



BRAWNER BULLETIN



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TENNESSEE TRAGEDY

Survivor John C. Brawner Remembers

Jerry Brawner, 55, regarded as one of Morgan County's finest citizens, was killed on the evening of July 31, 1931 by a shotgun blast as he sat on the front porch of his home near Oakdale, TN. **John C. Brawner**, Jerry's son, was shot and critically injured as he sought help at a neighbor's house. According to the August 6, 1931 *Morgan County [TN] News*, "The district in which the Brawners live has a large number of moonshiners and distilleries and on numerous occasions the Brawners had given officers tips and had often gone with them still raiding. Officers and relatives of the dead man are positive that moonshiners are responsible for the crime."

John C. Brawner, then 17, recalls the incident. That day "had started as most summer days do, hot and uneventful. [Dad and I] had worked in his tobacco patch in the morning and took the rest of the day off.... That evening after supper [Dad, Mom, my sister Dixie, her son James and I] sat on the front porch as usual and talked until bedtime.... Sometimes around 9 or 9:30 o'clock we decided to go to bed. Dixie had

put James to bed and she was in the room with him. I had gone to the back porch to wash up or something before going to bed. Mom had just come into the house, when I heard a loud explosion and I heard Dad fall on the front porch. He fell back against the big Kennedy rocking chair where he had been sitting. I immediately rushed out to the front porch. He was lying on his back on the floor. I called to him two or three times. He made no sound or movement. Dad had been shot with a 12 gauge shotgun and about half of the load hit him behind the right ear. Mom was frantic, Dixie was crying and James was scared because he didn't understand what was going on."

"I ran to Mr. Jones house [about 3/10s of a mile east of us] and stopped at his gate and called him. Just down the road beyond his gate was a little bridge and someone at this bridge ... fired at me with a 12 gauge shotgun. I still carry most of them in my legs today."

Not until two years later was Gene
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Brawners in the News

Harrell Brawner of Wynne, AR was one of twelve inductees last February 25 into the Tennessee Walking Horse Hall of Fame. Harrell owns 30 Tennessee Walking Horses. His horses have won two world championships, a reserve world grand championship and a world grand championship in several divisions. One of Harrell's business ventures, Big Valley Trailers, is a sponsor and contributor to the Walking Horse industry.
[Thank you to George A. Stone]

EDWARD BRAWNER WILL

Edward Brawner (1682-1766) died in Charles Co., MD leaving property through his Will, written Sept. 15, 1766 and probated Jan. 3, 1767, as follows:

- ◊To son John land called Hopewell (70 acres)
- ◊To son Benjamin land called Fortune (100 acres)
- ◊To daughter Elizabeth Grant 6 leather chairs, iron pot and rack spice mortar
- ◊To daughter-in-law Elizabeth Nalley one bell mettle kettle
- ◊To granddaughter Chloe (daughter of Joseph & Sarah Brawner) one large iron pot.
- ◊To granddaughter Priscilla (daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Brawner) one feather bed and sheets, one rug and one blanket

Will also refers to daughter Abigail. Sons John and Benjamin named co-executors. No wife mentioned.

Note: Edward Brawner is the son of Henry and Mary Brock Brawner, believed to be the first Brawners in this country, and is the common ancestor of many Bulletin subscribers. His spouse is believed to have been Anna Ball. They had the following children: Edward, Benjamin, Joseph, John, Henry, Elizabeth, Thomas, William and Abigail.

[Source: Maryland Hall of Records, Wills, Liber 35, Page 316]

HOLIDAYS

Mary Ann Brawner (1766-1849) born Dec 25, 1766, likely in Frederick Co., MD.

Jacob Neet Brawner (1812-1877) marries **Sarah Ann Clark** on Jan 1, 1840, probably in Missouri.

William Brawner (1799-1846) marries **Elizabeth Ball** on Dec 25, 1822 in Madison Co., KY.

John Brawner (1784-1863) marries **Anna Magruder** on Jan 1, 1811, probably in MD.

William Brawner (1831-1904) born Jan 1, 1831, likely in Prince William Co., VA.



Robert Alexander Brawner II (1872-1921), a prominent businessman in Frankfort, KY. Robert was the son of James Galbraith Brawner (1846-1918) and Elizabeth Bybee (d 1845) and the grandson of Robert Alexander Brawner (1802-1878) and Mary Catherine Murray (1811-1851). *[Thank you to Ruth Kirk Ramsauer]*

**MECKLENBURG CO., VA
DEEDS**

October 14, 1765: John Stovall, Jr. of Granville Co., NC to **Bazel Brawner** of Mecklenburg Co., VA, 150 acres for consideration of 15 pounds, witnessed by Richard Mullins, John Puryear and **Benjamin Brawner**. [Deed Book 1, Page 190].

