

**THE NEW JERSEY BROWNS**



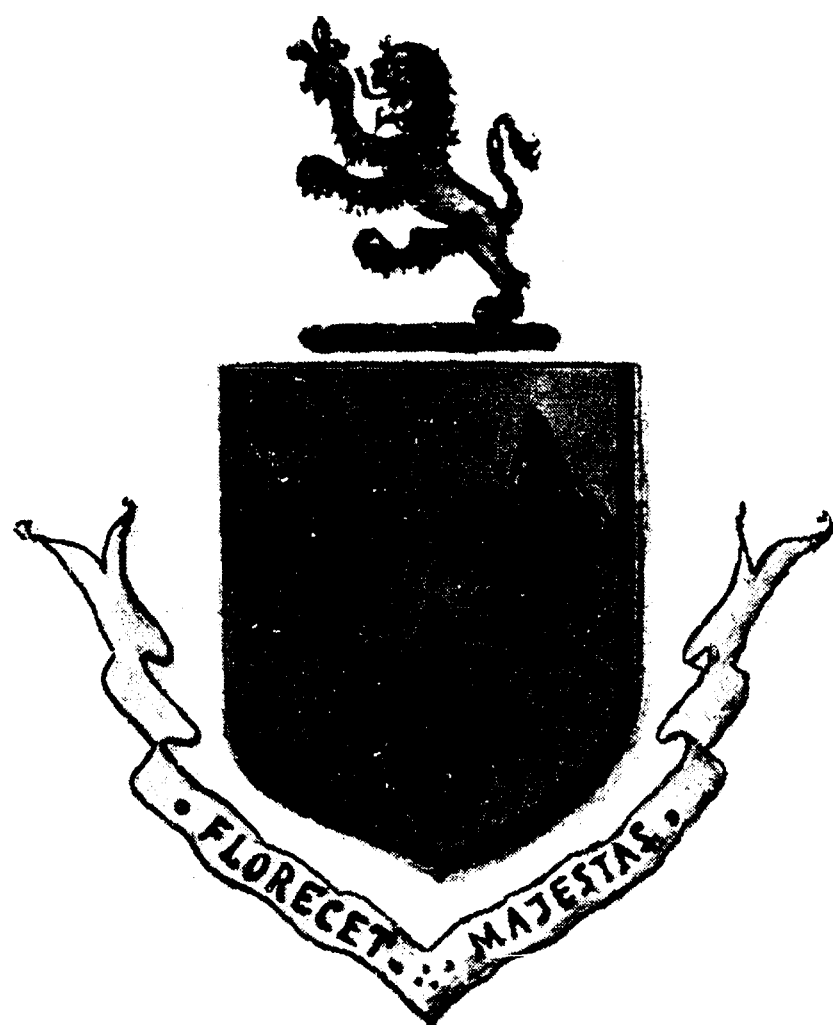
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Moores	Anderson
Skinner	Crane
Brittain	Munn
Dunham	Ayer
Lewis	Putnam
Pain (Payne)	Albertus
Edgar	Aldridge

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## PREFACE

**L**OYAL descendants, wishing to honor a long line of ancestry, have gathered, from many sources, the facts set forth in this modest volume.

Of the truest nobility did these ancestors come; people whose devotion to what they considered principle, was ever unshaken. Kindly neighborliness pervaded their lives. As one author says, "They followed a routine of life, not so much illuminated with heroics as, perchance, glowing with humanities."

These descendants would pay tribute to the sterling qualities which enabled these hardy people to face the dangers of an unknown world; to wrest from a virgin soil, a frugal living; to establish homes from which went forth noble sons and devoted daughters, whose lives enriched the world, as they came into positions of honor and trust.

Through ten generations have these lines been traced. All who claim this common ancestry, consider it a privilege to have thus shared in so fine a heritage. They would strive to hand on to following generations, a like contribution to upright living and good citizenship.





*Marker on Grave of Annabel Gordon  
wife of George Brown*



## CHAPTER I.

### *A Glimpse of Scotland*

**T**HE final decision that made George Brown, a son of the clergyman, Reverend Richard Brown, Dalkeith, Scotland, (who was born March 1630), give up his home and country for the unknown America, must have been profound and intense or very desperate. The new country, to these unbending Covenanters, was appealing. Life was troublesome and uncertain in Scotland. Even the dangers of the unknown were preferable to the religious intolerance under James the Second, their King.

The Scottish Reformation, the outcome of Knox's preaching, was, as Carlyle observed, "the one epoch in the history of Scotland." The internal life of the country was kindled and after a prolonged period of slumber, Scotland, rose from the dead.

The Covenanters were the natural product of this resurrection which was destined to be, in the words of the martyr, James Guthrie, "Scotland's Reviving." A country that was in the throes of such a revival had necessarily to pass through a period of persecution and bloodshed. The lives and liberty of her sons and daughters were freely sacrificed upon the altar of patriotism and principle. Women, as well as men, of all classes were haled to prison and the stake, or languished in the gloomy dungeons of Dunottar Castle, branded on the cheek and transported to America, or perished in the waters of the Solway—victims of the bigotry and prejudice of a narrow-minded age.

The Scottish Presbyterians of the seventeenth century were engaged in a hard fight for a continuance of that religious liberty which their forefathers had enjoyed. When the royal hand of James attempted to

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enforce the adoption of the, to them, obnoxious English liturgy, they preferred persecution and death itself in preference to admitting the divine right of Kings to impose their will upon their conscience. They had been attached to the Presbyterian Church for many years. In it was a form of Church government which Charles II had promised to preserve. When James, therefore, proceeded to establish Episcopacy and declared the solemn League and Covenant unlawful, and invested himself with the sole right to decide all ecclesiastical and civil affairs, he succeeded in rousing in the minds of the Covenanters the strongest sense of injustice and a spirit of inflexible opposition.

Parliament, by the King's command, ordered all ministers who had been admitted to parishes since 1649, to receive moneys for the Bishop or else leave their churches. The places soon became filled by youthful curates, many incompetent and some unworthy to officiate. As a result, the Presbyterians flocked to the meetings which the dismissed ministers began to hold in the fields. This was followed by a decree in 1663, that all who absented themselves from their parish on the Lord's Day, should incur stringent penalties. Women were not included in this act, but as they were the chief offenders, it was soon found necessary to hold their husbands responsible for their misdoing.

Thus it came about that women, whose only crime lay in non-attendance at church were, not only a cause of persecution to their husbands but were themselves insulted, fined and imprisoned. Ill treatment, however, only served to fan the flame of their enthusiasm to a white heat. As the resistance grew more strenuous and determined, the persecution became more bitter. These secret meetings engendered a spirit of enthusiasm which bordered upon fanaticism and brought upon themselves suspicion and deeds of cruelty.



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From "A Group of Scottish Women," by Harry Graham, published in 1908, we read, "Among those who appeared before the Council and acknowledged that they frequented the conventicles of Mrs. John Welsh and Samuel Arnot and scorned to secure liberty by taking the oath of supremacy, was George Scot of Pitlochie, who was not only fined but imprisoned until the fines were paid. In 1677, Scot was summoned before the Council and sent to prison for the second time. In the following August, his wife, Margaret Riggs-Lady Pitlochie— was fined as well. In 1679, for the third time was he fined and imprisoned in the Bass.

Naturally, his thoughts turned toward a land where he and his wife might "freely enjoy their own principles, without hazard or trouble." During his last imprisonment, he addressed a petition to the Council, praying for his release, engaging to go to the "plantations," (Province of East Jersey), and take with him his wife's cousin, one of the obnoxious preachers. By April, 1684, the Laird of Pitlochie found himself once more at liberty and his proposition accepted. (see Whiteheads, East Jersey's History, Pub. 1856, Page 26.)

There was published in Edinburgh in 1685 a rare pamphlet containing an attractive description of "The Province of East New Jersey." It was published by an enterprising Scotchman named George Scot, who as a Covenanter suffered heavy losses at that time. He conceived the idea of retrieving his lost estates by securing from the Government, permission to transport to these Plantations, his former associates in prison.

The Council authorized Scot, by warrant, to transport to these plantations a hundred prisoners, confined at Glasgow, Edinburgh and Stirling and also, under the dates of August 17th, 25th, 21st, 1685, one hundred and five persons who had refused the oath of Allegiance to the King, or had been previously banished, and these

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in the tolbooth of Leith were ordered to be delivered to Scot to be transported to East New Jersey, on his giving security to land there. Scot had chartered the "Henry Francis of New Castle," a ship of three hundred and fifty ton, and twenty great guns; Richard Hutton, Master. It was not until the 5th of September 1685, that the vessel left the harbour of Leith.

The mentioned decree reads, in part, as follows.

Decree of the Council at Edinborough,  
August 17, 1685.

"For as much as the persons underwritten, viz.—(here follows a list of seventy-four persons, including George Brown and Annabel Gordon)—at present prisoners in the Tolbooth at Leith, being convened before the Lords of His Majesty's Privy Council, at the instance of His Majesty's Advocate, for several crimes and irregularities, refusing the oath of Allegiance, or to own the King's authority, or take the oath of Abjuration, in manner at length libelled, and all the said persons being men, having judicially, in the presence of the Council, refused to take or sign the oath of Allegiance and the women above said, having altogether refused to own His Majesty's authority, or take the oath of Abjuration, the Lords of His Majesty's Privy Council have banished, and do hereby banish herein forenamed persons, men and women, conform to the act of Parliament, to His Majesty's plantations abroad, and discharge them ever to return to this Kingdom hereafter, without the King or Council's special license, under pain of death, to be inflicted on them, without mercy, and further ordain the herein forenamed persons, as also the persons underwritten, formerly sentenced to the plantations, and now prisoners in the Tolbooth of Leith, viz.—(Here follows a list of names) to be delivered to Mr. George Scot of Pitlochnie, and by

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him transported to His Majesty's plantations in the East New Jersey, in the ship now lying in the road of Leith, now bounding thither, upon his finding sufficient caution to transport the herein forenamed persons, to the foresaid plantations, and to report a certificate of their landing there, from the Governor or the Deputy Governor of the place, once in September, in the year 1686, under the penalty of five hundreds for each one of them, in case of failure. Sea hazard, mortality, and pirates being always excepted and discharge the forenamed persons, formally and now ordered to the plantations, never to return into this Kingdom without license and under the certification, as aforesaid, and the said Lords do hereby give order and warrant to the Bailies of Leith, and the keepers of the Tolbooth thereof, to deliver the herein forenamed persons, to the said Mr. George Scot of Pitlochie.

The list of passengers upon the Henry Francis is as follows: Robert Adam, George Brown, William Campbell, John Crichton, John Corsan, (Casson) Pat Cunningham, Isabel Durie, Janet Ferguson, John Foord, John Gray, James Grier (Griexson), John Gillgillan\*, Katherine Govan, Adam Hood\*, Annabel Jackson, James Junk, James Kirkwood, Margaret Leslie\*, Michael Marshall, Margaret Miller, Jean Moffat\*, William McCalmont, Robert McEwan, Margaret McLellan, John McGhie\*, Wm. Oliphant, Christopher Strang\*, Thomas Shelston, William Turnbull, William Wilson, John Arbuckle\*, Robert Campbell, John Corbet, Barbara Cowan, William Douglas, John Frazer, Margaret Ferret (Forrest)\*, James Forsyth, Grisel Gamble, Robert Gilchrist, Bessie Gordon, John Harvie\*, Charles Homgall\*, George Johnson\*, John King, John Kellie, Janet Lintron, John Marshall, George Moor (Muir)\*, John Muirhead, John McEwen, John McQueen (McEwan)\* Robert McLellan, Andrew Patterson, Rev.

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Archibie Riddel, James Reston, McAgnes Stevens or Tannis\*, John Sinton (or Seton), John Targat, Patrick Urie, John Watt, Elizabeth Whitelaw, Janet Symington\*, John Black, David Campbell, Christian Carie, Andrew Corbet, Marjorie Cowan, Charles Douglas, Elspeth Ferguson, John Foreman, Fergus Grier, Annabel Gordon\*, John Henderson, Wm. Jackson, John Johnstone, John Kincaid\*, John Kennie, Gawen Lockhart, John Martin, James Muirhead\*, Walter McEwen, (McIgne)\*, . . . . McLellan, Wm. Niven, John Pollock, Marion Rennie, Peter Russel\*, Wm. Spreul\*, John Turpnie, Patrick Walker, Grizell Wotherspoon, Robert Young.

The \* after names of those, who left a protest of banishment from Scotland.

Among those who died on the voyage, were the following: Lady Aithernie, William Cunningham, Thomas Graham, John Hodge, John Kirkland, Andrew McLellen John Ramm, Mrs. Riddle, John Renwick, Thomas Russell, George Scot, Margaret Scot, John Venor, Mrs. Venor, Rev. William Aisdale, R. Thomas Finlater, William Ged, Thomas Jackson, Katherine Kellie, John McKennan, William Riddle, William Sprat, Eupham Scott, Agnes Corhead, Thomas Gray, John Hutchinson, John Kippon, Gilbert Monorgan (or Monorg), William McMillian, William Rigg, Eupham Rigg, Jogn Swinton, John Smith, James Sittingtoun.

When the ship passed "Land's End," fever began to prevail with virulence, particularly among the prisoners, many of whom were ill when they embarked. The health of the others was endangered by the condition of the provisions laid in by the Captain. The meat, owing to the length of time which had elapsed since the vessel was chartered, became offensive and unedible. A malignant fever broke out in one month's time. Few escaped it. Some days, three or four bodies

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were committed to the deep. Death and unwholesome food were not the only evils, the unfortunate exiles had to encounter. In "Woodrow's History of the Sufferings of the Church of Scotland"—published in Glasgow—we read that this Captain was most cruel; interfering with their performance of religious services. Later the ship sprung a leak, twice, and calms and storms added to their anxiety and distress.

Scot, his wife and sister-in-law, with two children, died on the voyage and the direction of the voyage developed upon John Johnstone, who was Scot's son-in-law. The Captain suggested changing the course to either Jamaica or Virginia, either place presenting better opportunities for the employment of servants than New Jersey. His suggestion did not carry.

The original charge for transportation was five pounds sterling for each adult, and to each of those who were unable to pay for their passage was promised twenty-five acres of land and a new suit of clothes, upon the completion of four years service to those who advanced the requisite amount. Johnstone endeavored to prevail upon the prisoners, before landing, to enter into voluntary agreements to serve four years in accordance with the terms before mentioned, in consideration for the expense incurred by Scot for their transportation. This they would not do, but joined in another protest against their banishment, recounting at length the hardships of the voyage.

At length they arrived at New Jersey. The prisoners met with harsh treatment from the people when they first came ashore. A little way up the country there was a town in which a minister had settled and when the residents were informed of the circumstances of the exiles, they invited all who were able to travel, to come and live among them; sent horses for those unable to walk and cared for them freely all winter, with

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great kindness. The next spring Mr. Johnstone claimed the prisoners as his property and had them all summoned before the Court of the Province. After hearing the facts the Government called a jury, who acquitted the prisoners. Most of them retired to New England; a few returned to Scotland and some evidently settled in Monmouth County.

The place where the Covenanters, after this ill-fated voyage, found welcome was a little Quaker settlement called "Topanemus" which is not now found on the map. It lay to the west of the present village of Marlborough and the Quakers themselves had but just broken ground there when the handful of Covenanters arrived.

Under the fostering influence of climate, soil and friendliness of the Quakers, the Covenanters soon established themselves in their new home and became thrifty masters of the land. It was not until 1692—six years after their migration—that they had sufficiently advanced their fortunes to be able to erect a church; the first Presbyterian house of worship in Monmouth County, New Jersey and one of the first two or three of the province. This church, which stood about two miles northwest of Topanemus, was known as the "Scots' Meeting-house" and did service as such until 1731; it was superseded by a new building on a site several miles distant, which in turn, gave way to the "Tennant Church," erected by the same congregation. This church was intimately associated with the history of the battle of Monmouth.

A graveyard still covers the summit of the eminence on which the first meeting-house was built and which was called "Free-Hill." Some of the inscriptions on the stones are as follows:

"Here lyes interred the body of Mr. Richard Clark who was born in Scotland the 10th of February A. D.



*First Presbyterian Church, Woodbridge, N. J.*





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1663 who departed this life the 16th day of May, Anno Do. 1733, aged seventy years.”

Here lyes interred ye body of William Redford, who came from north Britain—departed this life March, the first day, Anno Domini 1725-6, aged eighty-four years.”

The exile, George Brown, in whom we are interested, settled in Woodbridge, near Perth Amboy. Childish memories of many of the descendants retain the oft-told story of the remains of this ship “Henry and Francis” lying battered and broken on the shores near Perth Amboy, wind and wave taking their heavy toll, year after year, until the ship should, one day, be but a memory. This, interesting as a story, was based on fiction, rather than fact. It was the “Caledonia,” which had been in service about the same period of time and had brought refugees from Scotland. It too, had met many of the same disastrous conditions that the “Henry and Francis” had encountered. It is not surprising that the confusion of the two ships should occur, though it was a blow to childish imagination to have Mr. Whitehead in his “Contributions to New Jersey History”, usurp the last resting place of that old, unseaworthy “Henry and Francis” and give it to the “Caledonia.”

Now, begins a life, anew in Woodbridge. George Brown marries Annabel Gordon Knox, widow of William Knox, the companion of George through sorrow and joy. In this new land, the gloomy clouds of misfortune, which seemed at one time to envelop them, were pierced with gleams of sunshine and a glorious blue sky of hope broke above them, awakening anticipation and bringing happiness to the young people.

## CHAPTER II.

### *Woodbridge, New Jersey*

WOODBRIDGE, the name of the village and township, was so called in honor of Rev. John Woodbridge of Newbury, Massachusetts. We presume that this distinction was conferred upon him by his friends and admirers who came to this locality from New England, at the solicitation of Governor Carteret.

The first settlers came to Woodbridge the latter part of the summer of 1665 and were a portion of the company of thirty English people who accompanied Governor Carteret after he had received his commission from his brother, Sir George Carteret, who was joint proprietor of the Province with Lord Berkeley. With considerable enterprise, he published throughout New England the advantageous terms offered to landholders in his province. He succeeded in drawing thither a number of families from that section, some settling in Elizabethtown, some at Woodbridge, Piscataway and others at Newark.

In 1667, Woodbridge was ordered to be laid out. An official record of each man's allotment was to be made; two hundred acres of good, upland and meadow, were to be provided for the use of the minister and one hundred more for "the maintenance of a free school." Land for building a church, for use of a church-yard, erection of a school house, for a market-place, and other public purposes were donated to the township.

The Indians, living in and around Woodbridge, were doubtless Raritans, as this was the tribe that originally owned the land lying along the river which bears the name of this Indian tribe. This was purchased from them, for it is the glory of New Jersey that not a rod

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of its domain was wrested from the aborigines by fraud or violence. Other tribes frequently visited here, owing to the excellent fishing grounds along the Ambo; eels, oysters, clams and other fish were found in abundance.

In 1675, the frame of the Meeting House had been erected, and, "if Mr. Allen, sent from England, would consent to remain in the place as its clergyman, he should be made a Freeholder." He consented and the work of the building went on.

In 1805, the people set about building a new house of worship. Dr. Roe, the minister of that time, says "the new building was undertaken with great unanimity of spirit." It was eight months in course of construction and was dedicated in December of that year and was known as The First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge.

The Cemetery adjacent, is of peculiar interest to the Jersey Browns. It is one of the oldest in the State and most interesting to lovers of local history. Among its distinguished and heroic dead, lie many of our ancestors making the place a particularly sacred and hallowed one for us.

Lost in the shadow of the fallen stones, we find the old headstone of George Brown, with inscription too faint to read; Annabel, his wife, beside him. Recently, a memorial stone has been placed on the grave of Annabel as a common ancestress of the Edgar family; Janet Knox, daughter of Annabel, by her first marriage, married Thomas Edgar and founded that great family.

Beside their father and mother, George and Annabel, lie James, the eldest son and his wife, Agnes. Adjacent, are Thomas, and William, third son of George. In this same peaceful "God's Acre" are to be found the graves of Henry Freeman and wife Elizabeth Bonne, ancestors through a collateral line.

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And so the old church guards, silently, our beloved dead, lying so peacefully, under the watchful stars of centuries. A restful repose emanates from this spot; away from the beaten track of restless humanity, speeding by in automobiles; it tells of a value to the generation of today. Possibly, they of the ox-cart period, knew a quietness of soul, for which the generation of today, may oft-time long.

### CHAPTER III.

#### *The Founders of the New Jersey Browns*

WE READ in the records of marriages, births and deaths, transcribed literally from Liber A (from the Appendix of "Woodbridge and its Vicinity," by Rev. Dally) the following item, which is of great interest to us: "George Brown was married to Annabel Knox, February ye 13th, 1693." George was, evidently, a desirable member of a small community. He was identified with church work for we read farther in the book mentioned: "The said Petitioners therefore humbly pray our Grant of an incorporation to the Petitioners, the Name of the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church, in the township of Woodbridge \* \* \* and that George Brown, among others, might be the first Trustees."

During Mr. Wade's pastorate and "in October 1710, George Brown and his wife were given communion."

Elsewhere in this book we read that George Brown, with James, Thomas and John Brown "in order to encourage building a good stone bridge across the great brook, the following persons agreed to give the several helps toward it, as is annexed to their names, on condition that said bridge is actually built directly \* \* \* ." Andrew Brown offers three days work.

In the Freeholders Book, folio 84, George Brown's name is signed "by ye appointment of ye town, a transcript of the survey of the Parsonage Land." His determined sense of duty to religion did not lessen in this new world.

Annabel Gordon Knox. What charm this name creates in our imagination! She portrays for us, immediately, a picture, clear and vivid, of the pioneer wom-

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an, whose courage was phenomenal. First, as a young woman, brave enough to give up all for what to her was religion; to suffer imprisonment in a squalid jail; enduring a six weeks voyage in a crowded and infected ship; taking farewell of a little daughter with but slight hope of ever again seeing her; and likewise, bidding farewell to all loved ones.

On the ship was a young countryman, also alone, and a bond of sympathy drew these two young people together—this George and Annabel; the same ideals, the same attitude of mind toward duty, toward religion. One can picture them, leaning on the rail of that old ship, as the water slipped beneath the bow, a boundless expanse above and below, with the sun in the west and the rising moon in the east. The older women gossiping about the thousand discomforts and hardships of the voyage but still sensing the love story being enacted, day by day, before their world-wise eyes. The landing, with its confusion and fear of being sold into slavery. The kindly Quakers, the soft gentle air of Jersey, all this passed in rapid succession. Regrets and loneliness gave way to happier days; days filled with hard work, which was welcomed as a boon.

There is no mention among the list of passengers of the "Henry and Francis" of this daughter, Janet Knox, and we only conjecture that as soon as possible she was permitted to come to be with her mother and the new father. Thomas Edgar, whom Janet married, was a refugee from Scotland and settled in Woodbridge.

Annabel's marriage brought heavy responsibilities to her. Six sturdy children to clothe and feed; flax to grow and spin; socks to be knit; fire to be cherished on the hearth; hearty meals to be cooked for growing lads and men; bed quilts to adorn the room, thus giving her an outlet for beauty; introduction to strange

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berries and fruits, knowledge of which must be acquired by personal initiative or through nearby, friendly Indians; long Sundays, given over to prayer and sermons, to strengthen one for the coming week but, possibly, best of all, giving one an opportunity to chat with a distant neighbor; the welcome news—"the ship is in" bringing a packet of letters from dear old Scotland. Through all this runs a human friendliness, responding quickly to any call of need. Yes. Annabel could have had but little time to think with regret or mourn for those she had left.

In the book referred to, "Woodbridge and its Vicinity," there follows the record of the marriage of George and Annabel, the following items: James Brown, son of George Brown and Annabel, his wife, born Nov. ye 8th, 1693.

Andrew Brown, son of George Brown and Annabel, his wife, was born September ye 3rd, 1705.

Thomas Brown, son of George Brown and Annabel, his wife, was born March ye 2nd, 1695.

William Brown, son of George Brown and his wife Annabel, was born May ye 11th, 1698.

