



# BRAWNER BULLETIN



QUARTERLY NEWS OF THE BRAWNERS AND THEIR ALLIED FAMILIES

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## HENRY AND MARY BROCK BRAWNER ARRIVE IN AMERICA!

Henry Brawner and his wife, Mary Brock Brawner, believed to be the first Brawners in America, arrived in the 1600s, likely from a country under English domain, and settled in Charles County, Maryland. Henry first registered his cattle marks in Charles County in 1682. In 1687 Henry and Mary received 102 acres of land called "Fortune" on the south side of Mattawoman Creek in Charles County "for their service performed in the Province ..." and acquired an adjoining 200 acres called "Hopewell" by grant from Will Hutchinson. Henry died in 1698 in Charles County. Henry left four sons, Edward, Henry, William and John, and a daughter, Mary. His widow, Mary, remarried a Mr. Elliott and died in Prince George's County, MD in 1727.

[A related story about Henry's Will and Estate appears on Page 2.]

**ALLIED FAMILIES**

The descendants of Henry and Mary Brock Brawner have united in marriage with numerous allied families. Some noteworthy allied families (along with the year of the marriage) are: **WADE** (1754) of Montgomery Co., MD; **SMOOT** (1857, 1891 and 1914) of Maryland and Virginia; **McATEE** (about 1790) of Maryland and Kentucky; **ARNOLD** (1855) of Clay Co., MO; **LIVERS** (1789), **MCPHERSON** (1818), and **WILMER** (1861) of Maryland; **PAGE** (1832) of Adair Co., Kentucky; **GAMMON** (1780) of Pittsylvania Co., VA, Tennessee, Indiana and Texas; **DOUGLASS** (1793) of Pittsylvania Co., VA; **FISKE** (about 1858) of Illinois; **STEVENS** (1852) of Tennessee and Missouri; **SHRUM** (about 1845) of Macon Co., TN; **PRICE** of Missouri (1896); **KURTZ** (1924) and **MILLIER** (about 1915) of Kansas City, MO and Oklahoma; **MAHONEY** (1856) of Nebraska; **INGRAM** (1859) and **DAVIS** (about 1920) of Arkansas; and **JONES** (about 1840) of Elbert Co., GA.

### Brawners in the News

**Joe Brawner**, president of Dallas-based ICI Explosives, USA, the second largest producer of commercial explosives, has been quoted concerning ICI-funded tests which demonstrated that additives for ammonium nitrate fertilizer could not have prevented the Oklahoma City bombing. [Chicago Tribune, June 14, 1995].

**Susan Brawner** heads a project for Center of Family Love Enterprises of Kingfisher, OK, an agency for disabled persons, that manufactures "Breath Eze" air filters under contract with CW Enterprises. CW owner Linda Ward said, "Susan has a Midas touch when it comes to working with disabled people. She is one of the main reasons we have been so successful." [Tulsa World, Knight-Ridder/Tribune, May 7, 1995].

### Show-Me Staters Live Longer

Social Security Death Benefits Records reveal that Brawner residents of the State of Missouri live the longest.\*

State	Avg Life (years)
Missouri	81.7
Virginia	80.6
Maryland	80.3
Illinois	77.7
Kentucky	77.2
Oklahoma	77.1
Texas	76.2
Arkansas	75.8
California	74.0
Wash., DC	73.8
Tennessee	73.2
Indiana	73.0
Florida	72.8
Georgia	72.8

\*Based on residents for whom the Social Security Number - issue state and last known residence at death are the same, which indicates likely long residence in state. Only states with 10 or more entries considered.

### Major Early Brawner Migrations

- Charles County, MD to Frederick County, MD.
- Charles County, MD to Pittsylvania County, VA
- Charles Co., MD to northern Virginia
- Charles Co., MD to central KY
- Charles County, MD to Elbert County, GA
- Frederick Co., MD to Fayette Co., KY
- Fayette Co., KY to Clay Co., MO
- Missouri to Oklahoma and Kansas
- Pittsylvania Co., VA to central Tennessee
- Tennessee to Arkansas and Texas
- Georgia to Alabama and northeast Mississippi
- Northeast Mississippi to Cross Co., AR
- Fayette Co., KY to southern Indiana
- Central Kentucky to Sangamon Co., IL
- Clay Co., MO to Nebraska and Kansas.



