

Families of

Minnie Belle Stephens
and
Joseph Wavery Brown

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Introduction

It is time to document what has been learned about the family history. Much more is left to be discovered, but if we do not stop and at least document in a printed hardback book what we have realized to this point in time, it could be lost.

Dedication

Two people were key to the activities that led to creation of this book.

My mother, Edna Carlise Brown Castleberry was there the day the interest was sparked on Christmas holiday in the early 1990's. We have shared information, argued a bit over some history, but combined her stories and photographs to the genealogical information I have amassed.

But without the assistance of Pearl Wilson, we would still be wondering around in the woods of the Lake Russell Wildlife Management area knowing little, or most likely, nothing about the family. Words cannot express our appreciation for all she has done for our family, and the families of all who shared that area with our relatives and ancestors.

Foreword

It is amazing how a little detour on a trip changed my life! Christmas 1993, or was it 1994? Jim and I went to pick up mother and bring her to Anderson for a few days and as we traveled up I85 and got to the Commerce exit, Jim decided to take Highway 441 north to take mother to see the grave of Mom Brown (Minnie Belle Stephens Brown). We had not been there since about 1980, and I don't know yet how long before it had been since mother had been there. We stopped at the Harmony Baptist Church cemetery and saw the grave, and Jim asked mother where her husband, Joseph Wavery Brown, was buried.

Mother just stood there and said she could not remember other than to be able to describe the church and cemetery. Our only clue was we would go down a dip on the entrance road to the church, and the cemetery would be ahead, and a church on the left. With nothing else, we continued north on the highway and went on towards Clarkesville. We were so desperate that we even tried to call relatives in hope someone would know the name of the church, however, we were unable to find anyone who could help.

We left Clarkesville and drove south on a road that even today we cannot name and as we rode we passed a sign that indicated a church named "Hazel Creek Baptist" was to be found on a road to the left. After going past that sign, mother said "that church name sounds familiar" so Jim turned around and we went back and took that road. Shortly, on the left was a church entrance road that exactly matched mother's description! We drove straight to the cemetery, and got out right next to the grave. Amazingly, we also found he was buried next to another Brown, James Leonard Brown and his wife and at that time, we only assumed that might have been Joseph Wavery's parents and the hunt was on!

A few weeks later, Jim and I went to the Lake Russell Wildlife Management Area as our questions had led us to understand the family had once lived in what was now a National Forest and Wildlife Management Area. A ranger told us of an area named "Browns Bottom" when I told him we were looking for information on the Brown and Stephens families that were to have lived nearby. He gave us directions to Browns Bottom and our lives were changed forever. A Forest Service Law Enforcement officer found us wondering around and gave us the name of the archaeologist who had researched the area and a week later we were with Dr. Jack Wynn in Gainesville and he told us of the history, and named Pearl Wilson as the key person we had to meet. Jack had photographs of Bev's ancestors!

We called Pearl, explained who we were, and she asked us to meet her the next Saturday at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Ayersville. We arrived to find Pearl and about 10 other people and she proceeded to show us the graves of Benjamin Pollard Brown and his wife Caroline – the parents of James Leonard! We were close to tears she then said "now let me take you where they lived!"

The rest is history. We have now followed Pearl and her husband Harlen all over the 17,000 acres of the LRWMA, and found the graves back to my GGGG Grandfather, Robert Brown and have accumulated the family history that includes 13 who were Soldiers of the American Revolution. We have organized and shown the grave sites of our ancestors and relatives to all who will put up with our obsession and now, it is time to put some of this into a book in order to preserve for the future what we have learned.

Before you start that journey with us in this book, we want to share with you two quotes that mean so much to us:

"To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root." an old Chinese Proverb

"As Americans we are blessed -- for our ancestors are not dead, they occupy the corridors of our conscience." - John Edwards, October 29, 2007

Beverly Castleberry Winsness
D. James (Jim) Winsness

Book Organization

We begin with person-specific information on key ancestors and where we know them, we will try to put flesh to the words with photos and stories.

Those of the ancestors that are known to have been soldiers in the American Revolution are listed and the known details of their service is provided. Several thought to be soldiers in the Revolution are listed, but data confirming that service has not yet been located.

We also have a section on cemeteries and document where the remains of our honored relatives may be found.

A photo album includes the many photos that just don't fit in any of the person-specific section.

Family photographs and stories of the children of Joseph Wavery Brown and Minnie Belle Stephens are provided, however, time and space do not allow us to document the many families of the grandchildren of Joseph and Minnie Belle. We hope that will be accomplished and that this document provides the spark that ignites the genealogical fires within those lines!

The book will also contains a second section that details the complete ancestry of Joseph Wavery Brown and Minnie Belle. It is impossible to name or cover all members of the family in the first document of the book, and this second document satisfies that need.

Key Ancestors:

Robert Brown

Descendants of Robert Brown

Generation No. 1

1. ROBERT² BROWN (*FATHER OF ROBERT¹*) was born 1759 in Culpepper County, VA, and died 20 Jan 1840 in Banks County, GA. He married JANE Abt. 1790. She was born Abt. 1770, and died 03 Jan 1846 in Banks County, GA.

Children of ROBERT BROWN and JANE are:

- i. MACK³ BROWN.
- ii. WILLIAM BROWN, b. Abt. 1789, South Carolina; d. Aft. 1850, Habersham County, GA; m. (1) NANCY REESE, 12 Jun 1817, Franklin County, GA; m. (2) MORNING SMITH, 21 Aug 1822, Franklin County; d. Bef. 1840, Habersham County, GA; m. (3) ALESA TOMBOLIN, 20 May 1844, Habersham County GA Book B page 23; b. Abt. 1825; d. Aft. 1870.
- iii. JOHN BROWN, b. Abt. 1791; d. Aft. 1840.
- iv. JAMES BROWN, b. Abt. 1794, Georgia; d. Bef. 1880, Banks County, GA; m. MARGARET UNKNOWN; b. Abt. 1796, Georgia; d. Aft. 1880.
- v. JESSE BROWN, b. Abt. 1796; d. Bef. 1830, Franklin County, GA; m. SARAH SMITH, 19 Aug 1824, Franklin County GA; b. Abt. 1793, South Carolina; d. 07 Oct 1858, Habersham County, GA.
- vi. ROBERT BROWN, JR, b. 17 Dec 1804, South Carolina; d. 20 Mar 1870, Banks County, GA; m. (1) HANNAH CAUDELL, 13 Nov 1827, Franklin County GA; b. 1809, North Carolina; d. Bef. 27 Oct 1844, Franklin County, GA; m. (2) RACHEL LAWRENCE, 27 Oct 1844, Franklin County; b. 06 Jun 1814, South Carolina; d. 26 Jan 1895, Banks County, GA.
- vii. VIRGINIA JANE 'JENNIE' BROWN, b. 1805, South Carolina; d. Aft. 1880, Banks County, GA; m. THOMAS AUSBURN, Abt. 1823, Franklin County GA; b. Abt. 1804, South Carolina; d. Feb 1888, Banks County, GA.
- viii. **HUGH BROWN**, b. 1807, South Carolina; d. 18 Jan 1885, Banks County, GA; m. MARY CAUDELL, 19 Feb 1829, Franklin County, GA; b. 1812, North Carolina; d. Abt. Nov 1892, Banks County, GA.
- ix. FRANCES LUCINDA BROWN, b. 1810, Franklin County, GA; d. 1878, Banks County, GA; m. LITTLETON MEEKS, JR., Abt. 1829; b. 1808, Franklin County, GA; d. 1864, Banks County, GA.

Presentation by Jim Winsness:
A Little Bit of Brown Family History
at the dedication of the headstone at his grave
May 25, 2002

Robert Brown and his wife Jane were among the earliest settlers in this area of Georgia. They apparently settled here after receiving bounty grants of land as a result of Robert's service during the American Revolution - which you will hear about shortly. Robert Brown is among those listed on February 1, 1798 for having inadvertently settled on land of the Cherokee Nation – land that President Jefferson purchased 6 years later – the 4

mile purchase of 1804.

Robert and Jane Brown were married during the 1780's and had at least 9 children - 8 sons and 1 daughter have been identified. Robert and Jane are both buried here, along with their daughter Virginia Jane 'Jennie' Brown and her husband, Thomas Ausburn. At least 3 of the Ausburn children - Hugh and his brother James along with their sister, Polly Ausburn Rice, all grandchildren of Robert and Jane Brown - are buried here in this cemetery, also.

We know that two sons of Robert and Jane, Robert Jr. and Hugh, married Caudell sisters - Hannah and Mary - who were both children of Benjamin and Fannie Caudell. Robert, Jr. married Rachel Lawrence after Hannah's death; and Hugh and Mary Caudell Brown are buried near Hwy. 105 here in Banks County. James Brown, the older brother of Robert Jr. and Hugh, was a Baptist minister.

Robert was survived by his wife, 7 of his 9 children, 21 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren were born before his death.

Time doesn't permit going into all of the known children and grandchildren of Robert and Jane Brown. Those children and grandchildren multiplied until now; there are about 3,000 identified descendants that span 9 generations. Today, the Brown family tree contains numerous different surnames.

There are surviving great-great grandchildren of Robert and Jane Brown – Gertrude Brown Collier, Mary Jo Farmer, and Lucilla Belle are with us today - and there are also many 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th great-grandchildren. We do not currently know the youngest descendant - my 6 grandchildren are 6th great grandchildren.

Wherever you fit in this wonderful family of Browns, you have a lot to be proud of!

Listen now to Joey Brown, Lieutenant with the Ga. State Patrol and a 4th great-grandson, as he speaks about his Grandfather Robert Brown's military record.

Presentation of Joey Brown:

My honored ancestor served his country as a soldier in the Virginia Continental Line for a period of 3 years. For his service he received an annual pension of \$80 beginning in March 1831 and continuing for 9 years until his death in 1840. Grandfather Robert also received land for his services in 3 draws of 400, 450, and 200 acres totaling 1,050 acres of this beautiful part of Georgia.

I have been asked to speak of his military career but we are fortunate to be able to listen to Robert's own words:

Statement of Robert Brown, Revolutionary War Soldier

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832

State of Georgia)

Habersham County)

On this fifth day of November 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Ordinary of the County of Habersham now setting, Robert Brown, a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged according to the best of his information about seventy three years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the pension made by the act of Congress dated June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six in the State of Virginia, Culpepper County where he then resided, under Captain John Kemp in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Gibson. The Regiment was called the first Regiment of the Virginia State but afterwards constituted Continental Troops. He enlisted for the term of three years, was marched out to the state of New Jersey and joined General Washington and placed in General Shandenburghs brigade. Was marched from New Jersey opposite to New York. He was the principal part of this time in the State of New Jersey and was at the battle of Monmouth. He was in second scrimmage over in New Jersey and in another under General Morgans command near New York. He was under General Morgans command in somewhere near New York. He served his three years and was discharged by Captain Armstead at Philadelphia. He has lost his discharge. After he joined the Regiment he became acquainted with Isham Meriwether the Adjutant, David Meriwether Major and Broward was the Lieutenant Colonel.

In a deposition by his brother Pollard Brown, also a veteran of the Revolutionary War stated he saw Robert as a member of the Virginia Militia of Culpepper County and that he was in the service with him at Petersburg at Cabin Parish and at Stony Point in Virginia under Command of Capt. Robert Pollard. It was further stated that he was discharged about three months before Cornwallis surrendered at York.

These statements clearly place this man under the command of George Washington at both Monmouth and Stony Point.

In May 1778, while the British General Clinton's troops were marching across New Jersey, Washington attacked. His victory at the Battle of Monmouth Court House was a small one, but it gave a boost to American morale, as they applied their lessons learned at Valley Forge from Von Steuben.

Another point of reference: Molly "Pitcher"

An Artillery wife, Mary Hays McCauly (better known as Molly Pitcher) shared the rigors of Valley Forge with her husband, William Hays. Her actions during the battle of Monmouth on June 28, 1778 became legendary. That day at Monmouth was as hot as Valley Forge was cold. Someone had to cool the hot guns and bathe parched throats with water. The story of her bringing water to the exhausted men is legendary. If our Robert Brown did not drink the water from Molly "Pitcher" he certainly knew of her!

