

BENJAMIN BEUHRING BROWN, (Son of J.H. Brown)

Benjamin Beuhring Brown, born in Charleston, West Va. Dec. 7, 1863 was a graduate of the State University, and afterwards took his degree in law at the University of Virginia. On his return, he entered in active practise as partner of his father, (Ex. Judge J.H. Brown) and so continued until May 1888, when he moved to Denver, Colorado, and there became interested in various mining and other enterprises and acquired considerable fortune. Was President of the Colorado National Life Insurance Co. at the time of his death in Nice France, Dec. 30, 1916

In May 1888, he married Annie L. Dickinson, daughter of Henry Clay Dickinson, who served through the war as an officer in the Confederate Army, and on the return of peace became prominent and active in the development of material interests of the Kanawha Valley. Her father and grandfather (Col. Wm. Dickinson sr., and Col. Wm. Dickinson jr.) were the pioneer salt-makers of the valley.

To Benjamin B. and Annie, his wife, were born three children Mary Dickinson Brown born May 15, 1889, married Charles Lowell of Colorado Springs, now of Fort Collins, Col. They have one son Benjamin Franklin Lowell. (Mr. Lowell now lieut. in U.S.A)

James Frederick Brown 2d, born Dec. 12, 1891, graduated at Yale and afterwards took a full course in post-graduate work at Sheffield Scientific School receiving the degree of M.E. He at once entered upon the active work of his profession which he has prosecuted with diligence and success; notwithstanding his short career obtained with the Goldfield Consolidated Mining Company. On March 16, 1916 he married Miss Lucile Ravenscroft, daughter of a prominent banker of St. Louis. They have one daughter Mary D. Brown. He is now officer in U.S. Army serving in France.

Sallie Lewis Brown the third child born Sep. 23, 1896, married Edward A. Whittaker of St. Paul, in fall of 1917--who has now with the son of B.B.B. and the other son-in-law, responded promptly to the Country's call and is now officer in the U.S. Army

Dr. Beuf. Brown June 16 - 1786 - 1849

Matilda Scales Brown 1797-1877 Oct 28

Louisa Mayer Brown 1825-1872 Oct 5

J.H. Brown 1818-1900 Oct 28

Ceres Brown 1866

BIRTHS (children of J.H.B.)

Virginia Brown,	born Sept. 23, 1847,	Cabell Co., Va	still living
James Frederick Brown,	"Mar. 7, 1852,	Charleston, Ka. Co., Virginia "	" "
Lucy Brown	"Apr. 16, 1855,	" " " "	" "
Emma Matilda Brown	"Apr. 6, 1861,	" " " "	dead
Benjamin Beuhring Brown	"Dec. 7, 1863,	" " " West Virginia	dead
Eleanora Dannenberg Brown,	August 30, 1868 "	" " "	still living

MARRIAGES

James Henry Brown) married Sept. 12, 1844, at Maple Grove Cabell Co.
Louisa Mayer Beuhring) Virginia, by the Rev. Robt. Osborn.

Virginia Brown) married Sept. 23, 1869, by Rev. Jack Downing
Wm. Sidney Laidley)

James H. Brown) married May 8, 1879, Charleston Ka. Co. W. Va by Rev. John
Sallie S. Lovell) C. Brown

James F. Brown) married Sept. 13, 1877 at Marietta, Ohio by Rev.
Jennie Morgan Woodbridge) Dr. Theodor Hawks

Lucy Brown) married Aug. 11, 1885 at Charleston W. Va
Timothy Lawrence Barber) by Rev. Mr. Stanley(?)

