

**80th Family Reunion  
1941-2021**

***A FAMILY REVIEW***

**Joseph and Ella Brown**



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# **Bell-Brown**

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# The First Family Reunion

Johnson Park, Piscataway NJ



C. Roy Epps



August 16, 1941

Back Row: James Spencer , Lawrence Brown. Edward Spencer, Ruddy Wright and Mary Spencer

Second Row: Willie Wright, Edward Brown Jr., **Anne Wright**, Claude Brown, Jr., Wilbur Richardson and Richard Brown

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Seating on ground: Silva Brown, Ella Brown holding **C. Roy Epps** and Elaine Brown and Morris Brown, Jr.

## SOUTH RIVER COUPLE HAS PICNIC IN PARK

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Brown of South River gave a picnic at Johnson Park yesterday for their children, 21 grandchildren and intimate friends.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Morris Brown and family and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Epps and family, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown and family of South River, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wright Jr. and family and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Brown, of this city.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. James Allen of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lee Burt and family and Mrs. Alice Sample of South River; Mr. and Mrs. Preston Gatlin and family of this city.

## 83 IN FOR DINNER

It takes a lot of chicken to feed 49 great-grandchildren, much less 29 grandchildren and five children.

But Mrs. Joseph C. Brown, 79, of 19 Howard St., managed it last weekend. Her guests are still departing from the family reunion.

Mrs. Brown's children are Claude and Morris Brown, New York City; Mrs. Naaman Williams, Franklin Township; Joseph Brown, Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Clarence Epps, this city.

## WHERE IT BEGAN

### BELL/BROWN STORY

#### The Beginning:

#### **Ella Bell**

Elizabeth Oliver (born, 1862) and Richard James Bell were married on December 24, 1882, in Charleston, S.C. Elizabeth was the first child born to the Oliver family. Elizabeth's mother was an Indian slave and her father was white. Elizabeth had four brothers, C. J., Edward, Zack and Bubba and two sisters, Sadie and Mary.

**Ella Bell** was the first child born of Elizabeth and Richard Bell on Dec. 28, 1884 in Charleston, S.C. Richard James Bell Jr. was the next born and the only son in the Bell family. There were four younger sisters, Alice, Mamie, Elizabeth and Flossie.

At the age of 58, Elizabeth (Ella's Mother) passed away on March 20, 1920. Richard (Ella's Father) died March 2, 1933 and is buried in Georgia

#### **Joseph Benjamin Brown**

Rev. Jefferson Benjamin Brown and Hattie Patience were wed in Georgia in the late eighteen hundreds. **Joseph Benjamin Brown** was born Dec. 17, 1881, the first son born in the Brown family. Joseph's older sister Lulu was born June 8, 1880 and lived to the age of one hundred and one year. She passed away in Washington, D.C. in 1991. Joseph's younger brothers and sisters were, Joshua, John, Purlis, Jessie, David, Aaron, Irene, James and Hattie.

Rev. Jefferson was born June, 1859, his life ended on April 14, 1942 (83 years). Hattie was born May, 1867 and departed this life August 4, 1902 (34 years). They were both buried in Georgia.

#### **THE UNION**

***Joseph and Ella Bell were wed in holy matrimony in Lowndes County, Ousley, Georgia on August 24, 1905, with the Rev. T.A. Gary officiating the ceremony.***



Through this union seven children were born Morris, Richard, John, Alice, Claude, Lilly and Joseph.

In 1923, Joseph and Ella moved their family from Valdosta, Georgia to Sayreville, N.J. Most of the southern blacks migrating north to New Jersey, seeking employment were housed in dormitories near the brick yard in Sayreville N.J. in the nineteen twenties. Soon after their arrival, Joseph and his entire family joined Sharon Baptist Church in New Brunswick, Rev. Jesse Lee was the Pastor.

A few years later, the family moved to 16 Gordon Street, South River, N.J. At the time of their passing, Joseph, August 16, 1961 and Ella Oct. 25, 1965 had been residents of New Brunswick for over twenty years. Both Ella and Joseph are buried in Franklin Memorial Park Cemetery in North Brunswick, New Jersey.

Ella realized as her family grew, there was a need to bring them together. She gathered them for the first time, in Johnson Park, Piscataway, N.J. on August 16, 1941. For the following years, the individual families met separately, but over the past thirty-five years, it has become an annual event.

