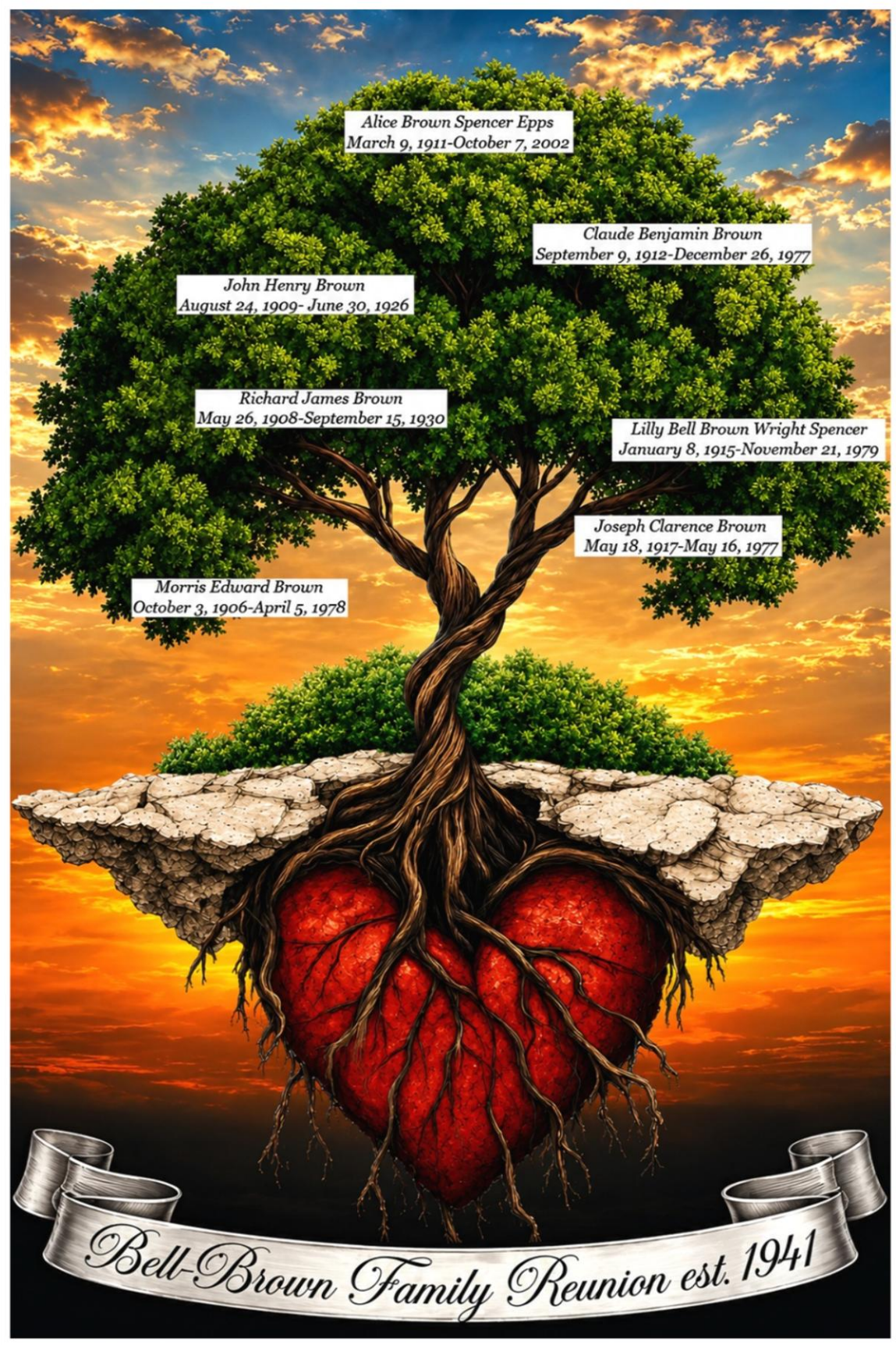


85th Bell-Brown Family Reunion



A FAMILY REVIEW

85th Family Reunion
1941-2026

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The First Family Reunion

Johnson Park, Piscataway, NJ



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

Third Row: David Brown, Phillip Brown, Francis Richardson, Doris Brown and Major Williams

Seated 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 Gathin and family of this city.



