



BRAWNER BULLETIN



QUARTERLY NEWS OF THE BRAWNERS AND THEIR ALLIED FAMILIES

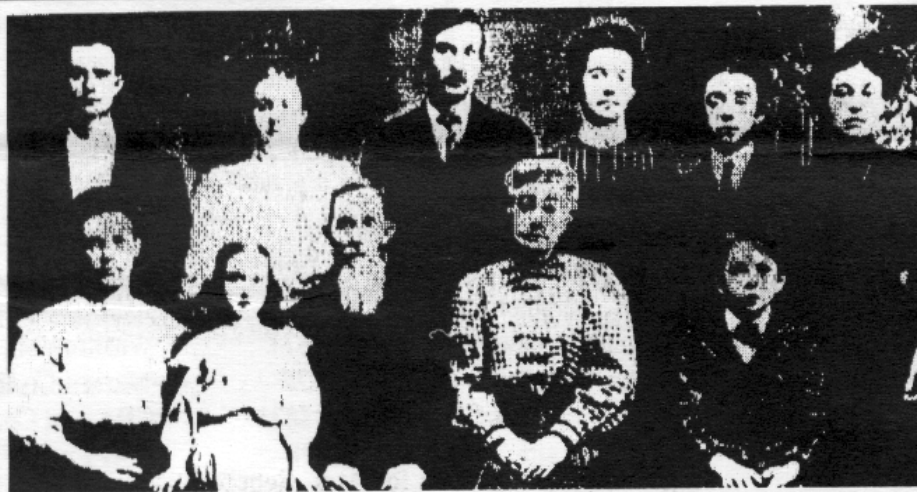
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UNRULY HORSES DISRUPT BRAWNER FUNERAL

“It was indeed a fearful moment”

Antioch Community, Harris County, GA — May 22, 1897: After the wife of **James H. Brawner**, passed away last Friday morning, James hired a hearse from Columbus, GA. After the 2:00 p.m. funeral today at the Brawner house, the driver pulled the horse-drawn hearse up to the gate to carry the casket to the cemetery at nearby Antioch Baptist Church. In front of a large gathering of mourners on the veranda of the Brawner home, the horses became frightened and darted away, throwing the helpless driver to the ground and knocking him unconscious. In an effort to stop the runaway horses, neighbor Bill Horne was run over and near-fatally injured. According to the *Hamilton Journal*, the witnessing mourners on the Brawner veranda watched “with bated breath ... expecting at any moment to witness a terrible tragedy ... in which it was believed that two more lives were being suddenly ushered into eternity.” Ultimately, the situation came under control. The hearse was so badly damaged in the incident that Mr. Brawner had to use a wagon to carry his wife to her grave. [Source: Ms. Vick Hargett, *Hamilton Journal found in scrapbook of Mrs. Fletcher Murray, as reprinted in History of Harris Co., GA, pp. 337-39*] [Thank you to **Ted O. Brooke**].

Note: The name of the deceased spouse is not known, but James H. Brawner is probably a descendant of James Middleton Brawner and Emma Buchanan, who were pioneers in the Antioch community.



Samuel J. Brawner (1849-1920), left center of front row, is pictured above with his wife and children. Pictured are, front row from left, Minnie, Edna, Samuel, Harriett A. Ferrebee Brawner (Samuel's second wife) and Oland, and, back row from left, James, Clara, Raymond, Elizabeth, Everett and Viola. Samuel was the son of James Brawner Jr. (see page 6) and Elizabeth Jane DeLong. Samuel's first wife, Martha E. Rogers, died in 1878. Samuel had two children by his first wife and eight by his second wife. All except Minnie in the above picture are children of the second marriage. The date of the photograph is unknown, but probably was taken about 1905. [Thank you to **Mary J. Brawner Viter** and **Ruby Schumann**]

Brawners in the News

The rman Bronaugh, previously associated with the Webber College basketball team in Polk County, FL, has co-written a script for the basketball movie “Shooting from the Heart.” The movie, which was inspired by the Webber College basketball team, has been in the works for nine years and has as one of its investors Orlando Magic basketball player Dennis Scott. The producer of the film is seeking to bankroll the movie project through the Central Florida investment community. [Catherine Hinman, *The Orlando [FL] Sentinel*, January 14, 1996].