In honor of our Seventy-Fifth Anniversary, we present our family album. At the time of their union, Joseph and Ella never realized their seven children would propagate such a tremendous legacy. Thirty-two grandchildren, 93 Great grandchildren, 147 Great, Great Grandchildren and 56 Great, Great, Great, Grandchildren total **362; the result of four generation from the Brown-Bell union.**



# BROWN-BELL FAMILY TREE



**ELLA BELL**  
Dec. 28, 1884—Oct. 25, 1965

**JOSEPH BROWN**  
Dec. 17, 1881—August 16, 1961

## **Morris Edward Brown**

October 3, 1906 - April 5, 1978

Morris Edward Brown was born in Lowndes County, Georgia, the first born of Ella and Joseph Brown on October 3, 1906.

In 1923, Morris came to Sayreville, N.J. with his family where he became a member of Sharon Baptist Church. A few years later, Morris moved to New Brunswick where he met and married Luella Williams. Together they were the parents of five children. Four sons, Edward, Phillip, David and Morris Jr. All the sons are deceased. A surviving daughter, Ellen Onja lives with her husband and family in California.

In 1932, Morris moved his family to New York City where he continued working for Mack Motors in New Jersey until it closed in November 1961. He had worked for them for thirty years. Morris then became a Longshoreman in New York until he retired in 1977. Morris will be long remembered by his devoted daughter Ellen, four sons, twelve (12) grandchildren, nineteen (19) great grandchildren, five (5) great, great grandchildren and his entire family and all those who knew him for his beautiful smile and pleasing personality. (45 offspring)



**Morris E. Brown**

**(D) MORRIS EDWARD BROWN and**  
**(D) LUELLA WILLIAMS**

**I. (D)\*Edward and Rose Dickerson**

**\*\*Elaina and Francis Schlesinger**

**+Evan**

**\*\*Curtis**

**+Crystal**

**\*\*Doris \*\*Rhonda**

**\*\*Jalil Brown Robinson & Nicole Hunter**

**+ Janai Robinson +Jalil Robinson Jr.**

**+ Brielle Leanne Robinson**

**\*\*Jalil Brown Robinson & Rashida Mahone**

**+Jazelle Robinson +Journey Robinson**

**2. (D) \*David**

**3. (D)\*Philip Brown Sr and Effie Jones**

**\*\*Renee Brown & Rodney Brooks**

**+ Amanda +Jason +Veronica +Virginia +Elizabeth + Philip**

**+ Virginia Brooks & Joseph Ford**

**#Lailani Ford # Victoria Ford**

**\*\*Phyllis & Douglas Turner**

**+Zachari +Jamal**

**# Aiden James**

**\*\*Philip Jr. & Sheila**

**+ Philip 3<sup>rd</sup> +Elijah +Jeanette**

**+Philip Charles 3<sup>rd</sup> & Shawna**

**# Elijah Teyvon Brown**

**+ Philip Charles 3<sup>rd</sup> & Jane Grey**

**# Ava Sheila Brown**

**+ Jeanette Brown & Brandon Cabbagestalk Sr.**

**# Brandon Gregory Cabbagestalk,Jr**

**# Jace Philip Cabbagestalk**

**4. (D)\*Morris Jr.**

**5. \*Ellen Onja & Phillip Lawson**

**\*\*Sowande Chi M'wai Philip**

**\*\*Saeed Shakir Ezra David**

**Richard James Brown**  
**May 26, 1908 - September 15, 1930**

Richard James Brown was born in Lowndes County, Georgia, on May 26, 1908 to Ella and Joseph Brown. He moved with his family in 1923 to Sayreville, N.J. where he became a member of the Sharon Baptist Church in New Brunswick.

Albert Richard Brown was born to Alma Smith and Richard on October 10, 1925. Richard later met and married Lucille Frazier. Through this union a son Lawrence Richard Brown was born on January 26, 1929. Before the birth of his younger son Morris James Brown on April 13, 1931, Richard was killed in an automobile accident at the age of 22 on Brunswick Pike, New Jersey.

His older brother Morris, age 24, though seriously injured was the sole survivor of the four young men in the car. Richard would be pleased to know his heirs from his three sons produced fifteen (15) grandchildren, nineteen (19) great grandchildren ~~and~~, thirteen (13) great, great grandchildren and two (2) great, great, great grandchildren. (52 offspring)

**John Henry Brown**  
**August 24, 1909 - June 30, 1926**

John Henry Brown was born in Lowndes County, Georgia to Ella and Joseph Brown, August 24, 1909. With his family, he moved to Sayreville, N.J. in 1923 and became a member of Sharon Baptist Church, New Brunswick, N.J. John's life was short lived.

