER and had the following seven children, SYLVIA ANN, NORMA JUNE, now NORMA SPARKS (had a twin to die early whose name was EMMA JEAN), CARLENE, CARLOS JR., JAMES FLOYD, CYNTHIA, and WILLIAM HENRY; JAMES F, who first married CLERA BASKIN and had one child CAROLYN MARIE and secondly married ODESSA MORRIS.

(3) MAUDE married ALBERT NUNLEY and had seven children who are not listed.

(4) ELLA BROWN married first to LOUIS ESSMAND and secondly to WILL ADAMS and had three children by WILL ADAMS; HENRY, ELSIE and BILLY EUGENE

(5) HASSIE BROWN died at the age of 18 at Pleasant Hill, Tennessee. She was never married.

(6) HERMAN BROWN married MAUDIE SEAHORNE and had five children; EUNICE, DORIS who married RAYMOND HARGIS; JOYCE, who married CLIFFORD CORDELL; JIMMIE MAY, who married BOBBY SWEETON; and HUEY PAUL

(7) WILLIE DAN BROWN was never married. He was a Verteran of World War I and died about 1990. He was the youngest Brother.

(8) ANNIE D BROWN, was born November 28 1864. She was unmarried. She died November 28 1884 and is buried in the Old Shilo Cemetery, Shilo Methodist Church, Warren County, Tennessee

*Sis. of  
Leander  
Virgil  
Brown  
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NOTE: The History continues from here with the first child of ABSOLOM BROWN and JOYCE GREEN, who was THOMAS "TOMMY" BROWN. It will then continue with THOMAS "TOMMY" BROWN's marriage to his first Wife MARY MORTON, and one of their children; namely LEDDEN BROWN and his two Wives; LOUISA ARENA CROSSLAND and SUSAN JANE (VAN HOOSER) ESKEW and their children.

THOMAS "TOMMY" BROWN was born in South Carolina on December 27 1799. He married his first Wife, MARY MORTON, who is understood to have been a CHEROKEE INDIAN. Please see earlier in the compilation of material for all the names of their children. This report continues from here with LEDDEN BROWN only, and his descendants. LEDDEN BROWN, who was born June 10 1826 in Grundy, Tennessee, was first married to LOUISA ARENA CROSSLAND. LOUISA ARENA CROSSLAND was born on March 4 1829 in Tennessee and died in August of 1864 and is buried in an unmarked grave in Beersheba Springs, Tennessee. Many years ago, one of her Sons who is thought to have been NATHAN LEONIDUS "LONNIE" BROWN came back to Tennessee and tried to find her grave. As far as is known the exact location of her grave has never been determined. LEDDEN BROWN died at his home in Warren County, Tennessee on May 1 1890 and is buried in Warren County in Fuston Cemetary.

Please see some of the following pages for a further report on the family of LOUISA ARENA CROSSLAND. There have been numerous reports written about this family, one even noting that the family had come over from Ireland. This one report has been investigated at considerable length and at this time has been found to be incorrect. Perhaps some of the earlier CROSSLANDS may have come over, but not the parents of LOUISA. See Page 18 on the correct story on the Crosslands.

The children of LEDDEN BROWN and LOUISA ARENA CROSSLAND were THOMAS J., JOHN DANIEL, NATHAN LEONIDUS "LONNIE", ELIJAH W., MARY ELIZABETH (LIZZIE) AND LOUISA JANE (LOULA).

- (A) THOMAS J
- (B) JOHN DANIEL
- (C) NATHAN LEONIDUS "LONNIE"
- (D) ELIJAH WOODLEE
- (E) MARY ELIZABETH "LIZZIE"
- (F) LOUISA JANE "LOULA"

LEDDEN BROWN was married a second time to SUSAN JANE VAN HOOSER (ESKEW). She had been married earlier to a GEORGE L ESKEW. Please see the following pages on her 100th birthday which gives some of the background on her life. She was married to LEDDEN BROWN on April 8 1866. Their children were HENRY L., MARTHA FRANCES "MATTIE" & LILLIE S.

(A) HENRY L. BROWN was born November 5 1871 and died March 12 1936 and is buried in the FUSTON CEMETARY.. He was the Husband of MINNIE FLORENCE CONGER. Their children were W T BROWN, who was died May 26 1991 and who was the Husband of JOHNNIE HEARD. Their other children were HOMER CLARENCE BROWN who was born September 4 1900 and died January 17 1909; and RELMA LOIS BROWN who was born February 9 1917 and died May 21 1922. They are all buried in the Fuston Cemetery.

- (B) MARTHA FRANCES (MATTIE)
- (C) LILLIE S



(Please see below notes taken from the newspaper concerning the death of SUSAN JANE VAN HOOSER ESKEW BROWN, Wife of the late LEDDEN BROWN.

**Southern Standard**

**McMinville, Tennessee**

**August 15 1935**

Mr & Mrs H. VAN HOOSER, and children ELIZABETH, MARGARET and BILLY, attended the funeral of their Aunt, Mrs. JANE BROWN (SUSAN JANE VAN HOOSER (ESKEW) at Gath Sunday.

Mr & Mrs. HOWELL BARKER and Son, HOMER WILLIAM and ELIJAH BARKER, of Whitwell, attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs JANE BROWN, at Gath Sunday,  
"Dibrell"

A large crowd attended the funeral of Aunt JANE BROWN at Gath Sunday afternoon.

**NOTES ON THOMAS J. BROWN, SON OF LEDDEN BROWN AND LOUISA ARENA CROSSLAND**

Note: This information was found in the funeral home in McMinnville, Tennessee page 40 November 17 1901 Daylight, Tennessee. Daylight is only a few miles from Gath.

**THOMAS BROWN**

Date of Death:	November 17 1901 0900 a.m.
Date of Funeral:	November 18 1901
Charge to Thomas Brown Deceased:	
Farmer	Married -
Religion	M.E. Methodist
Age:	52 years old
Cause:	Stomach
Clergyman:	Keathley

Note: In the BETHELEM CEMETARY there is buried this THOMAS BROWN who is noted above and who was born April 8 1849 and died November 18 1901. He was married to a SUSAN L POPE on March 10 1870. SUSAN POPE was born August 10 1846 and died May 13 1890. She is buried in the same Cemetary. Their infant Son was born and died July 4 1875. Buried also in this same Cemetary is SARAH C. BURGER, who was the Daughter of SAMUEL E and HANNAH (HICKS) BURGER. She was born March 16 1844 and died November 11 1935. SARAH was the second Wife of THOMAS BROWN. There is little else known about THOMAS BROWN.

## CROSSLANDS

JOHN JEFFERSON CROSSLAND was born in the Northern part of Middle Tennessee August 22 1805 and died near Tribune, Missouri on June 20 1896 aged 90 years. It is assumed that he is buried in Pulaski County, Missouri as that is where his Wife is buried.

His Wife, ELIZABETH S. ADAMS was born in Tennessee July 8 1810 and was married in Tennessee to JOHN JEFFERSON CROSSLAND and died in the Smith Valley near Tribune, Missouri on November 23 1893 aged 83 years 4 months and 15 days. She is buried in the Friendship Cemetery of Pulaski County, Missouri. The children of JOHN JEFFERSON CROSSLAND and ELIZABETH S. ADAMS were all born in Tennessee, the last three being born in Warren County, Tennessee. Their children were LOUISA ARENA, CHARLOTTE TERNA, JOHN G., ELIJAH MESHACK, ELIZABETH, MARY ANN, SAMUEL TURNER, LAFAYETTE, and WILLIAM.

LOUISA ARENA was born March 4 1829 and died in Warren County, Tennessee in 1863 and is buried in an unmarked grave in Beersheba Springs Cemetery, Beersheba Springs, Tennessee. She had been married to a LEDDEN BROWN. One story that has been told about her was that she had flaming red hair. The children of LEDDEN BROWN and LOUISA ARENA CROSSLAND are covered later in this report.

CHARLOTTE TERNA was born May 2 1831 and first married a JAMES ADAMS. The second marriage was to a REVERAND JAMES YATES. She died at the ABE JONES near the old CHRISTESON home on January 2 1910 aged 78 years and 8 months.

JOHN G. was born October 25 1833. He married a ? STRICKLAND, a Baptist Minister and was killed in the Civil War, date unknown.

ELIJAH MESHACK was born January 30 1838 and married ?TIS CRUMFLEY?. He was killed in the Civil War near Walker Cristeson's on September 18 1862 aged 24 years 7 months and 18 days.

ELIZABETH was born February 9 1842 and first married ISAAH S BROWN and secondly to ABE JONES. She died at Tribune, Missouri. ISAAH was born December 25 or December 26 1832.

MARY ANN was born November 25 1844, married a SMITH STORY and lived near W S BRADFORDS.

SAMUEL TURNER was born March 1 1847 in Warren County, Tennessee and died August 20 1924 in Missouri. He was married October 10 1866 in Pulaski County, Missouri to a LUCINDA M ANDERSON. She was born March 27 1847 in Tennessee and died March 23 1929 in Pulaski County, Missouri. Note: In one set of records from the JAMES J WATTS collection (1874-1912) his middle name is spelled as TERNA, however from family records in the possession of a Great Grandson, JACK CROSSLAND, of 705 Osage, Humboldt, Kansas 66748 it is spelled as TURNER.

LAFAYETTE was born September 30 1849 and was killed by a horse kicking him on April 27 1901 aged 51 years 6 months and 27 days.

WILLIAM was born November 22 1852.

## THE CHEROKEE TRAIL

Article taken from the *Southern Standard*, McMinnville, Tennessee,  
Thursday, May 10 1934.

### ILLINOIS SOCIETY ASKS ERECTION OF TRAILER MARKER, MAY 10 1934

Local D A R may sponsor Erection of Marker in commemoration of  
Migration in 1838 of Cherokee Indians to Oklahoma.

Mr & Mrs JOHN G MULCASTER of Makanda, Illinois, were in McMinnville  
yesterday and today on a mission which has its object the placing of  
markers on the old trail which was used by the Cherokee Indians in the  
tribe's migration from Tennessee to its government allotted lands in  
Oklahoma.

While here Mr and Mrs MULCASTER, who have been directed by the  
Illinois Historical Society to do research work in connection with the  
tribe's early travels, succeeded in uncovering valuable historical data to  
the effect that the tribe entered Tennessee at Ross Landing near  
Chattanooga. The tribe's travels led them to McMinnville where they  
camped on the banks of Barren Fork River about four miles West of  
McMinnville. During their brief stay here the tribe purchased  
considerable corn meal from a grist mill then operated by GEORGE  
SAVAGE, Grandfather of County Judge, FRANK R. DAVIS.

The trail of the Cherokees then led to Nashville and then to Hopkinsville,  
Kentucky, and from there to Lusk's Ferry at Golconda, Illinois, crossing  
the Mississippi river at Wilard's Landing near Cape Girardeau. The  
memorable trip was made in 1838.

In 1938 the Illinois Historical Society is planning a centennial celebration  
at some point on the trail in southern Illinois in commemoration of the  
one hundredth anniversary of the migration of the tribe.

"The Cherokee tribe is the only one of the five civilized tribes, says Mr MULCASTER, that made the trip overland to Oklahoma, the other tribes going by boat. From reliable sources we learn that the tribe suffered the loss of from ten to twenty members each day through sickness and death. I cannot but believe that somewhere within the vicinity of McMinnville there are mounds containing Indian skeletons".

Mr MULMASTER conferred with Mrs J. D. ELKINS, regent of the McMinnville D. A. R. chapter regarding the placing of a marker at some strategic point on the Cherokee trail near McMinnville. She gave her promise that the local chapter would undertake the project and if this is done, according to Mr MULCASTER, the entire trail, from Ross Landing at Chattanooga to Cape Girardeau, Illinois, will have been marked.

D. A. R. chapters in other states have sponsored the placing of markers on the Cherokee trail and it is believed that the local chapter will do its share in co-operating with the movement. A movement is also on foot in Illinois, according to Mr MULCASTER, to have the state legislature officially designate that highway, which is paved, as the "CHEROKEE HIGHWAY".

The migration of the Cherokee, which took place during the administration of President ANDREW JACKSON in 1838, numbered approximately 15,000 members when it left Ross Landing. Before the tribe was able to cross the treacherous Mississippi river at Cape Girardeau, Illinois, it was overtaken by a severe winter. The tribe, which then was reduced through sickness and death, was forced to camp near the river on account of the swift stream being choked up with ice flows. During the enforced encampment pestilence and sickness took a heavy toll, reducing the ranks of the tribe to a little over 13,500 members.

In ferreting out information to the migration of the Cherokee tribe, Mr and Mrs MULCASTER have traveled through and investigated data concerning the tribe in North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee, in addition to the states of Illinois, Missouri and Oklahoma.

Mr MULCASTER said that when the centennial is staged in 1938 that he planned to ask the Illinois Historical Society to invite Mrs J. D. ELKINS to appear on the program, representing the section of Tennessee, and to relate incidents of interest pertaining to the migration of the Cherokees through McMinnville and other points in Middle Tennessee.

END OF ARTICLE

NOTE: This above article on the Cherokee Indians was next to an article entitled: CENTENARIAN, BORN IN WARREN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY AT WATERTOWN, TENNESSEE

This Centenarian was the second wife of LEDDEN BROWN, namely SUSAN JANE VAN HOOSER, a daughter of JACOB and SALLIE JONES VAN HOOSER. The first wife of LEDDEN BROWN had been LOUISA ARENA CROSSLAND.