Benjamin Beuhring Brown) married May 3, 1888 by Rev. J.C. Barr, Charleston
Annie Lewis Dickinson)

Emma Matilda Brown) Married Oct. 22, 1894 by Rev. H.W. Torrence at
John Franklin Bickmore) Charleston W. Va

Deaths

Dr. Benjamin Brown (father of J.H.B.) died 1849, ^{born 1786 first} buried at Huntington, W. Va
(then Va.) removed to Spring Hill Cemetery, Charleston W. Va
Matilda Scales Brown (mother of J.H.B.) died Oct. 28, 1877 buried in
Spring Hill Cemetery, Charleston W. Va
Louisa Mayer Brown (wife of J.H.B.) died Oct. 5, 1872 at Charleston W. Va
buried in Spring Hill Cemetery
James Henry Brown, died Oct. 28, 1900 Charleston W. Va 3 P.M. Sunday
Douglas Scales Laidley died Oct. 22, 1890 Charleston W. Va
Theodora Beuhring Laidley" May 20, 1900 " " Sunday P.M.
James Brown Barber died Oct. 27, 1901 at Charleston W. Va " A.M.
Benjamin Beuhring Brown (son of J.H.B.) died Dec. 30 1907 in Nice, France
3 P.M. Sunday buried in Denver Colorado
Beuhring Hulbertson Barber died Oct. 3, 1911 Charleston W. Va
Emma Matilda Brown Bickmore (daughter of J.H.B.) died Dec. 31, 1913 buried
in Denver Colorado

(GRANDCHILDREN OF J.H.B.)

LAIDLEY--Mary Louise, born July 28, 1870, married Henry Bradford Clarkson in
Charleston, W. Va Dec 28, 1897

Virginia Amacetta, born June 1, 1872, married Henry W. Goodwin at
Citronelle Ala., Apr. 1902, later married Byrne Given
has one child Nelle Brown Given.

Theodora Beuhring Laidley born Jan 24, 1874 died unmarried

Lucy Brown Laidley, born Oct. 11, 1878 married Jo Lane Stern of
Richmond Va. June 14, 1904 at Charleston W. Va has now
Children

Madelon Dannenberg Laidley, born July 23, 1880

Dorothy Osborn Laidley, born June 2, 1883 married Mumford August Jan. 16, 1917
now living in Baltimore Md.

Wm. Sidney Laidley, born Oct 20, 1886

Janet Scales Laidley, born Oct. 5, 1890

Douglas Scales Laidley (twin of above Janet) died very young.

++++-----((children of J.F.B. & grand children
of J.H.B.)

Brown-- Louise Beuhring, born June 30, 1878 united with Kanawha Church
(Presbyterian) June 1893, married Oscar Penn Fitzgerald, jr. of Nashville Tenn. July 25 1907 at the
old home 127 Alderson Street, Charleston W. Va
Bishop O.P. Fitzgerald, his father, officiating.
They have three children, { Jean Banks, born May 3, 1908
Gwendolen, born June 9, 1909
Oscar Penn, III, July 16, 1907

Brown, -- Jean Morgan, born Oct. 9, 1880 in Charleston W. Va. Joined church 1893

Brown, -- Elizabeth Woodbridge, born Oct 9, 1882, married Angus MacDonald
of Charles Town, June 27, 1912 at Ka. Pres. church
Rev. Perce MacDonald, (brother) and J.M. Waddell
officiating. Residing in Charleston. Joined church 1893
Brown, -- Ceres, born Dec. 31, 1884, Charleston, West Virginia, " " "

Brown, -- Ruth Dannenberg, born July 25, 1890 Charleston W. Va, united church
1904 "Kanawha Presbyterian"

Brown, -- Benjamin Beuhring II, born March 14, 1893 Charleston W. Va, Joined the
Ka. Pres. Church, Graduated at Princeton University
and just prior to receiving his degree at the Harvard
Law school joined the U.S. Army, for which & considering
his good standing, he was awarded his diploma nevertheless
*Rec'd Comm. as Lieut Aug 14 '17, at once sent to active service in France
with 51st Co - 5 Reg Marine Corps -*

Barber-- James Brown born Aug. 13, 1886 died Oct. 27, 1901

Timothy Lawrence, born Mar. 19, 1888, married Bessie Shoetter, of
Chicago having one child T.L.B. III

Sarah Couch Barber born Nov. 2, 1889

Lucy Brerber born Feb. 10, 1892

Thomas Maxfield Barber born Oct 4, 1893

Beuhring Hulbertson Barber, born Sept 27, 1895 died Oct. 3, 1911

Daniel Newman Barber born June 18, 1897

-----((children of B.B.B. & grandchildren
of J.H.B.)