We stand here today at the grave of a man who served under George Washington twice. It therefore is most logical that this man saw the man and heard the voice of the nation's first president.

In closing, let me quote from a message from George Washington to the soldiers under his command. It is quite possible that the words that follow were heard by Robert in his

first year of service – listen closely as George Washington spoke to Robert of us here today!

"The fate of unborn millions will now depend, under God, on the courage and conduct of this army...We have, therefore, to resolve to conquer or die."

George Washington, address to his troops, August 27, 1776

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Payroll Records of Robert Brown from the National Archives:

1706	
Brown, Robert	
Virginia.	
(Revolutionary War.)	
Private	Private
CARD NUMBERS.	
1 37456602	20
2 777	21
3 341676801	22
4 6186	23
5 39173913	24
6 29166703	25
7	26
8	27
9	28
10	29
11	30
12	31
13	32
14	33
15	34
16	35
17	36
18	37
19	38
Number of personal papers herein <u>0</u>	
Book Mark: _____	
See also _____	

B. | Law | Va.

Robert Brown
sol. of Trump bar

Appears in a Book*

under the following heading:

"A. List of Soldiers of the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment who have received Certificates for the balance of their full pay Agreeable to an Act of Assembly passed November Session 1781."

(Revolutionary War.)

By whom Received F. Gauss
Day when July 22, 1783.
Sum \$111-1-22

Remarks:

*This book bears the following certificate: "This Register contains a true abstract of all the certificates issued at the Auditor's Office to Officers & Soldiers of the Virginia line on Continental establishment. J. Fessenden, Auditor. Aug^o Office, 1 Aug 1792. Peter J. Carrin."

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B. | Va.

Robert Brown
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Appears in a Book*

under the following heading:

"A. List of Soldiers of the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment who have received Certificates for the balance of their full pay Agreeable to an Act of Assembly passed November Session 1781."

(Revolutionary War.)

By whom Received J. P. Lantry
Day when Dec 13, 1783.
Sum \$19-9-8

Remarks:

*This book bears the following certificate: "This Register contains a true abstract of all the certificates issued at the Auditor's Office to Officers & Soldiers of the Virginia line on Continental establishment. J. Fessenden, Auditor. Aug^o Office, 1 Aug 1792. Peter J. Carrin."

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B. | Va.

Robert Brown
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Appears in a Book*

under the following heading:

"A. List of Soldiers of the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment who have received Certificates for the balance of their full pay Agreeable to an Act of Assembly passed November Session 1781."

(Revolutionary War.)

By whom Received J. P. Lantry
Day when Nov 6, 1782.
Sum \$45-12-

Remarks:

*This book bears the following certificate: "This Register contains a true abstract of all the certificates issued at the Auditor's Office to Officers & Soldiers of the Virginia line on Continental establishment. J. Fessenden, Auditor. Aug^o Office, 1 Aug 1792. Peter J. Carrin."

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B | Va. |

Robert Brown
Priv.

Name appears in Lieutenant Charles Stockley's
Book of Accounts
of payments made by him "to the Officers & Men
of the Virginia Line on Account of pay for the
Officers for 1782 & 1783, & for the Men for the
Year 1783."
The name is borne under the following heading:
"Cash paid the Noncommissioned Officers &
Privates of The Virg. Cont. Line of Artillery
& Infantry, with the Sums annexed for Febru-
ary March & April 1783."
(Revolutionary War.)
Amount paid, 20 Dollars, 90^{cs}

Vol. 139, page 27, *Chas. Stockley*

B | Va. |

Robert Brown

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of payments made by him "to the Officers & Men
of the Virginia Line on Account of pay for the
Officers for 1782 & 1783, & for the Men for the
Year 1783."
The name is borne under the following heading:
"A Return of monies paid the following named
Men of the late Line of Virginia by Lieut.
Charles Stockley who do not appear to have had
any Settlement, which Sums are to be noticed on
their applications."
(Revolutionary War.)
Amount paid, 20 Dollars, 90^{cs}
Chas. W. Calhoun

Vol. 139, page 27, *Chas. Stockley*

B | Va. |

Robert Brown
Sgt. Inf.

Appears in a **Book***
under the following heading:
"A List of Soldiers of the Virginia Line on Con-
tinental Establishment who have received Cer-
tificates for the balance of their full pay Agree-
able to an Act of Assembly passed November
Session 1781."
(Revolutionary War.)
By whom Received *Cap. Kirkpatrick*
Day when *Sept. 23*, 1783.
Sum *29-7-10*

Remarks:

* This book bears the following certificate: "This Register
contains a true abstract of all the certificates issued at the
Auditor's Office to Officers & Soldiers of the Virginia line on
Continental establishment."
Auditor's Office, 1 Augt 1792.
Peter J. Carron."

Vol. 176; page 112, *R. W. Benson*

Statement of Pollard Brown, brother of Robert Brown (both men were Revolutionary War Soldiers):

State of Georgia)
 County of Franklin)

Personally appeared before me William Turk one of the judges of the Inferior Court of said County Pollard Brown a resident of Abbeville District South Carolina who being sworn according to the laws on his oath saith that his Brother Robert Brown who is about to be an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress dated June 7 1832 and who resides in the County of Habersham in the state of Georgia was a soldier in the Revolutionary War that he seen him when he returned from a three year service in the Virginia Continental Army and saw his discharge for that term of service but does not recollect by what officer the discharge was given. Deponent afterwards saw him in the Virginia Militia of Culpepper County and was in the service with him at Petersburg at Cabin(?) Parish and at Stony Point(?) in Virginia and were both under Command of Capt. Robert Pollard. Deponent saith that his brother then served three months and was discharged about three months before Cornwallis surrendered at York.

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 Pollard X Brown
 mark

Sworn to & subscribed
 Before me this 28th day
 Of September 1832
 William Turk J.J.C.

(The following is from a letter dated May 14, 1940 to Mrs. Luther Isbell in Toccoa, Ga. from A. D. Hiller, Executive Assistant to the Administrator of the National Archives, Washington, D.C.)

"The date and place of birth of Robert Brown were not given, nor are the names of his parents shown.

While a resident of Culpeper County, Virginia, Robert Brown enlisted in the year 1776, served as a private in Captain John Kemp's and Armstead's companies, Colonel Gibson's Virginia regiment, was in the battle of Monmouth, and in several skirmishes, length of service three years. He served three months in Captain Robert Pollard's company of Culpeper County, Virginia militia, and was discharged a few months before the surrender of Cornwallis in Yorktown.

The soldier, Robert Brown, was allowed a pension on his application executed November 5, 1832, at which time he was aged about seventy-three years, and a resident of Habersham County, Georgia.

Robert Brown married sometime in 1790, Jane. The date and place of her birth, and names of parents were not given, nor is it shown where Robert Brown, and the said Jane were married.

Robert Brown died in Habersham County, Georgia, January 20, 1840, and his widow; Jane Brown, died January 3, 1845.

In 1852, Hugh Brown "one of the sons" of the soldier, Robert Brown, was forty-five years old, and a resident of Habersham County, Georgia. Names of other sons were not given.

Pollard Brown, brother of the soldier, was living in 1832 in Abbeville District, South Carolina; he served in the Virginia militia, in the Revolutionary War.

The papers on file in this claim contain no further discernible family data."

(Of Note: One of the witnesses on Power of Attorney filed by Hugh Brown in Habersham Co., Ga. on July 12th, 1852 was Thomas Ausburn. The Power of Attorney was "For ascertaining whether any increases or arrears of Pension are due the Widow or heirs of Revolutionary Pensioners".)

Hugh Brown

Descendants of Hugh Brown

Generation No. 1

1. HUGH³ BROWN (*ROBERT², FATHER OF ROBERT¹*) was born 1807 in South Carolina, and died 18 Jan 1885 in Banks County, GA. He married MARY CAUDELL 19 Feb 1829 in Franklin County, GA, daughter of BENJAMIN CAUDELL and FRANCES (FANNY). She was born 1812 in North Carolina, and died Abt. Nov 1892 in Banks County, GA.

Children of HUGH BROWN and MARY CAUDELL are:

- i. FRANCIS L. 'FANSY'⁴ BROWN, b. Aug 1832, Habersham County, GA; d. Aft. 11 Jun 1900, Banks County, GA; m. GREEN WILLIAM S. MARTIN, 16 Dec 1852, Franklin County GA; b. Jun 1826; d. Bef. 11 Jun 1900, Banks County, GA.
- ii. ROBERT J. BROWN, b. 15 Oct 1833, Habersham County, GA; d. 10 Sep 1880, Banks County, GA; m. MARGARET LOUISA AUSBURN, 30 Nov 1856, Habersham County, GA Book B page 153 Habersham County; b. Abt. 1840, Habersham County, GA; d. Aft. 1910, In Banks County, GA Census.
- iii. **BENJAMIN POLLARD BROWN, SR.**, b. 02 Feb 1836, Habersham County, GA; d. 19 May 1910, Stephens County, GA]; m. ELIZABETH CAROLINE HULSEY, 16 Dec 1858, Habersham County, GA Book B page 170; b. 28 Jul 1840, Habersham County, GA; d. 20 Dec 1912, Stephens County, GA.
- iv. JANE E. BROWN, b. Abt. 1839, Habersham County, GA; d. Bef. 1885, Banks County, GA.
- v. SARAH E. 'SALLY' BROWN, b. Jun 1842, Habersham County, GA; d. Abt. 1905, Banks County, GA; m. WILLIAM M. BLACKBURN, Abt. 1865; b. 25 Dec 1839, Habersham County, GA; d. Aft. 1910, Banks County, GA.
- vi. HUGH B. BROWN, b. Abt. 1843, Habersham County, GA; d. Bet. 1885 - 1889, Banks County, GA; m. AMANDA VAUGHN, 29 Jul 1883, Banks County, GA Book BCD page 66; b. 1852, Habersham County, GA; d. Bef. Aug 1892, Banks County, GA.
- vii. JAMES M. BROWN, b. Abt. 1845, Habersham County, GA; d. 09 Oct 1915, Franklin County, GA F; m. ARDENIA VAUGHN, 26 Dec 1868, Banks County, GA Book A page 117; b. Mar 1846, Habersham County, GA; d. Aft. 1910, Franklin County, GA.
- viii. MARY MARTHA BROWN, b. Abt. 1847, Habersham County, GA; d. Bef. 1890, Banks County, GA; m. JOHN DANIEL LANE, Abt. 1873, Banks County, GA; b. 1847, Habersham County, GA; d. 24 Apr 1913, Banks County, GA.
- ix. WILLIAM DAVID BROWN, b. 21 Apr 1850, Habersham County, GA; d. 16 Feb 1912, Banks County, GA]; m. NANCY ELIZABETH GARRISON, 10 Oct 1872, Banks County, GA Book A page 192; b. 23 Sep 1852, Franklin County, GA; d. 12 Jun 1917, Banks County, GA B.
- x. HANNAH C. BROWN, b. Oct 1855, Habersham County, GA; d. 15 Mar 1930, Banks County, GA].
- xi. GREEN MACK BROWN, b. Jan 1857, Habersham County, GA; d. Aft. 1920, in Banks County, GA Census; m. (1) CYNTHIA SIMMONS, Abt. 1880; b. 1858, Habersham County, GA; d. Bet. 1880 - 1885, Banks County, GA; m. (2) ELVIRA UNKNOWN, Abt. 1885; b. May 1840, Georgia; d. Bet. 1910 - 1916, Banks County, GA; m. (3) LOLA E./ ODA HARRIS, 10 Feb 1916, Banks County, GA Book F page 105; b. Apr 1891, Banks County, GA; d. Aft. 1920, In Banks County, GA Census.
- xii. EDWARD BROWN, b. Abt. 1861, Banks County, GA; d. Bef. 1885, Banks County, GA.

Not much is known about Hugh Brown Sr. who must have lived somewhere near where he is buried along Highway 105 – see the cemetery section for photos of his fantastic headstone and the location of the cemetery.



