



# BRAWNER BULLETIN



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## “OH, HENRY!!”

Walk into a group of Brawner researchers and announce, “I’ve got some new information on Henry Brawner,” and your popularity will soar. Whatever other creative talents the Brawners may have displayed over the years, little is seen in the selection of given names, among which Henry seems most common. Just to make sure we stay confused, our ancestors started early (the first known Brawner in the colonies was Henry, d 1698) and kept up the tradition throughout generations and migrations. While the 1790 federal census for Charles County, MD shows only one Henry Brawner (the others were undoubtedly hiding), the 1810 census shows Henry and Henry, Jr. (probably not father and son, as we know), the 1820 census shows Henry Sr. and Henry (again, probably cousins at best), the 1830 census shows simply two Henry’s. So, you’re related to Henry Brawner of 18th century Charles Co., MD? Is that the Henry born in Charles County in 1701, 1717, 1722, 1732, 1742, 1769, 1774, 1791 or 1794? They all existed — and many more! When the Brawners moved on to different parts of the country, they got smart and added middle

names and initials to go along with that less than distinctive first name ... but then repeated the combination in succeeding generations. And so Charles Co., MD and Elbert Co., GA researchers often must determine which Henry Middleton Brawner they should pursue and whether Henry M. and Henry Middleton are one and the same; Georgia, Tennessee and Kentucky researchers have learned to deal with multiple Henry P. Brawners; and Maryland and Virginia researchers must figure out whether Henry C. Brawner is Henry Churchill Brawner or Henry Cornish Brawner ... or perhaps someone else. Imagine the relief one feels when he or she finally finds not a Henry Brawner, but a *William Henry Brawner*. But is that the one born in Maryland in 1815, in Kentucky in 1818, in Kentucky in 1840, in Virginia in 1850 or in Tennessee in 1886? Or did he exercise his right as an American to drop the first name? “Please just call me *Henry*. It will confuse my descendants!”

### Brawners in the News

**George Farris Brawner, Jr.**, 14, of Stanford, Illinois’s Olympia Junior High, beat Neil Holladay of Morris Shabbona, 6-3, on Saturday, March 9, 1996 to win the 167-pound Illinois junior high school state wrestling championship. George, the son of *Bulletin* subscriber **George Farris Brawner, Sr.** and **Claudia Jo Price Brawner**, finished the season with a record of 31 wins and only 2 losses. Congratulations on a great season, George!!

**Susan Brauner** is the director of public affairs for Blue Diamond Growers, the largest tree-nut marketing organization in the world. Blue Diamond recently received a 5-year membership contract from Paramount Farming Co., California’s largest almond grower. Blue Diamond was established in 1910 and currently processes and markets almonds for 4,000 members representing 70 percent of the almond farming community. [*Knight-Ridder Tribune Business News, April 24, 1996.*]

**Beth Bronner**, 44, was recently named to the Board of Directors of SmartServ Online, Inc. Bronner, currently vice-president of general markets of AT&T, formerly held senior management positions with Revlon, Inc. and Slim-Fast Food Co. SmartServ sells online information and services to its subscribers for resale to their customers. [*Business Wire, March 29, 1996.*]

### Iowa Ladies

Pictured at right are: standing in middle, **Ida Brawner Young** (1857-1934); at left with ribbon in hair, **Rebecca Brawner Smith** (1849-1932); and, at right, **Sara Brawner Huber** (1852-1943). These are the three daughters of **Alexander Brawner** (1824-1905) and **Mary Ann Morrison** (1826-1860), natives of Coshocton Co., Ohio. The pictured women are all natives of Washington Co., Iowa. Ida and Sara died in Iowa, while Rebecca died in Rock County, Nebraska. For Rebecca’s obituary, see the Winter *Bulletin*, page 8. The photo is undated, but likely was taken in the early 1900’s. [Thank you to **Alice Van Norman** and **Ruby Schumann**].



### FOLLOWUP

The obituary for **Rebecca Brawner Smith** that appeared on Page 8 of the Winter *Bulletin* came from the *Rock County [NB] Leader* and was a verbatim transcript of the newspaper obituary.