The Mother of LEDDEN BROWN had been MARY MORTON, Wife of THOMAS "TOMMY" BROWN. It is understood through various sources, including the Father and Grandfather of this writer, that there was Cherokee blood in the family. One of the grand- Daughters of a Brother of LEDDEN BROWN had noted that MARY MORTON was a Cherokee Indian. Thus the reason for the inclusion of the above article. In some letters that were written to the Writer it is felt that the Indian blood probably came down through the GREEN Sisters and not through MARY MORTON. The picture of WILLIAM SANFORD BROWN, son of ABSOLOM BROWN and MARY JANE GREEN, does have a strong resemblance to the Indians.

NOTE: When this Author, DAN WILLIS BROWN, was a small boy his Grandfather, JOHN GILLIAM BROWN and his Father, HORACE WALTER BROWN used to relate to him that they were part Indian, however this could never be verified at that time and it is only through old documents and tales that it has been noted here today. It however, cannot be proven through court records. In an article written by LYSTER "LES" BERNARD CONRY II it was noted that the Indian side came down through ABSOLOM BROWN, Husband of JOYCE GREEN and secondly, MARY JANE GREEN. None of this has been researched at this time, June 10 1995.

THE SOUTHERN STANDARD, MCMINNVILLE, TENNESSEE  
THURSDAY, MAY 10 1934

NOTE: The following concerns the second wife of LEDDEN BROWN and is taken as written from the above newspaper and describes the celebration of her 100th birthday.

Mrs SUSAN JANE BROWN, more familiarly known to her many friends in Wilson county as "AUNT JANE" BROWN celebrated her one hundredth birthday Sunday at the home of her Daughter, Mrs JESSIE BOGLE, four miles south of Watertown. Three hundred guests attended the celebration.

In spite of a light stroke of paralysis two weeks ago which confined her to bed most of the time, AUNT JANE was able to sit on the front porch in her favorite rocking chair and chatted freely with her numerous guests. A huge white birthday cake was baked by Miss KATHRYN COX of Watertown, Great-Granddaughter. A brief history of the family and Aunt Jane's life was given by the Rev. W. E. WAUFORD of Knoxville. A sumptuous picnic dinner was spread on the ground in old-fashioned style.

Five generations were represented. All of AUNT JANE's three children, Mrs JESSIE BOGLE of Watertown, Mrs W E WAUFORD of Knoxville, and HENRY L BROWN of McMinnville, were present. Also present were three Stepchildren, E. W. BROWN of Nashville, and MESDAMES ELIZABETH and LOUISE J HOPKINS of Watertown. There are four generations represented through her own children, and five generations through her step-children. AUNT JANE has 38 Grandchildren and Step-Grandchildren, 44 Great Grandchildren, and three Step-Great-Great-Grandchildren.

On the same day, Mrs BROWN's younger Sister, Mrs REBECCA BARKER celebrated her 92nd birthday at her home in Whitville in the Sequatchie Valley. The Sisters were born on the same day of the month. They celebrated their birthdays together two years ago, but the health of neither of them permitted them to be together Sunday.

AUNT JANE was born in Warren County during the second administration of ANDREW JACKSON. She was a young matron of 26 at the outbreak of the Civil War, in which her first husband died. She has lived during the administration of 26 presidents, through four wars and four major depressions. During her lifetime 25 states have been admitted to the Union. The first President she recalls was JAMES K POLK of Tennessee.

Before her first marriage AUNT JANE was SUSAN JANE VAN HOOSER, a Daughter of JACOB and SALLIE JONES VAN HOOSER, and a member of a family of four boys and eight girls. Shortly before the Civil War she married GEORGE L ESKEW, a carpenter and cabinet maker. MR ESKEW joined the Confederate Army, was captured and carried to a Federal prison camp, and there died of Smallpox. On April 8 1866 she married the REVERAND LEDDEN BROWN.

AUNT JANE stayed at the homestead during the Civil War. She vividly recalls a visit by the Yankee soldiers during the latter part of the war, when she was compelled to cook a half bushel of meal into corn pones for her uninvited guests. She relates that the soldiers pulled up and ate all the beets in her garden.

Because of the scarcity of schools and the size of the family, AUNT JANE was not permitted to go to school during her girlhood. However, she did fancy sewing and sold it to help two of her younger Sisters to get an education. Her Husband, the REVERAND LEDDEN BROWN was her teacher, and she learned to read and write under his tutelage after her marriage.

For the first 11 years after her marriage she cooked over an open fireplace. Her first cook stove was purchased in 1877. Travel was wholly by horseback or wagon. MR BROWN purchased the family's first buggy in 1881. Cotton and flax were raised on the farm, and AUNT JANE did the weaving, knitting, spinning and sewing for her three children and six step-children.

She was noted for her fine fancy work. Her fine sewing machine was purchased in 1880.

MR BROWN died in 1890. Had he lived, AUNT JANE would have celebrated her 68th wedding anniversary on April 8 1934. AUNT JANE has lived in Wilson County for the past 25 years. She has been a life-long Democrat in principle, but not believing in Woman Suffrage, has never voted. She is a member of the Providence Missionary Baptist Church in Warren County. Until her light stroke of paralysis two weeks ago, she had been in good health. She is somewhat hard of hearing and her eyes do not permit reading, or her favorite pastime, sewing.

LEBANON DEMOCRAT



## NOTES BY THE WRITER

LEDDED BROWN was married twice; first to LOUISA ARENA CROSSLAND and then to SUSAN JANE VAN HOOSER (ESKEW). Please review earlier notes on the children of both marriages. This article from the newspaper does clear up some of the spelling mistakes in SUSAN JANE's first Husband's name, and also her maiden name, and does give a bit more insight into her background.

It is unfortunate that some of this type of material does not exist for the background of LOUISA ARENA CROSSLAND.

LEDDED BROWN's parents were THOMAS "TOMMY" BROWN and MARY MORTON. Various comments from the BROWN's, including the Father and Grandfather of the writer, have noted over the years that MARY MORTON was an Indian, and in some earlier documentation she is referred to as a CHEROKEE INDIAN. Earlier notes surmizing that the Indian blood likely came down through the two GREEN Sisters and not through MARY MORTON is more likely correct. In the same paper and on the same page as the article for SUSAN JANE VAN HOOSER (ESKEW) (BROWN), there is an article referring to the CHEROKEE TRAIL and how the CHEROKEE INDIANS migrated from Tennessee to the government allotted lands in Oklahoma. It is thought that perhaps MARY MORTON was one of this Tribe and that she had married and remained in Tennessee. Please see the article attached. Please also see the article written by LES CONRY concerning ABSOLOM BROWN being known as the Indian "BROWN BEAR".

## DEATH OF ELDER LEADEN BROWN

This article was taken from one of the newspapers in Tennessee and was taken from the PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH BOOK.

This Brother, who pastored Providence in 1874 and 1875, is portrayed briefly but eloquently by GRIME.

"We have but little data concerning this very dear Brother. He was born in the year 1826. Of his early life nothing is known. He professed religion and was baptized into the fellowship of Philadelphia and Providence and was for many years an efficient worker in the vineyard of the Lord. He helped to constitute several churches, and laid hands on a number of young ministers in their ordination."

"He was first married to LOUISA CROSSLAND, by whom he had six children, when she was called home. He was again married to MRS SUSAN JANE ESKEW, April 8 1866, who bore him three children. His Widow still survives him."

"He was a model Christian gentleman. In piety and uprightness, he ever stood an example to those around him, and, as a minister of the World, ranked well. Would that we knew more of his life."

"He fell on sleep at his home, in Warren County, Tennessee where most of his life had been spent, May 1 1890. Well done, good and faithful servant, you rest from your labors, while your works follow you".

TAKEN FROM THE PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH BOOK

Note: This History continues mainly with two of the Sons of LEDDEN BROWN and his first Wife LOUISA ARENA CROSSLAND. The two Sons are: (numbered as per earlier listing)

## NOTES ON LEDDEN BROWN

In **THE BEERSHEBA SPRINGS DIARIES** by L. VIRGINIA FRENCH and dated 1863- 1864 there appears the following on page 36 and page 37 (Diary edited by **HERSCHEL GOWER, BEERSHEBA SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1986**)

"Last Monday evening just at dusk, the Col. and I were returning from the Chalybeate spring when the Dr. and "Victim" came pattering up behind us, so full of news and out of breath that they could scarcely articulate...the most original item he (Dr. Paine) had to communicate was that **LEYDEN BROWN** (spelled **LEADEN** in the 1860 census of Grundy County and spelled as **LEDDEN** in the Will of his Father **THOMAS BROWN**) a "hickory" divine down in the valley had had a vision - by the "second sight", he and all his family had seen an immense column of Yankees, 8 deep, marching northward - pursued by "no end" of rebels! This column was marching thro' the air - the Yanks for once as "baseless" as was the "fabric" of **LEYDEN'S** vision."

The above was a section of L. VIRGINIA FRENCH's writings in her diary and dated Sunday morning June 26, 1864. This diary does give life to **LEDDEN** and his family. It is a pity that his family and by name were not mentioned in L VIRGINIA FRENCH's diary. Her diary lends a lot of reality to that period of the Civil War and almost makes you feel as though it were yesterday.

(B) JOHN DANIEL BROWN

(C) NATHAN LEONIDUS "LONNIE" BROWN

JOHN DANIEL BROWN was born October 2 1852 in Grundy County, Tennessee. He married EMMA JANE HUDSON on February 20 1871 in Grundy County, Tennessee. She was born April 15 1856 in Tennessee and died August 20 1917 and is buried in the City Cemetery in Coleman, Texas. He died November 19 1892 and is buried in the cemetery in Pendleton, Texas near Waco and Temple.

There is very little known about JOHN DANIEL BROWN and his early days. Sometime in the late 1800s he moved with his children to Texas and settled in the Bell County and Falls County area of East Texas. Pendleton is not too far from Waco and Temple. He is the only one of the BROWN's that is buried in this cemetery. All of his children are buried for the most part in Coleman, Texas with ELIJAH LEONIDUS being buried in Guymon, Oklahoma, BERTHA LOU likely somewhere in Arizona, BYRON GRANSON being buried in Santa Anna, Texas and DICKIE likely in Tennessee. DICKIE died in infancy and it is unknown exactly where he is buried.

The children of JOHN DANIEL BROWN and EMMA JANE HUDSON were DICKIE, JOHN GILLIAM, ELIJAH LEONIDUS, BYRON GRANSON, HORACE MAYNARD, OSCAR H., AND BERTHA LOU.

(1) DICKIE

(2) JOHN GILLIAM

(3) ELIJAH LEONIDUS

(4) BYRON GRANSON

(5) HORACE MAYNARD

(6) OSCAR H

(7) BERTHA LOU

There is more information on JOHN GILLIAM and his Wife and children, therefore most of this compilation will concern itself with them and their descendants.

(1) DICKIE died in infancy

(2) JOHN GILLIAM BROWN was born in McMinnville, Tennessee September 27 1875. He married SIDYA ELIZABETH GRIBBLE probably about 1895. Note: The marriage records in Tennessee have yet to be checked for this marriage date. She was born May 22 1879 in McMinnville, Tennessee and died July 21 1954 and is buried in Coleman, Texas. JOHN GILLIAM died June 24 1946 and is also buried in Coleman, Texas next to his Wife.

NOTE: Because JOHN GILLIAM's Father came to Texas about 1889 it is very likely that JOHN GILLIAM and SIDDIE GRIBBLE were married in Texas, likely in Marlin County. Checks will be made to see if a marriage licence was issued there. It is possible that they also could have been married in Falls County, as that is where their Son, HORACE WALTER BROWN, was born.

Sometime in the late 1800s they moved to the Bell County and Falls County area of East Texas. It is assumed that they must have moved there the same time as their Father and Mother. Some of JOHN GILLIAM's children were born in Marlin and in Falls County. In the early 1900's they moved to the Fisk, Texas area and then in later years to the Lost Creek area South of Coleman, Texas on the old Shields road where they had a farm. After leaving the farm they moved into Coleman.

Little is known about their early life in Tennessee, Bell County or in Coleman County. A letter dated September 3 1989 written to MAE BROWN GROSSMAN, one of the Daughters of ELIJAH LEONIDUS BROWN, a Brother of JOHN GILLIAM BROWN, is attached for reference. It notes the memories that this writer had of the farm where JOHN GILLIAM BROWN and his Wife SIDYA ELIZABETH GRIBBLE lived when the writer was a young boy. These are memories of the late 1930's and early 1940's.

JOHN GILLIAM and SIDYA ELIZABETH had one Son and two Daughters. They were HORACE WALTER, OCIA MAE and WILLIE B.

- (1) HORACE WALTER BROWN
- (2) OCIA MAE BROWN
- (3) WILLIE B BROWN

HORACE WALTER BROWN was born November 2 1896 in Falls County, Texas and died September 4 1950 in Coleman, Texas and is buried in the City Cemetery in Coleman, Texas. He was married to LELLA OTIS GRIFFIN on May 4 1930. She was born April 14 1906 in Madisonville, Texas and died November 8 1994 and was buried on November 11 in the Coleman City Cemetery next to her Husband.

HORACE WALTER BROWN had earlier been married to an ALMA WILHELM of Amarillo, Texas. Other than a few pictures which still exist there is very little if anything known about her or where she was born or what may have later happened to her.

HORACE WALTER BROWN and his Wife LELLA OTIS GRIFFIN spent most of their married life in Coleman, Texas, however in the early years of their marriage they lived in Anson, Texas just after the birth of their first Son. During World War I HORACE was in the U S Army and was in San Antonio, Texas at the end of the War. During World War II he worked with construction companies building tank destroyer army bases and other army camps in Texas. Earlier in the 1930's and early 1940's he also worked for Phelps Dodge Corporation in the copper mines in Arizona, mainly in the Bisbee, Arizona area. In later years after the war he worked as a carpenter in various areas around Texas, one being in Snyder during the Snyder Oil Boom. At the time of his death he owned a grocery store and meat market in Coleman.