Hugh Brown

Benjamin Pollard Brown

Descendants of Benjamin Pollard Brown, Sr.

Generation No. 1

1. BENJAMIN POLLARD⁴ BROWN, SR. (*HUGH³, ROBERT², FATHER OF ROBERT¹*) was born 02 Feb 1836 in Habersham County, GA, and died 19 May 1910 in Stephens County, GA]]. He married ELIZABETH CAROLINE HULSEY 16 Dec 1858 in Habersham County, GA Book B page 170, daughter of ISAIAH HULSEY and NANCY KYTLE. She was born 28 Jul 1840 in Habersham County, GA, and died 20 Dec 1912 in Stephens County, GA.

Children of BENJAMIN BROWN and ELIZABETH HULSEY are:

- i. NANCY JANE⁵ BROWN, b. 14 Oct 1859, Banks County, GA; d. 13 Apr 1937, Franklin County, GA]]; m. AARON H. TERRELL, 28 Oct 1877, Habersham County, GA Book C page 127; b. 15 Jan 1856, Habersham County, GA; d. 31 Aug 1928, Franklin County, GA]].
- ii. MARY ROSANNAH BROWN, b. 14 Feb 1861, Banks County, GA; d. 16 Jun 1944, Franklin County, GA]]; m. WILLIAM PETER KING, 14 Oct 1878, Franklin County, GA; b. 17 Mar 1858, Franklin County, GA; d. 13 Apr 1932, Franklin County, GA]].
- iii. BENJAMIN POLLARD BROWN, JR, b. 15 Dec 1862, Banks County, GA; d. 19 Dec 1937, Stephens County, GA]]; m. MARANDA ELIZABETH KYTLE, 09 Jan 1887, Habersham County GA Book C page 379; b. 02 Mar 1867, Habersham County, GA; d. 07 May 1933, Stephens County, GA]].
- iv. WILLIAM PRESTON BROWN, b. 08 Jul 1865, Banks County, GA; d. 28 Apr 1962, Stephens County, GA]]; m. MARY MARIE FARMER, 22 Mar 1888, Habersham County, GA Book C page 430; b. 06 Nov 1868, Habersham County, GA; d. 15 May 1946, Stephens County, GA]].
- v. **JAMES LEONARD BROWN**, b. 30 Dec 1867, Habersham County, GA; d. 07 Jan 1903, Macon, Bibb County, GA; m. MARY ARIZONA 'ZONA' LOUDERMILK, 10 Jan 1889, Habersham County, GA book D page 58; b. 13 Jun 1871, Habersham County, GA; d. 22 Dec 1938, Habersham County, GA]].
- vi. SARAH ADINE BROWN, b. 02 Mar 1869, Habersham County, GA; d. 26 Mar 1949, Habersham County, GA]]; m. JOHN HENRY LOUDERMILK, 30 Nov 1885, Habersham County, GA Book C page 379; b. 31 Oct 1861, Habersham County, GA; d. 05 Aug 1899, Habersham County, GA.
- vii. HUGH ISAIAH BROWN, b. 22 Jul 1871, Habersham County, GA; d. 24 Apr 1921, Stephens County, GA]]; m. (1) CYNTHIA ELIZABETH 'BETSY' FRICKS, 04 Aug 1906, Stephens County GA; b. Jan 1884, Habersham County, GA; d. 20 Mar 1965, Washington County, GA A W S; m. (2) TALITHA JANE RYALS, 17 Jan 1892, Habersham county, GA Book C page 379; b. 07 Nov 1875, Georgia; d. 18 Feb 1905, Habersham County, GA; m. (3) CORDELIA ELIZABETH FRANCES KELLEY, 1905; b. 31 Dec 1879, Habersham County, GA; d. 27 Oct 1953, Stephens County, GA]].
- viii. INFANT BROWN, b. 1874, Habersham County, GA; d. 1875, sex unknown, Habersham County, GA.
- ix. ROBERT L. BROWN, b. 1875, Habersham County, GA; d. 1875, Habersham County, GA.
- x. JOSEPH H. BROWN, b. 20 Sep 1876, Habersham County, GA; d. 21 Jul 1940, Geneva County, Alabama]]; m. SARAH 'SALLIE' O. UNKNOWN, Abt. 1901, Dothan Alabama ?; b. 1886, Alabama; d. Aft. 1940.
- xi. EMMA ELIZABETH BROWN, b. 22 Oct 1880, Habersham County, GA; d. 16 Jun 1958, Stephens County, GA]]; m. JOSEPH HANSEL FARMER, 06 Jan 1898, Habersham County, GA Book E page 75; b. 19 Oct 1871, Habersham County, GA; d. 05 Feb 1943, Stephens

County, GA]].



BP and Elizabeth Caroline Brown

The Governor of Georgia, Joe Brown in January of 1862 issued a proclamation that all able-bodied men who were not in service by March 4 of that year would be required to register for the draft. Those who volunteered before that date were promised a \$50.00 bounty in good Confederate money. This induced William P. Brown, the County Tax Collector and Michael Ragsdale, County Surveyor, to organize a company of men. William P. Brown (this was Benjamin Pollard Browns first cousin) was elected Captain. They got about 95 men to meet and trained for war on a field beside Middle River behind Leatherwood Church. Proudly calling themselves the Middle River Volunteers they were activated on March 4, 1862 as Co. D, 43rd Regt. GA Volunteer Infantry, CSA.

Benjamin P. Brown served in the CSA, Co. D, 43rd Ga. Regt., Inf., Army of Tenn., and Banks County, Ga. "Middle River Vols." Private March 04, 1862. At home sick Feb. 29, 1864. Captured and paroled at Hartwell GA. May 18, 1865.

"BP" and Caroline lived in a log cabin on property which had as its northeast and northwest borders, the boundary of the 4 mile purchase described in the section above concerning Robert Brown. Thus, it is assumed that this property was that which was first settled by Robert Brown and was always in the Brown family until the purchase of the land by the United States in the 1930's and which now is the Lake Russell Wildlife Management Area. The area between the house and the Middle Broad River is known as "Browns Bottom" and served for training for the Band of Brothers during WWII. Browns Bottom also is the site of historic, and prehistoric Indian settlements and pottery chards are constantly found throughout the area.



Seated on chairs on the porch are BP Brown and Elizabeth Caroline
 Seated on the left of the porch is Wm. P. King, standing left to right are Benjamin Pollard Brown Jr., Sarah
 Brown and Mary Rosanna Brown

Other than the photo above, no photo exists of the cabin; however, Gertrude Brown Collier found the photo below and told us that it almost exactly matches the house:



The house site was 'adopted' by Bev and Jim Winsness who cleared it, made a path to the waterfall, still, and to the baby graves that are across the stream.



“Brown Waterfall”



Brown Still

The still in the photo above was is located behind the original log cabin of BP Brown and clearly visible from the road. As such, it would have been operated openly and legally by BP and his family members and his son William Preston Brown (WP) who lived across the road would most likely have been the primary operator. WP in 1920 was found in the United States Census in two locations. His family included him in the information concerning the household, however, he was also identified at the county jail in Clarkesville. WP was obviously in jail for violation of the Eighteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution which went into effect on January 16, 1920. WP's daughter, Gertrude Brown Collier, laughed as she told us that her father often was caught making liquor and was penalized with a sentence of “days in jail.” The sentences were carried out to the letter of the law as “days” in jail allowed him to come home evenings!

WP was one of the most responsible of producers of liquor in the area as he actually purchased from the United States, a license as a Retail Liquor Dealer as can be seen in the following document dated 1914. The location of his business was “3 miles south of Ayersville” and the cost of the license was \$25.00.

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\$ 75.00

UNITED STATES
INTERNAL REVENUE
 RECEIVED FROM

the sum of *Twenty Five & 100/100 Dollars*
 at *3 mi. S. of Agnesville*
 State of *Georgia* for the period represented by the *Coupons*
 Coupons hereto attached.
W. D. Blalock
 Collector

Dated at *ATLANTA, GA*
 MAY 26 1914

Dist.
 Georgia.
 State of

\$25 **\$25**

THIS RECEIPT IS VALID FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE SPECIAL TAX ON THE BUSINESS OF RETAIL LIQUOR DEALERS UNDER ACT OF OCTOBER 1, 1890. IT IS NOT VALID FOR THE PAYMENT OF ANY OTHER TAX OR FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE SPECIAL TAX ON THE BUSINESS OF RETAIL LIQUOR DEALERS UNDER ACT OF OCTOBER 1, 1890. IT IS NOT VALID FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE SPECIAL TAX ON THE BUSINESS OF RETAIL LIQUOR DEALERS UNDER ACT OF OCTOBER 1, 1890. IT IS NOT VALID FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE SPECIAL TAX ON THE BUSINESS OF RETAIL LIQUOR DEALERS UNDER ACT OF OCTOBER 1, 1890.

- COUPON FOR RETAIL LIQUOR DEALER'S SPECIAL TAX FOR JUNE. 1914.
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- COUPON FOR RETAIL LIQUOR DEALER'S SPECIAL TAX FOR MARCH. 1914.
- COUPON FOR RETAIL LIQUOR DEALER'S SPECIAL TAX FOR FEB.. 1914.
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- COUPON FOR RETAIL LIQUOR DEALER'S SPECIAL TAX FOR NOV.. 1913.
- COUPON FOR RETAIL LIQUOR DEALER'S SPECIAL TAX FOR OCT.. 1913.
- COUPON FOR RETAIL LIQUOR DEALER'S SPECIAL TAX FOR SEPT.. 1913.
- COUPON FOR RETAIL LIQUOR DEALER'S SPECIAL TAX FOR AUG.. 1913.
- COUPON FOR RETAIL LIQUOR DEALER'S SPECIAL TAX FOR JULY. 1913.

Benjamin Pollard Brown's Will:

Georgia Stephens &) The last will and testament of P. B. Brown

In the name of God amen
 I P. B. Brown of said State and County
 being of advanced age, but of sound and
 disposing mind and memory; knowing that I
 must shortly depart this life do want right
 and proper, both as respects my family and
 myself, that I should make a disposition of the
 property with which a kind providence has
 blessed me. I do therefore make this my last
 will and testament, hereby revoking and annulling
 all others by me heretofore made.

Item 1st I desire and direct that my body be buried
 in a decent Christianlike manner suitable to
 my circumstances and condition in life. My
 soul I trust shall return to reward God who
 gave it as I hope for salvation through the
 merits and atonement of the blessed Lord and
 Saviour Jesus Christ.

Item 2 I desire and direct that all my just debts
 be paid without delay by my executors
 hereinafter named and appointed.

Item 3 I give bequeath and devise to my beloved
 wife Elizabeth Brown the rents and profits
 of the tract of land in which I reside
 containing one hundred & twenty five (25) acres
 more or less and known as the Henry Sigg
 place for and during her natural life
 and also the household and kitchen furniture
 and one brown colored mule named Pete
 fear head bag. I also give and bequeath to my said
 wife one share of all my money notes and
 accounts and choses in actions the same as one
 of my children for and during her natural life
 and at her death all of the property left by
 her to be equally divided among my children
 share & share alike. It being my intention
 that my said wife consume any part or

portion of said property herein devised for her support and maintenance for and during her natural life.

Item 4 I give and bequeath and devise to my son Hugh I Brown a life interest in the tract of land on which he now lives containing twenty acres (20) more or less known as the R. O. Brady place and at his death the remainder and absolute for in the same to go in his children and the said Hugh I Brown to account to my estate in the settlement of the same between my said children the sum of eight hundred and the accumulated interest up to the time of said settlement, it being the sum I paid for said tract of land.

Item 5 It is my will and desire that after the death of my said wife that my tract of land be sold by my executor at public outcry to the highest bidder and the proceeds be equally divided between my said children share & share alike except as provided in item four (4) of this will for which my son Hugh must account out of his portion to my estate.

Item 6 It is my will and desire that my executor as soon after my death as convenient to proceed to collect my notes and accounts and choses in action and the money on hand and make a division of the same among my heirs at law share & share alike including my wife. My intention being for there to have a child's part in the division of money I have at my death.