As a teenager of 17, his life was taken away in an automobile accident in New Jersey, June 30, 1926 and was buried in Georgia.



**(D) RICHARD JAMES BROWN (D) ALMA SMITH**

1 \*Albert Richard (Perry) and Gladys Carman

\*\*Audrey and Ulric Arthur

+ Michelle Jefferson

# Briana, # Brittney

+Michelle and Ramon Jefferson

# Alysa

+ Ulric Albert Alston (Ricky)

+Gregory & Jennifer Reed

#London Marie

\*\*Audrey Robert Rao

\*\*Carol & Reginald Jennings, Sr.

+Reginald Jr.

#Jelani and Maleny Urbina Jennings

&&Nael &&Jael

+Reginald Jr. and Carely Lopez

# Karen Lopez # Lillian # Melanie

\*\*Carol & William Webb

**Special Thanks to Carol Webb for the updated family Information**

D) RICHARD JAMES BROWN (D) LUCILLE FRAZIER

2.(D)\*Lawrence Richard and Betty Hall

(D)\*\*Rita Johnson

+ Derek Lamont Johnson +Tyrell Du'ane Speights (Sonally)

#Anthony #Angel #Drew Speights

\*\*Marcella Houston (Mark Houston)

(D) +Jordan Alexander Houston +Drew Anthony Houston

\*\*Cynthia Browne Julien and Roy James Julien

+Xavier and Brandice

#Liberty #Mila #Emmaree # Xavier Ramon

\*\*Lawrence Richard Browne, Jr. (Bernadine Browne)

+ Eric Browne

(D) \*Lawrence Richard Browne and Barbara

\*\*Eugene Browne      \*\* Nicholle

3. (D) \*Morris James and Peggy Baldwin (D)

(D)\*\*Cedric

\*\*Marcella & Ronnie

+ Lorene + Ronnie III +Morris III & Yolande B. Dove

# Morris James Brown 1V

\*\*Morris Jr. & Angela

+Danielle +Troy

\*\*Peggy Ann & Charles Henderson

+Faith +Joshua

\*\*Lawrence & Valerie

\*\*Tracey



Lillian Jennings, Jelani Jennings, Jael Jennings (held by Reggie), Reginald Jennings, Albert Brown (seated), William Webb, Nael Jennings, Gladys Brown (seated) and Carol (Brown) Jennings Webb



All Audrey's 5 granddaughters, and her 3 children join to celebrate Father's Day with the family patriarch, Albert Brown (seated) and Gladys Brown (seated)



### **Alice Brown Spencer Epps**

March 9, 1911– October 7, 2002

Born in Lowndes County, Georgia on March 9, 1911 Ella and Joseph first daughter was born. She was named Alice Evelena Brown after her mother's sister Alice.

Alice was twelve years of age when her family relocated to Sayreville, N.J. where she became a member of Sharon Baptist Church. Several years later, she married James William Spencer of Quitman, Georgia. Through this union were born James Jr., Mary, and Edward. James Jr. and Edward are deceased.

In 1930, Alice and her children moved to New York where she met and married Clarence Roy Epps. They had three sons, C. Roy Jr., Bernard and William. Following the death of her husband in 1960. Alice returned with her family to her parents' home in New Brunswick.

After renewing her membership at Sharon Baptist Church, under the Rev. Marcus Williams, Alice joined the Gospel Chorus where she continued to be an active member until her death. She was a past member of the Women's Missionary Society.

She married William Petty on July 3, 1967 and was widowed six years later in 1973. For more than thirty years, Alice was a member of the Sunbeam Temple No. 164. I.B.P.O.E. of the World, and Trinity Council. For thirty-four years she was a member of the Progressive Court No. 34, Order of Calanthe, New Brunswick, N.J.