The children of HORACE WALTER BROWN and LELLA OTIS GRIFFIN are DAN WILLIS, DON MAYNARD, DORIS ANN, DALE FRANCES and DWANE ALLEN.

- (1) DAN WILLIS BROWN
- (2) DON MAYNARD BROWN
- (3) DORIS ANN BROWN
- (4) DALE FRANCES BROWN
- (5) DWANE ALLEN BROWN

## FAMILY OF DAN WILLIS BROWN

(1) DAN WILLIS BROWN was born February 19 1931 in Coleman, Texas. He was married to JOYCE LEE ROBERTS on June 1 1957. She was born August 13 1931. They have three Sons:

- (1) GREGORY GLYN
- (2) BRET WALTER
- (3) RANDALL WAYNE

(1) GREGORY GLYN was born March 20 1958 at the Goodnight Clinic in Lubbock, Texas. He married RENEE RACKLEY on 15 August 1981. She was born November 30 1959 in Carnegie, Oklahoma. They have two Sons; TRISTAN LUKE and SHEA GREGORY.

- (1) TRISTAN LUKE                      born June 13 1984 in Amarillo, Texas
- (2) SHEA GREGORY                      born December 16, 1986 in Amarillo, Texas

(2) BRET WALTER was born September 1 1960 at the Goodnight Clinic in Lubbock, Texas. He married JOY ANNETTE BROXSON on January 19 1985. She was born July 9 1961 in Dumas, Texas. They have two Sons and one Daughter; JENNA BETH, JASE ALAN and JOEL ADAM.

- (1) JENNA BETH                      born March 23 1986 in Amarillo, Texas
- (2) JASE ALAN                      born February 20 1988 in Amarillo, Texas
- (3) JOEL ADAM                      born June 25 1990 in Amarillo, Texas

(3) RANDALL WAYNE was born July 8 1963 in Pampa, Texas and married GLORIA DIANE GUNTER on May 17 1986. She was born February 21 1963 in Amarillo, Texas. They have one Son and one Daughter; ISAAC HAYDEN and JESSICA KENDYL.

- (1) ISAAC HAYDEN                      born November 11 1988 in Amarillo, Texas
- (2) JESSICA KENDYL                      born April 29 1991 in Amarillo, Texas

## 2ND MARRIAGE OF DAN WILLIS BROWN

(1) DAN WILLIS BROWN was married a second time and to JANNY (WEE) GUEK HWA on April 5 1976. They were married in the Registry of Marriages in the Republic of Singapore. They later had their church marriage in the Serangoon Methodist Church on the 1st of May 1976. They have one Son; JONATHAN NOAH

- (1) JONATHAN NOAH                      born March 4 1979 at GlenEagles Hospital in the Republic of Singapore.

## FAMILY OF DON MAYNARD BROWN

(2) DON MAYNARD BROWN was born August 25 1932 in Coleman, Texas and married CHRISTINE ALFORD on November 1 1963. They have four children; DONNA, ROXANNE, MARY PATRICIA and MICHAEL ERIC.,

(1) DONNA was born April 6 1958 and on August 25 1979 married a CHARLES DAIGLE. He was born ? They have two children; CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL and SARAH MARIE.

(1) CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL      born June 22,1983 in Key  
West,Florida

(2) SARAH MARIE                born January 22 1990 in the State  
of Washington

(2) ROXANNE was born April 8 1959 and married a RICHARD CORBETT. They had no children and are now divorced.

(3) MARY PATRICIA was born October 10 1964 in LaMarque, Texas and married a TIMOTHY JOHN KARACOSTAS on July 16 1988. He was born June 18 1964. They have one Son; STEVEN.

(1) STEVEN CHARLES            born July 5 1991,Dallas, Texas

(4) MICHAEL ERIC was born November 16 1968 in Texas City, Texas. He married SHANNON REYNOLDS on December 19 1991. She was born November 16 1968. They have one child.

(1) JUSTIN MICHAEL             born April 7 1994  
Texas City, Texas





- (1) SARAH ANN                      born February 8 1987 in Beaumont, Texas  
(2) MARY FRANCES                born July 25 1988 in Beaumont, Texas  
(3) EMILY RUTH                    born September 4 1990 in  
   Beaumont, Texas

(2) CAROLINE LELLA              born April 11 1966 in Beaumont, Texas.  
She is not married at this time.

(3) GERALD RAY                    born March 8 1964 in Beaumont, Texas  
and is not married at this time.

(5) DWANE ALLEN BROWN    born May 20 1942 in Coleman, Texas. He  
died April 9 1990 in New York City, New York. His ashes were scattered  
along the Gulf Coast near Brownsville, Texas by his Mother and one  
Sister, Doris.

#### FAMILY OF OCIA MAE BROWN

(2) OCIA MAE BROWN was born January 26 1899 in Marlin, Texas and  
died March 4 1990 in Coleman, Texas and is buried in the Coleman,  
Texas City Cemetery. She was married to a WILLIAM HARRISON  
SEALS who was born November 5 1890 and died May 13 1964 and is  
buried in the Coleman, Texas City Cemetery. WILLIAM HARRISON was  
a Private First Class in the 303 WAG CO World War I. They had one Son;  
RYAN BROWN.

(1) RYAN BROWN "BROWNIE" SEALS was born July 23 1920 in  
Coleman, Texas.

NOTES ON RYAN BROWN "BROWNIE" SEALS: LETTER AS  
FOLLOWS:

Dear Dan:

I must apologize for the long delay in responding to your letter. I could list a dozen things which have kept me busy but I'll spare you the boredom of that.

I appreciate your sympathy for my Mother's death. It is sad to lose any loved one, but she had deteriorated to the point that she no longer enjoyed living so it was a blessing to her to be relieved of the struggle. I will miss her a lot.

We are all doing well here. I retired about four years ago (at age 67), bought a house with an airplane hanger and located on an airport North of Dallas. I now spend my time flying aerobatics/air shows, working on the plane and participating in the local Computer Users Group activities.

My Mother always shared your Christmas letters with me and I have enjoyed keeping up with your activities and watching Jonathan grow and seeing your wife who is a beautiful young woman.

I still go to Coleman regularly to fly in their airshow and to look after the property there. I still feel that that is my "Home". I still get the Coleman paper and have enjoyed the letters and articles that you and Don have had in the paper. I now have the albums and other memorabilia which my Mother had accumulated. Some of it would be of interest and use to you in your efforts to assemble the family history. When I have time I plan to sort it and try to make some order out of it. I will try to get copies of things you might find of interest and share them with you.

Please do give me a call and plan to visit the next time you are in Dallas or anywhere near here. I would really love seeing you and your family.

In response to your inquiry about my family details I'll try to fill you in. It's complicated.

RYAN BROWN SEALS was born July 23 1920. He married MARY JO TAYLOR on August 31 1941. They were divorced on February 13 1942.

Married DORIS JO BROWN on March 19 1942. She was born January 9 1924. They had one child SANDRA JEAN SEALS who was born December 8 1943. He divorced DORIS JO November 17 1961.

Married MARY JO TAYLOR on July 24 1962. She was born August 13 1923. They were divorced on August 20 1964.

Married JEANETTE M. JOHNSON on July 28 1967. She was born March 5 1924.

SANDRA JEAN SEALS was born December 8 1943 and married DENNY C HARMES in Coleman, Texas approximately October 1961. They had one child by the name of STACY DANE HARMES who was born February 5 1969. This child STACY DANE HARMES married approximately January 1990 and now has one child by the name of BRIDGETTE ANISE HARMES who was born November 6 1990

The Husband of SANDRA JEAN SEALS was DENNY C HARMES. He was born on October 13 1943 died January 29 1990.

That is a start on some of the things you were missing. Hope it helps. I'll dig around and try to come up with more and when I do I'll send it along. I am also interested in family history but have done no useful work on the project.

For the record, my Mother died March 4 1990. BILLYE JO MOONEY, WILLIE's Daughter has died but I do not have the date. She is buried in Coleman. JACK MOONEY had three children. I do not remember their names. Two girls and a boy. The boy was the youngest and was named PATRICK. JACK's Wife lives in Brownwood and I think some of the children also live there.

Also I recall my Mother telling me that my Grandfather's Brother who lived in Oklahoma was in fact a half Brother; (different Father). And that my Grandfather would not talk about that and when he introduced him would leave the impression that his last name was BROWN.

Your latest mailing which I received a day or two ago reminded me that I should get busy and answer your letter. It is interesting and I do appreciate you sharing it with me. Thanks.

I could keep on digging up bits of info but I better close and mail before I get another long delay. More later.

Very Best Regards  
BROWNIE SEALS

NOTE: The Brother that he refers to above was a Half-Brother of JOHN GILLIAM and his other Brothers and Sisters. After the death of JOHN DANIEL BROWN, Father of JOHN GILLIAM, JOHN DANIEL's Wife, EMMA JANE HUDSON HUTSON? BROWN, married again. This writer does not have the name of her second Husband. Some pictures of this Half-Brother do exist, however his name is not known.

#### FAMILY OF WILLIE B BROWN

(3) WILLIE B BROWN was born June 16 1902 and died December 20 1942. She was married to a JAMES ARTHUR MOONEY. They were married on June 19 1920. He was born ? They had one Son and one Daughter; JACK MONROE and BILLYE JO.

#### THE COLEMAN DEMOCRAT VOICE DATED DECEMBER 24 1942 FUNERAL IS HELD TUESDAY FOR MRS. WILLIE B. MOONEY

Funeral services for MRS. WILLIE B. MOONEY, 40, 1016 Cottonwood Street, were held at three o'clock Tuesday afternoon (December 22) at the J. E. Stevens Funeral Chapel with the REV A. S. GAFFORD, pastor of the first Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment was made in the Coleman cemetery.

MRS. WILLIE B. MOONEY, Wife of J. A. MOONEY, was born June 16 1902, at Marlin, Texas. She had been a resident of Coleman County, however, since 1904. She died at the family residence here on December 20 1942.

Survivors other than her Husband include, her parents, MR. and MRS. J. GILLIAM BROWN of Coleman; a Brother HORACE of Coleman; a Sister, MRS. HARRISON SEALS, Coleman; a Son, JACKIE; and a Daughter, BILLYE JO.

Pallbearers included, WADE HEMPHILL, LEE MAYES, HENRY WILLIAMS, HARVEY LEWIS, W. B. CATHEY, and RAYMOND BROOKSHIRE.

Flower bearers included, DALE LAIRD, OVERA MCCULLOCH, MARGIE NELL HUDSON, and BETTY JO MOORE.

Funeral arrangements were made by the J. E. Stevens Company.

(1) JACK MOONEY was born March 21 1924 and died July 15 1975. He was married to a NEVA O'NEIL. She was born June 12 1927. They were married on April 3 1948. They had the following children; SUSAN JOELLA, BETTY KAREN and PATRICK JAMES BROWN.

NOTE: LETTER FROM PATRICK JAMES BROWN MOONEY DATED MAY 9 1995

Dear DAN:

My name is PATRICK "PAT" MOONEY. I am the youngest child of JACK and NEVA MOONEY. I hope you will forgive me for not responding to your previous request for information about our family. (Fill in excuse here).

Let me fill you in as best I can about my family.

JACK MONROE MOONEY, Son of WILLIE B. BROWN, born June 16 1902 and JAMES ARTHUR MOONEY, born March 10 ?, was born March 21 1924. He graduated from Coleman, Texas High School in 1939. Upon graduation, JACK attended the Allen Academy in Bryan, Texas on a music scholarship. He played the trumpet.

Drafted into the Marines shortly after Pearl Harbor, JACK service four and a half years in the Pacific Theater, mostly in the Philippines. In 1946, he was discharged from the Marines.

JACK then enrolled in Daniel Baker College, graduating in 1949 with a degree in Mathematics. On April 3 1948, he married my Mother, NEVA NELL O'NEAL, born June 12 1927.

Having gained a position with the UpJohn Corporation, JACK moved his family to Vernon, Texas in 1952. For reasons not clear to me, about two years later, he moved the family back to Brownwood. Subsequently, he applied to and was accepted into pharmaceutical school in Houston. However, Jack instead joined the Texas National Guard in an active-duty capacity in Brownwood and there remained until his health forced him to retire (E-9) in 1975. His retirement was pending at the time of his death on July 15, 1975. He is buried at the Coleman, Texas City Cemetery near his parents.

JACE and NEVA had three children: SUSAN JOELLA (b. 5-21-49); BETTY KAREN (b. 3-16-57); and me, PATRICK JAMES BROWN (b. 7-8-63).

SUSAN married JERRY RAY FRAZIER in about 1969. They have three children: JANA CAPRICE (b. 4-14-74), KELSEY JAMES (b. 6-28-75), and ANDREA BETH (b. 10-16-83). SUSAN and JERRY later divorced.

JANA recently graduated from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas with a degree in psychology.

KELSEY is currently living at home and working for Pittsburg Paint & Glass.

ANDREA is in the fifth grade.

SUSAN is an English teacher in the Schertz/Cibolo/Universal City school district near San Antonio. On 7-9-93, she married ANTHONY SABINO (b. 4-28-47) whom she met while living in Divine, Texas where he is a dentist. By this marriage SUSAN gained a Step-Daughter, RACHEL CHRISTINA, (b. 1-12-74)

BETTY KAREN (KAREN) married MICHAEL (MIKE) COCHRAN on 10-28-72. They had two children; DAVID MICHAEL (b. 3-18-73, died 3-18-73) and CASEY CALVIN (b. 6-7-74). KAREN and MIKE divorced in December of 1980.