Brown-- Mary Dickinson Brown born May 15, 1889 married Denver, Colorado and
married Charles Lee Lowell, now Lt. in U.S. Army
Apr. 10, 1912 have one son Benj. Franklin born
Apr. 11, 1914

James Frederick Brown II, born Dec. 12, 1891 in Denver, Col. married
Lucile Ravenscroft of St. Louis Mar 16, 1916
have one daughter Mary Dickinson born in
Goldfield Colorado. (now 1st Lieutenant, Ordnance Dept
with A.E.F. France.

Sallie Lewis Brown born ——— Denver, Colorado, married Edmond Whittaker
of St. Paul, now Lieutenant in U.S. Army.

Dear Dr. Miller:-

I give below for aid in your search what information I have as to the Brown family. It is accurate though somewhat meager back to 1664. Back of that date there is little beyond the traditions heard in childhood from certain ancient ladies of the family, going back, of course, in some sort of vague way to royalty(?). My memories of these, are uncertain, and I have at hand little data by which to check up either my impressions or their's. It has since my father's death been my intention to make search of the records as to the prior date, but leisure has never yet come to me.

The first record I have definitely connected with the family is a patent issued March 3, 1664, by Sir William Berkeley then Governor of the Colony, to William Browne, Daniel White, and William Baltrope, and regranted Aug. 20, 1669, for a tract of 744 acres of land in Westmoreland County, Virginia. I have a copy of the last named patent duly certified by the Register of the Land Office, Richmond, Va., Apr. 29, 1895. It is as follows:

Browne "To all etc. whom etc. now know ye that I the said
& Sir William Berkeley K'nt, Governor etc. give and
Baltrope grant unto William Browne and William Baltrope 744
744 acres of land lying and being in the forest between
 the River Potomack and Rapp'k and in the County of
 Westmoreland beginning at a marked oak standing in
 the back line of a parcel of land surveyed for Wm.
 Pate--- extending along the said line N. and by S.
 386 poles; S. 100 poles; and S. by S.E. 120 poles
 to another white oak; then E. by N. parallel to the
 first course 386 poles; finally N. by W. to the first
 station. The said land being formerly granted
 unto the said Browne and Dan'l White and the said
 Baltrope by patent dated the 3d day of March 1664;
 he, the said White, having sold and assigned his right
 unto the said Browne, the 20th of August 1668--- to
 have and to hold etc., to be held etc. yielding
 and paying etc. provided etc. Dated the 20th day
 of August 1669.

Register of Land Office
Richmond, Virginia.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be as true a copy from the record of this office as I am able to make from the hieroglyphics of the recorder.

Given under my hand and seal of office
the 29th day of Apr. 1895.

Sydney P. Epes, Register of Land Office."

Rappahannock County was formed from that part of Westmoreland County in which the above, tract lay and afterwards Essex and Richmond Counties were formed, the latter including that part of Rapp'k County in which the above parcel was; the records, however, of Rapp'k County were transferred to Essex.

William Browne married Elizabeth, supposed to have been the daughter of Dr. Maxfield Walter, Chirurgeon of City of Bristol, England. He, William Browne, died 1676 or 7, leaving three sons William jr., John, and Maxfield.

