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I am seeking all genealogical and biographical details for the family documented below including their ancestors, children, and grandchildren and the spouses thereof, including the full names of those spouses' parents. All additions and corrections within this scope, however speculative, will be greatly appreciated.

Daniel Brown of Greenwood, Steuben County, New York

I am indebted to my late mother, Anna Marie (Brown) Streeter (*Alex Joseph³, Alexander², Daniel¹*), and Sherry Ann (Brown) Haggith (*Donald Albert Brown, Catherine Agnes (Brown) Brown, Alexander², Daniel¹*) for documenting the numerous branches of the Brown family tree. Gerald Michael⁵ "Jerry" Brown (*Gary Michael⁴, Frederick Vincent³, Alexander², Daniel¹*) and Christine Claudia "Chris" (Dillon) Szudzik (*Hubert Clair Dillon, John M. Dillon, Catherine Ann (Brown) Dillon, Daniel¹*) have also made important contributions to discovering our family's history.

The key to pinpointing the origins of our immigrant ancestor, Daniel¹ Brown, within the County Antrim was a brief note written by another one of my direct ancestors, Rose Ann (Hamilton) McGill: "*The Priest that was there when he was bapitized [sic] was Father Killen [at] Armoy.*" It is thought that Rose Ann wrote to Northern Ireland on behalf of William² Brown (*Daniel¹*) to obtain his baptismal certificate for some legal documentation. Following a tour of Northern Ireland, Gerald Michael⁵ "Jerry" Brown reported that Father Killen was the parish priest of Armoy from 1819 to 1828. However, according to *Biographical Sketches*, William Killen, a native of Clontaghaglar in the parish of Kilmore:

...was appointed Parish Priest of Armoy in 1828; and resided at Monanclough; and was appointed Parish Priest of Lower Ards in February, 1843... He was spoken of by the senior priests of his day as a man of most gentle manners and extremely charitable in his conversation, while his great size obtained for him, among the laity, the name of "the big priest."

William² Brown was not born until 1845; either Rose Ann was incorrect or special arrangements were made for him to be baptized by Fr. Killen. If the latter is true, perhaps William² Brown was named after the popular priest. In 1837, the Roman Catholic Parish of Armoy was "*united with that of Ballintoy, in each of which there is a chapel: that in Armoy is a small edifice.*" (*Lewis' Topographical Dictionary* [1837])

The civil parish of Armoy also falls within the Barony of Cary and the Poor Law Union of Ballycastle. It is located in Moyle District not far from the sea at Ballycastle. The County Antrim

lies within Northern Ireland, just across the North Channel from Scotland; it is part of the region historically known as Ulster.

Brown is one of the forty most common names in Ireland. In 1856-57, twenty-five parishes in the County Antrim had one to six Brown households; there were three in Armoy (*Grenham's Irish Recordfinder*). As detailed below, these were probably the same households held a generation before by Tully, Daniel, and Patrick Brown in Kilcroagh Townland. It is important to understand that an Irish Townland is a much smaller unit of land than the typical Town or Township found in the United States. At 342 acres, Kilcroagh is slightly below the average townland size of 350 acres. Kilcroagh lies about two miles southeast of the Village of Armoy at the western foot of Croaghan Black Hill. Glassnaferna Burn, a tributary of the River Bush, runs through it (*Ordnance Survey [Map] of Northern Ireland, Discoverer Series, Sheet 5 [Ballycastle]*). Kilcroagh sits on the southern boundary of Armoy Parish, bounded by Loughguile Parish. The seaside Parish of Culfeightrin forms the northeast corner of Northern Ireland; it meets Croaghan Black Hill on its eastern slopes at the Glenshesk River.

Generally speaking, the Browns of County Antrim are Protestants. As Catholics residing in the same small townland, there can be no doubt that Tully, Daniel and Patrick Brown of Kilcroagh were closely related. Given the scarcity of available Irish records, it will be extremely difficult to prove or refute the theories presented below on their kinship and ancestry.

No Browns are found in Hearth Money Roll of 1669 for the Parish of Armoy. In the 1740 Protestant Householders list for Armoy are listed in Thos, Math and Joh Brown.

In May 2001, I visited Northern Ireland and Ireland in hopes of learning more about my ancestors who resided there. Prior to my trip, I felt fairly certain that Daniel¹ Brown was the son of Alexander Brown and the grandson of Patrick Brown. However, I discovered several records pertaining to a Daniel Brown of Kilcroagh Townland *after* Daniel¹ Brown had already emigrated to America. While I remain confident that Daniel¹ Brown belongs to this same family, the exact nature of the connection eludes me. Additional information from my May 2001 research notes will be added to this document as time permits.

1. PATRICK^B "PATT" BROWN was a resident of Kilcroagh Townland, Armoy Parish, County Antrim, [then Ireland, since 1922] Northern Ireland as of 3 November 1803 (John Craig and Constable, *Antrim List of Stock 9th Nov 1803: 23 Townlands in the Barony of Cary* [hereinafter *ALS*]; transcription by Harry Doyle). Based solely on the theory that Alex Brown, a landholder in Kilcroagh in 1833, was probably the father of another Patrick Brown who resided in Kilcroagh in the 1840s, Patrick of 1803 was probably the father of Alex.

If Patrick was the father of Alex, then he was born circa 1766 or earlier. As indicated below, Patrick was perhaps the son or younger brother of John Brown who also resided in Kilcroagh in 1803.