**“Bill of Appraisement  
of the Specific Property allowed by law to  
Ruth Brawner, Widow of John Smith Brawner ...**

[Sangamon County, IL]

Necessary Household and Kitchen Furniture for House and Family	\$100.00
Necessary Bed, Bedsteads and Bedding	75.00
One Spinning Wheel	
One Loom, with its Appendages	
One pair of Cards	
One Stove and the necessary Pipe therefor	15.00
The wearing apparel of Herself and Family (need not value this)	
One Milch Cow and Calf for every four in the Family	60.00
One Horse of the value of Forty Dollars	40.00
One Woman’s Saddle and Bridle of the value of	45.00
Provision for Herself and Family for one year	300.00
Two Sheep for each Member of the Family and the Fleeces	
Feed for the above described stock for six months	45.00
Fuel for Herself and Family three months	10.00
And sixty dollars worth of other property	<u>60.00</u>
	\$720.00*

We, the undersigned, Appraisers of the Personal Property of John Smith Brawner, deceased, do hereby certify that the above Bill of Appraisement ..., [is] made out by us according to the best of our skill and judgment. Given under our Hands and Seals this 2nd day of November A.D. 1864. ... [By:] Daniel Fetters, John Rafu (?) and Robert Harris.

[Source: Sangamon Co., IL Records. Thank you to **Norma Brawner Young.**]

\*It doesn’t add up correctly to me, either ...

*Note: John Smith Brawner of Sangamon Co., IL died intestate on September 23, 1864, leaving a wife, Ruth, and six children: Martha Jane; John Lewis; Charles E.; Thomas W.; Albert and one whose name is not known.*

**REMEMBER WHEN?**

+In October 1988, five young girls were struck and killed by an out-of-control car in the little town of Pulaski, Wisconsin (pop. 2,111). The victims were all 7th graders at Pulaski’s Glenbrook Elementary School, whose principal, **Jim Brawner**, helped the community to cope with the tragedy. Brawner, described as a “big, gentle man who asks a visitor’s permission to put his feet on his desk,” said two months after the deaths, “It is so easy to say the world is going to the devil in a hand basket, but people were just so good and caring here. They were of so much support to each other, and it was such a comfort to know that.” [*Chicago Tribune, December 28, 1988, story by Rogers Worthington.*]

+ In 1972, United Methodists in the United States gave a record amount of money to support worldwide benevolence and administrative programs of the church and two other special offerings, according to a report out of Evanston, IL. **R. Bryan Brawner**, general treasurer of the church, made an announcement of the record giving. [*Washington Post, February 3, 1973.*]

+ On July 10, 1971, **Warfield Scott Brawner**, 84, died at the Manassas [VA] Manor Nursing Home. Warfield, who was born Dec 19, 1886, had been the owner of the general merchandise store in his hometown of Dumfries, VA. Survivors included his wife, Rowena Merchant Brawner, two daughters and two grandsons. [*Washington Post, July 13, 1971.*]

**Will of John Bronaugh  
of the Town of Dumfries, VA**

Wife, Frances G. Bronaugh, named executrix and given specific property.

To daughter, Emily Brawner Tyler, property of Mrs. Bronaugh of Loudon Co., VA, widow of late Col. William Bronaugh of Loudon Co., that “falls to” John Bronaugh;

William B. Tyler [prob. son-in-law], receives “my 2 vols. of Revised Code of 1819 and [illegible] Justice.”

Dated: October 20, 1820.

Probated: December 4, 1821

Witnesses: John Spence, William Bade and John MacRae.

[Source: *Prince William Co., VA Will Book L, Page 402*]

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**Selected Brawner Marriages**

<u>Bride</u>	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Maggie J. Miles	E. Hyland Brawner	4 Nov 1874	Charles Co MD
Lucy Brawner	Richard Jennings	29 July 1796	Frederick Co MD
Ann Brawner	Thomas Rose	10 Aug 1809	Franklin Co., GA
Polly Atkinson	John Brawner	27 Feb 1817	Adair Co., KY
Mary Brawner	Matthews Allen	8 May 1797	Mecklenburg Co VA
Margaret Brawner	John Williams	3 Aug 1815	Loudon Co. VA
Mary Ann Morrison	Alexander Brawner	10 Aug 1844	Holmes Co. OH