MARY BROCK BRAWNER ELLIOT DIES

In a Will written 14 November 1727 and probated in Prince George's County, MD the following March 5, **Mary Brock Brawner Elliot**, the surviving spouse of **Henry Brawner** (d. 1698), left money to son **Edward “Broner”**; left personalty to grandsons **Edward, William, Thomas** and **John “Broner”** (sons of Edward), granddaughters **Elizabeth** and **Abigail “Broner”** (daughters of Edward); left 50 acres of “Hunter's Kindness” and personalty to **Henry “Broner”** (son of William, deceased) and heirs, except if Henry dies without issue, the 50 acres of Hunter's Kindness is to pass to Mary's son **John “Broner”** and his heirs. Son John “Broner” is named executor and residuary legatee. The Will is witnessed by Jno. Abengton, Robert Wade Sr., Thomas Phillips and Richard Blew.

[Source: *Maryland Calendar of Wills, compiled and edited by Jane Baldwin & Roberta Balling Henry (Kohn & Pollock, Inc. Publishers, Baltimore 1925), citing Liber 19, Page 353*]

**WILL OF JOSEPH BRAWNER
Elbert County, Georgia**

I, Joseph Brawner Senior of the State and County aforesaid, being weak and feeble in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory ... do make this last Will and Testament.

First of all, I resign my body to its mother dust from whence it came, and my Immortal part to God who gave it.

Item 1st, I will to my beloved wife Elizabeth during her natural life or to the end of her widowhood all of my real estate ... which lies on the east side of the public road leading from Elberton to Oliver's Ferry on Broad River ...; Iso my four negroes ...; also one sorrell horse; one gray mare; three choice cows and calves; one choice sow & pigs; ten head of hogs intended for killing hogs next year; ten head of sheep; fifty barrels of corn; ... twenty bushels of wheat; fifteen hundred pounds of pork; a sufficiency of lard & soap; two beds & steads and a full supply of furniture for each; ... [etc.]; and which she is to hold and enjoy during her natural life or to the end of her widowhood, and then to be equally divided among my children ...; except that ... one twelfth part [to be given to] my daughter Lucy McCoy which said twelfth part I give to my son James Brawner ... as trustee for my said daughter Lucy and her children to be distributed to them as their needs may require, but in no instance to be ... sold for the debts of Thomas McCoy the husband of my said daughter Lucy.

I will that all my sons hereinafter named, to wit: Henry P., James, Simeon, William M., Asa, Joseph, Pliney, Jephtha F., & Seabourne J., each have one negro which shall be worth seven hundred and twenty dollars ...; also to make them equal with my two daughters each of whom has received one negro many years since.

3rd I will that all my remaining estate ... shall be equally divided between all my said ten sons and my

tween all my said ten sons and my daughter Harritt Johnson, the one twelfth part to be given to my son James as Trustee for the use of my said daughter Lucy McCoy and her children to be delt (sic) out to her and children as necessity may require ...

4th I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved sons James Brawner, Henry P. Brawner and Joseph Brawner my executors ...

Given under my hand and seal this twenty sixth day of December Eighteen hundred and thirty nine in presence of Benjamin Smith, Shelton Oliver and David Kenlen(?). Signed Joseph Brawner with his mark. [Thank you to Jack T. Brawner.]

Note: This is Joseph Brawner, Sr., born 19 Nov 1768 probably in NC, died 2 January 1840 in Falling Creek, Elbert Co., GA. He married Mary Jones (1775-1827), with whom he had 12 children. He married, second, Elizabeth Snelling on 24 December 1835 in Elbert

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TUESDAY EXITS

Two obituaries of unrelated Brawner spouses in Charles Co., Maryland evoke emotion through language of the day:

Mary Jane Miles Brawner, 22-year-old spouse of J. Thaddeus Brawner, died Tuesday, September 16, 1851:

"Her illness proved the efficacy of an unsullied conscience in quieting the last moments of an expiring soul. She endured her protracted suffering with a martyr's fortitude. Love and Hope, like twin Angels, wing to wing, hovered o'er her till terrorless Death afforded relief." [Port Tobacco Times, September 24, 1851].

