



BRAWNER BULLETIN



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Brawners in the News

Sophie Brawner Gibson, 35, of Kent County, MD, placed second in the Open Female division of the 15th annual Flat Five running event held on July 4 in Rock Hall, MD. Her time for the five-mile race was 36 minutes, 25 seconds. Congratulations! [*Kent County News*, July 12, 1996].

Asher Brauner plays Dominic in the Hollywood film *Switchblade Sisters*, a Miramax release of a Rolling Thunder and Johnny Legend presentation. The film centers around a female gang that controls a high school. [*Reuters/Variety*, by *Leonard Klady*].

Hans Brauner, management board chairman of German Rheinmetall Berlin AG, recently announced in Berlin the company's 6-month increase in incoming orders and orders in hand as a result of large defense orders. Brauner said, "Our goal for 1996 is to achieve a clearly higher operating result compared to 1995. We expect an improvement in the range of the previous year of 41 million marks." [*Reuters, Bonn Newsroom*, July 17, 1996].

BRAWNER INSANITY PLEA

"He looked like he was out of his mind"

You may not want to know this, but the Brawner family has loaned its name to a notable insanity defense in American criminal jurisprudence. Known as the "Brawner rule," it arose out of the Washington D.C. murder trial of Archie W. Brawner, Jr. *United States v. Brawner*, 471 F.2d 969 (D.C. Cir. 1972).

On September 8, 1967 in Washington, D.C., Archie Brawner devoted his morning and afternoon hours to wine drinking. Duly primed, he went with his uncle, Aaron Ross, to a party at the home of three friends. A fight broke out at the party, and Archie injured his jaw. With his mouth bleeding and his speech slurred, Archie left the party, saying, "I'm going to get my boys" and "someone is going to die tonight." Uncle Aaron observed that Archie "looked like he was out of his mind." A half an hour later, Archie returned to the party with a gun. He went to the apartment where the party was taking place and shot his gun five times through a closed metal hallway door. Two of the bullets found their way into Billy Ford and killed him. Within a few

minutes, Archie was arrested several blocks away.

At his trial, Archie pleaded insanity, but was convicted of second degree murder. On appeal, the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia vacated the guilty verdict. The Court allowed Archie the benefit of a liberalized insanity defense: a person is not guilty of a crime if, as a result of a mental disease or defect, he "lacks substantial capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of his conduct or to conform his conduct to the requirements of the law." The so-called "Brawner rule" caught on and became the law of most states, before yielding over time to more restrictive insanity defenses. Today, the Brawner rule has largely been rejected.

So, while we'd like to have shared our name with a polio vaccine, mathematical theorem or technological marvel, we're gonna have to settle for an insanity defense. Well, everybody's got to start somewhere, I guess ...



SHERMAN B. BRAWNER - JOHNNIE C. PALMER

Pictured and left are Sherman Baxter Brawner (1894-1973) and Johnnie Charlotte Palmer (1891-1959), the parents of Bulletin subscribers Marie Brawner Roberson and Mildred Brawner Madding. Sherman is the son of Raulhac Leonidas Brawner (1845-1905) and Laura Bell Woodall (1854-1913). Johnnie is the daughter of John F.T. Palmer and Forest Lee Johns. Sherman and Johnnie were married January 6, 1915 in Hickman, Fulton County, Kentucky, and had nine children. Sherman's line of Brawners descends from Dozier Brawner (died about 1840) and wife, Jennie, originally of Pittsylvania County in southern Virginia. The Brawners migrated from there to Tennessee, ending up in Weakley County, where Sherman's father, Raulhac, was born. From there, the migration of this line was to Fulton County, Kentucky, where both Sherman and Johnnie are buried in the City Cemetery. This photograph was taken in 1913. [Thank you to Marie Brawner Roberson].

BRAWNER DEEDS, PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VA

Deed Book 4, Page 276, 11/28/1776: Thomas Leake and wife, Catherine, to **Benjamin Brawner**, 82 acres on Elkhorn Creek. Consideration: 65 pounds.

Deed Book 5, Page 471, 3/21/1780: **Benjamin Brawner** to Charles Irby, property on north side of Elkhorn Creek. No wife signs. Consideration: 100 pounds.