Alice never dreamed her six children would have blessed her with twenty-two (22) grandchildren, thirty-six (36) Great Grandchildren and twenty-six (26) Great, Great Grandchildren; three (3) great, great, great Grandchildren. (93 offspring)

## **D) ALICE EVELENA BROWN and (D) JAMES W- SPENCER**

### **1. (D)\*JAMES WILLIAM JR. and (D) Martha Escalera**

\*\*James 3rd  
\*\*(D)Joyce  
+Janee  
\*\*Joyce (D) & Nathan Lee  
+Nathan Jr      +Janee  
                    #Aungelique      #Sade      #Skylah #Nasya  
                    ^Nathan ^Donald      ^ Kai  
\*\*Roslyn (D)  
\*\*Darlene and (D)Glenn Wallace  
+Jaron

### **2. (D)\*MARY B. and (D) William W. Brown**

\*\*William Jr. & Patricia  
+Patrice      +Ayana  
# Deshone # Naim # Ashanta  
\*\*William Jr & Carol Barker  
                    +Omari  
\*\*Alice & Malcolm Williams  
                    +Malcolm Jr and Zandra Campbell  
                    #Zana # Myles  
+Malcolm Jr. & Gina Boykin  
\*\*Hannah  
+Tyrone & Diane Wellington  
                    # Tyron Anthony  
\*\*Hannah & Claude Guerrier  
                    +Justin & Salian  
                    # City Hannah #Justin, Jr.  
\*\*Anthony (D) & Pandora  
                    +Lettecia  
                    # Jatique  
\*\*Barbara Ann  
+Byron

### **3. (D)\* EDWARD A. SPENCER and Dorothy Walters**

\*\*Edward Jr. & Renee Lucas  
                    +Shamar  
\*\*Rasoul (Reginald) & Maryam Madyum  
                    +Raqib, +Najla  
                    #Kylah #Kymir    # Jamir #Khaliq  
                    \*\*Rasoul (Reginald) & Stephanie Lige  
  
\*\*Ishaaq (Keith) & (D )Aminya  
  
\*\*Lorraine & Husain Sabir  
                    +Saleem,      + Seidah & Bassirou +Shadeed, & Najibah  
                    #Yara Sabir      #Austin #Layaan    #Ilyas #Zuhayrah  
                                            # Nusaybah

{(D)\* **EDWARD A. SPENCER** and Dorothy Walters-con't)

\*\* Sharon & Darrell

+Jasmin

#Tristan McMillon

+Jenell & Joshua Prince

#Aniyah Prince

## **D) ALICE EVELENA BROWN and (D) CLARENCE ROY EPPS, SR.**

**1\*C. ROY JR.** and Lorraine Garvin (D)

\*\*Leah & Anthony Arnold

+Naomi & Chris Leyh,, +Keziah, +Meshach

\*\*Roy III (Nalik)

+Dominique, +Roy IV +Tania

#Isaiah #Korrie Gensesis

\*\* Leslie & Antonio Lopez Sr

+Antonio Jr. (D) +Esai

**\*C. ROY JR.** and (D) Cheryl Wall

\*\*Camara

**2.\*BERNARD** and Naomi Leftwich

\*\*Bernard Jr. & Sharon

+Sierra, +Sydney

\*\*Lisa & Larry Bracken

+Justin

**\*BERNARD &** Hazel Fox Epps

**\*3. (D)\*WILLIAM** and Debbie Spriggs

\*\*William Jr. & Betsy

+William III, +Tia Symone

\*\*Jermaine & Nicole

+Nichet +Jason + Jordan

**(D)\*WILLIAM** and (D) Lessie Brown

### **THE FAMILY (designations)**

Joseph and Ella Brown

*\*Grandchildren; \*\*Great grandchildren +Great Great grandchildren; # Great Great Great grandchildren; ^Great Great Great Great grandchildren; D = Decease*



Lorraine & Husian with their  
sons and grandchildren 2021



Roy Epps with children and grandchildren  
Donaldson Park 75th Family Reunion 8/2016

**Claude Benjamin Brown**  
**September 9, 1912 - December 26, 1977**

Claude Benjamin Brown Sr. was born to Ella and Joseph Brown, September 9, 1912. His parents brought the family north to Sayreville, New Jersey in 1923. Claude with his brothers and sisters became a member of Sharon Baptist Church in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

The family later moved to South River, New Jersey where Claude met and married Mary Elizabeth Walker, April 23, 1934. They became the parents of thirteen children. One daughter Evelyn died at an early age.

Claude and his family made their home in South River for several years before moving to New York City.

Before he became ill, Claude worked most of his years in New York in the building trades. He also worked for the City Park Department for a short period of time. Though, Claude was not a member, but he saw that his children attended the Park Avenue Baptist Church on 125th Street. When Claude departed this life, December 26, 1977, he had no way of knowing his family would grow from thirteen children (13) to thirty-six (36) grandchildren to sixty-eight (68) great, great grandchildren and four (4) great, great, great grandchildren; 159 offspring.

