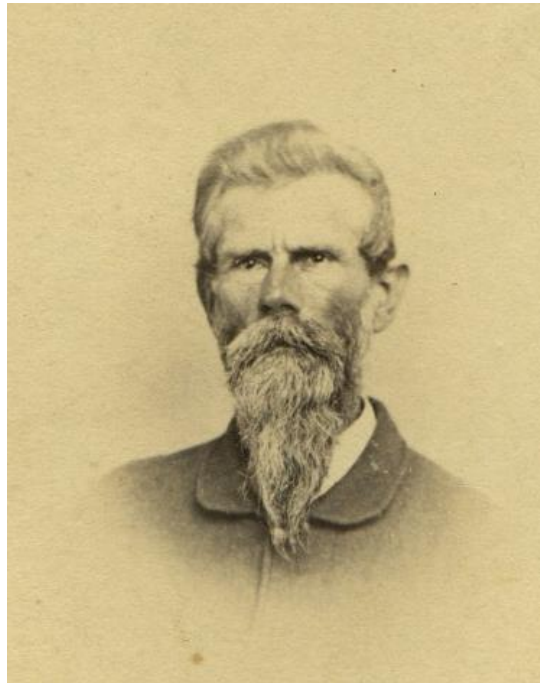


# Descendants of James R. Brown

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## Preface

I have been doing genealogy as a hobby for over 30 years, and fairly recently have started to share some of my research in the form of books, in PDF format. Most of these books are “ahnentafel books,” which are ancestor tables, with information on ancestors of six of my eight great-grandparents.

In addition, I have been working on some projects involving descendants. This format is perhaps more difficult, since I do not have the same degree of information on certain branches of family that diverged from my own branch many years ago. Luckily, with sites such as ancestry.com, familysearch.org, newspapers.com, and genealogybank.com, it is possible to find much information online.

I hope that by sharing what I have, other descendants will be able to add more information which will make this book more interesting and valuable to future generations.

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## Descendants of James R. Brown

1. **James R. BROWN** was born 24 Jan 1810 in Danvers, MA.<sup>1</sup> He was the son of Elisha BROWN and Hannah RICHARDSON.<sup>2</sup> He died 4 Jun 1896 in Melrose, MA. He was buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Wakefield, MA.<sup>3</sup> James married **Eliza Ann ALDRICH**, daughter of Richard ALDRICH and Anna MAYNARD, on 21 Mar 1832. Eliza was born 6 Aug 1815<sup>4</sup> in Bradford, VT. She died 28 Oct 1838<sup>5</sup> in Wells River, VT. <sup>6</sup> She was buried in Bradford, VT.<sup>7</sup>



In a deposition in the pension application of James R. Brown, daughter Mary A. Pratt remembered the circumstances of her mother's death:

"I was taken into the room to look at her before her burial. I remember that there was a snow storm at time of funeral, and I remember how afraid I was to go into the room where my said mother lay in her coffin; and I can remember that at the burial of my said mother I think in front of grown people and very near the grave, and I remember how solemn and awful it sounded when they sang, 'Hark from the Tomb a doleful sound.'"<sup>8</sup>

James married **Mabel SLY**, daughter of Stephen SLY and Elizabeth ABBOTT,<sup>9</sup> 21 Nov 1839 in Newbury, VT.<sup>10</sup> Mabel was born 21 Dec 1815 in Ryegate, VT.<sup>11</sup> She died 21 Apr 1898 in Melrose, MA,<sup>12</sup> and is buried in the Lakeside Cemetery.<sup>13</sup>

James R. Brown was a blacksmith. His middle name was probably Richardson. Before he was married, he lived in Chelmsford, Mass.<sup>14</sup> The author of this book inherited a knife and a left-handed yardstick that he made.

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<sup>1</sup> Place of birth from death certificate. Birth date calculated from age at death - I don't see it in Danvers VR.

<sup>2</sup> The ancestry of Elisha Brown has not been determined.

<sup>3</sup> findagrave.com: James R. Brown

<sup>4</sup> Aldrich-Brown Family Record, list of births, marriages and deaths, handed down to family members.

<sup>5</sup> Gravestone.

<sup>6</sup> Place of death from McKeen, *History of Bradford, Vt.*, p. 315. James Brown's pension application also says Wells River, Vt.

<sup>7</sup> [findagrave.com: Eliza Aldrich Brown](#)

<sup>8</sup> Affidavit of Mary A. Pratt, part of Civil War pension application of James R. Brown, on file at National Archives.

<sup>9</sup> Ancestry.com. *Massachusetts, Death Records, 1841-1915*. (Her parents' names given on her death record.)

<sup>10</sup> Ancestry.com. *Vermont, Vital Records, 1720-1908*. The original record says "Brown" but the handwriting is mis-transcribed on the ancestry web site, as "Bimn."

<sup>11</sup> Ancestry.com. *Vermont, Vital Records, 1720-1908*

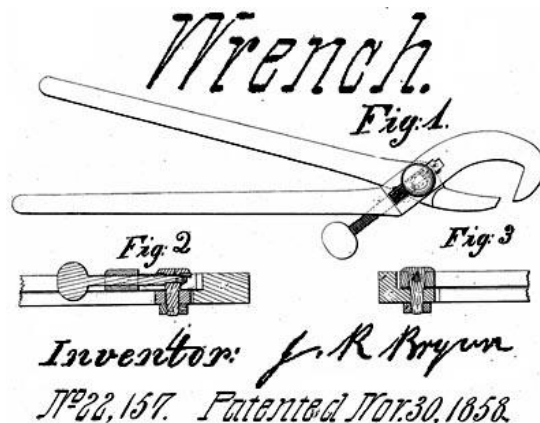
<sup>12</sup> Death certificate of Mabel Sly Brown.

<sup>13</sup> [findagrave.com: Mabel Sly Brown](#)

<sup>14</sup> Rev. Silas McKeen, *History of Bradford, Vt.* (1875), p. 315. "Eliza Ann, in 1833 married James R. Brown, of Chelmsford, Mass."