Item 7 It is my will and desire that my executor hereinafter named and appointed shall be required to bond the same as

Now required by law for administrators of estates.

Item 8 It is my will and desire that my executors shall carry out this will without any cost or charge as fees or Commissions as I think that would be best for the other children of my estate.

Item 9 It is my will and desire that should any of my children be not living at the time of my death and of the division of my estate and leaving children that they shall receive their portions that their parents would have received if living.

Item 10 I hereby constitute and appoint my sons B. P. Brown Jr and W. P. Brown Executors of this my last will and testament.
This the 7th day of April 1910.

B. P. Brown, Jr.

Signed, sealed, declared and published by B. P. Brown Jr as his last will and testament in the presence of us the undersigned who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said testator at his special instance and request and in the presence of each other.
This April 7-1910.

J. J. Vandover
H. H. Herson
John W. Owen

Recorded Jan 10, 1912

The will was typed and sworn to by W. P. Brown and B. P. Brown Jr.

Item 9
It is my will and desire that should any of my children be not living at the time of my death and of the division of my estate, and leaving children that they shall receive their portion that parent would have received if living.

Item 10
I hereby nominate and appoint as executors of this my last will and testament, this the 7th day of April 1910.
W.P. Brown, Jr. (1 of 2)

Witnessed and attested the seal of said W.P. Brown, Jr., on his last will and testament in the presence of us the undersigned who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said said testator at his special instance and request and in the presence of each other.
This April 7th 1910.
J.J. Vandiver
H.B. Harrow
John V. Owen

*W.P. Brown do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will of the within named W.P. Brown deceased so far as I know and believe that I will will and truly execute the same in accordance with the laws of the state.
I help and assist
W.P. Brown Jr. deceased
before me this
June 6-1910.
B.P. Brown Jr.*

Notary in Stephens County.

I B.P. Brown Jr. Ordinary in and for said County do certify that the foregoing paper of type written matter is a true and correct copy of the last will and testament of W.P. Brown Jr. late of said County deceased as appears of record in my Office

Given under my hand and seal of Office
This the 6th day of June 1910
B.P. Brown Jr.

James Leonard Brown

Descendants of James Leonard Brown

Generation No. 1

1. JAMES LEONARD⁵ BROWN (*BENJAMIN POLLARD⁴, HUGH³, ROBERT², FATHER OF ROBERT¹*) was born 30 Dec 1867 in Habersham County, GA, and died 07 Jan 1903 in Macon, Bibb County, GA. He married MARY ARIZONA 'ZONA' LOUDERMILK 10 Jan 1889 in Habersham County, GA book D page 58, daughter of HENRY LOUDERMILK and MARTHA LANDERS. She was born 13 Jun 1871 in Habersham County, GA, and died 22 Dec 1938 in Habersham County, GA]].

Children of JAMES BROWN and MARY LOUDERMILK are:

- i. HENRY BENJAMIN⁶ BROWN, b. 23 Nov 1889, Habersham County, GA; d. 14 Dec 1889, Habersham County, GA.
- ii. **JOSEPH WAVERY BROWN**, b. 28 Nov 1891, Habersham County, GA; d. 08 Apr 1960, Dekalb County, GA]]; m. (1) MINNIE BELLE STEPHENS, 26 Jul 1914, Habersham County, GA; b. 24 Nov 1895, Habersham County, GA; d. 10 Apr 1970, Dekalb County, GA]]; m. (2) ANGELETA SANTIAGO, 16 Dec 1947, Fulton County GA number 99779.
- iii. OSCAR LEE BROWN, b. 08 Aug 1894, Habersham County, GA; d. 14 Sep 1894, Habersham County, GA.
- iv. MARTHA ELIZABETH BROWN, b. 16 Sep 1895, Habersham County, GA; d. 23 Feb 1897, Habersham County, GA.
- v. WILLIAM CLYDE BROWN, b. 18 Aug 1897, Habersham County, GA; d. 10 Nov 1979, Habersham County, GA]]; m. (1) SARA ELLEN PLASTER, 16 Jun 1918; b. 11 Aug 1899, Habersham County, GA; d. 30 Oct 1963, Habersham County, GA]]; m. (2) MARY LIDDEL OWENS, Aft. 1963.
- vi. MADELINE TALITHA BROWN, b. 11 Feb 1900, Habersham County, GA; d. 17 Feb 1995, Richmond County, GA]].



James Leonard, Mary Arizona 'Zona' and son Joseph Wavery Brown

Joseph Wavery Brown

Descendants of Joseph Wavery Brown

Generation No. 1

1. JOSEPH WAVERY⁶ BROWN (*JAMES LEONARD⁵, BENJAMIN POLLARD⁴, HUGH³, ROBERT², FATHER OF ROBERT¹*) was born 28 Nov 1891 in Habersham County, GA, and died 08 Apr 1960 in Dekalb County, GA]. He married (1) MINNIE BELLE STEPHENS 26 Jul 1914 in Habersham County, GA, daughter of ROBERT STEPHENS and MARTHA CAUDELL. She was born 24 Nov 1895 in Habersham County, GA, and died 10 Apr 1970 in Dekalb County, GA]. He married (2) ANGELETA SANTIAGO 16 Dec 1947 in Fulton County GA number 99779.

Children of JOSEPH BROWN and MINNIE STEPHENS are:

- i. ROBERT FRANKLIN⁷ BROWN, b. 12 Aug 1915, Banks County, GA; d. 09 Mar 1994, Fulton County, GA]; m. MARJORIE ANN HYDE, 07 Oct 1934, Annette ,AL; b. 29 Jul 1917, Forsyth County, GA; d. 03 Sep 1998, Fulton County, GA]].
- ii. JOSEPH CONRAD BROWN, b. 10 Jun 1917, Banks County, GA; d. 24 Oct 1997, DeKalb County, GA]; m. PEGGY JOYCE IVY, 07 Feb 1950; d. Lives in.
- iii. MILDRED LOUISE BROWN, b. 10 Jun 1917, Banks County, GA; d. 19 Mar 2006, Gwinnett County, GA]; m. GEORGE MAULDIN SCOTT, SR., 12 Dec 1940, Fulton County GA; b. 21 Sep 1916, Norcross, GA; d. 07 May 1976, Gwinnett County, GA]].
- iv. JAMES LEONARD (INFANT) BROWN, b. 17 Mar 1920, Banks County, GA; d. 11 Nov 1921, Banks County, GA.
- v. EDNA CARLISE BROWN, b. 03 Jan 1923, Fulton County, GA; m. CHARLES SYLVESTER CASTLEBERRY, 12 Dec 1941, Jonesboro GA; b. 07 Dec 1915, Hall County, GA; d. 14 Mar 1995, Gwinnett County, GA.
- vi. JOHNSON WAVERY BROWN, b. 01 Jan 1925, Fulton County, GA; m. DORIS H. HOOKS, 25 Mar 1943, Fulton County GA; b. 08 Jul 1925, Cobb County GA.

Child of JOSEPH BROWN and ANGELETA SANTIAGO is:

- vii. IRMA JEAN BROWN⁷ MCCRACKIN, b. 04 Jul 1948; m. DAVID WARD, 20 May 1972; b. Abt. 1945.



Joseph Wavery Brown

When “Wave” married Minnie Belle Stephens, they first lived on Harmony Grove Road but then moved to Atlanta where he started the Brown Modern Dairy. The first location of the dairy was on Piedmont Road, but as Atlanta grew, he sold that land and purchased land out in Chamblee and he drove the cattle up Peachtree Street to the new farm. That most likely was the last cattle drive on Peachtree!

At the new location, he built quite a business which lasted until after his divorce from Minnie Belle (“Mom Brown”) and in the legal proceedings that followed the divorce, she lost the farm to corrupt lawyers.

Minnie Belle raised the children in Chamblee and was loved by all throughout her life.

Brown Modern Dairy





Robert Franklin Stephens
Descendants of Robert Franklin Stephens

Generation No. 1

1. ROBERT FRANKLIN³ STEPHENS (*THOMAS M.*², *THOMAS*¹) was born 12 Dec 1856 in Banks County, GA, and died 23 Mar 1920 in Habersham County, GA S C. He married MARTHA EMMA CAUDELL 15 Mar 1888 in Banks County, GA, daughter of WILLIAM CAUDELL and PRICILLA MORGAN. She was born 04 Dec 1868 in Banks County, GA, and died 15 Sep 1946 in Chamblee, Dekalb County, GA]].

Children of ROBERT STEPHENS and MARTHA CAUDELL are:

- i. SARAH ELIZABETH⁴ STEPHENS, b. 03 Mar 1889, Habersham County, GA; d. 09 Jul 1939, Banks County, GA]]; m. JOHN SEWARD DAVIS, 27 Dec 1909, Habersham County GA; b. 26 Jan 1888, Banks County, GA; d. 07 Oct 1960, Banks County, GA]].
- ii. **MINNIE BELLE STEPHENS**, b. 24 Nov 1895, Habersham County, GA; d. 10 Apr 1970, Dekalb County, GA]]; m. JOSEPH WAVERY BROWN, 26 Jul 1914, Habersham County, GA; b. 28 Nov 1891, Habersham County, GA; d. 08 Apr 1960, Dekalb County, GA]].
- iii. JOHN ALEX STEPHENS, b. 27 Feb 1897, Habersham County, GA; d. 09 Dec 1971, DeKalb County, GA]]; m. LOUISA CASH, 12 May 1918, Habersham County, GA; b. 19 May 1898, Banks County, GA; d. 06 Sep 1994, Fulton County, GA]].
- iv. MARY ADDIE STEPHENS, b. 04 Mar 1899, Habersham County, GA; d. 11 May 1985, Fulton County, GA]]; m. WILLIAM HARRISON PAYNE, 19 Dec 1920, Stephens County, GA; b. 04 Nov 1894, Franklin County, GA; d. 30 Jan 1965, Fulton County, GA]].
- v. LUCILE STEPHENS, b. 01 Feb 1904, Habersham County, GA; d. 01 Jun 1905, Habersham County, GA.



Top: sitting, Robert Franklin Stephens, standing, Martha Emma Caudell
 Right standing: Sara Elizabeth Stephens
 On lap: Minnie Belle Stephens, John Alec Stephens
 1898

Minnie Belle Stephens

Descendants of Minnie Belle Stephens

Generation No. 1

1. MINNIE BELLE⁴ STEPHENS (*ROBERT FRANKLIN³, THOMAS M.², THOMAS¹*) was born 24 Nov 1895 in Habersham County, GA, and died 10 Apr 1970 in Dekalb County, GA]]. She married JOSEPH WAVERY BROWN 26 Jul 1914 in Habersham County, GA, son of JAMES BROWN and MARY LOUDERMILK. He was born 28 Nov 1891 in Habersham County, GA, and died 08 Apr 1960 in Dekalb County, GA]].

Children of MINNIE STEPHENS and JOSEPH BROWN are:

- i. ROBERT FRANKLIN⁵ BROWN, b. 12 Aug 1915, Banks County, GA; d. 09 Mar 1994, Fulton County, GA]]; m. MARJORIE ANN HYDE, 07 Oct 1934, Annette, AL; b. 29 Jul 1917, Forsyth County, GA; d. 03 Sep 1998, Fulton County, GA]].
- ii. JOSEPH CONRAD BROWN, b. 10 Jun 1917, Banks County, GA; d. 24 Oct 1997, DeKalb County, GA]]; m. PEGGY JOYCE IVY, 07 Feb 1950; d. Lives in.
- iii. MILDRED LOUISE BROWN, b. 10 Jun 1917, Banks County, GA; d. 19 Mar 2006, Gwinnett County, GA]]; m. GEORGE MAULDIN SCOTT, SR., 12 Dec 1940, Fulton County GA; b. 21 Sep 1916, Norcross, GA; d. 07 May 1976, Gwinnett County, GA]].
- iv. JAMES LEONARD (INFANT) BROWN, b. 17 Mar 1920, Banks County, GA; d. 11 Nov 1921, Banks County, GA.
- v. EDNA CARLISE BROWN, b. 03 Jan 1923, Fulton County, GA; m. CHARLES SYLVESTER CASTLEBERRY, 12 Dec 1941, Jonesboro GA; b. 07 Dec 1915, Hall County, GA; d. 14 Mar 1995, Gwinnett County, GA.
- vi. JOHNSON WAVERY BROWN, b. 01 Jan 1925, Fulton County, GA; m. DORIS H. HOOKS, 25 Mar 1943, Fulton County GA; b. 08 Jul 1925, Cobb County GA.