Deed Book 5, Page 496, 3/21/1780: Charles Irby to **Benjamin Brawner**, property on south side of Elkhorn Creek. Consideration: 100 pounds.

Deed Book 7, Page 99, 8/19/1783: **Benjamin B. Brawner** to Thomas Shields, 80 acres along Elkhorn Creek. No wife signs. Consideration: 30 pounds.

Deed Book 7, Page 590, 3/20/1786: John Nelson to **John Brawner**, 154 acres on the fork of Bean's Creek. Consideration: 50 pounds.

Deed Book 7, Page 620, 4/17/1786: **John Brawner** to Randolph McDonald, 77 acres near Yorks (?) fork. No wife signs. Consideration: 55 pounds.

Deed Book 9, Page 19, 6/20/1791: William Sutton to **William Brawner**, 60 acres beginning at Harris' line, then by marked trees to the Courthouse Road, then to Bean's line. Consideration: 40 pounds.

Deed Book 11, Page 5, 2/20/1797: **William Brawner** to Cornelius Skinner of Loudon Co., VA., 60 acres. No wife signs. Consideration: 25 pounds.

Deed Book 16, Page 295, 4/17/1809: **Dozier Brawner** and wife, **Jane**, George Ward, **William Gammon**, **Drury Brawner** (female) and **Alice Brawner** to Thomas Caisey Jr., 81 acres on Bean's Creek. Part of same property acquired by **John Brawner** in Deed Book 7, Page 590. Consideration: 100 pounds.

[Note: These are abbreviated abstracts of all recorded Pittsylvania County deeds found in which a Brawner (by that spelling) was a grantor or grantee, up to and including 1809. By shortly after 1809, the Brawners are believed to have migrated from Pittsylvania

**CLARINDA E. BRAWNER
ROMINE DIES IN IOWA**

Clarinda Elizabeth Brawner Romine, 73, the daughter of James Brawner Jr. and Elizabeth Jane DeLong, died at her home in Keota, Iowa on Tuesday, June 15, 1926. Clara was born on April 12, 1853 in Washington County, Iowa and lived in Washington and Keokuk Counties her entire life. On September 19, 1873, Clara married Joseph Franklin Romine (1849-1935), with whom she had four children: Ellis H. (1875-1939), Addie (1877-1944), Walter (1880-1962) and Minnie (1884-1884). Clara, a "soft spoken lady" [statement of Daisy Kolosiek Brawner on page 329 of *Mary Brawner Viter's Brawner Family History 1830-1995*], was in declining health for several years and had been an invalid since 1924. The local paper reported that "[a]lthough her death is a great loss to the father and children it comes as a relief after years of suffering." [Obituary from unidentified newspaper on page 333 in *Mary Brawner Viter's Brawner Family History 1830-1995*]. The funeral was held on June 17, 1926 at the Church of Christ, where Clara was a member, with interment at Keota Cemetery.

Note: Clara's father, James Brawner Jr. (1822-1853), was ambushed and killed by Indians while on his way to California during the Gold Rush about 3 months before Clara was born. Clara is the granddaughter of James Brawner (d 1840) and Rebecca Brawner, who were natives of Coshocton Co., Ohio. [Thank you to Mary Brawner Viter].

KENTUCKY GRAVES

On a farm about seven miles outside of Bowling Green, Warren County, Kentucky, along Highway 31W, **William T. Brawner** and his wife, **Mary Cooksey Brawner** are buried. The tombstones show that William was born 16 January 1795 in Charles County, Maryland and died 8 January 1867; and that Mary was born 20 July 1799 and died 17 August 1852. The couple was married in Warren County, Kentucky on 17 January 1822. [Thank you to **Claire Brawner Davenport**].

