



BRAWNER BULLETIN



QUARTERLY NEWS OF THE BRAWNERS AND THEIR ALLIED FAMILIES

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Brawners in the News

Betsy Brawner of Pulaski, Wisconsin, recently signed a letter of intent to play basketball at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. The 6'-3" center was named the most improved player last year at Pulaski High School, where she averaged 5.4 points and 3.9 rebounds a game. Her college coach-to-be, Sandy Botham, said that "Betsy has the potential to be a force in the middle. She has great mobility and runs the floor well. She has great coordination for someone her size." Congratulations, Betsy, and good luck! [Source: University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee Home Page on the World Wide Web, November 20, 1996].

WHAT'S NEXT, OUR OWN TALK SHOW?

For a family whose name derives from "pickled boar meat," we sure have come a long way. It looks like we actually have a Coat of Arms of our very own. Coats of Arms, as you may know, were developed in the Middle Ages to identify warriors in war and in tournaments. More recently, the Coat of Arms has served to preserve the traditions surrounding its earlier use. The Brawner Coat of Arms (there may be more than one) is pictured below. When in color, it is silver, with three narrow black horizontal bars. There is a jagged black dragon's head located on a gold upper corner. Above the shield and helmet is another dragon's head. The Coat of Arms is officially documented in *Burke's General Armory*. The Coat of Arms shown here was apparently drawn by a heraldic artist from information recorded in ancient heraldic archives.

Whatever all of this means, we have a Coat of Arms to call our very own, and here it is ... [Thank you to **Carol Hester** and **A. H. Brawner** for passing this information along].



TENNESSEE TIES

Pictured is the family of **Jeremiah Peyton "Pate" Brawner** (1852-1918), a native of Macon County, TN and descendant of those Brawners who migrated out of Pittsylvania County, VA. From the left in the back row are **Viola "Ola" Wilburn Brawner** (1889-1961), wife of Robert Millard Brawner; **Della May Brawner** (1898-1986), Pate's daughter; **Robert Millard Brawner** (b. 1889), Pate's son; **Ethel N. "Effie" Brawner** (1896-1982), Pate's daughter; and, in the front row, from right, **Silas Franklin Brawner** (1884-1971), Pate's son; **Carlos Franklin Brawner** (1909-1993), Silas' son, **Etta Buck Brawner** (1886-1943), Silas' wife and Carlos' mother; and **Jeremiah Peyton "Pate" Brawner**. Pate married cousin **Rachel M. Brawner** (born 1858 in Weakley County, TN; died 1913) in 1883 in Macon Co., TN. This family was struck hard by tragedy in 1918 when Pate's children **Mandy S.**, **F. Alec** and **J. Wesley**, not pictured, died in the flu epidemic. After these deaths, Pate took his own life, also in 1918. This photo may in fact have been taken in 1918, between the deaths of three of his children and his own suicide. This family's ties to



MARY OF MECKLENBURG

“The McHarg Connection”

A **Mary Brawner** is mentioned in two early wills in Mecklenburg County in southern Virginia. Mary is mentioned as a beneficiary in the will of Mary Watts (Will Book 1, Page 440), which was both written and probated in 1782. The others mentioned in the Will are Mary Watts’ sister, Elizabeth M. McHarg; brother, Richard Watts; and nieces, Mary Watts McHarg and Elizabeth Quintana McHarg.

Ten years later, in 1792, Mary Brawner witnessed the will of Elizabeth McHarg, the sister of Mary Watts, (Will Book 3, Page 229). The other witnesses are Samuel Goode and Mary Baskerville. The estate under this Will is divided among the deceased’s daughters, Mary Watts and Elizabeth Quintana McHarg. The Will was probated in 1794.

The relationship of Mary to this family is unknown.

[Source: Early Wills, 1765-1800, Mecklenburg County, Virginia Wills, compiled by Katherine B. Elliott (South Hill, VA 1963)].

KENNY BRAWNER UPDATE

Kenneth Roy “Kenny” Brawner, the musician whom we mentioned in the Fall 1996 *Bulletin*, was kind enough to contact us and tell us a little about himself. We also heard from Kenny’s brother Harold. Recently, Kenny and another brother, Everett, appeared with B.B. King in a Wendy’s Hamburger commercial that has run nationally for the last few months. Kenny has a most enjoyable CD, called *Keep It Right There*, which Kenny graciously donated to the *Bulletin*. (The CD is available from Raw Sugar Music, 417 W. 148th Street, New York, NY 10031.) Kenny’s family is from Elbert County, Georgia and is likely descended from slaves of the Brawner families in that area. His parents are **Oran and Addie Smith Brawner**. Kenny now lives in New York City with his wife and two boys. Thank you, Kenny!