After James' second marriage, the family lived in Newbury and Albany, Vt., before moving to Craftsbury by 1849. They moved to Charlestown, Mass., in about 1854. James is listed in a city directory as an "edge tool maker," living at 39 Front St. Three of the children died of dysentery during July 1855, two on the same day. Within a few years the family moved to Boston, where they appear on the 1860 census (Ward 1).

In 1858 James applied for a patent on pipe tongs. He continued to make improvements over the years, documented in subsequent patents. The patent was later assigned to his daughter Eliza Cloudman.



James volunteered as a blacksmith in the Civil War. He was injured by a horse kicking him in his

side when he tried to shoe it. He spent some time in hospitals in Washington, DC, and Baltimore. He also caught a fever "at or near" the battle of Chancellorsville.<sup>15</sup>

James lived in Boston (on Church St.) in 1867 and in Cambridge in 1891. According to his widow's pension application, he had no personal property or real estate at the time of his death.

Children, by his first wife Eliza:

2. [Mary Ann BROWN](#), b. 29 Dec 1832; d. 5 Apr 1915; m. Francis Lowell PRATT
3. [Richard Aldrich BROWN](#), b. 15 Aug 1834 in VT; m. Mary A. PILLSBURY
4. [Sarah Wheeler BROWN](#), b. 9 Apr 1837; d. 3 Dec 1875; m. Jeremiah F. DOW

Children, by his second wife Mabel:

5. [Joel Whittemore BROWN](#), b. 8 Oct 1842; d. 21 Apr 1914; m. (1<sup>st</sup>) Mary A. WILMARTH; m. (2<sup>nd</sup>) Ellen Orpha YOUNG; m. (3<sup>rd</sup>) Mary Alice YOUNG; m. (4<sup>th</sup>) Elizabeth (SEVERANCE) HART

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<sup>15</sup> Widow's pension application, on file at National Archives.

6. **James S. BROWN**, b. 1843; d. 3 Apr 1846; bur. Lakeside Cem., Wakefield, MA; “drowned at Franconia,” aged 2 years 5 months.<sup>16</sup>
7. **Elizabeth Jane BROWN**, b. 9 Feb 1845, Albany, VT; d. 23 Jul 1855, Charlestown, MA; died of dysentery, the same day as her sister Mabel;<sup>17</sup> bur. Lakeside Cem.
8. [Eliza A. BROWN](#), b. Jan 1849; d. 1921; m. (1<sup>st</sup>) Edwin H. CLOUDMAN; m. (2<sup>nd</sup>) William A. TAYLOR
9. **Augustus P. BROWN**, b. 18 Mar 1851, Craftsbury, VT; d. 1 Jul 1855, Charlestown, MA; died of dysentery, three weeks before his sisters Elizabeth and Mabel; bur. Lakeside Cem.
10. **Mabel S. BROWN**, b. May 1853, Craftsbury, VT; d. 23 Jul 1855, Charlestown, MA; bur. Lakeside Cem.

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<sup>16</sup> *St. Johnsbury Caledonian*, 11 Apr 1846.

<sup>17</sup> Massachusetts Death Records, 1841-1915, on Ancestry.com. The record gives date and place of death, and the place of birth, as well as the cause of death.

## Second Generation

2. **Mary Ann BROWN** ([James R. BROWN](#)) was born 29 Dec 1832 in Haverhill, NH. She died 5 Apr 1915 in Pomona, CA, and was buried in Pomona Cemetery.<sup>18</sup>

Mary married **Francis Lowell PRATT**, son of William PRATT and Harriet GILSON, 21 Sep 1862 in Boston, MA. Francis was born 25 Oct 1840 in Quincy, MA. He died 14 Mar 1907 in Pomona, CA, and was buried in Pomona Cemetery. He was a very popular City Messenger of Cambridge, MA, and was an amateur singer.

When she was six years old her mother died and she went to live with her grandparents, Richard and Anna Aldrich. She lived in St. Johnsbury and Bradford, Vt., before going to Boston. There she married Francis Lowell Pratt. They lived in Cambridge, where Francis L. Pratt was City Messenger.



Mary Ann Brown Pratt was an amateur painter. Her teacher was George A. Frost<sup>19</sup> -- a well-respected artist who once traveled to Siberia. Several of Mary Ann Pratt's paintings have been handed down to family members: a harbor scene (probably Venice), a still life of fruit, and a pasture with three cows. (Lowell Pratt remembered watching her paint the cows.) They also have a painting of Newcastle, N.H., painted in 1892 by Mr. Frost.

The quality of Mary Ann Brown's work suggests that more of her paintings must exist somewhere. Unfortunately she didn't sign her work. Her obituaries never mention that she was a painter -- perhaps it was considered an unimportant hobby.

Mary Ann first visited California in 1887 with her son Harry. She and Mr. Pratt came to live in Pomona in 1903. According to her obituary she had a "kindly disposition" and a "large circle of friends."<sup>20</sup>

Children:

11. [Harry Stillman PRATT](#), b. 22 Aug 1867; d. 28 Dec 1944; m. (1<sup>st</sup>) Alice Clark PRATT; m. (2<sup>nd</sup>) Virginia (BROADWELL) EMBREE
12. **Grace Anna PRATT**, b. May 1869, Cambridge, MA; d. 11 Oct 1873, Cambridge, MA; bur. Pomona Cem., Pomona, CA
13. **Ernest Lawrence PRATT**, b. 5 Mar 1872, Cambridge, MA; d. 12 May 1893, Pomona, CA; bur. Pomona Cemetery. He was electrocuted in a freak accident while working at a power plant.

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<sup>18</sup> [findagrave.com: Mary Ann Pratt](#)

<sup>19</sup> The author's brother now owns a painting of the Inner Harbor, New Castle, N.H., which was painted by Frost.

<sup>20</sup> "Mrs. Mary A. Pratt Dies at Home of Son Harry Pratt". See also: "Mrs. Pratt Died Monday Evening."

**3. Richard Aldrich BROWN** ([James R. BROWN](#)) was born 15 Aug 1834 in Bradford, VT. He married **Mary A. PILLSBURY**, 15 May 1856, in Newbury, VT.<sup>21</sup> He lived with his uncle William Aldrich in Bradford, VT, in 1850.<sup>22</sup> He is said to have served in the Civil War. Mary is said to have died at the time of the birth of her daughter Nellie, in 1862. She was the daughter of William R. and Mary Jane Pillsbury.