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Selected Brawner Marriages

<u>Bride</u>	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Mary Alice Finney	George S. Brawner	4 April 1882	Chicot Co AR
Fanny Nash	William Brawner	10 January 1820	Westmoreland VA
Margaret Brawner	John Williams	3 August 1815	Loudon Co. VA
Emily Brawner	Thomas Cocking	23 December 1880	Charles Co. MD
Mary C. Murray	Robert A. Brawner	25 November 1829	Franklin Co. KY
Laura B. Woodall	Raulhac L. Brawner	11 May 1871	Fulton Co. KY
Viola B. Brawner	E.G. Gouser	1905	Larned KS

BRAWNERS FIGHT FOR REBEL CAUSE

<u>Name</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Unit</u>
Brawner, Asa W.	GA	3rd Cavalry (St. Guards), Co. E
Brawner, Henry S.	GA	Lt. Arty. Scogin's Btty (Griffin), Cpl.
Brawner, Henry S.	GA	5th Infantry, Co. B
Brawner, H.M.	GA	18th Infantry, Co. G, Cpl.
Brawner, James K.	GA	3rd Cav. (St. Guards), Co. H.
Brawner, James L.	GA	54th Infantry, Co. H
Brawner, J.C.	GA	29th Infantry, Co. B
Brawner, Jesse J.	GA	36th (Broyles') Infantry, Co. D, Sgt.
Brawner, J.F.	GA	Cavalry 10th Bn. (St. Guards), Co. A, Cpl.
Brawner, J.F.	GA	4th Res., Co. H
Brawner, John F.	GA	29th Infantry, Co. B
Brawner, M.L.	GA	54th Infantry, Co. H, A, Sgt.
Brawner, W.H.	GA	29th Infantry, Co. F
Brawner, William	GA	12th Cavalry, Co. E
Brawner, William M.	GA	3rd Cavalry (St. Guards), Co. H
Brawner, William T.	GA	15th Infantry, Co. B
Brawner, W.L.	GA	29th Infantry, Co. B
Bronough, J.	GA	3rd Cavalry, Sgt.
Brauner, James	VA	135th Mil., Co. C
Brawner, Charles H.	VA	4th Cavalry, Co. A
Brawner, George R.	VA	17th Infantry, Co. F
Brawner, George W.	VA	17th Infantry, Co. F.
Brawner, Harrison	VA	8th Infantry, Co. A
Brawner, James F.	VA	8th Infantry, Co. D
Brawner, John A.	VA	17th Infantry, Co. F
Brawner, John E.	VA	8th Infantry, Co. A
Brawner, John P.	VA	49th Infantry, Co. B
Brawner, John T.	VA	49th Infantry, Co. B
Brawner, Richard H.	VA	15th Cavalry, Co. H
Brawner, Robert	VA	8th Infantry, Co. C
Brawner, Thomas M.	VA	Infantry 25th Battalion, Co. B
Brawner, William	VA	49th Infantry, Co. B
Brawner, William G.	VA	15th Cavalry, Co. H, Capt.
Brawner, William G.	VA	Mil. 36th Regiment, Col.
Bronaugh, Charles E.	VA	36th Infantry, Co. A
Bronaugh, Edward A.	VA	36th Infantry, Co. A
Bronaugh, George D.	VA	1st Infantry, Co. E
Bronaugh, J.C.	VA	3rd Infantry, Loc. Def., Co. F, Capt.
Bronaugh, J.W.	VA	3rd Infantry, Loc. Def.
Bronaugh, William	VA	5th Cavalry, Co. B
Bronner, H.A.	VA	VA Cavalry Mosby's Reg., Co. A
Bronner, William A.	VA	VA Cavalry Mosby's Reg., Co. A
Bronough, Francis L.	VA	1st Artillery Co. H
Brauner, Louis L.	TX	33rd Cavalry, Co. D, Bugler
Brawner, Joseph S.	TX	7th Infantry, Co. D
Brawner, William H.	TX	17th Cavalry, Co. E
Brawner, William H. Sr.	TX	17th Cavalry, Co. E
Bronaugh, D.	TX	1st Infantry, Co. A
Bronaugh, K.C.	TX	5th Cavalry, Co. C
Bronough, J.M.	TX	5th Cavalry, Surgeon

[Source: *The Roster of Confederate Soldiers, 1861-1865, Vol. II, Edited by Janet B. Hewett (Broadfoot Publishing Co. Wilmington NC 1995)*]. *Continued on page 5.*

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*:

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THANK YOU!!