IN MEMORIAM

We note with regret the recent passing of **Alice Ann Lowry Brawner**, 69, a native of Oxnard, CA and the wife of charter *Bulletin* subscriber Alexander Harrison Brawner, III. Mrs. Brawner died in Menlo Park CA on January 7, 1997 after a long and courageous battle with breast cancer. An active environmentalist, gardener and volunteer, she was the proud descendant of five “Mayflower” arrivals and of William Tell Coleman, pioneer San Francisco businessman. Mrs. Brawner is survived by her husband, 4 children and many relatives and friends.

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“Brawner and Allied Family News”

WHO WAS THIS?

William Edward Brawner, 20, a native and lifelong resident of Washington, DC, died on May 6, 1889 at 202 7th Street, S.W. in his home city. He was single and unemployed. His parents are unknown. The primary cause of death was “*phnisis pulmonatis*,” with a secondary cause of “*stethoemia*.” William is buried in Congressional Cemetery. *[Death Certificate 66422, DC Vital Records]*.

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[Source: Index to 1820 Census of Kentucky, compiled by Jeanne Robey Felldin & Gloria Kay Vandiver Inman (Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore 1981)].

PUMPKIN CHAMPIONS

Marylee Brawner and her daughter, **Martha Brawner Huggins**, of Grapevine, Texas each one first prize in different categories at last November’s fourth annual pumpkin pie contest sponsored by the Grapevine Heritage Foundation. Mrs. Brawner won the pumpkin pie category with her special pumpkin pie, while her daughter took honors in the “pumpkin delight” category with her pumpkin nut bread with pumpkin butter. Mrs. Brawner, whose secret is to use heaping helpings of spices, said she was embarrassed by the prize. “Every time I enter,” she said, “I’ve won first place.” Mrs. Brawner’s previous wins were in the Foundation’s peach product contest. *[Source: “Arlington [TX] Online” on the World Wide Web].*

Selected Brawner Marriages

<u>Bride</u>	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Elisa Jane Smither	Walter Franklin Brawner	31 Jan. 1870	prob. Kentucky
Lula Browning	Lonnie Brawner	24 Nov. 1898	Slygo, KY
Genneta T. Brawner	Robert Henry Haislip	24 Jan. 1867	Prince Wm Co. VA
Ann Brawner	Thomas Rose	10 Aug. 1809	Franklin Co. GA
Joanna F.S. Brawner	William McPherson	19 Nov. 1818	Charles Co. MD
Viola B. Brawner	E.G. Gouser	1905	Larned, KS

EVERETT CHAPEL PENTECOSTAL CHURCH CEMETERY

Weakley County, Tennessee

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
J.W. Brawner	December 1888	1951
Prof. Jesse J. Brawner	1885	1919
A.A. Brawner	8 February 1881	10 July 1902
Aaron W. Brawner	10 October 1858	17 May 1938
C. Elizabeth Brawner	26 January 1864	18 November 1934
Kitty Fowler Brawner	25 May 1978	25 May 1978
Robert F. Brawner	6 February 1853	11 May 1906
Walton A. Brawner	12 March 1916	6 January 1919
M. Monroe Brawner	1880	1926
Leonard Witt Brawner	1890	1956 (Mason)
Mattie E. Brawner	1903	None
Dave Brawner	1882	1951
Ethel Brawner	1895	None
Grade Brawner	1891	1 May 1978
Rutha Brawner	10 December 1889	7 August 1908
J.H. Brawner	4 August 1848	18 September 1925
Elizabeth Brawner	10 April 1848	22 February 1921
Rhoda Brawner	28 May 1897	24 February 1954
Elie B. Brawner	28 November 1882	28 July 1954
William Mack Brawner	5 November 1918	5 May 1976
Thomas R. Brawner	1859	1933
Amanda L. Brawner	1862	1939
Paul M. Brawner	1900	None (Mason)
Juanita B. Brawner	1905	1970 (Eastern Star)
Oscar E. Brawner	1884	1963
Gus Thomas Brawner Sr.	10 December 1886	12 January 1964
Blanche C. Brawner	1894	None
Raymond Brawner	1915	1943
Mattie Bell Brawner	11 April 1875	14 May 1964
Thomas Lee Brawner	14 April 1875	31 October 1954
Hester Vivy Brawner	1901	1970
Walter (Dug) Brawner	1903	None

[Source: Weakley County Cemeteries, Vol. I & II, compiled by James Buckley Chapter, NSDAR (Sharon TN 1980)].