Amanda E.D. Alexander Brawner (born 1813), spouse of James Lawrence Brawner, died Tuesday, September 15, 1874:

"Her illness was quite protracted, but fond hearts, only a few days ago, looked forward confidently to her speedy recovery, of which there was every prospect. But alas, for the uncertainty of life! The struggle she had passed through was too much for her strength, and she sank calmly to that sleep which knows no awakening here ..." [Port Tobacco Times, September 18, 1874]

Selected Brawner Marriages

<u>Bride</u>	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Minnie Brawner	J.D. Latch	11 Feb 1898	Alcorn MS
Annie O. Fitzgerald	A.B. Brawner	14 Oct 1900	Lauderdale MS
Martha Tyler Waggaman	Henry A. Brawner	6 Sept 1871	Washington, DC
Elizabeth Brawner	John Gant	2 Jan 1822	Warren Co. KY
Susan Brawner	Frederick Betts	12 Mar 1833	Clermont Co. KY
Maria Brawner	Hugh White	2 Jul 1828	Clay Co. KY
Margaret Brawner	Benjamin Jenkins	16 Nov 1843	Blount Co. TN
Maryann Fultner	Jesse Brawner	26 Dec 1843	Blount Co. TN
Mary Elizabeth Brawner	Richard M. Smoot	21 Apr 1857	Charles Co. MD
Ellen E. Baker	William K. Brawner	16 Jul 1854	Bartow Co. GA
Jane Duffy	Henry T. Brawner	24 Nov 1834	Butts Co. GA
Leona McCloud	Dan Brawner	9 Sept 1928	Garland AR
Edna May Clifton	George H. Brawner	9 Nov 1908	Dallas TX
Catherine E. Mount	Philip D. Brawner	3 Feb 1879	Prince Wm Co VA

Thank You!!

Once again, your editor has several people to thank for recent contributions to the *Bulletin*.

- Darlene Brawner**
- David E. Brawner**
- Jack T. Brawner**
- James E. Brawner Jr.**
- Louise S. Brawner ("Mom")**
- Onalee Brawner**
- Ted O. Brooke**
- Betty A. Brawner Ludwig**
- Peggy McGee Maness**
- Gail Brawner Meigs**
- John Douglas Roberts**
- John M. Stockbridge**
- Mary J. Brawner Viter**
- Anne B. Weisbecker ("Sis")**
- Joan Woodhull**
- Norma Brawner Young**

Additional thanks go to:

... **John Douglas Roberts** of Dunedin, New Zealand for sending a complimentary copy of the book he has edited by Dr. John Franklin Vallentine entitled *The Roberts-Orme Ancestry, Vol. 1, Roberts, Muir and Allied Families* John Roberts may be reached at 1 Melrose Street, Dunedin, New Zealand concerning the purchase of his new book.

... and **Jack T. Brawner** for sending a complimentary copy of his book entitled "Brawner" on the Brawners of Georgia. Jack's book is for private distribution only.

THANK YOU!!

1880 GUADALUPE CO., TX CENSUS

#	Name	Age	Sex	Rel.	Occup.	(Own)	(Father)	(Mother)
						Birth	Birth	Birth
184	S. A. Bonner	46	M	Head	Farming	GA	GA	GA
	Motha A. "	21	F	Wife	at home	AL	AL	GA
	Earnest "	11	M	Son	at home	AL	GA	AL
	Archable "	6	M	Son	at home	TX	GA	AL
	Roy "	3	M	Son		TX	GA	AL
250	John Bonner*	67	M	Head	Farmer	VA	VA	VA
	Manerva "	61	F	Wife	at home	VA	VA	VA
	Manerva J. Johnson	22	F	G'dau.		TX	GA	MO
	John W. Johnson	18	M	G'son	Laborer	TX	GA	MO

*Could be "Booner"

Note: The family of S.A. Bonner is found in District 12. The family of John Bonner is found in District 13. The "#" refers to the dwelling number and not the family number. All families listed are of the white race.

1850 JEFFERSON CO., KY CENSUS

(excluding Louisville City)

#	Name	Age	Sex	Occup.	Real Estate	Birth
351	George Brawner	28	M	Farmer	\$100	KY
	Nancy "	26	F			KY
	Kitty "	6	F			KY
	Eglantine "	4	F			KY
	Nancy "	2	F			KY
888	Adam Brauner*	25	M	Laborer		KY
	Ellen "	25	F			KY
	Levi "	21	M			KY
	William "	2 mo.	M			KY
	James W. James	13	M			KY

*Could be "Brainer"

Note: The family of George Brawner is found in District 1, and the family of Adam Brauner is found in District 2. The "#" refers to the dwelling number and not the family number. All families listed are of the white race.