CAPTAIN TO CAPTAIN

In 1752, **David Bronough** (born ca 1700, died 1774, King George Co., VA), was captain of the King George Co., VA militia. Captain Brawner's daughter, **Rose**, married Navy Captain **John Lurty**, apparently of Mason Co., KY. [Source: *Kentucky Pioneers and Their Descendants, by Kentucky Society, Daughters of Colonial Wars, 1945-50*].

QUERIES

Seeking information about the family of Newton Brawner, who was born March 22, 1860 in Iowa and died December 14, 1940 in Oklahoma City. He is the son of Basil Brawner and Sarah Pullen and the wife of Clara Olive Gillett. Who were Newton's siblings? Who are Basil Brawner's parents? *[Reply to Bulletin]*.

Seeking to identify the parents of Henry Brawner, wife of Elizabeth (maiden name unknown), parents of ten children. Henry and Elizabeth had ties to Northern Virginia. The first child was Sarah Ann Brawner, born May 2, 1816 and the second child was John Thomas Brawner (1818-1883), who married, first, Mary Catherine Speake(?) and, second, Lucy Ann Clark. The other children of Henry and Elizabeth were Henry C., Mary Miner, Elizabeth, Gracy, William, Martha, Rowberta and John Richard. *[Reply to Bulletin]*.

Would like to correspond with anyone having connections to Harris Gammon or his wife, Levicy Elizabeth Brawner. Also, did their daughter, Levicy Gammon, have any children by her first husband Wilson Manley? *[Martha E. Miller, 2835 W. 32nd Ave., Box 100, Denver CO 80211-3294]*.

OKLAHOMA CITY, 1933

<u>Name</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Brawner, Harry M. (Laura)	Carpenter	1408 South 24th
Bronaugh, Chas. C. (Hazel J.)	Manager*	2130 NW 20th
Bronaugh, Volney (Mattie)	Real Estate	1111 NW 36th
Bronaugh, Wilson	not listed	1111 NW 36th

*Bemis Bros. Bag Co.

Source: R.L. Polk & Co. Oklahoma City Directory, 1933.

NEW YORK BRAUNERS ATTAIN PROMINENCE

Olaf Martinius Brauner (1869-1947), a native of Christiania, Norway and resident of Ithaca, NY, is recognized for his accomplishments as an artist in *Who Was Who in America, Vol. 2 (1943-1950)*. Mr. Brauner was known for the many portraits he painted of prominent persons in America. Olaf is the son of Julius F. Brauner and Andrea M. Holter Brauner.

Julius Frederick Brauner (1909-1974), a native of Mt. Vernon, New York, received recognition by *Who Was Who in America, Vol. 6 (1974-1976)* after a long career as an attorney for CBS. Julius, the son of Julius F. Brauner and Lillian Moore Brauner, was educated at Cornell. He married Ruth E. Gordon on April 16, 1938. He maintained his home in Scarsdale, New York.

TAZEWELL TALK

One of the acclaimed pioneers of Tazewell County, Illinois is none other than **William Henry Brawner** (1818-after 1902), the son of **John S. Brawner** and **Margaret Atkinson Brawner**. William is the grandson of **John Brawner** and **Nancy Speak Brawner** of Virginia.

William Henry was born in Adair County, Kentucky on July 30, 1818. In 1834, his parents migrated to Schuyler County, Illinois. "William Henry, then sixteen years of age, entered with zest into this overland trip, and today recalls with undiminished enthusiasm the adventures which made it memorable. A tangible souvenir of these days and nights of travel in covered wagons through an ever-changing country, is a pine tar-bucket, made by his father in Kentucky and used, during the westward journey, to hold axle-grease for the wagons. Mr. Brawner treasures this bucket with exceeding care ..." *[History of Tazewell County, p. 983]*. In 1842, William Henry married Mary E. Patterson (1825-1891), after which the couple settled in Tazewell County. William Henry lived there for over 58 years. Over time, William Henry acquired 480 acres of land, was a "progressive and tireless farmer" and was actively involved in causes advancing this community. William Henry and wife Mary had ten children. *[History of Tazewell County, pp. 983-984; Thank you to George F. Brawner]*.