Thank You!!

The editor recognizes with gratitude those who have recently made special contributions to the *Bulletin*:

Jean Brawner Barr
A. H. Brawner
Darlene Brawner
David E. Brawner
Harold Brawner
Jack T. Brawner
Kenneth Roy Brawner
Margaret Stuart Brawner
Onalee Brawner
William H. Brawner
Mary Lou Cloar
Carol Hester
Thelma E. Kurtz
Peggy McGee Maness
Helen M. Sutherland
Marianne Smyth
Mary Brawner Viter
Robert P. & Anne B. Weisbecker

The editor appreciates all submissions of Brawner family information for publication in the *Bulletin*. Please send information to the *Bulletin* at P.O. Box 10816, Greensboro NC 27404-0816. **If you are a Brawner researcher or correspondent and would like your name, mailing address and/or e-mail address published in the *Bulletin*, please let the editor know.**

THANK YOU!!

“FATHERLESS

Is this not a mournful subject to write upon, no one can tell the feelings of a child who has lost its father, only those who have been called upon to bear it. How badly it makes me feel to hear of children who have been left without a father. It seems as if they have lost all they have, but since this cruel war many a poor widow has been left alone with her little flock to gather around her, and to hear them ask, “Mother, where is my father?” He has gone to his home in Heaven is what they all say, but we do not know, we know that they have gone from this world, but we cannot tell whether they have gone to everlasting joy or misery, but we always hope they have gone home to heaven.

But oh: how sad it is to see a family of little children who have lost their father and mother both and have nothing to depend upon. Children cannot love their parents too well, and my little readers, you all better love God and not disobey his holy commandments. We have all got to die someday or other and we do not know how soon. Oh, how it makes my heart ache when I look around and see the many desolate firesides this cruel and unrighteous war has made. Charles E. Brawner.”

The above was written by **Charles Edwin Brawner**, a native of Prince William County, VA and son of **William Brawner** (1816-1861) and **Sara E. Cockrell**. It appeared in *The Tyro of Manassas*, a handwritten newspaper containing writings of the students of the school at Clover Hill Farm, Manassas, Virginia in the fall of 1866, when Charles was 15. Charles lost his father during the Civil War, but it is not known whether his death was directly attributable to the War. [Thank you to **Mary Lou Cloar**, Charles' great granddaughter].

SELECTED MAY BIRTHDAYS

Edward Brawner, born 13 May 1773 in Maryland (died 1811), son of Richard Brawner (1736-1783) and Elizabeth Elder.

John Brawner, born 19 May 1797 in Elbert Co., GA, son of Joseph Brawner (1768-1840) and Mary Jones (1775-1827).

Ellen Brawner, born 15 May 1828, probably in Ohio (died 1879), daughter of James Brawner (d 1840) and Rebecca [maiden name unknown].

Catherine Ann Brawner, born 22 May 1836 in Clay County, MO (died 1924), daughter of David Oliver Brawner (1802-1869) and Sarah Utinger (1836-1902).

Martha Brawner, born 19 May 1849 in Macon County, TN, daughter of Jeremiah Brawner (b 1802) and Sallie Shrum (b 1822).

George Washington Brawner, born 21 May 1852 in Kentucky (died 1895), son of John Edward Brawner (1821-1863) and Margaret Ann Pulliam (b 1827).

Charles Riley Brawner, born 13 May 1854 in Kentucky (died 1914), son of John Edward Brawner (1821-1863) and Margaret Ann Pulliam (b. 1827).

Mary Anna Brawner, born 3 May 1862 in Washington, DC, daughter of William H. Brawner (1831-1916) and Emily Bernadine Orme.

Viola May Brawner, born 18 May 1888, probably in Iowa (died 1979), daughter of Samuel James Brawner (1849-1920) and Martha E. Rogers (1855-1878).

Lloyd Brawner, born 25 May 1888 in Clinton Co., MO, son of John H. Brawner (1851-1941) and Harriet Holman (1855-1939).