DAVID died as an infant.

CASEY married KRISTI HAUBOLD on 6-18-94. CASEY and KRISTI live and work in the Dallas area.

KAREN then married STACY FREBERT PETZ. This marriage produced three children; LAUREN LEE (b. 4-4-84), AMANDA MICHELLE (b. 4-4-84), and NIKITA MARIE (b. 5-3-87). KAREN and STACY divorced on January 28, 1992.

LAUREN and AMANDA (MICHELLE) are identical twins that are now in the fifth grade.

NIKITA (NIKI) is in the second grade.

KAREN is a nurse in the Dallas area. On Easter, April 19, 1992, she married KENNY WAYNE WESSON (b. 11-3-57), whom she met in Brownwood. KENNEY is a civil engineer working in the Dallas area. By this marriage KAREN gained a Step-Daughter, HEATHER NICHOLE (b. 10-6-82), who is in the sixth grade.

PATRICK (me) married NANNELL IONE STEWART (b. 8-29-63) on April 16, 1983. We have three boys; CHANCE PATRICK CHISUM (b.7-28-85), MATTHEW ROBERT JACK (b. 2-9-89), and MICHAEL WAYNE ALLEN (due 6-7-95).

CHANCE is in the fourth grade.

MATTHEW is in kindergarten.

MICHAEL kicks a lot (or so I'm told).

I am currently a student at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas, expecting to graduate in December of this year. NANNELL is a court reporter for Bexar County, Texas (San Antonio).

DAN, I'm afraid I can't be of much help working toward the trunk of this tree, but I hope all this helps you to fill in some of the outer limbs of your history. My Mother is excited about your efforts, as am I, and anxious to see the final result.

Best wishes and good luck in your endeavor.

END OF LETTER FROM PATRICK JAMES BROWN MOONEY.

(2) BILLYE JO MOONEY was born December 16 1927 in Coleman, Texas and died April 19 1987 and is buried in the Coleman, Texas City Cemetery. She was married to a VAN ALIN HICKS who was born ? They were married ? They had five children; VAN ALIN JR., JAMES HARRISON, BECKY JO, VICKI LOIS and CYNTHIA ANN.

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| (1) VAN ALIN HICKS JR.   | born December 23 1946 |
| (2) JAMES HARRISON HICKS | born May 14 1955      |
| (3) BECKY JO HICKS       | born December 28 1947 |
| (4) VICKI LOIS HICKS     | born November 30 1950 |
| (5) CYNTHIA ANN HICKS    | born March 23 1957    |



## FAMILY OF ELIJAH LEONIDUS BROWN

(3) ELIJAH LEONIDUS BROWN was born March 19 1878 and on April 12 1898 in McGregor, Texas married LOU ELLEN FRISBY. LOU ELLEN was born January 8 1880 in Smithville, Tennessee and died April 14 1969 in Guymon, Oklahoma. ELIJAH LEONIDUS BROWN died July 4 1945. They are both buried in the Elmhurst Cemetery in Guymon, Oklahoma. They had the following eight children ETHEL KATIE, OSCAR, CHARLES, DALE, MAE, RALPH , FLORENCE and MILDRED.

(1) ESTELLE KATIE born January 28 1899

(2) OSCAR BYRON born

(3) CHARLES GILMORE born

(4) DALE MARION born

(5) CLARA MAE was born February 14 1909 and married a LEWIS M GROSSMAN on August 11 1929. He was born ? They had the following two children; LEWIS MAY and BARBARA LUETTA.

(1) LEWIS MAY born September 2 1939

(2) BARBARA LUETTA was born June 8 1934. She married a JACK BALLINGER on July 6 1952. He was born ? They have the one child; BRUCE ALLEN.

(1) BRUCE ALLEN born January 28 1958.

(6) RALPH ELMORE was born May 14 1911. He married LORENE LEATH on January 1 1936. They had the following children; MICHAEL J., BONNIE SUE, BOBBIE LYN and DIANA C.

(1) MICHAEL J born November 3 1936

(2) BONNIE SUE born May 10 1944

(3) BOBBIE LYN born March 4 1947

(4) DIANA C born January 8 1951

(7) FLORENCE IRENE was born March 25 1913. She married WILLIAM F. DETTLE on June 3 1933. They had no children.

(8) MILDRED V. was born March 21 1921 in Hardesty, Oklahoma. She married GEORGE D WOODEN August 31 1940. They had no children.

NOTE: This information on the Sons and Daughters of ELIJAH LEONIDUS BROWN and LOU ELLEN FRISBY is not completely up to date at this time.

NOTES ON WIFE OF ELIJAH LEONIDUS BROWN, LUELLA (LOU ELLEN) FRISBY, HER PARENTS AND BROTHERS AND SISTERS

1880 CENSUS OF DEKALB COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Smithville

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FRISBY, THOS	34 Farmer	Tennessee
JULIA	36 Wife	Tennessee
WILLIAM	11 Son	Tennessee
LAURA	10 Daughter	Tennessee
CHARLEY	6 Son	Tennessee
JAMES	4 Son	Tennessee
LUELLA (LOU ELLEN)	5/12 Daughter	Tennessee

born January 8 1880 in Smithville, Tennessee and died April 14 1969 in Oklahoma and buried in Elmhurst Cemetary, Guymon, Oklahoma.

FAMILY OF BYRON GRANSON BROWN

(4) BYRON GRANSON BROWN was born ? and on ? married IVY MAY SPARKS. She was born ? and died ?. BYRON GRANSON died ? and is buried in Santa Anna, Texas. It is assumed that his Wife is also buried there. This information has yet to be checked. The names of their children are MAYBELLE, ZULA FRANCES, MERIAH, JOHNNY RUTH, J.D., HORACE MAYNARD and BYRON GRANSON, JR.

(1) MAYBELLE	born December 4 1926
(2) ZULA FRANCES BROWN	born December 5 1918
(3) MERIAH BROWN	born October 14 1915
(4) JOHNNY RUTH	born October 8 1921
(5) J.D.	born April 20, 1911
(6) HORACE MAYNARD	born April 3 1928
(7) BYRON GRANSON, JR.	born March 28 1913

and died October 16 1950 and buried Elmhurst Cemetery Guymon, Okla.

NOTE: Funeral notice taken from the Democrat Voice Newspaper, Coleman, Texas and concerning the death and funeral of J. D. BROWN.

Mr. J D BROWN, age 79, former longtime resident of Coleman, passed away Sunday, December 2 1990 at 4:15 p.m. in the All Saints Hospital in Ft. Worth. Services will be Tuesday (today) at 2 p.m. in Walker Funeral Chapel with Rev. Dick Maples, minister of First Baptist Church in Bryan, officiating. Interment will follow in Talpa Cemetery.

Son of the late B. G. BROWN and MAY BROWN, he was born April 20 1911 in Fisk, Texas. He married CHLOE DEWELL November 1 1931 in Santa Anna. He moved to Talpa in 1937, to Coleman in 1958, and to Ft. Worth in 1969. He was a member of the Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Ft. Worth and was a retired stock farmer.

He is survived by his Wife, CHLOE, of Ft. Worth; a Daughter and Son-in-law, BARBARA and BILLY JOHNIGAN of Bryan; a Granddaughter, SUZETTE JOHNIGAN of Bryan; 2 Grandsons, GREGORY and STEPHEN of Bryan; four Sisters, MRS. MERAH BROOKS and MRS. FRANCIS DENSMAN, both of Coleman, MRS. JOHNNIE RUTH WALKER of Spur and MRS. BELLE PERKINS of Abilene; and one Brother MAYNARD BROWN of Spur.

Pallbearers will be BILL JOHNIGAN, STEVEN JOHNIGAN, GREG JOHNIGAN, ROY SEWELL, VIRGIL SEWELL and MAYNARD BROWN.

End of Funeral Notice of J. D. BROWN

(2) ZULA FRANCES BROWN was born December 4 1918. She married an ELLIS ALBERT DENSMAN who was born January 8 1913. They were married . ELLIS ALBERT died April 5 1987. The children of ZULA FRANCES BROWN and ELLIS ALBERT DENSMAN are BOBBY JOE, DENNY LYN and BRENDA DARLENE.

(1) BOBBY JOE DENSMAN was born June 1 1940. He married a BILLIE JOAN GOEN on April 11 1959. BILLIE JOAN GOEN was born June 6 1941. They have the following four children; JOEL RAY, JAY REX, JUSTINE and JORETTA.

(1) JOEL RAY DENSMAN was born August 6 1963 in Brownwood, Texas and married a SHAWN SMITH on September 27 1987.

(2) JAY REX DENSMAN born October 8 1962 in Brownwood, Texas.

(3) JUSTINE DENSMAN was born October 15 1964 in Coleman, Texas and married a JOHN PAUL ATKINS on June 6 1981. They have three children; CASEY RENEA, JOSHUA NEAL and JUSTINE KALE.

(1) CASEY RENEA born April 28 1982 in Abilene, Texas.

(2) JOSHUA NEAL born April 14 1988 in Abilene, Texas.

(3) JUSTINE KALE born January 22 1985 in Abilene, Texas.

(4) JORETTA DENSMAN was born April 9 1961 and married a TONY ALAN HAAS on August 24 1979. TONY ALAN HAAS was born December 19 1960. They have two children whose names are?

(2) DENNY LYN DENSMAN was born December 2 1942 in Santa Anna, Texas. He married an ALMA LOUISE COOPER on March 9 1963. ALMA LOUISE COOPER was born . They have two children; DORINDA and BYRON.

(1) DORINDA LYN born January 12 1964.

(2) BYRON TODD. born October 12 1969

(3) BRENDA DARLENE DENSMAN was born December 4 1946 in Santa Anna, Texas. She married a LARRY SANDRIDGE on ? . LARRY SANDRIDGE was born ? They have three children; FAYLYNN, TERRY JOE and STEVEN LARRY.

(1) FAYLYNN SANDRIDGE married a CASEY THOMAS CLARK on December 15 1985. They have one son; BRITT CASEY.

(1) BRITT CASEY                      born December 30 1985 in Big Springs, Texas.

(2) TERRY JOE SANDRIDGE was born April 30 1971 in Big Springs, Texas. He married an ALLISON REDDING on December 8 1988. ALLISON REDDING was born. They have one son; SKYLIER JOE.

(1) SKYLIER JOE                      born April    1989 in Big Springs, Texas.

(3) STEVEN LARRY SANDRIDGE was born ? He married a BECK BUNS first, then was married to a ROSE MORRIS in April 1987. She was born ? .

#### FAMILY OF HORACE MAYNARD BROWN

(5) HORACE MAYNARD BROWN was born September 12 1888 in Sunnyside, Tennessee. He died November 29 1941 in Coleman, Texas and is buried in the Coleman, Texas City Cemetery. He married an ELIZA J LANE. Her Mother's name was MARTHA ? . ELIZA (AUNT LYDIA) was born November 28 1881 in Falls County, Texas and died April 5 1963 in Coleman, Texas and is buried in the City Cemetery next to HORACE. Her Father's name was EDWARD LANE. HORACE MAYNARD and ELIZA J. LANE had no children.

#### FAMILY OF OSCAR H BROWN

(6) OSCAR H BROWN was born June 9 1886 and died February 24 1946. The name of his Wife is unknown at this time. It is not known where she was born or where she is buried. They did have one Son who attended Coleman High School and who was later a photographer in Dallas. The name of their Son was CLYDE.

## FAMILY OF BERTHA LOU BROWN

(7) BERTHA LOU BROWN was, it is assumed, born in McMinnville, Tennessee. In one of the pictures taken of her and her parents she appears to be about five years old. This picture was taken in Temple (Bell County, Texas). Some years ago ELIZA J. LANE BROWN, Wife of HORACE MAYNARD BROWN, used to write to her. It is thought that she was living somewhere in Arizona. KENNETH D HAYES, from which some of the old letters attached to this compilation, must have written to BERTHA LOU, as the information on her that is available has come from his work. There is another picture of BERTHA LOU BROWN and her Brothers that was taken in the early 1900's and in a group picture. This was likely taken in Bell County or Falls County, Texas.

BERTHA LOU BROWN was married twice, first to LEE ANDERSON in 1904, divorced and married the second time to HENRY MULSON in 1918. She had two Daughters by the first marriage; BONNIE CLEO and ANNA LEE.

(1) BONNIE CLEO ANDERSON was born                      and died in      1923.  
BONNIE CLEO was married to a JAMES BINKLEY. They had one Son  
and one Daughter; JAMES and GLORIA.

(1) JAMES    born in 1920.  
(2) GLORIA    born in 1923.

(2) ANNA LEE ANDERSON was born in                      married a DAYMON  
YOUCHAM. They had no children.

BERTHA LOU BROWN was married a second time to HENRY MULSON  
and in 1918. They had one Son by this marriage; JOHN MAYNARD.

(1) JOHN MAYNARD    born in 1921.

## FAMILY OF NATHAN LEONIDUS BROWN

(3) NATHAN LEONIDUS "LONNIE" BROWN was born October 11 1854  
in Grundy County, Tennessee and married ELIZABETH ANN FRANCES  
WHITLOCK on June 29 1876 in Warren County, Tennessee. She was born  
October 1 1865 in Warren County, Tennessee and died May 5 1927 in

in Chattanooga, Tennessee and is buried in the Fustan Cemetery in McMinnville, Tennessee. NATHAN LEONIDUS "LONNIE" BROWN died June 3 1925 in Chattanooga, Tennessee and is buried in the Fustan Cemetery, McMinnville, Tennessee. See article below re his death.