1830 SMITH CO., TN CENSUS

Ages ("m"=male;"fm"=female)

#	Head of Household	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	Persons in Household	Slaves
371	Meredith Brawner	1m,	1m			1m,				5	none
		1fm				1fm					
1234	Henry Brawner	1m,	1m,	1m			1m,			7	none
		1fm	1fm				1fm				
1656	Dozier Brawner					1m,			1m,	4	none
						1fm			1fm		

Note: Smith County also shows several Gammon and Gregory families, including the families of Jeremiah Gammon, John Gammon, Eli Gammon, James Gammon, Levi Gammon, Robert Gammon, Major Gregory and Mel Gregory. The Gammon and Gregory families have united with the

QUERIES

Who are the parents of **John E. Brawner**, born 26 August 1834, probably in Virginia, died 5 July 1901, probably in Virginia, buried at Hillsboro, VA?

Need information on **James and Rebecca Brawner**. He died before 1840 in Monroe Township, Coshocton Co., OH. She was still alive in 1850 in Ohio but does not appear in the

“OKIE” BRAWNERS

The following is a list of selected Brawner family members with Oklahoma connections. Do you know of others?

- **James Newton Leslie Broner** (1881-1971), died May 24, 1971 in Durant, OK.
- **Ewing Kendall Gammon**, born July 17, 1917, probably in Oklahoma, died December 8, 1917 in Tulsa, OK.
- **James Gordon McGee** (1901-1958), born in Fannin Co., TX, died Sept. 24, 1958 in Beckham Co., OK.
- **Mary Anita Brawner** (1920-1971), born January 6, 1920 in Hooker, OK.
- **Margaret Dick Brawner**, born December 27, 1921 in Hooker, OK.
- **Lona Belle Vest**, born August 27, 1914 in Hollis, OK.
- **David Oliver Brawner**, born June 17, 1860 in Kansas, died April 14, 1941 in Hennessey, OK
- **Mary Belle Clutter** and **Audley Dick Brawner** were united in marriage on May 29, 1912 in Tyrone, OK.
- **Ada Viola Brawner** and **Charlie McGee** were united in marriage on July 26, 1908 in Bison, OK.

QUERIES ANSWERED

Bulletin subscriber **Norma Young** advises that the parents of **John Lewis Brawner** (born 18 July 1856 near Pawnee, IL; married **Chloe Jane Landrey** 1 May 1878; died 1 March 1916 near Pawnee, IL) are **John Smith Brawner** and **Ruth Smith**. John Smith Brawner is the son of **John Brawner** (b 1799 in MD and twin to William T. Brawner). As of 1 March 1916, Ruth lived in Kansas. Little else is known about John and Ruth Smith Brawner, who happen to be the great grandparents of Norma Young. Thank you, Norma!

Bulletin subscriber **Jack T. Brawner** tells us that the father of brothers **Jeptha** and **Samuel Pryor Brawner** is **Bazil Brawner**, who died in the Mexican War near Pueblo, Mexico on January 16, 1848. Bazil Brawner moved from Elbert Co., GA to Kentucky about 1820. Bazil's second wife was **Nancy Campbell**, who died after 1872, probably in Pulaski Co., KY. His first wife is unknown.

BALTIMORE BRAWNERS

1867-68

<i>Name</i>	<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Address</i>
Andrew H. Brawner	Letter carrier	78 Ensor
Mrs. Catherine Brawner		176 N. Exeter
Charles A. Brawner	Constable	78 Ensor
Charles A. Brawner	Bricklayer	78 Ensor
Daniel W. Brawner	Clerk	78 Ensor
George A. Brawner	Printer	78 Ensor
James H. Brawner	Clerk	104 Hill
Robert G. Brawner	Butcher	391 Penna av

[Source: Wood's Baltimore City Directory, 1867-68]