Elizabeth, widow of William Browne sr., afterwards married Evan Margan of "St. Mary's Parish, Rapp'k Co." who died in 1684 leaving a will reciting Maxfield Browne as youngest son of his wife; making special devises to the Browne children and leaving his widow "Elizabeth, and Malachi Peale" his friend, residuary legatees. Elizabeth, then widow, next married James Taylor, sheriff of Rapp'k County.

William Browne 2d, planter, St. Mary's Parish, Rapp'k Co. married Frances Mess, daughter of Wm. Mess. Concerning John Browne little is certainly found except in his deads he is described as "planter". In Vol. 8, p. 123 of "William & Mary Quarterly" reference is made to Wm. Browne "who appears in St. Peter's Register as owning slaves in New Kent in 1727". He is also referred to in same article as Brother of John Browne vestryman of St. Peter's in 1725. The dates and the relationships of the above Wm. and John suggest their identity with the John and William, brothers of Maxfield.

Maxfield Browne, one of William Browne's (sr.) three sons, was the youngest, and the one in line; born in 1675, died 1745. William Browne (2d) his brother, was appointed his guardian in 1692.

Thomas Newman sr. had three daughters; Charity, Caroline, and Elizabeth, the latter of whom married Maxfield Browne; also three sons Thomas jr., George, and John.

Maxfield Browne and Elizabeth (Newman) Browne left three children; one daughter Elizabeth who married William Whiting, and two sons Newman Browne, and George Browne.

Newman Browne, described in sundry deeds as "Planter of Hanover Parish, King George County, virginia" married Martha Slaughter daughter of Frances Slaughter, and Anne(Hudson) Slaughter; Frances and Anne were married August 17, 1811. Frances Slaughter died in 1719 in Richmond County, Virginia. 1711/12

Newman Browne died Dec.3, 1741 leaving a son William Browne who left a son S.J.Slaughter Brown, who left eleven children among them William Saunders Brown, born Dec.7, 1820 and who was for nearly fifty years clerk of the courts of King George County.

One daughter, Marie Louisa, married Dr. Frederick Ninde of King George Co.; another, Lucy Waller, born Dec. 13, 1827 married Col. Andrew F. Donnally of Kanawha County, Va. (now W.Va), another Sarah Virginia, born Oct. 18, 1832 married Col. J.M.Wynne of North Carolina.

George Brown, the other son of Maxfield Brown, and the one in which we are particularly interested, is described in his several deeds as of Prince William County, he left one son George Newman Brown, born about 1740 who died in 1814. George Newman Brown married in 1772 Sarah Hampton, first cousin of Gen. Wade Hampton, sr.

The Brown home in Prince William County was known as "Bloomsbury" on or near what was later in 1861, the battlefield of 'Bull Run'. George Newman Brown died there in 1814. The tradition is that he served in the Revolutionary War, but I have not the details.

His Wife, Sarah (Hampton) Brown died in Cabell County, Va(now W.Va) in 1832 at the home of her son Benjamin.

George Newman Brown and wife Sarah, had ten children, two daughters, Margaret and Martha, (the former of whom, died in infancy, the latter married William Renoe and died about 1811); the eight sons were Henry, John, Richard, Robert, William, George N.(2d) James and Benjamin.

Henry Brown was first sheriff of Cabell County, Va. died in 1810 unmarried; Robert, John, Richard and James were all in the war of 1812, the first two being captains of cavalry, Robert dying in the service, in South Carolina; John was afterward a farmer of large means, resided in Fauquier County, Virginia, and died in 1849. He married Cecilia(Brent) Hunton the widow of Gen 'l Eppa Hunton but -

left no children; James died shortly after enlistment in the army, having been discharged because of ill health, I have no data as to his position. Richard was Lieutenant in command of a troop in the North west under Gen. William H. Harrison.