On the 1870 census, Frank H., 13, and Nelly A., 8, are living with their grandparents, William R. and Mary J. Pillsbury, in Piermont, NH. Fred also lived in Piermont, with the family of Jonathan Stanley.

Little information is known about Richard A. Brown. He enlisted in the Union army on 25 Aug 1861.<sup>23</sup> There is a Richard A. Brown, aged 35, living in Brattleboro, VT, with wife Almira and two children. It seems unlikely that this is the same man. It is possible he was the Richard A. Brown, aged 45, living in Williamston, NC, with wife Caroline.<sup>24</sup> Although Richard Brown is a common man, this man is listed on the census as having been born in Vermont, so it seems possible that after his wife Mary's death, and after the Civil War, he may have remarried and moved to North Carolina. In 1870, this same man lived in Hagerstown, MD, born in Vermont and listed as a carpenter.

Children:

14. **Capt. Frank H. BROWN**, b. 2 Feb 1857; d. 15 Jul 1890, on Lake Morey, near Fairlee, VT, when a steamship he was piloting capsized in bad weather<sup>25</sup>
15. [Fred Erastus BROWN](#), b. 18 Feb 1858; d. 4 Dec 1929; m. Etta E. Foster
16. [Nellie A. BROWN](#), b. 27 Mar 1862; d. 20 Oct 1947; m. (1<sup>st</sup>) Frank George Hadley; divorced; m. (2<sup>nd</sup>) Fred G. W. Cooper

**4. Sarah Wheeler BROWN** ([James R. BROWN](#)) was born 9 Apr 1837 in Craftsbury, VT. She died 3 Dec 1875, and is buried in Green Mount Cemetery, Montpelier, VT.<sup>26</sup> Sarah married **Jeremiah F. DOW** on 28 Aug 1858 at the Eagle Hotel in Montpelier, VT.<sup>27</sup> Jeremiah was born 4 Mar 1830 in VT. He was probably the son of Jeremiah DOW and Parnal PHELPS.<sup>28</sup>

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<sup>21</sup> "Vermont, Vital Records, 1760-1954," index and images, *FamilySearch*

<sup>22</sup> 1850 Federal Census.

<sup>23</sup> Ancestry.com: American Civil War Soldiers. The record states his residence was Bradford, Vermont.

<sup>24</sup> 1880 US Census. Listed occupation: "Works at Saw Mill." They lived with Caroline's niece, Nettie Caughey, aged 13.

<sup>25</sup> "At Lake Morey (better known as Fairlee Pond, the gale struck with all its fury. The little steamer Pearl had landed at the wharf a short time before a party who had been out for a pleasure trip; immediately after landing the party Capt. Frank Brown started out for a little trip in the steamer by himself thinking he could do it in safety before the storm struck, but was caught in it while returning from 'Middle Point.' The watchers on shore saw the steamer go down as the waves were lashed into fury by the heavy wind. Mr. Brown was seen to jump for his life as the steamer swamped, and Mr. E. O. Lucas, a joint owner of the steamer Pearl, immediately put out in a small boat to the rescue, but his brave efforts proved of little avail, for when the body was discovered it was found near the shore with life extinct. It would seem singular that the body should wash ashore so soon, and it is probable that the poor man succeeded in keeping afloat until near the shore, when he must have been exhausted or was perhaps struck by something and stunned. It is a sad accident, and is reported as the first case of drowning ever known in that lake."—White River Junction *Landmark*, 18 Jul 1890.

<sup>26</sup> <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/148466971/sarah-wheeler-dow>

<sup>27</sup> Vermont Vital Records. He is called J. F. Dow, and she, Sarah M. Brown. The wedding was performed by Rev. H. P. Cushing. Jeremiah is called a Carpenter.

<sup>28</sup> Some of this family are buried in Cutler Cem., East Montpelier, VT.



The family lived in North Craftsbury, VT, in 1860, along with Lorenzo Dow, 15, who was probably Jeremiah's brother.<sup>29</sup> A Jeremiah F. Dow, aged 31, from Vermont, registered for the Civil War draft, in 1863. He died 22 Jan 1882, in New York City. This death is mentioned in the Montpelier *Argus and Patriot*: "in New York city, January 22, of consumption, Mr. Jeremiah F. Dow, formerly of Montpelier, aged 51 years, 10 months and 48 days." He is buried in Green Mount Cemetery, Montpelier.<sup>30</sup>

Child:

17. **Hattie DOW**, b. 1 Mar 1860, Craftsbury, VT;<sup>31</sup> d. 7 Jun 1898, Waterbury, VT;<sup>32</sup> bur. Green Mount Cem., Montpelier, VT;<sup>33</sup> m. -----TROY

5. **Joel Whittemore BROWN** ([James R. BROWN](#)) was born 8 Oct 1842 in Newbury, VT. He died 21 Apr 1914 in Boston, MA. He was buried in Melrose Cemetery.<sup>34</sup>

Joel married, first, **Mary A. WILMARTH** 15 Aug 1864 in St. Johnsbury, VT.<sup>35</sup> She was born 20 Oct 1846, in Lyndon, VT, and was the daughter of Leonard WILMARTH. She died 11 Jun 1873, in Malden, MA, at age 27.<sup>36</sup>

Joel married, second, **Ellen Orpha**<sup>37</sup> (**YOUNG**) **MORSE** 5 Mar 1874, in St. Johnsbury, VT<sup>38</sup>. Ellen was born in about 1845 in Landaff, NH. She was the daughter of Caleb YOUNG and Athildred BOWLES. A prior marriage to Amos C. MORSE ended in divorce in 1868.

Ellen died 15 Dec 1886 in Melrose, MA.<sup>39</sup> She was buried in Wyoming Cemetery, Melrose, MA.<sup>40</sup> Her death record says daughter of Caleb Young and Matilda, but it seems that Athildred was intended.

Joel married, third, **Mary Alice YOUNG** 21 Jan 1888 in Melrose, MA.<sup>41</sup> vMary was born about 1862, in Easton, NH, and was the daughter of Timothy B. YOUNG and Mary Alice -----.