March 9, 1772: John Potter & Mary Potter, executors of Thomas Hawkins, deceased, to **Benjamin Brawner** of Mecklenburg Co., VA, 243 acres "where widow Feagins formerly lived" for consideration of 16 pounds, witnessed by Abram Potter, Mathew Hawkins, William Potter and Thos. Saterwhite. [Deed Book 3, Page 285]. [Related Deed with same parties and apparently same property recorded May 11, 1772 in Book 3, Page 366].

November 10, 1777: **Benjamin Brawner** and wife **Sarah Brawner** of Pittsylvania Co., VA to Alexander Carter of Granville Co., NC, 243 acres "where widow Feagins formerly lived" bounded by lands of Samuel Taylor, John Williamson, David Bullock and Robert Hutchins for consideration of 125 pounds, witnesses not shown. [Deed Book 5, Page 121].

**WILL OF BASIL BRAWNER
of Prince William County, VA**

Basil Brawner died about 1817 and his Will was probated in Prince William County, VA. His Will, which is dated December 1812 (Codicil dated June 24, 1813) and probated December 1, 1817, provides for the following distribution of Basil's property:

To son William land which Basil Brawner purchased from James Kempe, and a negro boy, Ned;

To son John two tracts of land which Basil Brawner purchased from Milton and Marjoram plus a negro girl, Celia;

To daughter Sarah Gaines two negro girls, Hannah and Mary, plus a horse;

To daughter Nancy Gaines a negro girl, Dinah, and a negro boy, Jerry.

No spouse is mentioned. The Will is witnessed by George Graham, Dade Hooe and William H. Minton (?). John Brawner is appointed administrator of his father Basil Brawner's estate.

[Source: Prince William Co., VA Wills Book L, Page 95]

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legs today."

Not until two years later was Gene Kittrell, Jerry Brawner's neighbor and nephew, charged with the murder. On the day of the murder, Gene Kittrell had paid a visit to Jerry and John C. Brawner, who were sitting on the porch. "He had a 12 gauge shotgun, John recalls. "He said he was going squirrel hunting and wanted to borrow some shotgun shells.... He left and we saw no more of him." The day after the murder, John remembers that bloodhounds led investigators to the Kittrell place, but when advised that Kittrell was related to the victim, "they just pulled the dogs off thinking the dogs had made a boo boo."

The trial began in the fall of 1934. During the trial, John recalls, "Floyd Barnes swore that Gene [Kittrell] made the statement that he [Gene] had borrowed all of old man Brawner's shotgun shells and was going to get him tonight." John remembers: "[T]here were no eyewitnesses to what had happened.... We had a lot of circumstantial evidence but it came from people of low character." The jury was unable to reach a decision, and the judge declared a mistrial. When the case came up for retrial in March of 1935, the prosecutor, having no new evidence, put the case on the retired docket. The case was never retried.

Note: Jeremiah "Jerry" Brawner was born July 13, 1875 in Polsgrove, Franklin Co., KY, the son of Charles Riley Brawner (1854-1914) and Mary Jane Polsgrove. Jerry married Rosie Lucretia Kittrell on January 9, 1896 in Lincoln Co., KY. Jerry and Rosie had five children, Edward, Effie, Samuel, Dixie and John C. After Edward died on January 10, 1918 while serving in the U.S. Navy, the family moved to Oakdale, TN. Between the time of the shooting and the trial, Rosie, daughter Dixie and family and son John C. moved to Indiana. Bulletin subscriber John C. of Franklin, IN, wrote his recollections on the 60th anniversary of the incident, and has kindly permitted the Bulletin to reprint these excerpts. John tells us that his father "helped raid and destroy several stills" but never turned in moonshiners to the law. The specific motive for the murder remains unclear.