George Newman Brown the father being largely interested in the military grant of 28627 acres granted to "Capt. John Savage and his men" extending down and along the Ohio River from the Guyandotte River toward the Big Sandy, Richard and Benjamin looking after their father's interests, in or about 1805 moved to the Ohio Valley, at the point where the city of Huntington, Cabell County now stands, and having acquired the interests of their father there, built the first brick house in Western Virginia. The upper line of the "Brown Farm" was where Seventh Street of the city of Huntington now stands. Later Benjamin acquired the whole farm and Richard moved to Kentucky where he died at an advanced age, leaving several daughters, and one son, George Newman Brown (3d) who for a long time was judge of the circuit court in that state. He resided in Pike County and afterwards in Boyd County, Ky.

Dr. Benjamin Brown (the son of Geo. N. B.) was born at the old home 'Bloomsbury', Prince William County Va. July 16, 1786, moved to Cabell County Va. (now W. Va) with his brother Richard as above. He was a physician of prominence and held in high esteem in the adjoining states as well. He married Feb. 16, 1815 Matilda Scales, daughter of Maj. Nathaniel Scales, who moved to the Ohio Valley from French Broad River, North Carolina, about 1805 owning a large estate known as "Maple Grove" adjoining the Brown Farm and next above what is now Seventh Street of the city of Huntington. Dr. Benjamin Brown died in Cabell County Sept. 28, 1848, his wife died Oct. 28, 1877. There was born to Dr. Benjamin Brown and wife four children, three daughters, Ceres, Vesta, and Josephine,; one son James Henry. Ceres died unmarried July 20, 1866; Vesta born Sept. 10, 1823; married Oct. 30, 1845 Albert Laidley son of John Laidley of Cabell County, eminent lawyer, she died Dec. 1907. She had three children who died in infancy, and John B., and Alberta both now dead; Josephine married Rev. Robert Osborne of New Jersey; James Henry Brown born Dec. 25, 1818 died Oct. 28, 1900.

James H. Brown married Louisa Mayer Beuhring, daughter of the late Hon. Frederick G.L. Beuhring of Cabell County, and Frances (Dannenberg) Beuhring daughter of Col. Frederick Dannenberg of the Revolutionary War.

James H. Brown had six children four daughters and two sons viz: Virginia, who married W.S. Laidley of Charleston, W.Va, lawyer; Lucy, who married T.L. Barber M.D.; Emma Matilda, who married J.F. Bickmore of Denver Colorado, died Dec. 31, 1913; Nelle D. Brown of the same city and James F. Brown of Charleston W.Va born Mar 7, 1852 still living; and Benjamin Beuhring Brown late of Denver, Colorado born Dec. 7, 1863 married Annie Lewis Dickinson May 3, 1888, ^{he} died at Nice, France Dec. 30, 1906.

James F. Brown, (son of J.H.B.) married Jennie Morgan Woodbridge of Marietta, Ohio, on Sept. 13, 1877, they have six children viz: Louise Beuhring born June 30, 1878 married Oscar Penn Fitzgerald July 25, 1907; Jean Morgan born Oct. 9, 1880; Elizabeth Woodbridge ^{married Angus W. McDonald, June 27, 1912;} born Oct. 9, 1880; Ceres, born Dec. 31, 1884; Ruth Dannenberg born July 25, 1890; ^(2 sons) Benjamin Beuhring, born Mar. 14, 1893. graduated at Princeton University and Harvard Law School, enrolled and in service at the Officer's Training Camp at Plattsburg, New York, May 14, 1917 was commissioned 2d Lieutenant O.R.C., selected as one of five from his company (9th Company 1st New England Regiment-) for active service abroad. Married Hester Moulton Newhall Aug. 22, 1917. Sailed for France on steamer "Adriatic" Sept. 8, 1917 arrived at Liverpool Sept. 23, 1917; at Harve, France Sept. 25, 1917; assigned to 51st Company, 5th Reg. Marine Corps Dec. 2d, 1917.