Joel married, fourth, **Lizzie Munroe (SEVERANCE) HART** 6 Jun 1895 in Melrose, MA<sup>42</sup>. Lizzie was born in 15 Nov 1859, in Boston, MA,<sup>43</sup> and was the daughter of Sargent F. SEVERANCE and Mary A. BAKER, of Sandwich, N.H. She was the widow of Dr. Harrison Nathaniel Hart who died Aug. 1, 1889. She was married to him on 24 Jan 1888. She had a daughter, Mary Hart, by this marriage.

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<sup>29</sup> 1860 Federal Census. His occupation is Carpenter.

<sup>30</sup> [https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/148466946/jeremiah-f\\_-dow](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/148466946/jeremiah-f_-dow)

<sup>31</sup> Ancestry.com. *Vermont, Vital Records, 1720-1908*

<sup>32</sup> Ancestry.com. *Vermont, Vital Records, 1720-1908*. Her birth place is given as Craftsbury, VT, and parents listed as J. F. Dow and Sarah W. Bruce.

<sup>33</sup> <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/185726678/hattie-m-troy>

<sup>34</sup> [findagrave.com: Joel W. Brown](#)

<sup>35</sup> The record calls him "Jacob M. Brown" son of "Jas R. Brown" and "M. S. Brown."

<sup>36</sup> Ancestry.com: *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841-1915*.

<sup>37</sup> She is called "Ellen Orpha" in the birth record of Mabel Sly Brown.

<sup>38</sup> Ancestry.com. *Vermont, Vital Records, 1720-1908*

<sup>39</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841-1915*, on Ancestry.com

<sup>40</sup> [findagrave.com: Joel W. Brown](#)

<sup>41</sup> Ancestry.com. *Massachusetts, Marriage Records, 1840-1915*. The marriage record calls her "M. Alice Young."

<sup>42</sup> Ancestry.com. *Massachusetts, Marriage Records, 1840-1915*

<sup>43</sup> Ancestry.com. *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988*, based on Holbrook collection of MA Vital Records.



Joel lived in St. Johnsbury, VT in 1879, and in Melrose, MA, in 1880. He was a blacksmith. A death notice in the *Boston Herald*: "Joel Brown, aged 70 years of 300 Washington street, Melrose, died suddenly in a store in 39 Pitts street, this city, yesterday afternoon. The body was examined by Medical Examiner Magrath."

Children, by his first wife Mary:

18. **James L. BROWN**, b. 8 Jun 1865, St. Johnsbury, VT;<sup>44</sup> d. 9 Sep 1865, St. Johnsbury, VT
19. [Leonard Wilmarth BROWN](#), b. 12 Jul 1868; d. 26 Nov 1950; m. Annabelle MOSHER

Children, by his second wife Ellen:

20. [Mabel Sly BROWN](#), b. 8 May 1875; d. 14 Nov 1957; m. (1<sup>st</sup>) John COSGROVE; m. (2<sup>nd</sup>) Herbert Joseph WOODBINE
21. [Stephen Milmore BROWN](#), b. 26 Aug 1877; d. 12 Mar 1944; m. Minnie Pearl RAY
22. **Louis J. BROWN**, b. Oct 1879 in MA;<sup>45</sup> living 1880, probably d. before 1900

8. **Eliza A. BROWN** ([James R. BROWN](#)) was born in Jan 1849 in Craftsbury, VT. She died in 1921<sup>46</sup> probably in Melrose, MA. Eliza married **Edwin H. CLOUDMAN** 6 Jan 1870 in Cambridge, MA. Edwin was born in 21 Aug 1844 in Gorham, ME. He was the son of Mark W. CLOUDMAN and Susan BURNETT. He died 27 Aug 1882 in Boston, MA, and is buried in Lakeside Cemetery. Edwin served in the Civil War. His occupation was teacher.

Eliza married, second, **William A. TAYLOR**, 28 Apr 1885, in Melrose. William was born in 26 Oct 1841, in Nova Scotia, Canada, the son of William TAYLOR and Catherine FERGUSON. He died in 28 Feb 1902 in Melrose, MA, and is buried in the Lakeside Cemetery.

Children:

23. [Eugene Percy CLOUDMAN](#), b. in 12 Jun 1871; d. 13 May 1938; m. Emma (BALDWIN) SARGENT
24. [Mabel Inez CLOUDMAN](#), b. 12 Oct 1881; d. 27 Oct 1974; m. Albert David BALDWIN



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<sup>44</sup> Vermont Vital Records.

<sup>45</sup> Birth date from age 8 months on 1880 census. He is not found in 1900.

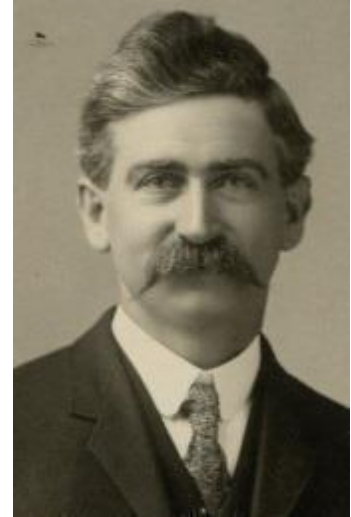
<sup>46</sup> Gravestone.

## Third Generation

11. **Harry Stillman PRATT** ([Mary Ann BROWN](#), [James R. BROWN](#)) was born 22 Aug 1867 in Cambridge, MA. He died 28 Dec 1944 in Pomona, CA, and was buried in the Pomona Cemetery.

Harry married **Alice Maud CLARK**, daughter of John Richardson CLARK and Caroline Maria DERBY, 5 May 1892 in Pomona. The marriage ended in divorce. Alice was born 4 Sep 1863 in Weston, MA. She died 5 Sep 1948 in Claremont, CA. She was buried in Oak Park Cemetery, Claremont.

Harry married, second, **Virginia (BROADWELL) EMBREE**, daughter of Norman McAlbin BROADWELL and Nancy Virginia ILES, 27 Apr 1918 in Santa Ana, CA. Virginia was born 19 Dec 1872 in IL. She married, first, Charles F. EMBREE,<sup>47</sup> by whom she had one daughter, Elinore. She died 1 Jun 1960 in Los Angeles, CA. She was buried in Pomona Cemetery.