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Selected Brawner Marriages

Bride	Groom	Date	Place
Barbara E. Wilt	Richard P.H. Brawner	Sept 21, 1865	Prince Wm Co VA
Rachel M. Brawner	J. Peyton "Pate" Brawner	Sept 13, 1883	Macon Co TN
Martha "Patty" Head	Edward Brawner	Oct 4, 1797	Wash Co KY (?)
Louisa Williams	John Alfred Brawner	Oct 5, 1832	Chillicothe OH
Edna May Clifton	George Henry Brawner	Nov 9, 1908	Dallas TX
Lula V. Browning	Lonnie Brawner	Nov 24, 1898	Slyco KY
Ann Elizabeth Parker	George W. Brawner	Jan 6, 1848	Chicot Co AR
Mary Belle Clutter	Audley Dick Brawner	May 29, 1912	Tyrone OK
Lavinia Turbeville	Dozier Brawner Gammon	Oct 13, 1817	Knox Co TN
Mary Dunning	John Brawner	Jan 8, 1715/16	Prince Geo. Co MD
Josephine S.T. Cockrell	Charles E. Brawner	Oct 28, 1873	Prince Wm Co VA
Ada Viola Brawner	Charlie McGee	July 26, 1908	Bison, OK
Rebecca Brawner	Abraham Smith	Dec 9, 1869	Washington Co IA
Frances Brawner	John Bryant	Nov 28, 1796	Westm'land Co VA
Mary C. "Polly" Gammon	Henry Brawner	March 1817	Smith Co TN
Ann Cadden	Henry Brawner	Dec 21, 1811	Westm'land Co VA

1850 WEAKLEY CO., TN CENSUS

[All located in District No. 12]

#	Name	Age	Sex	Occup.	Real Estate	Place of Birth
96	J(?) Brawner	70	M	Farmer	\$1,000	VA
	Jane Brawner	60	F			VA
	Jane Brawner	20	F			VA
	Louisa Brawner	18	F			TN
	Margaret Brawner	15	M(?)	Farmer		TN
	Mary Brawner	13	F			TN
97	JS Brawner	22	M	Farmer		TN
	Rachel Brawner	22	F			TN
99	J Brawner	24	M	Farmer	\$350	TN
	Mary Brawner	20	F			KY
	Dickson Brawner	18	M			TN
100	Margaret Brawner	42	M(?)			TN
	Jeremiah Brawner	25	M	Farmer		TN
	Betty Brawner	23	F			TN
	Henry Brawner	16	M			TN
	John Brawner	13	M			TN
	Mary Brawner	11	F			TN
110	WF Brawner	31	M	Farmer	\$400	TN
	Anna Brawner	31	F			KY
	Jane Brawner	9	F			TN
	John Brawner	7	M			TN
	Emily Brawner	5	F			TN
	James Brawner	2	M			TN
	Billy Brawner	4 mos.	M			TN
	H Russel	28	M			KY
136	J Brawner	22	M	Farmer		IL
	[In household headed by A Peslean(?), 50, male, farmer, native of KY]					
139	H Brawner	60	M			VA
	Mary Brawner	57	F			VA
	Mille Brawner	20	F			TN
	Lafayette Brawner	12	M			TN
142	HP Brawner	32	M	Farmer		TN
	Zilphy Brawner	27	F			KY
	Leonidas Brawner	5	M			TN
	Benjamin Brawner	3	M			TN
	John Brawner	1	M			TN

Thank You!!

Your editor is grateful to all subscribers for their contributions to, and kind letters about, the *Bulletin*. At risk of overlooking someone, the editor wishes to recognize those who have made special contributions to the *Bulletin*:

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James E. Brawner
John Albert Brawner
John C. Brawner
John James Brawner
Roy & Darlene Brawner
Patricia Ann Brawner-Schiro
Lorraine Bronner
John Oren Craft
Patty Jo Cummings
Eldon "Sonny" Cummins
Hazel Brawner Cummins
Pat Stephen Drennan
Jocelyn Brawner Gary
Carol Hester
Peggy McGee Maness
Gail Brawner Meigs
Ruth Kirk Ramsauer
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TRUTH OR FICTION?

Family folklore has it that **Joel Brawner** (1798-1866), a native of Elbert Co., GA, was shot in the back by a Union soldier in Cartersville GA when he refused to water the horses of the Union soldiers. Joel, the story goes, died of his wound three days later, but his wife, **Betsy King** (1800-1866), died immediately after the shooting of a heart attack. [Submitted by Jack T. Brawner]

1850 FRANKLIN COUNTY, GEORGIA CENSUS

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Real Estate	Place of Birth
Household #1					
Sarah Brawner	85	F			VA
[in household headed by Leonard Shannon, 36 M Farmer \$1,400, born GA]					
Household #510					
John Brawner	56	M	Farmer	\$7,600	GA
Martha Brawner	48	F			GA
Asa W. Brawner	20	M	Farmer		GA
Sarah Brawner	80	F			VA

QUERIES

What is the county of birth and place of death of **George W. Brawner** (b abt 1819 in VA m Ann Eliza Parker in 1848 in Chicot Co., AR) who moved to Harrison Co., TX (1850 census) and Copiah Co., MS (1870 census)?

Who are the parents of twins **William T. Brawner** (1799-1846) and **John Brawner** (1799-1841), who were born in Maryland and settled in Sangamon Co., IL, by way of Fayette Co., KY, in 1829?