Christian Brown, daughter of George Brown and his wife, Annabel, was born April ye 26th, 1701.

Grier Brown, son of George Brown and his wife Annabel was born September ye 3rd, 1703. This last name gives us a link in the friendship that must have been very binding among the exiles, for Fergus Grier was one of the passengers on the ill-fated Henry Francis. Giving this name to this last baby, carries a touch of affectionate friendship, that bespeaks a very human understanding among those folk.

James is the son in whom our greatest interest lies as he is the direct ancestor of the group of descendants who have been instrumental in compiling this book.

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A chapter will be devoted to him and his issue.

Thomas, the second son did not marry. He had received in 1702, a deed for a house, given him by James Anderson. This is the house which he, in turn, gave to Thomas Lewis Brown; and, in which all the children of Thomas Lewis Brown were born.

William, the third son of George and Annabel, married Esther . . . . . who is the ancestor of William Craig Randolph. William died in 1782.

Christian, only daughter of George and Annabel, was born April 26, 1701 and was married, first to Dr. David Stewart, and later, became the third wife of Edward Crowell. With other children, she had a daughter, Annabel, who married Thomas Hadden; from this line comes Thomas Hadden, the III. Their son, John Hadden, married Rebecca, daughter of Philip Brown and Ann Harned. This Philip was a brother of William Brown, (son of Thomas and grandson of James).

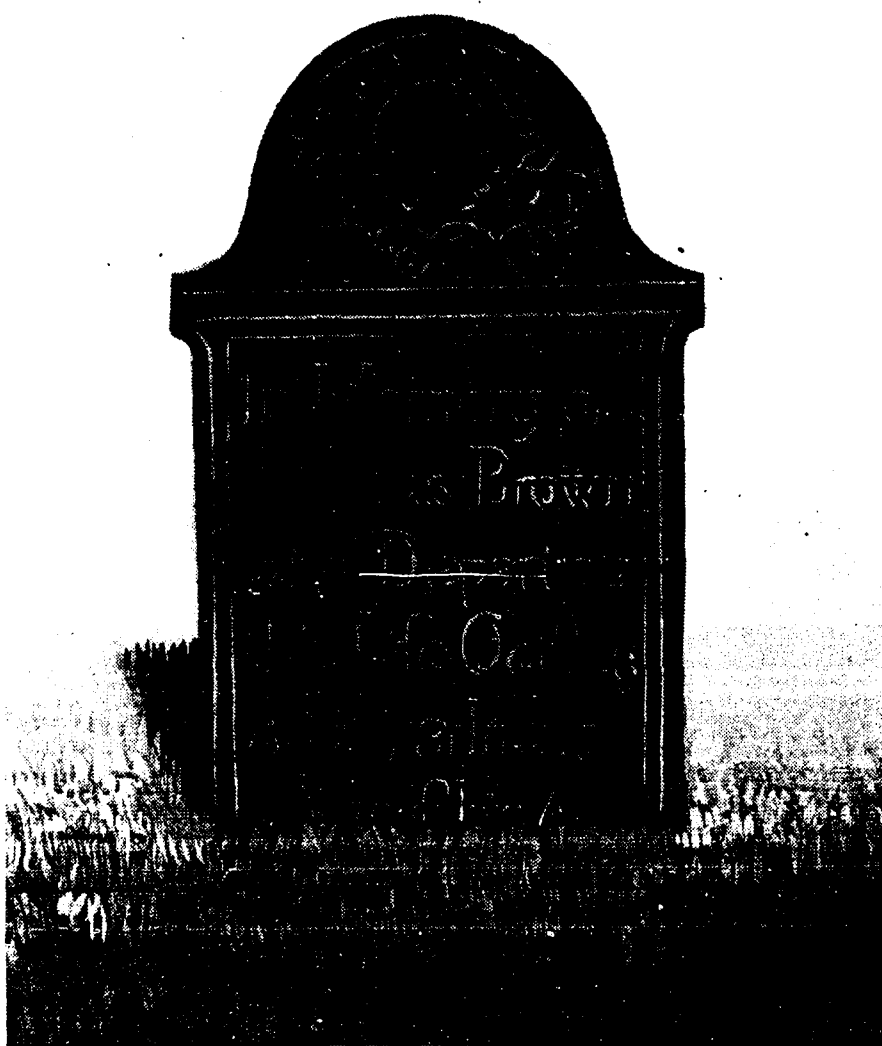
Grier, fourth son of George and Annabel, was born July 3, 1703 and died without issue.

Andrew fifth son of George and Annabel, was born September 3, 1705 and married Sarah. . . . . The following children were born to them:

	Born
James	1-13-1731
Joseph	12-29-1733
Eunice	
Annabel	7-28-1736
Gordon	3-20-1739
George	"son of ye said Andrew and Sarah was born ye 6th month 1745.

The court records read as follows: George Brown died intestate. "George Brown, of Woodbridge, yeoman, March 14, 1717, inventory of his personal belongings L 141.12.2, including books, Two Bibles, etc." April 5, 1717, administration granted his widow, Annabel.





*Marker on Grave of Thomas Brown*



## CHAPTER IV.

### *James (George) and Thomas (James, George)*

JAMES was born at Woodbridge, "Nov. ye 8th monthe, 1693" and died Oct. 19, 1761. He married for his first wife, Agnes . . . . ., born October 1695. Died November 29, 1742, buried beside her husband. He married for his second wife, Agnes Clarkson, successively, the widow of Thomas Presgrove, and . . . . . Hay. She outlived her third husband, James Brown. Agnes Clarkson may have been the mother of the child named in his will, "Annabel."

We know but little about James with the exception that "James Brown, in 1749, with others, was added to a standing committee for adjusting matters relating to divisions of public lands." In 1757, he agreed "to give help in building a good stone bridge over the great brook." He and his wife are buried in Woodbridge, where they lived all their lives.

His Will, dated Woodbridge, October 14, 1761, probated Nov. 12, 1761, names Agnes, —sons, George, Thomas, John,— daughters, Agnes Moores, Christian Cutter, Ursula Black, Annabel Jacquish,— granddaughters, Katherine and Margaret, daughters of son, John,— granddaughter Esther Cutter.

Witnesses: Ananias Lewis, Joseph Brown, David Edgar.

Appraisers: Johnathan Kinsey, George Brown.

The issue of James and Agnes is as follows:

	Born	Died	Married
{ George	12-20-1724	1-20-1779	
{ Mary Alston	1723	9-26-1779	
{ Thomas	2-14-1726	10-28-1781	2-12-1746
{ Frances Moores	9-13-1730	10-13-1812	

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	Born	Died	Married
{ Agnes Daniel Moores	8-29-1730		
{ Christian John Cutter	12-16-1733		
{ John Esther Frazee Hannah Doddridge	2-23-1735		1st 2d
{ Ursula Alexander Black	2-21-1737		
{ Annabel Samuel Jacques			

It is from this James, through his son Thomas, that the following descendants trace their line; Margaret Brown Lindsay, Samuel Alburtis Brown, Charles A. Brown, and Frank Eugene Mattoon, who have been instrumental in compiling this record of "The New Jersey Browns."

Thomas, the second son of James, has a particular interest for us. He is the father of our Revolutionary ancestor, "William." He truly, should be numbered among these illustrious men, himself. In the papers, issued of that date, he is mentioned as "the patriot." He lived less than one-half mile from the Sound, that separates Staten Island from New Jersey, then known as Kill von Kull. Not only did his farm and home suffer, but he, himself, suffered during these depredations of the British soldiers. In the New Jersey Archives, Second Series, Vol. IV, Newspaper Extracts Vol. 1779-1780, page 655 . . . Trenton, September 20, we read "Sunday night, last, refugees made an excursion from Staten Island to Woodbridge and carried off Mr. Thomas Brown and two other inhabitants." This appeared in the New Jersey Gazette, Vol. III, No. 143, September 20, 1780, page 660. The item also appeared in the Pennsylvania Journal, September 27, 1780. He was thrown into prison. Not only had he been an ardent supporter of independence but he had given three sons

### *James and Thomas*

to the cause; William, John and James were in the Militia.

In the State Library, State House, Trenton, N. J. is a book of "Register and Copy of Inventories of the Damages done by the Enemy and their adherents to the Inhabitants of the County of Middlesex taken and appraised by Benj. Manning, Joseph Olden, Nath. Hunt, Appr. Ano. Dom. 1782." In this book John Brown, the 3rd executor of the Estate of Thomas Brown, deceased, makes a sworn statement before Benjamin Manning as to the losses suffered by his father, as follows:

Dec. 1776—Estate of Thomas Brown of Woodbridge  
July 1779—Amt. £109- 10- 0  
Feb. 1780—  
May 1781—

John Brown, the 3rd Ex. to the Estate of  
Thomas Brown, deceased- sworn before  
Benjamin Manning, 9-20-1782

John Brown 3rd Ex.

James Brown, jr., sworn as above.

Samuel Jacques, jr., sworn as above.

Francis Moores, wife of Thomas, was the daughter of Captain John Moores and wife, Mary Brittain Moores. He was in the militia of 1715, a descendant of Matthew Moores, early settler and prominent in the life of that vicinity. After the death of her husband, Thomas Brown, she married James Manning. She is buried beside her first husband, in the cemetery at Woodbridge. The children of Thomas and Francis are as follows:

	Born	Died	Married
Mary	8-17-1747	8-16-1770	
{ William	5-19-1749	3-31-1782	
{ Elizabeth	1747	3- 5-1777	1st
{ Elizabeth Dunham			2d

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	Born	Died	Married
Agnes	3-20-1750		
{ John	11- 1-1752	1-15-1828	
{ Sarah Cutter			1st
{ Esther Brown, widow of Josiah Freeman			2d
{ Christian	10-23-1754	2-29-1828	
{ James Brown			
George	11-16-1756	8-31-1771	
{ James	11-18-1759	7-25-1831	
{ Betsy Richards			
Ursula	11-20-1760		
Elizabeth	4-17-1762	7-26-1770	
Thomas	4-28-1764	8- 2-1770	
{ Fannie	8- 9-1766	10- 1-1857	
{ Joseph Barron			
{ Philip	11-18-1768	7-13-1853	
{ Ann Harned			1st
{ Elizabeth Harned			2d
{ Margaret L. Hannon, widow, (nee Lent)			3d
Daniel	2-14-1770	9- 4-1771	
Thomas	3- 8-1774	10-13-1775	

The record of "John" will be found in a following chapter, written by Dr. Percy Edgar Brown a descendant.

The records of "Phillip," "Francis" (Fannie), "Christian" and "James" will be found in the following chapters. They were generously prepared by a descendant in Phillip's line.



*Marker on Grave of William Brown*







*State of New Jersey.*

*Office of Adjutant General.*

*Trenton.* May 14. 1892.

**It is Certified, That the records of this**

*office show that*

W I L L I A M B R O W N

served as a Private in Captain James Morgan's Company, Second Regiment Middlesex County New Jersey Militia in the Revolutionary War.

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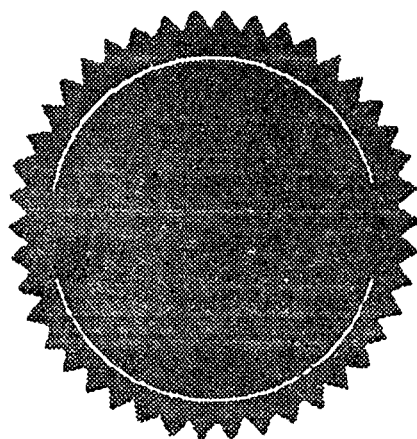
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*William D. Tucker*  
Adjutant General



## CHAPTER V.

### *William Brown, (Thomas, James, George) the Revolutionary Ancestor*

**W**ILLIAM, eldest son of Thomas, is our Revolutionary ancestor in this line of descent. His first wife was "Elizabeth," who died March 3, 1776. He married Elizabeth Dunham, of Westfield, March 24, 1778. She was born July 24, 1755; she died in 1812. She was the daughter of Freelope Lewis and her husband "Dunham." (It is to be regretted that the given name of this Dunham is not known.) The father of Freelope was Thomas Lewis, son of David Lewis.

#### *War record of William Brown*

#### STATE OF NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

Trenton, March 11, 1930

IT IS CERTIFIED, That the records of this office show that

#### WILLIAM BROWN

served as Private, Captain James Morgan, Sr.'s Company, Colonel John Neilson's Second Regiment, Middlesex County, New Jersey Militia, January 6 to February 5, 1778, and was stationed at South Amboy; received certificates 355 and 474, amounting to £2:15:2 and £1:12:0, respectively, for the depreciation of his Continental Pay in the Middlesex County, New Jersey Militia,—during the Revolutionary War.

Frederick Gilkyson  
The Adjutant General

The search for the military record of this ancestor was one of long duration. There were five "William

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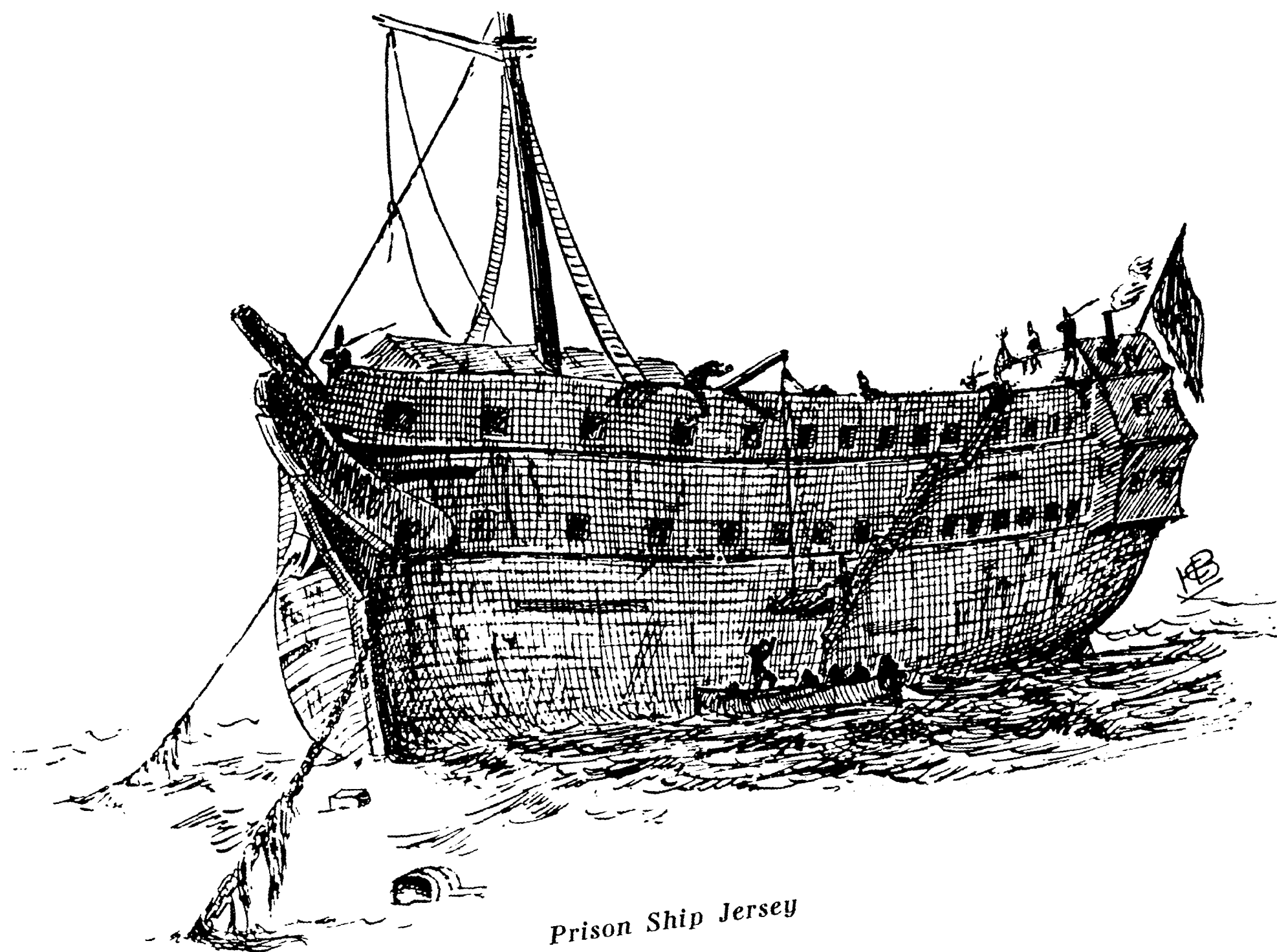
Browns" registered in the war-records of New Jersey. To designate the one belonging to us, of "Jersey prison-ship" fame seemed impossible. Through a photograph, found by Charlotte Cowdrey Brown, it was learned that he was a member of Captain James Morgan's Company. With this information, the affidavit was forthcoming at once from the Adjutant General's office at Trenton. This is in the possession of Margaret Brown Lindsay, who will gladly furnish any descendant with a copy. This proof is a necessary requirement when seeking admission to the patriotic societies. The affidavit is interesting reading.

William was taken prisoner by the British and confined to the prison-ship "Jersey," in New York harbor. The horrors of this "worst of all jails" can not be put into words. Quoting from an issue of Harper's Magazine, we read: "The old Jersey, oftener called 'the Hell' was the largest of those 'Wallabout prison-ships.' More than a thousand prisoners were sometimes living, or rather dying on board. Confinement, bad air, bad water, scanty and poor provisions ate deeply into their courage but all these sufferings seemed only to strengthen their sublime patriotism."

In the files of the Adjutant General of New Jersey, at Trenton, is found the following letter from Governor Livingston, to the Legislature, under date of December 9, 1782.

"Gentlemen:

"I herewith lay before the honourable House a Petition to me from several Citizens of this State now in captivity with the Enemy, in the English Prison Ship called Jersey. The sufferings of these unfortunate men (which perhaps they dare not describe in their true colors, as all their representations must undergo the inspection of the Enemy), deserve your most serious attention.



*Prison Ship Jersey*



*William Brown, the Revolutionary Ancestor*

“If a Commissary of Prisoners should be appointed, during the present sitting for the exchanging the Citizens of this State in captivity with the Enemy, I trust that the honourable House will make sufficient provisions to enable him to supply their necessities while unexchanged.

“As God only knows to what period the present war may be protracted, how can it be expected (even putting humanity out of the question) that any of our Citizens should venture themselves upon the Ocean, when they have reason to dread captivity, from what they themselves or others have already experienced in that situation, worse than death itself?

Wil. Livingston”

(signed)

Frederick Gilkyson

The Adj. General.

What resulted from this letter is not recorded. Our ancestor had been permitted, in March of that year, to return to his home, where he died as a result of these harrowing experiences. We view the illustration of this ship with added interest, as it typifies the Jersey Brown's share in the suffering which brought independence to our land.

There is no record of the list of prisoners on this ship in the War Records of America. The name of William Brown did appear, in the records of the British War Department, as published in “American Prisoners of the Revolution” by Danske Dandridge, 1911-page 454. His name also is listed as one of the men in Brigantine's, “Freedom's Price,” page 250.—“taken April 27, 1777.” There was a list of 8000 men in which this name is found. The presentation of this British record is acceptable to the patriotic organizations. This story

### *The Brown Family*

had been a family tradition for many generations. It was a delight to find it proven, incontrovertibly.

Affidavits, as to this tradition, had been made by the grandchildren of the Thomas Lewis Brown home, namely; Julia Brown Mattoon-Gleason, of Los Angeles, Cal., Charles A. Brown of Chicago, Ill., and Harry Munn Brown of Beaver Dam, Wis. These had strengthened the fact of the imprisonment of William and made it acceptable to the patriotic organizations.

The Bible of William is of absorbing interest. Nearly two hundred years old, it carries us back to what was vital in life, at that time, as it is today; weddings, births and deaths.

In the quaint script of William, we read that he was born, May 19, 1749; the date of the birth of his wife, Elizabeth Dunham is given, July 24, 1755; their marriage date, March 24, 1778; the birth of Thomas Lewis Brown, his second son, January 30, 1779; the birth of Christian Brown, their daughter, the 7th day of March 1781.

In a firmer handwriting is recorded the death of William on March 31, 1782. Thomas Lewis Brown, his son, is now the recorder.

Christian, the sister of Thomas Lewis, marries James Anderson August 20, 1800. A daughter, Nancy was born to them.

We find following, a record of the David Lewis family, which holds much of interest. Thomas gets the name "Lewis" from this connection, as his grandmother, mother of Elizabeth Dunham, was Freelove Lewis. She was born, daughter of Thomas Lewis and wife "Esther," 2nd of February, 1731. This "Thomas Lewis" was buried February 28, 1730, and his wife "Esther" was buried at Woodbridge, Feb. 28, 1746.

This information can be read from the illustrations following this chapter, but it seemed wise to make this a part of the text, also.



William Brown his Bible  
William Brown Was born May the 19<sup>th</sup> 1749  
Elizabeth Danham Was born July 24<sup>th</sup> in 1755  
William Brown Was Married unto his  
second wife Elizabeth Danham March 24<sup>th</sup> 1778

Thomas Lewis Brown My Second son Was  
Born 30<sup>th</sup> of January 1779  
Christain Brown by my Second Wife was  
Born the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1781

William Brown Departed this Life  
March the 31<sup>st</sup> 1782

Thomas Lewis Brown his Book  
James Anderson was married  
to Christian Brown August 20<sup>th</sup> 1800  
Nancy Anderson was Born  
December 16<sup>th</sup> 1800

Judgments on the wicked, and blessings on the good. Elijahs coming and office. Chap. iv.  
C H A P. IV.  
1 Gods judgement on the wicked, 2 and his blessing on the good: 3 He exhorteth to the study of the law, 4 and telleth of Elijahs coming and office.  
2 **B**EFORE behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven, and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly shall be stubble, and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.  
3 **B**ut unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.  
4 **A**nd ye shall tread down the wicked; for before they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet, Christ in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts.  
5 **R**emember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.  
6 **B**ehold, I will send you Elijah the prophet, before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.  
7 **A**nd he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

1749  
The 28<sup>th</sup> of April we moved from Long Island  
And landed in ye town ship of ry In westchester  
County and lived there 6 years and then we  
moved in to new Jersey In ye town of wood Bridge  
In ye year 1746 April ye 25 day we landed

John B Anderson Born July the 10 1802  
Thomas Anderson Born January the 1 1805  
Christian Anderson departed this life October the 10  
The End of the Prophecy.  
Thomas Anderson departed this life October the 1 1805

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This Bible was bought 3<sup>rd</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> of December  
from Thomas franklin In hartlandparish  
In west Chester County town ship of ry



*William Brown, the Revolutionary Ancestor*

William had entered an interesting fact, midst the leaves of the Old Testament. He says: "The 28th of April, 1740, we moved from Long Island and landed in ye township of New York, in Westchester County, and lived there 6 years and then we moved in to New Jersey, in ye town of Woodbridge, in the year 1746, April ye 25th day, we landed."

This Bible, purchased December 17, 1740, in Westchester County, New York, was a part of the meager library of the Thomas Lewis Brown family. It served as the text book for the education of that remarkable family. We scan its few pages with reverence.

In the Orphans Court Record, Oct. 11, 1791, pages 97, Middlesex County Records, office of the Surrogate, New Brunswick, N. J., we find the following: "Petition of Jacob Buchanan and Mary his wife, require a division of estate of William Brown, late of Woodbridge, who died intestate, to meet at the house of John Manning, Innkeeper, on Friday, the 28th of Oct., 1791.

Division as follows: Lot No. 1 is allotted to Mary, the wife of Jacob Buchanan and is butted and bounded etc.

Lot No. 2 to Thomas Brown with the dwelling house thereon and beginning at the northwest corner of lot No. 1, thence etc. . . . bounded north by a road and on the west by Solomon Hunt, on the south and east by lot No. 3 and East by lot No. 1.

Lot No. 3 to Christian Brown with the barn thereon and beginning at the southwest corner of lot No. 2 etc. . . . bounden west and south by Solomon Hunt, east lot No. 1 and north lot No. 2. Division made Feby. 6th, 1792.