**What a Legacy!**



**Claude Brown**

## THE FAMILY (designations)

Joseph and Ella Brown

*\*Grandchildren; \*\*Great grandchildren +Great Great grandchildren; # Great Great Great grandchildren; ^Great Great Great Great grandchildren; D = Deceased*

**(D)CLAUDE BENJAMIN**

and (D) MARY E. BROWN

### 1. (D)\* **Claude Henry & Joyce Brown**

\*\* (D) Sheryl Penick

+Keith & Serena +Steven +Ashley +Sherri  
#Carter Nasir

\*\*Kim and Teddy Smart

+Gina Smart +Larry Jr.

\*\*Alphonso Brown

+Tavan Brown

\*\*Eric Brown

\*\*Claude Brown Jr.

### 2. (D)\* **Richard Brown**

\*\*Stephanie Willis

(D)+ Jacqueline

#Shaniquea #Jacqueline #David #Myasia #Tatiana #Desi #Tyiema #Aman #Shania  
#Jeremiah

^Devine ^Maleek ^Damarian ^Alani

\*\*Richard Jr. (Ricky)

+Akiyahya +Atheana +Ava

### 3. (D)\* **Doris E. & (D) Joseph Washington**

\*\*Doris Jean Washington

+Olu Malik +Omar + Kahlil

#Zakayah #Destiny Victoria

+Darra & Jamel Wallace Sr

#Jamel Jr.

(D)\*\* Joseph Washington Jr.

+Yusef Billingslea

#Dajon Yusef #Dillion

#Dejore #Demora Jacquelyn

\*\*Mary Malika Iman

+Iman & Jasmine Inde

#Imani & Alanna

+Adia & Paco Demba + Shani Stanley

#Zali #Magaye #Ira #Nasir

(D)\*\* Lincoln Marshall

(D)\*\* Carver King Washington, Sr. & Carol

+Carver King Washington, Jr.

### 4. (D)\* **Evelyn Brown**

**5. (D)\* Sylvia & (D) James Potts**

\*\*Lorraine Boyce  
+Darrell +Derrick (D)+Jamel +Antoine +Daquan  
+Patrice Wilson  
#Jamier  
\*\*Elizabeth Potts  
(D)+James Cory & Michelle  
#Rahmel  
+Anthony Ali & Van  
#Iris Cam #Robin Maxwell  
+Sylvia Shanta, +Dana & Stefan +Kareem  
#Liam  
+Yolanda (D)+Terrence +Natasha  
#Jayden  
\*\*Nicole  
+Niani Bryanna  
\*\*Sabrina  
+Jafari +Jaquanda

**6. (D)\* Elaine Jackson**

\*\*Rose Marie Reeves  
+Tashauna  
#Londyn Shaun  
+Nakeema  
#Cory Jr. #Casey Marie #Carly Nakeema #Caily Rose  
+Shatoya &Tyree  
#Nataree Dajah #Najah Kim # Nalah Star  
+Matthew & Gabrielle  
# Autumn Elaine  
+ Marquis  
#Marxalexander  
\*\*Andrea & (D) Kevin Wilson  
+Kevin Jr. & Rihanna +Ki'Auna  
#Kevin Kamari III #Rayelle Riley #Delilah Andrea  
\*\*Andrew  
+Xavier  
#Jayden #Tabitha #Zavion  
\*\*Kenneth & Merlina Jackson  
+Yazmyne +Kenneth Jr. +Angelina Sky  
(D)#Eric #Aaliyah

**7. \*Joyce Reid**

\*\*Diane & Lenny Gardner  
+Shamar +Najee + Naiema  
\*\*(D) Eugene  
\*\*Joy Leach  
+Shawntay +Danny Jr.  
#Shamari #Joel  
\*\*Jennifer & Craig Archer  
+Josiah +Naomi

**8. \*Robert Brown**



**9. (D) \*Louis Brown**

\*\*Maurice \*\*Louis Jr. \*\*Tyler  
+Aaron Maurice

**10. \*Wilfred Brown**

**11. \*Linda Percy**

\*\* Steven & Monique  
+Steven Joseph +Madison Lynn +Sophia Sharon

\*\*Michelle & Darvin Best  
+Shakayla & Boaz +Daylin +Dhani

\*\*Tamika Percy

**12. \*Muriel Alston**

\*\*Tonya Alise & Anthony Hendricks  
+Muriel Gomez +Moriah Gomez +Caleb Hendricks  
#Naavah Alise #Nia Symone' #Naliya I'mani #Nasir Isaiah  
\*\*Jason & Yvonne Williamson  
+Amber Irene +Eva Gabrielle & Harry Harris III +Jason Jr.  
\*\*Robert Alston