**Joseph Wavery Brown and Minnie Belle Stephens
shortly after they were married.**



**Minnie Belle "Mom" Brown
1933**



**Edna Brown Castleberry, Minnie Belle Stephens Brown, Emma Caudell Stephens
(Minnie's mother) – 1941**

Robert Franklin Brown

ROBERT FRANKLIN⁵ BROWN, b. 12 Aug 1915, Banks County, GA; d. 09 Mar 1994, Fulton County, GA]];
m. MARJORIE ANN HYDE, 07 Oct 1934, Annette ,AL; b. 29 Jul 1917, Forsyth County, GA; d. 03 Sep 1998,
Fulton County, GA.

Need family photo

Joseph Conrad Brown

JOSEPH CONRAD BROWN, b. 10 Jun 1917, Banks County, GA; d. 24 Oct 1997, DeKalb County, GA]; m. PEGGY JOYCE IVY, 07 Feb 1950;

Peggy, Conrad's wife, provided the following in April, 2008:

I grew up in Brookhaven Georgia with a mother that was a housewife and a father that was a Brick Mason. They were wonderful parents that loved my brother Ronald and I very much.

When I was twelve years old my mother, Ronald and I went to the little Hospital in Chamblee, Georgia to visit my Aunt Margaret that had just had a baby. Ronald and I had to wait in the car while mother went in to see her because we were too young to go in. While we were waiting in the car this handsome blond, curly haired guy came walking by. He stopped to talk to us and when he left Ronald said "when you start dating I hope you date him because he talks pretty."

Well it was three years later before I saw this handsome guy again when he came to Cobbs store across the street from my house. My cousin Verna and I were on our front porch and he motioned for me to come over, but I said no because I knew that my mother would not like that. He drove off and in a few minutes he called and asked if I could go out. I told him no because my cousin and I were going to the movie. He asked if he could bring us home. I asked my mother and she said since Verna was with me it would be O.K. Well I could not enjoy the movie for turning around looking for Conrad to show up. He finally made it (He was never on time for anything), and needless to say when I saw him my heart did a flip. When the movie was over (The Wizard of Oz) and we got to his car, it was a new 1949 Mercury convertible. and he told me to get in and drive. Well I had never driven anywhere except up and down our driveway and never on the road. I was scared to death but I did it. He told me to drive down Peachtree Road towards Buckhead, which I did (and very well, if I do say so myself) and then when we turned around he told Verna to drive. She got under the wheel and she could not figure out how much to press on the gas peddle so Conrad reached over and took hold of her ankle to press down on the gas peddle but Verna screamed out because she thought he was trying to get fresh with her. If you knew the reputation he had with the women you would understand.

We made it home and that was the beginning of what I call a 48 year love affair. I was never allowed to go out on a date with Conrad by myself because my parents thought he was too old for me. They would say that I was going to have to stop dating him and I would say that was just dating him until I could find one 40.! Conrad, his brother and my father and his brothers all grew up together. Both families had farms on Shallowford Road. Conrad said he remembered me when I was a baby, which I doubt, but it makes a good story anyway. When Conrad asked me to marry him he said "If I had a piano and a T.V. I would ask some little girl to marry me." I told him "If she loved you, you would not have to have those things."

We were married my senior year in High School and in my year book I am Mrs. Brown. When Professor Smith called on me in class he would say "Mrs. Brown." We were married for 48 3/4 years when Conrad died. Our life was busy, good and sad at times but I would not change anything. We had four wonderful children, Stephens, Joseph, Connie-Jo and Johnny. Conrad and Steve are no longer with us but they will always be in our hearts.

I am almost 76 years old now, live alone but very involved in friends, family, church, Red Hat Society and my neighborhood. I feel so lucky to have lived such a good life. Everyone should be so lucky.

Mildred Louise Brown

MILDRED LOUISE BROWN, b. 10 Jun 1917, Banks County, GA; d. 19 Mar 2006, Gwinnett County, GA];
m. GEORGE MAULDIN SCOTT, SR., 12 Dec 1940, Fulton County GA; b. 21 Sep 1916, Norcross, GA; d. 07
May 1976, Gwinnett County, GA.

Need family photo

James Leonard Brown

JAMES LEONARD (INFANT) BROWN, b. 17 Mar 1920, Banks County, GA; d. 11 Nov 1921, Banks County, GA.

Edna Carlise Brown

EDNA CARLISE BROWN, b. 03 Jan 1923, Fulton County, GA; m. CHARLES SYLVESTER CASTLEBERRY, 12 Dec 1941, Jonesboro GA; b. 07 Dec 1915, Hall County, GA; d. 14 Mar 1995, Gwinnett County, GA.



1924



1924



about 1925



High School Photo



Taken by future husband, Charles Castleberry



After marriage, while stationed in California



2009

Johnson Wavery Brown

JOHNSON WAVERY BROWN, b. 01 Jan 1925, Fulton County, GA; m. DORIS H. HOOKS, 25 Mar 1943, Fulton County GA; b. 08 Jul 1925, Cobb County GA.

Need family photo

Jacob Kytle***Descendants of Jacob Kytle****Generation No. 1*

1. JACOB¹ KYTLE was born 26 Jul 1757 in Philadelphia, PA, and died 19 Mar 1843 in Greenville County, SC. He married MARY UNKNOWN.

Children of JACOB KYTLE and MARY UNKNOWN are:

- i. **ZACHARIAH² KYTLE**, b. 1784, South Carolina; d. 17 May 1869, Habersham County, GA; m. SARAH SALLY JOHNSON, Abt. 1812; b. 1793, South Carolina/North Carolina; d. 29 Oct 1892, Habersham County, GA.
- ii. UNKNOWN 1 KYTLE, b. Abt. 1786, South Carolina.
- iii. UNKNOWN 2 KYTLE, b. Abt. 1788, South Carolina.
- iv. SARAH KYTLE, b. 13 Sep 1794, South Carolina; d. 24 Feb 1856, Greenville County, SC.
- v. DELILAH KYTLE, b. 30 Apr 1797, South Carolina; d. 18 Sep 1859, Greenville County, SC.
- vi. UNKNOWN KYTLE, b. Abt. 1800, South Carolina.
- vii. ELIZABETH KYTLE, b. 24 Mar 1805, South Carolina; d. 14 Jan 1889, Greenville, Cty., SC.
- viii. HARRIET KYTLE, b. Aft. 1805, South Carolina.
- ix. MARY KYTLE, b. Abt. 1790, South Carolina; d. Abt. 1880, Carroll Cty, TN; m. STEPHEN JOHNSON, 01 Apr 1813, Greenville County, SC; b. Bef. 1793.

then to Clarke Co. GA where he applied for the revolutionary war pension on 20 Nov 1832. Married Martha Duncley (or Dunclay or Dunkly) McKinney.

From Book "Gone to Georgia" page 303:

Benjamin was appointed a justice of the peace in Jackson County Aug. 4, 1797. A Revolutionary soldier, Benjamin in Clark County 1827 drew Carrol County land granted Feb. 3, 1829, and in the 1840 Clarke County census he was enumerated aged 83.

From DAR data ID Number 88731:

Benjamin Parr (1761-1842) enlisted 1777, in Captain Speir's company, Col. Israel Shreve's 2nd New Jersey regiment. He was born in New Jersey; died in Carroll County GA.

Benjamin Clearwaters

From "Abstracts of Rev. War Pension Files": Clearwaters, Benjamin or Benjamin Clearwater, Elender, W9425, VA Line, sol appl 27 Jan 1827 Madison Cty, TN aged 78 with a wife Elizabeth aged 23 and his wife's children Johnathan Tucker aged 7 & James Howard aged 5 & his daughter Betsey Ann aged 2, sol had orig appl in Humphreys Cty TN in 1825, one Thomas Stephens adm'r of wid's estate appl 1 Aug 1853 Hall Cty GA & states wid had made appl for pension in Dickson Cty TN, sol & wife m in 1788 in Randolph Cty NC, sold d 7 Mar 1848, wid d 22 Jct 1852 in Hall Cty GA but was previously of Habersham Cty GA where she had lived quite some time, sol & wife were separated for some 20 years prior to his death, wid d leaving children; Olive aged 60 wife of Thomas Stephens, Rachel Nicholson of Lumpkin Cty GA aged 62 and Deborah Raper of Dade Cty GA aged 64 or 65, one Susannah Beaty of Habersham Cty GA stated she knew sol & wife in Pendleton Dist SC, one Deborah Middleton aged 78 of Floyd Cty GA stated sol m Elender Robbins, the wife sol mentioned in 1827 could not have been his legal wife.

Statement of Madison County, TN, West, Pension Roll of 1835, Vol III, Southern States shows Benjamin Clearwaters, private, annual allowance of 96, sums received 577.06, service in Virginia Continental Line, placed on pension roll April 19, 1828, commencement of pension Mar. 1, 1828, ages 86

Jacob Loudermilk

Jacob's headstone in Seagrove, NC, states he served in the 2nd Lieutenant, German Battalion, Continental Troops

Benjamin Caudell

Some Kentucky researchers list the above Isham and James Cordell as being sons of Revolutionary James Cordell b. 1753. However James of Letcher had several children born in GA, while Revolutionary James supposedly went directly from Wilkes CO., NC to Perry Co., KY with no GA sojourn. Also, there is an 1850 Cedar County, MO James Cordell with Sampson, known son of Revolutionary James. A good bet is that 1850 Letcher County, KY James is James, son of Revolutionary Benjamin.

Jessie Hulsey

In Ga. Revolutionary War Soldiers Graves Hall County page 307: b 1759 d after 1840 Served in the North Carolina Line and was wounded by the Indians. He later received a pension for his services. See (1) Abstracts of Some Revolutionary War Pensions, p 166 (2) Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers in Georgia v. III, p 324.

Samuel Morgan

Thomas Davis, Sr.

Revolutionary War soldier in the Georgia Battalion of Minute Men. He and Keziah moved from Pendleton District, SC to Franklin County, GA around 1800

James Akin

David Washburn

Henry Cash

May 1939

Howard Cash's Descendant Will Unveil Monument

Sunday, May 28, 1939 at 2:30 p.m., at the cash cemetery, six miles east of Cornelia near Broad River Church in Banks County, the descendants of Howard Cash, a Revolutionary Soldier, will unveil a monument to his honor, which has been furnished by the War Department of the United States government. Hon. Robert McMillian of Clarkesville, Judge of the Northern Circuit, will deliver the address. Habersham Post No. 84, American Legion, under Commander C. C. Hipps of Cornelia, will attend in a body. Two of its past commanders will deliver addresses. The Cornelia Boy Scouts Troop No. 24 has been asked to attend in a body and help direct the people who attend the unveiling of the monument.