In 1803, information was gathered in Northern Ireland to prepare for the possibility of invasion by Napoleon. In the Townland of Kilcroagh, "Jno" [John] and "Patt" [Patrick] Brown were designated to serve as Wagoneers in the event of invasion. Others were specified to serve as Volunteers (armed militia) or Pioneers (road builders and trench diggers). Between "Jno" and "Patt" Brown, they owned 5 cows, 4 young cattle, 7 sheep & goats, 2 pigs, 3 horses, 2 cars, 20 bales of oats, 40 loads of straw, 50 fuel loads, 2 spades, and 2 shovels.

As adults in 1803, John and Patrick Brown must have been born in 1783 or earlier. John owned the majority of these goods by a slight margin; perhaps he was Patrick's father or elder brother. Also residing within the Parish of Armoyn in 1803 was George Brown of Beleaney Townland.

In the list of items counted, the Browns had no oxen or bulls, carts, wheat, barley, hay, flour, oaten meal, butter, wool, leather, linen, wool, salt, spirits, iron, felling axes, pick axes, bill hooks, handsaws, iron crows, hand barrows, box barrows, dealboards, or flax.

In 1803, the other residents of Kilcroagh Townland were Derby Coning, John Darragh, Patrick Dealit, Hugh Doragh, Thomas Dorrage, Daniel McAmBridg, Patrick McAmbridg (2), Dennis McAuly, Daniel McDowel, Henry McDowel, John McVicker, Patrick Meighan, Patrick O'Hergan, and Nickles Scullin. 200 years later, there are still members of the McAuley family residing in Kilcroagh. Note the connection in Kilcroagh Townland between the surnames of Brown, Meighan [Meehan], McAmbridg [McCambridge], McAulay, and O'Hergan [O'Harrigan]; these same surnames are all found among the early settlers of Greenwood and West Union, Steuben County, New York. When I analyzed all of the households in *ALS* that bore the surnames found in Kilcroagh, they were collectively most numerous in the neighboring Parish of Culfeightrin.

Several Browns were identified in Culfeightrin in 1803 (*ALS*): Archibald, Daniel, Dennis and John of Broaghmore Townland; Archibald, Eneas, John and Neal of Drumahuillan Townland. Other records suggest that there may be ties of kinship between these two parishes.

According to the 1851 Irish Census, Dennis and Bridget (McBride) Brown resided in Broughmore (an obvious synonym for Broaghmore) Townland with their children: Archie, Patrick, James and Daniel. In Culfreightrin, on 6 February 1872, Denis Brown (age 21), son of Denis Brown, was married to Mary McCambridge (age 18); this marriage was witnessed by James Brown and Mary McAuley. Note that *McCambridge* and *McAuley* are both surnames found in Kilcroagh Townland in 1803; the McBrides were most numerous in Culfeightrin.

In *GV*, there were no Browns identified in Loughguile Parish. However, James Browne resided in Aldorough Townland, about three miles south of Kilcroagh. The only other Brownse of Loughguile Parish were James and John of Ballytaggart Parish.

Child, surname *Brown*, parentage uncertain:

2. i. ALEX^A.

2. ALEX^A BROWN was *not* identified as a resident in 1803 of Kilcroagh, as "Jno" and "Patt" Brown were, therefore he was born probably some time after 1783. If he was the father of Toal "Tully" Brown, Patrick Brown and Daniel Brown, as theorized in detail below, he was born probably before 1786. Assuming that Alex named a son Patrick but apparently had no son named John, it follows that he was probably the son of "Patt" [Patrick] Brown, resident of Kilcroagh in 1803. Alex died probably between 1833 when he was identified as a landholder and the late 1840s when he does *not* appear as a landholder in Griffith's Primary Valuation (hereinafter *GV*). Alex was undoubtedly a close kinsman of our immigrant ancestor, Daniel¹ Brown, but he was probably *not* Dan's father. Alex may have had a son Daniel but it appears that he remained in Kilcroagh after Daniel¹ had emigrated to America. *Toal* is also an Irish surname; perhaps Alex or his wife somehow descended from a Toal family.

During his tour of Northern Ireland as a student, Jerry Brown uncovered other information from unspecified sources that has guided subsequent research efforts. In the Parish of Armoy today there is only one farm that is historically associated with the Brown family; it lies in Kilcroagh Townland and is now owned by George McAuley. Three long-abandoned stone cottages still stand in the common area of Kilcroagh in vary degrees of disrepair. Alex and Toal Brown were listed as the landholders in 1833. Toal Brown, who was known to be related to Alex somehow, was born in 1802 (or 1806) and died 15 March 1900; his (second?) wife's name was Alice. Although some of the details reported to Jerry conflict with other records, the obvious kinship of Alex and Toal is supported by other evidence. Note that no John or Patrick Brown is identified in 1833; this is consistent with the theory that they were of an earlier generation than Alex.

When Griffith's Primary Valuation was taken, starting in the late 1840s, the only Browns noted in the Parish of Armoy were all residing side by side in the Townland of Kilcroagh: Tully Brown (undoubtedly a nickname for Toal), 22 acres, house, office (probably a chicken coop), and land; Patrick Brown, 9 acres, house, office, and land; and Daniel Brown, 10 acres, house, office, and land. All three Browns in Kilcroagh were leasing their land from Robert Smyth. Note that Alex Brown is *not* identified and that Tully's acreage is more than double that of Patrick's or Daniel's.

From records provided further below, we know that Daniel¹ was not Tully's son. Also, the Patrick who was adult in the 1840s could not have been Tully's son Patrick who was born about 1841. Tully named his eldest known son Alex; Tully was probably the son of Alex. Daniel and Patrick were also probably sons of Alex; Patrick's existence sparks the theory he was named after "Patt" [Patrick] Brown who resided in Kilcroagh in 1803, thereby linking three generations of Browns at Kilcroagh. In any case, there can be no doubt the Browns of Kilcroagh Townland were closely related. How Daniel¹ Brown fits into the family tree remains unknown.