"Mary" is the daughter, by his first wife,

Robert Rofs, jr.  
Thomas Edgar  
Benjamin Manning.

## CHAPTER VI.

*Thomas Lewis Brown (William, Thomas,  
James, George)*

WITH the Bible information in the preceding chapter, Thomas Lewis Brown needs no introduction. An additional Bible, in the possession of Dr. William M. Brown of Rochester, New York, gives the correct data of this family, which, vitally, concerns us.

A sheet from this Bible, "The Family Record," follows this chapter. We make this, however, a part of the text, also.

Thomas Lewis chose for his wife, the fair Elizabeth Payne, daughter of Isaac Payne and wife, Anna Skinner, from one of the finest patriotic families. Through her, we have two additional Revolutionary War ancestors, Captain John Pain, (Payne) and Captain Richard Skinner. Information concerning these will be given in other chapters.

	Born	Died	Married
{ Thomas Lewis Brown	1-30-1779	10- 4-1838	5- 9-1800
{ Elizabeth Payne	3-27-1784	9-30-1827	
his wife			
Anna P., their first child	11-20-1801	1897	12- 4-1824
Christian Brown	4-14-1804	10-16-1827	
Sarah F.	7-28-1805		
William Madison Brown	7-28-1809	7- 1-1880	
Isaac P. Brown	3-27-1812		9-13-1832
Thomas Anthony	9-19-1814	1-30-1887	1- 6-1847
Eliza Brown	12- 1-1817	12- 9-1817	
John P. Brown	9-27-1819		
William M. Brown	12-21-1866		6-23-1891

At this point the line divides. William Madison Brown is the ancestor of Margaret Brown Lindsay (Mrs. Frank Lindsay) and Frank E. Mattoon. Isaac Payne Brown is the ancestor of Samuel Alburtus Brown,

			
			
Names	Births	Marriages	Deaths
Thomas L. Brown	January 30 <sup>th</sup> 1779	May 9 <sup>th</sup> 1800	October 4 <sup>th</sup> 1838
Elyaboth Brown	March 27 <sup>th</sup> 1784		September 30, 1827
Anne P. Brown	November 20 <sup>th</sup> 1801	December 2 <sup>th</sup> 1825	
Christian Brown	April 4 <sup>th</sup> 1803		October 16, 1827
Sarah F. Brown	October 5 <sup>th</sup> 1805		
William M. Brown	July 28 <sup>th</sup> 1809		
Isaac S. Brown	March 20 <sup>th</sup> 1812	Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup> 1832	
Thomas A. Brown	September 19 <sup>th</sup> 1815	June 6 <sup>th</sup> 1847	Jan 30 <sup>th</sup> 1897
Elyza Brown	December 2 <sup>th</sup> 1817		December 9 <sup>th</sup> 1817
John P. Brown	September 27 <sup>th</sup> 1819		
William M. Brown	December 21 <sup>st</sup> 1866	June 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1891	

"Family Record" of the family of Thomas Lewis Brown.

This Bible is in the possession of William Madison Brown,  
of Rochester, N. Y.



*Thomas Lewis Brown*

whose wife Charlotte Cowdrey Brown, has so valiantly taken the initiative in assembling this history.

Thomas Anthony Brown is the ancestor of Charles Brown. These descendants have, with much care and time, compiled the information that is found within the pages of this book.

## CHAPTER VII.

*Anna Payne Brown Thorn (Thomas Lewis, William, Thomas, James, George)*

**A**NNA PAYNE BROWN was born Nov. 20, 1801, near Rahway, N. J. the first child of Thomas Lewis Brown and wife, Elizabeth Payne.

Being the oldest daughter, heavy burdens were placed on her willing shoulders, early in life. She was of great assistance to the dear mother in rearing this large family. Especially to the younger brothers did she give her unstinted devotion. Physically, educationally, and spiritually did she seek to train them "in the way they should go." In later years, they paid loving tribute to her efforts in their behalf.

After her marriage to Jacob Parker Thorn, Dec. 4, 1824, she made her home in Plainfield, N. J. living there until her death in 1897, at the age of 96 years.

Hers was always a kindly nature, gentle and generous to friends and neighbors. Next to her home, the Church had its honored place in her heart. Her unostentatious fidelity to it, was always evident.

Her grandchildren recall her interest in her family history. Ancestors was no idle word with her. She dwelt with just pride on their splendid achievements in many walks of life, adding always: "It is with great pride and satisfaction that I mention these ancestors, who are, indeed, people of whom we may well be proud."

So we, of younger generations, join with her grandchildren in an affectionate tribute to this one, who lived so beautiful a life over a century ago.





*Anna Payne Brown Thorn*



*Jacob Parker Thorn*



### *Anna Payne Brown Thorn*

#### Genealogical Data of Anna Payne Brown and Jacob Parker Thorn.

	Born	Died	Married
{ Anna Payne Brown	11-20-1801	1897	12- 4-1824
{ Jacob Parker Thorn	1802	1875	
{ Elizabeth Brown Thorn	1826	1874	1844
{ Jarvis A. Freeman	1822	1899	
Annie E. Freeman	2-24-1853	4- 9-1931	
Oscar J. Freeman	1855	1907	
Ella Freeman	1857	1873	
Norma Freeman	1863	1915	
Edward P. Thorn	1831	1916	
{ Albert G. Thorn	1829	1922	1851
{ Cornelia VanDuyn	1830	1910	
Jacob Thorn	1854	1869	
{ Preston Thorn	1857	1903	
{ Elizabeth Wortman			
{ Willard P. Thorn	1889		
{ Catherine			
Anna Payne Thorn	1860		

### *Sarah Freeman Brown-Johnson*

Sarah leaves no progeny to do honor to her brave soul. Feeling the "call of the Lord to go to far-away lands, to teach the benighted heathen, the way to escape eternal damnation," she offered herself as a teacher and missionary to the "A. B. C. M."—The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Under this organization of the Congregational Church, she left July 30, 1839, for Colombo, the island of Ceylon. She sailed out from the harbor of Boston "with feelings of sadness, mingled with joy at her opportunity to honor Him, the Lord of all mankind."

Two letters, written enroute to her brothers are the only record of this great adventure. From these, we glean a bit of knowledge of her own self. You are impressed with the quality of these letters. She was an

### *The Brown Family*

unusually well educated young woman, not only for that day, but for any period of time. She had an excellent command of English; a love for poetical phrases is noticeable, especially, when the beauties of nature are being described. The beautiful penmanship crosses and recrosses the large sheets of paper; the portion of the last sheet, serving as the envelope.

She was accompanied on the momentous journey by two young women, Miss Agnew and Miss Lathorpe. They had expected to reach the island of Madeira in twenty days but "winds and waves buffeted about their good ship Black Warrior until thirty eight days had elapsed 'ere they landed at Funchal." They remained there nineteen days with "Mr. Hunt and wife who had been sent out to supervise the printing." The beauty of this most attractive spot failed to impress her as "her eye wandered in vain for wide-spreading forests and green fields, which render our own country so delightful." Home-loving Sarah!

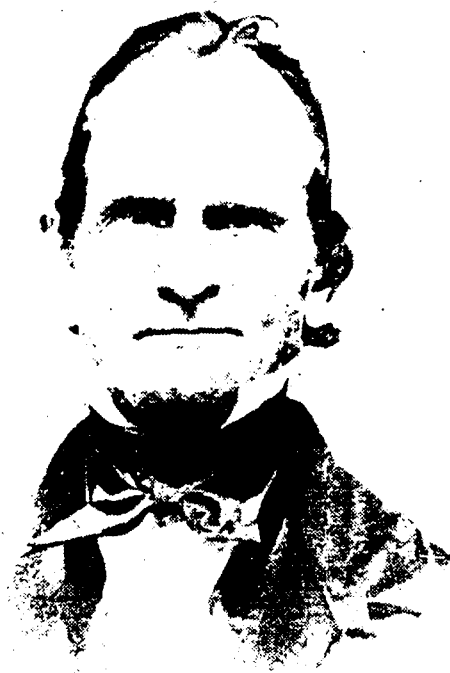
In spite of her insistence on "pointing the way to future, everlasting life," which comprises much of the content of these missives, they are interesting documents.

She notes the abundance of grapes from which wine was made. She adds "Owing to the advance of temperance in England and America, their exports have dropped from 25,000 pipes in 1820 to but 7000 pipes in later years." Total abstinence must have been well taught in that godly home. My most vivid remembrance of the visit to the Isaac Payne Brown homestead at Plainfield was his denunciation of both "rum" and "war;" this was at the close of the Spanish-American War.

Her letter continues: "Opportunity to demand large fees from ships, touching this island was seized by the land officials, (most of them Portuguese). Because a



*Sarah Freeman Brown Johnson*



*Rev. Oren Johnson*



*Anna Payne Brown Thorn*

sailor on their boat had been washed overboard, \$15.00 was added to their landing fees, as "death" had occurred while their ship was enroute.

"Senora Sarah" as she says she was called, was truly rooted and grounded in her knowledge of the Scriptures. Quotations from the Bible fill the letter and again and again does she labor to point the brothers "to the way of salvation, lest they never meet in the hereafter."

She returned in 1841, because of ill health, to "this well beloved land of my birth, that wilt ever live in my fondest recollections, for with thee is entwined the dearest associations that I know on earth."

Later, she married the Reverend Oren Johnson at Beaver Dam, living there in Wisconsin, until his death.

All honor to this aunt of an early day! She followed duty as she saw it, "counting not the cost if but I can lead to the Heavenly Throne, a sinful soul." Though to her, any pleasure was a "sin," her greatest delight was living so frugally that her money, most carefully saved, could go "into the coffers of the Lord; namely sent for Foreign Missions."

After the death of her husband she returned to Plainfield, making her home with her sister, Anna Brown Thorne, lived to be over ninety years of age.

We would register our appreciation that among our forebears was so courageous a young woman.

M. B. L.

## CHAPTER VIII.

*William Madison Brown. (Thomas Lewis, William,  
Thomas, James, George)*

**W**ILLIAM MADISON BROWN was born in Woodbridge, N. J., July 28, 1809. At sixteen years of age he went to Newark, N. J., and learned the carpenter's trade, being apprenticed to Jehiel Force.

The quaint phraseology of this indenture bond is very interesting. The illustration follows this chapter. The original is to be given to the State Historical Society of Wisconsin by its owner, Harry Munn Brown.

Though without farther schooling than that given him by his two older sisters in the home, he took his place in the community as a man of education. Good books were in his home and he made their content his own.

He married Charlotte Lyon, November 11, 1830. To them were born four children; William Henry, Julia E., Sarah E., and George Albert.

Having lost his wife, he married Margaret Munn in 1843 and moved to Racine, Wisconsin, remaining there until 1847, when he came to his farm, four miles from Beaver Dam. This large farm, purchased from the Government, became an absorbing interest to him. His judgment was sound and his advice was sought by the surrounding countryside. Most of his large family attended Wayland Academy, as did also an adopted daughter, who was in the home until her death, in her early married life.

He was thoroughly a home-man. His upright living, as he took his place in the Bethel Church at Newark and later in the First Presbyterian Church at Beaver Dam was an exemplary one. He was an elder for nearly





*William Madison Brown*



*Margaret Munn Brown*



*William Madison Brown*

half a century in the church at Beaver Dam. He gave his services never grudgingly, but generously, as was characteristic of him.

Grandfather to a large family and now great-great grandfather, as the years have passed, it is with pride that we place this name, William Madison Brown, among the foundation stones on which our state of Wisconsin has so splendidly built.

*A Leaf from the Family Bible of  
William Madison Brown*

Though this record is a replica of the Bible record which has already been quoted, it is of keen interest to see it again mentioned in detail. William Madison believed in the solidarity of family.

"My father's great, great grandfather, David Lewis, died in 1732. Thomas, his son, born 1698, died 1776. Frelove, daughter of Thomas, born February 2, 1731, died July 20, 1763. She married a Dunham. Elizabeth, her daughter, born July 24, 1755, died 1806. Married my grandfather, Wm. Brown, March 24, 1778. Wm. Brown was born May 19, 1749, died March 31, 1782, from hardships in a British prison.

Thomas L. Brown (my father) was born January 30, 1779, died 1838. He married Elizabeth Payne, my mother. My mother's grandfather, Captain John Payne, was an officer in the Revolution and was shot from his horse by a Tory. Isaac Payne was his son. My mother's grandfather, ..... Skinner, was shot through a window of a public house by a Tory. His wife, Sarah Skinner, died October 3, 1829, aged 86 years.

	Born		Died
Isaac Payne	3-11-1761	Fell from a loft in his barn.	11- 4-1815
		Married	
Anna Skinner	9-18-1761	1- 2-1779	5- 2-1821

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	Their Children		
	Born	Married	Died
Sarah	5-15-1780	3-26-1795 Freeman	1- 9-1803
Mary	2- 4-1782	4-10-1797 Noe	9-18-1872
<i>Elizabeth</i>	11-27-1784	5- 9-1800 Brown	9-13-1827
Anna	7-27-1786	1-17-1804 Voorhees	8- 9-1805
John	10- 7-1792		9- 9-1794
John F.	9-16-1795	7- 9-1814 A. E. Marsh	10-27-1835
Huldah	10-27-1789	11-21-1804 Drake	1876

There follows the births and marriages of his children and children's children. This complete record follows on the genealogical sheet. Added to the above, in the handwriting of Margaret Munn Brown, is the record of the children by their marriage.

### William Madison Brown (Thomas Lewis, William, Thomas, James, George)

	Born	Died	Married
{ William M. Brown	7-28-1809	7- 1-1880	11-27-1830
{ Charlotte Lyon	9- 9-1811		
{ William Henry	1- 5-1834	1863	
{ Sarah Barnard		"Battle of Champion Hills" Maryland.	
Ermina Mabella	1-20-1857		
William Edwin			
{ Julia	5-14-1836	8-17-1929	7-25-1854
{ J. M. Mattoon	12-21-1831		
{ Julia Brown (2nd marriage)	Elisha Gleason		
{ William Harvey Mattoon	11-17-1855		3-1885
{ Christina Solmonson			
{ George Warren Mattoon	3- 9-1858		2-15-1881
{ Miriam Elizabeth Holt	11-16-1857	12-25-1919	
John Martin	2-16-1888	3-16-1888	
{ Everett Warren	1-26-1891		4-10-1917
{ Virgie Lee Moore	12-13-1896		
Virginia Lee	2-10-1921		
Robert Warren	6-30-1924	7- 4-1924	
George W. Mattoon (2nd marriage)	Rachel Korns		
{ Francis Marion	10-30-1859	2- 5-1928	10-30-1884
{ Irving Gleason	8- 4-1861		

### *William Madison Brown*

	Born	Died	Married
{ Nellie Antoinette Gleason	6-13-1886		7-30-1909
{ Harold A. Gilman	7-19-1887	4-18-1930	
Phyllis A. Gilman	9- 2-1921		
{ Daisy Gleason	10-24-1888		3-18-1914
{ Norman Day	12-20-1888		
John Norman Day	12-14-1914		
Benjamin Irving Day	7- 9-1916		
{ Esther Gleason	11-26-1896		9-30-1921
{ William M. Schlinger	1-11-1897		
Warren Gleason Schlinger	5-29-1923		
Evert Irving Schlinger	4-17-1928		
{ Frank Eugene Mattoon	5- 1-1863		10-20-1883
{ Elizabeth Whisman	12-16-1864	2-1893	
Clyde Harvey	1-15-1885	2-1886	
{ Eva Leota Mattoon	12-31-1887		2- 6-1921
{ Russell Stratton	9-24-1888		
Gertrude Emma Stratton	12-22-1923		
{ Lulu May Mattoon	12-10-1889		
{ Joseph LeCyr	1-21-1885		6-15-1918
{ Frank E. Mattoon (2nd marriage)			
{ Gertrude Boothby	10-19-1876		10-21-1897
{ Margaret Ellen Mattoon	3- 5-1899		
{ Milton H. Frincke	5-22-1899		12-23-1920
Milton Mattoon Frincke	12-13-1923		
Richard Morris Frincke	5-22-1927		
{ Paul Franklin Mattoon	6-28-1903		
{ Ethel Blaisdell	4- 6-1910		10-12-1927
Paul Franklin, Jr.	2-23-1931		
Sarah	3-30-1838	11-27-1844	
{ George Albert Brown	4-24-1840	6 -3-1914	
{ Ellen Porter	10- 8-1834		1- 1-1862
William Porter Brown	10-14-1864		
{ Georgia May Brown	11- 5-1866		
{ Anson Hooker Clark	11-26-1866		7-15-1891
Margaret Edwards Clark	3-22-1893		
Calvin Porter	9-29-1901		
{ Margaret Julia Brown	12-14-1868		
{ Frank Herbert Lindsay	1-14-1868		9- 5-1893
Robert Brown	7-11-1896		
{ Janet Edmond	7-27-1897		
{ George Wm. Pollock	1-28-1896		1-26-1924

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	Born	Died	Married
Nancy Lou Pollock	5-23-1925		
Frank Lindsay Pollock	2-19-1927	5-24-1927	
George Wm. Pollock Jr.	5- 4-1928		
Anna Mary Brown	10- 9-1872	5-26-1882	
{ Wm. Madison Brown (2nd marriage)			7-27-1843
{ Margaret Munn	12-20-1816		
{ Mary Ward Brown	11-10-1844	11-25-1872	
{ Charles Mann	12-25-1840		1-17-1866
Gilbert Walter Mann	11-11-1866		
Alexander Ward Mann	11- 3-1868		
{ Nelson Gilbert Brown	4-21-1848		10-22-1872
{ Emma Millard Brown			
Mary Ward Brown	12-24-1873		
Wilamene Ada Brown	1-15-1876		
Warren Gilbert Brown	8-31-1882		
Allie Dora Brown	9-24-1880		
Millard Brown			
{ Edward Brown	4- 3-1851	5-1923	3- 6-1883
{ Lydia Burgitt	4- 6-1854	1-29-1909	
Zulu Francis Brown	9-23-1885		
{ Isaac Payne Brown	11-12-1854		
{ Mary L. Austin	6- 5-1867		7-18-1888
{ Elwood L. Brown	4-26-1890		
{ Grace Payne			9-16-1914
Eva Mary Brown	9-30-1915		
Clita May Brown	4-25-1918		
Kenneth Elwood Brown	9- 5-1920		
Harvey Payne Brown	5-10-1922	1927	
Fred Austin Brown	10-26-1929		
{ Roy L. Brown	1-10-1896		
{ Mildred Pearson			9- 3-1928
{ Harry Munn Brown	10-27-1856		10- 3-1877
{ Linnie Clason	9-11-1855		
{ Macy Brown	11-20-1884		9-20-1906
{ Mathilda Zellner	3-16-1884		
{ Stella May Brown	12-30-1892		2- 9-1918
{ Carl Foss	1-21-1881		
Juanita May Foss	5-18-1919		
Helen Brown Foss	3-18-1922		
{ Nellie Margaret Brown	9-19-1894		12-24-1918
{ Guy Bannister	2- 9-1891		
Robert Brown Bannister	4-13-1925		

*William Madison Brown*

Lineage of Margaret Brown Lindsay

- I. George Brown and Annabel Gordon (Knox)
- II. James Brown and Agnes
- III. Thomas Brown and Francis Moores
- IV. William Brown and Elizabeth Dunham
- V. Thomas Lewis Brown and Elizabeth Pain  
(Payne)
- VI. William Madison Brown and Charlotte Lion
- VII. George Albert Brown and Ellen Porter
- VIII. Margaret Julia Brown and Frank Herbert  
Lindsay
- IX. Janet Edmond Lindsay and George William  
Pollock
- X. Nancy Lou Pollock

Down this line, in the 10th generation is registered also the great-grandchildren of Julia Brown Mattoon-Gleason; the grandchildren of Fannie Mattoon Gleason; Virginia Lee Mattoon, daughter of Everett Warren Mattoon—son of George W. Mattoon; Paul Franklin Mattoon, Jr.—grandson of Frank E. Mattoon. These are great, great grandchildren of William Madison Brown.

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**"INDENTURE BOND"**

This indenture Witnesseth, That William M. Brown, son of Thomas L. Brown, of the township of Woodbridge, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, aged sixteen years, hath put himself, of his own free will, and with the consent of Thomas L. Brown, his father, testified by said father, Hand and Seal, apprentice to Jahiel Force, of the Town of Newark, County of Essex and State aforesaid, to learn the art, trade and occupation of a Carpenter, which J. Force now followeth, and after the manner of an apprentice, to serve from the date hereof for the term of four years, at which time said apprentice will be twenty years of age; during which time the said apprentice his master shall faithfully serve, his secrets keep, and his lawful commands obey; he shall do no damage to his master, nor suffer it to be done without letting, or giving notice to his master; he shall not embezzle nor waste his master's goods, nor lend them without consent; he shall not play at cards, dice, or any unlawful game; he shall not frequent taverns, tippling houses, commit fornication, nor contract matrimony; he shall not absent himself from his master's service without his said master's consent; but shall in all things behave himself as a good and faithful apprentice, during the said term: and the said master shall endeavour to teach, or cause to be taught and instructed the said apprentice in the art, trade, and occupation of a Carpenter. To pay said apprentice in half yearly payments thirty dollars per year, during his apprenticeship, to find said boy in clothing.

And for the performance of the covenants aforesaid, the parties bind themselves, each to the other firmly by these presents. IN WITNESS whereof they have hereunto interchangeably set their Hands and Seals, this twenty-eighth day of July in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five.

SIGNED, SEALED, AND DELIVERED,  
IN THE PRESENCE OF—

AARON MOREHOEY  
A. CRAIG

WILLIAM M. BROWN  
THOMAS L. BROWN  
JEHIEL FORCE



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*to learn the art, trade, and occupation of a Carpenter, which J. Force now followeth and after the manner of an apprentice, to serve from the date hereof for the term of four years, at which time said apprentice will be twenty years of age. ————*  
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*and for the performance of the covenants aforesaid, the parties and themselves, each to the other firmly by these presents. In Witness whereof they have hereunto interchangeably set their Hands and Seals, this twenty eighth day of July — in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five —*

SIGNED, SEALED, AND DELIVERED,  
IN THE PRESENCE OF—

*W<sup>t</sup> Aaron Morchov*  
*A. Craig*

*William M. Brown*  
*Thomas L. Brown*  
*Jehiel Force*





## CHAPTER IX.

*Isaac Payne Brown (Thomas Lewis, William,  
Thomas, James, George)*

**P**RESUMING that George Brown was about twenty years of age when he arrived at Woodbridge, the above line represents 270 years, from 1660 to 1930. When compared to the history of Old Europe, and still older Asia, 270 years is a short space of time for so much to have happened in a new world. The surface of this new world had been hardly scratched by the Indians who were content to take what was at hand; valuable furs, bountiful fish, untimbered woods, rich grazing lands for ponies and cattle, and a responsive soil for corn, hemp and tobacco. Stone rather than metal was their medium for weapons and they made little use of silver, gold, copper and precious stones that to the Old World meant wealth and greed. One could understand the value a few glittering glass beads would have to an eye turned to tall timbers or blazing plains.

And what have we now for all the rapid changes of life since 1685? Polluted streams, where fish can not breathe. Smoking chimneys, spouting soot in the face of the sun, panting monsters rumbling on long endless lines of rail, tier upon tier of stones mounting towards the skies—giant steps to a far-away Valhalla, trees retreating, shy birds hiding, and long ribbon-like roads of glaring cement quivering with moving, honking, dragon-eyed machines. However, the flowers are still left to us despite the fact that many wildings have given up the fight and disappeared forever. It will not be such a beautiful country that we leave to our descendants by the end of the next 270 years.

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Isaac Payne Brown was born March 27, 1812 and died at the advanced age of ninety-two years (1904) and lies buried in Union Cemetery, New Jersey, with his wife Susan Crane.