**BRAWNERS IN THE 1840 CENSUS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>County, State</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Page</u>
Bronaugh, John M.	Greene, IL	S Rich Woods	108
Bronough, George C.	Cass, IL	None listed	021
Brawner, Thomas	Hancock, IL	None listed	197
Brawner, William	Sangamon, IL	None listed	054
Branner, Michael	"	None listed	071
Bronaugh, Thomas	Schuyler, IL	3rd Precinct	102
Brawner, William	Warren, IL	None listed	173
Brawner, Thomas	Fountain, IL	Cain Twp	202
Bronner, John	Warren, IN	None listed	083
Brawner, John	Adair, KY	None listed	039
Bronaugh, James	Christian, KY	None listed	215
Bronaugh, William	"	None listed	216
Brawner, John	Franklin, KY	None listed	293
Brawner, Nancy	Hart, KY	None listed	207
Brawner, Thomas	Jefferson, KY	Louisville	015
Bronaugh, William	Jessamine, KY	None listed	234
Brawner, Boozy	Mason, KY	None listed	070
Brawner, Ignatius	"	None listed	049
Brawner, Joseph	"	None listed	049
Bronaugh, David	"	Washington	071
Bronaugh, John C.	"	Northern Division	015
Bronaugh, Ann	Mercer, KY	None listed	175
Brawner, Taylor B.	Warren, KY	None listed	034
Brawner, B.	Whitley, KY	Williamsburg	186
Brawner, J.W.	"	Williamsburg	186
Brawner, David O.	Clay Co., MO	None listed	016
Brawner, George	"	None listed	015
Bronner, J.	St. Louis, MO	St. Ferdinand Twp	235
Bronner, Vincen	"	St. Ferdinand Twp	237
Brawner, John	Brown, OH	Aberdeen	265
Brawner, Rebecca	Coshocton, OH	Monroe	365
Bronner, Jacob	Fairfield, OH	Viloet Twp	341
Brawner, Daniel	Marion, OH	Richland Twp	073
Bronner, Abraham	Perry, OH	Clayton Twp	098

*Note: The above information comes from the 1840 U.S. Census Index: Mid-West, Great Lakes, on Compact Disc, by Automated Archives, Inc. The states covered are Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin. Only heads of household are listed in the 1840 census.*

**Thank You!!**

Your editor is grateful to all subscribers for their contributions to, and kind letters about, the *Bulletin*. In addition to those recognized specifically throughout this *Bulletin*, the editor wishes to recognize those who have recently made special contributions to the *Bulletin*:

**George F. Brawner, Sr.  
Jack T. & Syble Brawner  
Darlene Brawner  
Patricia Brawner-Schiro  
Peggy McGee Maness  
Ruby Schumann  
Marianne Smyth  
Alice Van Norman  
Mary Brawner Viter  
Joan Woodhull  
Norma Brawner Young**

The editor encourages submissions of Brawner family information for publication in the *Bulletin*. Do you have any birth, marriage or death information, whether current or dated? Do you know any family stories? Will you share family photographs? Please send them to the *Bulletin* at P.O. Box 10816, Greensboro NC 27404-0816.

**THANK YOU!!**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENTS**

**Beulah Margaret Price** (1899-1917), daughter of Nora Ellen Brawner and Sterling Evan Price, was born July 4, 1899 in Angleton, TX.

**Teresa Brawner** (1764-1832), daughter of Richard Brawner and Elizabeth Elder and wife of Basil Spalding, died on July 4, 1832, probably in Frederick Co., MD.

**WEST VIRGINIA EDUCATOR**

**James Paul Brawner** (1902-1984), a long time professor at West Virginia University, is listed in *Who Was Who in America*. Mr. Brawner, a native of Magazine, Arkansas, received his A.B and A.M. from Washington & Lee and his Ph.D. from University of Illinois. He served on the faculty in the English department at WVU beginning in 1935 and chaired that department from 1949 until 1967. Mr. Brawner authored *The Wars of Cyrus* as well numerous articles on English drama and American writers. Mr. Brawner is the son of Robert L. and Eva Mae Thomason and the spouse of Kirby Lee Smith, whom he married in 1925. [*Who Was Who in America*, Vol.

## QUERIES

Seek the parents of **William Brawner** (born Feb 1835), father from Virginia, mother from Illinois. William had sons Jerry in Illinois in 1865 (Jerry married Mary McCoy, born 1875) and William in Illinois in 1881, daughters Maggie in Kansas in 1884 and Fannie in Kansas in 1886. William Brawner lived in Taney County in southern Missouri for many years. [Reply to *Bulletin*].

Seeking parents and information on **James Brawner** b abt 1830, m in Chicot Co., AR on 11 Oct 1855 to Amanda Monhallen (b abt 1834), daughter of John and Mary Monhallen of Chicot Co. [Patricia A. Brawner-Schiro, PO Box 535, Magnolia TX 77355-0535].