GEORGIA MARRIAGES

The Southern Christian Advocate reports two marriages of Brawner family members:

"At the residence of Col. T.T. Dorough, March 8, 1870, by Rev. Thomas Crymes, **Dr. A.W. Brawner** to Miss Mattie Z. Dorough, all of Carnesville, GA."

"In Weston, GA on December 14, 1873, by Rev. J.T. Ainsworth, Mr. J.M. Saville to **Miss Plen Brawner**."

[Source: Marriage Notices from the Southern Christian Advocate, 1867-1878, by Brent J. Holcomb (Columbia SC 1994), pp. 73, 170 (emphasis added)].

MORE BRAWNERS FIGHT FOR REBEL CAUSE

<u>Name</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Unit</u>
Brawner, George W.	AR	23rd Infantry, Co. G, Music.
Brawner, J.M.	AR	5th Infantry, Co. E
Brawner, J.M.	AR	30th Infantry, Co. A
Brawner, Tillman M.	AR	9th Infantry, Co. E
Brawner, T.M.	AR	1st (Monroe's) Cav., Co. B, Cpl.
Bronaugh, David T.	AR	16th Infantry, Co. F, K, 1st Lt.
Bronaugh, F.L.	AR	Infantry, 2nd Battalion, Asst. Surg.
Bronaugh, William J.	AR	25th Infantry, Co. H, 2nd Lt.
Bronaugh, William N.	AR	1st (Colquitt's) Inf., Co. D, 2nd Lt.
Bronaugh, William N.	AR	Infantry, 2nd Battalion, Major
Brawner, John	KY	Jessee's Bn. Mounted Riflemen
Brawner, Thomas P.	KY	9th Cavalry
Bronaugh, David Banks	KY	Lt. Arty. Green's Battery
Bronaugh, James	KY	1st (Helm's) Cav. New Co. G, Ord. Sgt
Bronaugh, James	KY	2nd (Woodward's) Cav. Co. I, G, 2nd Lt.
Bronaugh, J.G.	KY	2nd Cavalry
Bronaugh, W.M.	KY	1st (Helm's) Cavalry, Co. H, 2nd Lt.
Bronaugh, W.T.	KY	2nd (Woodward's) Cavalry, Co. E
Brawner, E.S.	TN	62nd Mtd. Infantry, Co. C., Sgt.
Brawner, H.D.	TN	21st (Wilson's) Cavalry, Co. K
Brawner, H.D.	TN	15th Infantry, Co. A, G
Brawner, James C.	TN	51st (Cons.) Infantry, Co. K
Brawner, J.H.	TN	21st (Wilson's) Cavalry, Co. K
Brawner, M.B.	TN	15th Infantry, Co. A
Brawner, M.D.	TN	27th Infantry, Co. H
Brawner, W.F.	TN	51st (Cons.) Infantry, Co. K

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WILL OF HEZEKIAH BRAWNER**Charles County, Maryland**

In 1866, in Charles County, Maryland, **Hezekiah Brawner** (born 1786), probably the son of **Barton Brawner** and the great grandson of **Henry and Mary Brock Brawner**, passed away. In his Will [*Charles Co., MD Wills Book (J.S.) 17, Page 370*], Hezekiah left to his wife, **Julianna E.**, among other things, his new carriage and carriage horses, bedding, silver forks, silver dessert spoons, two wardrobes, curtain and fixtures, bureau, workstand, chairs, etc. He additionally gave Julianna, for her natural life, his real estate "on which I now live" consisting of about 300 acres (which real estate was "lately purchased from ... my son **Pembroke A. Brawner**") furniture, silverware and farming utensils, with the remainder to go to Hezekiah's grandson, **Eugene Hyland Brawner**. The devise of real estate to grandson Eugene Hyland Brawner is conditioned upon Eugene Hyland Brawner's not contesting various acts, accounts and estates (including the estate of Eugene's late father, James Thaddeus Brawner), failing which the real estate is to go to another of Hezekiah's grandsons, **Pembroke A. Brawner, Jr.** Hezekiah directs that other real estate adjoining the above-referenced 300 acres is also to go to grandson Eugene Hyland Brawner, as it was purchased with funds of Eugene Hyland Brawner held by Hezekiah Brawner as guardian. Finally, Hezekiah appoints his son, Pembroke A. Brawner, as executor. Hezekiah signed the will on September 14, 1863 before witnesses Jane(?) W. Turner, Edgar Brawner and Robert H. Chapman. The Will was probated April 3, 1866.