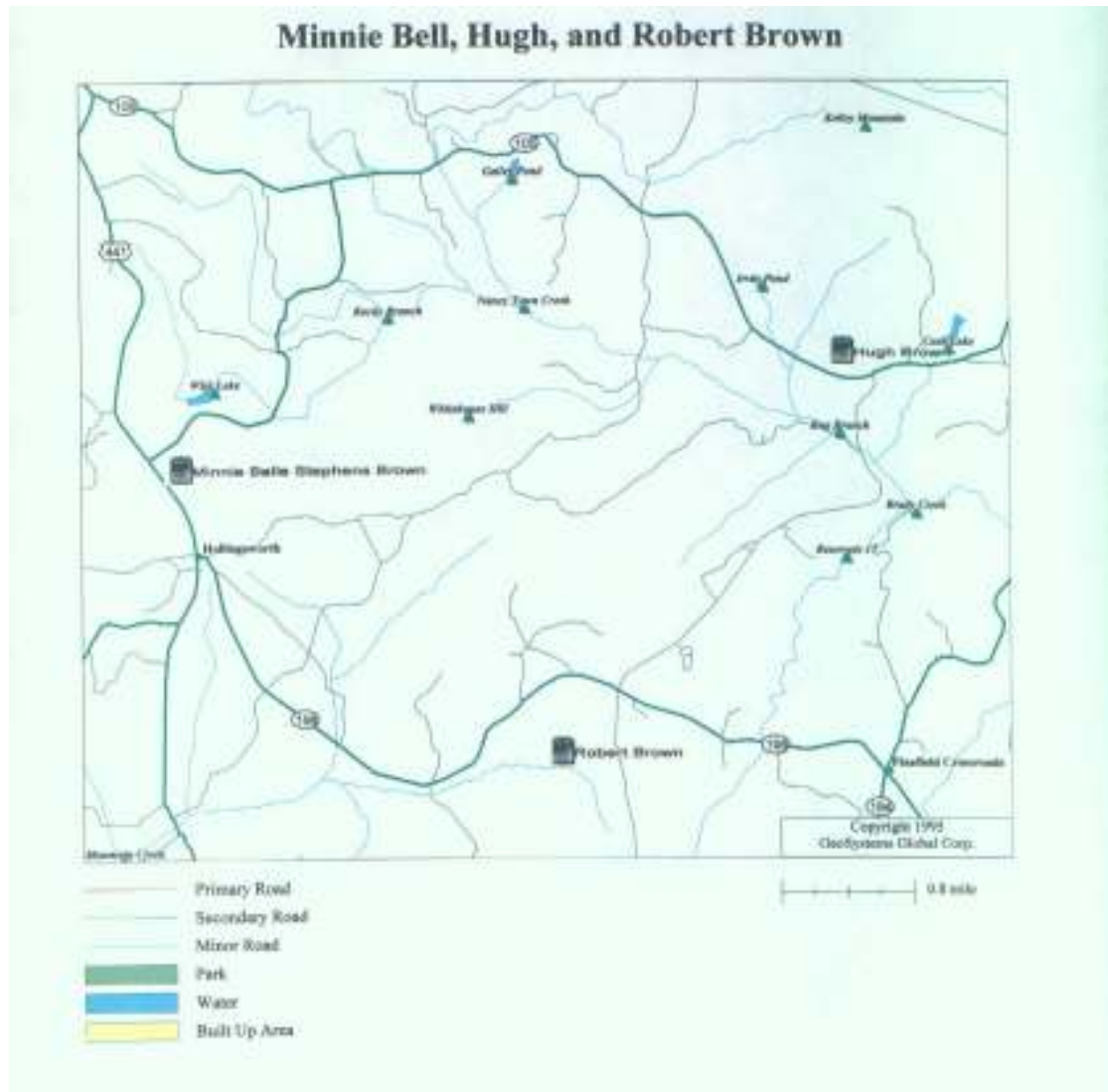
Howard Cash was one of the original settlers of Habersham County. He came first from Virginia to Elbert county, now Hart, and then to Habersham upon its establishment in 1818. He was a member of a distinguished Virginia family and his wife by his first marriage was a relative of President John Tyler of Virginia. He has a large number of descendants and relatives living in Hart, Franklin, Jackson, Banks, Habersham, White, Stephens, and other Georgia counties.

A large crowd is expected to attend these unveiling exercises. The program will be in charge of Mrs. Mary Cash Lane who is secretary of the Cash-Duckett-Chambers Family Reunion organization.

Those wishing to attend from a distant will pass through Cornelia south over the paved road to Homer, turning to the left about 4 miles from Cornelia at the old Maxwell place.

Cemeteries

The following map locates the graves of Robert Brown, Hugh Brown Sr., and Minnie Belle Stephens Brown:



Highway 441 has been upgraded to a 4 lane highway and moved to the east of historic 441 which is shown on the map above.

Robert Brown & Jane

Robert Brown and Jane are buried in what is often called the Ausburn Cemetery deep in the woods to the east of Union Hill Road, south of its intersection with GA 198 south of Cornelia.

Looking south on Union Hill Road, access to the cemetery is through a dirt driveway just past address 679:



The old road leaves the field ahead of you as you travel on that driveway and is located in the following photo marked “entrance”. Continue down the old road until there is a junction to the left. The cemetery is on the right side of that road 100 feet from that intersection.





The above photo was taken the day of the dedication of the marker for Robert Brown. The grave is marked by the white military marker in the center of the photo.



Descendants of Robert Brown behind the military marker.

Hugh Brown Sr. & Mary Caudell

This grave is on the north side of Highway 105 about 5 miles to the east of its intersection with Highway 441 and behind the address #2799. The cemetery is currently surrounded by refuse; however, we have marked the perimeter of the cemetery and are watching for any encroachment onto the cemetery itself.



Hugh Brown



HERE LIES THE BODY
 OF HUGH BROWN
 WHO DEPARTED THIS
 LIFE JANUARY THE
 18TH 1885
 IN THE 78TH YEAR
 OF HIS AGE
 DEATH IS A DET
 THAT'S JUSTLY DUE
 THAT I HAVE PADE
 AND SO MUST YOU

Minnie Belle Stephens Brown and her mother Martha Emma Caudell

Minnie Belle Brown, known as “Mom Brown”, was buried at Harmony Grove Baptist Church between historic Highway 441 and the 4 lane highway 441, a few miles south of Cornelia. She was buried near her mother, Martha Emma Caudell Stephens. Across

from the church, go up some old cement stairs and the graves are to the right just as you enter the cemetery.



Minnie Belle Stephens Brown and her mother Martha Emma Caudell Stephens and James Leonard Brown, infant son of Minnie Belle.

Benjamin Pollard Brown & Elizabeth Caroline Hulsey

BP Brown and Caroline are buried in the cemetery of Mount Pleasant Church, Ayersville. The graves are at the rear right of the cemetery in a clearly marked Brown section. Others of the family are also buried in that area.



The Brown Plot



Benjamin P. Brown



Elizabeth, wife of B. P. Brown

Infant & Robert Lee Brown

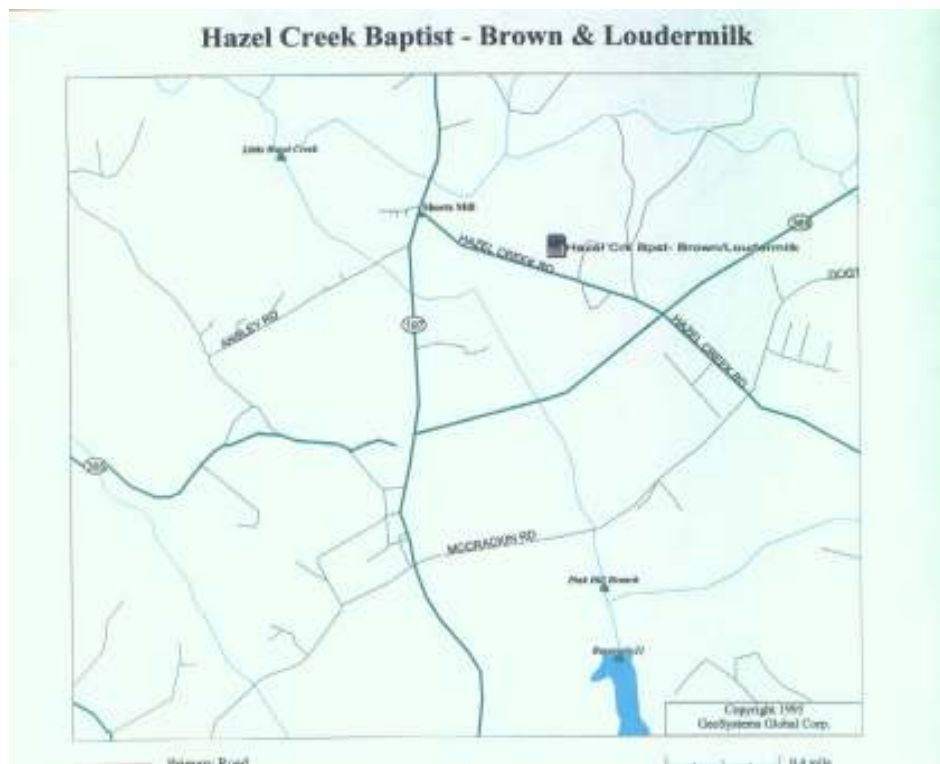
BP and Caroline had a son who died at birth in 1874, and then a son that lived just over a month a year later. Both are buried on a hill behind the housesite in what is now the Lake Russell Wildlife Management Area.



Graves of "Infant Son" and Robert Lee Brown

**James Leonard Brown & Mary Arizona Loudermilk
and Joseph Wavery Brown**

Hazel Creek Baptist Church contains the remains of James Leonard, his wife, and son Joseph Wavery Brown. In addition, it contains the parents and grandparents of his wife Mary Arizona Loudermilk!



The graves of James Leonard, Joseph Wavery, and his wife are at the arrow above. Looking to the right of those graves, each ancestor or relative of Mary is identified by Mary Elizabeth Kidd, Mildred Brown, Edna Castleberry, and Nancy Kid in the second photo!

Robert Franklin Stephens

Robert Franklin Stephens, and many other relatives of the family, are buried in the Mountain Grove Cemetery in the middle of the LRWMA. This cemetery is privately owned, and is to someday contain the ashes and marker for Bev and Jim Winsness.



R. F. Stephens and Beverly Castleberry Winsness



Mt. Grove Cemetery

The church that once existed off to the right of the photo above was where Minnie Belle Stephens attended elementary school. Most of the people buried in this cemetery are from the Brown, Farmer, and Kytle families. Among the earliest owners of the property was the Kytle family.

Howard Cash

Soldier of the American Revolution, Howard Cash is buried on private land bordering the LRWMA on the southeast. To find the cemetery, proceed north from Highway 105 past the Middle Broad River Baptist Church, bearing right and then stopping at the gate marking the boundary of private land. Continue past the gate and on the hill to the left, before the first pond, is the cemetery.



Grave dedication for Howard Cash
October 25, 2003

Isaiah Babel Hulsey and Nancy Kytle

Buried in the Kimbrell Cemetery, deep in the woods of the LRWMA, are the parents of Elizabeth Caroline Hulsey Brown. This is one of the largest and oldest cemeteries in the National Forest and of the approximately 50 graves, only those of I.B. and Nancy have headstones with names! I feel that those stones were placed there by Elizabeth Caroline to assure that the graves would not be lost. GPS coordinates are 34 deg., 30.3138 N, 83 deg., 25.6996 W.





I. B. Hulsey



Nancy Hulsey

Jacob Kytle

Soldier of the American Revolution

Buried at Highlands Baptist Church, 3270 Highway 414, Taylors South Carolina, Bev and Jim were assisted by Paige and Brooke Winsness in the placement of a military headstone for Jacob Kytle, great grandfather of Nancy Hulsey. The stone is placed between what are assumed to be the headstones of Jacob Kytle and his wife Mary and next to three of their unmarried daughters. Jacob's parents also lived nearby and likely are in the graves directly behind Jacob. Jacob and Nancy's son Zachariah, father to Nancy, are probably buried in the Kimbrell Cemetery next to I.B. and Nancy.



Epilogue

References:

Stories of Edna:

Piedmont Road – Atlanta Georgia

This was the place where it all started. I was born January 3, 1923. Mother and Dad had a small dairy and farm of approximately ten to fifteen acres. At one time there was a drive-In-Theater there, but now it is all business.

Our doctor Dr. Walter C. Goodpasture lived about two or three blocks away. He lived in a big beautiful white house with big porches on Mooney's Lake Road and it was nice to have him live so near as he could stop by and check on us.

When Mama Brown had a real bad case of pneumonia and almost died she was isolated from me and the rest of the family and I was turned over to Granny Brown and Granny Stephens. They all stayed busy looking after Mama and me. We were tough and we pulled through the cold winter. By the way, Dr. Goodpasture was my doctor when Beverly was born.