**13. \*(D) Norma & (D) Thomas White**

\*\*Sean  
+Amya +Elijah +Aseanti +Jace  
\*\*Sharease (Sherry)  
+C'Nedra  
\*\*Andre & Suzel (Abby)

Special thanks to Sherry Moore for the updated  
of the Claude Brown family Information





**Mary Brown with children—summer 2001**



August 20, 2016 @ the  
family reunion





August 17, 2019 @ the family reunion



October 2017 in Harlem



January 30, 2016 in Harlem @ baby shower



July 6, 2019 in Fishkill NY





Without Masks

## 2020 Family Reunion

Pandemic Year



With Masks





2016 Family Reunion-Donaldson Park August 20,



2019 Family Reunion-Donaldson Park August 17, 2019



## **Lilly Bell Brown Williams**

January 8, 1915 - November 21, 1979

Lilly Bell Williams was born to Ella and Joseph Brown in Lowndes County, Georgia on January 8, 1915.

She moved with her family to Sayreville, N.J. in 1923, where she became a member of Sharon Baptist Church, New Brunswick, N.J. She met and married Samuel Wright. Four children were born of this union Rudolph, Anne, William, and Jeanette.

Several years after the death of her youngest daughter, Jeanette, Lilly and her husband moved their family to New York City. Some years later, the marriage was dissolved and Lilly again made her home in New Jersey. She lived in New Brunswick before settling in Somerset, N.J., where she married Naamon Williams. This marriage was also terminated.

Lilly was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, East Orange, N.J. for the eight years prior to her departing this life, November 21, 1979. She retired as a professional presser. Her youngest son, William Wright passed away July 9, 1988 in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Most recently, Rudy Wright passed away August 15, 2016 leaving Anne as the remaining child of Lilly Bell.

With only her surviving daughter, Anne, Lilly would be happy to know that there are now eleven (11) Great grandchildren, eighteen (18) Great, great grandchildren and seventeen (17) Great, great, great grandchildren. (50 offspring)



**LILLY BELL (D)**  
**(D) SAMUEL WRIGHT**

**1. (D)\*Rudolph and Joan Hunter (D)**

(D)\*\*Brenda & Burt (D)

(D) +Ranelle

+Brendan & Jessica

# Brendan Jase

\*\*Rudolph Jr. (D)

\*\*Wayne & Marjorie (D)

+Sierra

\*\*Sharon Wright

+Lawrence Petty

#Dominique # DeMarcus # Justice

+Michael Petty

+Theresa Petty

#Adriell, # Brooklyn, # Dominique # Dajahlee

+Shurniece Petty,

#Nevaeh, #Nikayla, #Isaiah, #Justin (D) # Aurora

^ Castiel

\*\*Sandra

+ Cierra Wilson, + Tamia

#Giselle DeLoach # Gianna DeLoach

\*\* Dwayne

**2.\*Ann and Henry Nanton(D)**

\*\*Karen & Michael MacGregor

+Christopher +Scott

\*\*Cynthia & Ayodele Hashim (D)

+ Saul

+ Chinue (D) & Ashley

+ Kadar (D)

# Dorian # Chinue # Mia

^ Melia ^ Mila

\*\*Debra

+Brian L. Adams & Melissa

# Zielle # Braelyn #Brianna

\*\*Gregory and Ann

+Briana +Talia

\*\*Gregory and Ericka

+Ayanna + Aaliyah

**3.\*(D) William**

**4.\*(D) Jeanet**

A special thank you to Sharon Wright for her review and family certification

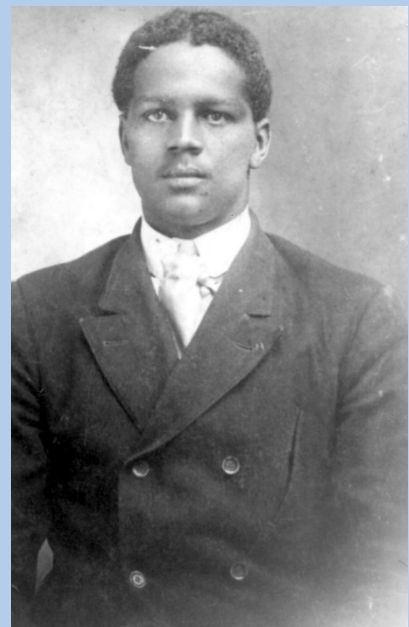
# The Brown Children



**Morris Edward, Claude Benjamin and Joseph  
Clarence  
Alice Evelena and Lilly Bell**



**John Henry Brown**



**Richard James Brown**

## **Joseph Clarence Brown**

**May 18, 1917 - May 16, 1977**

Joseph Clarence Brown was the youngest child born to Ella and Joseph Brown on May 18, 1917 in Lowndes County, Georgia. In 1923, Joseph's parents moved the family to Sayreville, N.J. where he received his public school education.