Looking for the parents of **John Lewis Brawner** (b 1856 near Chatham, IL d 1916 near Pawnee IL m Chloe Jane Landrey), who lived near Pawnee IL almost his entire life.

Who are the parents of **Joel Brawner** (b 1798 Elbert Co., GA d 1866 Cartersville GA m Betsy King 1816)?

Looking for parents of **Jeptha Brawner** and **Samuel Pryor Brawner**, who migrated to Texas in the early 1800s, probably from Georgia or Tennessee.

Need information about **James and Rebecca Brawner**, parents of, among others, **Alexander Brawner** (b 1824 Coshocton Co OH d 1905 in Washington Co IA m 1st Mary Ann Morrison, 2nd Margaret Grady) and **James Brawner Jr** (b 1822 OH d 1853 CA m Elizabeth Jane DeLong 1848).

Who were the parents of **Hike Brawner** (African-American) (b abt 1860s, Elbert Co., GA)?

Looking for information about the family of **James Wise Brawner** (b Nov 2 1869 in Balt MD m Anna Hogan 1915), particularly about James' older sister who raised him after the mid-1870s death of their parents James H. Brawner and Mary Elliott, of yellow fever.

Note: Answers to queries will be printed. Names and addresses of query submitters will be included with query when requested by submitter.

GEORGIA CONNECTION?

Perhaps on the way between Mecklenburg Co., VA and Elbert Co., GA, **Joseph Brawner** "of the State of North Carolina & County of Orange" appointed "my true trusty and well beloved friend Samuel Hester of Mecklenburgh County [, Virginia]" as his attorney in fact pursuant to a Power of Attorney dated May 30, 1787 and recorded in Orange Co., NC Record of Wills, Book A, Page 375. Among the authority conferred upon Mr. Hester is to collect "debts due to me [Joseph Brawner] in Mecklenburgh County ..." Is this the Joseph Brawner, spouse of Mary Jones and father of 12 children, who was born about 1768 in Charles Co., MD and died in Elbert Co., GA in 1840?

BOAT WATCH

Most Brawner researchers want to find that elusive boat that brought the first Brawners (Bronaugh, Brannaugh?) to the colonies. To the editor's knowledge, no one has definitively found such a boat or its point of origin. Theories abound:

One source says: "The Brawner family came to America, 1st Generation, in 1634, with Lord Baltimore, the Founder of the Maryland Colony." [Z. Beadles, *The Wades — History of a Family* (McCourt-Mercer Press, Jackson, TN 1963)]. The source cited is *Brawners of Maryland* by Mary Turpin Laytin. Attempts to reach Ms. Layton, who is likely deceased, have proved unsuccessful, and the Layton Collection at the Maryland Historical Society does not contain the cited information.

Apparently a related source, in a different way, states: "The Brawners were among the earliest settlers of Maryland. It is a family tradition that the first Brawner came over with Leonard Calvert in 1634, in the Ark or The Dove." [Wade & Allied Families, Tennessee State Library & Archives, Nashville, TN].

Some believe the first Brawners were actually Bronaugh who came from Dumfries, Scotland and had an early connection to Dumfries (Prince William Co.), VA. The Bronaugh family has had strong connections to Prince William and Loudon Counties, VA. See, for example, Will of Samuel Bronaugh of Prince William Co., VA (Will Book C, Page 109) dated April 15, 1741 and probated June 22, 1741. Note also the Ambrose Brannaugh born in Somerset Co., MD on September 1, 1687 to John and Elinor Brannaugh.

Some conclude that the Brawners were originally Huguenots escaping religious persecution in France.

Some feel that the first Brawners came from Germany, perhaps by way of England, and landed in northern Virginia or Maryland.

SELECTED BRAWNER "ARRIVALS"

- ◆ Henry and Mary Brock Brawner arrive, Charles Co., MD, c 1670-1680
- ◆ Johan Dietrich Brawner arrives in Philadelphia in 1737
- ◆ Brawner families (families of John, Joseph, Henry & Jacob) from Germany naturalized in Prince George's Co., MD in 1740 (Comm'n Book, MD HR 4012, pp. 80-81, MD State Archives)
- ◆ Eva Marie Brawner arrives in New Jersey in 1773
- ◆ Brawner family arrives in Maryland from Sweden in 1800
- ◆ Hugh Brawner arrives in Philadelphia in 1822
- ◆ George and Agathe Brawner arrive with 4 children in Baltimore MD from Germany, 1832
- ◆ Thomas Brawner and E. Brawner naturalized in Arkansas in 1860
- ◆ Henry Brawner arrives in Philadelphia in 1870
- ◆ Alexis Brawner arrives in Philadelphia in 1880
- ◆ Josefa and Adolf Brawner (age 11 mos.) arrive in New York City from Czechoslovakia in 1880

Note: Except in the one case noted, none of the above is based on original documentation. Much is based simply on Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, edited by P. William Filby with Mary K. Meyer (Gale Research Co., Detroit 1981). This information is published as a guide and to help keep the discussion "alive."