Seeking information on the parents and descendants of **William B. Brawner**, b abt 1821 in VA, d abt 1895, possibly in Little Rock AR. The 1880 Chicot Co. AR census shows William's father as born in Ohio and mother born in VA. William migrated to Chicot Co. AR in about 1843, where he married Drucilla Sumner. They had 4 children, 3 known: Robert F.; Daniel B.; and Eola B. Brawner. [Patricia A. Brawner-Schiro, PO Box 535, Magnolia TX 77355-0535].

Seeking information on **Cornelia Brawner**, b abt 1852 in Marshall, Harrison Co., TX, the eldest daughter of George W. and Ann Eliza Parker-Brawner. In 1870, Cornelia, 17, was residing with her parents in Copiah Co., MS. Who did Cornelia marry? Where did she reside? [Patricia A. Brawner-Schiro, PO Box 535, Magnolia TX 77355-0535].

Seeking information on **Mary Brawner** and her descendants. Mary was born abt 1875 in AR and married David B. Finney. They resided in Chicot Co., AR in 1880. They had two known children: Emma, b 1876, and Julia, b 1878. Mary is the daughter of George W. and Ann Eliza Parker-Brawner. [Patricia A. Brawner-Schiro, PO Box 535, Magnolia TX 77355-0535].

Who is **Thornton Brawner**, who is listed as a "Cartman" in the 1834 Washington, DC City Directory with a residence at the north side of L Street, between 8th and 9th? His wife was Mary L. Brawner [maiden name unknown]. [Reply to *Bulletin*].

## VETERAN IN BAD SHAPE

**Alexander Brawner** (b 1846 in Ohio d 1928 in Iowa), son of **Alexander Brawner** (1824-1905) and **Mary Ann Morrison**, (1826-1860) served with the Union Army in Company H, Second Regiment, Iowa Infantry. In making his claim for military pension over 60 years later, Alexander submitted the affidavit of Dr. F.J. Jarvis, dated April 12, 1926, which stated in part as follows: "That I have this date carefully examined the physical and mental condition of claimant [Alexander Brawner], which is as follows: Claimant is suffering with fracture of joint right hip - injuries to tendons and muscles of said limb - is compelled to use crutches constantly - complains that surgeon who cared for his limb failed to properly adjust broken bone - Leg shrunken and painful in any position - Claimant suffers constantly with muscular rheumatism and results of same - Heart action slow and feeble - liver and kidneys do not function - color poor - lean in flesh, action - dragging motion - complains of poor circulation - constipation and enlarged prostate. This has been his condition for months - said disabilities are permanent. Claimant is feeble and so nearly helpless that he requires the regular personal aid and attendance of another person to aid him in dressing, bathing and moving about."

[Source: *Physician's Affidavit, Military Pension File of Alexander Brawner, Reproduced at National Archives.*] [Thank you to **Alice Van Norman**].

**Note:** **Alexander "Eck" Brawner** married **Sarah Ellen Turnipseed** in Richmond, Iowa on October 7, 1866. Three children, Cora, Newton and one (name unknown) who died in childhood, were born of the marriage. The couple was divorced in 1878 on allegations that Eck abandoned his spouse. Cora predeceased Eck. Of Newton, Eck said in 1927, "[H]e is a rover, and I do not know where he is. He is single. I last saw him four years ago when he visited me at this Home [Soldier's Home, Marshalltown, Iowa].

[Source: *Deposition of Alexander Brawner, Military Pension File of Alexander Brawner, at National Archives.*] [Thank you to **Alice Van Norman**].

## KANSAS CITY COUNT, 1905

<u>Name</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Brauner, Arthur D.	Saloon, 1300 Union Ave.	638 Norton
Brauner, Otto D.	"	1606 E 12th
Brawner, Anna L.	Clerk, John Taylor DG Co.	413 1/2 Olive
Brawner, Charles L.	Pilot, QO & KC RR Co.	1724 1/2 Madison
Brawner, Etta	Waitress, Jones Dry Goods	701 E 12th
Brawner, James	Jeweler, Dorst & Co.	301 E 11th
Brawner, Mrs. Martha	Sales, Bee Hive	413 1/2 Olive
Brawner, William L.	Propr., Merchants Deliv.	2606 Lawn
Bronaugh, George L.	Secretary, KC Scenic Co.	Olathe KS
Bronaugh, John C.	Manager, KC Scenic Co.	401 E 26th
Bronaugh, Samuel	Farmer	1463 1/2 Wyoming
Bronaugh, Thos. F.	Motor, M St. Ry.	3303 Troost
Bronner, Edward*	Laborer	rear, 1610 St Louis Ave.
Bronner, Ella*	None listed	rear, 1610 St Louis Ave.