CORNHUSKER SUCCESS

Kris Alan Van Norman, the son of *Bulletin* subscribers **Raymond Van Norman** and **Alice Smith Van Norman** and great-grandson of **Abraham Smith** (1845-1925) and **Rebecca Brawner Smith** (1849-1932), was a three-year football letterman as a defensive back for the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers. His career concluded in 1982 season in which the Huskers beat LSU in the Orange Bowl and finished 12-1 and third-ranked nationally. In his senior season, Kris won All Big 8 Academic and second team All-American Academic honors. Kris received a free-agent tryout with the Atlanta Falcons after his college career. Congratulations, Kris! [*Minden (Nebr.) Courier, May 1983, in Mary B. Viter's Brawner Family History, 1830-1995*].

MARY BRAWNER PASSES AWAY

Mary Miles Brawner, 75, died on Monday morning, June 6, 1955 in the Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington, KY after an illness of about 12 days. Mary, a Kentucky native, is the daughter of **James Galbraith Brawner** (1846-1918) and **Elizabeth Bybee** (d 1895). Mary worked as a bookkeeper for many years for the Kentucky Department of Education, the Kentucky Highway Department and the coal business of her brother, **Robert Alexander Brawner II** (1872-1921), retiring in 1949. Mary was past President of the American Legion Auxiliary in Frankfort, KY, which upon her death honored Mary as one who "endeared herself to everyone with whom she served" and whose life "has been a blessing to all who came in contact with her ready, helping hand."

Mary, who never married, was survived by three sisters, Louise W. Brawner of Frankfort, Ruth Brawner King of Louisville and Virginia Brawner Kirk of Louisville, as well as several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held in the Methodist Church in Frankfort and interment was at the Frankfort Cemetery. [*Source: (KY) State Journal, June 6, 1955; Thank you to Ruth Kirk Ramsauer*].

CAT FICTION

Check out the fiction section of your local library, and you just might find some fiction written by **Daniel B. Brawner**. Dan's first published story, *A Taste for the Good Life*, appears in *Danger in D.C.: Cat Crimes in the Nation's Capital* (Donald I. Fine, Inc., New York 1993), edited by Martin H. Greenberg and Ed Gorman. Another of Dan's stories, *But a Sleep and a Forgetting*, appears in *Cat Crimes Takes a Vacation* (Donald I. Fine, Inc., New York 1995), also edited by Greenberg and Gorman. In the earlier book, Dan is described a "a young writer who is just now directing his energies toward the suspense field." [Authors' Note, at viii]. In the latter book, the authors have this to say about Dan: "Daniel B. Brawner is another young Midwestern writer who is also just starting out on what we hope will be a long career. His stories combine the best aspects of the traditional mystery with just a hint of the harder stuff." [Author's Note, at vii]. So next time you visit your local library or bookstore, check out Dan's work!

FREDERICK, MARYLAND SETTLERS

Four Brawner families can be found in Frederick County, Maryland in 1748, as evidenced by their payment of "quick rents" in that county that year. In addition, in 1743 and again in 1758, **Edward Brawner** bought land in that county from William Elder; in 1767, **Richard Brawner** bought land in that county from William Elder; and in 1769, **Richard Brawner** bought from **Thomas Brawner** almost 100 acres from the Resurvey of Elder's Kindness.