June 12 1925  
McMinnville Leader

MR N L BROWN passed away at his home in Chattanooga, Tennessee last Tuesday after a brief illness. He had a light stroke of paralysis last Saturday, a day or two later pneumonia developed.

MR NATHAN LEON BROWN was born October 11 1854. On June 29 1876 he was wedded to MISS ELIZABETH WHITLOCK. Ten children were born to this union.

MR BROWN was a faithful member of the Baptist Church, joining the Charles Creek Church near Earlyville many years ago.

The remains were brought to McMinnville Thursday and interred in the Fuston Graveyard near Gath. Funeral services were held by Rev J T Casey.

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They had the following children; JOHN HENRY, L. ELLA, JOSEPH LEDDEN, HASSIE FLORENCE, ANNIE ORA LEE, JAMES MONROE, FOSTER, MARY HARRIS, LELAND and ANNA BELLA.

(1) JOHN HENRY was born January 28 1878 in Warren County, Tennessee and died in McMinnville, Tennessee. He was married to a NARNIE HOLDER. They have two children; JOHN WESLEY and MARGUERITE B. HENDERSON.

(1) JOHN WESLEY

(2) MARGUERITE B HENDERSON

(2) L. ELLA was born April 7 1879 in Warren County, Tennessee and died April 3 1963 in Roseville, Georgia. She was married to a WILL FOSTER. They had three children; GEORGE, CLEO and RUBY.

(1) GEORGE

(2) CLEO BOWMAN

(3) RUBY BOST

(3) JOSEPH LEDDEN was born March 21 1881 in Warren County, Tennessee and died in 1942. He was married to a MOLLIE L BRATTON. They had two children; GEORGE and PAULINE SMITH.

(1) GEORGE

(2) PAULINE SMITH

(4) HASSIE FLORENCE was born November 6 1883 in Warren County, Tennessee and died in Roswell, New Mexico. She had lived in Roswell and had been married to a SPURGEON BROWN.

(5) ANNIE ORA LEE was born October 2 1885 in Warren County, Tennessee and died in Warren County at the age of approximately two years. There is an ANNIE BROWN who is buried in the FUSTON CEMETARY however the date on the stone reads 11 July 1900. It is not known if this is ANNIE ORA LEE's grave.

(6) JAMES MONROE was born June 1 1887 in Warren County, Tennessee and died March 9 1968 in Enid, Oklahoma. He played the violin. He was married to a HASSIE VAN HOOSER. They had no children.

(7) FOSTER was born March 30 1890 in Warren County, Tennessee and died February 11 1973 in Enid, Oklahoma. He had been married to OVA BROWN. They had no children. Foster also played the Banjo.

(8) MARY HARRIS was born August 22 1892 in Warren County, Tennessee and died May 1987 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. She had been first married to a FRANK HARRIS and secondly to an ISHAM DENTON. She had no children. MARY and ISHAM are both buried in the FUSTON CEMETARY. He was born 24 October 1893.

(9) LELAND was born February 27 1898 in Warren County, Tennessee and died February 1986 in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

10) ANNA BELLA was born July 11 1900 in Warren County, Tennessee.



## FAMILY OF ELIJAH WOODLEE BROWN

ELIJAH WOODLEE BROWN was born October 12 1859 in Grundy County, Tennessee and died December 24 1942. He is buried at the Springhill Cemetary in Nashville, Tennessee. He was married the first time to a CELLIE or CLELLIE ODOM. They had two Daughters, OKLEY and WILLIE.

- (1) OAKLEY married married D. EDGAR ALLEN and had five children.
- (2) WILLIE married JAMES A CAGLE and had several children.

ELIJAH WOODLEE BROWN was married a second time and to a RACHEL FISHER. They had five children; JESSIE MAE, DENVER, DEWEY, DEXTER and DAYTON.

- (1) JESSIE MAE married ALBERT L PEACOCK and had no children.
- (2) DENVER died in infancy and was buried in his baby cap.
- (3) DEWEY married HENRETTA VAN GENDERSEN and had no children.
- (4) DEXTER married OLIVE LIPSCOMB and had two children
- (5) DAYTON married RUTH KIMBROUGH and had no children

## FAMILY OF MARY ELIZABETH "LIZZIE" BROWN

MARY ELIZABETH "LIZZIE" BROWN was born October 1856 in Grundy County, Tennessee and died February 8 1948 in Nashville, Tennessee at the home of her Son HERBERT BROWN HOPKINS. She was married on November 9 1875 to THOMAS LAVANDER (VAN) HOPKINS, who was born November 21 1854 in Warren County, Tennessee. He was the Son of JOHN WESLEY HOPKINS and LUCINDA EVELINE BOATRIGHT. THOMAS LAVANDER HOPKINS died December 21 1923 in Wilson County, Tennessee. Both he and his Wife are buried in the Hearn Hill Cemetary in Watertown, Tennessee. They had seven children.

## FAMILY OF SARA ARENA LOUISA JANE LEVICA ADELINE "LOULA" BROWN

SARA ARENA LOUISA JANE LEVICA ADELINE "LOULA" BROWN was born October 1862 in Grundy County, Tennessee. She died in 1948 in Watertown, Tennessee. She married GEORGE HARRISON HOPKINS on January 15 1884. He was the Brother of T L HOPKINS. They had no children.

LEDDEN BROWN was married a second time to SUSAN JANE VAN HOOSER ESKEW. The below are the three children of this marriage; HENRY L., MARTHA FRANCES "MATTIE" and LILLIE S.

#### FAMILY OF MARTHA FRANCES "MATTIE" BROWN

MARTHA FRANCES "MATTIE" BROWN was born April 10 1867 and died June 18 1944. She married a JESSE SEWELL BOGLE and had five children; LOWELL AFTON, WILLIAM HOWARD, CHATHAM WILLS, RUBY WILMA and JESSE THURMAN.

(1) LOWELL AFTON BOGLE was born June 9 1897 in Bridgeport. Alabama and married BEULAH C. TALLEY on November 22 1921. They had no children

(2) WILLIAM HOWARD BOGLE was born November 15 1898 in Warren County, Tennessee and married MARY E ROBINSON on December 24 1924. They had one or more children.

(3) CHATHAM WILLS BOGLE was born October 23 1900 and was first married to GENEVA JENNINGS on April 12 1922. She died in 1925. They had one Son. He was married the second time to RUTH SMALTS and on February 14 1947. There is no record of this marriage or of any children.

(4) RUBY WILMA BOGLE was born March 17 1903 and married OBIE HAYS on July 23 1926. They had one Son, KENNETH D. HAYS. KENNETH D. HAYS died about 1992 however his date of death and where is not known at this time. He had researched the BROWN Family History for a number of years and had written to MAE GROSSMAN, one of the Daughters of ELIJAH LEONIDUS BROWN.

(5) JESSE THURMAN BOGLE was born October 5, 1905 and married a HASSIE HUDDLESTON. They had two children.

## FAMILY OF HENRY L. BROWN

HENRY L. BROWN was born November 5 1871 and died March 12 1936. He was married on January 26 1896 to a MINNIE F. CONGER who died in July 1958. They had five children. These children are DALTON, HOMER CLARENCE, DORRIS LOFTON, VELMA LOIS and WILLIAM TRUETT.

(1) DALTON BROWN (school teacher) was born March 11 1898 and died November 4 1952. He married THELMA PATTERSON on June 30 1932. They had two adopted Boys, STEVE and DAVID.

(2) HOMER CLARENCE BROWN was born September 4 1900 and died January 17 1909 age 9 years.

(3) DORRIS LOFTON BROWN, a Dentist in McMinnville, Tennessee was born March 19 1906. He married RUBY NORRIS on June 30 1938. They had three Daughters; NANCY ELLEN, SARA ANN and JUNE NORRIS.

(4) VELMA LOIS BROWN was born February 4 1917 and died May 2 1921.

(5) WILLIAM TRUETT BROWN, Dentist in McMinnville, was born June 21 1921 and married JOHNNIE HEARD on July 27 1954. They had two Sons; DOUGLAS LEDDEN and RANDALL TRUETT.

## FAMILY OF LILLIE BROWN

LILLIE BROWN was born in 1874 and died . She married a WILLIAM E. WAUFORD, Baptist Minister in 1894. They had two Daughters; WESTA and L. DALE.

(1) WESTA BROWN WAUFORD was born in 1895 and died May 14 1957. She was married to a J. T. COX. They had three children; JAMES THOMAS JR., KATHERINE who married a DOUGLAS E. WHITE and WILLIAM DAVID who was married twice.

(2) L. DALE WAUFORD was born about 1907 and married a ALBERT F. OGG.  
They had one Daughter.

Notes: On page 152 in ACKLENS "BOOK OF TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS" is: "In BROWN CEMETERY" near the SHILOH CEMETARY is the old BROWN CEMETARY . ABSOLOM BROWN and his Wife MARY are buried there.

Also in the book: The old PHILADELPHIA CEMETARY is 13 miles South of MCMINVILLE in Grundy County. This Church is a Primitive Baptist and Methodist Church. Buried there is WILLIAM MORTON who was born in North Carolina in 1808. He died December 8 1880 in Tennessee. WILLIAM MORTON could have been the Brother of MARY MORTON who married THOMAS BROWN. She was born 1807.

Also in the PHILADELPHIA CEMETARY is found JANE M., Wife of REVERAND THOMAS BROWN, born November 19 1817 and died June 28 1897. REVERAND THOMAS BROWN was born December 27 1800 in Tennessee and died March 28, 1881, age 81 years, 3 months and 1 day. This is the second Wife of REVERAND THOMAS BROWN. Her name was MARY "POLLY" BROOKS, Daughter of ISAAC BROOKS.

In the same PHILADELPHIA CEMETARY is found MARY E. BROWN, Daughter of THOMAS BROWN. She was born January 19 1846 and died August 2 1888. She had been married to a JAMES MADEWELL.

NOTE:

In the Warren County Census of 1820 are found these names as Heads of Families:

SHADRACH DIAL, JOSEPH DIAL, JOSHUA DIAL, SAMUEL DIAL.  
(Maybe THOMAS BROWN's Son DIAL was named for this family.)

NOTE:

At this time this basically concludes the History of ABSOLOM BROWN and JOYCE GREEN and MARY JANE GREEN and their descendants with the bulk of the research being on the two Sons of LEDDEN BROWN; namely JOHN DANIEL BROWN and NATHAN LEONIDUS "LONNIE" BROWN and their descendants. However, most of the work has been completed on JOHN DANIEL BROWN and his children with the complete work written on JOHN GILLIAM BROWN and his children.

NOTE: Additional information is found on the following pages. These have come from various sources; descendents, etc.

## LETTERS FROM DESCENDANTS OF THE BROWNS AND OTHERS

This is a narrative of my Father BROWN's family. My Grandfather was a native of Missouri. As a young man married in Missouri and he and his young Wife came to the State of Tennessee and settled on a track of land near a village called McMinnville. There they raised a family and remained the balance of their days. Grandfather Brown's first Wife passed away and they had five children. The oldest of these children was my Father. Grandfather BROWN was a Baptist minister and a certain seasons he would go circuit riding and preach to the people in the backwoods. I have heard him preach a lot. He was real old when I last saw him. I hated to have to leave there. We spent our last night in their home. The next day we were on our way to Texas. That was the year of 1890 in the Month of February.

My Grandfather died in the year of 1892. At the time of his death he did not need glasses to read or to shoot a rifle. His hair was cold black at his death. He raised a fine family. Some of them became school teachers and others made ministers. There is still some of the family living in Nashville and McMinnville, Tennessee. As to his ancestors I have little knowledge of that. I do know he was called the herb doctor in the neighborhood as he always gathered herbs to make medicines and the folks said he got that from the Cherokee Indians. So children I'm telling this as you will know something of your ancestors. You can boast of good breeding. If you don't retain these riches. Hoping you can retain this you may cherish it someday.

Written by your loving Father B. G. BROWN  
January 15 1957

Second letter by B. G. BROWN

January 15 1957

This is a narrative as to part of the family tree of the BROWN family and HUDSON families as related to me by my Mother. Will say in the beginning by starting off with my Mother's forefathers. Their name was HUDSON, and they came to America in the early settlements of the country. They settled in the State of Virginia. During those days it was called New Territory and at that time DANIEL BOONE was gathering a colony to go to the States of Kentucky and the HUDSON families was one of the families to be in the expedition. In the course they passed through the State of Tennessee and after a long weary trip crossing many mountains they came to a beautiful river and a wide expanse of fertile valley. My Mother's people liked it there and settled in what was called Sequatche River Valley. It got its name from an Indian tribe. They named the valley for what the Indians called the hog. This valley is located at the foot of what was called the WALDEN RIDGE, a spur of the CUMBERLAND Mountains. The HUDSON families acquired a large territory, also the Indian tribe still retained a village in the area. My Mother grew up near the Indian village. She used to tell us children of going to the village with her folks when she was a young girl. The Indians would do the green corn dance when the corn was in blossom. They would have three days of dancing and fighting at this time. My Grandfather was born there and had a number of Brothers. I have been in their home with my Mother. They divided large tracks of land. Their market place was Chattanooga some twenty five minutes to the Northeast. I have been there there as a small boy.

As to my Grandfather he was married to a French woman named MORGAN. They had a family of three girls and three boys. She passed away and her Mother came and raised the family until they were grown. I have seen her many times. She, and the last time I saw her, she was real old. She lived with Grandfather until his death. Grandfather Hudson lived to be 101 years old. Some of the Hudsons are still living in that part today. As my memory serves me today. Written by your loving Father B. G. BROWN.

LETTER WRITTEN BY MAE BROWN GROSSMAN ON JULY 9, 1989.  
MAE BROWN GROSSMAN is the Daughter of the late ELIJAH  
LEONIDUS BROWN

Dear Cousin Dan:

It was a pleasant surprise to hear from you. Your letter was so interesting.