Buckland,
30th June, 1811

Dr. Benjamin Brown, 20
Guyandotte,
Cabell County,
Va.
Mail

Buckland,

June 29, 1811

Dear Sir:

Never until yesterday did I receive your favor, of the fourth of May. I began to suppose that unworthy J.H. was of too little consequence for Dr. B. to address. I acknowledge that my few lines were not worthy of answering, but thought I gave an apology for it. This must prove to you sir, that my estimation for you is great, that I have a great desire to communicate the neighborhood news, and was only waiting for some lines from you.

I cannot let an idea exist, that the ties of con-sanguinity shall ever be dissevered by any distance that we may be from each other, but that an epistolary correspondence may continue, that we may keep that mutual affection which has heretofore existed and which seems greater to me now than formerly.

I must request your Dr. Benjamin to communicate to me, the greater part of your proceedings; make me your confident, and you shall be mine, and let our correspondence be known to none.

I do assure you sir, I am really glad to hear that you are pleased with your situation, and that you find the fair sex so well accomplished as to make society agreeable, which is a great happiness in this world. You need not apprehend any danger from me Benjamin with respect to the fair sex of your acquaintances as I in confidence tell you, that there is an everlasting impression fixed on my heart, which I think is impossible to be eradicated, but cannot go any further now, as I think from present prospects it is a very doubtful case with me indeed, although the subject has never been mentioned; but I think my intentions are guessed at very accurately by her and the family. I shall tell you more on the subject when I write you again, especially if I find you venture to make me a confident.

Your brother James is now here, and tells me that he has informed you of Henry's and Eppa's marriage, but there have been many others, some of which that I think are most interesting, I will communicate: young Bernard Hove was married not long since, to a young lady in Maryland, and is now living at his mother's; his sister Nancy was married last week to a gentleman from Richmond (I believe); Timothy Brundage of Dumfries also to Mrs. Wm. Linton of said place; Doctor Bronough also to Miss Fanny Grayham both of said place; Sam'l Weaver to your old acquaintance (the Widow Bailey) etc., etc. and many on the carpet.

It is said that Capt. Geo. Picket of Fauquier Ct. House is to be married shortly to your once admired (I think and hope you will tell me all about it) Miss P. Nelson; Wm. Diggs has been some time addressing Miss Nash, and will be married soon it is thought; and there are two matches that will take place at Fauquier Ct. House soon it is to be expected, etc., etc.; Edward Schacklett is married also to a Miss Robertson, a lady of fortune and is now in Partnership with brother Wm. at Salem.

Thos. Sangster was here today and told me that his brother Robert was to be married in a few days to a Miss Lee on James River if great fortune, 40 years of age, and as ugly as the D---1 !

Did you ever hear the like of the marriages; and not half told you.

J.H.
to
B.B.

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Mr. Brooks has a store at this place now and is a little in our way; Lewis Blackwell is his clerk.

We have prospered in our troop of cavalry; have now a full troop, a great part equipped. Sanders and Neale, two of our officers removed out of the county last fall, and your brother Robert has been promoted to the first lieutenancy; Bernard Hove elected 2dD, and Lewis Blackwell cornet, all of which I am much pleased with as officers.

Our connection and acquaintances are all as well as common; and no death, or important changes that I can recollect at present.

Oh, Benjamin, I heartily wish you were here; I could communicate a great many little circumstances that I cannot write to in person and not only that I am at the greatest loss for a companion to accompany me, when I am with the girls of this neighborhood; as there is not one young man now that associates with the respectable class just in this neighborhood. I possess vanity enough to tell you, that I am pretty consequential here; particularly among the fair sex.

Write me immediately on the receipt of this, and tell me concerning our connection in your country, or in all.

Excuse my bad writing, as the paper is so very bad, that I can scarce touch it.

With sentiments of the greatest regard,

I remain, dear Sir, your sincere wisher for your prosperity and most affectionate Cousin,

John Hampton.

P.S. Remember me to Richard and family.

J.H.