\*African-American

Source: *Hoye Directory Co.'s Kansas City Directory, 1905.*

## WILL OF JOEL BRAWNER

“State of Georgia  
Bartow County

In the [name] of God Amen, I Joel Brawner of said State and County being of advanced age and knowing that I must shortly depart this life deem it rite and proper both my self and family that I should make a disposition of the property of which a kind Providence has blessed me with do therefore make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.

I give and bequeath to Betsy Ann Sanders heirs one hundred dollars. I also appoint Jesse J. Brawner Guardian for said heirs.

+John F. Brawner and his heirs and eaqueal portion of the ballance of said state.

also Jane Tolbert and her heirs and eaqueal portion of the ballance of said state.

also Sarah E. Tabler an her heirs and eaqueal portion of the balance of said state.

Sarah C. Bakers heirs and eaqueal portion of the ballance and I also appoint Jesse J. Brawner Guardian for said heirs.

William K. Brawners heirs and eaqueal portion of the ballance of said estate.

Jesse J. Brawner and his heirs and eaqueal portion of the ballance of said estate.

Susan F. Odoms heirs and eaqueal portion of the ballance. I also appoint Jesse J. Brawner Guardian for said heirs.

David G. Brawner and his heirs and eaqueal portion of the ballance the of said estate.

Henry M. Brawner and his heirs and eaqueal portion of the ballance of said estate.

Joel Brawner (Seal)

Signed, Sealed, delivered and published by Joel Brawner as his last Will and Testament in the presents of us the subscribers who subscribed our names hereto in the presents of said testator at his special request and each of us this 25th August 1866.

W.H. King

Test: H.M. Brawner

John F. Brawner”

*Source: Will of Joel Brawner, Bartow County, GA Records. [Thank you to **Jack T. Brawner**]. The Will is set forth above with all grammatical and spelling errors of the original.*

***Note: Joel Brawner** (1798-1866), a native of Elbert Co., GA, is the great great grandfather of Bulletin subscriber **Jack T. Brawner**. Joel is possibly the son of Basil Brawner of Elbert County, GA. In 1816, Joel married **Elizabeth King** (1800-1866), a Virginia native, in Elbert Co., GA. Joel and Betsy moved to Cartersville, GA about 1840. Joel and Betsy's children are: **Catherine** (Tabler); **John F.** (1817-1894).; **Jane** (Talbot) (b 1822); **Betsy Ann** (Saunders) (b 1825); **Sarah C.** (Baker) (b 1826); **William K.** (1829-1863); **Jesse Johnson** (1832-1897); **Susan F.** (Odom) (b 1835); **David G.** (b 1837); and **Henry M. Brawner** (b 1839).*

## HARRIS GAMMON DEAD

“At the residence of James Cox in this county on the 20th of December, 1843, Mr. Harris Gammon in the 87th year of his age. Another pensioner is gone. Mr. Gammon was one of a noble band engaged in the Revolution struggle. When in youth his active time delighted in the dangers of the tented field: and he was ever found where the enemy threatened, or duty called. When old age came on and he was so oppressed by its weight that he could no longer engage in the active scenes of life, he delighted himself with the thought that he had fought for a country whose freedom had been secured and whose freedom would descend as a rich heritage to posterity: even in the decrepitude of old age, his eyes would glow with all the ardor and enthusiasm of youth, while he relayed the interesting scenes of a bloody war thru which he had passed. He had been a member of the Methodist church 73 years. In the heat of battle he found his God a support in the perplexity of life and a relief(?) and in the hoary hairs of life a peaceful comforter. He ever showed the world that he was not ashamed of the cause he had so early espoused. When he was conscious that his end was near, he told his afflicted children and grand children, to weep not for him, that he was going to a better world, and rejoiced to the last that he could recommend the religion he had so long professed to his dying fellowmen. Thus after boldly defending the liberties of his country and earnestly contending for the Kingdom of Glory, having suffered a few days of acute pain, he sweetly fell asleep in the arms of the Blessed Savior, leaving an example worthy of imitation.” [Knoxville (TN) Register, January 17, 1844][Thank you to **Jack T. Brawner**].