As for information wanted about the LIGE (& L) family -

My Father and Mother LIGE and LOU ELLEN moved from Rosebud, Texas to Cordell, Oklahoma. I don't have the date, but they lived there until 1905. When they made the move by covered wagon with three (3) children; ETHEL, OSCAR & CHARLES - to Beaver, Oklahoma - the East County in the Panhandle, they homesteaded on a quarter of land (160 acres). Four children were born here - namely, DALE, MAE, RALPH and FLORENCE. We made this our home until 1923 - by moving to Guymon, Oklahoma. MILDRED was born 1921 near Hardesty, Oklahoma. RALPH, FLORENCE and myself are only survivors of this family. RALPH was one of the owners of the automobile agency here in Guymon. He has long retired and now living in Baker, Oklahoma Rte 1 Box 119 73930 with his second Wife AVICE.

FLORENCE (BROWN) DETTLE is living in Stinnett, Texas, Box 103, 79083.

I am enclosing three copies of the Family tree, which I hope will help you in locating the family.

As you will noted: Your Great-Great-Grandfather was LEDDEN BROWN.

You may be able to obtain more information by writing to K D HAYES family, who were living in Old Hickory, Tennessee.

Dear Cousin; I trust the note finds you well and happy. It will be nice to hear from you again.

With Love MAE GROSSMAN

## GRIBBLE & HASH FAMILIES

The following letters and documents concern the GRIBBLE and HASH families. The first is a letter that was received from a THOMAS G. WEBB, 835 South College Street, Smithville, Tennessee 37166 and concerns the GRIBBLE and HASH FAMILIES. One of JOHN DANIEL BROWN's Sons, JOHN GILLIAN BROWN, married a GRIBBLE.

LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WEBB DATED NOVEMBER 12, 1995

Dear DAN:

I am glad to know that my GRIBBLE information has reached the other side of the World, something I had not quite expected to happen. That article was about my ancestor, JOHN GRIBBLE. I have written another one about his Father, THOMAS GRIBBLE, ancestor of all the Warren County GRIBBLES. Perhaps it will be published later.

The HASH FAMILY book, like all family histories, has a few errors in it, and one of them is in the name of your Great-Grandfather. It was not MONROE GRIBBLE who married TABITHA HASH, but HENRY R. GRIBBLE. There was a MONROE GRIBBLE who was a Nephew to both HENRY R. GRIBBLE and also a Nephew to TABITHA HASH, and this is probably where the confusion arose.

Your Great-Grandfather, HENRY R. GRIBBLE, was born May 5 1856 in Warren County, Tennessee and married there on September 1 1872 to TABITHA HASH who was born about 1856. They apparently moved to Texas about 1880. If you ever find the information I would be glad to have the dates of their deaths and a list of their children.

HENRY R. GRIBBLE was a Son of THOMAS (THOMPS) GRIBBLE, (1810-1865). THOMPS was a Brother of my ancestor JOHN. THOMPS was a Son of THOMAS GRIBBLE (1776-1849), who was a Son of THOMAS GRIBBLE (about 1740-1804). I enclose information on these people for you. It is in rough form, but I believe you can figure it out. I hope this will give you some idea of your family background.

I would be interested in knowing a little more of what you are doing in Jakarta, if your family (if you have one) is there with you, etc. We have a GRIBBLE reunion in McMinnville each September, and I believe they would be interested in knowing something about you.

If I can be of further help to you, please let me know.

Sincerely

THOMAS WEBB



NOTE: LETTER FROM THOMAS WEBB DATED JANUARY 1 1996

Dear DAN:

I received your package of family material and was very pleased to get it. You seem to have led a very interesting life among the oil fields of the Far East and elsewhere. I see you and I are born in the same year; my birthday is in July, and I plan to retire from teaching school at the end of this school year. This is my 44th year of teaching; I have enjoyed it, but the time has come to retire. Like you, I was in service during the Korean War, but I was stationed in Germany rather than Korea, so my travelling was done in Europe rather than the Orient.

I found your BROWN ancestry interesting, especially the Will of THOMAS, indicating some of his problems with his second Wife and part of his children.

I hope that you can get some more GRIBBLE information from Texas sometime. I am sure that your Grandmother, SIDYA GRIBBLE BROWN, is not a Daughter of MONROE GRIBBLE, despite what the HASH book says. MONROE was her double first Cousin; their Fathers were Brothers and their Mothers were Sisters. MONROE was born in 1867, probably in June. SIDYA was born May 22 1879, and so could not have been his Daughter. In addition, she had three older siblings. The Father of SIDYA GRIBBLE was HENRY R. GRIBBLE, who married TABITHA HASH in Warren County, Tennessee on September 1 1872 when they were both about 16. They are not found in the 1880 census of Warren County, Tennessee, and I believe they had gone to Texas in 1879 or 1880. I am confident that SIDYA and her Husband JOHN GILLIAM BROWN were married in Texas, as his Father died and is buried in Texas in November 1892.

MONROE GRIBBLE probably moved to Texas by 1900, as he is not found in the 1900 census of Warren County, Tennessee. In 1880 he was living with his HASH Grandparents, and his Grandmother HASH was still living in 1900. Very likely MONROE sought out his relatives in Texas and lived with or near them. He is said to have died in Texas in 1959, but I have presently no information on a Wife or children.

The picture you have of your Great-Grandmother, TABITHA HASH GRIBBLE, with her two Sisters looks to have been made probably in the late 1890's. Since her Sister MARY (Mother of MONROE GRIBBLE) died in 1867, I seriously doubt that she is one of those three, so it must be another one of her Sisters. That will give you something to think about in your retirement years (if a 16 year old Son is not enough).

I do note a few corrections you might want to make on the GRIBBLE material I sent. On page 60, child Number 5 is MATURA, not NATURA. (I have never encountered that name anywhere else). Child number 7 is MARY, which you misspelled.

On page 61, lines 3 and 4 should say IRENA's Niece MARGARET SWINDLE. The last line should be " Her Mother was FINWELL\_\_\_\_."(FINWELL was her first name, not her last). It is a quite unusual name.

Thanks again for all the history, and for the pictures. I will put them in the Gribble file and hope we can eventually get more from Texas. The folks at the GRIBBLE Reunion will also be interested in hearing about it. Let me know if I can be of further help.

Sincerely

TOMMY WEBB

NOTE:

In Voss, Texas, which is not too far from Coleman, Texas there is buried in the Voss Cemetery LILLIE B. GRIBBLE (married name TURNER) born October 24 1883 and died December 18 1961. There is also a SAM M. GRIBBLE born October 11 1879 and died October 15 1966. It is thought that they may have been Brother and Sister. This is not known at this time. The M. in his name could have stood for MONROE.

NOTES ON THE GRIBBLE FAMILY  
BY THOMAS G. WEBB

THOMAS GRIBBLE (called THOMPS), born May 30 1810, Burke County, North Carolina, died March 30 1865 (1866 on the tombstone), Warren County, Tennessee. married about 1830 to IRENA B. "RENIE" RANDOLPH, born May 7 1811 in Tennessee and died February 8 1883 in Warren County, Tennessee (see Will Book 7, page 279 and page 565). Some think that she was IRENA BARNETT. Both are buried at Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cemetery. THOMPS and RENIE had twelve children, all born in Warren County, Tennessee:

(1) JOHN C. GRIBBLE, born August 4 1832, died December 8 1867, buried Shiloh Cemetery, Warren county, Tennessee. He and his Brother JAMES THOMAS were administrators of their Father's estate in 1866. J. T. completed the administration in 1868 after JOHN C's death. (Warren County, Tennessee Administration Book 4, pges 112, 460). JOHN C. GRIBBLE married about 1855 MINERVA CUMMINGS, born November 11 1835, died September 12 1914. See Will, page 443, 7 April 1868, provisions for MINERVA, Widow of JOHN C. They had four children, IRENE E. 1856 (living 1887), JOHN THOMAS 1857, GABRIEL PENN 1860 (living 1887), and CHARLES 1864. (CHARLES or JOHN THOMAS died by 1887).

(2) ANDREW JACKSON GRIBBLE, born May 21 1834, died December 31 1862 at the Battle of Murfreesboro. He enlisted November 20 1862 as a Private in D Company, 16th Tennessee Infantry Regiment, and served slightly more than a month before being killed. ANDREW married on February 5 1857 ELIZABETH B. ROWLAND, born about 1837. ELIZABETH married second on April 27 1863 to WILLIAM C. COTTON, born 1815 and died 1897. She had three or more children by him. ELIZABETH had three children by ANDREW GRIBBLE; PARALEA 1858 and married to H. C. HENDERSON by 1887, JAMES K. 1860 (living 1887), and MARY N., 1862 and married to E. D. FISHER by 1887.

(3) JAMES THOMAS GRIBBLE, born January 4 1836, died December 17 1922. THOMAS enlisted in D Company, 16th Tennessee Infantry Regiment, with his Brother A. J. on November 20 1862, was sent to the hospital in 1863, and left the Army on February 1 1864. On October 1 1856, THOMAS married SARAH E. CUNNINGHAM, born 1840 and died 1924, and they had Sons LANDY born April 3 1857 and died April 29 1859; possibly a ROBERT who died young; and two Daughters; MARY ANN 1862 and LOU MINDA 1866. THOMAS and SARAH lived their lives in Warren County, Tennessee near Rock Island.

(4) ALFRED P. GRIBBLE, born October 22 1837, died December 31 1862 at the Battle of Murfreesboro. He enlisted August 9 1861 in D Company, 16th Tennessee Infantry Regiment, Confederate Army. His Brothers, A. J., THOMAS, and SAMUEL later joined the same company, and A. J. was killed in the same battle as was ALFRED. ALFRED P. GRIBBLE married November 7 1858 FRANCES MELVINA SMITH, born about 1840, and living as a Widow 1880. They had two Sons; J. B. "JOHN", 1860, and A. T. "THOMAS" 1862. Both living 1887.

(5) MATURA E. GRIBBLE (TURY), born October 19 1839, died after 1900. TURY married April 17 1862 JAMES SWINDLE, and had three SWINDLE children: MARGARET 1863, ANNA 1869, and CHARLES 1873. Apparently JAMES SWINDLE either died or they divorced, and on April 21 1876, TURY was married to BARCLAY (or BARTLETT) MCGREGOR, born 1828, with whom she and her three children were living in 1880. In 1900, MATURA's Husband was dead, and she and ANNA and CHARLIE were living in Warren County's 1st District.

(6) HANNAH M. GRIBBLE, born April 11 1841 and died 1897. She married September 9 1858 DAVIS BURDINE SMITH, born 1839 and died 1914. HANNAH and BURDINE had four Daughters and three Sons; MATURA 1860, MARY J. 1861, MARTHA E. 1864, LOUISA F. 1869, ROBERT E. L. 1877, JOHN 1880 and CLEVELAND 1883. HANNAH and BURDINE are buried at Shiloh Cemetery, Warren County, Tennessee.

(7) MARY L GRIBBLE, born December 9 1842, was living with her Mother in 1870, age 26 and unmarried. She is not found in 1880 Warren County, and no marriage record is found for her. Presumably MARY died in the 1870's. She is also not found in the 1887 settlement of IRENA, her Mother.

(8) SAMUEL H. GRIBBLE, born September 26 1844, died probably about 1895. His Confederate Service Record has been mixed with that of his first Cousin, SAMUEL C. GRIBBLE, Son of ANDREW JACKSON GRIBBLE, who served in the same company. It appears that SAMUEL H. GRIBBLE, Son of THOMAS, enlisted on November 19 1862 as a Private in D Company, 16th Tennessee Infantry Regiment, at which time he had light hair, grey eyes, and was five feet ten inches tall. He left the Army on March 27 1863 and took the oath of allegiance on March 11 1865. He may have been wounded at the Battle of Murfreesboro on December 31 1862.

He married on July 22 1865, ELIZA HUTSON, born September 4 1845 and died 1869. They had a Daughter MILLIE born 1866 and a Daughter VALERIE SUE born 1868.

After ELIZA died, SAM was married to AMANDA ? born 1843, who was his Wife in the 1870 census. They had a Son MALON A., born 1870, who apparently died young. On October 6 1872 SAM married MOLLIE GARRETT, and they had SARAH born 1874, MARTIE (female) born 1878, JAMES born 1880, and possibly others. SAM GRIBBLE made his home in Warren County, Tennessee.

(9) BYRD P. GRIBBLE, born October 5 1846, died about 1871. He married MARY HASH on October 4 1866. She was born January 18 1845 and died June 24 1867. They had one child JAMES MONROE, born 1867. He was living with his HASH Grandparents in 1880. BYRD GRIBBLE married on July 19 1868 to MARGARET LOUISA HASH, Sister of his first Wife. They are not known to have had any children. After BYRD's death, LOUISA married about 1873 to W. THOMAS ROWLAND and had several children.

(10) IRENA GRIBBLE, born October 30 1848, living 1880. Married December 30 1869 to JOHN L SMITH, Brother of FRANCES MELVINA SMITH who married IRENA's Brother ALFRED P. GRIBBLE. In 1870 they had living with them IRENA's Niece MARGARET SWINDLE, age 7. Her Mother was FINWELL\_\_\_\_\_? Note: FINWELL was her first name, not her last name. In 1880 JOHN and IRENA were living in McMinnville where he was working at the spoke factory. They had four Daughters; L. J. 1870; MARY 1873; F. I. 1877 and EUPHEMIA 1878. They were not found in the 1900 Warren County Census.