Children, surname *Brown*; parentage and birth order uncertain:

- i. TOAL "TULLY," b. ca. 1806; m. 1830 ELLAN __ (*sic*), b. ca. 1809; farming in Kilcroagh on 30 March 1851. (Josephine Masterson, *Ireland: 1841/1851 Census Abstracts (Northern Ireland)* [Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, MD; 1999]; Part Two: 1851 Census Abstracts from Old Age Pension Records, p. 167); d. 15 March 1900 (*gravestone?*); m. (2?) ALICE

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Children, surname *Brown*, b. [Kilcroagh] (*Masterson*): 1. *Alex*, b. ca. 1833. 2. *Rose*, b. ca. 1835. 3. *John*, b. ca. 1837. 4. *Mary*, b. ca. 1839. 5. *Patrick*, b. ca. 1841. 6. *Tully*, b. ca. 1843. 7. *Ann*, b. ca. 1845. 8. *Margaret*, b. ca. 1848; d. after 1908 when the Irish government began accepting applications for "Old Age Pensions."

- ii. PATRICK, b. 1820s or earlier in order to have been a landholder in the 1840s.
- iii. DANIEL; *not* identical with Daniel¹ Brown; records document his residence in Kilcroagh after Daniel¹ emigrated to America.

3. DANIEL¹ "DAN" BROWN was in born in [Kilcroagh Townland, Armoy Parish], County Antrim, Northern Ireland in 1822; he died without benefit of the sacraments in the Town of

Greenwood, Steuben County, New York on Saturday, 6 January 1900 and was buried in the Old Catholic Cemetery, Town of Greenwood on Monday, 8 January 1900 following a funeral service at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Rexville, Town of West Union, Steuben County, New York. Dan was married in [County Antrim], Northern Ireland to SARAH STEWART who was also born in the County Antrim in 1814. She died of "old age" in Greenwood at 10:00 am on 16 March 1893 and was buried in the Old Catholic Cemetery on 18 March 1893 (*New York State Certificate of Death 11973*). Sarah was probably the daughter, or otherwise a close kinswoman, of William Stewart, also of Kilcroagh Townland (*GV*).

Alexander² Brown told Alex Joseph³ Brown that Dan's first name was actually Aaron; his full name of Aaron Daniel has not been found in any documentation to date. Family legend also says that Sarah was one of seven daughters.

According to family legend, Rose Ann (Hamilton) McGill, was a first cousin to Daniel¹ Brown. It follows that the maiden name of Dan's mother was probably *McKendry* or *Hamilton*; the available evidence favors *McKendry*. *Hamilton* is a Scottish name that came to Ireland during the plantation of Ulster (Northern Ireland) and the rare name, *McKendry*, appears to be unique to the County Antrim or nearly so.

Daniel¹ Brown's mother was probably a *McKendry*. Listed in *ALS* as a resident of Armoyn Parish in 1803 was Mrs. *McKendry*, widow of Caralaverty Townland, which borders Kilcroagh. In all of the County Antrim, there were only a handful of men named *McKendry*; they resided in the parishes of Dunluce, Ballymoney, and Ramoan. However, a large number of Culfeightrin residents were named *McHendry*, this spelling appears to be unique to that parish and is an obvious synonym for *McKendry*: Barney (2), Daniel, Hugh and Francis of Ballypatrick Townland; Daniel of Aghnaholl Townland; Daniel and Nougher of Torr Townland; Dennis of Corramillagh Townland; Hendry (*sic*) of Parkure Townland; Hugh of Twentyacres Townland; James of Culnagoppag Townland; John and Neal of Torcorr Townland; John (2) and Michael of Loghan Townland; John and Patrick of Farinmacallan Townland; Michael and Michael Jr. of Crigfad Townland.

Note that the *McKendry* surname arrived in Kilcroagh Townland sometime between 1803 (*ALS*) and 1848 (*GV*); yet the *Hamilton* surname remained unknown in Armoyn. This would suggest that Daniel's mother was more likely a *McKendry* than a *Hamilton*; Edward *McKendry* of Kilcroagh was probably a relative. The other *McKendrys* of Armoyn Parish (*GV*) were: Edward of Aghrunniaght; James of Ballykenver; and Charles and Patrick of Cromaghs.

However, it is also possible that Daniel's mother was a *Hamilton*, for more details on the *Hamiltons* of Culfeightrin Parish, County Antrim and Steuben County, New York, please refer to my document, *Dennis Hamilton of West Union, Steuben County, New York*.

As noted above, Daniel Brown originated in Kilcroagh Townland. Many of the residents of Kilcroagh in the 1840s bore the same surnames associated with Kilcroagh in 1803 in *ALS*: Charles Cuning; James, John and Patrick Darragh; John Harrigan; George Hughey, John Kane, Charles and Patrick McAuley; Daniel, Patrick and Roger McCambridge; Edward *McKendry*, Bridget *McVicker*; Bernard Scally; and last, but certainly *not* least, William Stewart. Several of these surnames are also found among the early settlers of Greenwood and West Union, Steuben County, New York.

Based on the fact that Daniel and Sarah named their eldest son *William*, it seems highly probable that William Stewart of Kilcroagh was Sarah's father, or other close kinsman. The

Stewarts were numerous in the Parish of Armoy by 1669 as evidenced by the Hearth Tax Roll for that year.

The other Stewarts of Armoy Parish identified in Griffith's Valuation were: Charles of Ballyeny; John Stuart of Ballykenver; Alexander of Cromaghs; Charles and Matthew of Knocknahinch; Alexander, Charles and James of Mill Five Acres (Armoy); James of Moyaver Lower; John of Moyaver Upper; and Patrick of Tureagh.