**Jacob Gilbert Brawner**

Jacob Gilbert Brawner (1838-1916), lived in Clay Co., MO, where on March 17, 1861 he married Martha Ann Prather (1844-1907). Jacob is the son of David Oliver Brawner and Sarah Utinger Brawner, who came to Missouri from Kentucky in about 1834.

## H. BRAWNER DEAD

*Charles County, MD, 1698:* **Henry Brawner**, the patriarch of the Maryland Brawners who, along with his wife, Mary Brock Brawner, was the first known Brawner settler in America, died in Charles County, Maryland this year. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and five children.

### Will of Henry Brawner

"In the name of God Amen in the year of our Lord God 1698 February 19th I HENRY BRAWNER of Charles County in the Province of Maryland being sick and weak in body but of Good and perfect memory thanks be to God do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following ... 1st I will that all such Debts as I owe be truly paid 2nd I give and bequeath my land to be Equally divided between my sons to witt EDWARD, HENRY, WILLIAM & JOHN 3rd I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary one cow to be delivered her at sixteen years of age & sow 4th I will and ordaint that my loving wife be sole and whole Extx after me ..., of all my Goods ... & Chattles ..."

[SOURCE: *Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, MD, Charles County Will Records, Liber 7, Page 387*]. NOTE: Errors are carried forward from original.

### Henry Brawner's Estate

The inventory of Henry Brawner's personal estate shows 2 old linens, bed tick, 5 blankets, 2 rugs, 1 chest, 3 old pots and skillets, a parcel of old lumber, a parcel of light cask, 5 cows and calves, a yearling, 2 small horses, a bull, a parcel of hogs, an old horse, 4 tanned hides, 20 hides "in the pitts", 15 raw hides, 4 "pr hide", set of wedges and a spinning wheel.

[SOURCE: *Maryland State Archives, Inventories and Accounts, 18:65*].

### BRAWNER HOTEL PROPRIETOR

J. Alexander Brawner "call[s] the attention to my friends and the public generally to my Oyster Saloon ... and a large supply of oysters will be served up in any style desired." [Source: *Port Tobacco [MD] Times, February 20, 1862*].

*John Alexander Brawner (1834-1886), son of Henry Middleton and Catherine Robertson Brawner, owned the Brawner Hotel in Port Tobacco, Charles Co., MD for several years. He later lived in Baltimore, where he held many government positions, including attache of the Naval office department of the Custom House. He married Catherine Elizabeth Briscoe (1834-1893) on June 10, 1856 in Charles County, MD. His and Catherine's descendants are numerous, including many who still live in the Baltimore area. His daughters, Verlinda Fowke Brawner and Mary Catherine Brawner, each united the Brawner and Smoot families by marrying Gerard Wood Crain Smoot and Hungerford Smoot, respectively.*

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## QUERIES

\*What is the date and place of birth of Benjamin Brawner, who died about 1811 in Pittsylvania County, VA?

\*Who is the link between the Charles Co., MD Brawners and the Brawners who settled in about the 1790s in Elbert Co., GA?

\*Who was the first Brawner to migrate from Maryland to Virginia?

\*Who is the "Ambrose Brannaugh" born in Somerset Co., MD on September 1, 1687, son of John and Elinor Brannaugh?

Note: Queries submitted by subscribers will, subject to space limitations, be printed in this column. in upcoming

### Civil War Trivia

On April 9, 1865, **William Gardner Brawner**, a sergeant in the 2nd Maryland Regiment, was surrendered with Robert E. Lee's Army at Appomattox Court House, Virginia.