(11) WILLIAM C. GRIBBLE, born about 1851 or January 9 1850, died ? (living 1887. Married February 14 1869 to ELIZA COX. They had a Daughter ALICE born at which time they were living with ELIZA's parents. WILLIAM and ELIZA were not found in Warren County, Tennessee in the 1880 census. They are said to have moved to Willis Point, Texas. (NOTE BY DAN W. BROWN) Willis Point, Texas is about fifty miles East of Dallas, Texas.

(12) HENRY R. GRIBBLE, born May 5 1856 and died ?. He was living 1887. Married September 1 1872 to TABITHA HASH, born about 1856. Both were about sixteen when they married, She was a Sister to the Wives of his Brother BYRD GRIBBLE. HENRY and TABITHA were not found in the 1880 Warren County, Tennessee census. They are said to have had these (and possibly more) children; LEN L. born 1875; MILLEY J. born 1877; GEORGE T. born 1880; and SIDYA.

NOTE BY DAN WILLIS BROWN DATED NOVEMBER 25 1995:

Please refer to the family of JOHN GILLIAM BROWN. This does give some background on he and his Wife SIDYA GRIBBLE BROWN. It is understood that her Mother, TABITHA HASH, was living in Coleman, Texas in the early 1900's and died at the home of SIDYA GRIBBLE BROWN. The writer has yet to research this item as there is not a lot of information available to him as to the HASH and GRIBBLE families.

#### BACKGROUND HISTORY ON THOMAS GRIBBLE,

BORN FEBRUARY 1776

THOMAS GRIBBLE, born February 1776, possibly in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, died August 13 1849 in Warren County, Tennessee of consumption. He is buried in the Shiloh Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

His Father was THOMAS GRIBBLE, born 1740 and still living 1804. His Mother was SARAH? IRWIN? She had died by 1796.

THOMAS GRIBBLE, born February 1776, was married on 4 February 1801 to a HANNAH SHANKS. She was born about 1778, probably in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. She died August 3 1868 in Warren County, Tennessee and is probably buried in the Shiloh Cemetery. Her Father was JAMES SHANKS born 1741 and died 1803 and her Mother was a FINWELL.

The information on THOMAS GRIBBLE was obtained from tombstones, census records, GOODSPEED HISTORY, NANCY G. ROWLAND, Tennessee Mortality Schedule 1850 and the Warren County Court Minutes Book 3 page 138.

Their children were:

(1) JAMES "HICKORY", born 1802 probably in Mecklenburg, North Carolina and died October 25 1871. He was married about 1825 to a MARY "POLLY" JACO.

(2) ELIZABETH was born about 1804 Burke County, North Carolina and died somewhere between 1851 to 1868. She was married to a GEORGE SEITZ about 1827.

(3) JOHN "CARMACK" was born February 8 1806 in Burke County, North Carolina and died September 17 1894. He was married about 1827 to a SUSAN ROBERTS.

(4) SAMUEL was born March 7 1808 in Burke County, North Carolina and died October 26 1840. He married an ANNA SEITZ about 1820.

(5) THOMAS "THOMPS" was born May 30 1810 in Burke County, North Carolina and died March 30 1866 (court records show 1865). He was married about 1830 to IRENA B. RANDOLPH.

(6) ANDREW JACKSON was born March 12 1815 in Warren County, Tennessee and died October 20 1856. He was married October 18 1834 to MARY P. RANDOLPH.

(7) WILLIAM CARROLL was born March 2 1818 in Warren County, Tennessee and died October 20 1856. He was married about 1858 to ADALINE STEWART.

(8) IRVIN was born August 16 1823 in Warren County, Tennessee and died August 30 1890 (on tombstone) (newspaper notes 1889). He was married about 1848 to DIALTNA BRITT.

## BACKGROUND HISTORY ON THOMAS "THOMPS" GRIBBLE

THOMAS "THOMPS" GRIBBLE was born May 30 1810 in Burke County, North Carolina and died March 30 1865 or 1866. The tombstone notes 1866. See Warren County Book of Wills Book 4 page 112-115. He is buried in Shiloh Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Warren County, Tennessee. His Mother's name was HANNAH SHANKS. His Father's name was THOMAS GRIBBLE. He was married about 1830 to a IRENA B. "RENIE" RANDOLPH. She was born May 7 1811 in Tennessee and died February 8 1883 in Warren County, Tennessee and is buried in the Shiloh Presbyterian Church Cemetery. Her Father was JOHN RANDOLPH and her Mother was MARY ? Some of these family records were obtained from the Warren County Minute Book 3 1867-1873 page 158-159. Their children were:

- (1) JOHN C. GRIBBLE born August 4 1832 District 3 Warren County, Tennessee and died December 8 1867. He was married about 1855 to a MINERVA CUMMINGS.
- (2) ANDREW JACKSON GRIBBLE was born May 21 1834 District 3 Warren County, Tennessee and died December 31 1862. He was married on February 5 1857 to ELIZABETH ROWLAND.
- (3) JAMES THOMAS GRIBBLE was born January 4 1836 in District 3, Warren County, Tennessee and died December 27 1922. He was married on October 1 1856 to SARAH E. CUNNINGHAM.
- (4) ALFRED P. GRIBBLE was born October 22 1837 in District 3 Warren County, Tennessee and died December 31 1862. He was married on November 7 1858 to a FRANCES MELVINA SMITH.
- (5) NATURA E. GRIBBLE was born October 19 1839 in District 3 Warren County, Tennessee and was living 1900. She married JAMES SWINDLE on April 17 1862.
- (6) HANNAH M. GRIBBLE was born April 11 1841 in District 3 Warren County, Tennessee and died 1897. She married DAVIS BURDINE SMITH on September 9 1858.



## NOTES ON ABEDNEGO GREEN AND FAMILY

In information obtained from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints dated August 1993 the following was found.

The Father of ABEDNEGO GREEN was ISAAC GREEN. ABEDNEGO's Mother was a REBECCA. ABEDNEGO GREEN was married to two people; MARTHA GILLETT and PATTY BURK. He was married to MARTHA GILLETT first and then to PATTY BURK. ABEDNEGO GREEN apparently died in 1839 according to these records. The children of ABEDNEGO GREEN and MARTHA GILLETT were:

- (1) MARY GREEN, born 1757 in Baltimore, Maryland
- (2) SARA GREEN, born 1785 in Baltimore, Maryland. She married ELISHA JACKSON who was born 1785 in Baltimore, Maryland.
- (3) JOSHUA B. GREEN, born 1790 in Baltimore, Maryland
- (4) ELISHA GREEN, born 1792 in Baltimore, Maryland. He married a RUTH REYSTON who was born in 1792.
- (5) ELLEN GREEN, born 1794 in Baltimore, Maryland married JEREMIAH MARS who was born in 1794.
- (6) BENJAMIN GREEN, born 1796 in Baltimore, Maryland married ANN TIBBETT who was born in 1796.
- (7) RACHAEL GREEN, born 1799 in Baltimore, Maryland was married to a LEMMON BURK who was born 1799.

ABEDNEGO GREEN married a second time to PATTY BURK. She was born in 1797 and probably also in Maryland. Their children were:

- (1) ALEXIS GREEN, born 1801 in Baltimore, Maryland
- (2) ARIEL or ARIAN GREEN, born 1803 in Baltimore, Maryland.

NOTED DATED NOVEMBER 25, 1995  
JAKARTA, INDONESIA

In most records ABSOLOM BROWN was married to two Daughters of ABEDNEGO GREEN, namely JOYCE GREEN and MARY JANE GREEN. In some records it notes that he married JOYCE GREEN first and in other records it notes that he married MARY JANE GREEN first. MARY GREEN is the only one of these two Daughters that this compiler can find any records on; namely as being one of the children of ABEDNEGO GREEN. Perhaps the other GREEN Sister could have been RACHAEL, or SARA, or ELLEN. The first or second name could have been JOYCE and this marriage to ABEDNEGO GREEN could have been their second marriage. Unless some further information comes to light it will be difficult to accurately know the full names of the two Wives of ABSOLOM BROWN. Some of this information was given by a MARIE M. HASSELL, 14508 Gomez Drive, Sand Springs, Oklahoma 74063.

END OF NOTE DATED NOVEMBER 25 1995 BY DAN WILLIS BROWN

NOTE BY DAN WILLIS BROWN DATED 29 NOVEMBER 1995

APPLICATIONS FOR CHEROKEE DESCENT

JACINE DENTON of McMinnville, Warren County, Tennessee, in her search for CHEROKEE descendants, found the following in Book eight (8) of CHEROKEE DESCENDANTS: Please note the following. While it does not prove or disprove CHEROKEE HERITAGE, it does open a lot of doors. Perhaps ABSOLOM BROWN was one quarter CHEROKEE. Or perhaps, the Wife of THOMAS "TOMMY" BROWN, namely MARY MORTON, was part CHEROKEE. It is quite likely that this riddle will never be solved, however it does pose a lot of interesting possibilities, and again it is always enjoyable to try and trace these things.

CLAIM NUMBER 22579: IRVIN P. GREEN and four children:  
WARTRACE, TENNESSEE

Rejected. Claimant, his Father and Grandfather were born in Warren County, Tennessee remote from CHEROKEE Domain. Their names do not appear on the rolls of 1835 nor 1851. Claimant's Great-Grandfather, the ancestor whom he alleges CHEROKEE descent was but a 1/4 CHEROKEE, born in 1777, and died in Warren County, Tennessee in 1861. His name was ABSOLOM (sic) BROWN, does not appear on the rolls, of 1835 or 51, and there is no evidence to show that he ever lived with the tribe or was recognized as being a member of the tribe at the time of the Treaty of 1835-6 or since. Nor does it appear that IRWIN P. GREEN, or his ancestors back to ABSOLOM BROWN were ever thus recognized.

END OF NOTE IN BOOK EIGHT OF CHEROKEE ANCESTORS

ADDITIONAL ADDRESS LIST

THOMAS G. WEBB

835 South College Street

Smithville, Tennessee 37166

NOTE; LETTER FROM THOMAS G. WEBB DATED JANUARY 1 1996

Dear DAN:

I received your package of family material and was very pleased to get it. You seem to have led a very interesting life among the oil fields of the Far East and elsewhere. I see you and I are born in the same year; my birthday is in July, and I plan to retire from teaching school at the end of this school year. This is my 44th year of teaching; I have enjoyed it, but the time has come to retire. Like you, I was in service during the Korean War, but I was stationed in Germany rather than Korea, so my traveling was done in Europe rather than the Orient.

I found your BROWN ancestry interesting, especially the Will of THOMAS BROWN, indicating some of his problems with his second Wife and part of his children.

I hope that you can get some more GRIBBLE information from Texas sometime, I am sure that your Grandmother, SIDYA GRIBBLE BROWN, is not a Daughter of MONROE GRIBBLE, despite what the HASH book says. MONROE was her double first Cousin; their Fathers were Brothers and their Mothers were Sisters. MONROE was born in 1867, probably in June. SIDYA was born May 22 1879 and so could not have been his Daughter. In addition, she had three older siblings. The Father of SIDYA GRIBBLE was HENRY R. GRIBBLE, who married TABITHA HASH in Warren County, Tennessee on September 1 1872, when they were both about 16. They are not found in the 1880 census of Warren County, Tennessee and I believe they had gone to Texas in 1879 or 1880. I am confident that SIDYA and her Husband JOHN GILLIMA BROWN were married in Texas, as his Father died and is buried in Texas in November 1892.

MONROE GRIBBLE probably moved to Texas by 1900, as he is not found in the 1900 census of Warren County, Tennessee. In 1880 he was living with his HASH Grandparents, and his Grandmother HASH was still living in 1900. Very likely MONROE sought out his relatives in Texas and lived with or near them. He is said to have died in Texas in 1959, but I have presently no information on a Wife or children.

The picture you have of your Great-Grandmother, TABITHA HASH GRIBBLE, with her two Sisters looks to have been made probably in the late 1890's. Since her Sister MARY (Mother of MONROE GRIBBLE) died in 1867, I seriously doubt that she is one of those thee, so it must be another one of her Sisters. That will give you something to think about in your retirement years (if a 16-year-old Son is not enough).

I do note a few corrections you might want to make on the GRIBBLE material I sent. On page 60, child No. 5 is MATURA, not NATURA. (I have never encountered that name anywhere else). Child no. 7 is MARY, which you misspelled.

On page 61, lines 3 and 4 should say IRENA's Niece, MARGARET SWINDLE. The last line should be "her Mother was FINWELL\_\_\_\_\_". (FINWELL was her first name, not her last). It is a quite unusual name. Thanks again for all the history, and for the pictures. I will put them in the GRIBBLE file and hope we can eventually get more from Texas. The folks at the GRIBBLE Reunion will also be interested in hearing about it. Let me know if I can be of further help.

Sincerely

TOMMY WEBB

NOTE; LETTER FROM MARGARET COPPINGER, BEERSHEBA SPRINGS, TENNESSEE, DATED DECEMBER 18 1995

Dear DAN WILLIS and Family:

I know you have given up on me, since it has been so long since I have written, but I've been very busy trying to collect as much BROWN material to send you as possible. Also I had been trying to locate the picture of ABSOLOM BROWN. I finally did and am sending you a copy. One Great-Granddaughter tells me that her Father said this was the original ABSOLOM. Notice that he does not look like an Indian at all but his Son WILLIAM SANFORD (my Great-Grandfather) does. That is what made me think it may have come through the Wives (GREEN's).

I guess JACINE has already sent you a copy of what the McMinnville Library has found by writing to Washington D. C. to find out if anyone of the descendants of ABSOLOM had put in a claim as being part Indian in 1906. This IRVIN P. GREEN was descended from a Daughter of ABSOLOM BROWN who married JOHNNY GREEN. I can see why his claim was rejected since ABSOLOM BROWN had never lived with the tribe on a reservation.