**RECORDS OF HILLSDALE BAPTIST CHURCH
MACON COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year(s) Listed</u>
Jeremiah Brawner	1844
Mary K. Brawner	1895(?)
Elizabeth Shrum	1860
Mary J. Shrum	1860
Nancy J. Shrum	1860
William Shrum	1855
Agga Gammon	1858
Calib Gammon	1853
Cintha Gammon	1873
Eli F. Gammon	1869
Elizabeth Gammon	1853, 1887
Jane Gammon	1859, 1858, 1862(?)
Jeramiah Gammon	1858, 1862(?)
Jesse Gammon	1862(?)
John J. Gammon	1869, 1887
Levi B. Gammon	1848
Loucinda Gammon	1867
Mary Gammon	1854, 1867, 1887
Mary A. Gammon	1875, 1887
R.A. Gammon	1897
Rachel Gammon	1849
Thomas Gammon	1880
William Gammon	1858

[Source: 19th Century Tennessee Church Records, transcribed by Byron & Barbara Sistler (Nashville, TN 1979)]

Note: The Shrums and Gammons were allied in marriage with the Brawners in Virginia and Tennessee.

**VALENTINE'S
MARRIAGES**

William E. Shields and **Rebecca Wilmer Brawner** (b 1857), 14 February 1888, probably in Maryland.

Thomas Milton Brawner (1848-1932) and **Susan D. Beery** (1845-1924), 14 February 1867, probably in Missouri.

Asa Washington Brawner (1856-1936) and **Zillah Bernette Smith** (1860-1953), 14 February 1883, probably in Georgia.

Jimmie Paul Tipton (son of Mary Irene Brawner) and **Jean Ball**, 14 February 1970, place unknown.

Thomas W. Brawner and **Celeste Lynne Semones**, 14 February 1986, in Greensboro, NC.

Note: Your editor knows the final listing above "by heart."

**1783 TAX ASSESSMENT FOR CHARLES CO., MD
5th District**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Land</u>	<u>Persons in Household</u>
Henry Brawner	0 acres	1 female slave, age 14-36 6 white inhabitants
John Brawner	41 acres	2 slaves under 8 1 male slave, age 8-14 1 male slave, age 14-45 1 female slave, age 14-36 7 white inhabitants
William Brawner Jr. (John Brawner, security)	1 acre	1 white inhabitant
Basil Brawner	125 acres	4 slaves under 8 1 female slave age 14-36 1 other slave 7 white inhabitants
Benjamin Brawner	202 acres	2 slaves under 8 1 male slave, age 8-14 2 male slaves, age 14-45 1 female slave, age 8-14 1 female slave, age 14-36 8 white inhabitants

[Source: Maryland Hall of Records, Annapolis, MD, Assessment of 1783, Charles County, Maryland (see Index #65)].

Note: The other Charles Co. assessment district in 1783 was the 7th District, which shows **William Brawner**, **Joseph Brawner**, another **William Brawner**, **Barton Brawner** and **Edward Brawner**. Though not entirely clear, it appears that the 5th District includes west and northwest Charles Co. (including Mattawoman and Nanjemoy) while the 7th District includes the eastern portion of the county.

1860 ILLINOIS CENSUS INDEX

<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Twp/City</u>
Cered Bronner	Tazewell	481	Delavan
Henry Bronner	Tazewell	464	Dillon
James Bronner	Tazewell	480	Delavan
Louisa Brawner	Rock Isl.	431	1 W. Rock I.
Wm. A. Brawner	Peoria	051	1 W. Peoria
Thomas Brauner	Hancock	890	1 W. Warsaw
Wm. Brauner	Adams	642	Fall Creek
J.H. Brawner	Sangamon	640	New Berlin
William Bronner	Madison	164	Alton
Elenor Broner	Randolph	695	Red Bud P.O.
Joseph Broner	Alexander	054	Cairo
William Broner	Madison	787	Edwardsville

1850 LOUDON CO., VA CENSUS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
Mary Brawner	33	F	Virginia
Mary Knight	28	F	Virginia
Margaret Knight	5	F	Virginia
Susan Knight	3	F	Virginia
Alfred Knight	9 mo.	M	Virginia
Harrison Brawner	14	M	Virginia

[All listed in household #1413]

Brawner Book

After much hard-work, *Bulletin* subscriber **Mary Brawner Viter** announces the publication of her book entitled *Brawner History Book*.

According to Mary, the book has over 700 pages, including over 300 pictures and many obituaries, stories, wills, probate records and military records. "It was about 15 years in the making," says Mary. "I have visited many courthouses, historical libraries, homes, etc. for information; written many letters and sometimes run into some obstacles ..."