BLUEGRASS WILLS

<i>Name</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Bk.,Pg.</i>	<i>Date</i>
Brawner, Ann	Mason	F-114	1823
Brawner, Anna	Jefferson	4-133	1849
Brawner, Emelia	Trigg	E-268	1823
Brawner, John	Adair	D-442	1843
Brawner, Joseph	Montgomery	E-105	1845
Brawner, Thomas	Jessamine	E-215	1835
Bronaugh, George	Jessamine	D-314	1832
Bronaugh, Mary	Mason	G-6	1826
Bronaugh, Thomas	Todd	A-5	1820
Bronaugh, William	Mason	C-397	1815

[Source: Index to Kentucky Wills to 1851 (*Accelerated Index Systems, Inc. 1977*)]. The date listed is the date of probate.

QUERIES

Seeking information on **Malinda Brawner**, probably born in Prince William County, Virginia in about 1806. She is possibly the daughter of Henry, John or William Brawner, who lived in Prince William County at that time. [Reply to **Jim Murphy**, 324 Curacao Way, Niceville FL 32578 or j@usa.net.]

Is there a **Brawner-Dorsey** connection other than Henry Brawner of Charles County, MD clerking for Judge Dorsey in 1812-13 (see Winter 1997 Bulletin, p. 5)? [Reply to **Peggy McGee Maness**, 1331 Veronica Road, Dallas, TX 75234-4916 or Pmmaness@aol.com].

Seeking all Brawners who were part of **Masonry and/or Eastern Star**. [Reply to **David E. Brawner**, P.O. Box 295, Antioch TN 37011 or dbrawner@bellsouth.net].

BRAWNER LAND GRANTS

The following are early land grants made to Brawners in Maryland:

<i>Grantee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Name of Land</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Henry Brawner	1688	Charles Co., MD	Fortune	102
Edward Brawner, Jr.	1743	Charles Co., MD	Fountain Head	100
Edward Brawner	1744	Frederick Co., MD	Elder's Kindness	100
Henry Brawner	1744	Charles Co., MD	Barton's Graveyard	35
John Brawner	1750	Charles Co., MD	Brawner's Rest	70
Edward Brawner	1755	Frederick Co., MD	Res. on Elder's Kindness	258
William Brawner	1763	Charles Co., MD	Brawner's Partition(?)	27
John Brawner	1769	Charles Co., MD	Brawner's Amendment	41
Richard Brawner	1774	Frederick Co., MD	Res. on Elder's Kindness	316
William Brawner	1782	Charles Co., MD	Brawner's Buck Range	33

[Source: Original Papers from Harry Wright Newman Collection, Southern Maryland Room, Learning

GRIDIRON GREAT!

Claude Brawner of Wynne, Ark. was inducted on April 18 into the Sports Hall-of-Fame at his alma mater, Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe, Louisiana. Claude was an All-American for the Indians in 1948 when NLU was Northeast Louisiana Junior College. He played with the Indians in 1946, '47 and '48 and, in 1948, was named to the UPI Junior All-American Team and the Tom Harmon All-American Team.

Claude played for the Louisiana State University Tigers in 1949 and entered the Army soon thereafter. He played in a Special Forces football league in Stuttgart, Germany in 1950 and was named the League's most valuable player and was All-Army.

Before entering college, Claude had been an All-State football player for the Yellow Jackets of Wynne (Ark.) High School, from which he graduated in 1945.

After serving in the Army, Mr. Brawner returned to Wynne, where he entered politics. He was elected Cross County Circuit Court Judge and served in that office until his retirement in 1986.

Claude is the son of the late **Claude Edgar Brawner** (1897-1988) and **Ada McElroy Brawner**. He is in the line of Brawners that migrated from Georgia to northeast Mississippi in about 1851. Claude's grandparents, **William Burton Brawner** (1852-1918) and **Ellen Griffin Brawner**, and family migrated from Mississippi to Cross County, Arkansas in 1910.

Claude is married to **Helen Wood Brawner**. Claude and Helen have a son and a daughter, 2 grandsons and 2 granddaughters. Among his siblings, Claude has a very proud sister, **Onalee Brawner**, who sent this information about Claude's athletic and political accomplishments to us. Congratulations, Claude! Thank you, Onalee!

