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SOME BROWN GENEALOGY

BEING SOME OF THE DESCENDANTS OF

JOHN BROWN,

ONE OF THE EARLY SETTLERS OF READING, MASS.

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ancestry has not been traced, was born in 1628, and lived on the west side of the town on what was called "Cowdrey's Hill." A small pond near his house was long called "Brown's Pond." He was a Selectman and a citizen of some prominence. He is sometimes mentioned in the town records as "John Brown-upon-the-hill," probably to distinguish him from his namesake. Sarah Brown, who married Robert Burnap, and Elizabeth Brown, who married Hananiah Parker, are supposed to have been his sisters. Some of his descendants are herein recorded.

1A

1. John Brown, b. 1628, was one of the early settlers of Reading, Middlesex Co., Mass. He m. there, 18 Oct., 1659, Elizabeth, dau. of John Osgood, of Andover. She d. 21 July, 1673, and he m. 2d, 14 Nov., 1681, Sarah —. He d. 27 July, 1714, aet. 86. His ancestry has not been traced.

CHILDREN.

2C

2. I.—Elizabeth, b. 5 Oct., 1660, d. early.
3. II.—Elizabeth, b. 22 Dec., 1661, m. 26 Nov., 1684, Benjamin Hartshorn.
4. III.—Hannah, b. 8 Aug., 1664, d. 1668.
5. IV.—Mary, b. 30 Aug., 1671, d. 24 Oct., 1673.
6. V.—John, b. 2 Dec., 1682, removed in 1711 to Killingly Tp., Conn., and settled in the east part of the Tp. on what was known as "Chestnut Hill." He was a man of intelligence and influence and left numerous descendants.
7. VI.—Mary, b. 23 Sept., 1685, m. 4 Oct., 1704, Thomas Upham.
8. (10.) VII.—Nathaniel, b. 22 April, 1688, m. Deborah Briant.
9. VIII.—Stephen, b. 21 May, 1693, is supposed to have also removed to Killingly Tp., Conn., and to have settled there.

10. (8.) Capt. Nathaniel Brown (John), b. 22 April, 1688, in Reading, Mass., removed thence in 1711 to Killingly Tp., Windham Co., Conn. Killingly Tp., which was organized in 1708, was for many years the most north-easterly Tp. in the State, bordering on both Mass. and R. I. Capt. Brown settled in the northern part of the Tp., then known as Thompson Parish and now as Thompson Tp.,

having been set off from Killingly in 1785. He m. about 1713, Deborah, one of the seven daughters of Simon Briant (or Bryant), a man of means and position, who removed from New Braintree, Mass., to Killingly, in 1712. Another daughter m. in 1715, William Larned, of Killingly, one of whose descendants, Miss Ellen D. Larned, of Thompson, Conn., has published a history of Windham Co., and is a well-known genealogist. Capt. Brown's wife, Deborah, died about 1745, and he m. 2d, on 14 Dec., 1748, Mrs. Hannah Fowle. He was an influential man in his day, and one of the most prominent citizens of Thompson Parish. He was chosen Captain of the 3d Company, or train band, of Killingly, in 1732, and in the same year was a member of the first school committee of Thompson Parish. The date of his death is not known. He was a farmer; res. Reading, Mass., and Killingly, Conn.

CHILDREN.

11. I.—Bethiah, bap. 3 Nov., 1715.
12. II.—Sara, bap. 3 Nov., 1715.
13. (22.) III.—Briant, bap. 27 Jan., 1717, m. Hephzibah Chandler.
14. IV.—Mary, b. 5 April, 1719, m. 20 Nov., 1739, Israel Joslin, Jr.
15. V.—Zeruiah, b. 12 Feb., 1721.
16. (34.) VI.—Stephen, b. 16 May, 1725, m. Mary Lyon.
17. VII.—Hannah, b. 16 May, 1727, m. 23 Dec., 1745, John Jeffrey of Pomfret, Conn.
18. VIII.—Mehitable, b. 3 May, 1730, m. 5 June, 1747, Joseph Pudney, of Dudley, Conn.
19. IX.—Deborah, b. 17 Sept., 1732.
20. (37.) X.—Nathaniel, b. 2 Mar., 1735.
21. XI.—John, b. 11 June, 1738.