Other possible kinsmen of Sarah (Stewart) Brown residing within Armoy in 1803 (*ALS*) included Frank Stuart, an old man of Stroan Townland; John Stuart of Balycanver Townland; John Stuart of Mullaghduff Townland; and Mrs. Stuart of Park Townland. In the Parish of Culfeightrin, County Antrim, the Stewarts listed in 1803 (*ALS*) were: Alexander of Torr Townland; Alexander and John of Watertop Townland; Andrew of Iskert Townland; Archibald and William of Drumahuillan Townland, Francis of Ballynagard Townland; and John (2) of Torr Townland.

The Browns were also somehow linked to a Lavery family (see details further below). Is the name, *Lavery*, linked to the Townland of Caralavery? Mary Lavery was a resident of Toreagh Townland within Armoy Parish in 1803 (*ALS*). The Lavertys of Armoy Parish in the era of Griffith's Valuation were Michael of Breen; Alexander of Mill Five Acres (Armoy); and James and Michael of Tullaghore.

Dan and Sarah left Northern Ireland sometime after the birth of their second child on 15 April 1847; "Black '47" was the height of the Potato Famine. They were part of the great exodus out of Ireland. Their voyage to America took about three months; at one point a violent storm arose and blew the ship back in sight of the Irish shore. Our first record of them in America is the 1850 census; it is not known by what port they arrived.

On 14 October 1850, they were residing in Copake, Columbia County, New York, a small town near where the borders of Massachusetts and Connecticut meet. In the census, it was noted that Dan was working as a laborer and Sarah could not read or write. Later census records also indicate that Columbia County was the birthplace of their daughter, Catherine Ann (Brown) Dillon in 1850. Catherine's death certificate indicates that she was born at Livingston Manor, Sullivan County, New York on 17 October 1850. Livingston Manor is at least fifty miles southwest of Copake; it seems unlikely that such a significant move or trip occurred in the three days intervening between the census and Catherine's birth. A more likely explanation, is that the Browns resided on or near a large estate on the Hudson River named Livingston Manor, which is in Columbia County.

Dan and Sarah soon moved to Steuben County by 30 June 1853 (*1855 New York State Census*), New York where they reportedly first settled on (then King, now) Brown Hill in the Town of Greenwood between the villages of Greenwood and Rexville, near a McCormick family that they had known in County Antrim. There were eleven McCormick households in Armoy Parish in 1803 (*ALS*) and thirteen by the time of Griffith's Valuation.

Brown is all-too-common surname but it should be noted that another Catholic Brown family resided in or near Greenwood as early as June 1849 when "*Jacobum*" [James] Brown was baptized at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Greenwood, New York; he was the son of Thomas and Catherine (O'Brien) Brown; the baptismal sponsors were "*McKeale et Maria Collins*" (*Liber Baptizatorum*, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church). Thomas was roughly of the same generation as Daniel and Daniel named one his sons Thomas so Thomas the elder may have been an otherwise unknown brother to Daniel.

Daniel and Sarah soon relocated to Brown Hollow, in the Town of Greenwood, between the villages of Greenwood, Canisteo, and Andover, New York. As of 30 June 1855 (*New York State Census*), D. and Sarah Brown, were living in frame house valued at \$100, along with their children, Wm, A., C.A. and Thos. Dan was identified as a farmer, land owner, and a naturalized citizen. However, other records indicate that Dan did not become a naturalized citizen until 1871.

Also identified in the 1855 New York State Census for the Town of Greenwood was Alexander McKendry (48?) with wife, Jane (50), and son A. (18), son P. (16), son Jas [James] (14), son F. (11), daughter C.J. (9), and son P. (6). From the birthplaces presented for the McKendry children, it is evident that the family immigrated into Canada before 1837, removed to Livingston County, New York by 1839, and settled in Steuben County by 1844. Alexander was a farmer, land owner, and naturalized citizen. In 1855, J. McKendry and family were residing in the neighboring Town of West Union, adjacent to families named McCormick and McCoy, both of which are Armoyn Parish surnames.

According Alex Joseph³ Brown (*Alexander², Daniel¹*), the family stories, the otherwise unknown Laverty branch of the family settled farther west. As noted above, *Laverty* is another surname found in Armoyn Parish, County Antrim, Northern Ireland. In 1870, the Brown household included Daniel (38), Sarah (42), William (14), Alexander (12), Catharine (9) and Thomas (6). Residing with the Browns was "John Lafferty" (38), a Farm Laborer born in Ireland.

In 1855, R. Laverty (19) resided in the Town of Greenwood with his widowed mother, Margaret (50), and boarders Ms. C. Laverty (25), and Betsy Agan (2). All were born in Ireland, except for Betsy who was a native of Steuben County; all arrived in Steuben County at different points in time. R. Laverty had been a resident for thirteen years but his mother had only been in Greenwood for six years. In 1860, the Greenwood household of "Robert Laferty" (22) also included Catharine (28), Margaret (60) and Elizabeth (7). In 1880, James Lofferty (49) and his sister Catherine (35), both natives of Ireland, were sharing a household with their niece Betsey Lofferty (27) who had been born in New York. Robert Laverty died in 1868 and was buried in the Old Catholic Cemetery in the Town of Greenwood. One wonders if Margaret (___) Laverty was perhaps a sister or sister-in-law of Daniel Brown or Sarah (Stewart) Brown.

On 6 January 1871, Dan became a naturalized citizen. In the 1873 Atlas of Steuben County, D. Brown's residence appears in the southeast corner of Lot #89, at the eastern terminus of what became Brown Hollow Road and the stream which flowed down through Brown Hollow to Rock Creek in the valley below. They cleared the land and built a farm; the buildings later burned and the foundations can no longer be found. William Lafferty appears in the 1873 Atlas of Steuben County as a resident of district three, section 19 on West Greenwood Hill.