Here there is a monument to "Susan Crane Brown, wife of Isaac Payne Brown, a good daughter—a faithful wife—and a loving mother" and that is all we have recorded about Susan, but it tells us in a few words that Isaac Payne Brown experienced none of the troubles that the modern men have with their restless wives. She was a keen quilt-maker, for when the old house, in Plainfield, was broken up there were at least two dozen quilts all patiently patched, and put together in a painstaking way, stitch by stitch. One can read the history of the country by studying the designs she used, as political incidents were passed from hand to hand among the women through these patch-work quilt designs. One quilt called "The Lone Star" or "Texas Star" is a masterpiece as to mathematical exactness, and quite beyond a housewife of this generation. Miss Finley says in her book on "Old Patchwork Quilts" that this pattern commemorates "the annexation of Texas which wrecked the political hopes of Calhoun in South Carolina and Clay in Kentucky and placed the dark horse James K. Polk in the presidential chair." This "Variable Star" pattern was handed down from generation to generation of needle women who thus kept alive political issues. It is most intricate and the quilt that Susan Crane Brown made is of faded yellow on reddish figured prints of green and red. I have a mental picture of the old lady, although I never saw her, seated in a high-back rocker by the window which had a fly screen on the lower half that allowed one to look out but not be seen by the passing neighbors. If a visitor should drop in to gossip, she would hand over to them a patch to finish as they chatted, and before the neighbor left



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*Susan Crane Brown*



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would have to write her name on the gay square of color she had made for the new quilt. We still have such a quilt, with the faded writing of her visitors, telling of engagements, births, and friends and it is remarkable what personality hangs around this bed covering of nearly a hundred years ago.

Isaac Payne Brown, Grandfather Brown as I recall him, was a fine looking old man with clear blue grey eyes, and fair skin of the Browns. In a letter from Mr. Charles Brown he answers a question asked as follows: "You have asked for the characteristic features of the Brown physiognomy. It is easier to recognize them than it is to describe them. The eyes are gray or blue, the nose large, the lips thick, the beard heavy, the hair on the top of the head scant. Of course there are all sorts of variations introduced but still these dominant characteristics persist, as is shown by the fact that I recognized them in a man I had never seen before and far from any place where one of the family would be expected." He fails to mention a peculiar obstinacy that never gives up an idea until accomplished, intervening years making no difference in the original plan. A wonderful constitution is equally characteristic, and a remarkable resistance to germs that undermine the majority of lives today, and a longevity of life that has been handed down from generation to generation. Isaac Payne Brown, who died in his ninety-second year, was succeeded by one son, named Warren, who died at 98 years of age, and the remaining son is still alive at ninety-two. Two men carrying the burden of 118 years between them (1812-1930).

Grandfather, when I first knew him, was seventy. Except for a deliberate step and an old man's love for a rocker (Susan Crane's) and for wearing the old-fashioned pants affected by men of almost Revolutionary times called "Barn Door Trousers" was as alert and

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active as his son half his age. They were living in Plainfield at this time as at Susan Crane's death, Isaac Payne (Jr.) and wife gave up their home in Newark to live with Grandfather Brown in Plainfield. Grandfather's English and manner of expression were remarkable for a man with so few educational advantages. However, he read diligently of Jefferson's printed speeches and essays and thus acquired the formal and deliberate method of speech of that wonderful Democrat. In spite of a goodly sprinkling of profanity he gave the impression of a man of great ability and culture. On my first visit to the house (as a future bride to one of his grandsons) he "took me in" silently, and to the grandson's great amusement, when leaving, he advised him never to argue with me. He would seem to take delight in shocking his daughter-in-law (Isaac Payne Brown Jr.'s wife) who was very religious. She would look pained and sorrowful at the profanity uttered so dispassionately and the apparent reason for it was visible to every one listening, except to gentle and kind Marie Antoinette.

He had much vision as to the possibilities of the country and was a good citizen where he lived. It was always a surprise to me that he gave up an active life when his wife died and lived very simply with his son at Plainfield.

He told the same story about the schooner "Caledonia" having heard it from the negroes who told it to him as a child on his father's farm at Woodbridge. It was a story generally accepted by all, the mistake being in the name of the actual ship that made the trip from Scotland.

Saturday, April 2, 1904. Death of Isaac P. Brown.

"After a gradual failing of five months due to the infirmities of accompanying old age, Isaac P. Brown,



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one of the oldest and best known residents of the city, died at his home on Watchung Avenue at 1:30 this morning. Although having passed the ninety-second mile stone of his life last Sunday, he retained his faculties until the end. Last evening he conversed with James E. Martine for several minutes, and shortly after he bade him goodbye, and sank into unconsciousness and remained so until the end.

Isaac P. Brown was born in Middlesex county between this city and Rahway in 1812, his parents being old Revolutionary stock. When a boy he worked on the farm of Judge B. M. Vail's grandfather, but afterwards went to Newark where he acquired the mason's trade. He then engaged in a general contracting business and it was always his boast that he built and rebuilt all the stations, bridges, and culverts on the M. and E. railroad, between Newark and Hackettstown without any written contract and that there was never a dispute between himself and the railroad officials. He also built many large buildings in Newark and Essex county.

Publicly he was active during his residence in Essex county and was well known as a politician. He was a close personal friend to John P. Jackson, at one time president of the Pennsylvania railroad, and also Colonel Edward Stevens, the founder of Stevens Institute at Hoboken. He was a member of St. Johns Lodge, F. and A. M., of Newark, and was the oldest Free Mason in New Jersey. He also belonged to the Order of Odd Fellows and was a Newark exempt fireman.

He retired from business forty years ago and came to this city to live, settling in the old Webster homestead on Watchung Avenue, nearly opposite the Martine property. He afterward built the house in which he died and which has always been known as the Brown homestead.

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He purchased for Colonel Stevens the entire right of way for the Newark and New York Railroad (now Jersey Central) from Newark to Jersey City. This purchase was made without any contract of any kind and without any limitations of expenditures and in a manner most satisfactory to both parties concerned. He was noted for his dependability and honesty. He was also much interested in the development of the city of Newark, especially of laying out principal streets and public works.

While a resident of Plainfield he was approached with the nomination of Governor of the State of New Jersey, which he refused as he had done previously to all public offices offered to him. Mr. Brown lived quietly in this city and never took any part in public affairs. He joined the Asbestos Club in late years spending the greater part of his time in its rooms. He was an excellent neighbor, a staunch and uncompromising Democrat, and a loyal friend. For many years he had been a confirmed book-worm and pored over books of history and travel for hours at a time.

Surviving him are two sons, Warren Brown of Newark, and Isaac Payne Brown of this city (Plainfield). His wife died about twelve years ago.

"The interment will be made at Union near Springfield, New Jersey."

One cannot get a perspective of the descendants of Isaac Payne Brown as they are too near to the picture and one is apt to be biased by personal equations. But a few lines will give a slight impression of Isaac Payne Brown his second son (he should be junior, but as he was the second son the Jr. was never used). He is still alive, residing with his eldest son at Beechurst, Long Island. He has the blue gray eyes and the lovely fair skin, pink and white like a baby's, and the silvery scant

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hair of the Browns although he resembles Susan Crane most remarkably.

He celebrated his ninetieth birthday, happy as a lark with the great blessing of forgetfulness of the long active years in the past and the sad consciousness that he is left behind. His generation has passed on and his friends, his brothers, cousins, and neighbors, have gone on. He is now number two in St. John's Lodge in Newark, a brother-in-law being number one.

He like, his father, while living in Plainfield was an "excellent neighbor and staunch uncompromising Democrat" but he never had the force of character of his father nor the clear vision,—nor by the way—the profanity of the older Brown.

He married Marie Antoinette Aldridge of Newark, a very handsome girl with brilliant black eyes and the soft coloring one finds amongst the Italians. Her ancestors originally came from the famous Venetian and Florentine family of Alberti, and it took years of training to control the hot blood of her far-away ancestors and live in the peaceful town of Plainfield. I have often seen the brilliant eyes flash dangerous signals but her lips remained closed and the incident passed. Isaac and his wife had three sons, and the family characteristics are curiously brought out in the boys. The eldest, (William Payne Brown) looks like the mother with dark eyes and hair but with the father's happy, laughing disposition. The second, Samuel Alburtis resembles the mother in coloring, brilliant black eyes and olive skin, but he has the grandfather's energy (when a young man) with the clear-eyed visions of possibilities. The youngest son, Edward Aldridge, who died unmarried, was distinctly a Crane, judging from the photographs of the Cranes and the bits of personality that sifted down to me. He had the blue-gray eyes and satiny quality of skin of the Browns. While in the following

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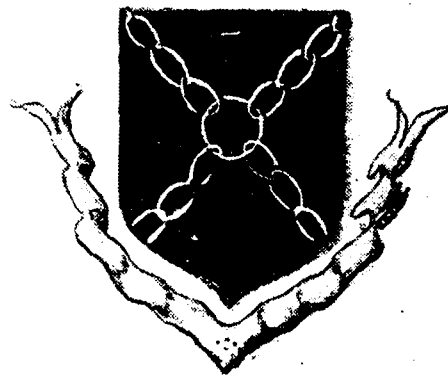
generation, a daughter of the second son, (Alburta Hartley) is carrying on the blue-gray eyes, the satiny skin and even the hand-writing of the uncle (Edward) who so resembles the Cranes.

What combination of complexes we are after all, and one can appreciate what misfits we make of our lives with the unknown heredity filtering through us from both sides of the line. But we can thank God for such steadfast ancestors as the Jersey Browns.

Charlotte Cowdrey Brown

Genealogical record of Isaac Payne Brown (Thomas Lewis, William, Thomas, James, George).

	Born	Died	Married
{ Isaac Payne Brown	3-27-1812	4- 2-1904	7-13-1832
{ Susan Crane	12- 1-1810	3-16-1890	
{ Warren Searing	8-23-1833	1929	11-26-1860
{ Griselda Cunningham Ellis	12- 4-1834		
Married in Christ Episcopal Church, Newark, N. J.			
{ Monroe Searing	10-27-1861		
{ Edna Dood Halsey			
{ Ada Estelle	6-20-1864		6-21-1893
{ Henry DeWitt Hamilton	2-26-1863	in Whitehall, Illinois.	
Phillip Hamilton	6-11-1894	in Tappan, New York.	
{ Warren Monroe	9- 3-1898	in Permont, New York	
{ Marie Ponyadou	2- 2-1897	Gemis, Dordogne, France	
{ Willard Warren	11- 5-1856		
{ Favoretta Clark			
Married in Trinity Episcopal Church, New York.			
{ Isaac Payne	1-25-1840		9-27-1871
{ Marie Antoinette Aldridge	4-15-1848	3-10-1917	
{ William Payne	12- 8-1872		7- 3-1893
{ Louise Heckmeyer	2-25-1865		
{ Samuel Alburdis	1-17-1874		6-15-1898
{ Charlotte Cowdrey	1- 2-1872		
{ Charlotte Cowdrey	6- 8-1904		2-11-1926
{ David Kenneth Rose	4-19-1902		
Samuella Brown Rose	11- 8-1929		
{ Alburta Hartley	9-11-1906		6-24-1930
{ Earnest P. Wood	11-12-1903		
Monroe E. Aldridge			



*Alberti,*

*Maria Antoinette Aldridge, wife of  
Isaac Payne Brown, Jr.*

*Alburtis Coat of Arms*



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Josiah —Born 1778. Died 1873. Married Louise. Lived in Springfield, New Jersey. Issue no children.

Josiah —Born March 25, 1778. Died in infancy.

Louis —Born 1779.

Maria —Born Dec. 24, 1804. Died 1872. Married Isaac Guevin. Issue four children, James, John, Benjamin, and Susan.

Phoebe—Born Jan. 3, 1808. Died June 10, 1873. Married Henry Nichols. Issue six children.

Susan —Born Dec. 1, 1810. Died March 6, 1890. Married *Isaac Payne Brown*.

Abby —Born Aug. 23, 1813. Died March 1, 1842. Married Isaac Van Houten. Issue two children, Delia, Henrietta.

Isaac —Born Feb. 22, 1816. Died May 7, 1875. Married Mary Oliver, born 1822, died 1867.

Oliver —Born March 17, 1818.

John —Born April 23, 1821.

In the Union Cemetery there is a tombstone to "Captain Josiah Crane, died December 15th, 1785." Also one to "Jeremiah, wife of Josiah Crane."

### Marie Antoinette Aldridge Brown

Marie Antoinette Aldridge Brown (Nettie)—wife of Isaac Payne Brown.

Nettie as she was called was born April 15th, 1848, in Newark, New Jersey and died in Plainfield. She married Isaac Payne Brown September 9, 1871. They started life in Newark but after the death of Susan Crane Brown gave up their home and went to live with Isaac P. Brown, Sr.

Her mother was Marie Antoinette Alburtis, or Burti, as there is some doubt as to the accepted spelling of the name. She belonged to the Alburtis family, known originally as Alberti, a well known family in Venice and Florence, Italy. It appears that her marriage with William Aldridge was against her family's wishes and

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she dropped out of their lives completely. Nettie was reared in ignorance of her maternal grandparents and later in life spoke in bitterness about their indifference to her mother.

In "New Town," by the Reverend Riker we read the following: "The original Alburtis emigrated from the New Netherlands as Peter Caesar Alburti, a native of Venice and lived in Amsterdam, Holland. He married Judith Jans Maynie. From that ancestor sprang all the Alburtis or Burti in America. This Peter lived on Heeren Gracht, now Broad Street, New York. He had tobacco plantations at the Wallabout, which is now Brooklyn. His issue is as follows: Peter Caesar Alburti and Judith Jans Maynie. Their son, John, born 1643, died 1691, married Elizabeth Scudder. Their son, Samuel, died 1752, married in 1724 Elizabeth Vandervoort, who died 1771. Their son John, born 1734, died 1780, married 1753, Hannah Vinton of Goshen.

Their children are as follows:

Mary, born 1756, married David Springsteen

Thomas, born 1762, died near Whitestone

Sarah, born 1764, married Lawrence Rose

Nancy, born 1766, married Benjamin Fowler

William, born 1772, died 1850, in New York.

This William's issue was

John—The Reverend John Alburtis of New York.

Ann, *Marie*, Christian, Thomas, Susan, Margaret, William.

It would seem as if *Marie* were the Marie Antoinette who married William Aldridge as the book adds, "that all record of her was lost."

There is an interesting book in the New York City Public Library written by Passerini Luigi, published 1869 on "The Alberti Family." It has many of the coats of arms adopted by the numerous branches of the fam-



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ily. The eldest son of the original Alberti carried on his shield the design I have had reproduced; the golden links on a blue field.

In 1898, the "World" published the following story about "a vase" which is a part of family tradition. This is told by Miss Mary Kennedy Alburtis of 737 East 39th Street, New York City:

This vase was said to be the same one that Napoleon threw to the floor crying "that is the way I will break your monarch to pieces" referring to Austria. This vase belonged at the time to the Russian diplomat, Count Cobentzel who had received it from Catherine the Second of Russia and it now lay, at his feet, in twenty-five pieces. Joseph Bonaparte picked it up carefully and had the best workmen he could find, mend it. Later, Joseph fled to the United States and brought this vase with him. He lived at Bordentown, New Jersey, where he settled down as a gentleman farmer. To one of his friends, Mr. Logan, a lawyer of New York City, he gave this vase, when he returned to France, after Napoleon the III became emperor. He in turn gave it to Miss Alburtis. She treasured it until her death in 1899. She quite prided herself that the Alburtis family is one of the oldest in this country and that all of its men, for the past hundred years have been graduates of Columbia College. Her coat of arms was given as a ship without sails; the motto "Deus Dabit Vela"—God will give sails. The two books mentioned are the only records to be found concerning this family.

William Aldridge, husband of Marie, was born in Wilkshire, England, July 28, 1810. His first wife, whom he married in England, was the mother of Emma Aldridge who married Oscello Currier, of Newark, New Jersey. He was known as "Uncle Oss." She was born September 25, 1856 and is still living in Newark. (1930) Her children are as follows:

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Antoinette, married Dr. Floy McEwen; Emma, married Harry Reed and died in 1927; Mathilda, still unmarried.

After the death of the first wife, William Aldridge married Marie Antoinette Alburtus and at her death, he married Joanna Amelis Water. There were two children by his latest marriage; Eleanor, who married a Mr. Crandell and Mary M., who married Halsey De Baud. Joanna died Feb. 10, 1861. William married the fourth wife, who survived him. From an old diary is gleaned these facts. "Sailed in 1832 from England in a packet ship, "St. James," over rough seas, taking six weeks before arriving in America. After landing went to Newark, New Jersey, getting work with a confectionary firm, Ives and Hatfield, on Broad Street. He eventually took over the business and in 1848 moved to 605 Broad Street, where he remained until he died. He was a member of Trinity Church for over forty years and is buried in the cemetery of that church. These items were given me by Eleanor Crandell's son, Osceola, who is at present living with his two children and wife, Eleanor, at Stockbridge, Massachusetts. (1930)

C. C. B.

#### *Lineage of Samuel Alburtis Brown*

George Brown and wife, Annabel—arrived 1685.

James Brown and wife, Agnes. James born December 18, 1693.

Thomas Brown and wife, Francis Moores. Thomas born Feb. 14, 1726.

William Brown and wife, Elizabeth Dunham. William born May 19, 1749.

Thomas Lewis Brown and wife, Elizabeth Payne. Thomas L. born Jan. 30, 1779.

Isaac Payne Brown and wife, Susan Crane. Isaac born March 7, 1812.

*Isaac Payne Brown*

Isaac Payne Brown and wife, Marie Antoinette Aldridge. Isaac born 1840.

Samuel Alburtis Brown and wife, Charlotte Cowdrey. Samuel born 1874.

Charlotte Cowdrey Brown and husband, David Kenneth Rose. Charlotte born 1904.

Samuella Brown Rose. Samuella, born 1929; the 10th generation.

## CHAPTER X.

*Thomas Anthony Brown (Thomas Lewis, William, Thomas, James, George)*

**T**HOMAS ANTHONY BROWN was born in the town of Woodbridge, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, September 19, 1815. His educational advantages in early years were meager but he acquired a beautiful handwriting and learned how to express himself grammatically and to spell correctly.

As was usual, at the time he was young, he was apprenticed at an early age to a harness and saddle maker and learned the trade. He was thrown upon his own resources early in life and worked his way up to admission to the Medical College at Geneva, New York, where he graduated with a degree of M. D. in January, 1844.

His wife, Emily Ayer, was born November 25, 1828 in a small town over the border in Canada, near Niagara. She died November 21, 1889 and is buried at Penfield, New York. Her father, Johnathan Shepard Ayer, was born in Chelsea, Vermont, September 2, 1795; he died August 26, 1856. He married Delilah Kellogg, who was born July 7, 1803 and died March 25, 1891. She was one of a large family, whose names are listed on a following page.

A physician who knew Dr. Thomas A. Brown well writes of him that, although he had much to contend with in carving out his career and gaining a medical degree, as he had to depend entirely upon his own resources, he accomplishes an honorable and successful professional career, and died at the ripe age of 83 years, honored and beloved by all the community in which he resided and where he carried on his practice



*Thomas Anthony Brown*



*Emily Ayer Brown*



### *Thomas Anthony Brown*

for nearly fifty years. He was devoted and disinterested in his care of his patients, giving always the best that was in him. He prized the reward of a good conscience above worldly honor.

The genealogical data follows:

#### *Genealogical Record of Thomas Anthony Brown*

	Born	Died	Married
{ Thomas Anthony Brown	9-13-1815	1-30-1897	1- 6-1847
{ Emily Ayer	11-25-1828	11-21-1889	
Frank A. Brown		1870	
{ Sarah E.	3- 3-1850	1927	3-14-1877
{ George K. Higbie	9-24-1856		
Charles Higbie			
Marguerite Higbie			
Helen Higbie			
Harlan Higbie			
{ Mary E.	1-19-1853		6-22-1886
{ Richard Dewey M.D.	12- 6-1845		
Ellinor	10- 6-1887		
{ Donald	3-16-1891		10-24-1924
{ Marjorie Bastable	6-16-1890		
{ Charles Albert	8-25-1858		6-27-1892
{ Caroline Cotton	5-26-1871		
{ Kenneth Cotton	6-15-1895		12- 1-1917
{ Dorothy Riley	5-12-1893		
Malcolm Cotton	3-26-1897	7-23-1918	
{ Meredith	2-11-1899	8-25-1925	11-30-1923
{ Ralph Fisher Skelton	1898		
{ Winifred	5-20-1901		6-1925
{ David Ghirst	1899		
{ Barbara	7- 5-1904		1-8-1927
{ Frederick P. Bowes	1-10-1902		
{ Marian	12-17-1906		6-10-1927
{ Eliot Furness Porter	1901		
Gordon Cotton	7-17-1906		
{ Edward C.	11-25-1865		
{ Wilhelmina Dewitt			
Paul			
Colin			
Alan			
{ William M.	12-21-1867		
{ Helen Hood			
Muriel			
Charles			
Eleanor			
Neil			

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### *The Lineage of Charles Albert Brown*

George Brown and Annabel Gordon (Knox)

James Brown and Agnes

Thomas Brown and Francis Moores

William Brown and Elizabeth Dunham

Thomas Lewis Brown and Elizabeth Pain (Payne)

Thomas Anthony Brown and Emily Ayer

Charles Albert Brown and Caroline Cotton

Kenneth Cotton Brown and Dorothy Riley.

Genealogical data, concerning the ancestors of  
Emily Ayer Brown.

	Born	Died	Married
Jonathan Ayer	9- 2-1795	8-25-1856	10-28-1821
Delilah Kellogg	7- 7-1803	3-25-1821	

They had fifteen children; Mary, *Emily*, Edward T., Mehitable, Eliza C., Henry H., Almira C., Arthur, Albert E., Franklin C., Erastus W., Richard Deressen, Robert Emmet, George and Edward T.

Jonathan S. Ayer served in Captain Humphrey's company, Massachusetts Militia from September 10th, to December 1, 1814. He died at Wheatfield, Niagara County, New York, August 25, 1856.

In the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D. C., is to be found in Certificate 33129 that Delilah Kellogg, widow of Jonathan Ayer was allowed a pension on an application executed April 12, 1878, while a resident of Brighton, Monroe County, New York.



### *Thomas Anthony Brown*

Genealogical data of Richard Ayer—forebear of  
Jonathan Ayer—father of Emily Ayer, wife of Thomas  
Anthony Brown.