The book, which focuses on the Ohio and Iowa Brawners and includes the allied families of Huber, Moon, Stewart, Smith, Morrow and Durian, also reflects the genealogical work of Mary's late mother. "My mom was always interested in genealogy and stories about the different families.... My mother collected newspaper articles for about 60 years and many pictures and letters about our relatives that I have added into the book." The book sells for \$48.00 plus \$5.00 postage and may be ordered from Mary at 453 Spring Creek Road, Mount Vernon, IA

BRONAUGH CEMETERY

Christian Co., Kentucky

- ⇒ **Elizabeth Bronaugh**, consort of William T. Bronaugh: November 8, 1822 - June 9, 1845.
- ⇒ **Jenny Bronaugh**, consort of T. Bronaugh: April 15, 1782 - December 26, 1863.
- ⇒ **Tailferro Bronaugh**, husband of J. Bronaugh: March 14, 1776 - November 17, 1859.
- ⇒ **G.R. Bronaugh**, son of J.T. and S.R. Bronaugh: July 24, 1870 - October 12, 1870
- ⇒ **Thomas Newton Bronaugh**: April 12, 1842 (1812?) - May 29, 1849.

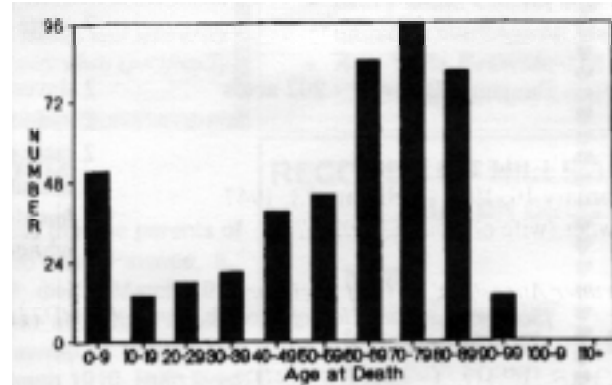
[Source: Cemetery Records, Northern Section of Christian Co., KY, compiled by Anna Hunsaker Meador, Hopkinsville KY, 1967, relayed to Bulletin over Internet.]

BRAWNERS BY THE NUMBERS

A brief, unscientific statistical look at the Brawners reveals some interesting facts. In the *Bulletin's* database of over descendants of Henry and Mary Brock Brawner, believed to be the first Brawners in America, there are some striking trends for births, deaths and marriages. **December, October, February and June**, in that order, are the most popular months for **marriages**. Surprisingly, May, March and August are the least popular months for exchanging vows.

The greatest number of Brawner **deaths** occur in **March** with January, February, September and December near tied for a distant second. May and July, with October a distant third, seem to be the best months for surviving death's call.

Births in our family occur most frequently in **August, October and July**, respectively. For those who are counting, that makes the most popular months for conception November, January and October, generally some of our colder months. The least birth activity in the Brawner family occurs in **February, April and May**, saying something perhaps about the temperatures in May, July and August.



LIFESPAN.

The chart to the left depicts the ages at which the descendants of Henry and Mary Brock Brawner have died over the years. Although the chart is based on unscientifically derived data, it does reflect the historical child mortality rate as well as identifying the age range of 70-79 as the most common life decade for deaths in this family.

GOLD RUSH SCALPING

James Brawner Jr. (b 1822 in Ohio), son of **James and Rebecca Brawner**, sought gold in California but instead found death. James met his end in on 15 January 1853 when he and his gold-seeking party met an Indian ambush en route to California. James was killed in the ambush. Family tradition has it that James, who had red hair, was scalped by his attackers. James left surviving a wife, **Elizabeth Jane DeLong**, whom he married in 1848, and children, including **Samuel James Brawner** (1849-1920). [Thank you to **Ruby Schumann** and **Mary J. Brawner Viter**].

BRAWNER BRIEFS

Sybill Brauner of Germany posted a time of 1 minute 8.89 seconds in the women's alpine skiing super-giant slalom in Val D'Isere, France on Sunday, February 4, 1996 to place 27th in that event. Katja Seizinger of Germany won the event, and the top U.S. finisher was Picabo Street at 11th. [Reuter's, 4 February 1996].

Surprised to learn that an I.R.S. employee received a compliment from a taxpayer? Yes, it's true, and the employee is **Marjorie Brawner** of Florida. The taxpayers said that once they brought their tax issue to their Congressman, "we were very well treated [by Ms. Brawner] and our problem politely and speedily investigated." [Chicago Tribune, 14 April 1990].