1850 ELBERT CO., GA CENSUS

#	Name	Age	Sex	Occup.	Real Estate	Birthplace
156	WH Brownar	27	M	Farmer		GA
752	JF Brownar	35	M	Farmer		GA
	M Brownar	32	F			GA
	JS Brownar	11	M			GA
	WH Brownar	8	M			GA
	TL Brownar	6	F			GA
	TA Adams	17	M	Farmer		GA
757	JW Brownar	34	M	Farmer	\$2,000	GA
	E Brownar	33	F			VA
	HA Brownar	12	F			GA
	M Brownar	10	F			GA
	L Brownar	7	F			GA
759	HP Brownar	57	M	Farmer	\$8,000	GA
	C(?) Brownar	52	F			GA
	SA(?) Brownar	33	F			GA
	PA Brownar	23	F			GA
	EJ(?) Brownar	1	F			GA
907	J Brownar	46	M		\$7,000	GA
	E Brownar	40	F			GA
	MF Brownar	13	F			GA
	FJ Brownar	10	F			GA
	EJ Hardeman(?)	18	F			GA
911	SJ(?) Brownar	32	M	Farmer	\$3,500	GA
	RA Brownar	24	F			GA
	JK(?) Brownar	5	M			GA
	G Brownar	3	M			GA
	I(?) Brownar	2	M			GA
985	James Brownar	51	M	Doctor	\$1,200	GA
	GW Brownar	41	F			GA
	MT Brownar	13	F			GA
	LM Allen	12	F			GA

CLINT BRAWNER FOLLOW-UP

Clint Brawner, the famous automobile mechanic mentioned in the Preview Issue, is the namesake of the Clint Brawner Mechanical Excellence Award bestowed each year at the Indianapolis 500 in recognition of mechanical expertise. In commenting on racing success in Phoenix, AZ, A.J. Foyt said, "Phoenix has always been one of my favorite places to race. ... I guess I have a soft spot in my heart for it because Phoenix is where Clint Brawner was from and he gave me my big break in racing. If it wasn't for Clint, I might never have gotten to where I am today." [PRNewswire, October 10, 1995].

Bulletin subscriber Kathyne Stivers Taylor of Frankfort, KY tells us that Clint Brawner built the car that Mario Andretti drove to win his first Indy 500. Kathyne also tells us that Clint is the grandson of **Alexander Goldsmith Brawner** (1830-1886) of Frankfort, KY and **Hannah Catherine Morgan** (1844-1929). According to Kathyne, several Brawners from Clint's generation moved to Arizona in the early 1900s. Clint Brawner is also the first cousin of *Bulletin* subscriber Jean Barr.

1840 FRANKLIN CO., KENTUCKY CENSUS

E. Brawner: 6 total persons in household; 1 works in agriculture; 1 male under 5; 1 male 5-9; 1 male 30-39; 1 female under 5; 1 female 5-9; 1 female 30-39; no slaves.

John Brawner: 9 total persons in household; 4 work in agriculture; 1 male 50-59; 3 male slaves under 10; 3 female slaves under 10; 2 female slaves 24-35. 1 white inhabitant (*i.e.*, John Brawner) "cannot read and write."

Brawner Reunion

On Sunday, October 15, 1995, 56 descendants of **David Oliver Brawner II** (1860-1941) and **Rhoda Jane Stewart** (1861-1933) and their 11 children, now deceased, gathered at the Youth Building on the Garfield County Fairgrounds in Enid, Oklahoma for a reunion. This family descends from **Thomas Brawner** (abt 1765-1833) and **Margaret Elizabeth Neet** (1778-1859) of Frederick Co., MD and, later, central KY. Members of this family later moved to Clay Co., MO and other locations westward. **Alberta Brawner** (spouse of the late **Harry Brawner**) and her daughter **Debbie Brawner** came the farthest to reach the reunion, travelling from Augusta, Kansas. **George McGee** (son of **Ada Viola Brawner** and grandson of David and Rhoda Stewart Brawner), 85, was the oldest member of the reunion party. "We talked about family history, and had a good time," said reunion organizer **Marvin Brawner** of Enid, the 7th of 9 children of the late **Fredrick David Brawner** and **Elaxes Mae Golding**. Marvin advises that next year's reunion will be held at the same place on October 20, 1996. Mark your calendars!!!