	Born	Died	Married
{ Richard Ayer	3- 3-1761	7- 6-1842	9-27-1786
{ Mehitable Shepard	6- 5-1764	2-1855	
Polly	10-18-1787	5- 4-1791	
{ Mary	10-29-1792	11-12-1869	10-25-1816
{ Timothy Shaw	9-12-1793	7- 4-1857	
{ Jonathan S. Ayer	9- 2-1794	8-26-1856	10-28-1824
{ Delilah Kellogg	7- 7-1803	3-25-1891	
{ Richard Ayer, Jr.	12-10-1796	3-11-1870	3-28-1824
{ Wealthy Woolson—1st	1-24-1801	10-11-1836	
{ Almira Chamberlin—2nd	12-15-1810	3- 3-1838	4-19-1837
{ Sally Parker—3rd	8-12-1813	9-28-1886	5- 7-1840
{ Eliza Ayer	7-25-1801	1-12-1861	12-20-1823
{ Joseph Carey			
{ Charles C. Ayer	11-18-1798	3-14-1854	5- 2-1824
{ Elmeda Ensign—1st wife			
{ Sophiona Chaffee—2nd wife		1- 1-1862	1826
{ Mahitable Ayer	2-10-1803	9-18-1830	1- 1-1825
{ James Tomkins			
{ Putnam Ayer	2-10-1803	3- -1870	11-18-1830
{ Marie Rathburn			

Additional recorded data reads as follows:

	Born	Died	Married
Betsy Ayer		5-10-1793	
Charles Ayer	7- 6-1825	1- 1-1883	
William W. Ayer	12-13-1828	4-27-1876	
Richard Ayer III	8-21-1836		
Richard Ayer IV	4-29-1862		

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Delilah Kellogg was the daughter of Josiah Kellogg and Polly Taylor, who were married January 10, 1793; their children are as follows:

	Born	Died
Norman	1- 1-1794	2-10-1794
Edmund	5- 3-1795	6-30-1863
Sylvester	12-27-1796	11-13-1863
Chloe	3-11-1799	
Sally	2- 9-1800	2- 4-1877
<i>Delilah</i>	7- 7-1803	2-25-1891
Daniel T.	5-27-1804	3- 7-1833
Almira	2- 8-1806	10-14-1832
Mary	4-25-1808	7-25-1897
Josiah J. Jr.	1- 1-1812	1-17-1851
Polly	10-27-1814	3- -1848
Franklin H.	3-14-1817	11- 9-1890

Josiah Kellogg was the son of Timothy Kellogg and Keziah Jones. His genealogical record is as follows:

Lieut. Joseph Kellogg, born about 1627, settled in Hadley, Mass. in 1661; had two wives and twenty children. The line is through his first wife, Joanna, ..... Their seventh child was

Samuel, born Sept. 28, 1662, at Hadley, settled in Hartford, Conn., was married Sept. 22, 1687, to Sarah Merrill, born Sept. 19, 1664. He was Deacon of the Church at West Hartford, Connecticut; had 9 children of whom the sixth was

Jacob, born April 17, about 1699 (the year is obliterated in the record), married Mary Sedgwick of Hartford, born July 1, 1705. (Chief Justice Theo. Sedgwick of Stockbridge, Mass. was her nephew). They had eight children, of whom the eldest was

Timothy Kellogg, born Nov. 25, 1723, (the age on his gravestone indicates 1726, instead of 1723 but I think the record at Hartford, correct). He lived at Egremont, Mass.; was Deacon in the church and was elected one of the Selectmen at the first election; married Keziah Jones, born April 6, 1733; had twelve children, of whom one was

Josiah Jones. (Keziah was the daughter of Josiah Jones of Watertown, Mass. and Anna Brown ..... See History of Watertown.)

*Thomas Anthony Brown*

This information concerning the foregoing is copied from letter written by Rufus B. Kellogg, of Green Bay, Wisconsin.

“Relationship to your wife is traced as follows:

1. Lieut. Joseph K., settled in Hadley, Mass., 1650.
2. Dea. Samuel of West Hartford, Conn.
3. Jacob of West Hartford.
4. Dea. Timothy of Egremont, Mass.
5. Josiah J.
6. Sally
7. J. D. Weaver

1. Lieut. Joseph Kellogg, etc., etc.
2. John of Hadley, Mass.
3. Samuel of Westfield.
4. David
5. Mary, born June 13, 1748.
6. David K. Cartter, born March 22, 1776.
7. Phedrus Cartter.
8. Nancy E. Cartter.

(These last two names I've added to this list)  
J. D. W.

## CHAPTER XI.

*John Payne Brown (Thomas Lewis, William, Thomas, James, George)*

**J**OHNN PAYNE BROWN was born September 27, 1819 and died March 6, 1904. He was the youngest of the family. He lost his mother when but a lad. The two older sisters were devoted to him but they could not shield him from the heavy duties which farm-life demanded of every member of that household. Perhaps, most keenly did he recall having to root out "those pesky daisies—a pest, they were—thousands in number, through all the pasture land."

His education, like that of the older brothers, came from the two sisters, who saw to it, that reading and writing were a part of the daily program, especially the latter. Vigorous, were these sisters, in their requirements, until the handwriting of these boys reached the perfection of their own beautiful script.

Like the older brothers, he was apprenticed to learn a trade; that of a builder. This developed into a profession in later life. As a contractor, he could point with pride to the residences and public buildings in Beaver Dam, which had been erected under his direction. To "build true" was a predominant trait of his business life. Again and again would his workmen tell of instances where, in his quiet way, he would say: "Boys, that must be taken apart. You can not leave that until it is perfect."

He married Laura Putnam March 22, 1847. She died Jan. 29, 1903, at the age of seventy-five years. Five children grew to maturity.

He, with his family came west in 1864, living for two years on a farm. His interest, however, was in his



*John Payne Brown*



*Laura Putnam Brown*



## *John Payne Brown*

trade and it drew him into the city of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, in 1866. He was soon a part of the city's life. He served for twenty-five years as the treasurer of the Odd Fellows; was a member of the Board of Education; giving himself, always, to the better things of life.

His, was a particularly sweet nature. With his wife, they founded a home around which cluster beautiful memories. Their graciousness, their sympathetic nature drew all hearts to them.

When they slipped out of this world, their wealth judged by the number of their friends, Uncle John and Aunt Laura died millionaires.

### *Genealogical Data*

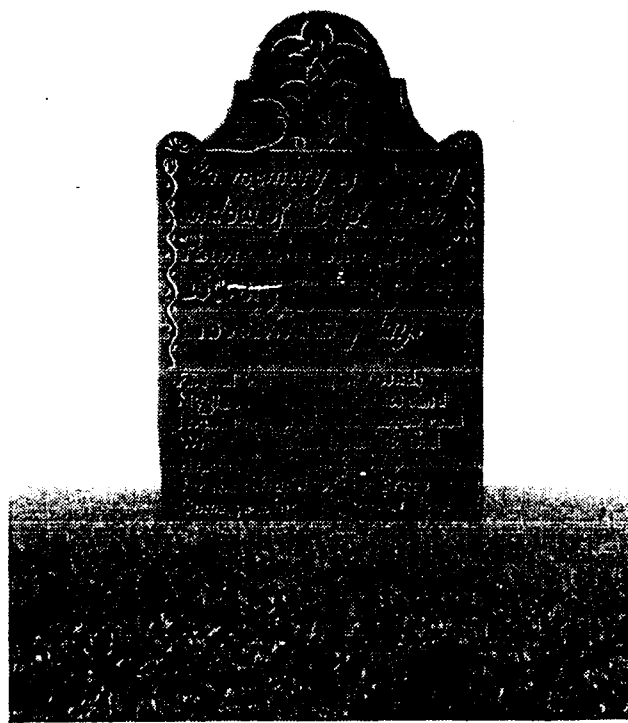
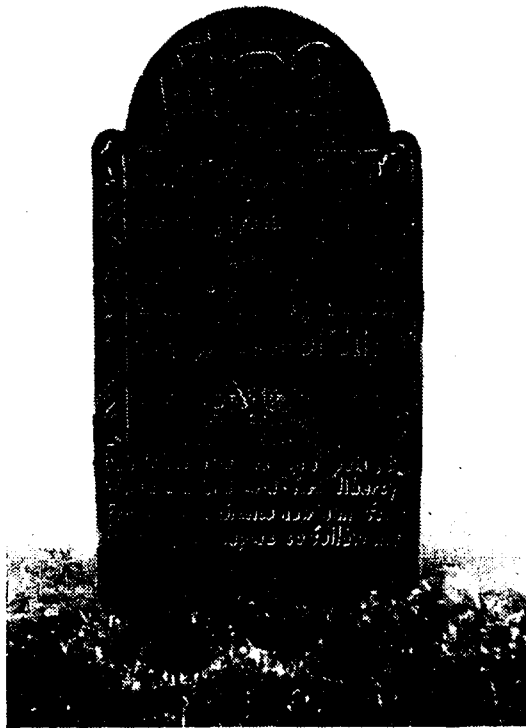
	Born	Died	Married
John Payne Brown	9-27-1819	3- 6-1904	4-22-1847
Anna Balis Putnam	9- 5-1828	1-29-1903	
John Walton	1849	1850	
Mary Matilda	7-16-1850		10-30-1872
Walter Harvey	8-13-1849	10-11-1921	
Ethelyn Harvey	9- 7-1873	12-18-1885	
Eva Harvey	9- 3-1879	5-10-1905	
Anna	1852	1852	
Aunt Laura Augusta	1-21-1854		
Frank Leslie	11-15-1856	12-14-1914	
Elizabeth Kidd			
William Gaylor	12- 1-1863		6-26-1895
Laura McKim	11-10-1870		
Gaylor McKim	6- 7-1896		6- 7-1930
Eleanor Rice Rowles	3-13-1904		
Leslie Edwin	6- 4-1898		8- 9-1924
Evangeline Henike	8-30-1900		
Edwin Putnam	11-18-1869		8-31-1897
Abel Vaughan	11- 4-1870		
Hartley Vaughan	7- 2-1899		
Robert Vaughan	7-30-1908		

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*Lineage of William Gaylor Brown*

- I. George Brown and Annabel Gordon (Knox)
- II. James Brown and Agnes
- III. Thomas Brown and Francis Moores
- IV. William Brown and Elizabeth Dunham
- V. Thomas Lewis Brown and Elizabeth Pain  
(Payne)
- VI. John Payne Brown and Laura Putnam
- VII. William Gaylor Brown and Cora McKim
- VIII. Gaylor McKim Brown and Eleanor Rice Rowles.





*Markers on Graves of John Payne and wife  
Mary Freeman Payne*





*State of New Jersey.*

*Office of Adjutant General*

*Trenton.* May 14. 1892.

**It is Certified, That the records of this**

*office show that*

**JOHN PAIN**

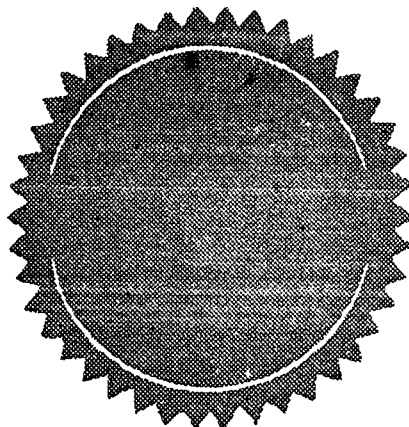
**was commissioned a Lieutenant of the Middlesex County New Jersey  
Militia in the Revolutionary War; promoted Captain of the same;  
and was killed September 25, 1781, near Spanktown, now Rahway, New  
Jersey. # # #**

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*William L. Tucker*  
*Adjutant General*



## CHAPTER XII.

### *Captain John Pain*

**T**HE war record of Captain John Pain—(Payne)—gives his descendants a right to an extra bar on their membership badge of the Daughters of the Revolution.

Elizabeth Pain (Payne), grand-daughter of this gallant Captain, married Thomas Lewis Brown and thus brought to her husband's family, the luster of other Jersey patriot's names. The war-record reads as follows: (see next page). An accompanying letter is of interest:

"STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

Trenton, October 20, 1925.

Mrs. Frank H. Lindsay,  
389 Lake Drive,  
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your request of the 10th instant, I am enclosing a certificate containing all the information available in this office concerning the Revolutionary War Record of Captain John Pain.

This officer's surname appears under various spellings (Paine, Payn, Payne), but the one under which the record has been compiled is believed to be correct.

The widow received the pension as late as March 25, 1800, since an original manuscript on file shows a receipt for \$32.00 for one year's pension to that date.

The State Treasurer was authorized on September 2, 1784, to pay to Matthias Baker for the widow of Lieutenant John Pain the sum of £4:0:0, for gun and accoutrements lost in 1776.

Very truly yours,

Frederick Gilkyson,  
The Adjutant General.

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
*Office of the Adjutant General*

Trenton, October 20, 1925.

*It is Certified,* That the records of this office show that

JOHN PAIN

was a Lieutenant, First Regiment, Middlesex County, New Jersey Militia; Captain, Colonel John Webster's First Regiment, Middlesex County, New Jersey Militia; while reconnoitering, accompanied by one sergeant of his company, near Spanktown (now Rahway), Middlesex County, New Jersey, on the evening of September 24, 1781, he was wounded by a party of refugees; died about three weeks later,—during the Revolutionary War.

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Residence, Rahway, New Jersey. The New Jersey House of Assembly, on December 17, 1782, ordered that a warrant be issued to Mary Pain, widow of John Pain, for £1:20:0 per month (£12:0:0 per year) from September 25, 1781, for and during her widowhood, as adjudged by certificate from the Middlesex County Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace.

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Frederick Gilkyson,  
The Adjutant General.

State of New Jersey

(Seal)

The wife of Captain Payne, Mary Freeman, comes from an illustrious family, whose period of time is co-existent with that of George and Annabel Brown. Her grandfather, Judge Henry Freeman married his wife in 1695, but two years after the marriage of George and Annabel. (The detailed information is found in the chapter on "Colonial Times.")

### *Captain John Pain*

In a volume of marriages in New Jersey Archives, 1st Series, volume 22, page 295, we read "John Pain married, 1758, Mary Freeman, both of Woodbridge."

In Dally's "History of Woodbridge, New Jersey," page 221, there is mentioned, "as conspicuous in enforcing existing laws against non-combattants," a Captain John Pain.

The Will of John Pain, which is in the New Jersey Historical Society of Newark, N. J. gives the names of the children of John and Mary. "Will of John Pain,

Dated Oct. 3, 1781, Proved and Probated Nov. 14 and 18, 1781.

Names: Wife—Mary.

Sons—Isaac, Moses, Johnathan, John, and one not yet named.

Daughters—Mary, Hannah.

Executors: Wife, Friend Henry Marsh,

Witnesses: Benjamin Shotwell, Cornelius Roberts, James Bonney."

The Genealogical Data is as follows:

	Born	Died	Married
{ Captain John Pain	1740	10-15-1781	1758
{ Mary Freeman	12-21-1743	9-26-1819	
{ Isaac Pain	3-11-1761	11- 4-1815	1- 2-1779
{ Anna Skinner	9-18-1761	5- 4-1821	
{ Elizabeth Pain	11-27-1784	9-13-1827	5- 9-1800
{ Thomas Lewis Brown	1-30-1779	10- 4-1838	

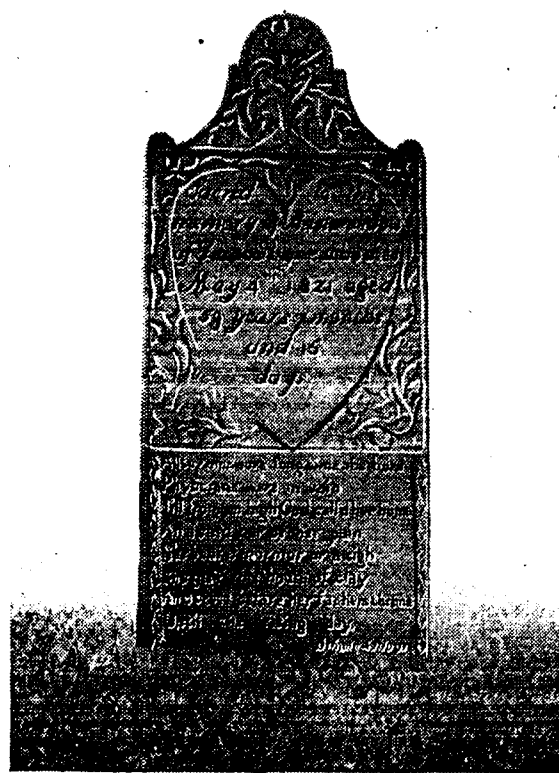
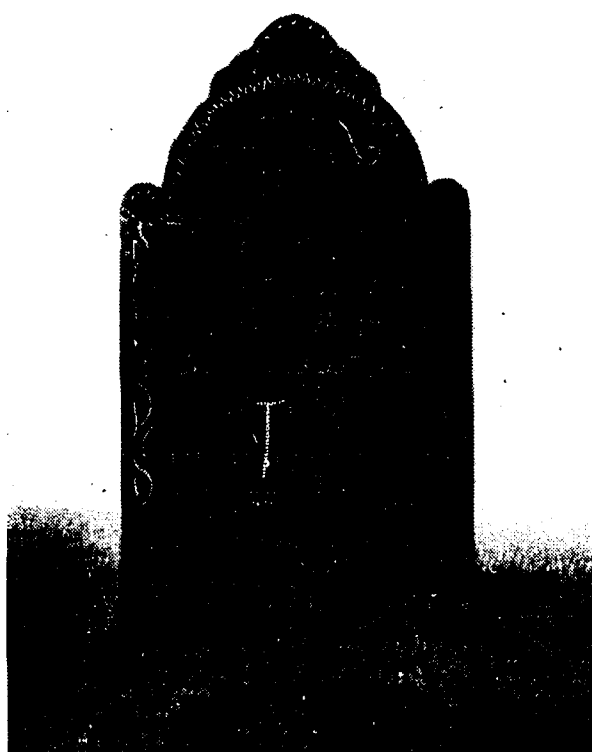
For the record of the additional children of Isaac Pain and wife, Anna Skinner see Bible of "William Madison Brown," son of "Thomas Lewis Brown."

Mary Brown Dewey took the following notes from a conversation she had with Isaac Payne Brown of Plainfield in June, 1879; in reference to Captain John Payne:

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Captain John Payne lived on a road, west of Rahway, where the skirmish of Ash Swamp was fought. He, Captain Payne, was shot from his horse and found dead, his foot in the stirrup. He had been attending a meeting of safety at Bridgeton. At the time of this battle, the home of Captain Payne and Mary Freeman, his wife, was completely devastated by the British. The soldiers took their beds, ripping apart the feather ticks and casting the feathers to the winds. These ticks were then filled with all available materials—linen-clothing and all movable things. There was a large family of boys, sons of John Payne. Their names were Daniel, who went to Virginia, John a carpenter, to New York, Jonathan a farmer, adjoining his father's farm, Moses went to Genese county, James the youngest, also went to Genese county. The son, Isaac, lived on the farm, with his father until he was an old man. He fell from a loft in the barn and died immediately. Isaac had a family of four girls and one son. In all there were 36 grand-children and twenty of them lived to be over 80 years of age."





*Markers on Graves of  
Isaac Payne and wife Anna Skinner*



**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL**

Trenton, April 25, 1927.

office show that

R I C H A R D   S K I N N E R

was in service as Captain, First Regiment, Middlesex County New Jersey Militia, 1777; commanded his company of fifty-six men in service at Elizabethtown under Major John Dunn, November, 1777; on rolls, January, March and May, 1778; in service at Woodbridge, July and August, 1778; killed in engagement at Crossroad Tavern, between Woodbridge and Rahway, June 29, 1779, - during the Revolutionary War.

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Residence, Middlesex County, New Jersey. Original signature on file. The New Jersey House of Assembly, on November 5, 1783, read and approved a certificate of half-pay, adjudged by the Middlesex County Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and ordered that a warrant be issued to Sarah (late widow of the officer), for the sum of £7:10:0 per month from July 1, 1779, to September 9, 1783, the period of her widowhood, which received the concurrence of Council on November 26, 1783. Mrs. Skinner was married to Cornelius Baker, September 9, 1793, by Aaron Richards, Pastor of Church of Christ, Rahway.



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*Frederick G. Johnson*  
The Adjutant General.



*Captain Richard Skinner*

*Captain Richard Skinner*

Elizabeth Payne was the grandchild of Richard Skinner. Her mother was Anna Skinner, only daughter of Richard Skinner and wife, Sarah Brittain. This connection permits the descendants to attach a third bar to the membership badge, if one were seeking entrance to the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The War record of Richard Skinner follows, which is but a copy of the certified title. This is available to any descendant who wishes it.

A letter, in connection with this affidavit, gives a bit of additional history, which is interesting. It is quoted, in full:

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

Trenton, April 25, 1927

Mrs. Frank H. Lindsay,  
389 Lake Drive,  
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your recent request, I am enclosing a certification of the Revolutionary War Record of Captain Richard Skinner, in which is incorporated all available information.

Nathaniel Heard was the first Colonel of the First Regiment, Middlesex County Militia, but while he was serving with the State Troops and after his promotion to Brigadier General, New Jersey Militia, and prior to the election of his successor, the regiment was probably commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Micajah Dunn and later by Lieutenant Colonel Jonathan Deare. Colonel John Webster succeeded to the command on April 18, 1778, serving until the close of the war.

The officer's original signature appears on a petition concerning the election of Colonel Webster, and others, dated Middlesex County, March 5, 1778. The third letter of the surname may be read as "e" because of blur, but the letter is prob-

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ably an "i" although it is not dotted. However it is certainly not made like the second "e" in the name, which is believed to be "Skinner."

As a matter of additional information, the whole amount paid to Mrs. Baker as the widow of Captain Skinner was £392:0:0.

Very truly yours,  
Frederick Gilkyson,  
The Adjutant General.

The date of the marriage of Richard to Sarah Brittain can not be found. Vital statistics were not carefully attended to in the courts of that day. To establish the fact of her wifehood, copies of deeds to property, issued by the Courts, in which she was mentioned as "widow of the late Richard Skinner dec'd" have been secured. Possibly the most interesting of these legal papers is a "Petition and Letters of Guardianship issued to Abraham Clark, Jr." December 24, 1761. It is recorded in Liber H of Wills, page 62. It has the signature of the Secretary of State, Joseph H. Fitzpatrick, under the date of July 9th, 1929. It is such an unusual document, that it seems wise to quote it in full:

"To his Excellency Josiah Hardy Esq. Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of New Jersey; Chancellor & Vice Admiral in the same &

"The Humble Petition of Richard Skinner, Richard Skinner Junr. And Sarah Skinner,

"Humbly Sheweth,

"That William Britton, formerly of Woodbridge, Dec'd, died intestate, leaving one son & one daughter, the sd. Sarah Skinner, That the sd. Son of sd. Britton has since Decsd. whereby the said Sarah hath become the Sole Heir to all the Estate of her sd. Father, both Real & personal, That the sd. Sarah hath Married the sd. Richard Skinner Junr. both of whom are under Age, and the sd. Britton leaving a very Valuable Estate and it being Necessary that some person should be authorized to take the Charge thereof, and the sd. Richard Skinner the Elder Father to sd. Richard Skinner, Junr. being aged & infirm, Therefore the Petitioners humbly desire that Abraham Clark

*Captain Richard Skinner*

Junr. may be appointed Guardian to the Estate of sd. Richard Skinner Junr. and Sarah his wife untill such time as they shall come of Age. Decr. 24, 1761.

Richard Skinner  
Richard Skinner  
Sarah Skinner.

"Let the prayer of the petition be granted.  
Josiah Hardy."

A bond is given by Abraham Clark to perform well his duties, the reading of which holds our interest.

"Know all men by these presents that We, Abraham Clark Junr. and Robert Ogden Esqr. both of Elisabethtown in the county of Essex are held and firmly bound unto his excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr. Govr. of New Jersey in the sum of five hundred pounds, proclamation money to be paid to the said Govr. Hardy his Successors or assigns, for the which payment well & truely to be made we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and Admrs. Jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals dated this twenty fourth day of December one thousand seven hundred and sixty one.

"The condition of the above obligation is, that if the above bounden Abraham Clark Junr. who is appointed guardian of the persons and estats of Richard Skinner Junr. and Sarah Skinner untill they shall be respectively twenty one years old shall in all things well and truely perform the said office of guardian and shall render just and true accts. of his transactions when thereunto required then the above obligation to be void or else to remain in full force.

("Sealed & Delivered in presence of John Smyth)  
Abra. Clark Junr.  
Robert Ogden."

Recorded in Liber. H. of Wills, Page 62.

In the copies of "deeds of property" referred to:

One document is a deed for the conveyance of property, belonging to Sarah Skinner, to Cornelius Baker, on the "eighth day of the eighth month, commonly called August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, seven hundred eighty three." "Sarah Skinner, widow of the late Richard Skinner of the Township of Woodbridge and only surviving daughter and heir of Wil-

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liam Brittain \* \* \* for and in consideration of the sum of 400 pounds of hard money.

\* \* \* Farm or plantation. Butted and Bounded as follows, viz:  
Sarah Skinner.

The signature to this document appeals to us.

“Acknowledged by me,  
“Henry Freeman, one of the Judges.”

This Henry Freeman is our ancestor, the history of whom is given in the chapter on “Colonial Times.”

The third document is a copy of a deed from “Cornelius Baker and wife to Richard Skinner.” This “wife” was Sarah Skinner, as the following states:

“Cornelius Baker of the township of Woodbridge \* \* \* and Sarah, his wife, late Sarah Skinner, widow and relict of Richard Skinner of the township of Woodbridge \* \* \* and Richard Skinner, of the township of Woodbridge, son of the above named Sarah Baker, wife of the said Cornelius Baker \* \* \* Witnesseth that the said Cornelius Baker and Sarah, his wife, for divers good causes and considerations, then thereunto moving, and of the sum of fifty cents, to them in hand well and truly paid, \* \* \* have given, granted, remised, released and forever quitclaimed and by these presents, for themselves and for their heirs do free, fully and absolutely give, grant, remise, release and forever quitclaim unto Richard Skinner, son of the above Sarah Baker, lands lying in township of Woodbridge.