"BROWNER" NEWSLETTER

Jerry O. Browner of Dallas, Texas is starting a Browner family newsletter. His line, which changed the spelling of the name a generation or so ago, is connected with the Brawners of Pittsylvania County, VA and Tennessee. For subscription information, write Browner Publishing Company, 14232 Marsh Lane, Suite 171, Dallas TX 75234. Good luck, Jerry!

BRAWNER MOTTO

A. H. Brawner kindly passed along to us his research on the Brawner motto. The original motto is "If thou must bring up the boar's head, sweet rosemary around it spread." Mr. Brawner tells us that the modern interpretation of this motto is, "Whatever you do, do it in good grace." Thank you!

SURF'S WAY UP

Danny Brawner, 57, who lives in Capistrano Beach, California, works in the surfing industry and is a collector of classic surfboards. Mr. Brawner became well known in the surfing industry by glassing boards back in the 1950s. He continues to restore and collect surfboards, amassing over 200 of them. *Surfer Magazine* editor Steve Hawk believes that Brawner's collection is among the world's best, with some worth in excess of \$3,500.

Last fall, Danny decided to test the market with a first-of-its-kind auction in Newport, CA of over 100 of his vintage surfboards. And test it he did! The auction, held last December 14, grossed \$117,000. One balsa model brought \$6,900. Though several of the veteran collectors among the bidders grumbled about the high prices being paid, no complaints were heard from Danny Brawner. [Source: "Board of Gold," *L.A. Times Online*, by Sam George].

MIDDLE TENNESSEE BRAWNERS, 1830

The United States census for Smith County, Tennessee (east of Nashville) in 1830 shows three families of Brawners, those headed by **Dozier Brawner**, **Henry Brawner** and **Meredith Brawner**. Dozier Brawner heads a household of four persons, a male and female in the 20-30 age range and a male and female in the 50-60 age range (Dozier and wife, Jennie). Henry Brawner's household has seven persons, including one boy and one girl under 5, one boy and one girl 5-10 years old, one boy 10-15 years old (probably son **Henry P. Brawner**, born in Smith Co., TN in 1818), one adult male 30-40 (this is Henry himself, born in Virginia in 1794) and one woman aged 30-40 (probably Henry's wife, **Mary C. Gammon**). Meredith heads a household of five, including a boy and girl under the age of 5, a boy between 5 and 10 years of age and an adult male and female between 20 and 30 years of age. [Source: *1830 Census, Middle Tennessee, transcribed and indexed by Byron Sisler (Evanston, IL 1971)*]. Dozier, originally from Pittsylvania County, Virginia, is the father of the Henry and Meredith shown in this census. After the War of 1812, in which Henry served, the family migrated from southern Virginia to middle Tennessee. Dozier and his wife, Jennie, also had three other sons, **William**, **Jeremiah** and **John H.** and a daughter, **Betsy**.

KENTUCKY CONNECTIONS

The "Stivers Family Bible," published in 1851, connects one of the Kentucky lines of Brawners. The Bible shows that **B.F. Stivers** married **Sarah Elizabeth Brawner** on 16 January 1854. They had several children, according to the family Bible: **J.C. Breckinridge Stivers**, born 5 January 1855; **Nancy Elizabeth Stivers**, born 5 June 1856; **Thomas D. Stivers**, born 20 February 1858; **Elizabeth Jane Stivers**, born 16 June 1861; **Benjamin E. Stivers**, born 14 December 1862; **Sarah Frances Stivers**, born 7 June 1869; **Walter F. Stivers**, born 16 March 1871; **Agnes L. C. Stivers**, born 26 July 1873; and **Floyd L. S. Stivers**, born 15 February 1875. There may have been another child, too, as the Bible shows Sarah Frances as the "7th child" despite only five children shown as preceding her. Note also the date gap between the birth of Benjamin and Sarah, in which another child was likely born. The Stivers Family Bible also shows, without indicating the connection, the marriage of **Cassius C. Stivers** to **Mary Brawner** on 30 November 1892. [Source: Kentucky Bible Records, Vol. IV., compiled and edited by Malle B. Coyle & Anne W. Fitzgerald (Kentucky Society, DAR, Florence KY 1966)].