TOMBSTONES OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MD**Mt. St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery (formerly St. Anthony's)**

Bernard J. Brawner 1913-1930
 Charles F. Brawner 1882-1945
 Mary J. Brawner (wife of Chas. F.) 1885-?
 Edward Brawner d Sept. 4, 1814, age 15
 Henry Brawner d January 10, 1821, age 77
 Ignatius Brawner d December 13, 1841, age 70
 Sarah Brawner (wife of Ignatius) d October 28, 1852, age 78
 John Brawner d January 14, 192? (faded)
 Dr. John B. Brawner August 15, 1849 - Dec. 28, 1924
 Ann Cecilia Rose Brawner (Dr. John's wife) no dates
 Joseph Brawner (son of Jos. & Ann M.) d Aug 20, 1869, age 20
 Joseph Brawner (son of I. & S.) July 8, 1798 - January 30, 1886
 Mary H. Brawner, d February 14, 192?, age 77
 Stella G. Brawner 1923-1936

Catholic Cemetery at Emmitsburg

Catherine Brawner (wife of Joseph) d May 28, 1872, age abt 74
 William M. Brawner 1879-1955
 Alice G. Brawner (wife of William M.) 1885-?

Brunswick Parks Heights Cemetery

John E. Brawner February 10, 1918 - February 23, 1947
 Nell Fae Brawner (wife of John E.) 1921-?

[Source: Brunner/Bruner Ancestors, by Gail Breitbard]

"DEATH SUMMONS JOHN L. BRAWNER ...

Died, at 12 o'clock noon, Wednesday, March 1, 1916, at his home [near Pawnee, IL] about one mile northeast of the city, John L. Brawner, aged 59 years, 4 months and 11 days.

Death was preceded by an illness from a complication of diseases that covered a period of about four months, though its final stages were not manifest until a brief few weeks ago. As the fatal termination approached [sic] the patient's sufferings were intense and his decline noticeable from day to day. He bore his burden of pain with great fortitude, facing the inevitable with a heroism that was comforting to those whose hearts were saddened by his passing.

Mr. Brawner was born on a farm near Pawnee October 18, 1856. Practically his entire life was passed in this immediate locality. His marriage to Chloe Jane Landry occurred May 1, 1878. To this union were born ten children. The surviving members of the family are the wife, four sons and six daughters. The sons are Lewis M., of Pawnee; Emory, of Springfield; Daniel M., of Iowa; and Jerry, residing at home. The daughters are Mrs Charles Hildreth, of Staunton; Mrs. George Matthew, Mrs. Joseph Alexander, of Pawnee; Miss Marie, of Springfield; Misses Emma and Anna, at home. He is also survived by his aged mother, residing in Kansas, one sister, three brothers and twelve grandchildren.

Mr. Brawner's life was one of industry, simplicity and devotion to those bound to him by the ties of kinship. He lived closely within his family circle, yet a genial disposition revealed itself upon familiar acquaintance. He was ever prompt in responding to the call of neighbors and those who lived about him were made to know that his kindly offices were always at their command. His passing removes one of the community's most familiar figures and brings sincere sorrow to a host of friends.

Funeral services at the family home at 10 o'clock Friday morning, Rev. J.E. Jupin, pastor of Zion M.E. church officiating." [unidentified Sangamon Co., IL newspaper]
[Thank you to Norma Brawner Young.]

DID YOU KNOW?

Charles L. Brawner served in the Georgia State Legion Infantry during the Revolutionary War, on the basis of which in 1784 he applied for a 287 1/2 acre land grant in Washington Co., GA.

Source: Georgia's Roster of the Revolution, Georgia Dept. of Archives & History (Lucius Lamar Knight, Compiler) (Atlanta, Index Printing Co., 1920).

"BRONER BIBLE RECORD"**Births**

J.P. Broner, born in Macon Co., Tenn., October 25, 1852.

R.M. Broner, born in Weakley Co., TN July 28, 1858.

S.F. Broner, born in Macon Co., Tenn., June 6, 1884.

M.S. Broner, born in Macon Co., Tenn., September 30, 1887.

R.M. Broner, born in Macon Co., Tenn., June 13, 1889.