After attending the Cambridge public schools and a business college, Harry Pratt was employed by the piano manufacturing firm of Ivers and Pond. There he learned the piano tuner's trade and familiarized himself with the manufacturing of pianos.<sup>48</sup> In 1887, at the age of 20, he went to California because of ill health.<sup>49</sup> Harry worked for three years for Bartlett Brothers, of Los Angeles. In 1890 he moved to Pomona and went into business for himself, tuning and repairing pianos and organs. For ten years he was in charge of the pianos at Pomona College.<sup>50</sup> "In November 1899, he bought out the piano business of W. B. Ross, formerly the Bassett Music House, the first to start in Pomona..." He sold the "Pratt Music House" in about 1914.<sup>51</sup> Beginning in 1918, he also owned and supervised a productive orange ranch on the Kingsley tract.

According to his obituary in the Pomona *Progress Bulletin*, "During the years he was a retail merchant here Mr. Pratt built up a large business and was widely known in this part of the state. He was a pioneer automobile owner, being one of the first residents of Pomona to own a car. He made a round trip by automobile to the Atlantic coast about twenty years ago (1924). He was an enthusiastic fisherman, and for many years owned a cabin at Big Bear Lake, where he annually entertained a group of his friends."<sup>52</sup> In the summer of 1922 he and his wife and step-daughter took a cross-country trip, traveling 10,000 miles in three months.<sup>53</sup>

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<sup>47</sup> They were married 18 Jan 1898, in Sangamon County, IL.

<sup>48</sup> "Harry S. Pratt Dies At Home At Age of 77", Pomona *Progress-Bulletin*, Dec. 29, 1944.

<sup>49</sup> Ibid.

<sup>50</sup> "Pomona and her Environs", a souvenir edition published Feb. 1898, by the Pomona *Progress*, p. 39. According to [History of Pomona Valley, California](#), p. 548, by Francis P. Brackett, Pratt moved to Pomona on April 30, 1890.

<sup>51</sup> [History of Pomona Valley, California](#) (1920), p. 548, by Francis Parkhurst Brackett.

<sup>52</sup> Obituary in Pomona *Progress-Bulletin*, Dec. 29, 1944.

<sup>53</sup> "Pomonans Travel 10,000 Miles In Three Months On Cross-Country Tour", Pomona *Progress Bulletin*, Sept. 22, 1922.

By 1933 he had begun to suffer from Parkinson's disease.<sup>54</sup> In 1936 financial difficulties forced him to sell his ranch.<sup>55</sup> In those days there was little that could be done for Parkinson's. His wife, Virginia, cared for him devotedly until his death December 28, 1944.<sup>56</sup> He is buried in the Pomona Cemetery.<sup>57</sup>

His step-daughter Elinore Taylor wrote, "Dad used to talk about his father often. They were very close, and Dad accompanied him on the piano when he sang in concert. In addition to tuning and repairing pianos and organs he also had a large music store which did well. He had such a congenial personality and was a wonderful stepfather to me."<sup>58</sup>

Child, by his first wife Alice:

25. [Lowell Clark PRATT](#), b. 31 Dec 1894; d. 6 Jun 1979; m. Dorothy Louise NEELY

**15. Fred Erastus BROWN** ([Richard Aldrich BROWN](#), [James R. BROWN](#)) was born 18 Feb 1858 in West Fairlee, VT. He died 4 Dec 1929, in Roxbury, Mass. He married **Etta E. FOSTER**, 30 Nov 1882, in Rumney, NH. Etta was born in Apr 1856 in Wentworth, NH. She was the son of James Newton Foster and Sarah Ann Buzzell. She died 9 Oct 1911, in West Fairlee, VT. Fred died 4 Dec 1929, West Newbury, MA.

Children:

26. [Leon Frank BROWN](#), b. 3 May 1883; d. 2 Jun 1970; m. Winifred INGRAHAM
27. [Lionel James BROWN](#), b. 15 Mar 1885; d. 16 Sep 1943; m. Lulu Ann Susan JONES
28. [Raymond Stanley BROWN](#), b. 29 May 1887; d. 6 Jun 1966; m. Katherine Teresa (BROWN) BENNETT
29. [Clyde Fred BROWN](#), b. 23 Oct 1888; d. Apr 1979; m. Gertrude Sarah Annie GRAHAM
30. [Rapha Foster BROWN](#), b. 23 May 1890; d. 19 Feb 1958; m. (1<sup>st</sup>) Anna Pauline RIEGE; m. (2<sup>nd</sup>) Elizabeth Marie SMITH
31. [Merle Glenn BROWN](#), b. 10 Jun 1893; d. 23 Dec 1955; m. Helen Gately

**16. Nellie A. BROWN** ([Richard Aldrich BROWN](#), [James R. BROWN](#)) was born 27 Mar 1862, in Boston, MA. She died 20 Oct 1947, in Honolulu, HI. She married, first, **Frank George HADLEY**, 17 Mar 1878, in Oxford, NH. He was born in Feb 1853 in NH. They were divorced. She married, second, **Fred G. W. COOPER**. Fred was a naval officer. He died 7 Jul 1935, in Honolulu.

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<sup>54</sup> His obituary (*Pomona Progress-Bulletin*, Dec. 29, 1944), merely states that he had "an illness which resulted in his complete invalidism." However, a letter from Elinore Taylor dated December 6, 1986, states that "He became ill with Parkinson's disease."

<sup>55</sup> Lowell C. Pratt, letter to Alice Clark Pratt, dated June 11, 1936. "You will be interested to know that Dad has sold the grove." "The buyer is a buyer for May Co. and lives in Japan and is leaving tomorrow for Japan, where his wife and three children are." "They are coming back to this country next year and want Dad and Virginia to remain on the place for a year. Dad is to pay \$25 a month rent."

<sup>56</sup> "Harry S. Pratt, 77, Father of Enterprise Editor, Dies Dec. 28", *Selma Enterprise*.