MOUNTAINEER BRONAUGH

The 1880 U.S. Census for West Virginia shows a family of Bronaughs living in Putnam County. The family is headed by **L. L. Bronaugh**, a 69-year-old white male native Virginian who was a Sewing Machine Agent. Both of L. L.'s parents were born in Virginia. L. L.'s wife is 62-year-old **Sarah E. Bronaugh**, also a Virginia native with parents who were native Virginians. Sarah occupied herself with "keeping house." L.L.'s children, all unmarried native West Virginians, are **Edward A. Bronaugh**, age 37, a farmer; **Lewis L. Bronaugh**, age 24, a farmer; **Fannie Edith Bronaugh**, age 20, "at home"; and **James C. Bronaugh**, listed at age 6. It is unclear which, if any of the children are Sarah's, since the census only shows the relationship to L. L., the head of the household. [Source: 1880 Census of West Virginia, compiled by William A. Marsh (Gateway Press, Baltimore, 1982)].

END OF A GENERATION

"Day of disappointment, deceit, denial and death"

John Henry Brawner, a successful grain and bluegrass farmer in Clinton County, Missouri, passed away on Wednesday morning, April 9, 1941, at the home of his son, Lloyd Brawner, where he had spent the winter. John was born December 22, 1851 in Clinton County, Missouri. John is the son of Kentucky native **Jacob Neet Brawner** (1812-1877) and **Eliza Jane Miller** (d 1878), in the line of Brawners that migrated from Frederick County, MD to central Kentucky and then to western Missouri.

Rev. Carl A. Burkhart of Liberty presided over the funeral services at Converse Church. According to the obituary in the Lathrop, Missouri newspaper, "It was Good Friday, day of sorrow and disappointments, deceit, denial and death ... Mr. Brawner had requested that his funeral be arranged as nearly the same as that of his wife, Mrs. Harriet Holman Brawner, to whom he was married December 31, 1874, and with whom he went in hand for over 65 years. Mrs. Brawner died June 27, 1939. Mr. Burkhart was the minister in charge, Mrs. Happy of Gashland was soloist then and Mrs. Lloyd Brawner was her accompanist for the lovely song, 'The Lillies, How They Grow.' The choir sang the same hymns, 'Home of My Soul' and 'Rock of Ages,' ... Mr. Brawner rests in the Converse Cemetery at the side of his wife. Pallbearers were: T.M. Brawner, L.N. Brawner, Birch Brawner, J. A. Evans, Charlie Evans and Henry Neff.

"Mr. Brawner was the last of a large family and would have been 90 next December 22. He leaves 25 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. His brothers were: Thomas M., David, C. M., George and Bird; his sisters were Mrs. Fannie Shoot ..., Mrs. Clara Taylor, Mrs Nannie Clark, and Mrs. Rose Dollis. Mr. Brawner's immediate family present included Mr. and Mrs. George Brooks, Lawton, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Chenoveth, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Mrs. H. W. Fagin, San Antonio, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Brawner, Gashland; Mr. and Mrs. Don J. Brawner, Wichita, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Lewis, Lathrop; and Mrs. Waller N. Brawner, Kansas City.

"Many friends and relatives of the family gathered at the little church for the service. He had about outlived his generation. But few now living in this county had part with his generation in the progress from the primitive life to the machine age. One daughter, Mrs. H. W. Fagin, came by plane to both the funerals of her mother and father. But few remain who had for immediate connection large families of rugged people on 'both sides' as Mr. and Mrs. Brawner had. 'God give us men' was answered in John Brawner, in the noble part he played." [Thank you to **Thelma E. Kurtz** for providing this information].

WAR SERVICE

Military pension files give us some insight into the war service of several members of the Brawner and related families.

1. **Bronner, Frederick** (a/k/a Frederick Bruner). At age 73, in October 1833, Frederick applied for a pension based on his service in the New York line in the **Revolutionary War**. At the time of his application, Frederick lived in Herkimer County, NY with his wife, Anna Eve. Frederick married Anna Eve, 17 years his junior, on Christmas Day, 1818. Anna Eve's first husband, Elias Garlack, had died in the War of 1812. Frederick died on 13 November 1844.

2. **Brawner, Henry**. Henry served in John Adams' Virginia Militia in the **War of 1812**. He married Mary Gammon in March 1817 in Smith County, TN. He later lived in Trousdale and Weakley Counties, TN.

3. **Brawner, John**. John served in Franklin Alexander Gray's Company, 24th U.S. Infantry, in the **War of 1812**. He married Jane Uhls on 16 June 1814 in Smith County, TN and died 7 November 1864 in Weakley County, TN.