Ann Wright Nanton

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.

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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, SC. 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, SC. 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, DC. in 1991. Joseph's younger brothers and sisters were Joshua, John, Purlis, Jessie, David, Aaron, Irene, James and Hattie.

Rev. Jefferson was born in June 1859, his life ended on April 14, 1942 (83 years). Hattie was born in 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.

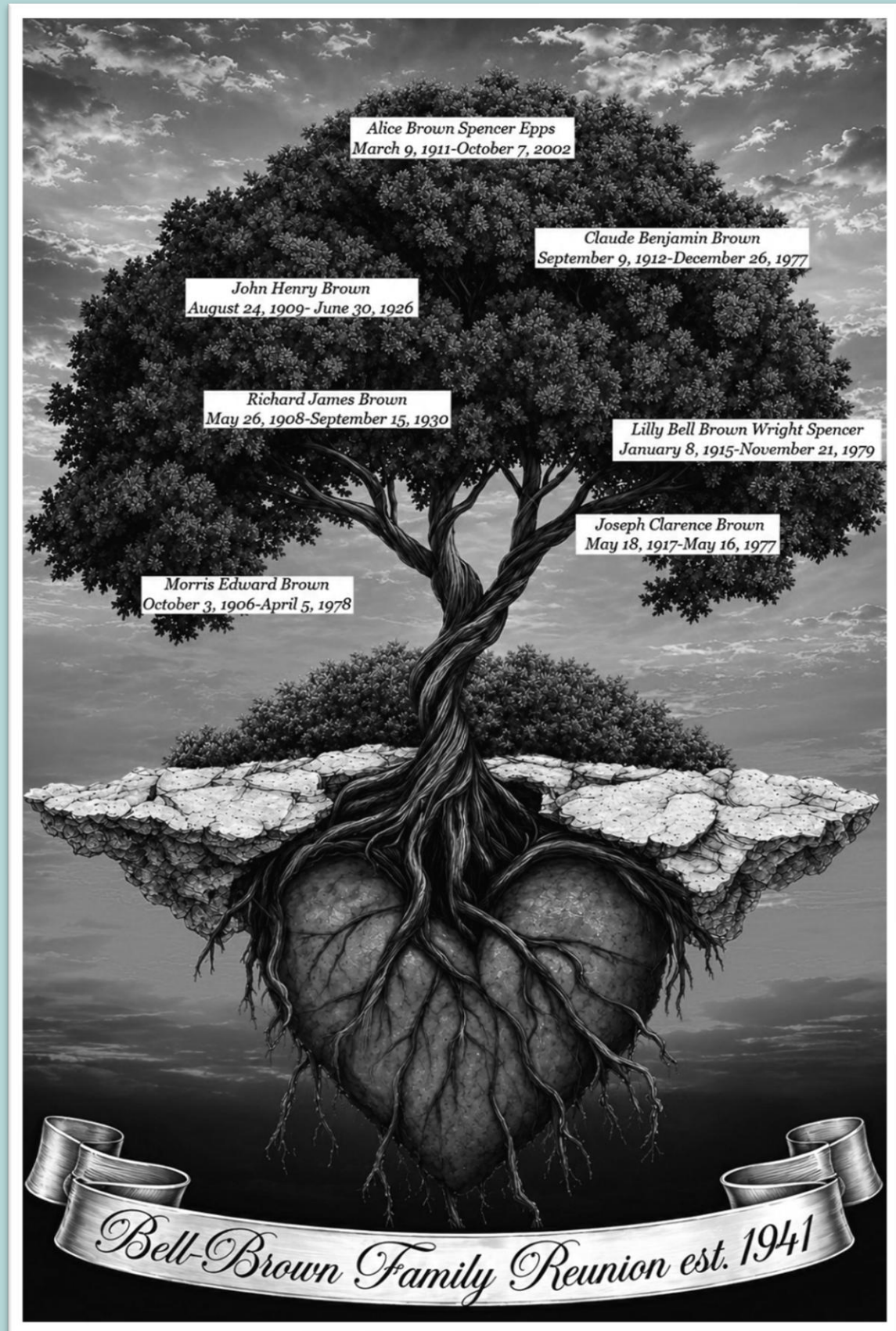
In 1923, Joseph and Ella moved their family from Valdosta, Georgia to Sayreville, NJ. Most of the southern blacks migrating north to New Jersey, seeking employment, were housed in dormitories near the brick yard in Sayreville NJ in the nineteen twenties. Soon after their arrival, Joseph and his entire 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, NJ. 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, NJ 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 Eighty-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, 171 great-great-grandchildren, 150 great-great-great-grandchildren, and 16 great-great-great-great-grandchildren, totaling **462; the result of six generations from the Brown-Bell union.**