On 20 December 1880, the following receipt was issued at Greenwood by J.B. Woodbury: "*Rec^d of Daniel Brown Eighteen in full for Painting and Ironing Lumber wagon.*" (*Ledger book of Alexander² Brown*). Does this notation take on a greater significance when we recall that earlier Browns of Kilcroagh Townland back in Northern Ireland were Wagoneers?

Daniel's brief obituary appeared in the 18 January 1900 edition of the *Hornell Evening Tribune*:

Greenwood... Daniel Brown died at his home in this town on Saturday, Jan. 6, 1900, aged 77 years. He was buried the following Monday from St. Mary's Church at Rexville.

Children:

- i. WILLIAM², b. [Kilcroagh Townland, Armoy Parish] Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland 15 May 1845; bapt. Armoy Roman Catholic Church, Armoy Parish, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland; d. West Union, Steuben Co., NY 22 Sep 1927; bur. St. Mary's Cemetery, Rexville, Town of West Union, NY; never married; resided with parents in 1880; possibly named in honor of his maternal grandfather or another maternal kinsman.
4. ii. ALEXANDER, b. [Kilcroagh Townland, Armoy Parish] Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland 15 April 1847; m. JENNIE THOMPSON; possibly named in honor of his paternal grandfather or another paternal kinsman.
- iii. CATHERINE ANN, b. [Livingston Manor], Columbia Co., NY 17 Oct 1850; d. St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, Steuben Co., NY 1 Jan 1930 (*Hornell Evening Tribune* [2 Jan 1930]); bur. St. Ann's Cemetery, Hornell, NY; m. 12 Dec 1877 THOMAS DILLON JR., sponsors Alexander Brown and ___ Dillon (*Register Matrimorium*, St. Mary's, Rexville, NY [hereinafter *SMRM*]), b. NY (1880 *Federal Census*) 1853, d. 1927, son of Thomas and Julia (McCarthy) Dillon, raised by Cornelius and Annora McCarty who are presumed to have been his uncle and aunt; resided in Greenwood in 1880; according to Catherine's obituary, they moved to Hornell about 1915 and were residing at 123 Maple St., Hornell, NY at the time of her death.
 Children, surname *Dillon*: 1. *John M.*; b. 1882; d. 1924; m. Alice Rae Corsaw, b. 1888, d. 1970. 2. *Mary Frances "May,"* b. 1884; d. 1902. 3. *William Leo "Will,"* b. 1886; d. 1959; m. Myrtle Smith, b. 1884. 4. *Cornelius Edward "Neil,"* b. 14 Nov 1887; d. 6 Sep 1967; m. Matilda "Tillie" Young, b. 23 Aug 1883, d. 16 Oct 1957. 5. *Margaret*; b. 1891; m. Louis H. Young. 6. *Daniel Webster "Don,"* b. 1895; m. Irene Baird. 5. *Frederick W.*, b. 1896; d. at the VA Hospital in Bath, NY 1950s.
- iv. THOMAS, b. Town of Greenwood, Steuben Co., NY in 1853; d. Greenwood, NY 16 June 1861 of Diphtheria; bur. Old Catholic Cemetery, Greenwood, NY.

4. ALEXANDER² "ALEX" BROWN (*Daniel*¹) was born in [Kilcroagh Townland, Armoy Parish], County Antrim, Northern Ireland on 15 April 1847; he was possibly named after his paternal grandfather or another paternal kinsman. Alex died at the home of his daughter Frances Elizabeth "Fannie" (Brown) Gardiner, in the Village of Canisteo, Steuben County, New York on 22 August 1938. He was buried in St. Mary's Hill Cemetery in the Village of Rexville, Town of West Union, Steuben County, New York on 24 August 1938. Alexander was married in St. Mary's Church, Rexville on 13 February 1893 to JENNIE THOMPSON (*William*^A), daughter of William^A and Mary (Boyd) Thompson. Jennie was also the step-daughter of both Robert^A McHatton of [County Antrim,] Ireland and Hugh² Mullen (*Archibald*¹) of County Antrim, Ireland and Greenwood, Steuben County, New York. Jennie was born in County Antrim, Northern Ireland on 25 May 1866; she died at home of Breast Cancer in the Town of Greenwood, Steuben County, New York on 6 January 1915.

Alexander had emigrated from Northern Ireland as a young child with his parents. He grew up in the Town of Greenwood on (then King, now) Brown Hill and in Brown Hollow. He was a carpenter and a farmer; he stood about 5'8" tall and had black hair. In 1880, he was still residing with his parents.

In the early records St. Mary's Church, the priest usually attempted to enter names in latin. In the baptismal records for all but one of her children, Jennie's maiden name was identified as McHatton. However, she was identified as "Joanna Thompson" when her son Alex was baptized and in the *Register Matrimorium* of St. Mary's Church, "Jenny Thompson" is identified as the daughter of "Guliami [William] Thompson et Mari McHatton".

Throughout much of his adult life, Alexander recorded miscellaneous information in a small, red leather-bound ledger book, now in my possession. In citations provided below, this source is referenced as *Ledger*. As a ledger book, most of Alexander's entries are brief records of financial transactions. However, he included the names and birth dates of his sons, Fred, Ivan, and Alex.

Some of the earliest records in Alexander's ledger date to 24 August 1875, when he began logging the income that he earned in thrashing oats, wheat, buckwheat, barley, peas, and "wry" for various farmers around Greenwood. His frequent customers included my "uncle," Elias⁷ Williamson (*Abraham*⁶, *John*⁵, *Peter*⁴, *William*³, *Willem*² *Willemsen*, *Willem*¹ *Willemsen*), and Elias' son-in-law, Emmett Coston.