Mama and Daddy had about 60 cows, horses, and mules and most everything that lives on a farm. They sold milk, butter, and eggs, and when I was old enough to walk, I went with Mildred, Conrad, or Robert to deliver to our neighbors. Dr. Goodpasture was one of our customers and he always ran out and picked me up. He said I was special. One day while on our way to deliver to Dr. Goodpasture, I swallowed part of a poisonous weed (Gypsum Weed). They said as soon as we reached Dr. Goodpasture, I was turning green. He grabbed me, turned me upside down, and started spanking me until I coughed up the weed. He saved my life and Mama and I were lucky.

My New Baby Brother

Dub (Johnson W. Brown) was born January 1st, 1925. I was only two and had not been around Mama Brown all that much. As kids are, I didn't like the idea of a baby brother. I would not go near Mama Brown or the new baby and that's when I started my independence!

I turned to my grandmothers for support and direction as one or the other was always at our house. Sometimes Grandma Stephens stayed with Aunt Addie (Mama's sister) and sometime Grandma Brown stayed with Aunt Madeline.

As you can see, I don't have much to say about my new brother.

My First Hair Cut

Evidently, I had blond curly hair which gave my grandmothers fits when they dressed me. My grandmother Brown got fed up and cut it off giving me butch cut with bangs.

Mama Brown didn't like it, but was all over and my hair never curled again. I guess that was the start of "Bad Hair Day."

My First Move

I suppose Piedmont Road got too busy or crowded or we needed a larger farm. In any case, we were moving. Mama and Daddy had purchased a new farm on Shallowford Road in Chamblee. They had approximately 68 acres, the barn sitting at the top of a hill. I was told many times that Robert, Conrad, Daddy and a few men who worked for us drove the cattle up Piedmont Road to Peachtree and then to Chamblee. I think it took them all day and it was quite a modern day cattle drive. They also had chickens, pigs and all the other animals to move plus the furniture. Being so young, I don't remember that part but I bet it was a big job.

No one ever said just how Mama and Daddy made the money to buy the property on Piedmont or how much they sold it for. Evidently the ten or fifteen acres on Piedmont was enough to make the down payment on the new farm. Rumors have it that as a young man, Daddy delivered moonshine to Atlanta from Habersham County by wagon. I know now in looking at our family history that they all had a hand in the moonshining.

Life on the New Farm

For the first few years on the farm I was under the care of my grandmothers. I don't know who watched Dub. Maybe Mama carried him around with her. We had a lot of people around all the time, so we were always in good hands. The new farm had a big white house and a couple of tenant houses. This was probably about 1927-1930. They said this was the "depression days" but we never realized it.

We raised a lot of cattle, chickens, ducks, goats and rabbits. I suppose my first job was to gather up the eggs in the evening. I would gather at least two big baskets and didn't mind the job but I hated the big red rooster! He was so mean and would always fly at me catching my legs. Mama said to just push him away and one day I kicked him so hard he went right over the fence. I called Mama and she got him and he was prepared for dinner.

We had beef, pork, vegetables, and we always ate like kings. Mama would can and preserve all the food so everyone who lived on the farm had plenty. I can remember Uncle Clyde Brown and Aunt Addie coming out each week loading up with milk, butter, and all kinds of food. Mama always had plenty.

I remember when I was five that one day Granny Brown was cleaning a chicken for dinner and I stood on a chair next to her watching. This was not the rooster I kicked over the fence! When she cut into the chicken, I hit the floor and was scared her to death! I believe it was the odor from the chicken and even today, I don't eat chicken and can't stand the thought of it. I also think fish are too slimy to eat so my thoughts are clear and I don't eat anything that flies or swims.

Mascot – Senior Class

I was selected along with Jack Pierce to be mascot for the seniors. This was approximately 1930. Fred Brooks and his class mates took us to the parades, ball games, and all of the big events that year. What fun we had. I got new shoes, a black pair and a white pair and special dresses with bows and ribbons. Most of all I liked my shoes as they were different with five straps and buttons. I slept soundly each night after these events!

Toys

Dub was getting old enough to play with now and we learned to ride bikes, wagons, scooters and always had something to do. We got a goat one day and Daddy and others helped to build a real neat wagon to hitch him up to. Well, we got it built, hitched him up, and Dub and I got in and away we went. We landed in a ditch with the goat running away. They caught him but we never used the wagon again. That darn goat was so mean that if he got loose, he would chase anyone. You really had to run and he still would knock you down. He didn't last long after he chased Mama.

Mildred never played too much, but one day when I was 8 or 9, she wanted to learn to ride the bike. Daddy was putting in a new gas tank and a big hole was freshly dug, about five feet square and deep along the side of the driveway. The driveway was plenty wide but Mildred got to riding real well and I thought she had it made, however, you can guess what happened. She started down the drive and saw Mama and dogged and went into the hole! All we could see was the bike wheels spinning. She wasn't hurt but she never learned to ride either.

Our New Pet

I guess the next pet we had was an alligator. Mama, Daddy, Mildred, Aunt Madeline and I went to see someone in Alabama and from there we went to Florida. That was my first sight of the ocean. Dub stayed home with our help and Robert and Conrad. All he wanted was for us to bring him an alligator and that was the first thing Daddy bought at the alligator farm. That rascal gave us more trouble. We kept him in the house during the cold winter near the heater in a box. It would get too hot for him and he would crawl to a cooler place usually in Grandma's room. One morning we heard her scream and found her standing in the middle of the bed yelling "get that gator out." We all had a big laugh. The gator bit Dub and his finger stayed swollen for months. I believe that the finger was bigger than the others for the rest of Dub's life!

We built him a place to stay in a big tub with water, sand, and everything a gator would need but evidently he didn't like it as he left and was gone for months. One of the men finally found him in a drain and a lot bigger and we were afraid of him but didn't get rid of him. We were just careful. Finally we lost him when our house burned however, that's another story.

Mama's Problems

Mama was the backbone of the farm as she knew when to plant, what and how you were to do it, and everyone always looked to her for instructions. Daddy was a hard worker and loved to use the big tractor but didn't know how to manage anything! We had a lot of

help which was fortunate for Mama because you could not depend on Daddy staying sober. Mama had a time with him as he was an alcoholic.

He probably got started drinking when he was living in Habersham County as they tell me that you could find stills all over the mountains. He was a good natured man and good to all of us unless he was drinking. Mean as the devil when he was drinking, but we learned to stay clear. He could stay sober for weeks at a time but one slip would lead into a drinking spree that would last for weeks.

Mama would always give him a hard time and after his episodes, he would promise and promise but it was no good as he would always do it again. When he did come home, we knew it when we heard glass falling. His fist always came through the door first of course and he would get cut but never seriously. I wonder how many times a new glass was put in that back door. One day he came in, the glass shattered, and Mildred was setting the table for dinner. Mama lost her temper and started breaking the dishes on the floor. I said "Mama, don't waste the dishes on the floor – you would do a better job throwing them at Daddy." He asked me "What's wrong with Minnie" and I replied "You – don't you know how to act – she's had enough!" Well he said, "I'll just get out of her way – I'll kill myself." Having heard that so much I said "Mama, where's the gun." After that day, I could always manage him and I think he knew what he was doing even though he would say he didn't as that was just the way to get back at Mama.

He was getting more and more out-of-control and Mama saw a doctor and he gave him something to put in his coffee to reduce his craving for alcohol. He saw her add that one day and accused her of trying to kill him but I said "Daddy, what's the difference as you say you are going to do it yourself. All we want is for you to stay sober." Mama thought that if one of us went with him he would stay sober – wrong! Once Dub went with him to Snellville to look at some cows or equipment which was always his excuse to get away. The police brought them home and of course Daddy was out of it. They asked Mama if Dub belonged to her and asked if Daddy was her husband. When she said yes, they told her they wouldn't leave Daddy as they said he was too much for her to handle and that they would keep him for a few days. Finally, Mama convinced them to leave him saying she could manage. Mama saw that Dub had a kitten and asked him where he got it and he replied "where Daddy got his liquor was where I got my cat." I guess a little humor helped.

Building a New Barn

I guess business was good because a new barn was in process. It was to be built out of cement blocks and Mr. Dodgen was the builder. At this time we had two delivery trucks and needed a bigger barn for the cows. They brought machines to make the blocks and each block was handmade and had to be dried before it could be used. We had a lot of help and you could always find extra help from people living on Carrol Avenue in the Army Barracks. They made block after block and it seemed as though they reached all the way to the house. The barn was long, was made mostly of cement and was really up-to-date. Easy to clean, feed, and milk the cows.

Daddy told Mildred and I that we should learn to milk cows. He said the Morris Girls got up every morning and helped Mr. Morris milk his cows and we could help also. We had plenty of help and they certainly didn't need Mildred nor myself. Mildred cried and cried but it didn't bother me because I already had a scheme. The morning we were to learn to milk I told Mildred to do exactly as me.

We went to the barn, Mildred was crying. I got the milk bucket and sat down to milk but I already knew how to milk. I just couldn't get the milk to come and I pretended to try and try but no milk was produced. I bet that cow thought "she's nuts." Daddy got so mad at me he chased us both out of the barn and we were never asked to milk again. Mama and Mildred were happy and Mildred always stayed around the house.

We started advertising and sent out pamphlets of the dairy and invited people out to see it.

The New Milk House

The farm was getting larger and larger. The next addition was the new milk house, that required more cement blocks, and it seemed that we always had a line of blocks drying. Mama was always up on everything and she now decided it was time to start pasteurizing the milk. Now, we really had a modern dairy! The milk house had two walk-in cold storage rooms and a huge tank to pasteurize the milk and a new bottling machine to bottle the milk. The milk went straight to the pasteurizing tank from the cow not stopping until it hit the cold storage room. It was getting to be a very modern system.

We had a Delco System for power but I don't remember much about that. I remember the generator only started up at certain times. After they put in the cold storage rooms, Dub, Robert, and the workers learned not to get locked up in one as they had a safety lock but Conrad did not know! Dub and Conrad were playing around and Conrad would close Dub up in the room and Dub knew how to get out. He showed Conrad but evidently Conrad forgot. Dub left him and came to the house and we all asked about Conrad, but no one knew and I guess Dub forgot where he left him. Well, Conrad was in that cold storage room. The pump started up, Otis, our helper heard it and came running. I don't know what eventually would have happened but it wasn't good. He found Conrad and we'll never know how unless he was curious about the new cold storage room. Another half hour and we probably would have lost Conrad.

Otis was our faithful hourly man and could do everything and was very dependable. He was just part of the family and was a clean nice looking man always having plenty of lady friends. All workers thought a lot of Otis and treated him with respect.

We now had a new barn, new feed room, and a new milk house and our dairy was now called J. W. Brown's Modern Dairy.

We invited churches out for "Barn Parties" which really went over big. They would bring food and we would serve ice cream. Every Sunday we would have people come and watch the milk being processed.

A New Loan

We were growing so fast and getting so modern that I guess they needed some help. Daddy didn't seem to drink so much during all the building and he seemed to enjoy everything. But he always came to Mama for help. One day while working at the "Milk House" Mama ran into the garage door. Someone only raised it half way and she forgot to duck and it broke her glasses and gave her 2 black eyes. Daddy had been on a binge and got a black eye but we didn't know how. He was lying out on the bank at the barn when the two bankers came by to appraise the dairy for the new loan. They wanted to know where Mr. Brown was and his reply was "I have no idea, but there is a Mrs. Brown and she would know."

I guess Mama made a good impression because she got the loan and we got 50 new cows. It was really a sight seeing all the new cows. We had certain areas where we drove the cows to graze off the grass that we grew but we would definitely get into trouble if they got into the pea patch or wild onions. You know what happened when they got into the peas and the onions. It would make the milk taste bitter and you couldn't sell the milk.

Dub found a gentle cow that would let us ride her and that was a lot of fun. When you live on a farm and dairy, you find a lot of things to do that are fun. I don't think I missed much. We usually had to walk at least a mile to catch the school bus then walk it again after school. When I was in the 7th grade, Dub got a Model T Ford with a wagon bed and no top. We started driving that to school. I don't know when Dub learned to drive but I guess it came with being around so many cars and farm equipment.