### Selected Brawner Marriages

Bride	Groom	Date	Place
Tabitha Ferguson	John U. Brawner	7 March 1848	Troup Co., GA.
Sally Tidwell	Russell Brawner	10 Aug. 1809	Elbert Co., GA
Martha Jones	Jeptha F. Brawner	15 Dec. 1836	Elbert Co. GA
Louisa F. Brawner	Perry F. Ingram	29 Sept. 1859	Calhoun Co., AR
Mary V. Brawner	Marius S. Holmes	7 Dec. 1864	St. Louis, MO
Jannie Dehatre	Jeremiah Brawner	1 March 1872	St. Louis, MO
R.A. Goforth	U.N. Brawner	26 April 1879	Palo Pinto, TX
Amelia Brawner	J.B. Taylor	18 Aug. 1887	Parker Co., TX
Everline Brawner	John Berryhill	13 March 1863	Weakley Co., TN
Elizabeth Brawner	L.J. Boltin	25 Aug 1856	Weakley Co., TN
Zilla L. Crow	Henry P. Brawner	19 July 1844	Weakley Co., TN
Kitty Brawner	James Frazer	9 April 1817	Adair Co., KY
Sophia Brawner	William W. Page	13 Nov 1832	Adair Co., KY
Lavisa Fleshman	Franklin Brawner	12 June 1842	Jefferson Co., KY
Fanny Brawner	George Matox	9 Feb. 1817	Madison Co., KY
Rachel Wade	Theopolis Brawner	9 Nov. 1820	Shelby Co., KY
Mary Brawner	William C. Hillerman	14 Mar 1850	Sangamon Co., IL
Mary Jane Brawner	Edward Miles	4 Dec. 1838	Charles Co., MD
Malinda Fortune	Basil Brawner	7 Feb. 1824	Pr. Wm. Co., VA.

## CENSUS REPORT

### 1790 CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND CENSUS

Head of Household	1*	2*	3*	4*	5*
John C. Brawner	1		2		3
Henry Brawner	1	2	4		4
Benjamin Brawner	1	1	6		6
Barton Brawner	4	3	4		8
William Brawner	1	2	3		13
John Brawner	2		2		7
Meredith Brawner	1	1	2		2
Joseph Brawner	1	4	2		2
John Brawner Jr.	1	2	1		
Edward Brawner	1	4	2		
Isaac Brawner	1		2		2

- \*Key:**
- 1) Free white males 16 and upward
  - 2) Free white males under 16
  - 3) Free white females
  - 4) Other free persons
  - 5) Slaves

### 1870 VIRGINIA CENSUS INDEX

Head of Household	Age	Race	Birth	Residence
Bazil Brawner	67	W	VA	Alexandria
Fanny Brawner	32	W	VA	Fauquier.
Henry C. Brawner	50	W	VA	Pr. William
James Brawner	45	M	MD	Alexandria
John E. Brawner	35	W	VA	Pr. William
Redman F. Brawner	54	W	VA	Fauquier
Sarah Brawner	14	M	VA	Alexandria
W.A. Brawner	24	W	VA	Alexandria
William Brawner	37	W	VA	Pr. William
William L. Brawner	64	W	MD	Pr. William

**\*Key:** For Race, "W" designates White and "M" designates Mulatto. For residence, "Alexandria" means Alexandria City; other residence references refer to the county.

## DID YOU KNOW?

\*Menlo College in Atherton, CA has a building named **Brawner Hall**?

\*The mechanic who in 1964 offered Roger Penske a ride in the Indianapolis 500 was named **Clint Brawner**? [Source: *Business Week*, October 17, 1994].

### Longevity

**Franklin Brawner**, b 13 Dec 1880, d Jan 1982 in Missouri, Age **101** years old.

**Adolphus Brawner**, b 15 Feb 1877, d Nov 1976 in Missouri, Age **99** years old.

**Joseph Brawner**, b 16 Aug 1879, d Apr 1979 in Florida, Age **99** years old.

**Annie Brawner**, b 6 Aug 1889, d 30 Aug 1988 in Florida, Age **99** years old.

## Kentucky Ancestor Takes Life

"George Brawner, a farmer living near Steadmantown, [Kentucky] in this county, committed suicide by hanging himself last night. He had been despondent recently over financial troubles in which he had been involved for the last two years. This feeling was greatly increased a few days ago when he sold his crop of tobacco, the result of his year's work, and from which he realized almost nothing. While in a fit of melancholia yesterday afternoon over these reverses he decided to take his own life. He left home shortly before dark, and, not returning, his wife went in search of him and found his lifeless body hanging from a tree on the farm of Hon. L. J. Cox. Mr. Brawner was about fifty years of age and besides his wife leaves several grown children." [Source: *Franklin Co., KY newspaper*, April 18, 1895].

The deceased was **George Washington Brawner**, born 22 May 1852 in Kentucky. George is a descendant of Theopolis Brawner, a Maryland-to-Kentucky pioneer, and wife, Rachel Wade Brawner. George married Nancy Ann O'Nan on 16 October 1873 in Frankfort, KY. He has numerous descendants in Kentucky and Indiana.