***Note: Harris Gammon** (1757-1843) was the spouse of **Levicy Elizabeth Brawner** (1760-1826). Both were natives of Pittsylvania County, Virginia. Harris' father is believed to be **John Brawner Gammon**, a native of Norfolk Co., VA.. Harris served in Capt. Peter Perkins Co. and in Capt. William Dix's Regiment of Charles Williams Co. and saw service in the siege of Yorktown. He and Elizabeth had 12 children, and have numerous descendants throughout Tennessee, Texas and several other states.*

## BRAWNERS, LOUISVILLE, KY, 1848

### Name

Brawner, Thomas

Brawner, Mrs. Anna, widow

Brawner, James

### Residence

Main, between Floyd & Preston, over 707

at Thos. Brawner's

Green above Wenzel

*Source: Gabriel Collins' Louisville and New Albany Directory and Annual Advertiser, for 1848.*

**FIGHTER & PIONEER**

**Theopolis Brawner** (1789-1866), the son of **Edward Brawner** (b 1762) and **Ann Franklin** (d 1797), served in the War of 1812 as a Private in Capt. Dunnington's Co. and Capt. Thomas Burgess' Co., Maryland Militia. Thereafter, Theopolis migrated to Kentucky, where on November 9, 1820 he married **Rachel Wade** (b May 8, 1801 in KY, d after 1880) in Shelby Co., KY. The couple had four children: **John Edward Brawner** (b 1821, m Margaret Pulliam); **Mary Jane** (b 1823, m James D. Moore); **William Royal Francis** (1825-1905); and **Margaret Ann** (1842-1934, m Charles W. Duvall). Theopolis died in Franklin Co., KY on December 17, 1866.

[Source: *War of 1812 Series, Index to Pension and Bounty Land Files, at National Archives; Thank you to Catherine Brawner and Helen M. Sutherland.*]

*Note: Theopolis Brawner and Rachel Wade are direct ancestors of many of the Brawner families of Frankfort, KY and Madison, IN.*

**TOUCHDOWN!!**

On Saturday, October 11, 1969, **John William (Jay) Brawner**, playing defensive end for Potomac, MD's Winston Churchill High School, intercepted a pass and returned it 32 yards for a touchdown to spark the Bulldogs to a 28-6 victory over visiting Walter Johnson High School of Bethesda, MD. [Washington Post, Sunday, October 12, 1969].

**Note:** That fleet-footed griddler just happens to be your editor's brother ...

**DEATH AT BRAWNER HOUSE**

*"He suffard a grate deel before he died"*

Cartersville, GA, Aug 2, 1878

Dear Sister and family,

I take my pen in to drop you a few lines to let you that we are all well and to let you know that Father is dead. He died the 29 of July. He soad som Oats up at his Pine Log place and went up there to bring them home and the mules ran away with the wagon and threw him off and hurt him so that he died from it. He got hurt on Tuesday eavning and lived until the next Monday morning. He died at John F Brawners on Monday at 10 1/2 OClock and we brought him home Tuesday and buried him Wednesday. He never talk but very little after he got hurt, thoutg he called all his childring by there names. He died perfectly easy and I think that he has gon to rest for Lou ask him if he would go to rest and he could not speak but he smiled and Nan I want you to give him up cherful for it was the Lords will at tak him and we could not hinder him from going. All that we can do was to wait on him and we should be thankful that he was spaird till his childring was all grown and able to work for there selves. He suffard a grate deel before he died. The skin was not broak only on his left hand, the hurt was in side of him. Severl of his ribs was broke loose from his back bone.

Old Mrs. Dobbs is ded, she died very sudend on the 13 of June and Lessie Dobbs is married. She maried Mr. Bob Brouen the 27 Dec 1877 and Charlie Dobbs is married. He maried a Miss Georgia Jefferson. He maried Jan 22, 1878 and Fany and John Dobbs lives by there selves since there Mother died and Mrs Arbella Starnes is ded she died the 17 of June. She leaves 5 little girls. Mary Brawner had another Boy borned in March, she has not named it yet. Lou has another Daughter borned June 27, she has not named it yet.

So I Will Close for this time hoping that I will hear from you soon. I remain your Sister as ever.

Mariah W. Quarles  
Cartersville, Georgia"

[Source: *Brawner and Allied Families, King, Quarles, Shaw and Others, written and compiled by Jack T. Brawner.*] The letter is presented with all grammatical and spelling errors that appear in the original.