Bell-Brown Family Tree





Joseph and Ella Brown
1961

ELLA BELL
Dec. 28, 1884 - Oct. 25, 1965

JOSEPH BROWN
Dec. 17, 1881 – Aug. 16, 1961

Family Tree Legend

1st DESCENDANT (Children)

- 2nd descendant (Grandchildren)
 - 3rd descendant (Great-Grandchildren)
 - 4th descendant (Great-Great-Grandchildren)
 - 5th descendant (Great-Great- Great-Grandchildren)
 - 6th descendant (Great-Great- Great- Great-Grandchildren)
 - * 7th descendant (Great-Great- Great- Great- Great-Grandchildren)

D = Deceased

The Brown Children



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



John Henry Brown



Richard James Brown



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 (4) sons, ten (10) grandchildren, seventeen (17) great-grandchildren, seven (7) great-great-grandchildren and his entire family and all those who knew him for his beautiful smile and pleasing personality.

(39 offspring)

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

- Edward Brown (D) + Rose
 - Elaina (D) + Francis
 - Evan
 - Curtis
 - Crystal
 - Doris (D)
 - Rhonda
 - Jalil + Nicole
 - Janai
 - Jalil Jr.
 - Brielle
 - Jalil + Roshida
 - Jazelle
 - Journee
- David Brown (D)
- Philip Brown Sr. (D) + Effie
 - Renee + Rodney
 - Amanda
 - Jason
 - Veronica
 - Virginia + Joseph
 - Lailani
 - Victoria
 - Elizabeth
 - Philip
 - Phyllis + Douglas
 - Zachari
 - Aiden James
 - Jamal
 - Philip Jr. + Sheila
 - Philip Charles III + Shawna
 - Elija
 - Philip Charles III + Jane
 - Ava Sheila
 - Elijah
 - Jeanette + Brandon Sr.
 - Brandon Gregory Jr.
 - Jace Philip
- Morris Brown Jr. (D)
- Ellen Onja + Philip 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, NJ. 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 Richard's youngest 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 fourteen (14) grandchildren, nineteen (19) great-grandchildren, seventeen (17) great-great-grandchildren and four (4) great-great-great-grandchildren.
(57 offspring)

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

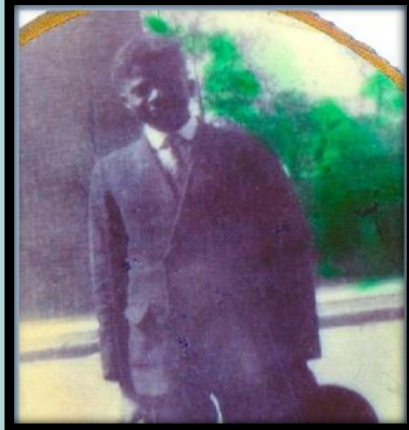
- Albert Richard (Perry) Brown (D) + Gladys
 - Audrey + Ulric
 - Michelle
 - Brianna
 - Britney
 - Michelle + Ramon
 - Alyssa
 - Ulric Albert (Ricky)
 - Gregory Allen + Jennifer
 - London Marie
 - Lorraine Elizabeth
 - Audrey + Robert
 - Carol + Reginald Sr.
 - Reginald Jr.
 - Jelani + Maleny
 - Nael
 - Jael
 - Reginald Jr. + Carely
 - Karen
 - Kaila
 - Lillian
 - Melanie
 - Ezra
 - Carol + William Jr.