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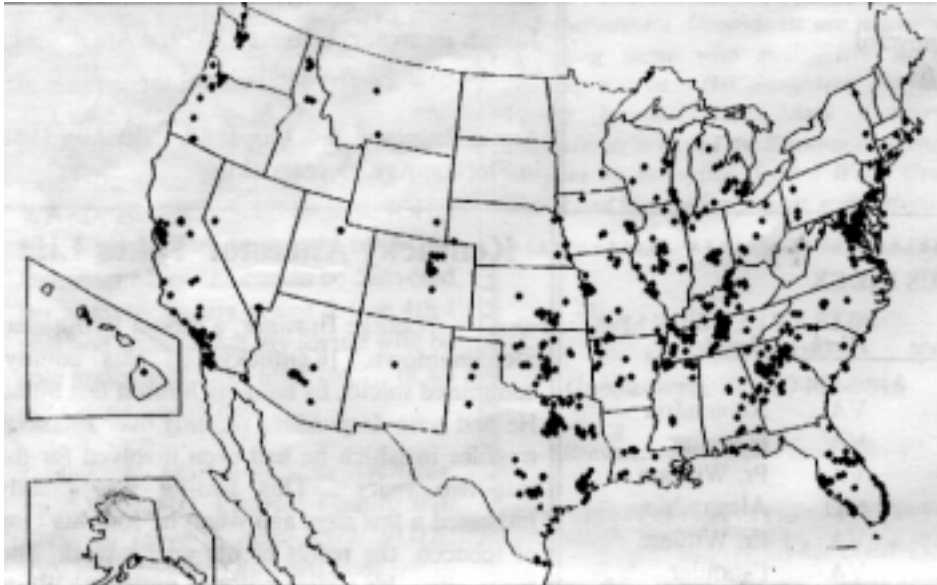
- ◆ *Brawner "Arrivals" in America*
- ◆ *Civil War Casualties within the Brawner family*
- ◆ *Brawner Family Migrations to Arkansas and Texas*
- ◆ *Georgia and Tennessee Census Records*
- ◆ .... and much, much, more!!!

## BRAWNER FAMILY REUNION HELD

On Saturday, July 29, 1995, the descendants of **William Henry Brawner** and **Isla Greer Brawner** held their first Brawner family reunion at Williams Springs Park in Mount Pleasant, Tennessee. William Henry Brawner is a direct descendant of Dozier Brawner, who migrated from Pittsylvania Co., Virginia to Smith Co., Tennessee. Over 100 Brawner relatives, both from William and Isla Brawner's line and from others, gathered to share memories, camaraderie and wonderful food!! The event was sponsored by Ines Brawner Adams, Hazel Brawner Cummins, Linda Brawner Clark, Claude Brawner and Eldon Cummins of Mt. Pleasant and Gail Brawner Meigs of Summertown, Tennessee. The sponsors were successful in encouraging many members to bring and share old photographs of Brawner ancestors and had to foresight to provide a copying machine for the event. Ancestors traveled from as far away as California and Michigan for the reunion. "I never knew I had so many Brawner cousins," one of the attendees said after meeting several new-found relatives. There is no word yet on when the next reunion will take place, but this first reunion of this family line was nothing less than a **RESOUNDING SUCCESS!!!**

## WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!!

Please send to the Bulletin your **birth, wedding, death and reunion announcements and other Brawner family information**. We'd like **recipes, lists of Brawner "traits", Brawner biographies, noteworthy birthdays, accomplishments, anecdotes, humor, newspaper articles, old photographs** (xerox copies are fine) and anything else that might cast light on our family. Please also feel free to submit **queries** about the family, which will, subject to space constraints, appear in the first Bulletin published after receipt of the query. Also, for any subscriber who submits a family group chart or pedigree chart to the Bulletin, the editor will provide such connecting family information he has in his files and database. And, as always, the editor values your feedback.



### BRAWNER TELEPHONES:

Each black dot on the map to the left represents one Brawner family in the National Telephone Book on CD Rom. While the map shows no unlisted numbers and over-represents families having more than one telephone number, one can see generally how Brawner families are distributed across the country.

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