**Note: Mariah W. Quarles** (b 1856) is the sister in law of **Jesse Johnson Brawner** (1832-1897), who is the son of **Joel Brawner** (b 1798 in Elbert Co., GA, d 1866 in Bartow Co., GA) and **Elizabeth King** (b 1800 in VA, d 1866 in Bartow Co., GA.) [See Will of Joel Brawner on page 5]. The deceased, the father of Mariah, is **David Quarles** (1812-1878), spouse of **Katherine Shaw** (1818-1901). **John F. Brawner**, referred to above, is also the son of Joel Brawner. The Mary Brawner referred to in the letter is **Mary Ann Quarles Brawner** (1842-1920), the wife of Jesse Johnson Brawner and the daughter-in-law of Joel Brawner. This family has

**Who Is This Tubby Brawner?**

Bulletin subscriber Mary Viter, author of *Brawner History Book*, recently came across a record entitled *You Don't Have the Right to Call Me Bad!*, which is written by Barbara Wire, produced by Tommy Hill and sung by **Tubby Brawner**. Does anybody have any information about Tubby Brawner or his singing career?

**BRAWNERS IN TEXAS, 1920's****Dallas, 1920**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Brauner, Jos	Employee, The Jefferson	
Brawner, Chas. J.	Dentist	1413 1/2 Main
Brawner, Elsie E.	Clerk, Butler Bros.	3924 Elm
Brawner, George H.	Mechanic	3211 Bowen
Brawner, John E.	Jeweler, Roy Seastrunk Mfg. Co.	2026 N. Henderson
Brawner, Oscar E.	Switchman, H & TC Railway	3924 Elm
Brawner, William H.	Salesman, Nissley Creamery Co.	314 N. Bishop Ave.
Bronar, Robert L.	Laborer, Hercules Pet Co.	ss Eagle Ford Rd.

Source: John F. Worley Directory Co.'s Dallas City Directory, 1920.

**Ft. Worth, 1922**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Brawner, Daniel	Clerk	2520 Prairie Ave.
Brawner, Dewey S.	Laborer, Swift & Co.	2520 Prairie Ave.
Brawner, Floyd	Driver, Am. Dyeing & Dry Cng	Stop Edgewood, Dall. Int.
Brawner, Hiram D.	Blacksmith, NTT Co.	2520 Prairie Ave.
Brawner, Jos.	Barber, 109 E 12th	rooms at 315 W 2nd
Brawner, Seaborn J.	none listed	3408 G Ave.

Source: Morrison & Fourmy Directory Co.'s Ft. Worth City Directory, 1922.

**Houston, 1928**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Brawner, Thos. E. (Sybil F.)	Salesman, Magnolia Paper Co.	311 Pierce Ave.
Brauner, Alf	None listed	810 Chenovert
Brauner, Gustav	Clerk, Houston Chronicle Pub. Co.	810 Chenovert

Source: Morrison & Fourmy Directory Co.'s Houston City Directory, 1928.

**WILL OF HENRY BRAWNER  
of Charles County, Maryland**

"In the name of God Amen. I Henry Brawner of Charles County, and State of Maryland, do make, ordain and declare this Instrument to be my last Will and Testament ... I give and bequeath to my grandson William Henry Brawner McPherson, one negro man... , one woman ..., one boy ... [and three girls], one young horse ..., and one eight day mantle block.

Item. I give and bequeath to my grand daughter, Susanna Etheldra McPherson, one servant girl named Margaret.

Item. I give and bequeath to my grandson, Edwin Thomas Wilmer McPherson, one negro man ... and one boy.

Item. I give and bequeath to my grandson, Henry Middleton Brawner McPherson, one negro man ... and one girl ....

Item. I give and bequeath in equal division between my three grandchildren, the children and heirs of my son Henry Middleton Brawner [eight servants] ...

Item. I give and bequeath in equal division between my seven grand children, the children of my daughter Joanna S. McPherson and the children of my son Henry M. Brawner, all my household and kitchen furniture, stock of all description and farming utensils, except as ... is already disposed of.

Item. I give and devise to my grand son William H. B McPherson [the remainder of my property].

And lastly, I do hereby appoint William H. B. McPherson Executor ...

I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 17th day of December, [1842]. [Signed], Henry Brawner  
Witnesses: Pearson Chapman, George Dement, Basil Gates." [Probated January 3, 1843].