MIGRATIONS TO ARKANSAS & TEXAS

George W. Brawner, born in Virginia about 1819, next turns up in Chicot Co., AR where on January 6, 1848 he marries **Ann Eliza Parker**. He next turns up in the 1850 Census for Harrison Co., TX, with no children, where he is working as a carpenter. By 1870, George and Ann have moved to Copiah Co., MS, where the couple now have three children. It is not known where George and Ann died. **George Samuel Brawner** (1859-1922), an Arkansas native and the son of George W. Brawner mentioned above, married in Chicot Co., AR on April 4, 1882 to Mary Alice Finney. The couple later moved to Texas, where they both died, Mary in Dallas and George in a county unknown.

Pryor Lee Gammon (1834-1897), the grandson of Harris Gammon and **Betsy Brawner Gammon** (natives of Pittsylvania Co., VA), is one of the earliest of the Gammon family to move from Knox Co. and other locations in Tennessee to Waxahachie, TX. Pryor married Frances N. Hoskins (d 1872) in 1865 in Ellis Co., TX.

William Allen Shrum (1847-1928) and his wife, **Martha Brawner** (1849-1920) (daughter of Jeremiah Brawner and Sallie Shrum), both natives of Macon Co., TN, married in Tennessee in about 1866 and thereafter migrated to Carroll Co., AR in the Ozark Mountains where the family stayed for at least two generations thereafter.

William T. Brawner (b abt 1802 in Franklin Co, GA d abt 1875) of DeKalb Co., Georgia, and several of his children, including **William Christopher Columbus Brawner** (b abt 1821 in DeKalb Co GA d abt 1865 in MS), **John M. Brawner** (b abt 1828 d abt 1915), **Jane Lucy Brawner** (b May 26 1832 d Mar 20 1915) and **Elizabeth Ann "Betty"**

Brawner (b abt 1836) left their native Georgia in about 1851 and settled in northeast Mississippi. In 1893 John M. Brawner, Jane Lucy Brawner McGee and Betty Brawner and their families joined a wagon train to Fannin Co., TX. Later, Jane (whose husband, William R. McGee, died in 1896 in Fannin Co.), her son and daughter and John M. moved to Quinlan Village in Hunt Co., TX. In about 1910, **William Burton Brawner** (1852-1918), son of William Christopher Columbus Brawner, moved with his wife, Ellen Griffin, and four of his children, Mac, Luther, Mamie and Claude, to Cross County, AR. *[Two of the present day strongholds for Brawner families are Corinth, MS (NE Mississippi) and Wynne, AR in Cross Co., AR].*

The 1910 census for Wynne Township, Cross Co., AR shows an **Ellis L. Brawner**, white male aged 32, living with his wife of five years, **Maggie E. Brawner**, aged 36. Ellis is shown as born in KY, with parents both born in NY. Maggie is shown as born in Arkansas, with father born in TN and mother born in AR. They have a son, Ernest, age 1 yr. 5 mos., and one other child who has died. Ellis is a furniture dealer. When Ellis migrated from Kentucky to Arkansas, and when Ellis' parents migrated from New York to Kentucky (if indeed these were truly migrations), is not known.

The father (William?) of **Jeptha Brawner** and his brother **Samuel Pryor Brawner** (abt 1852-1947 m Sarah Rogers) is believed to have migrated in the early 1800s, perhaps from Georgia or Tennessee, to Guadalupe Co., TX, where he is buried at San Geronimo Cemetery east of Seguin, TX.. *[To this date, Seguin, TX and other areas around San Antonio remain populated with many Brawner families.]*

"Dropped Dead"

"Mr. Edgar Brawner dropped dead at Waring's Store in Pomonkey on Thursday morning [Nov. 9, 1892]. The deceased had ridden over to hear the election news and while conversing with some gentlemen fell and died without uttering a word. Mr. Brawner was 72 years of age and was a well known and highly respected citizen..." *[Maryland Independent, November 11, 1892].*

Edgar Brawner (1820-1892) was the son of **Robert Brawner** (abt 1782-1845) in the line of **Edward Brawner** (1682-1766). Edgar married **Rose Davis** (1838-1890) and had six children, Joseph Percival, William, Robert, Mary Isabell, Rosalie and Eugene. The events described in this article occurred in Charles Co., MD.