“Butted and Bounded as follows; viz. \* \* \* \* \*”

Following the signatures of Cornelius Baker and Sarah Baker is a name which brings an added interest to us:

“Sealed and delivered in the presence of  
Thomas L. Brown  
Lewis Martin.”

“This Identure made the tenth day of the eleventh month called November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight.”



### *Captain Richard Skinner*

The Genealogical Data is as follows:

	Born	Died	Married
Richard Skinner	1740	7- 1-1779	
Sarah Brittain		10- 3-1829	
{ Anna Skinner	9- 9-1761	5- 4-1821	1- 2-1779
{ Isaac Pain	3-11-1761	11- 4-1851	
{ Richard Skinner	10-18-1769	4-10-1850	
{ Jane Clark			
W. Brittain	1762	7-16-1787	
{ Anna Skinner			
{ Isaac Payne (son of John Pain and Mary Freeman)			
{ Elizabeth Payne	11-1784	1827	5- 9-1800
{ Thomas Lewis Brown			

For the names of the additional children of Elizabeth Payne and Thomas Lewis Brown, see Bible record in chapter on Thomas Lewis Brown.

From the New Jersey Historical Society in Newark, New Jersey, we find the children of Captain Richard Skinner and Sarah Brittain, listed as follows:

	Born	Died	Married
1. Anna	9-19-1761	5- 4-1821	I. Payne
2. W. Britton	1762	1-16-1787	
3. Richard	10-18-1769	4-10-1850	Jane Clark

Descendants of this son, Richard, are living in Missouri.

Mary Brown Dewey took the following notes from a conversation she had with Isaac Payne Brown, of Plainfield, in June, 1879; in reference to Anna Skinner:

“Isaac Payne Brown married Anna Skinner. Her father Richard Skinner was an officer in the Revolutionary War. He was shot by an assassin a mile south of Rahway, while he was attending a committee of Public Safety, at a house called 6 Road Tavern, situated on what was then called King’s Highway, the site now faces the Pennsylvania Railroad. The house had a double hall, a center door front and back, and the rear

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door was double, upper and lower. He was called out of the room by a messenger and shot by an assassin, crouching behind the lower half of the door."

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
Office of the Adjutant General

Trenton, April 25, 1927

*It is Certified,* That the records of this office show that

RICHARD SKINNER

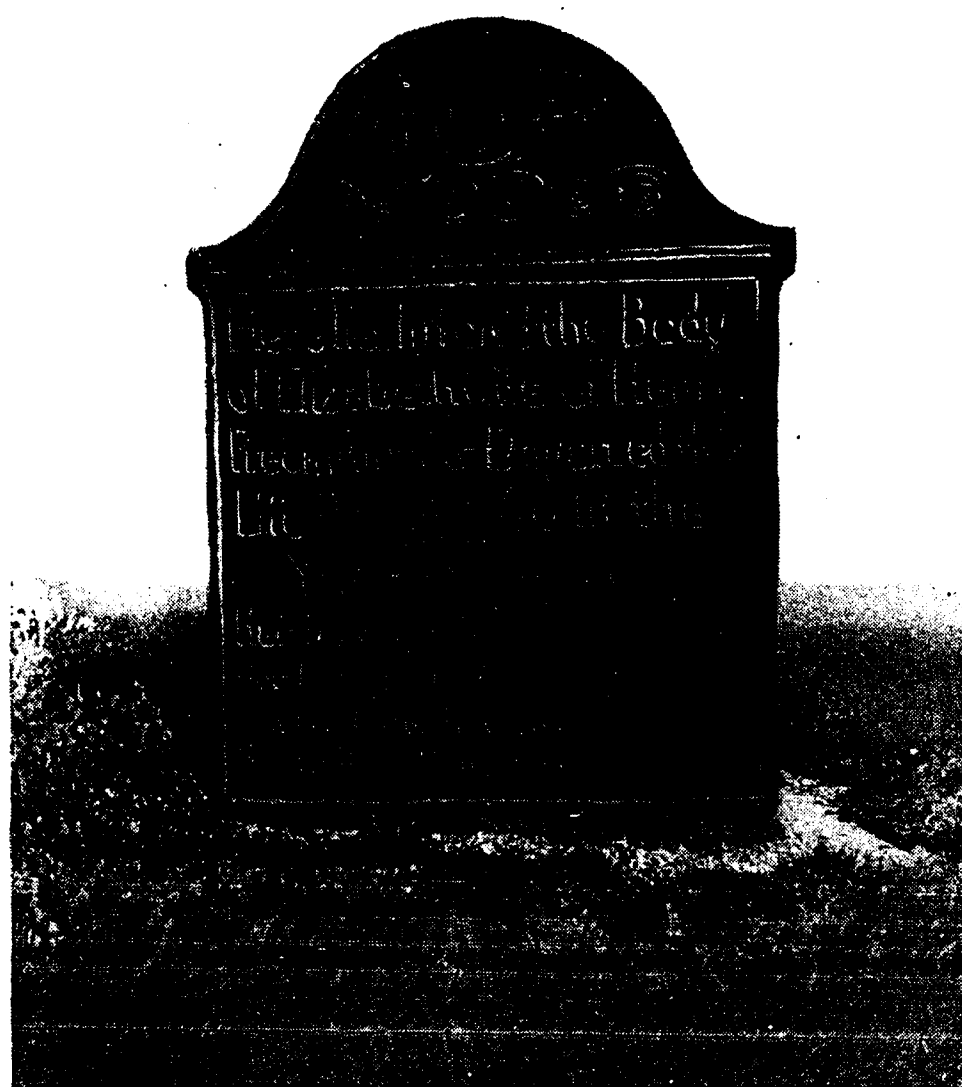
was in service as Captain, First Regiment, Middlesex County, New Jersey Militia, 1777; commanded his company of fifty-six men in service at Elizabethtown under Major John Dunn, November, 1777; on rolls, January, March and May, 1778; in service at Woodbridge, July and August, 1778; killed in engagement at Crossroad Tavern, between Woodbridge and Rahway, June 29, 1779,—during the Revolutionary War.

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Residence, Middlesex County, New Jersey. Original signature on file. The New Jersey House of Assembly, on November 5, 1783, read and approved a certificate of half-pay, adjudged by the Middlesex County Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and ordered that a warrant be issued to Sarah (late widow of the officer), for the sum of £7:10:0 per month from July 1, 1779, to September 9, 1783, the period of her widowhood, which received the concurrence of Council on November 26, 1783. Mrs. Skinner was married to Cornelius Baker, September 9, 1793, by Aaron Richards, Pastor of Church of Christ, Rahway.

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Frederick Gilkyson  
The Adjutant General.



*Marker on Grave of  
Elizabeth Bonne, wife of Henry Freeman*



## CHAPTER XIII.

### *Colonial Times*

OUR Great War President made a memorable statement: "A Nation can not vision its future if it fails in appreciating its past." This is applicable to people, to families, to individuals.

Closely connected with our Brown family are the "allied families," some of whom reach to the Mayflower period. Illustrious names, are these, and it is to be regretted that a more intimate knowledge cannot be obtained.

Through the "Hadden" branch, is the minister Rev. John Lathrop who was the marrying parson for the Miles Standish group of folk. It is possible that the "Dunham" ancestor, the "Brittain" ancestor,—as well as "Matthew Moores" and "David Lewis," antedated our George Brown by a score or more years—thus making all eligible to the many patriotic organizations.

To definitize. The requirements for the "Colonial Dames" is an ancestor connected with the official side of the colonial history. This is found in

#### *Judge Henry Freeman*

He received his appointment to the "Commissions of Pleas and Peace of Middlesex County" from his Excellency, Lewis Morris, Esq., Gov. at a council held at Perth Amboy, Dec. 1, 1739. (Archives of New Jersey, First Series, Vol. XV, pages 95-100 incl.) He had been a sergeant of the early Militia Regiment, under Tho. Ffarmer, Third Company—(Vol. 2, Colonial Series, New York State Historians Annual Report, 1896.) A list of the Militia Regiment in year 1715 (New Jersey).

In "Woodbridge and Vicinity" by Rev. J. W. Dally

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—(published 1873, page 331—Appendix E—) is found the marriage record of Henry Freeman and Elizabeth Bonne; May 16, 1695 by Samuel Hale, Justice of the Peace.

There is found on the same page the birth record of "Samuel Freeman, son of Henry Freeman and Elizabeth Bonne on March 31, 1708;" these records from the Woodbridge Township records.

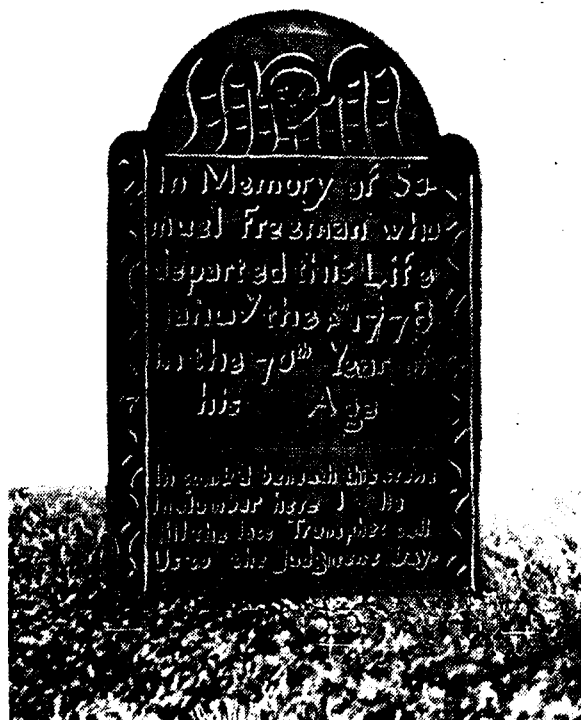
On the tombstone in the cemetery at Woodbridge, New Jersey, we read: "Here lies interred the body of Henry Freeman, who departed this life Oct. 10, 1763, in the 94th year of his age." To have first seen the light of day in 1669, takes one close to the very beginning of things, in our country's records.

Elizabeth Bonne, his wife, lies beside him in the same old Presbyterian Church cemetery. She died Dec. 5, 1760—87 years of age.

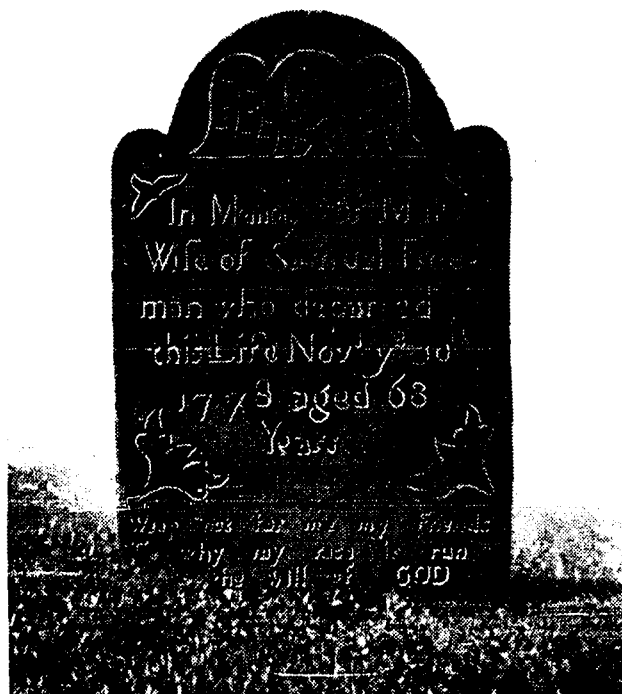
*Samuel Freeman*, son of Henry, is buried in the Presbyterian cemetery, at Rahway—in that part of Rahway formerly Woodbridge Township, Middlesex County, but now in the city of Rahway and known as Union County. We read:

"Samuel Freeman departed this life Jan. 1, 1778, in the 70th year of his age." Mary, his wife, lies beside him. "Mary, wife of Samuel, departed Nov. 30, 1778, aged 68 years."

Interesting is the reading of the wills of these two men. Henry's will was admitted to probate Oct. 13, 1763. In the Archives, State of New Jersey, First Series, Vol. XXXIII, Vol. IV, of Calendar of Wills, page 152 (New Jersey Historical Society)—we are given an insight to his sense of justice; that every member of his family, unto the fourth generation shall have a share in his possessions. He had acquired much of this world's goods, for that day, both in lands and specie.



Samuel Freeman



Mary

*Markers on Graves of  
Samuel Freeman and Wife Mary Freeman*





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Great grandsons and grandson of John, his eldest son are named as beneficiaries; five daughters of Rachel Runyon, his daughter, are given 100 pounds each; Samuel, his son; Mary Dunham, a daughter; another daughter, Elizabeth Runyon; a grand-daughter, Eliner Worth; a son Joseph; a son Benjamin; son Isaac; son Henry; son James; all, are mentioned. Three sons are named as executors—Samuel, Joseph, and Isaac, with “a friend, David Evins.” wits: Benj. Thornel and Isaac Cotheal.

In the Will Book—(page 491)—Office of the Sec. of State—State House, Trenton, N. J., is found the will of Samuel Freeman, dated July 8, 1777; admitted to probate Feb. 23, 1778. He piously thanks the Lord for his “sound mind and memory” and then proceeds to divide his possessions. First to his “beloved wife, Mary” and then the children and grandchildren.

Three grandchildren, daughters of his son Johnathin, deceased, are willed 1200 pounds, each; two sons of this son Johnathin—Samuel Stone Freeman and James Freeman are mentioned.

Three grandsons, sons of James, deceased, are given the money from the sale of the homestead and “salt meadows lying in Rahway meadows.” He firmly believed, however, that woman did not deserve the same financial recognition that a son should receive for we read farther—that to his daughters, Sarah Force and Mary Pain and Rachel Tucker were to be given one fifth of remaining estate. This same portion (with a stated sum) was to be given to the children of his daughter, Hannah Frazee, deceased, and the children of his daughter, Elizabeth Morris, deceased.

Familiar New Jersey names are the executors; “friends, James Bonney and James Fitz Randolph;” the witnesses are: Samuel Force, Jr., David Edgar and Joseph Camp.

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The family Bible was in the possession of Mrs. Sarah Clark, daughter of Rachel Tucker, and from it is the genealogical data, which follows. Mr. Edward Y. Morris, whose wife was Louisa Lockman Freeman, daughter of Phineas Bloodgood Freeman, the great grandson of Judge Henry, had prepared an extensive Freeman manuscript, before his death, and from this original manuscript, we offer the information herein recorded.

Mary Freeman, daughter of Samuel, is our ancestress. Her husband was Captain John Pain, one of our ancestors in the Revolutionary War. The line of descent can be traced in the Pain genealogical record.

### *Data of the Freeman Family*

	Born	Died	Married
{ Henry Freeman	1669	10-10-1763	5-16-1695
{ Elizabeth Bonne	1673	12- 5-1760	
Ann Elizabeth	2-16-1695		John Runyon
John	11- 5-1698		Mary Moore
Jonathan	7-11-1700	died unmarried	
Mary	6- 5-1702		David Dunham
Sarah	2- 1-1703		
Rachael	1-18-1705		— Runyon
Samuel	3-30-1708		Mary —
Joseph	12-21-1709		Susanna —
Hannah	10-21-1711		
Benjamin	6- 3-1713		Lived in Morris County, N. J.
{ Isaac	5-25-1715		
{ Ellinor Ridden—1st			
{ Sarah Tappen—2d			
Henry			
James	3-23-1717		Mary Reed
	11- 1-1719		

The births of all these children appear in the Woodbridge Township Records.

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Our ancestor is as follows:

	Born	Died	Married
{ Samuel Freeman	3-31-1708	1- 1-1778	1729
{ Mary .....	10- 4-1710	11-30-1778	
Hannah	8-17-1730	before father	..... Frazee
Samuel Stone	11-17-1733	before father	
Sarah	4- 5-1735	3-24-1806	Samuel Force, Sr.
Elizabeth	8- 5-1737	7-23-1770	Thomas Morris as 1st wife.
Johnathan	8-16-1739	before father	Mary Perkins
Mary	11-19-1742	9-26-1819	John Pain
Rachael	10- 7-1745	10-19-1825	John Tucker
James	4- 9-1749	before father	Catherine Brooks (?)
Katherine	9- 4-1751	before father	

The births of all these children appear in the family Bible of Samuel Freeman at one time in possession of Mrs. Clark.

The homestead place of Judge Henry Freeman was located on the north side of the road leading from Woodbridge to Uniontown (now Iselin) in Woodbridge Township and was later known as the Squire Newton farm.

Samuel Freeman and his family dwelt in the Ash Swamp section of the Township near where the battle of Ash Swamp (in the American Revolution) took place.

In the New Dover district of the township lived the William Brown and John Pain families with those of Force, Bloomfield, Morris, Bonney and some of the Freeman connections.

## CHAPTER XIV.

### *John Brown (Thomas, James, George)*

**A** MOST complete genealogical record has come from Dr. Percy Edgar Brown, of Ames, Iowa. In his possession, is the Family Bible of Thomas Brown, dated 1746, published 1696. This Bible, not only confirms the records of the Bibles mentioned in former chapters but brings additional information of collateral lines. It is with great pleasure, that we include this chapter. Dr. Percy Edgar Brown writes as follows:

The Official Roster of the Continental army for the State of New Jersey, published through the efforts of Adjutant-General Stryker, and printed by authority of the New Jersey Legislature, shows that John Brown, (son of Thomas Brown and wife, Frances Moores) and his brothers, William and James were members of Captain Morgan's Company, Second Regiment, Middlesex County, N. J. According to family tradition, William, the eldest of the three brothers was taken prisoner. John, the second son, had trouble with his knee and was unable to leave Woodbridge with his regiment. His brother, James, substituted in his place. As the British marched through Woodbridge to attack Washington, who was encamped near Plainfield, they encountered the same resistance which characterized their entire march. They were fired at from behind a large rock on the Brown farm; they were checked for half an hour by Col. Daniel Morgan's Rangers. Sharp skirmishing and rapid firing resulted in considerable loss of life. The right column, under Cornwallis was the one that met Morgan's Rangers at Woodbridge. The British continued their fatiguing march and after an intensely hot day, entered Westfield, to find Washington had made his camp there, and could see their every

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movement from his position on the bold bluff, now known as Washington's Rock. Seeing Washington's impregnable position, the British took up their line of march from Westfield to Amboy, assaulted flank and rear by Scott's Light Horse and Morgan's Rangers. They encamped that night at Spanktown, now known as Rahway. The next day, harassed as before, they resumed their retreat and arrived at Amboy from which, on the last day of June, they departed from New Jersey leaving it in the possession of the American Army.

The militia was also engaged in the battle, known as the "Battle of Ash Swamp," which was fought in Woodbridge Township in the spring of 1777. This battle is described in Dally's History of Woodbridge. The Americans retreated before the British cavalry, entering the swamp, with which they were quite familiar but which was unknown territory to the British. As a consequence, the British were confused, their ranks broken and the fire of the Americans put them to rout. The Americans were completely victorious. The British prepared and ate a repast, prior to the conflict, on the farm of Daniel Moores, the brother of Frances Moores Brown, the mother of William, James and John.

#### Record from the Bible of Thomas Brown. (James, George).

	Born	Died	Married
{ George Brown	1664	2-18-1717	
{ Annabel Gordon (Knox)	1661	6- 2-1731	
James	11- 8-1693	10-19-1761	
Thomas	3- 2-1695		
William	5-11-1698		
Christian	4-26-1701		
Grier	9- 3-1703		
Andrew	9- 3-1705		

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James, son of George.

	Born	Died	Married
{ James	11- 8-1693	10-19-1761	
{ Agnes—1st marriage	1695	11-29-1742	
{ Agnes Hay—2nd marriage			
George	12-20-1724	1779	
Thomas	2-14-1726	10-28-1781	
Christian	12-16-1733		
John	2-23-1735		
Agnes	8-29-1736		
Ursula	2-21-1737		

(James Brown's first wife was Agnes (unknown), second Agnes Hay, widow, first of Thomas Posgrove, second Hay and she was the daughter of James and Christian Clarkson. We first hear of Agnes Hay, as the wife of James Brown in her giving her consent to the marriage of her daughter, Christian Posgrove to Capt. Thomas Crowell, son of Edward Crowell and his third wife, Christian, believed to have been the sister of James Brown and daughter of George Brown).

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Thomas Brown, son of James, son of George.

	Born	Died	Married
{ Thomas Brown	2-14-1726	10-28-1781	2-12-1746
{ Francis Moores	1730	(daughter of John Moores and Mary Brittain.)	
Mary	8-17-1747	8-16-1710	
William	5-19-1749		
Agnes	3-21-1750		
John	11- 1-1752	1-15-1828	
Christian	10- 3-1754		
George	11-16-1756	8-31-1771	
Ursula	11-20-1760		
Elizabeth	4-17-1762	7-26-1770	
Thomas	5-26-1764	8- 2-1770	
Fannie	8- 9-1766		
James	11-18-1767	7-25-1831	
Philip	11-18-1768		
Daniel	2-14-1770	9- 4-1770	
Thomas	3- 8-1774	10-13-1775	

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## John Brown

John Brown, son of Thomas, son of James, son of George.

	Born	Died	Married
{ John Brown	11- 1-1752	1-15-1828	
{ Sarah Cutter	11-24-1758	11-26-1814	1st
{ Esther	1759	11-18-1829	2nd
Children by 1st wife—Sarah Cutter.			
{ Samuel	4-24-1775	1-26-1803	
{ Sarah			
Children of Samuel and Sarah.			
Jabish	9-29-1797		
.....Their daughter		{ Caroline married Fisher Ames issue, Herbert Ames	
Brithen M.	3- 6-1800		
{ Margaret	3- 6-1800		
{ Ralph Crowell			
Children of Margaret and Ralph Crowell.			
Mary			
Amelia			
Sarah			
Thomas	2-26-1777	3-31-1784	
Isaac	5-17-1779	11-20-1805	
Thomas Cutter	12-23-1787	3-12-1845	
Lewis	11-14-1790		

Thomas Cutter Brown, son of Samuel, son of John,  
son of Thomas, (James, George)

	Born	Died	Married
{ Thomas Cutter	12-23-1787	3-12-1845	
{ Abigal J. Moores	5-28-1791	12- 7-1876	
{ Sarah Ann	11-17-1811	3- 2-1833	
{ Aaron Vanderpool			
{ John	2-12-1814	11- -1880	
{ Mary Ann Hughes			1st
{ Martha Joslin—issue—son,		{ Charles Gay Blanche Conant	2nd
{ James Moores	8- 5-1819	6- -1883	
{ Phoebe J. Hadden			
Thomas Crowell	8-11-1848	11-22-1913	
Lewis		Died in infancy.	
William Henry	2- 9-1823	10-17-1904	
{ Aaron Jones	7-31-1825	1904	
{ Guilelma Valentine			
Francis Moores	8-29-1827	10-10-1846	

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William Henry Brown, son of Thomas Cutter,  
(John, Thomas, James, George)

	Born	Died	Married
{ William Henry	2- 9-1823	10-17-1904	
{ Susan Augusta Edgar	2-16-1830	11-25-1893	
{ <i>Jonathan Edgar</i>	8- 9-1858	8-23-1929	
{ Jeannette E. Walker	3-12-1858		
William Henry Jr.	8-21-1861	5-14-1902	
{ Frederick Clark	10- 2-1864	3- 6-1926	
{ Ida J. Rowley			
Caroline Ames	12-20-1866	1- 4-1901	
Lilian	8-14-1869	5- 1-1908	

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Jonathan Edgar Brown, son of William Henry  
(Thomas Cutter, Samuel, John, Thomas, James,  
George.)