22. (13.) **Briant Brown** (Nathaniel, John) was bap. at Killingly, 27 Jan., 1717. He m. about 1739, Hephzibah Chandler, of Pomfret, Conn., dau. of Joseph Chandler and granddaughter of Deacon John Chandler, who was one of the first settlers in Woodstock, Conn. Subsequent to his marriage he removed to Ashford, Conn., but early in 1745 returned to Thompson Parish, Killingly Tp., and settled on a

farm given to him by his grandfather, Briant, which was occupied by his descendants for many years. He seems, from the records, to have been a citizen of some considerable standing and prominence in the community. In 1764 he was Representative to the General Assembly at Hartford. In 1767 he was appointed Chairman of a Committee of Three "to join with Pomfret gentlemen in repairing the bridge called Danielsons," and in 1774 he was a member of the Killingly Committee to send relief to the citizens of Boston during its blockade by the British. The exact date of his death has not been ascertained. His will, for copy of which see Appendix A, is dated 19 Feb., 1784. His wife survived him. The date of her death is not known. Her will, for copy of which see Appendix B, is dated 6 May, 1806. He was a farmer, res. Ashford and Killingly.

CHILDREN.

23. (45.) I.—Jesse, b. 17 July, 1741, m. Experience Mary Hughes.
24. II.—Mary, b. 1 Aug., 1743, m. Jonathan Russell, Jr.
25. III.—Briant, Jr., b. 7 Feb., 1745, m. Molly Dunbar. The record of his "Revolutionary War Service," in the Archives of the State of Connecticut, is certified, by the Adjutant-General of the State as follows: "This is to certify that Briant Brown, Jr., served in the War of the Revolution, and the following is said service, according to the records of this office. On page 27, 'Conn. men in the Revolution,' appears the following: Briant Brown, Sergeant in Captain Daniel Lyons' Company, from the Town of Woodstock. In the list of the men who marched from the Connecticut towns for the Relief of Boston, in the Lexington Alarm, April, 1775. On page 106, same book, appears the name of Bryant Brown, of Woodstock, as an Ensign in the 20th Continental Regiment, Colonel Benedict Arnold commanding. On page 230, same book, appears the name of Briant Brown, of Woodstock, as a Second Lieutenant, commissioned Jan. 1st, 1777, resigned April 11th, 1778, in the Eighth Regiment, Connecticut Line, Formation of 1777-1781."
26. IV.—Deborah, b. 9 Feb., 1747, m. 13 July, 1767, Eliakim Robinson.
27. (56) V.—Joseph, b. 3 Mar., 1749, m. Elizabeth Gary.
28. VI.—Peter, b. 24 Mar., 1751, d. young.
29. VII.—Chloe, bap. 14 Dec., 1753, d. young.
30. VIII.—Solomon, b. —, 1755, d. young.
31. IX.—Peter, b. 4 May, 1757.

32. X.—**Chloe**, b. 20 May, 1759, m. 1 July, 1784, Solomon Wakefield, a member and licentiate of the Baptist Church. He was a pious and godly man, but somewhat eccentric withal, refusing to accept the slightest compensation or even a friendly gift in return for his services, and warmly opposed to Calvinistic doctrines. An earnest and faithful preacher, he did a good work scattering seed in a field remote from other religious influences. They had eight children
33. (67.) XI.—**Solomon**, bap. 25 May, 1761, m. Betty Wheston

34. (16.) **Stephen Brown** (Nathaniel, John), b. 16 May, 1728, m. Mary Lyon, He was a farmer, res. Killingly.

CHILDREN.

35. I.—**Stephen**, b. 18 May, 1749. There is a very strong probability that this is the Stephen Brown who served with such distinction in Putnam's regiment at Boston, and in the campaign of New York in 1776 was captain in Durkee's regiment, and was killed at the taking of Mifflin Fort, Mud Island, Nov., 1777. He was accredited to Pomfret and Woodstock, but did not belong to either town.
36. II.—**Mary**, b. May, 1751, m. 18 Mar., 1773, Jonathan Grow, of Dudley.

37. (20.) **Nathaniel Brown** (Nathaniel, John), b. 2 Mar., 1735, in Killingly Tp., m. —.

CHILDREN.

38. I.—**John Abi**, bap. 12 July, 1760.
39. II.—**Eunice**, bap. 23 April, 1762.
40. III.—**Abi**, bap. 2 July, 1764.
41. IV.—**Zerulah**, bap. 1 June, 1766.
42. V.—**Rebekah**, bap. 13 Oct., 1768.
43. VI.—**Nathaniel**, bap. 7 April, 1771.
44. VII.—**Washington**, bap. 4 April, 1777.

45. (23.) **Jesse Brown** (Briant, Nathaniel, John), b. 17 July, 1741, in Killingly Tp., Conn., m. 29 June, 1775, Experience Mary Hughes, who was a very pious, good woman. He was a farmer, res. Killingly.