A veteran of World War II, he received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy.

A few years later he met and married Marie Powell. They were blessed with a son, Joseph Clarence Brown Jr. on February 13, 1953. The marriage ended in divorce and Joseph moved to New York City. He attended Hunter College in New York City where he took courses in investments and other related business subjects.

Joseph was employed thirteen years as a successful investment broker. His persuasive abilities and business sense were an asset to him as a car salesman at the Anderson Chevrolet, Inc and (where) Rea Keech Buick Company. While living in Baltimore City, Joseph joined Enoch Baptist Church where he served as a member of the Board of Trustees and a faithful member. He enjoyed the fellowship of the Tuscan Masonic Lodge.

His family and friends remember him for his sense of humor, kindness and pleasant personality.

### **(D)JOSEPH CLARENCE BROWN AND MARIE POWELL**

**\*\*Joseph Jr.**



**Joseph C. Brown**



Marie and Joe



Mother and Son





**MEN AT FIRST FAMILY REUNION AUG. 16, 1941**  
**BACK ROW**  
 JOE BROWN, CLAUDE BROWN, PRESTON GATLIN  
**MIDDLE ROW:**  
 JOSEPH BURT, SAM WRIGHT, MORRIS BROWN SR.  
**1<sup>st</sup> ROW:**  
 SONNY ALLEN, MR. WILLIAMS, CLARENCE EPPS SR.

## FIRST REUNION



Alice Sample, Mary Brown, Ella Brown, Alice Epps, Beth Burt  
 (seated) Eleanor Brown, Maxine Gatlin holding Delores Gatlin  
 Gladys Johnson and Lilly Wright



**Morris Brown and Family**



**Alice and Clarence Epps and Family**



**Claude Brown and Family**



**Lilly and Sam Wright and Family**

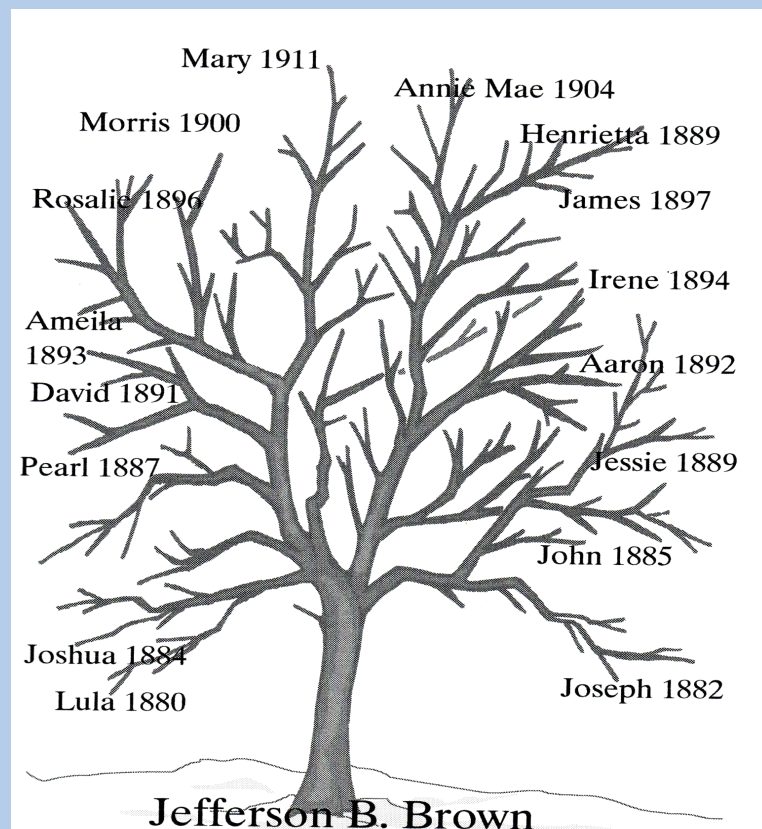


## Reverend Jefferson Benjamin Browning (Joseph's Father)

Reverend Jefferson Benjamin Browning, he later dropped the "ing", was born in Richmond, Virginia June 1859. He was the son of a white slave master and an Ethiopian house slave woman. Reverend Brown migrated further south to the Florida Everglades. One day he saw a Seminole Indian maiden in a yard and took her to Ousley, Georgia where he settled and they were wed. her name was Hattie Elizabeth Patience. She was thirteen years of age and became the mother of his thirteen children.