<sup>57</sup> Visit to cemetery in 2007 with photo of gravestone. [findagrave.com](http://findagrave.com): [Harry S. Pratt](#)

<sup>58</sup> Letter from Elinore Taylor dated December 6, 1986.

Nell worked as a nurse. In 1905 she answered an advertisement for a position as private nurse to Queen Lili'uokalani in Hawaii,<sup>59</sup> until the Queen's death in 1917.

Children, by her first husband:

32. **Frank Lurlin HADLEY**, b. 2 Apr 1879, West Rumney, NH; d. 5 Apr 1953, Honolulu, HI; bur. Diamondhead Memorial Park; m. (1<sup>st</sup>) Julia Mary WOODGER; m. (2<sup>nd</sup>) Gertrude (TURNER) BOWN. Lurlin attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and received his B.S. degree at Colorado State Agricultural College; he worked in Singapore, and later was head master of Punahoa School in Hawaii, and then master of the power plant at Pearl Harbor. No children.
33. **Ernest Lee HADLEY**, b. 15 Feb 1886; d. 9 Dec 1962; m. Pearl Beatrice SNYDER

19. **Leonard Wilmarth BROWN** ([Joel Whittemore BROWN](#), [James R. BROWN](#)) was born 12 Jul 1868, in St. Johnsbury, VT. He married **Annabelle MOSHER**, 16 Feb 1908 in Malden, MA.<sup>60</sup> Annabelle was born in 6 Nov 1887, in East Boston, MA. She was the daughter of David MOSHER and Mary MCDONALD.

Leonard and Annabelle lived in Quincy, MA, in 1940. He was a machinist. No children. Annabelle died 12 Oct 1940, in "Wollaston" (a neighborhood of Quincy). She is buried in Cambridge Cemetery. Leonard died 26 Nov 1950, in Quincy, and is buried in Green Hill Cemetery, Carlisle, MA.

20. **Mabel Sly BROWN** ([Joel Whittemore BROWN](#), [James R. BROWN](#)) was born 8 May 1875, in Melrose, MA.<sup>61</sup> She married **John COSGROVE**, 28 Nov 1894, in Melrose.<sup>62</sup> John was born 1 May 1870, in Liverpool, England. In 1900, the family lived in Melrose, where John was a packer in a rubber factory and Mabel was a bookkeeper in the same factory; they had no children in 1900. The marriage apparently ended in divorce or possibly in John's death. I have not been able to find further information on him.

Mabel married, second, **Herbert Joseph WOODBINE**, 29 May 1912, in Nashua, NH. He was born 9 Sep 1880 in Natick, MA. He was a salesman. He died 22 Jun 1952, in Boston, MA. Mabel died 14 Nov 1957, probably in Acton, MA.

Child:

34. **Robert Edward WOODBINE**, b. 16 Mar 1914, Medford, MA; d. 15 Oct 1980, probably in Nashua, NH; bur. Wyoming Cem., Melrose, MA; m. (1<sup>st</sup>) Doris Jeannette PERRY; divorced; m. (2<sup>nd</sup>) Helene MULLER. Two children, both deceased.

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<sup>59</sup> See <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lili%CA%BBuokalani>

<sup>60</sup> Ancestry.com. *Massachusetts, Marriage Records, 1840-1915*.

<sup>61</sup> Ancestry.com. *Massachusetts, Birth Records, 1840-1915*.

<sup>62</sup> Ancestry.com. *Massachusetts, Marriage Records, 1840-1915*

21. **Stephen Milmore BROWN** ([Joel Whittemore BROWN](#), [James R. BROWN](#)) was born 26 Aug 1877 in Melrose, MA.<sup>63</sup> He died 12 Mar 1944 in Wollaston, MA. He was buried in Wyoming Cemetery, Melrose, MA.<sup>64</sup>

Stephen married **Minnie Pearl RAY** on 7 Jun 1899 in Melrose, Middlesex, MA.<sup>65</sup> Minnie was born in June 1879 in Nova Scotia, Canada. She was the daughter of Thomas RAY and Lavinia SLOCUM. She died in 1972. She was buried in Wyoming Cemetery, Melrose, MA.

In 1930, he lived in Quincy, MA, where he is listed on the census as a machinist. A death notice<sup>66</sup> stated that he worked for the Tubular Rivet and Stud Co. for more than 40 years.

Children:

35. **Florence Orpha BROWN**, b. 13 Apr 1900, Melrose, MA;<sup>67</sup> d. 8 Mar 1987; bur. Wyoming Cem., Melrose, MA; m. James Stuart CAVERLY, 24 Jul 1937, in Greenville, NH.<sup>68</sup> James was born 30 Sep 1892, in Boston, MA, the son of Chester CAVERLY and Mary ARMSTRONG. He died in 1978. He was buried in Wyoming Cem., Melrose. They lived in Quincy, MA, in 1940, and had no children.<sup>69</sup> He was a yard master for an electric railway, according to the census

36. **Lawrence Eugene BROWN**, b. 28 Jun 1909, Quincy, MA;<sup>70</sup> d. 19 Apr 1972, Quincy, MA; m. Verna Isabella MACBETH, 1937; lived in Quincy in 1930 with his parents; Verna died 5 Sep 1983 in Quincy, and was born 26 Dec 1912. On a city director, he is called a designer. Two living children.

23. **Eugene Percy CLOUDMAN** ([Eliza A. BROWN](#), [James R. BROWN](#)) was born in 12 Jun 1871 in Cambridge, MA.<sup>71</sup> He died 13 May 1938 in Ilion, NY.<sup>72</sup>

Eugene married **Emma G. (BALDWIN) SARGENT** 12 Jun 1898, in Needham, MA.<sup>73</sup> Emma was born 28 Jul 1881 in Worcester, MA. She was the daughter of Charles D. BALDWIN and Elizabeth GRUNDY. She died 10 April 1945 in Roseboom, NY.

In 1910 he lived in Newark, NJ. His occupation was toolmaker. In 1920 they lived in Ilion, Herkimer Co., NY, and in 1930 in German Flatts, NY. He is listed on a city directory in Herkimer in 1936.