The first meeting of protest in Frederick County before the Revolutionary War was held at a schoolhouse on Tom's Creek near Troxell's Mill on August 28, 1770. At that meeting a group of men signed a resolution reaffirming the Magna Carta. Most of the signers were from the Emmitsburg, Maryland area, including **William Brawner**. [Monocacy and Catoctin: Some Early Settlers of Frederick and Carroll Counties,

CHURCH HONORS

Robert Bryan Brawner, mentioned on page 2 of the Spring *Bulletin*, appears in *Who's Who in the Methodist Church* (Abingdon Press, Nashville 1966). Mr. Brawner, now deceased, was born October 14, 1907 near Pollard, Arkansas, the son of **Robert Lee Brawner** and **Mary F. Renfro Brawner** and the grandson of **Henry Dozier Brawner**. He is listed as a church official.

Bulletin subscriber **Marie Brawner Roberson** met Mr. Brawner a few years ago. Referring to his grandfather, Henry Dozier Brawner, R. Bryan Brawner told Marie, "He had two brothers killed in the Civil War at Shiloh in Tennessee. [They were killed by] bushwhackers."

Also recognized in *Who's Who in the Methodist Church* are **Newton Alvin Brawner**, minister, born in Van, Texas on November 11, 1907 to **Eli S. Brawner** and **Elie Ann Maxfield Brawner**, and **Odis Wayne Brawner**, a lay church worker born August 29, 1918 in Gleason, Tennessee to **Grade Brawner** and **Eva Thorn Brawner**. Newton made his home in Bryan, TX, and Odis made his home in San Leandro, CA.

INDIANA CENSUS INDEX

The Census Index for Indiana for 1850 shows four heads of household with Brawner or similar surnames: **Middleton Brauner** on page 34, Spencer County, Luce Township; **Michael Brauner** on page 464, Cass County, Washington Township; **Thomas Brawner** on page 165, Allen County, Lake Township; and **David Broner** on page 18, Jefferson County, Madison Township.

1850 CENSUS, CHICOT COUNTY, ARKANSAS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>State of Birth</u>
Brawner, William	30	M	Ginwright	\$2,600	Virginia
Brawner, Drucilla	21	F			Mississippi*
Brawner, Robert F.	2	M			Arkansas
Brawner, Daniel B.	6 mo.	M			Arkansas
Clary, Robert	22	M	Ginwright		Arkansas
Clary, Albert W.	13	M			Arkansas

*Writing not entirely clear.

Note: This was household #151 in this census. They lived in Old River Township.

WILL OF MARY BRAWNER

FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA

"In the name of God amen, I Mary Brawner of the County of Fairfax, being very weak in body tho' in perfect senses and memory doth make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say, First I bequeave my soul to God and my body to the earth as also I give my worldly goods in sort as followeth. I give and bequeave unto my welbeloved son John Brawner two feather beds, two iron pots and one iron pot rack and one Cow and calf and one Heffer of two years old and their increase. I give and bequeave to my son Henry Brawner one Heffer of two years old and her increase as also I give and bequeave to my grandson Thomas Hearbon one cow big with calf and one Heffer of two years old and two steers of one year old them and their increase forever and lastly I nominate and appoint my loving son John Brawner my whole and sole executor of this my last Will and Testament revoking all and every other will heretofore by me made acknowledging this only to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this eighth day of June in the year of our Lord God 1765. Signed Mary Brawner (by her mark)

Witnesses: Liddy Mattingly (by her mark), Walter Mattingly (by his mark) and Mary Simmons (by her mark)."

Probate: 16 September 1765. Will presented by John Brawner, Executor and proved by oath of Walter Mattingly and Mary Simmons.

Note: This is Mary Dunning Brawner, the wife of John Brawner (1693-1744), who was the son of Henry and Mary Brock Brawner. Henry and Mary Brock Brawner are believed to be the first Brawners to arrive in the colonies. John Brawner, a native of Charles County, MD, married Mary Dunning on January 8, 1715/16 in Prince George's Co., MD.

[Source: Fairfax County, Virginia Wills Book B, Page 399; Thank you to Peggy McGee Maness]. The Will is presented with all spelling errors of the original. For ease of reading, punctuation has been added.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, 1916

<u>Name</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Brawner, Ella B.	Clerk, Osborne Coal Co.	3314 Park Ave*.
Brawner, Haynes	Laborer	"
Brawner, R. Josephine	Stenographer	"
Brawner, Robert L. (Rosa)	Marker	"
Brawner, Wm H. (Isla)	not listed	412 37th Ave North

*Boarder

[Source: Marshall-Bruce-Polk Co. Nashville City Directory, 1916.]