Reverend Brown was a presiding Elder who was away from his home for several months at a time traveling to different churches. He fathered a total of twenty-four children. Hattie was born May 1867 and departed this life August 4, 1902. Reverend Brown passed away on April 14, 1942. They were both buried Georgia.

Joseph Benjamin Brown was born December 17, 1881, the first son of the Brown family. Joseph's older sister Lulu was born June 8, 1880 and lived to the age of One Hundred and one (101 years). She passed away in Washington, D.C. September 24, 1981.





**Reverend Jefferson Benjamin  
(Browning) Brown**

1900 CENSUS LOWNDES CO GA OUSLEY

NAME	BIRTH MO.		YEAR	AGE	BIRTHPLACE
BROWN	Jeff B.	May	1859	41	Georgia
	Hattie	May	1866	33	Georgia
	Joseph	Dec	1882	17	Georgia
	John	Apr	1885	15	Georgia
	Perlinc	Aug	1887	12	Georgia
	Jessie	May	1889	11	Georgia
	David	Jan	1891	9	Georgia
	Aaron	Nov	1892	7	Georgia
	Irena	Sept	1894	5	Georgia
	Jimmy	Apr	1897	3	Georgia
	Hennie	Dec	1898	1	Georgia

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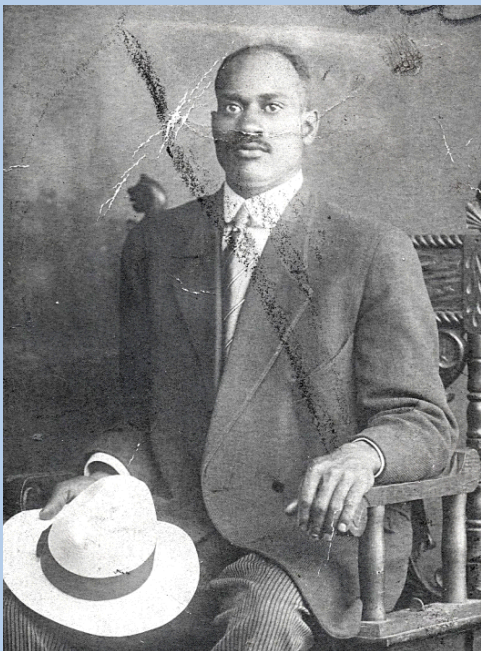




**Ella's father  
Richard James Bell**



**Ella Brown's three sisters—Alice Sample, Mamie  
Bell-Woods, Elizabeth Burt**



**Ella's only brother- - Richard  
James Bell**



**Beth, Joseph Burt and Family**





**Joseph oldest sister Lulu and Ella Brown**



**Lula sister Pearl Knight celebrates  
Lula's Brown Siplin's 100th birthday  
June 1980; Washington, D.C.**



**Lulu's nephew Aaron Brown, William  
Knight and niece Ellen Ivey**





**August 18, 1984 Family Reunion  
(Unity Day)**

Donaldson Park, Highland Park, NJ



**August 1986 Family Reunion**

Donaldson Park, Highland Park, NJ





Most of those from the  
1941 Ella Brown  
Grandchildren picture

2nd row: (left to right) Lawrence Brown, Phillip Brown, Claude, Jr., Ruddy Wright, Wilbur Richardson, Ann Nanton, Richard Brown and Mary Brown  
Foreground: C. Roy Epps, Alice Brown Petty and Elaine Jackson

## 50th Family Reunion

August 17, 1991



August 17, 1991





2011 Family Reunion Photo



2012 Family Reunion Photo



2013 Family Reunion Photo





2014 Family Reunion Photo



2015 Family Reunion  
Donaldson Park, Highland Park, J



Those from the 1981 Ella  
Brown  
Grandchildren picture

2015 Family Reunion



# **A Very Special Fallen Leaf**



**MARY B. BROWN**

October 26, 1927 - June 3, 2021