Remember, Dub is two years younger than I. One day we were trying to adjust the windshield which had to be rolled out and in, and it broke and cut my knee. We didn't go back home! We just stopped by the doctor's office. He sewed my knee with 4 stitches and we went on to school. Mama was surprised when I got home!

Mama was always busy from daylight till dark. After the milk was processed and bottled for the next day's delivery, she churned and made butter and bottled the buttermilk. She would then bring the butter home and work out all the milk by pressing it and draining the milk from it. She would then put it in a butter press forming a round cake of pure butter. Boy was it great!

After all that, she got the trucks ready for delivery. She knew how many quarts, pints, buttermilk, and cakes of butter she needed for each truck. Robert and Conrad drove one truck and we had an employee drive the other. They usually left our house around 2:00 or 2:30 a.m. so Conrad and Robert were back in time for school. Guess who was there checking out the truck. Yep, you guessed right – Mama.

Mama didn't have to worry about Dub and myself. We had a lot of bosses. Granny Brown was usually the one watching us and all the men and their wives who lived on the farm. Granny Stephens (often with us with Aunt Addie) helped with dinner. You know we

always had a lot of people for dinner. Also we had a helper – a maid which was what she was called!

Sewing

I think I have always had a needle and thread in my hands. Sometimes Granny Brown would stay with Aunt Madeline who lives on Ponce deLeon in an apartment. When I had to stay with her, I was bored to death with nothing to do. This time we started a butterfly quilt. I was quite good with it. That quilt was never quilted until I was 50. Today Beverly has the quilt.

I had to be extremely careful at the apartment because it was not safe to wonder and with no one to play with, it was hard for me to stay. Aunt Madeline told me of a girl my age that had a handicap and had lost one leg. She was known to hit children with her crutch so I had to be careful. One day I was skating in front of the apartment when she came up and I was afraid she would hit me. I smiled and asked her to play and after that she was my friend and I enjoyed playing with her.

I remember making my own doll house with doors and curtains. I even made my paper dolls and cloth dolls. Mildred always called my dolls and house a big mess and I couldn't play with it in the house. I found a place in our smoke house where we kept the yard furniture not in use. One day as I was playing, I saw a huge snake curled up behind me. I made no noise getting out!

I also played with my homemade dolls out under the big oak tree in the front yard. I guess by now you have discovered I was an outside girl and Mildred was a shut-in. I had to share a room with Mildred which was a big disaster. She would starch the pillow cases stiff as a board and I wasn't allowed to sleep on them as I would mess them up! Dub and I stayed out most of the time because we might mess up the house. I was allowed to clean and scrub the bathroom! Dub always liked to go down to the creek to catch fish and kill snakes with his BB gun. You know it's a thousand wonders we didn't get hurt or snake bitten.

I've seen so many snakes around that today I am still afraid of them. I wasn't too fond of going to the creek as I didn't like creepy crawlers so I seldom went. My cat even brought one to the front door.

Outside Shower

Everyone who worked had to shower and put on white overalls as you see in the pictures. One day Conrad caused some excitement. They had all finished work for the day and were taking their showers when Mildred and her girl friends came by to get some milk. They were really looking for Conrad and Robert! When they walked in from the shower, Conrad pushed on the door, Robert pushed back and caught Conrad's little toe. It snapped it off clean. The doctor said it was a real good job and no problem, but it provided some real excitement!

Parades

On the forth of July our trucks and cars were always decorated for the big parades. The trucks had our name on the side and it was good advertising. The years must have been about 1938 or 1939.

Barn Cleaning

With all the modern systems, the barn still had to be cleaned after milking. The cow droppings had to be shoveled up and hauled outside down a ramp and dumped. Robert and Conrad were always fussing about who was to do what and this day was no different except for some reason, it was worse than normal! Robert seemed to always have the upper hand but not today because Conrad stepped up behind him at the end of the ramp and pushed him off. Robert was waist deep in it! I believe that was the maddest I ever saw Robert and it was lucky for everyone that we had that shower room!

They fought for weeks and finally Daddy made them put the boxing gloves on to finish the fight. They fought and fought and when they finally stopped, Daddy made them go on. The fight finally finished, but Robert never forgot!

Other Stories

We grew corn, cotton, peas, green beans and sold them at the farmer's market. One evening, after returning from the market, Daddy came in and the next thing I saw was a green snake on the floor! I had another encounter with a snake.

We raised pigs for ham and bacon. We did our own slaughter and it was an all-day job putting up the meat and making lard. In those days, no one knew about cholesterol. All we knew was we had ham, bacon, and biscuits for breakfast and it was good. We sent our corn and wheat to the mill and had our own flour and corn meal. We always had good food and maybe we had a hole in our shoes, but we never went hungry. Our Granny's were good cooks – especially Granny Stephens!

Grandma Brown was on the lazy side. She wanted to go to the barn and to preach to the men and always had a Bible in her apron. I think she could have been a “Hard Shell Baptist” preacher as they preach “Hell fire and Damnation.” She was quite a character! When we were doing all the building, Granny Brown was always there preaching. One thing about her was she didn't make a believer out of Daddy or Aunt Madeline as they were another story!

Mama always thought that if someone went with Daddy we could keep him from drinking however, just one drink would put him on a binge. One day Daddy started to go into town and no one was there to go with him so Granny Brown went. Daddy took off as fast as he could and all we could see was red dust. After a while we saw Granny Brown walking up the driveway. She said “Minnie, let the fool kill himself!” We had a laugh out of it but it was a wonder she didn't have a heart attack!

When we put in our gas tank, Daddy had to take it to have something welded on and I was made to go with him. I grumbled that I didn't want to go as I think I was only about 10 at the time. We had to go to the steel plant at the end of Spring Street in Atlanta in a

ton and a half truck with a big gas tank on the open bed. It took most of the day and I had to stay in the truck and watch the welding. After we left I was hungry so we stopped at a beer place for a hamburger and coke. Daddy ordered a beer but I told them that I would call the police if they gave it to him. He told me that he wouldn't serve him, but they did and it was beer. I cried and wanted to call Mama but Daddy wouldn't let me as he said he was OK. After we got started I saw he was in no condition to drive. I held that big truck in the road and we took Buford Highway home.

I knew enough to hold it in the road, but when we got to Dresden Drive, I had trouble with him and I really had to fight to keep him from running off the small bridge. We did get across the bridge, but then ran into a ditch. Daddy backed it up and got it started again. We were almost home when I realized we had another bridge to cross before getting to the house. I knew I wasn't able to guide the truck across so I reached over and cut off the motor pulling out the keys and jumped out of the truck and ran. The truck was sideways in the road and I was no place to be found.

I ran through the house calling for Mama but she was out looking for us or at least that is what I thought. Daddy came in yelling for me to give him the keys but I kept running and threw the keys away. I hid from him until Mama came in and luckily, she had extra keys. That was the last time I went with him anyplace. He was as good as gold but he just couldn't drink. It is a shame that we didn't know to get help but then I guess he wouldn't have accepted help. He always claimed he didn't know what he was doing, but I think he did.

Our Beautiful House Burned

Between December 26th 1938 or 1939 and the first of the year while I was in the 7th grade, our house burned. It was just after dark and I was bringing in firewood and when I heard Granny Brown yell "the house is on fire." We had an ice storm and snow and everything was frozen hard. Mama and Daddy were at the barn. They had to haul water for the cows and get them all in the barn. I ran as fast as I could and got help. What a mess. They would go in and get furniture and come to the door and pitch it. I think I had more sense than they did. I went in and was pulling out drawers of clothes and taking out to the yard. I guess I unloaded two chest of drawers before I stopped.

The house burned all night. The next morning, cold and icy, we found a lot of broken furniture with nothing saved except for the drawers of clothing I had saved! They weren't even mine as they belonged to Mildred! I had my old play clothes and old shoes and nothing else.

Aunt Addie brought out some of my cousin's clothes. I remember she bought me a new dress and it was blue and smocked, trimmed in lace. I thought it was beautiful and I think it was my first ready made dress. My Grandma Stephens always made my dresses.

Christmas

I believed in Santa until I was at least 10. If they told me there was no Santa, I would cry and cry and would not believe them. I knew there was! I never had a big doll like Mildred

and always wanted one. I wished and wished that this Christmas would be special and I would get a big doll. Everyone went into town Christmas night with the exception of Grandma Brown, Dub, and myself and I just couldn't go to sleep. I watched out the window looking for Santa, never getting sleepy.

I guess it was about 10 when I heard Mama and the rest come in and I ran into the room and they were bringing in the packages. I was rushed out back to never be suspicious of anything. Finally, I went to sleep and the next morning I found a big doll. It was as big as Mildred's, but it was a colored doll. Still I was a happy girl as I had a big doll. I never got to keep it long as it was one of my losses in the fire. I don't think that I was so bright as I could have saved my doll, but I got Mildred's clothes!

We had to move into one of the tenant houses. It was a three room house and we had to crowd into it, Mama, Daddy, Mildred, Conrad and Dub. We had beds in every room, even the kitchen!

Robert was married and living in Chamblee where he ran a service station and lived over the station. I stayed with them most of the time. This was the breaking point for Mama. All of her life's work had gone down the drain. It seems that Daddy was on more and more drinking binges and never was any help to Mama.

Things really got too much for Mama. She had enough. Mildred got a job at Pierce's Dairy doing their bookkeeping. Mama rented a house in Chamblee and left Daddy. She wanted a divorce and proposed keeping the dairy and to paying Daddy alimony. Daddy fought back and they both ended up without a dime. The lawyers and judge for Daddy ended up with the property.

They let Mama have the receivership and of course she was doing a great job paying all bills and showing profits. Judge Davis and Sly Howard of Decatur said it was unfair for her to have receivership and gave it to Conrad. Still, Mama was in control and doing great but they then took it from Conrad and gave it to Daddy. It was forced for sale and the judge and Sly Howard got it! Justice – NO WAY. Mama got a raw deal. She had asked the bankers to refinance and the courts would not go along with Mama.

We know that Judge Davis and Sly Howard got the property. It was purchased by a false name at first, and when the big sale came their name was on the deeds. It was recorded at the court house. It is a crying shame that people loose control of themselves and waste a whole lifetime because of alcoholism.

My First Plane Ride

I must tell you of my first airplane ride. It was at what is now the Dekalb Airport on Clairmont Road, formally the Naval Air Station. They had graded off this big hill and were using it to teach people to fly. We would go and watch planes take off and land. It was a lot of fun, at least we thought so! I was with Daddy and some others. They were talking to this pilot about flying and I was right in there. When someone said to me “would you go up in a plane” I replied “I certainly would.” I guess they thought I would

be afraid to because everyone else seemed to be afraid. The pilot said “get permission and I'll take you up.” Daddy said yes and so I got in.

It was an open plane and he gave me his cap to keep my hair from blowing. I think he did it because it made me look like a flier. Anyway, before he took off he asked if I had changed my mind and I said “no” and we were off. We flew over the dairy and I told him that was where I lived. I think he was surprised as it looked great from the air. I saw the house, barn, and Mama Brown was grazing the cows. It was a great sight and I really enjoyed my flight and even remember his name – William F. Fudd and he lived in Buckhead.

Everyone was so surprised and they all thought I would chicken out. You know I thought that was fun but very dangerous. Even today I think twice before flying.

Music Lessons

Mama tried to give Mildred and I music lessons. Our neighbor was Mrs. Shirley and a music teacher. Mildred liked it better than I and stayed with it. She would take my little hands and try to stretch my fingers but it was painful so I wouldn't practice. Mildred took for years and every time she practiced, our dogs would howl and howl until she stopped. She never really learned to play, but still likes to try but the talent wasn't there. Now Nancy had the talent and she learned and plays for the church and her daughter, Mary Elizabeth is the music girl!

After Thought

Mildred and I never seemed to have a lot in common and after reliving some of the past, I believe it all started with that doll of hers!