On 9 June 1886, Mary Hickey commenced working for Alexander as a housekeeper (*Ledger*). Later that year, on 14 October, she bore Alexander a son, James Vincent. "Jimmy" Brown died in 1902; a large portrait is his only legacy. Mary Hickey was probably the same Mary Hickey identified as a daughter of John and Bridget (___) Hickey of Greenwood in the 1880 Federal Census. If so, she was born in New York about 1864 and her parents were also natives of Ireland.

In Rexville, on 15 November 1902, B.O. Hargan issued the following receipt: "*recieved from Alick Brown ten Dollars to aply on funeral expences.*" Alexander was probably still paying off an account generated by the death of his father, Dan, on 6 January 1900. A funeral was apparently an expensive item for this family of simple means; a similar receipt was issued on 9 August 1896 by B.O. Hargan to Alexander's sister, Catherine (Brown) Dillon: "*receaved seven Dollars from Mrs. Dillon the Balance in full for funerl Expences.*" Alexander's and Catherine's mother, Sarah, had died on 16 March 1893. (*Ledger*)

It was not until 1893, at a relatively advanced age, that he married Jennie Thompson, a woman almost twenty years his junior. They lived near each other on West Greenwood Hill. Immediately following their wedding, Alexander said something to Jennie to the effect of: "*I've gone and married the only the woman the Devil himself wouldn't have.*" She reportedly jumped out of the wagon and went to find work in Coudersport, Potter County, Pennsylvania. One wonders if she had any family or friends residing in Coudersport where she might have initially sought safe haven. Jennie reportedly lived with and/or worked for a family by the name of Inness. The family may have owned a restaurant or hotel in which Jennie worked or boarded. Although I discovered that *Inez* is the name of a place just south of Coudersport, I have found no records of any Inness family residing in Coudersport.

However, I noticed that Charles and Alice (Gridley) Innes resided in Ulysses Township in the 1910 Federal Census. Ulysses Township is also in Potter County but lies closer to Greenwood than Coudersport. Charles Inness was born 15 September 1862 and died in

Cleveland, Ohio on 15 February 1945. On 10 August 1884, he married Alice Mathilda Gridley; she was born in Ulysses on 15 November 1866 and died in Winchester, Virginia in 1964; she was the daughter of Merrit and Helen Ophelia (Stout) Gridley. Despite making contact with living descendants of Charles and Alice Mathilda (Gridley) Innes, I am unable to determine whether or not this was the family that took Jennie in.

Somehow, after three years, Alexander and Jennie reconciled and started a family in Brown Hollow. In the 1900 Federal Census, their household included an "adopted son," James Brown; James was actually the biological son of Alexander by his former housekeeper, Mary Hickey. Also residing in the household were Alexander Brown's brother, William and Betsey Newbury. The otherwise unknown Betsey was born in July 1832.

In the 1910 Federal Census, Alex, Jennie and their five children were identified as residents of the Town of Greenwood. After living some time along Rock Creek, they settled just north of the Village of Greenwood. This house sits on the eastern side of NYS Route 248 just south of the Greenwood Cemetery and next to Riggs Creek; it is presently owned by Les Ordiway. It was here that Jennie died in 1915, leaving several young children behind. At Greenwood, on 6 April 1915, Alexander "*paid Farley Drake \$10 dollars in Funerl Expenses*" for the burial of his late wife, Jennie (*Ledger*).

Alex sold a cow to Vince McCormick to pay Farley Drake for Jennie's burial. Ironically, she had carried that very cow home from a neighbor's when it was a calf.

In the 1920 Federal Census, he identified himself as "Alex Brown," a farm labourer "working out." Only sons Fred, Alex Jr. and Ivan remained at home.

Following Jennie's death, Alexander moved to Fisher Hollow between the villages of Greenwood and Jasper. The children left home to work for different families in the area. In 1923, he earned checks of \$12.50, \$21.00, \$10.00, and \$39.25 "*for working on the road*, (*Ledger*). In 1926, Alexander went to live with his son Alex on (then King, now) Brown Hill. In 1936, he moved to his daughter's home in Canisteo where he remained until his death in 1938.

Rev. R.M. Lynch presided over Alexander's funeral; the pallbearers were Legouri Kieff (father-in-law of Alex Joseph³ Brown), Vince McCormick, George Rollins, Robert Grumley, Jim Harkenrider, and Eddie McCarthy (*Funeral Book of Alexander Brown*).

Jennie came from the County Antrim in 1875 when she was just ten years old. Her mother, Mary (Boyd) (Thompson) (McHatton) Mullen, presumably twice-widowed, had left Northern Ireland earlier to find work as a housekeeper for Hugh Mullen, who she later married. Once established here, Mary sent for Jennie. In Northern Ireland, they put a tag on Jennie to make sure she reached her destination. Thompson is an English name; however, in Northern Ireland it is the most common name in County Down.

Jennie's half-brother Robert Burus McHatton was born 28 May 1874, probably just before his mother left Northern Ireland yet he did not immigrate until 1884, about the time she died. These unusual circumstances, particularly the significant difference in Jennie and Robert's dates of immigration, present quite a puzzle.

Following Mary's death, Jennie still resided in the household of her step-father, Hugh Mullen in 1892; Robert McHatton was not listed (*1892 New York State Census*). However, Michael Hadden was the only other individual living in Hugh Mullen's household in 1892. *McHatton* is a variation of *McIlhatton*. Imagine that Robert McHtton was actually residing in the Mullen household. After his name is stated, the census-taker asks for it to be repeated. Thinking

that only the surname has been questioned, someone says "McIlhatton" very slowly and the census-taker hears "Micheal Hadden."