	Born	Died	Married
{ Jonathan Edgar Brown	8- 9-1858	8-23-1929	
{ Jeanette E. Walker	3-12-1858		
Edna Jane	4-23-1883		
Percy Edgar	10- 9-1885		

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#### *Lineage of Percy Edgar Brown.*

- I. George Brown and Annabel Gordon
- II. James Brown and Agnes
- III. Thomas Brown and Francis Moores
- IV. John Brown and Sarah Cutter
- V. Thomas Cutter Brown and Abigal Moores
- VI. William Henry Brown and Susan Augusta Edgar
- VII. Jonathan Edgar Brown and Jeannette E. Walker
- IX. Percy Edgar Brown.



## CHAPTER XV.

### *Phillip Brown, (Thomas, James, George)*

**P**HILLIP BROWN, son of Thomas Brown and his wife Frances Moores, was born in his father's homestead at Woodbridge, New Jersey, Nov. 18th, 1768, and died on his own farm at Woodbridge, July 13th, 1853, being buried in the Methodist Episcopal cemetery (formerly the Quaker burial yard) at Woodbridge. He married at Woodbridge Sept. 15th, 1788 Ann (Anna) Harned, born in her father's homestead at Woodbridge, May 4th, 1762, and died at her home Sept. 27th, 1805, being buried (with her son William Brown and his wife) in the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge. She was the daughter of Nathan Harned and his wife Elizabeth Van Court. He married secondly at Woodbridge, Oct. 18th, 1806, Elizabeth Harned, his first wife's only sister. She was born at Woodbridge, New Jersey, Aug. 6th, 1776, and died there Sept. 13th, 1837, being buried with her husband. He married thirdly about Feb. 1839, Margaret Hannen, a widow, and the daughter of Mrs. Cornelia Louise Lent, born April 23rd, 1789, died at the home of her step-daughter Harriet Brown Totten, near Tottenville, Staten Island, New York, Feb. 13th, 1861, and buried with her husband.

Phillip and his family lived on his large farm in the sturdy old dwelling still standing, on the west side of what is now known as Blair Road; a road which connects the old road from Woodbridge to Blazing Star with the road from Rahway to Blazing Star, in that part of Woodbridge formerly known as Woodbridge Neck, now known as Port Reading, and Blazing Star now known as Carteret. Here Phillip lived amid his extensive properties, a prosperous farmer and one of the substantial citizens of the township. The property to-

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day in excellent condition is occupied by Mr. James Blair, son of the purchaser of the homestead after Phillip's death.

#### Issue of Phillip and Ann (Harned) Brown:

- William, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, June 15th, 1789, married first Sarah Brown Dunn, and secondly Jane Stevens.  
Rebecca, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, June 30th, 1790, married John Hadden.  
Michael, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, June 26th, 1791, married Ann Hetfield Blanchard.  
Thomas, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, July 3rd, 1792, married Elizabeth Frazee.  
Frances, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Oct. 11th, 1793, died there Sept. 25th, 1794, buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery.  
Fanny, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Dec. 17th, 1794, married Solomon Hunt Marsh.  
Betsey, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Jan. 26th, 1796, married as the second wife of Ezekiel Wilcox.  
Harriet, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, April 30th, 1797, married James Totten.  
Nathan, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, July 15th, 1799, married Rachel Lewis.  
Isaac, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Oct. 13th, 1800.

#### Issue of Phillip and Elizabeth (Harned) Brown:

- Robert S., born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Feb. 28th, 1808, married Mary Mann Hassall.  
Samuel Harned, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, May 24th, 1811, died there unmarried Dec. 26th, 1830, buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery.

William Brown, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, June 15th, 1789, died Rahway, New Jersey, Nov. 4th, 1877, buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge, New Jersey, married first Sarah Brown Dunn, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, March 11th, 1793, died Rahway, New Jersey, Feb. 15th, 1851, and buried with her husband. She was the daughter of Samuel Dunn

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and his wife Lydia Brown. He married secondly Jane Stevens, born Sept. 8th, 1810, died Jan. 29th, 1888, buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Rahway, New Jersey. Lydia Brown, wife of Samuel Dunn, was the daughter of John Brown and his second wife Hannah Doddridge, granddaughter of James Brown and his first wife Agnes ....., and great granddaughter of George Brown and his wife Annabel Gordon, the widow of William Knox.

#### Issue of William and Sarah B. (Dunn) Brown:

Edward Michael, born Rahway, New Jersey, Aug. 16th, 1810, died there Nov. 18th, 1896, buried Brooklyn, New York, married Nov. 22nd, 1830, Ann Moore Brokaw, born Dec. 4th, 1810, died Williamsburg, Brooklyn, New York, May 15th, 1851, buried with her husband, daughter of Cornelius Brokaw and his wife Ann Moore. He married secondly April 13th, 1852, Adaline A. Adams, born March 23rd, 1809, died Rahway, New Jersey, Feby. 8th, 1877, buried there in Hazelwood cemetery. Tombstone calls her "Adaline A. Simonson." Had issue.

Samuel Clarkson, born Rahway, New Jersey, March 27th, 1812, died there April 5th, 1893, buried there in Hazelwood cemetery, married Eveline Crowell, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, April 27th, 1812, died Dec. 4th, 1891, buried with her husband, daughter of James Crowell and his first wife Betsey Lee. No issue.

Philip, born Rahway Neck, Woodbridge township, May 9th, 1814, died New Haven, Conn., Jan. 7th, 1900, buried Presbyterian cemetery, Rahway, New Jersey. He married first Jan. 20th, 1836, Catherine Bennett, born Catskill, New York, July 10th, 1815, died Brooklyn, New York, and buried with her husband, being the daughter of Gordon Bennet. He married secondly Jane Potter, born Woodbridge township, New Jersey, July 5th, 1819, died Pompton, New Jersey, March 30th, 1890, buried with her husband, daughter of James Potter and his wife Elizabeth Campbell. Had issue.

Simeon Dunn, married Mary J. Connet, born March 25th, 1822, died Dec. 18th, 1844, buried Presbyterian cemetery, Rahway, New Jersey.

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Lydia Dunn, born Rahway, New Jersey, March 1820, died there Oct. 28th, 1829, buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery.

William Irving, married Margaret Jolly. Had issue.

John Henry, born Rahway, New Jersey, Oct. 31st, 1826, died there May 31st, 1858, buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge. He married Rosa Ladd. Had issue.

Rebecca Brown, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, June 30th, 1790, died there Nov. 24th, 1870, buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery; married, Woodbridge, New Jersey, Feb. 27th, 1808, to John Hadden, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Nov. 8th, 1781, died there Aug. 8th, 1862, and buried with his wife, son of Thomas Hadden, Jr., and his wife Mary Baker.

#### Issue of John and Rebecca (Brown) Hadden:

William, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, March 20th, 1809, died there Aug. 26th, 1811, buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery.

Augustus, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, April 22nd, 1810, died there Aug. 13th, 1811, and buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery.

Mary Baker, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Aug. 29th, 1811, died there April 16th, 1891, buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery; married Lewis Martin Van Sickle, born New York City, and died at Woodbridge, New Jersey and buried with his wife, son of William Van Sickle and his wife Mary Martin. No issue.

Anna Brown, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, March 22nd, 1813, died there Sept. 11th, 1858, buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery, married at Woodbridge, New Jersey, June 30th, 1833, Jeremiah Ten Eyck, born Jany. 21st, 1811, died Woodbridge, New Jersey, Feby. 21st, 1864, buried with his wife, son of Jeremiah Ten Eyck and his wife Rezpah Eliza La Forge. Had issue.

William Augustus, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Dec. 9th, 1814, died there Nov. 15th, 1815, buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery.

Evaline Brown, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Dec. 12th, 1815, died Fairfield, Woodbridge township, New Jersey, July

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19th, 1892, buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge, married at Woodbridge by the Rev. John Nicholson, Nov. 25th, 1835, Freeman Worth Gardner, born Rahway, New Jersey, Nov. 20th, 1814, died Woodbridge, New Jersey, March 21st, 1853, buried with his wife. He the son of David Gardiner and his first wife Sarah Worth. Had issue.

Joyce, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Jany. 5th, 1818, died there June 18th, 1825, buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery.

Fanny Marsh, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, April 30th, 1820, died there Sept. 2nd, 1888, buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery, married at Woodbridge, Feb. 8th, 1841, by the Rev. Wesley Robinson. Furman Brown Lee, born Leesville, Woodbridge township, New Jersey, Oct. 24th, 1819, died Woodbridge, New Jersey, Aug. 23rd, 1886, buried with his wife, son of Jesse Brooks Lee, and his wife Letitia Brown. Letitia Brown was the daughter of Foreman Brown and his wife Ursula Fitz Randolph, granddaughter of John Brown and his second wife Hannah Doddridge, great granddaughter of James Brown and his first wife Agnes ....., and great great granddaughter of George Brown and his wife Annabel Gordon, the widow of William Knox. Had issue.

Elizabeth Jane, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Dec. 11th, 1829, died there, the last of her family, Nov. 18th, 1901, in the home built by her father in 1808 from timber cut on his own farm. She never married and is buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Michael Brown, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, June 26th, 1791, died New York City, Oct. (or Nov.) 30th, 1851, buried Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn, New York, married Anne Hetfield Blanchard, born Feb. 2nd, 1790, died in New York City, April 14th, 1873, buried with her husband, daughter of Lewis Blanchard and his wife Abigail Smith.

#### Issue of Michael and Ann H. (Blanchard) Brown:

Lewis Blanchard, born Rahway, New Jersey, Dec. 10th, 1813, died Elberon, New Jersey, June 28th, 1900, buried Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn, New York, married Piscataway,

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New Jersey, Oct. 25th, 1836, Emma Manning, born Piscataway, New Jersey, March 11th, 1816, died Elberon, New Jersey, Sept. 27th, 1899, buried with her husband, daughter of Stelle Manning and his wife Rachael Renshaw. Had issue.

Marie Mills, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, April 14th, 1816, died Tarrytown, New York, April 1st, 1891, married New York City, Jan. 1st, 1844, George Ellis, born Howell, Monmouth County, New Jersey, July 4th, 1815, died Tarrytown, New York, March 8th, 1884. Had issue.

William Smith, born Rahway, New Jersey, Octo. 11th, 1819, died Heidelberg, Germany, June 24th, 1892, buried Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y., married, first New York City, Sept. 14th, 1844, Sarah J. Reynolds, born New York City, Jan. 22nd, 1823, died Sept. 22nd, 1850, buried with her husband, daughter of James A. Reynolds and his wife Sarah Allen. He married secondly Sept. 17th, 1856, Ann D. Faile, born Sept. 25th, 1822, died Oct. 10th, 1914, buried Woodlawn cemetery, New York City, daughter of Edward G. Faile and his wife Ann Valentine. Had issue.

Hugh, born Feby. 16th, 1822, died Aug. 29th, 1822.

Emily, born Sept. 21st, 1824, died Nov. 14th, 1824.

Thomas Brown, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, July 3rd, 1792, died Brooklyn, New York, (probably in the Williamsburg section), and buried in the Union cemetery at Williamsburg, married Elizabeth Frazee (sometimes written Frazer), born June 18th, 1795, daughter of Benoni Frazee and his wife Sarah Oliver.

#### Issue of Thomas and Elizabeth (Frazee) Brown :

Edward, married and left a widow. Had issue.

Sarah, died single.

Caroline, married twice. Had issue.

Ann Maria, md. Allen Webb of Stanford, Conn. Had issue.

Sarah Frazer, born July 27th, 1818, died Aug. 1st, 1895, married Williamsburg, Brooklyn, New York, Jan. 12th, 1836, Amos Day, born Nov. 4th, 1818, died Easton, Pa., June 25th, 1892, son of Samuel Day and his wife Elizabeth Lum. Had issue.

### *Philip Brown*

Alanson, married Mary Ann Wandell, born Brooklyn, New York, March 19th, 1825, died March 2nd, 1887/8 buried Cedar Grove cemetery, Flushing, Long Island. Had issue.

Elizabeth, died young.

Mary, born Sept. 12th, 1824, married Giles Carey. Had issue.  
David O., died unmarried.

Fanney Brown, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Dec. 17th, 1794, died Aug. 14th, 1852, buried in the Presbyterian cemetery, Rahway, New Jersey, married Woodbridge, New Jersey, Nov. 19th, 1812, Solomon Hunt Marsh, born Jan. 5th, 1790, died July 10th, 1872, buried with his wife. He was the son of Solomon Marsh and his wife Violetta Morgan.

#### Issue of Solomon H. and Fanney (Brown) Marsh:

Mordecai Lewis, born Oct. 20th, 1813, died Aledo, Mercer County, Ill., June 16th, 1888, buried there, married New York City, Dec. 1st, 1832, Eliza A. Gregory, born Orange, New Jersey, April 4th, 1813, died Aledo, Ill., May 4th, 1893, buried with her husband, daughter of Joseph Gregory and his wife Dorcas Pfeffers. Had issue.

William Brown, born Sept. 25th, 1814, died Oct. 25th, 1847, in New York City, buried Presbyterian cemetery, Rahway, New Jersey, married Sarah Ann Hewlett, born Cold Spring, Long Island, New York, Jan. 14th, 1816, died Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 3rd, 1873, buried with her husband, daughter of Isaac L. Hewlett and his wife Julia Lewis. Had issue.

James Albert, born Rahway, New Jersey, March 3rd, 1816, died Wentzville, Mo., Jan. 29th, 1885, buried there, married St. Louis, Mo., May 1st, 1845, Catherine Ann Borie (or Boice) born Baltimore, Maryland, Dec. 19th, 1819, died Sept. 27th, 1906, buried Pacific, Mo., daughter of Capt. Borie of the sailing vessel "Sunrise"—vessel and captain lost at sea. Had issue.

Theodore Williamson, born Dec. 22nd, 1817, died Yonkers, New York, July 8th, 1894, buried Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn, New York, married a Miss Peters. Had issue.

Augustus, born June 25th, 1819, died Lakewood, New Jersey, April 19th, 1891, married and left issue.

Philip Brown, born March 22nd, 1821, died Feb. 13th, 1822.

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Solomon, born Dec. 17th, 1822, died Aug. 18th, 1831.

Benjamin, born Nov. 5th, 1824, died Nov. 29th, 1824.

Anna Maria, born Nov. 25th, 1825, died unmarried Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 1900.

Philip Brown, born Dec. 20th, 1828, married twice, his first wife being Isabella Niles. Had issue.

Mary Elizabeth, born March 5th, 1831, died 1905, married John Harrison Tingley. Had issue.

Frances Matilda, born Rahway, New Jersey, March 19th, 1835, died Binghamton, New York, April 21st, 1911, buried there, married New York City, May 10th, 1855, Abram Powell, born Schenectady, New York, 1830, died Binghamton, New York, May 17th, 1897, buried there, son of Wm. H. Powell, and his wife Margaret Louise Van Ingen. Had issue.

Sarah Ann, born Rahway, N. J., Oct. 13th, 1837, died Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 19th, 1903/4, married John Thomas Fargason, born Chambers County, Alabama, Jan. 29th, 1835, died Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 20th, 1909, son of Thomas H. Fargason and his wife Mary Stanly. Had issue.

Betsey Brown, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Jan. 26th, 1796, died Dec. 15th, 1830, married as second wife of Ezekiel Wilcox, born Dec. 12th, 1780, died 1858, son of Daniel Wilcox and his wife Deborah Mulford.

#### Issue of Ezekiel and Betsey (Brown) Wilcox:

Emily, born 1829, died 1903. Married three times; her first husband, Alonzo Frantz, 1847; her second husband, Warren Headley, 1853; and her third husband, William Townley, 187—.

Matilda, born 1831, died 1900. Married John Airmech.

Harriet Brown, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, April 30th, 1797, died Rahway, New Jersey, Aug. 20th, 1885, buried Bethel cemetery, Tottenville, Staten Island, New York, married Woodbridge, New Jersey, April 26th, 1820, James Totten, born Maryland, April 23rd, 1797, died Tottenville, Staten Island, New York, Nov. 13th, 1879, buried with his wife, son of John Totten and his wife Anne Cole, of Tottenville, Staten Island, New York.



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### Issue of James and Harriet (Brown) Totten:

Philip (twin) born Tottenville, Staten Island, New York, Jan. 9th, 1821, died there Feb. 23rd, 1827, buried there in Bethel cemetery.

Elizabeth Brown (twin) born Tottenville, Staten Island, New York, Jan. 9th, 1821, died Rahway, New Jersey, Dec. 21st, 1901, buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery, married Oct. 27th, 1841, Thomas B. Clarkson, born July 4th, 1818, died Rahway, New Jersey, Oct. 8th, 1888, buried with his wife, he a son of Robert Clarkson and his wife Elizabeth Morris. Had issue.

Ann, born Tottenville, Staten Island, New York, Dec. 1st, 1821, died there Jan. 17th, 1895, buried there in Bethel cemetery, married Tottenville, Oct. 28th, 1839, William Manee Joline, born Tottenville, Jan. 22nd, 1818, died there May 11th, 1902, buried there with his wife. He, son of Benjamin Joline and his wife Betsey Manee. Had issue.

Sophia Harned, born Tottenville, Staten Island, New York, May 16th, 1823, died Stamford, Conn., Jan. 18th, 1861, buried Bethel cemetery, Tottenville, married Tottenville, Jan. 20th, 1842, Alfred C. Smith, born Bayshore, Long Island, New York, July 29th, 1815, died Stamford, Conn., Jan. 21st, 1892, buried there. Son of Walter Smith and his wife Martha Augusta Ketchum. Had issue.

Philip Brown, born Tottenville, Staten Island, New York, Dec. 2nd, 1825, died there July 18th, 1892, buried there in Bethel cemetery, married first at Tottenville, Jany. 27th, 1847, Lacinda Joline, born Sept. 24th, 1826, died Nov. 17th, 1881, buried with her husband; daughter of Benjamin Joline and his wife Elizabeth Manee. He married secondly at Tottenville, Dec. 10th, 1882, Susan A. Taylor, daughter of William Manee and his wife Ann Androvette, and widow of Freeman Taylor. Had issue.

Letitia, born Tottenville, Staten Island, New York, Oct. 5th, 1833, died there April 13th, 1843, buried there in Bethel cemetery.

John Gilbert, born Tottenville, Staten Island, New York, Dec. 11th, 1836, died there unmarried April 14th, 1858, buried there in Bethel cemetery.

Cornelia Louise, born Tottenville, Staten Island, New York, May 17th, 1839, died Richmond Valley, Staten Island, New York, May 6th 1918, buried Bethel cemetery at Tottenville,

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married Perth Amboy, New Jersey, Aug. 31st, 1857, William Osborn Journey, born Rossville, Staten Island, New York, June 17th, 1833, died Richmond Valley, Aug. 14th, 1921, buried with his wife. Mrs. Journey was the last of her family and died in her home nearly opposite to where once stood the homestead of her father. Had issue.

Nathan Brown, born Woodbridge, N. J., July 15th, 1799, died Keyport, N. J., July 7th, 1857, buried there, married Rachel Lewis, born March 24th, 1805, died Keyport, N. J., Sept. 20th, 1877. Buried with her husband. No issue.

Robert S. Brown, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Feb. 28th, 1808, died West New Brighton, Staten Island, New York, Jan. 9th, 1883, buried Presbyterian cemetery Rahway, New Jersey, married Mary Mann Hassall, born Jan. 22nd, 1812, died West New Brighton, Staten Island, Dec. 30th, 1898, buried with her husband, daughter of James Hassall and his wife Mary Mann.

#### Issue of Robert S. and Mary M. (Hassall) Brown:

Mary Elizabeth, born Nov. 30th, 1831, married Feb. 27th, 1851, Walter H. Longstreet, son of Samuel Longstreet and his wife Hannah.

Samuel H., born Jan. 14th, 1833, died before Feb. 14th, 1834.

Samuel H., born Feb. 14th, 1834, died before July 14th, 1836.

Samuel H., born July 14th, 1836, died March 31st, 1865, married Rachel Higgins. Had issue.

Philip James, born Feby. 7th, 1839, died West New Brighton, Staten Island, New York, May 30th, 1911, buried Moravian cemetery, New Dorp, Staten Island, New York, married Jan. 19th, 1860, Mary Adelaide Vanderhoven, daughter of Cornelius Vanderhoven and his wife Hetty Marsh. Had issue.

Robert Preston, born Dec. 31st, 1844, died Dec. 7th, 1910, married Sarah M. Cruser.

Joseph Allen, born Sept. 7th, 1847, died July 26th, 1848.

## CHAPTER XVI.

### *Christian Brown, (Thomas, James, George)*

CHRISTIAN BROWN, daughter of Thomas Brown and his wife Frances Moores, was born in her father's homestead at Woodbridge, New Jersey, Oct. 23rd, 1754, died at her home in Woodbridge, Feb. 29th, 1820, married James Brown, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Feb. 20th, 1759, died there Sept. 29th, 1808, and with his wife buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery. He was the son of Thomas Brown and his wife Mary Hadden (she married 2ndly John Dobbs), grandson of George Brown and his wife Annabel Gordon, the widow of William Knox. With his wife and children James lived on the upper or west side of the Lower Road leading from the Woodbridge Meeting House (the Presbyterian Church) to Rahway, the road now being known as Rahway Ave., the homestead place being located at what is now locally known as Edgar Hill, probably on what was later the property of the family of the late John Lockwood. Here all his children were born, and here as a farmer of large holdings he lived, respected by his neighbours and fellow townsmen, a successful citizen.

#### Issue of Christian (Brown) and James Brown:

Harriet, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Dec. 30th, 1784, died there April 3rd, 1786, and buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery.

William, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Sept. 9th, 1786, died there unmarried, Nov. 13th, 1820 (tombstone Nov. 20th, 1820) and buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery.

Fanny, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, April 5th, 1788, married first Asher Ayres and secondly as the second wife of Ichabod Potter.

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Mary, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Nov. 26th, 1790, married John Brown Martin.

Elizabeth, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Sept. 2nd, 1793, married Stuart Fitz Randolph.

Fanny Brown, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, April 5th, 1788, died there March 19th, 1863 (tombstone March 20th, 1863) buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery, married first Asher Ayres, born Woodbridge township, New Jersey, Feb. 9th, 1781, died Woodbridge, New Jersey, Jan. 19th, 1818, (tombstone Jan. 18th, 1818) and buried with his wife. He was the son of Ezekiel Ayres and his first wife Charlotte Freeman. She married secondly Ichabod Potter, as his second wife. He was born in Woodbridge, New Jersey, May 12th, 1764, and died there Dec. 12th, 1841, buried with his first wife, Mary Power Campyon, in the Presbyterian cemetery. He was the son of Ellis Potter and his wife Agnes Crowell. Agnes Crowell was a daughter of Edward Crowell by his third wife Christian Brown, widow of Dr. David Stewart and the daughter of George Brown and his wife Annabel Gordin, the widow of William Knox.

#### Issue of Asher and Fanny (Brown) Ayres:

James Brown, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, April 12th, 1808, died unmarried in Macon, Georgia, Jan. 1860, and buried there.

Edwin, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Feb. 10th, 1810, married Sarah Winans, the widow Robertson, who died at Woodbridge, Feb. 29th, 1888, and buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery. Had issue.

William Brown, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, July 25th, 1812, died there unmarried, March 17th, 1837, and buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery.

Asher, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, June 2nd, 1814, died Macon, Georgia, Oct. 22nd, 1882, buried there. He married at Christ Church, Macon, Jan. 4th, 1843, Mary Ann Cut-

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ter, born Savannah, Georgia, Nov. 15th, 1820, died at Macon, Georgia, Nov. 22nd, 1899, and buried with her husband, daughter of Henry Sumner Cutter and his wife Anna Herb. Had issue.

Henry Miller, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Sept. 18th, 1817, died there unmarried July 25th, 1842, and buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery.

#### Issue of Ichabod and Fanny (Brown-Ayres) Potter:

Edward Crowell, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, June 24th, 1826, died there June 21st, 1832, and buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery.