COMPANY H

On June 11, 1863, **William G. Brawner**, Captain of Company H, 15th Virginia Cavalry, fighting his first fight with the legendary Mosby's Rangers, was killed during the battle at Seneca Mill, Maryland. Local legend has William's sister returning to Seneca Mill a few days after the battle with one or more of William's men to retrieve his body for return to Virginia. Though it is not yet clear, it is suspected that the sister was **Caroline Brawner French** of Manassas, Virginia and that one of the men who accompanied her was Caroline's son and William's nephew, **John L. French**, a private in the 15th Virginia Cavalry, Company H. *[Thank you to Ward French].*

APPLE CROP

Rising Star, TX — "G.P. Brawner, who farms just northwest of town, was in yesterday with a truck load of his fine Delicious apples, and stated that he was practically through with the harvest, which would net about 500 bushels. Mr. Brawner has trucked most of the fruit west and has found a ready sale. While this is the best crop he has ever had, he states that the apples have paid him well ever since they began bearing." *[Rising Star, Texas newspaper, 1937] [Thank you to Jack T. Brawner].*

Note: George Picken Brawner was born 10 January 1876 in Cartersville, Bartow Co., GA, the son of Jesse Johnson Brawner (1832-1897) and Mary Ann Quarles (1842-1920) and died 3 February 1963 in Wichita Falls, TX. He migrated to Eastland County, Texas in 1899 and married Mattie El Dora Davis (1871-1962) that same year. The couple had five children: David, Harold, Herbert, Autry

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[Source: *Kentucky 1850 Census Index*, Ronald Vern Jackson & David Schaefer Meyer, eds. (Accelerated Indexing Systems, Inc. Bountiful, UT 1976)].

RENEWAL REMINDER

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“DEAR SISTER & FAMILY”

“December the 6 [18]91...
Dear Sister & Family,

“It is with a sad heart that I try to write you a few lines. I know you will be supries to hear of Mariah death. She died the tweentieth fourth 24 of November. She taken her bed on Wednesday and died the next Tuesday morning at four Oclock. Her death was unexpected to all. There was no one there when she died but Cousin Mildre Waldrop. Mildre lives with me now and has bee with me for over to years. Marriah and Sims had been talkin and she maid a strang nois and he ast her what was the matter and she said she hurt and sauter drand down to the bead and Sims rais her up in the bead just as quick as he could and he was gone. She had a pain in her side that the Doctor said must to of went to her heart. What kill her she said she had congestion of the lounge & gastic fevor. She leeves four children, to boys and to girls. The baby is fourteen 14 monts old. Sister Dru is goin to keep the baby this winter for him. I dont know what he will do. I am so sory for the little childre. Ther is to of them here now. Sims has gone to see if he can get some one to keep house for him.

Mother health is very good for her age. She is pert most of the time. Wesley Brawner has been very sick not expecte to live with fevor but he is better now can sit up some. All the rest of the connection is well as far as I no.

Sister I wish you could see my childre they are as fat as pigs and I think they are the sweetest childre in the world. I will close pleas write soon. I remain as ever your sister. Amanda House, Cartersville, GA.” [Source: *Brawner and Allied Families*, written and compiled by **Jack T. Brawner**]. This letter is presented with the grammatical and spelling errors of the original].

[Note: This letter is written by Amanda S. Quarles House, sister in law of **Jesse Johnson Brawner** (b 1832 in Bartow Co., GA, d 1897), apparently to her sister, Nancy Quarles Davis (1848-1914). The deceased, Mariah W. Quarles Sims (1856-1891), is Amanda House’s sister and Jesse Brawner’s sister-in-law. Wesley Brawner is believed to be Jesse Brawner’s son, who lived until 1950. “Sims” refers to the husband of Mariah Quarles. “Sister Dru” is Drucilia Quarles Edwards, sister of Amanda, Mariah and Nancy. “Mother” refers to Catherine Shaw Quarles (1818-1901), the mother of Amanda, Mariah, Drucilia and Nancy.]

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