I have been fascinated by it all since you told me that you had been told it came through the Mortons and all the Mortons in this area says they had never heard of their having any Indian blood.

We had our BROWN Reunion in June and I found that several had computers and were working on the same thing. I believe they all agreed that JOHN BROWN was the Father of ABSOLOM but several disagreed about PETER PATRICK BROWN being JOHN's Father.

In fact, the information from Washington disputes that. It says that ABSOLOM was only one quarter, born in 1777, and died in Warren County in 1861. This means that one of his Grandparents was full blooded Cherokee, and the information on PETER PATRICK BROWN says both he and his Wife were born in Scotland. Of course neither one could be Cherokee Indian. We had never known before when ABSOLOM BROWN or when he died and of course I don't suppose any of us know exactly where he was buried.

I had part of LES CONRY's booklet on his family zeroxed for you but now I can't find it. I know JACINE went to see him but got little information from him. I had told her that the "BROWN BEAR" information which he had in his booklet was made up by his Great Aunts, who are both now dead.

I certainly do appreciate all that you have sent me on your family as well as mine. Do you want any of it back? Will continue to collect as much as I can and send it on to you.

I know Christmas will be over by the time you get this but am going to send it on anyway. I hope you had a good Christmas and will have a great 1996. I am on the Grundy County Committee to decide on the projects we wish to undertake county wide. Right now the only thing we are doing is a county wide cleanup.

I already have my certificate saying my ancestors were here when Tennessee was made a State in 1796 which I got through the DYKES who were in East Tennessee when Middle Tennessee was Indian Country.

Again, thank you for everything and will try to write more often in 1996.

Sincerely

Your cousin

MARGARET COPPINGER

## ARTICLE ON WILLIAM SANFORD BROWN

WILLIAM SANFORD BROWN, Methodist Circuit Rider, was the Son of ABSOLOM B. BROWN. He married NANCY DYKES, Daughter of ISHAM DYKES. Their eleven children were: JACKSON VAN BUREN BROWN, RUSSELL L. BROWN, JAMES KNOX BROWN, WILLIAM ALMOND BROWN, NORRIS BURR BROWN, MARY ELIZABETH BROWN STOKES, HEZEKIAH WESLEY BROWN, LOUISA JANE BROWN, PRUDENCE SUSAN BROWN MORTON, LEANDER VIRGIL BROWN and ANNIE D. BROWN.

PRUDENCE SUSAN BROWN MORTON was the Great Aunt of MARGARET COPPINGER. PRUDENCE married a MORTON. LEANDER VIRGIL BROWN was the Grandfather of MARGARET COPPINGER.

ABSOLOM BROWN was born in Pendleton District, now Pickens County, South Carolina in 1779. His Father was JOHN BROWN, who was born in Maryland and moved with his Father to Washington County, North Carolina, now Knox County Tennessee. JOHN BROWN was the Son of PETER BROWN.

NOTE: This relationship is not generally agreed on as a number of people feel that PETER BROWN was not the Father of JOHN BROWN. ABSOLOM first married JOYCE GREEN. Their children were THOMAS BROWN, GREEN BROWN, MISSOURI BROWN and as understood there may have been one other. THOMAS, GREEN and MISSOURI were born in South Carolina.

ABSOLOM second married JANE GREEN, born in 1805 and a Sister to JOYCE GREEN and a Daughter of ABEDNEGO GREEN. Their children were WILLIAM SANFORD BROWN, ABSOLOM BILOAT BROWN, JR., PERMELIA BROWN TATE, and MARY MARGARET JPL BROWN GREEN (name may have been SARAH).



**PETER PATRICK BROWN:** It is generally assumed by most that PETER PATRICK BROWN was not the Father of JOHN BROWN.

PETER PATRICK BROWN was born around 1738 in Edinburgh, Scotland. He became a carpenter in Dundee, Argus. On October 26, 1752 (at age 24), PETER, in exchange for passage to America, became indentured to JOHN RUTHERFORD of Bowland, a merchant at Cape Fear, North Carolina. At Cape Fear, PETER worked in the shipyards. After his servitude was completed, PETER moved to Baltimore County, Maryland. PETER served in the Maryland Militia and fought with NATHANIEL GREENE at King's Mountain. PETER's Wife was also born in Scotland and died in Maryland. In 1779, PETER moved to Washington County, North Carolina. PETER BROWN died in 1815 and is buried in BROWN Cemetery, 7 miles North of Knoxville. His tombstone is inscribed: SOLDIER OF THE REVOLUTION.

**JOHN BROWN:** It is considered that JOHN BROWN was the Father of ABSOLOM BROWN.

JOHN BROWN was born in Maryland in 1760. He was a Private under Captain Shelby in the company of volunteers. He fought at King's Mountain and then resided in South Carolina for a time before returning to Knox County, where he died in 1822. JOHN first married ALICE NODDING (born in 1762) in 1779. ALICE died in 1789. JOHN second married MARTHA ELKINS around 1790. JOHN BROWN's children included: PETER; MARY (born February 28 1783) who married ABSOLOM DEAKINS; WILLIAM; ALLEY, who married JOHN ROBERTS; ABSOLOM; ACKSA, who married JOHN CONNEAUT; VINNIE, who married JOHN BLAKELY; JAMES (born January 8 1802) who married MAHALA HOPPER; DAVID (born March 13 1808) who married CATHERINE CRESS; JOSEPH who married \_\_\_\_FROST; JOHN, JR.; RUTH who married WASHINGTON FLEMING; and MARTHA who first married \_\_\_\_ROBERTSON and second married \_\_\_\_HALE.

## FROM MARYLAND TO SOUTH CAROLINA TO TENNESSEE

Fifteen settlers came to the Pendleton District, South Carolina from Maryland. These included ABEDNEGO GREEN from Baltimore County, Maryland. In 1791 ABEDNEGO GREEN is situated on 142 acres on Hurricane Creek. In the 1800 Pendleton District, South Carolina census, JOHN BROWN is living adjacent to ABEDNEGO GREEN and ABEDNEGO GREEN, JR. Nearby are MESHAK and SHADRACK GREEN, Brothers of ABEDNEGO.

Several property transactions occurred between 1790 and 1860 which involved both the GREEN and BROWN families.

JOHN JOHNSON to ABEDNEGO GREEN for 50 pounds sterling for 339 acres in 96 District on Hurricane Creek, Saluda River. February 2 1790 . JOHN BROWN made the oath.

SAMUEL TARBET of Washington District to JOHN BROWN for 100 pounds sterling for 200 acres on Brushy Creek. October 7 1795.

THOMAS CROW of Washington District to JOHN BROWN for 5 pounds sterling for 200 acres on Brushy Creek of the Saluda River granted to CROW by States Title Patent by WILLIAM MOULTRIE July 1 1793. Witness ABSOLOM BROWN, LEWIS F. GREEN. October 27 1795.

GEORGE HUMPHRIES for \$150 sold to ABEDNEGO GREEN 100 acres on Little Brushy Creek. September 1 1800.

GEORGE ARCHER for \$400 sold ABSOLOM BROWN 146 acres on the South branch of George's Creek of the Saluda River bound by JOHNSON. January 22 1804.

CORNELIUS GREEN for \$420 sold ABEDNEGO GREEN, SR. 100 acres, part of 1300 acres granted to THOMAS LEWIS April 12 1786 on Little Brushy Creek bound by WILLIAM McCROWN, LEWIS, RIGGS, JER. FOSTER. March 29 1804. Witness ABEDNEGO GREEN, JR.

JOHN BROWN for \$400 sold to JOAB MAULDIN 150 acres on George's Creek bound on the East by WILLIAM EDMONDSON, the South by JOHN ARMSTRONG, the West by ROBERT NORRIS, and land late the property of ABSOLOM BROWN. Signed by FRANCIS BROWN and JOAB MAULDIN. June 11 1806.

ABSOLOM BROWN for \$150 sold ROBERT NORRIS 100 acres on the South branch of George's Creek of the Saluda River bound by BROWN, JOSEPH SMITH, FRANCIS BREMER, purchased by BROWN from GEORGE ARCHER. December 23 1805.

ABSOLOM BROWN for \$300 sold JOAB MAULDIN 150 acres where BROWN now lives on George's Creek, bound by ROBERT NORRIS, JOSEPH SMITH, JOHN ARMSTRONG, THOMAS HENDERSON, FRANCIS BREMER, near the main road leading from Parris Ford to Pickensville. September 13 1806.

AND THEN ABSOLOM BROWN WAS ON HIS WAY TO TENNESSEE BY WAY OF KNOXVILLE AND THE OHIO RIVER.

NOTE BY WRITER DATED FEBRUARY 1 1996:

As information comes to light re the BROWN's and GREEN's and whoever it is added to the latter pages of the family history instead of reinserting it where it perhaps should have gone. Each day new things come to light helping us better understand our ancestors and therefore, as the digging for genealogical material continues, these items will continue to be added in this fashion.

NOTE; LETTER FROM THOMAS WEBB DATED FEBRUARY 17 1996:

Dear DAN:

Thanks for the GRIBBLE material, especially the names of the GRIBBLE's who died in Texas from 1903 to 1994. I believe they will be very useful to us. In fact, I believe I have located the parents of SIDYA GRIBBLE BROWN. They appear to be: HENRY R. GRIBBLE, died February 11 1938, McLennan County and BITHA GRIBBLE, died April 19 1937, McLennan County. Two probable Brothers of SIDYA are:

LEN THOMAS GRIBBLE, died July 14 1961, McLennan County  
GEORGE THOMAS GRIBBLE, died February 27 1964, McLennan County,  
and SIDYA's double first Cousin is probably JAMES MONROE GRIBBLE,  
died April 21 1959, Coryell County.

So it looks as if the search has been narrowed down from 245 counties to four adjoining counties; Falls, Bell, Coryell and McLennan. Marlin is the County Seat of Falls County, not a county itself. If you have not ordered death certificates for all of the above, you might want to do that. Also one for SIDYA GRIBBLE BROWN if you do not have hers. It might help to clearly establish her Father's name. Another possibility is to find obituaries for all four of these in McLennan County. The Waco newspapers might very well have obituaries for all of them. If so, they would be easy to find, as you have death dates for all. And possibly some of SIDYA's Brother's children would still be living in the Waco area if you check the telephone listing.

Yet another possibility is that the other GRIBBLE deaths listed in McLennan and Coryell Counties are also relatives of SIDYA, if you want to pursue that.

I am sending you what I have written about our mutual ancestor, THOMAS GRIBBLE (1776-1849), along with such as I know about his ancestors and the origin of the name.

Let me know if the death certificates, etc., yield any further GRIBBLE information, or if I can be of any further help. Thanks again for the new information.

Sincerely  
TOMMY WEBB

## PETER BROWN

In documents found on page 353 of REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS BURIED IN TENNESSEE the following is found. These comments have been noted earlier however are again copied as found in this book.

PETER BROWN -- Born about 1738, Edinburgh, Scotland; died about 1815, Knox Co. Tenn., Will, Washington Co. Tenn. April 13, 1802; married in Scotland, and Wife presumably died in Maryland, name unknown.

Emigrated before the Revolution and settled in Maryland, moved in 1779 to Washington County, N.c. served in Maryland Troops, and fought at King's Mountain. Tombstone inscription, Knoxville, Tenn. "Soldiers of the Revolution...Lieutenant PETER BROWN, Maryland Troops, JOHN BROWN, King's Mountain".

### The Children of PETER BROWN

(1) JOHN, born 1760, died 1822, married ALICE NODDING, born 1762, died 1789.

Descendants:

ENNA STEWART, No. 116858

MARY S. BLAKEMORE (NEVILLE) No. 116859

MAUD STEWART SPEARS (L. N.) No. 259223

## JOHN BROWN

JOHN BROWN -- Born 1760 Edenburg, Scotland or Maryland; died 1822 near Knoxville, Tennessee; married 1780 ALICE NODDING, born 1762, died 1789 at Washington Co. N. C.; 2. MARTHA ELKINS, about 1790.

JOHN BROWN served as a Private in CAPT. SHELBY's Company of Volunteers (p. 42 Transcriptions from the LYMAN C. DRAPER Manuscripts Relating to the History of Tennessee 1769-1850; SHELBY Papers, 11D D 27 King's Mountain Mss., DRAPER Collection.) He resided in Washington County, N. C. during the Revolution. (Tombstone inscribed).

The Children of JOHN BROWN by 1st Wife:

- (1) PETER
- (2) MARY, born 1783 February 20, married ABSOLOM DEAKINS
- (3) WILLIAM
- (4) ALLEY, married JOHN BROBERTS
- (5) ABSOLOM
- (6) JOSHUA, born November 25 1792, married FANNIE BLAKELY
- (7) NANCY, married ABSOLOM HALL
- (8) ACKSA, married JOHN CONNEAUT
- (9) VINNIE, married JOHN BLAKELY
- (10) JAMES, born January 8 1802, married MAHALA HOPPER
- (11) DAVID, born March 13 1808, married CATHERINE CRESS
- (12) JOSEPH, married \_\_\_\_\_FROST
- (13) JOHN, JR.
- (14) RUTH, married WASHINGTON FLEMING
- (15) MARTHA, married 1. ROBERTSON, 2. HALE

Descendants:

KATHERINE W. DAVIS (F.J.) No. 396672  
ANETTE W. D. D'HEUR (A.P.) N1 420425  
GERTRUDE CONDRA, No. 310751  
EDNA STEWART, No. 116858  
MARY S. BLAKEMORE (NEVILLE) No. 116859