1850 MACON CO., TN CENSUS

#	Name	Age	Sex	Occup.	Real Estate	Place of Birth
572	Jeremiah Brawner	48	M	Farmer	\$150	VA
	Sarah Brawner	28	F			TN
	Nancy Brawner	15	F			TN
	William Brawner	14	M			TN
	Elizabeth Brawner	12	F			TN
	Matilda Brawner	9	F			TN
	Rebecca Brawner	7	F			TN
	John Brawner	5	M			TN
	Malvinia Brawner	3	F			TN
	Martha Brawner	4 mos.	F			TN
	Jane Brawner	83	F			TN
[Note: The family of Jeremiah Brawner lives next door to the family of John L. Gammon, 36, and wife, Malinda, 32]						
711	Dozier Brawner	25	M	Farmer		TN
[Dozier listed in household headed by Howard Hargis, 45, and wife, Nancy, 50. Milly Gammon, 45, also lives in the household]						
715	John Brawner	31	M	Farmer	\$200	TN
	Sarah Brawner	30	F			TN
	Charles R. Brawner	9	M			TN
	Sarah A Brawner	8	F			TN
	John Brawner	7	M			TN
	Peter H. Brawner	5	M			TN
Martha A. Brawner	1	F			TN	

BROTHER AGAINST BROTHER

James R. Brawner, born in 1844 in Clay County, MO, the son of David Oliver Brawner (1802-1869) and Sarah Utinger (1807-1874), died on June 6, 1863 while serving in the Confederate army during the Battle of Vicksburg, MS.

James Brawner, born November 6, 1845 in Ohio, son of Alexander Brawner (1824-1905) and wife Mary Ann Morrison (1826-1860) served as a private in Company K, 30th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, Union Army. James incurred measles in January 1863 at Arkansas Post, AR and was discharged for disability September 8, 1863 at Black River, MS. He died four months later on January 14, 1864 from the effects of measles. *[Thank you to Alice Van Norman and Ruby Schumann].*

Alexander Goldsmith Brawner, born October 25, 1830 in Frankfort, KY, son of Robert Alexander Brawner (1802-1878) and Mary Catherine Murray (1811-1851) was injured in September 1863 while fighting for the Confederacy in the Battle of Chicamauga. He had earlier fought at Donelson, Hartsville, Stone River and Jackson. The injured Alexander was transported by train to Georgia, where he was cared for by the family of George D. Morgan. Mr. Morgan's daughter, Hannah Catherine Morgan (1844-1929), soon became Alexander's wife. Alexander's death on July 14, 1886 was attributed to his war wounds. *[Thank you to Jean Barr & Katherine Stivers Taylor].*

Jesse W. Brawner, born about 1826 in DeKalb Co., GA, son of William T. Brawner (b abt 1802 in Franklin Co., GA, d abt 1875 in Lee Co., MS) and Nancy Ann Brawner (b abt 1798 d abt 1852), died of typhoid fever in Chimborazo Hospital No. 5 in Richmond, VA while serving in the Confederate Army. Jesse's brother, John, was captured at Gettysburg and held prisoner in Delaware until the end of the war. *[Thank you to Peggy McGee Maness].*

John Thompson, son of Nancy Brawner and R.M. Thompson of Sangamon Co., IL, died while serving in the Union Army in an Iowa regiment. No other details are known. *[Early Settlers of Sangamon Co. (1876)]. [Thank you to George F. Brawner].*

GRANDPA'S CIRCULAR STAIRWAY

John Brawner, who was born in Maryland in 1784 (son of Edward Brawner and Ann Franklin) and died in Franklin Co., Kentucky in 1863, may well deserve credit for designing and building the famous Circular Stairway in the Old Capitol Building in Frankfort, KY in 1828. The matter is in contention, however, as a man named Schyrock and a prison convict also independently claim to have designed it. Support for John Brawner's claim to the design comes from his grandson, **J.E. Brawner** (January 15, 1854 - after 1930), who in 1930 submitted a statement to the Kentucky Historical Library. In that statement, J.E. Brawner relays the story told to him by his father, **John Mitchell Brawner** (1816-1892), as follows:

"My father was doing the stone work at the Capital and as the building progressed, the question of the stairway arose and was discussed as to how, in the limited space, a stairway of sufficient size could be built. No design submitted being satisfactory and stone being the material required. My father, being called into conference by the architect, was asked to consider plans for the stairway and to present draft for same. Procuring plans of the building, he returned home, worked at the draft all night and took the draft of the stairway to the architect and he was instructed to build it and he did so." According to J.E. Brawner, his father John Mitchell Brawner said to him on a visit in about 1862 to the Old Capitol, "Never forget the fact that your grandfather designed and built this stairway." *[Thank you to Donald Brawner].*

DID YOU KNOW?

John Brawner served as 3rd Sergeant in Morris' Company of the Georgia Mounted Volunteers in the Creek War (1813-1814).