The Mullen farm was on West Greenwood Hill due west of Brown Hollow. Hugh Mullen died 26 June 1894. Although he had no children of his own, he did not include Jennie in his will. To those who knew her well, Jennie had a reputation as a virtual saint. No matter how tired or poor she was, she would feed a stranger who knocked on the door anytime day or night. She milked the cows and often picked berries to sell. She was about 5' tall and had black hair.

Unfortunately, no one in the family has a photograph of Jennie. She was superstitious about having her picture taken. Mrs. Clarence Weatherby of Andover, Allegany County, New York had a photograph of Jennie that had belonged to her mother who died in 1993 at the age of 107. Mrs. Weatherby has been unable to locate the photograph to date but it may yet be found.

Child, by Mary Hickey:

- i. JAMES VINCENT³ "JIMMY," b. Greenwood, Steuben Co., NY 14 Oct 1886; d. of Diphtheria in Greenwood 8 Oct 1902; resided in father's household in 1900 as an "adopted son."

Children, by Jennie Thompson, born in Brown Hollow, Town of Greenwood, Steuben County, New York:

- ii. CATHERINE AGNES, b. 8 July 1897; d. in Buffalo, Erie Co., NY 18 June 1972; bur. St. Mary's Cemetery, Rexville, Town of West Union, Steuben Co., NY; m. (1) Rexville 14 Oct 1913 ALBERT CURTIS BROWN, d. 23 Dec 1972; m. (2) RAYMOND CHANDLER.

Children, surname *Brown*: 1. *Lillian Frances*; b. 25 July 1915; m. Charles Dwight Carlin, b. 25 Aug 1903, d. 1 Aug 1960. 2. *Bertha Catherine*, b. 12 July 1918; m. 23 Oct 1933 Ronald Stephens, b. 1910, d. 17 July 1985. 3. *Donald Albert*, b. 6 Dec 1920; m. 6 Dec 1941 Bertha Doty. 4. *Clifford Luman*, b. 14 Feb 1923, m. 1942 Evelyn Patricia Stocum. 5. *Albert Alton*, b. 4 Dec 1924; m. 4 Nov 1945 Hazel Irene Ellison, b. 15 Feb 1930, d. 27 Aug 1987; divorced.

- iii. FRANCES ELIZABETH "FANNIE", b. 9 Sep 1899; bapt. St. Mary's, Rexville, NY at approximately age 12 with sponsor Mary Dempsey; d. 25 Oct 1987; bur. Canisteo, NY; m. LUMAN BERNARD GARDINER, b. 18 June 1898, d. 16 Nov 1977.

Children, surname *Gardiner*: 1. *Dorothy Genevieve*, b. 1 Sep 1922; d. 18 Nov 1968; m. Feb 1940 Milton Charles Goodwin. 2. *Jerry Luman*, b. 23 Sep 1932; m. (1) Carol Stephens, b. 12 Feb 1935; divorced; m. (2) 27 April 1960 Venus Virginia Conklin, b. 14 Oct 1922.

- iv. FREDERICK VINCENT, b. 27 April 1903; bapt. St. Mary's, Rexville, NY at approximately age 12 with sponsor William Dempsey; d. Wellsville, Allegany Co., NY ? _____ ?; m. (1) 14 Feb 1934 HELEN LUCINDA HULL, b. 16 Oct 1918, divorced, dau. of and ___ and Mary (Rockwell)

Hull, resides in Wellsville, NY; m. (2) ANN KAHLE of Germany, divorced; resided near Andover, Allegany Co., NY most of his life.

Children, surname *Brown*: 1. *Dolores Marie*, b. 8 January 1935, m. (1) John Graves; divorced; m. (2) 9 Dec 1961 James Arnold Babcock, b. 21 Nov 1933; resides in Shinglehouse, PA. 2. *Patrick Vincent* b. 3 Aug 1936; m. 5 Aug 1979 Peggy Ann Miller, b. 3 June 1949; resides in Bliss, ID. 3. *Jane Elizabeth*, b. 30 Oct 1937; m. 17 Dec 1955 Leroy Benton Billings, b. 8 March 1936; resides in Whitesville, NY. 4. *Merle Frederick*, b. 21 June 1939; m. Venecia Lorraine Howe, b. 20 April 1943; resides in Andover, NY. 5. *Mary Lois*, b. 29 May 1941; m. 13 June 1964 James Vernon Morton, b. 28 January 1938; resides in Cheektowaga, NY. 6. *Robert John*, b. 22 Sep 1942; m. 11 July 1964 Susan Jean Mangan, b. 1 May 1946. 7. *Timothy James*, b. 16 Dec 1944; m. 20 July 1968 Darlene Ann Bowles, b. 7 Oct 1945. 8. *Gary Michael*, b. 4 June 1946; m. 22 Oct 1966 Donna Dee West, b. 15 Aug 1948; resides near Andover, NY. 9. *Sheila Ann*, b. 19 Sep 1947; m. 29 June 1968 Kenneth Earl Gleason; resides in Wellsville, NY. 10. *Eileen Frances*, b. 23 Nov 1948; m. 23 July 1967 David Stanton Thorp, b. 13 April 1947; divorced.

5. v. ALEX JOSEPH, b. 6 Sep 1904; m. MARY RITA KIEFF.
vi. IVAN JAMES (born JAMES IVAN), b. 11 July 1906; bapt. St. Mary's, Rexville, NY at approximately age 1 with sponsor Vince McCormick; d. in Buffalo, NY ? _____ ?; m. 18 Sep 1918 GLADYS CONRAD, b. 31 May 1907, d. 11 Nov 1978.