F.A. Broner, born in Macon Co., Tenn., November 12, 1892.

J.W. Broner, born in Macon Co., Tenn., March 22, 1894.

Ethel N. Broner, born in Macon Co., Tenn., February 28, 1896.

Della M. Broner, born in Macon Co., Tenn., December 22, 1898.

Marriages

"J.P. Broner and Miss R.M. Broner were married on the 13 of September year 1883 by Squire Tom Hargis at Squire F.J. Hargis near La Fayette, Macon Co, Tenn."

[Source: "Family Record" page of Family Bible obtained by David E. Brawner from his grandfather, S.F. Brawner. The Family Record page shows "S.A. Hale, Penman"].

[Thank you David E. Brawner]

**FAMILY OF
JOHN HENRY BRAWNER
Johnson County, Texas**

Father: John Henry Brawner, born December 18, 1863 in Georgia, died October 22, 1948.

Mother: Ola Vietta Jackson, born November 27, 1871 in Georgia, died December 9, 1945

In 1896, this couple migrated, with 5 young children, by covered wagon from Georgia to Johnson Co., TX, where they eventually settled on a farm to the west of Joshua in Johnson Co., TX (south of Fort Worth). John Henry raised peanuts, sweet potatoes, vegetables and fruit.

Children (born between 1889 and 1915): **Alma Brawner, Nellie Lee Brawner** (born in Georgia on February 8, 1891, died February 19, 1980), **Gertrude Brawner, Ada Brawner, Herbert Brawner, Edna Brawner, Tristin (Jim) Brawner, Florence Brawner, Bessie Brawner, Ernest Brawner, Chloe Brawner, Elvie Brawner, Truo Brawner, Jewel Brawner** and **D.C. Brawner**.

Herbert was a Texas state legislator in the 1930's
Jewel and D.C. both died as young children

Spouse of Nellie Lee Brawner (married August 1, 1914): **Ervin Stanley**, born near Cleburne, TX on November 26, 1888, died September 18, 1980.

Children of Nellie Lee Brawner and Ervin Stanley: **Jesse Willard Stanley**, born May 31, 1915; **Artie Louise Stanley**, born December 16, 1916; **Nella Jack Stanley**, born November 12, 1918; and **Andy Stanley**, born February 26, 1922.

[Source: Louise Stanley Gilliam, "The Brawner Family", in *The History of Johnson County, Texas, by the Johnson County History Book Committee (1985)*] [Thank you to Peggy McGee Maness]

REBECCA SMITH FUNERAL SUNDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Rebecca [Brawner] Smith were held at the Methodist church in Bassett [Nebraska] Sunday afternoon, with Rev. Leland Spurrier, the pastor, officiating. Mrs. Smith was one of the few remaining early pioneer settlers of Rock county, the family having established its residence here almost a half century ago. With her husband and children Mrs. Smith made the trip from Iowa to Rock county overland in 1884 and took up the life of a pioneer in this then sparsely settled section of Nebraska. Through hard work, many sacrifices, and courage the home was built and quite a ranch accumulated and it was there Mrs. Smith remained until the infirmities of age compelled her to move from the ranch and establish her home in Bassett where she resided at the time of her illness. Mrs. Smith was a cheery, familiar figure in Bassett and especially so in the church and church organizations of her choice and she will be greatly missed by her family and many friends. Rebecca Brawner was born in Washington, Iowa, in 1849 and died at her home in Bassett, Nebr., on February 24, 1932, having reached the advanced age of 82 years, 2 months and 18 days. She was the oldest daughter of Alex and Mary Morrison Brawner and one of seven children, all of whom, with the exception of Mrs. Sarah Huber of Washington, Iowa and Mrs. Ida Young of Keota, Iowa, preceded her in death. In 1869 she was united in marriage to Abram Smith, now deceased. To this union was born three sons and two daughters, Mrs. Gertrude Lamb of Des Moines, Iowa; Frederick C. Smith of Manhattan, Montana; Mrs. Jeanette Pullman of Ponylake, Nebraska; Arthur A. Smith of Stockton, California and Ira M. Smith also of Ponylake, Nebraska. Besides her immediate family she leaves eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Interment was in the mausoleum in the Bassett cemetery she had prepared for her last resting place some years ago. [Source: unidentified Rock County, NB newspaper] [Thank you to Alice Van Norman.]

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