[Source: Index to Volunteer Soldiers in Indian Wars and Disturbances, Vol 1 (National Historical Pub. Co., Waynesboro TN 1994)].

Menlo College

Alexander Harrison "Harry" Brawner, a *Bulletin* subscriber and trustee emeritus of Menlo College in Atherton, CA, advises the *Bulletin* of the strong Brawner connection to that college. Mr. Brawner served as trustee of Menlo School and College from 1968 until 1993, when the school and college separated. **Virginia G. Brawner Hall** is dedicated to the memory of Harry Brawner's mother, who passed away in 1977. Within Brawner Hall there is the Trustees' Board Room, given by Harry Brawner's father, **A.H. Brawner**, and aunt, **Maybelle Fuller Brawner Wood**. That building houses faculty offices, classrooms and computer labs. In 1989, the family provided funding for the **A.H. Brawner Plaza**, a student gathering place located in front of Brawner Hall on the main campus. A.H. Brawner Plaza was dedicated in honor of the 90th birthday of Harry Brawner's father.

Harry Brawner is a descendent of William Henry Brawner (1831-after 1900) and his wife, Emily Bernadine Orme (1836-after 1900) of Washington, DC and of Basil Brawner (1803-after 1870) and his wife, Eleanor Harrison Beatty (1802-1865).

PORT TOBACCO

"In this center of Confederate activity, at the Brawner Hotel, Detective William Williams unsuccessfully offered Thomas Jones \$100,000 reward for information that would lead to the capture of John Wilkes Booth."

[From historical marker located at the site of the former town square in Port Tobacco, Charles Co., MD, the home to many early Brawners. John Alexander Brawner (1834-1886) owned the Brawner Hotel for

SELECTED WASHINGTON DC BRAWNERS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
1834	Basil Brawner	D.H. Bridge Street (Georgetown)	Wood Merchant
"	Thornton Brawner	n side Ls btw 8 and 9e	Cartman
1862	William H. Brawner	boards 432 6th west	Grocer
"	George W. Brawner	147 K south	Hackman
"	E.H. Brawner	Va av n 7th west	not given
1880	Alexander H. Brawner	944 NY av nw	Clerk
"	Edwin Brawner	614 Pa av nw	Barber
"	Henry A. Brawner	1724 7th nw	Constable
"	Mary L. Brawner	602 Pa av se	not given
"	William Brawner	1416 Samson nw	laborer
"	William H. Brawner	944 NY av nw	Grocer

[Source: Washington DC City Directories (microfilm, Washingtonian Room of Martin Luther King Library in Washington, DC)]

IOWA PIONEER

Alexander Brawner, 80, an Iowa pioneer and farmer, passed away on Tuesday, January 9, 1905 in Washington Co., Iowa. Alex Brawner was born March 12, 1824 in Coshocton Co., OH, probably the son of **James Brawner** of Virginia and his wife **Rebecca** of Maryland. Alex married **Mary Ann Morrison** on August 10, 1844 in Holmes Co., OH, and three years later migrated with his family to Cedar Township, Washington Co., IA. "His first winter in Iowa was a beautiful one, but the second was a hummer, the one of the traditional heavy snow. [S]now fell to a remarkable depth and remained until late in the spring ... The cold was intense and continuous, and the hardships of the few pioneers with their scant means of protection ..., their imperfect shelter and limited resources are beyond description. Yet they accepted the situation without murmur and seemed to half enjoy it. People must have been different then ... " [Advance, November 11, 1897].

Alexander Brawner is the father of seven children: James (1845-1864), Alex Jr. (1846-1928), Rebecca (1849-1832), Sarah (1852-1943), Harrison (1854-1933), Ida (1857-1934) and Albert (died in infancy, date unknown). Alex's wife Mary Ann died in 1860 while her children were young, and Alex remarried **Margaret "Maggie" Grady**, who predeceased Alex by three years. [Thank you to Ruby Schumann, John James Brawner, Alice Van Norman and Mary Brawner Viter]

1850 Prince William Co., Virginia Census

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Occup.</u>	<u>Real Est. Value</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Household #370					
William Brawner	34	M	Farmer	\$6,000	VA
Sarah E. Brawner	26	F			VA
Tanier(?) Brawner	1	M			VA
Sarah A. Brawner	22	F			VA
Household #532					
Col Basil Brawner	47	M	Farmer	\$8,400	VA
Malinda Brawner	47	F			VA
William G. Brawner	21	M			VA
Julia F. Brawner	16	F			VA
Sarah I Brawner	13	F			VA
Virginia E. Brawner	11	F			VA
Michael Dargan	28	M			Ireland

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