4. **Brawner, Theopolis**. Theopolis, a Maryland native, served with Roger Dunnington's and Thomas' Company Maryland Militia in the **War of 1812**. After the war, he moved to Kentucky, where on 9 November 1820 he married Rachel Wade. Theopolis died in Franklin County, KY on 17 December 1866.

5. **Brawner, William**. William served in Paxton's Kentucky Militia in the **War of 1812**. His wife was Malinda Carlisle, whom he married on 30 March 1820 in Green County, KY. William died in Hardin County, KY on 30 September 1842.

6. **Bronaugh, Thomas**. Thomas served in Chewning's Virginia Militia in the **War of 1812**. Thomas was born and lived in Louisa County, VA, where on 25 February 1813 he married Judith Hart. Thomas died on 5 July 1866 in Oak Grove, VA.

7. **Bronner, Isaac**. Isaac, a native of New York, served in Jacob I. Young's New York Militia in the **War of 1812**. He married Lany Miller in Herkimer County, NY and died on 16 August 1846 in Warren, NY.

8. **Bronner, John** (a/k/a John Brunner or John Browner). John served in Jacob Crouse's New York Militia in the **War of 1812**.

9. **Bronner, Peter** (a/k/a Peter Browner). Peter served in Jacob Crouse's, John Timmerman's and George Snell's Companies, New York Militia in the **War of 1812**. His wife was Catherine House, whom he married on 25 April 1819 in Montgomery County, New York. Peter died about 1878.

10. **Bronough, Thomas**. Thomas served in Captain Kerr's Company, 63rd Regiment, Kentucky Volunteers in the **War of 1812**.

11. **Brawner, Basil**. Basil was a private who served and was killed in the **Mexican War**. His widow, Nancy, applied for a pension out of Kentucky in April 1849.

12. **Bronaugh, Robert**. Robert served as a Captain and apparently was killed in the **Mexican War**. His widow, Mary A. Bronaugh, applied for a pension on 17 March 1849.

13. **Brawner, William C.** William served in Company K, 3rd Kentucky Volunteers in the **Mexican War**. He applied for a pension out of Texas in 1904. His wife's name was Parmelia H. Brawner. [*He is the son of Basil Brawner referred to above*].

14. **Bronaugh, John M.** John served in Company B, 12th U.S. Infantry in the **Mexican War**. He applied for a pension out of Texas in 1890. His wife's name was Emma J. Bronaugh.

[Sources: Virgil D. White's abstracts of pension files, each published by The National Historical Publishing Co., Waynesboro, TN, as follows: Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files (1990); Index to War of 1812 Pension Files (1989); Index to Old Wars Pension Files, 1815-1926, Vol. I (1987); and Index to Mexican War Pension Files (1989)].

GEORGIA, TEXAS FAMILY

Stephen Sagers Brawner (1879-1941), a Georgia native, was the 13th of 16 children born to **Jesse Johnson Brawner** (1832-1897) and **Mary Ann Quarles** (1842-1920) of Bartow County, GA.. After his father died, Stephen moved to Texas, settling in Comanche Co. Six months later, he moved to Eastland Co., TX, where he met and in 1905 married **Laura Lucinda Webb** (1887-1934), the eighth child of **Cornelius Thomas Webb** and **Lucy Foster**. Stephen and Laura had six children: **Ida Jewel** (b 1906); **Opal Beatrice** (b 1908); **Cornelius Pearl** (b 1912); **Audrey** (b 1915); **Aubrey** (b 1915; twin to Audrey); and **Allie Lurline** (b 1918). [Source: "My Ancestry," a paper written in 1933-34 during her senior year in high school by **Audrey Brawner**, the daughter of Stephen and Laura Brawner, contained in Brawner and Allied Families, compiled by **Jack T. Brawner**].

BRAWNER'S THREE ACRES

In December 1834, Joseph Payton and his wife, Elizabeth conveyed to **David Brawner** of Jessamine County, KY certain land in Jessamine County "on the waters of the Hickman Creek containing three acres and bounded as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a forked syckumore (*sic*) stump at the mouth of Marshall's Branch, then south 20, W 22 poles to a stone, Thence south 69 1/2, East 18 poles to a stone, Thence N 62, E 16 poles to a black oak tree, Thence N 32, E 6 poles to the middle of the Creek, Thence with the meanders of the Creek to the beginning." David Brawner paid \$106.50 "current money of Kentucky" for the land. The deed was recorded on March 15th, 1835. [Source: Typewritten copy of the deed obtained and submitted by **Thelma E. Kurtz**. The book and page cite are unavailable].