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<sup>63</sup> Ancestry.com. *Massachusetts, Birth Records, 1840-1915*

<sup>64</sup> [findagrave.com: Stephen Milmore Brown](#)

<sup>65</sup> Ancestry.com. *Massachusetts, Marriage Records, 1840-1915*

<sup>66</sup> *Quincy Patriot Ledger*, 13 Mar 1944.

<sup>67</sup> Ancestry.com. *Massachusetts, Birth Records, 1840-1915*

<sup>68</sup> Ancestry.com. *New Hampshire, Marriage and Divorce Records, 1659-1947*

<sup>69</sup> Florence's death notice states she was aunt of Marcia Swenson of Texas and Richard M. Brown of North Easton, Mass.

<sup>70</sup> Ancestry.com. *Massachusetts, Birth Records, 1840-1915*

<sup>71</sup> Ancestry.com. *Massachusetts Mason Membership Cards, 1733-1990*

<sup>72</sup> *Utica Daily Press* lists his death in the May 14, 1938 newspaper; exact date found Ancestry.com, New York Death Index, 1852-1956

<sup>73</sup> Ancestry.com. *Massachusetts Marriage Records, 1840-1915*.

Children:

37. **Charles Edwin CLOUDMAN**, b.3 Apr 1899, Needham, MA;<sup>74</sup> d. 7 Apr 1899, Needham, MA<sup>75</sup>

38. **Edith Inez CLOUDMAN**, b. 5 Apr 1901, Needham, MA; d. 7 Apr 1901, Needham, MA.

**24. Mabel Inez CLOUDMAN** ([Eliza A. BROWN](#), [James R. BROWN](#)) was born 12 Oct 1881, in Bridgeport, CT.<sup>76</sup> She died 27 Oct 1974, in Braintree, MA.<sup>77</sup>

Mabel married **Albert David BALDWIN** 3 Sep 1903, in Melrose, MA.<sup>78</sup> Albert was born 10 Jan 1877, in Melrose, MA. He was the son of Charles David BALDWIN and Elizabeth GRUNDY. He was the brother of Mabel's brother Eugene's wife, Emma. The marriage ended in divorce,<sup>79</sup> sometime between 1910 and 1920. Albert died 14 Mar 1929, in Melrose, MA.<sup>80</sup>

In 1930 Mabel lived by herself in Boston. She taught shorthand (1930) and was a school teacher (1940).

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<sup>74</sup> Ancestry.com, *Massachusetts Birth Records, 1840-1915*

<sup>75</sup> Ancestry.com. *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841-1915*.

<sup>76</sup> Birth place from marriage record.

<sup>77</sup> Ancestry.com. *Massachusetts Death Index, 1970-2003*

<sup>78</sup> Ancestry.com. *Massachusetts, Marriage Records, 1840-1915*

<sup>79</sup> On the 1930 and 1940 census, Mabel is listed as divorced. In 1920 she is listed as widowed, but Albert didn't die until 1929.

<sup>80</sup> Ancestry.com. *Massachusetts Mason Membership Cards, 1753-1990*.

## Fourth Generation

25. **Lowell Clark PRATT** ([Harry Stillman PRATT](#), [Mary Ann BROWN](#), [James R. BROWN](#)) was born 31 Dec 1894 in Pomona, CA. He died 6 Jun 1979 in Wheaton, MD. He was buried in Oak Park Cemetery, Claremont, CA.

Lowell married **Dorothy Louise NEELY**, daughter of Charles Gracchus NEELY and Lucia Hull FISH, on 21 May 1918 in Claremont, CA. Dorothy was born 28 Feb 1895 in Evanston, IL. She died 22 May 1974 in Silver Spring, MD. She was buried in Oak Park Cemetery, Claremont, CA.

Child:

39. **Lucia Alice PRATT**, b. 5 Apr 1922, Pomona, CA; d. 7 Feb 2008, Sterling, VA; m. Kenneth Gordon GILBERTSON. Four children, three living.

26. **Leon Frank BROWN** ([Fred Erastus BROWN](#), [Richard Aldrich BROWN](#), [James R. BROWN](#)) was born 3 May 1883, in Groton, NH. He died 2 Jun 1970, in Medford, MA. He married **Winifred INGRAHAM**, 14 Jun 1905, in Somerville, MA. Winifred was born in about 1885 in Baddeck, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Winifred's death date has not been found but she was living in 1940. According to the 1940 census, Leon was a milkman in Medford.

Children:

40. **Frederick W. BROWN**, b. 30 Apr 1906, Cambridge, MA; d. 20 May 1992, Medford, MA; bur. Foster Cem., Wentworth, NH; m. Grace HUTCHINSON. He was an engineer at a radio station, and took up long distance running in 1936. He competed in and organized races. Two children.

41. **Mary Etta BROWN**, b. 3 Sep 1907, Somerville, MA; d. 28 Feb 1979; Largo, FL; m. Christopher William CARMO

42. **Frank L. BROWN**, b. Jul 1909; d. 24 Aug 1909, Somerville, MA, at age 28 days, of cholera

43. **Theodore John BROWN**, b. 10 Jul 1912, Chelsea, MA; d. 13 Sep 1996, Medford, MA; bur. Oak Grove Cem., Medford; m. Lorraine Pauline STAGLIANO. He was a truck driver in 1940. Two children, one living.

44. **Frank Leon BROWN**, b. 12 May 1915, Somerville, MA; d. 1 May 1997, Somerville, MA; m. Olive BEAUSHER. Frank was a World War II veteran and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. No children.

45. **Graham George BROWN**, b. about 1922; d. 11 Jan 2017, Jamaica Plain, MA; m. Freda SMITH. Two children, one living.



46. **Grant Lawrence BROWN**, b. 19 Dec 1922, Medford, MA; d. 26 Mar 2015, Venice, FL; m. Ann T. ULWICK. He was a World War II veteran. He owned and operated a printing business in East Hartford, CT, moving to Florida in retirement. Two children, one living.

47. **Grafton James BROWN**, b. 6 July 1924, Medford, MA; d. 20 May 2015, NH; bur. Greenlawn Cem., Mont Vernon, NH; m. Evelyn Muriel STEWART. Four children.