Frances Elizabeth, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Feb. 14th, 1829, died there Oct. 18th, 1843, buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery.

Mary Brown, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Nov. 26th, 1790, died New York City, May 6th, 1855, buried in Presbyterian cemetery, Woodbridge, New Jersey, married Woodbridge, New Jersey, Feb. 28th, 1811, John Brown Martin, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Aug. 28th, 1786, died New York City, Jan. 18th, 1859, and buried with his wife. He the son of William Martin, Jr., and his wife Margaret Brown. Margaret Brown with her sister Catherine Brown, who married Capt. Asher Fitz Randolph, were the only children of John Brown and his first wife Esther Frazee. He the son of James Brown and his first wife Agnes ....., and the grandson of George Brown and his wife Annabel Gordon, the widow of William Knox.

#### Issue of John B. and Mary (Brown) Martin:

Harriet Brown, born New York City, May 10th, 1813, died unmarried in Brooklyn, New York, Aug. 26th, 1885, and buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Albert Augustus, born New York City, Aug. 13th, 1815, and died unmarried in Brooklyn, New York, Oct. 23rd, 1884, buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge, New Jersey.

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Mariah, born New York City, March 13th, 1818, died there Oct. 22nd, 1900, married St. Johns Chapel, New York City, Oct. 19th, 1850, Gardiner Pike, who died New York City, April 13th, 1893. Had issue.

Howard Randolph, born New York City, July 1st, 1820, died there Dec. 20th, 1901, married New York City, Oct. 23rd, 1855, Elizabeth P. Nicoll, who died New York City, April 20th, or 25th, 1892, aged 68 years. Had no issue.

Frances, born New York City, Dec. 31st, 1822, died Brooklyn, New York, Sept. 19th, 1885, buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge, New Jersey, married in St. Johns Chapel, New York City, June 21st, 1849, John Harms, born 1816 and died in April or May, 1853, and buried with his wife. Had issue.

Margaret, born New York City, March 9th, 1825, died there unmarried May 13th, 1904, and buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge, New Jersey.

John Brown, Jr., born New York City, July 22nd, 1828, died there Feb. 19th, 1899, buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge, married New York City, Dec. 12th, 1849, Margaret Proctor Smith, who died Colorado Springs, Colorado, in the spring of 1916, and buried with her husband. Had issue.

William Brown, born New York City, March 31st, 1831, died Plainfield, New Jersey, July 30th, 1908, buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge, New Jersey, married at Tremly, New Jersey, Oct. 17th, 1855, Marietta Eddy, born Tremly, New Jersey, April 9, 1833, died Plainfield, New Jersey, March 26th, 1907, buried with her husband, daughter of Rufus Eddy and his wife Julia March. Had issue.

Helen Augusta, born New York City, Oct. 8th, 1833, died there April 9th, 1857, and buried in the Presbyterian cemetery, at Woodbridge, New Jersey, died unmarried.

Elizabeth Brown, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Sept. 2nd, 1793, died New York City, Oct. 31st, 1846, married at Woodbridge by the Rev. Azel Roe, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Nov. 26th, 1812, to Stuart Fitz Randolph, born Blazing Star, Woodbridge Neck, Woodbridge township, New Jersey, March 18th, 1781,

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died New York City, April 3rd, 1855, and with his wife buried in their family vault in the Second Avenue cemetery—sometimes called the Marble cemetery. He the son of Capt. Asher Fitz Randolph and his wife Catherine Brown. The bodies of Stuart, sons John and Stuart, Jr., were removed from New York City to the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge, by a grandson Hector Craig Fitz Randolph in 1905.

#### Issue of Stuart and Elizabeth (Brown) Fitz Randolph:

William Brown, born New York City, Nov. 15th, 1813, died Newark, New Jersey, May 25th, 1859, buried 2nd ave. cemetery, New York, and later removed to Woodlawn cemetery, New York City, married at First Congregational Church, Chambers street, New York City, Sept. 20th, 1836, by the Rev. James Arbuckle of Bloominggrove, New York, Laura Maria Craig, born New York City, Oct. 13th, 1813, died there Jany. 1st, 1892, buried with her husband. She the daughter of the Hon. Hector Craig, and his wife Sarah Chandler, of Craigville, Orange County, New York. Had issue.

Joseph, born New York City, June 6th, 1815, died there Oct. 13th, 1816, buried Second Ave. cemetery, New York City, later removed to the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Emma, born New York City, Dec. 4th, 1816, died there Aug. 16th, 1822.

Elizabeth, born New York City, Oct. 27th, 1818, died Brooklyn, New York, Nov. 22nd, 1899, buried Woodlawn cemetery, New York City, married at her father's home on Hudson street, New York City, Aug. 3rd, 1837, William Leaycraft Laing, born New York City, Aug. 5th, 1806, died Patchogue, Long Island, New York, June 2nd, 1877, buried with his wife. He the son of Edgar Laing and his wife Judith Leaycraft. Had issue.

Stuart, born New York City, Oct. 15th, 1820, died there July 20th, 1842, buried 2nd ave. cemetery, New York City, later removed to the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge, New Jersey.

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Emma Augusta, born New York City, Dec. 8th, 1823, died there March 27th, 1874, buried there in Woodlawn cemetery, married New York City, Oct. 7th, 1846, Smith Clift, born Carmel, Putnam County, New York, Jan. 7th, 1817, died Newport, R. I., Aug. 16th, 1893, buried with his wife. He the son of Leonard Daggett Clift and his wife Hannah Smith. Had issue.

Franklin, born New York City, New York, Oct. 19th, 1825, died at his summer home, Riverdale, New York, Sept. 18th, 1867, buried Woodlawn cemetery, married at Christ Church, Hartford, Conn., Jan. 13th, 1853, by the Rev. Thomas March Clark, to Caroline Lydia Goodridge, died in Paris, France, and buried with her husband. She the daughter of Samuel Wadsworth Goodridge and his wife Lydia Read. No issue.

John, born New York City, April 1st, 1831, died there Nov. 7th, 1847, buried there in the 2nd ave. cemetery, later removed to the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge.



## CHAPTER XVII.

### *James Brown, (Thomas, James, George)*

**J**AMES BROWN, son of Thomas Brown and his wife Frances Moores, was born in his father's homestead, Woodbridge, New Jersey, Nov. 18th, 1759, and died at Woodbridge, July 25th, 1831, from sun stroke while overseeing work being done on his farm. With him at the time was his five year old grandson, Francis Everett Brown. He married Betsey Richards, who died at her home in Woodbridge, April 29th, 1834, and with her husband is buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge. She was the daughter of the Rev. Aaron Richards (Pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Rahway, New Jersey) and his wife Susan Smith.

James Brown, with his family resided on his farm in a dwelling standing until recent years on the south side of the old road leading from Woodbridge to Blazing Star (now known as Woodbridge Ave.,) in that section of Woodbridge township now called Port Reading, then called Woodbridge Neck. The homestead property later came into possession of Daniel Turner, now deceased. James, like his brothers, William, John and Phillip, carried on the occupation of a successful farmer, and here on his farm were born all of his children. He served in the forces of the American Cause and in the defense of his state in the American Revolution, as did his brothers William and John.

#### Issue of James and Betsey (Richards) Brown:

Susannah, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, 1787, died there April 22nd, 1812, and buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery. She married Thomas Bunnell and died without issue.

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Thomas Richards, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, April 8th, 1791, married Elizabeth Everett.

Catherine, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, 1794, married first William Potts, and secondly Ralph Marsh.

Hetty, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, married Ezra Crane and had issue.

Fanny, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, married a Mr. Martin.

Matthias, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, married Sarah True-man, died Newark, New Jersey, leaving issue.

Thomas Richards Brown, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, April 8th, 1791, died there Sept. 28th, 1850, buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery. He married at Woodbridge, Elizabeth Everett, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, April 18th, 1796, died No. 16 Barclay street, New York City, Aug. 27th, 1865, and buried with her husband. She was the daughter of Francis Everett and his wife Mary Moore.

#### Issue of Thomas R. and Betsey (Everett) Brown:

Mary, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, died Rossville, Staten Island, New York, and buried in the cemetery of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Woodrow, Staten Island. She married the Rev. Jesse Oakley, a Methodist clergyman, who died at Rossville, Staten Island, and buried with his wife. Had issue.

Elizabeth R., born Woodbridge, New Jersey, 1818, died McDougal str., New York City, Dec. 7th, 1870, in her 52nd year, and buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge, New Jersey. She married as the second wife of John Ahern. Had issue—no descendants.

Sylvania E., born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Aug. 10th, 1821, died Washington Place, New York City, Sept. 1st, 1889, unmarried, and was buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge, New Jersey.

John E., born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Aug. 7th, 1823, died Jersey City, New Jersey, March 26th, 1884, buried in the cemetery of the Methodist Episcopal church at Woodrow,

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Staten Island, New York. He married Sarah Elizabeth Miller, born Nov. 23rd, 1829, died Rahway, New Jersey, Dec. 2nd, 1906, and buried with her husband. She was the daughter of James Miller and his wife Abigail Burdge. Had issue.

Frances Everett, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Feb. 8th, 1826, died Spring str., New York City, Jan. 23rd, 1876, buried from the Spring str. Methodist church, and buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge, New Jersey. He married in the Forsyth str. Methodist church, in New York City, Mary Jane Simmons, born Elizabeth, New Jersey, Aug. 21st, 1831, died New York City, Sept. 29th, 1913, and buried with her husband. She was the daughter of Henry Abraham Simmons and his wife Mary Porter Horton. Had issue.

Francis M., born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Jan. 2nd, 1829, died Washington Place, New York City, Feb. 26th, 1900, unmarried and buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Sarah A., born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Dec. 24th, 1833, died Houston str., New York City, July 29th, 1873, and buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge, New Jersey. She married James Blauvelt. Had issue.

James Richards, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, died Barrow str., New York City, March 10th, 1897, buried Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn, New York. He married Annie White of New York City. Had issue.

Susan R., born Woodbridge, N. J., Aug. 9th, 1836, died Washington Place, New York City, March 10th, 1897, on the same day that her brother James R. Brown died, buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge, New Jersey, married William Blair, Jr., born June 9th, 1835, died New York City, Aug. 16th, 1904, and buried with his wife. Had issue.

Catherine Brown, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, 1794, died July (or Aug.) 5th, 1872, aged 78 years, buried Mount Pleasant cemetery, Newark, New Jersey (in the Wm. Westfall family plot), married first Wm. Potts, and 2ndly Ralph Marsh, born 1800, died about Dec. 23rd; 1878, and buried with his wife.

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#### Issue of William and Catherine (Brown) Potts:

Elizabeth, who married as the 1st wife of Daniel Marsh and had issue.

Susan Brown, born February 23rd, 1821, died Orange str., Newark, New Jersey, July 25th, 1884, buried there in Mount Pleasant cemetery, married Newark, New Jersey, Dec. 1840, William Westfall, born March 27th, 1804, died Orange str., Newark, New Jersey, June 21st, 1868, and buried with his wife. Had issue.

#### Issue of Ralph and Catherine (Brown-Potts) Marsh:

James.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

*Frances (Fanny) Brown Barron, (Thomas,  
James, George)*

**F**RANCES (Fanny) Brown, daughter of Thomas Brown and his wife Frances Moores, was born in her father's homestead in Woodbridge, New Jersey, Aug. 9th, 1766, and died at her home in Woodbridge, Oct. 1st, 1857. She married about 1786, Joseph Barron, born at Woodbridge, Feby. 14th, 1763, and died there July 4th, 1831, and with his wife buried at Woodbridge in the Presbyterian cemetery. He was the son of Samuel Barron and his second wife Johannah Campton (probably Compton) and was born in the ancient "brick house" homestead of the family still standing on the east side of the lower road leading from Woodbridge to Rahway, now called Rahway ave., and occupied to-day as the rectory of the Protestant Episcopal church of St. James. During the Revolution the homestead was bombarded by the British and the marks of cannon balls are still to be seen in the walls. The brick from which the dwelling was built was brought from Holland as ballast in the sailing vessels of the day.

Joseph Barron served in the American Revolution in the forces of the American cause and in the defense of his state. About 1800 he erected on the east side of the lower road from Woodbridge to Rahway, now called Rahway ave., in the village of Woodbridge, not far from his father's home the large dwelling where he raised his family. The property is now owned and occupied by Mrs. Bertha Hinsdale Boynton, widow of the late Ernest Harriman Boynton. Joseph Barron was a farmer of means possessing a large acreage in the town. He was a Deacon in the First Presbyterian church at Woodbridge, and of his decease, the Session book of

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the old church says: "Deacon Barron, died July 4th, 1831; greatly lamented as a citizen, and a useful member of the church."

#### Issue of Joseph and Fanny (Brown) Barron:

Samuel, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, May 24th, 1787, married Rebecca White.

Thomas, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, June 10th, 1790, died unmarried.

John, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Oct. 18th, 1792, married Mary Conner.

Rebecca, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, March 8th, 1795, died there Aug. 30th, 1819, unmarried, and buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery.

Joseph, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Oct. 13th, 1797, married Charity Clarkson.

Fanny, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Jany. 17th, 1800, married 1st as the 2nd wife of Hiram Woodruff, and 2ndly as the 2nd wife of Isaac Shute Jaques.

Johannah, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Jany. 1st, 1802, md. Dr. Charles Young, and died at Woodbridge, March 20th, 1856, without issue. Buried at Woodbridge in the Presbyterian cemetery.

Christian, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, July 13th, 1803, died there Oct. 5th, 1803, and buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery.

Mary, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, May 13th, 1807, married Dr. Jared H. Woodhull.

Jane, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, May 14th, 1809, died there Oct. 2nd, 1876, and buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery. She married Jan. 19th, 1830, Josiah Doremus of Newark, New Jersey, born Oct. 6th, 1802, died Dec. 12th, 1857. No issue.

Samuel Barron, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, May 24th, 1787, died there Nov. 8th, 1813, and buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery. He married Rebecca White.

#### Issue of Samuel and Rebecca (White) Barron:

Harvey, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Aug. 4th, 1812, died Sept. 29th, 1862, in his 50th year, and buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge.

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Maria, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Oct. 1813, and died there unmarried, May 1st, 1864, buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge.

Thomas Barron, prominent New York merchant, philanthropist, donor of the Barron Library at Woodbridge, New Jersey. He built and endowed this library as a gift to his townspeople—the only gift ever made by an individual to the citizens of Woodbridge which could be enjoyed by the entire community. He was born in Woodbridge, New Jersey, June 10th, 1790, resided at 17 and 19 Washington Place, New York City, where he died unmarried, Aug. 31st, 1875, and is buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge.

John Barron, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Oct. 18th, 1792, died there Oct. 15th, 1863, and buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery. He married Mary Conner, born Staten Island, New York, Sept. 23rd, 1797 died Woodbridge, New Jersey, Sept. 9th, 1851 and buried with her husband. She was the daughter of Col. Richard Conner of Staten Island, New York.

Issue of John and Mary (Conner) Barron:

Jane Elizabeth, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, 1832, died there aged 3 months and 21 days, and buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery.

Frances Mary, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Oct. 3rd, 1833, died there in the family homestead, Jany. 7th, 1901, and buried in the Presbyterian cemetery. She married at Woodbridge, John Henry Campbell, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, March 31st, 1826, died there Feby. 18th, 1874, and buried with his wife. He the son of John Henry Campbell and his first wife Rebecca Brown. No issue.

Catharine Johnson, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Nov. 18th, 1835, died there Feb. 18th, 1838, and buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery.

John Conner (MD) born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Nov. 2nd, 1837, died Feb. 6th, 1908, and buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge, New Jersey. He married at

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Princeton, New Jersey, June 23rd, 1869, Harriet M. Williams, born Sept. 8th, 1843, died Nov. 17th, 1902, and buried with her husband. She the daughter of the Rev. Albert Williams and his wife Mary Parker Havens. Had issue.

Maria Louisa, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Jany. 19th, 1839, married Oct. 28th, 1857, Charles D. Fredericks, of New York City, born Dec. 11th, 1823, died May 25th, 1894, and buried with his wife in the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge, New Jersey. Had issue.

Joseph Barron, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Oct. 13th, 1797, died July 17th, 1838, and buried at Woodbridge in the Presbyterian cemetery. He married Charity Clarkson, daughter of Abel Clarkson. They had several children of whom only the following survived.

#### Issue of Joseph and Charity (Clarkson) Barron:

Joseph, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Dec. 1833, and died there about 1911. He married a sister of Victor Piard who married his sister Joanna. Left no issue.

Joanna, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, married Victor Piard, brother to her brother's wife. Died leaving issue.

Fanny Barron, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Jany. 17th, 1800, and died there Sat. May 29th, 1886, and buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery. She married 1st March 6th, 1816, as the 2nd wife of Hiram Woodruff, born July 5th, 1786, died April 24th, 1820, and buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge, New Jersey. She married 2ndly at Woodbridge, Sept. 26th, 1822 as the second wife of Isaac Shute Jaques, born Feb. 19th, 1791, died Woodbridge, New Jersey, July 14th, 1842, and buried with his second wife. He the son of William Jaques by his wife a Miss Shute of New York City. The first wife of Hiram Woodruff was Betsey Burnet and the first wife of Isaac S. Jaques was Sarah Romaine.

#### Issue of Hiram and Fanny (Barron) Woodruff:



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Thomas Brown, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, May 28th, 1819, died there Sept. 28th, 1820.

Issue of Isaac S. and Fanny (Barron-Woodruff) Jaques:

Joseph Barron, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, June 3rd, 1823, died Mobile, Alabama, June 4th, 1849, buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge, New Jersey. He married Henriette B. Mundy, born Oct. 21st, 1823, died Oct. 18th, 1889, and buried with her husband. She was the daughter of Edward Mundy of Staten Island, New York.

Amelia, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Feby. 12th, 1826, died Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 7th, 1877, married at Woodbridge, Jan. 1st, 1847, Dr. Franklin Stewart, of Philadelphia, and had issue.

Franklin, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, June 15th, 1829. He married Sarah J. Wrisle, born 1830, and died at Woodbridge, New Jersey in 1905, and buried with her husband in the Presbyterian cemetery at Woodbridge.

Mary Antoinette, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Nov. 20th, 1832, died there April 20th, 1904, and buried with her husband there in Presbyterian cemetery. She married at Woodbridge, Oct. 7th, 1856, Anthony Schoder, born June 4th, 1831, died at Woodbridge, June 12th, 1907 and buried with his wife. Had issue.

Thomas, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Aug. 21st, 1835, died at Salt Lake City, Utah, Aug. 9th, 1894.

Samuel Barron, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Feb. 26th, 1839.

Isaac S., born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Jany. 7th, 1842.

Mary Barron, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, May 13th, 1807, died there Oct. 3rd, 1835, and buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery. Married Dr. Jared H. Woodhull.

Issue of Jared H. and Mary (Barron) Woodhull:

Fanny, (Frances) born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Oct. 18th, 1828, died there April 14th, 1914, married, Jamaica, Long Island, New York, Oct. 14th, 1846, James Parker Edgar, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, March 30th, 1821, died there May 5th, 1898, and with his wife buried there in the

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Presbyterian cemetery. He the son of Samuel Edgar and his wife Susan Alston. Had issue.

Rebecca Barron, born Woodbridge, New Jersey, Oct. 17th, 1830, died there Sept. 10th, 1832, and buried there in the Presbyterian cemetery.

CHAPTER XIX.

*Interesting Epitaphs*



\* Here lies Interr'd the  
Body of Henry  
Freeman who Departed  
this life Octr 10  
1763 in the 94  
years of his age.

*Here let him Sleep in undisturbed Dust  
Until the Ressurrection of the Just.*

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\* Here lies Interr'd the Body  
of Elizabeth wife of Henry  
Freeman who Departed this  
Life Decr 5, 1760 in the  
87 year of her age.

*Our Days began with Trouble here  
Our life is but a Span  
And Cruel Death is always near.*

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\*\* In Memory of Sa-  
muel Freeman who  
departed this life  
Jany the 1st 1778  
in the 70th year of  
his age.

*In-tombed beneath this Stone  
In slumber here I lie  
Till the last Trumpet calls  
Us to the Judgment Day.*

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\*\* In Memory of Mary  
wife of Samuel Free-  
man who departed  
this Life Novr ye 30th  
1778 aged 68  
years.

*Weep not for me my friends  
For why my race is run  
It is the will of God  
And let his will be done.*

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\*\* In memory of Capt  
John Payne who  
departed this life  
Octr Ye 15th 1781 in  
the 41st year of his  
age.

*Behold me here as you pass by  
Who Blead and di'd for liberty  
From British tirants now i'm free  
My friends prepare to follow mee.*

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\*\* In memory of Mary  
Widow of Capt John  
Payne who died Sepr  
26th 1819 aged 76 years  
10 months and 7 days.

*Farewell sister children friends  
my glass has now run out its sands  
I trust I've walk'd that narrow road  
which direction leads to God  
Heaven is a biding place.*

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In memory of  
Isaac Payne who  
died Novr 4th  
1815 in the 55th year  
of his age.

*He was respected in life  
and lamented in death  
Calm resignation crown'd his latest hours  
While death stood ready to arrest the power  
of mortal store  
Kind heav'n vouchsaf'd to ease him of his pain  
We trust our loss is his eternal gain  
Friends weep no more.*

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\*\* Sacred to the  
memory of Anna widow  
of Isaac Payne who died  
May 4th 1821 aged  
59 years 7 months  
and 15  
days

*Affliction sore long time she bore  
Physicians were in vain  
'Till from on high God called her home  
And eased her of her pain  
without a murmur or a sigh  
She quit this house of clay  
To appear before her father's throne  
at the Great rising day.*

—Osborn S. Plains.

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\*\*\* In  
Memory of  
Thomas L. Brown  
who died Oct. 4, 1838,  
aged 59 years 8 mos.  
and 14 days.

In  
Memory of  
Christiana  
daughter of  
Thomas L. and Elizabeth  
Brown,  
who died Oct. 16, 1827,  
aged 24 years 6 mos,  
and 12 days.

In  
Memory of  
Elizabeth,  
wife of  
Thomas L. Brown,  
who died Sept. 30th, 1827,  
aged 43 years 6 mos  
and 3 days.

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NOTE—

\*means buried cemetery First Presbyterian Church, Woodbridge, New Jersey, — "The White Church."

\*\*means buried cemetery First Presbyterian Church, Rahway, N. J.

\*\*\*means buried cemetery First Presbyterian Church, Newark, N. J.  
"Old First"

War Department  
Office of the Chief of Engineers  
Washington

Nov 11, 1931

Mrs Frank H. Lindsay,  
2125 North Lake Drive  
Milwaukee, Wis.  
Dear Mrs Lindsay:

In accordance with your request, on the occasion of our pleasant meeting at Harpers Ferry, I enclose a memorandum regarding the Civil War record of William Henry Brown. Champion Hills is a locality in Hinds County, Mississippi, where a battle was fought May 16, 1863, between the Federals under General Grant and the Confederates under General Pemberton.

Very truly yours,

George W. Koonce.

Memorandum concerning the Civil War service of William Henry Brown.  
Information obtained, informally, from the Old Records Division of the Adjutant General's Office, November 10, 1931.

Enlisted September 15, 1862, at Burnett, Wisconsin, for three years.  
Private in Company K. 29th Wisconsin Infantry.  
Received a gunshot wound in right lung May 16, 1863 in battle of Champion Hills, Mississippi.  
Captured, in Champion Hills Hospital (Confederate) and paroled June 6, 1863.  
Died June 13, 1863 of the wound received at Champion Hills.  
Born at Newark, New Jersey.  
Farmer.

Century Dictionary.

Battle May 16, 1863, Federals (32,000) under Grant defeated Confederates (about 25,000) under Pemberton. Federal loss 2,457; Confederate loss about 4,300. Champion Hills is 20 miles east of Vicksburg. Siege of Vicksburg, May 18 to July 4th, 1863.