Note: This is **David Oliver Brawner** (1802-1869), a Kentucky native who migrated with his wife **Sarah Utinger** (1807-1874) and children to Clay County, MO soon after this deed transaction. David is the son of Frederick Co., MD natives **Thomas Brawner** (d. 1833) and **Martha Elizabeth Neet** (1778-1859).

BASIL BRAWNER, MEXICAN WAR CASUALTY

Basil (a/k/a Bazil) Brawner was born in Elbert County, Georgia, date unknown. Basil's parents are unknown, but are believed to have been dead by 1848. On September 27, 1810, Basil married **Nancy Campbell** in Elbert County. With Basil, Nancy had eleven children, as follows: **Mary S.**, born 1811, married on 29 Feb. 1832 Blount Morris; **Jeptha W.**, born 1817, married on 31 March 1842 Elizabeth Taylor; **Susan**, born 1819, married Hazzard Duncan; **Margaret Jane**, born 25 March 1820 in Blount County, TN, married Joseph B. Dibrell; **William Campbell**, born 17 January 1822 in Blount County, TN, married on 22 Dec. 1849 Parmelia H. Farris; **Hiram**, born 1822*; **James A.**; **Elizabeth Elen**, born 1825, married Hugh Rankin; **Harriet Julia**, born 1827, married William C. Murphy; **Louezar**, born 1830, married Thomas Bryan; **Samuel P.**, born 1833, married on 15 Dec. 1857 Delila Smith.

**possible twin to William Campbell*

Note: *Basil died near Puebla, Mexico on 16 January 1848. He was serving in the U.S. Army as a doctor, accompanied by his son, William Campbell. Basil also served in the War of 1812, with the Georgia militia. The only death dates known for Basil's and Nancy's children are for Mary S. (1855) and William Campbell (1902). Hiram is not listed as a survivor of Basil in the 1851 War Records and thus may have died before that. Nancy Campbell Brawner died sometime after 1872, probably in Kentucky.*

[Source: Family Group Sheet prepared by Mary Edwards and submitted by Jack T. Brawner].

WWII VET, IOWA BRAWNER

Kenneth Trevor Brawner, who distinguished himself in the United States Army in World War II, died on March 19, 1966 at the age of 55 in a hospital in Norwalk, Iowa. Born November 21, 1910 in Ridgeland, Mississippi, Kenneth was the fifth and last child of Iowans **James Brawner** (1880-1969) and **Valdereine Weimer** (1881-1911) and grandson of **Samuel Brawner** (1849-1920) and **Harriet Ferrebee** (1860-1918). After Valdereine (Kenneth's mother) died in Mississippi in 1911, Kenneth's father, James, brought his five children back to Iowa, where he and his late wife had family, to seek help in raising the children. Valdereine's parents, **Joseph Weimer** and **Louisa Wilcox**, agreed to raise Kenneth. The Weimers and Kenneth moved to California.

On September 16, 1942, Kenneth enlisted in the Army at Ft. MacArthur, California. He served as an Airplane Maintenance Technician and was qualified as a Carbine Marksman, reaching the grade of Technical Sergeant in the 70th Fighter Squadron. He participated in air combat in several battles and campaigns in the Asiatic Pacific. Kenneth received several decorations and citations, including the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with a Bronze Star, the Good Conduct Medal, the Distinguished Unit Badge and a World War II Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged on 15 December 1945.

After leaving the Army, Kenneth married **Eva Mae Dunn** on 28 June 1946. The couple had two daughters, **Marsha Lea** and **Barbara**. The family spent the last sixteen years of his life in Norwalk, Iowa, outside Des Moines. Kenneth's civilian career was as a machinist, and he was working at Western Gear Works in Norwalk at the time of his death. Kenneth enjoyed drawing, at which he was very talented. His daughter, Marsha Lea, takes after Kenneth, doing water colors and toll painting, much of which she sells.

In addition to his wife and daughters, Kenneth was survived by his father, James, of Cedar Rapids, IA; three sisters and a brother. Services were held in First Baptist Church in Norwalk, with interment at Little Lake Cemetery in Santa Fe Springs, California. *[Source: Mary J. Brawner Viter's Book, Brawner Family History, 1830-1995, pp. 49, 83-90].*

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