[Source: Charles Co. Register of Wills, Liber D.J. Book 16, Page 284].

**Note:** This appears to be the Henry Brawner who was born in 1774, probably in Charles Co., MD. His parents are possibly Bennett Brawner (d 1777) and Mary Ann Ratcliff of Maryland. Henry's son, **Henry Middleton Brawner**, a Charles County lawyer, was born in 1807 and died in 1836 in Charles County. Henry Sr.'s daughter is **Joanna Freeman Stoddert Brawner**.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

\* Simpson & Weiner's *The Oxford English Dictionary, 2d ed.* (Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1989) says that a "browner" is a "boar fattened for the table." The dictionary quotes Welsh King Cookery saying in 1708, "Send up the browner's head." [Thank you to **George F. Browner, Sr.**].

\* In May 1912, **Robert Alexander Browner II** (1872-1921), coal merchant and prominent politician in Frankfort, KY, submitted the winning bid of \$206 for the historic little red brick building on the State House Square in Frankfort. Mr. Browner, as purchaser, was required to tear the building down within 90 days. [Frankfort News-Journal, May 7, 1912][Thank you to **Ruth Kirk Ramsaeur**].

**ATLANTA BRAWNERS, 1923**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Browner, Albert F. (Blanche)	Physician	Smyrna, GA
Browner, Charles*	Laborer	39 Tyler
Browner, Clifford*	Porter	108 Larkin
Browner, Eliz.*	None listed	112 Howell
Browner, Eugene*	Laborer	54 Lena
Browner, Geneva*	Maid	220 N Ashley
Browner, Henry*	Carpenter	28 Fraser
Browner, James N. (Nellie)	Physician	2730 Peachtree Rd
Browner, Jas. N. Jr.	None listed	2730 Peachtree Rd
Browner, James O.	Foreman, Burnett-Klapper	710 Chestnut
Browner, Janie*	Laundress	89 W Alexander
Browner, John*	Cement Worker	89 W Alexander
Browner, Joseph*	Laborer	27 Milton
Browner, Joseph*	Lather	259 Shelton
Browner, Joseph J.	Wood	659 N Ashby, rear
Browner, Leland S.	None listed	YMCA
Browner, Rev. Lucas*	None listed	233 N Butler
Browner, Maybelle*	Nurse	2000 Highland Ave
Browner, Nell	None listed	2730 Peachtree Rd.
Browner, Viola*	Lunch	54 Ella
Browner, William	Janitor	220 N Ashby
Browner, William H.*	Janitor	497 Cherokee Ave

\*African-American

**Note:** The City Directory also lists "Browner's, Dr. Sanitarium, Marietta Car Line, Phone Long Distance Smyrna, City Office Office 702, Grant Bldg., Tel Walnut 1190."

**Source:** Atlanta City Directory Co.'s Atlanta City Directory.

**WOOD MERCHANT**

**Basil Browner**, born about 1798, died on the morning of March 7, 1837 at his home near the Potomac River Bridge in Georgetown, Washington, D.C. Basil, probably the son of **William Browner** (d abt 1784) of Charles Co., MD, married **Eleanor Harrison Beatty** on June 17, 1830. Eleanor was the widow of Alexander Semmes, the owner of a large sailing fleet with Georgetown as his home port. Alexander Semmes was lost at sea in about 1826. Basil and Eleanor had four children: **William Henry** (1831-1916); **Mary Catherine**; **Joseph** (1834-1844); and **Ann Jane**. In 1834, Basil is shown in the Georgetown, D.C. directory as a "Wood Merchant" living in a dwelling house at Bridge St. Also listed at that year at that address is a "J. Browner," perhaps Basil's brother.

Basil died without a will. The administration of his estate shows numerous receipts for money paid to Eleanor for the maintenance of the surviving children, including \$25.00 for 6 months boarding of each child, \$12.50 for 6 months' clothing and varying amounts for tuition. The administration includes money received by Eleanor and the children from the surviving partners of B. Browner & Co., with Eleanor receiving \$2,222, William Henry receiving \$741, Ann Jane receiving \$242 and Mary Catherine receiving \$10. [Thank you to A.H. "Harry" Browner and Marianne Smyth].

**Note:** The Fall Bulletin incorrectly reported on page 7 that this Basil Browner was born in 1803 and died after 1870. In fact, there was a Basil Browner of Prince William Co., VA who was born in 1803 and died in 1892.

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