**27. Lionel James BROWN** was born 15 Mar 1885, in Wentworth, NH. He died 16 Sep 1943, in St. Albans, VT. He married **Lulu Ann Susan JONES**, 18 Oct 1910, in Concord, NH. She died in about 1950. On the 1930 census he was listed as a boiler maker for a railroad shop.

Children:

48. **Randolph Morton BROWN**, b. 8 Jul 1911, Concord, NH; d. 26 May 1996, Nashua, NH; m. Ann Mae SWEENEY

49. **Malcolm Stanwood BROWN**, b. 28 Jun 1918, Concord, NH; d. 20 Mar 1989; m. Dorothy Marie THIFT

**28. Raymond Stanley BROWN** was born 29 May 1887, in Wentworth, NH. He died 6 Jun 1966, in Cooperstown, NY. He married **Katherine Teresa (BROWN) BENNETT**. Katherine was born 12 Nov 1889 in Westchester Co., NY, and was the daughter of Joseph George Brown and Margaret Albinea Cullaine. She had a son by a previous marriage to John Shea Bennett, who died in 1916. She died 1 Jul 1972 in Cobleskill, NY. Raymond drove a coal truck and later owned and operated a dairy farm in South Kortright, NY.

Children:

50. **William Stanley BROWN**, b. 9 Jan 1918, Yonkers, NY; d. 2 Nov 2018, Albany, NY; m. Living, Three children.

51. *Living*

52. **Raymond Stanley BROWN Jr.**, b. 27 Oct 1923, Dobbs Ferry, NY; d. 18 Jan 2005, Cooperstown, NY; bur. St. Mary's Cem., Cooperstown; m. Frida L. NORBERG. He was a veteran of World War II. He worked on dairy farms. Six children.

**29. Clyde Fred BROWN** was born 23 Oct 1888, in Wentworth, NH. He died Apr 1979, in Castile, NY. He married Gertrude Sarah Annie GRAHAM. She was born 12 Jul 1897 in Boston, MA. She died in 1960. He was lumber scaler in 1940.

Child:

53. **Rev. Richard Leonard BROWN**, b. 24 Dec 1921, Waltham, MA; d. 16 Nov 2012, Kansas City, MO; m. Adelene Ruscilla Cook. He served in World War II. After the war he attended a Bible college and became a Baptist minister. Eight children.

**30. Rapha Foster BROWN** was born 23 May 1890, in Vershire, VT. He died 19 Feb 1958, New Berlin, NY and is buried in the Cypress Hills Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY. He married, first, **Anna Pauline RIEGE**, 25 Jun 1912, in Somerville, MA. She was born in May 1888, in Dorum, Germany. She came to the United States in 1908. She died 29 Oct 1924, in Boston, MA. Rapha married, second, **Elizabeth Marie SMITH**. During the depression he worked for the WPA helping to build the Saw Mill River Parkway. Later he got a job with a casket company in Brooklyn.

Children, by his first wife Anna:

54. **Rapha William BROWN**, b. 6 Feb 1913, Somerville, MA; d. 23 Apr 1988, Livermore, CA; m. Virginia Ann Davis

55. **Charlotte Elizabeth BROWN**, b. 9 Jun 1914, Somerville, MA; d. 1960

56. **Lillian Hazel BROWN**, b. 5 Oct 1915, Somerville, MA; d. 10 Aug 1992, Tucson, AZ; m. Michael Pantalemon

57. **Nevins Foster BROWN**, b. 3 Mar 1923, Somerville, MA; d. 20 Feb 1985, Ardsley, NY; m. Doris Pearce

Children, by his second wife Elizabeth:

58. **David Wallace BROWN**, b. 10 Aug 1932, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY; d. 13 Dec 2012, Brick, NJ; m. Helen May Aluisio. He served in the marine corps, and became Senior Vice President of Manufacturing for Boorum & Pease Co. Three children.

59. **Everett Edwin BROWN**, b. 12 Nov 1933, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY; d. 8 Jul 2011, Tucson, AZ; m. Carol ----. He worked in the plastics and packaging industries and owned his own business, later serving as vice president of the Food Service Division of Temple-Inland Corp. Three children.

60. Living

61. Living

**31. Merle Glenn BROWN** was born 10 Jun 1893 in Thetford, VT. He died 23 Dec 1955, in Boston, MA. He married Helen M. Gately, in Sep 1921. He was a truck driver. His death occurred when he collapsed while making a delivery. On the 1930 census, he is listed with wife Louisa born in Georgia, and son Charles.

Child:

62. **Charles Merle Brown**, b. 30 Sep 1922; d. 15 Oct 1993, Medford, MA

**33. Ernest Lee HADLEY** was born 15 Feb 1886, in Wentworth, NH. He died 9 Dec 1962, in Honolulu, HI. He married **Pearl Beatrice SNYDER**, 25 Nov 1913 She was born 9 Jun 1893, in Seattle, WA. She died 5 Nov 1977, in Stanislaus Co., CA. Ernest was chief quartermaster at Pearl Harbor.

Children:

63. **Ernest Lee Hadley Jr.**, b. 10 Feb 1915, Honolulu, HI; d.8 Dec 1986, Port Angeles, WA; m. Evelyn A. Hallett; divorced.

64. *Living.*

**34. Robert Edward WOODBINE** was born 16 Mar 1914, in Medford, MA. He died 15 Oct 1980, probably in Nashua, NH, and is buried in Wyoming Cemetery, Melrose, MA. He married, first, Doris Jeannette PERRY; divorced; he married, second, Helene MULLER. Doris was born 27 Nov 1915 in Arlington, MA, and died 6 Apr 1998, in Concord, MA. She was the daughter of Oliver H. Perry and Ethel Gartside. Robert's second wife, Helene, died 14 Mar 2009 in Margate, FL.

Children, by his first wife:

65. **Richard Dana Woodbine**, b. 2 Dec 1936, Arlington, MA; d. 17 Feb 2017, Littleton, MA; m. Living. He was a printing press operator. Two children.

66. **Barry H. Woodbine**, b. 9 Nov 1941, Arlington, MA; d. 31 May 2012, Littleton, MA; m. Living. He worked as an offset printer, and was involved in the Boy Scouts. Two children.