Children, surname *Brown*: 1. *Veronica Jennie*, b. 16 Sep 1928; m. 7 July 1961 Donald Dominic Piano, b. 11 Nov 1930. 2. *James Ivan*, b. 6 Aug 1930. 3. *Patricia Gertrude*, b. 19 May 1934; m. 23 June 1956 Richard Benjamin Jr., b. 16 March 1930. 4. *Darrell Seitz*, b. 25 Nov 1935; m. 31 May 1964 Joan Marie Cummings, b. 21 May 1952; divorced. 5. *Theodore Conrad*, b. 1 Oct 1936; m. 25 May 1979 Norberta (Kramer?) Kuhn, b. 19 Aug 1947. 6. *Richton Bradley*, b. 12 April 1937; k. 24 Oct 1952 in a hunting accident. 7. *Virginia Romayne*, b. 6 June 1940; m. Vernon Scott; divorced. 8. *Sharon Frances*, b. 17 April 1943; m. 1 Oct 1960 Ronald Dean Perkins, b. 11 Aug 1938; divorced. 9. *Kathleen Loraine*, b. 1 April 1949; m. 18 Oct 1970 Michael J. Updyke, b. 30 Aug 1950; k. 19 Feb 1983 in a automobile accident.

5. ALEX JOSEPH³ BROWN (*Alexander*², *Daniel*¹) was born in Brown Hollow, Town of Greenwood, Steuben County, New York on 6 September 1904. He died at Highland Health Care Center in Wellsville, Allegany County, New York on Tuesday, 23 July 2003 at approximately 2:30 am. On Friday, 25 July 2003, he was buried in the cemetery of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Rexville, Town of West Union, Steuben County, New York. Alex was married in St. Mary's Church, Rexville on 20 June 1932 to MARY RITA KIEFF (*Legouri Michael*³, *Michael*², *Dennis*¹), daughter of Legouri Michael³ and Mary Magdalene (McGill) Kieff of West Union. Rita was born in the Town of Jasper, Steuben County, New York on 17 July 1915. She died at her home in

Rough-n-Ready, Town of Greenwood, on 26 April 1993 and was buried in the cemetery of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Rexville on 29 April 1993.

Although he has been known as simply Alex his entire life, he was named as Alexander Jr. in the 1905 census. His father, Alexander, was listed as Alex in other earlier census records. Perhaps his complete name was Alexander Joseph as well. Alex attended Greenwood's Union School before his mother died and his father moved to Fisher Hollow. Like his siblings, he left home at a young age to earn his keep.

At approximately age 12, Alex was baptized at St. Mary's in Rexville with sponsor Anthony J. Sweeney.

Alex first worked for Mary Laverty on top of West Greenwood hill; Mary may have been a relative of some degree. In the 1900 Federal Census, she reported that she was born in New Jersey in May 1859 and that her parents were also natives of Ireland. She had adopted a daughter named Maggie Hand who was born in Ireland in Dec 1883. By the 1920 Federal Census, Mary was living alone. At Mary Laverty's, Alex cared for five cows and attended a one-room schoolhouse at the west end of Brown Hollow Road. This schoolhouse was later moved up the hill to the site of the Miner homestead. This building was incorporated into the home now owned by the family of Alex's granddaughter, Annette Stephanie (Ahearn) Mills. Next, Alex went to work for Vince McCormick and attended the King Hill school.

On 11 March 1921, "*Alex Brown Commenced work for George Rollan March 11th at 26 per month for Eight months,*" (*Ledger*). While Alex worked for George Rollins he attended school in Rough-n-Ready. The foundations of this one-room schoolhouse can still be found in the woods across the road from the house that he later occupied. Alex worked for Frank O'Harrigan in Rexville before he went to Ben Connelly's in Andover in 1925.

In 1926, he bought his own farm on (then King, now) Brown Hill, in the Town of Greenwood, next to farm where his grandfather, Dan Brown, had first settled. In 1949, Alex and Rita bought a farm in Rough-n-Ready. This farm straddled both sides of Bennett's Creek Valley; the house sits at the foot of Wheeler Hill Road. In this old farmhouse, Alex and Rita raised eight daughters. A life-long dairy farmer, Alex also worked as the Road Commissioner for the town of Greenwood from 1954 to 1966. Although he never finished school, Alex was an avid reader.

Following Rita's death in 1993, Alex was able to remain at home with the frequent assistance of his daughters. After his daughter, Anna Marie (Brown) Streeter, became acutely ill in the fall of 1994, he went to live in the home of his daughter, Mary (Brown) Drake, at 66 Maple Street in Canisteo, New York. He resided there until October 1997 when he entered the Manor Hills Adult Home in Wellsville, Allegany County, New York. In 1999, Alex moved to Highland Health Care Center, also in Wellsville, where he remained until his death. At his funeral, his grandsons John Coddington, Robert Drake, Joseph Ahearn, Jay Empson, Perry Streeter, Joshua Cole and Patrick Greaney, served as pallbearers. Grandson Jeff Ahearn was a reader; great-grandsons, Kevin Hoyt, Jason Hoyt and Luke Williamson, were the altar servers.

On ... Alex and Rita deeded their farm in Rough-n-Ready to their daughters, retaining life use as long as either one of them was able to reside there. On ... it was sold to ... Hewitt of Troupsburgh, New York.

Rita grew up on Irish Hill in the Town of West Union, south of the Village of Rexville. Her ancestry is also Irish and Scots-Irish; the O'Keeffes and the McAulliffes were probably from County Cork while the Hamiltons and McGills were probably Scots-Irish from the County Antrim. The one-room schoolhouse was near her house, neither of which is still standing.

Although Rita did not graduate from high school in Whitesville (Allegany County, New York), she obtained her Graduate Equivalency Diploma on 7 November 1980.

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