A special thank you to Carol and Audrey for their review and verification of the Richard Brown,
Albert Perry family information.

RICHARD JAMES BROWN (D)
and **LUCILLE FRAZIER**

- Lawrence Richard Brown (D) + Betty (D)
 - Rita (D)
 - Derek Lamont
 - Anthony
 - Angel
 - Tyrell Du'ane (Sonally)
 - Drew
 - Marcella + Mark
 - Jordan Alexander (D)
 - Drew Anthony
 - Cynthia + Roy
 - Xavier + Brandice
 - Liberty
 - Mila
 - Emmaree
 - Xavier Ramon
 - Lawrence Richard Jr. + Bernadine
 - Eric
- Lawrence Richard Brown (D) + Barbara
 - Eugene
 - Nicholle
- Morris James Brown (D) + Peggy (D)
 - Cedric (D)
 - Marcella + Ronnie
 - Lorene
 - Ronnie III
 - Morris III + Yolande
 - Morris IV
 - Morris Jr. + Angela
 - Danielle
 - Troy
 - Peggy Ann + Charles
 - Faith
 - Joshua
 - Lawrence + Valerie
 - Tracey





John Henry Brown

August 24, 1909 - June 30, 1926

John Henry Brown was born in Lowndes County, Georgia to Ella and Joseph Brown on August 24, 1909. With his family, he moved to Sayreville, NJ. in 1923 and became a member of Sharon Baptist Church, New Brunswick, NJ. 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.



Alice Brown Spencer Epps

March 9, 1911- October 7, 2002

Born in Lowndes County, Georgia on March 9, 1911, Ella and Joseph's 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, NJ. where she became a member of Sharon Baptist Church. Several years later, she married James William Spencer of Quitman, Georgia. Through this union James Jr., Mary, and Edward were born.

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, NJ.

Alice never dreamed her six children would bless her with twenty-two (22) grandchildren, thirty-eight (38) great-grandchildren, twenty-nine (29) great-great-grandchildren, and one (1) great-great-great-grandchild.

(96 offspring)

ALICE BROWN SPENCER EPPS (D)
and JAMES W. SPENCER (D)

- James William Spencer Jr. (D) + Martha (D)
 - James III (D)
 - Joyce (D)
 - Janee
 - Joyce (D) + Nathan
 - Roslyn (D)
 - Darlene + Glenn (D)
 - Jaron
- Mary B. (D) + William Walter Brown Sr. (D)
 - William Walter (Saca) Jr. + Patricia
 - Patrice
 - Deshon (D)
 - Naim
 - Ashante
 - Ayana
 - William Walter (Saca) Jr. + Carol
 - Omari + Destiny
 - Serentiy
 - Alice + Malcolm
 - Malcolm Jr. + Zandra
 - Zana
 - Myles
 - Malcolm Jr. + Gina
 - Hannah
 - Tyrone (D) + Diane
 - Tyron Anthony
 - Hannah + Claude
 - Justin + Salian
 - City Hannah
 - Justin
 - Anthony (D) + Pandora
 - Lettecia
 - Jatique + Amani
 - Satori
 - Barbara Ann
 - Byron

ALICE BROWN SPENCER EPPS (D)
and JAMES W. SPENCER (D) (cont.)

- Edward Arthur Spencer Sr. (D) + Dorothy (D)
 - Edward Arthur Jr. + Renee (D)
 - Shamar
 - Reginald (Rasoul) + Maryam
 - Raqib Suluki + Kyana
 - Kyla
 - Kymir
 - Najla
 - Jamir
 - Khaliq
 - Ciana
 - Reginald (Rasoul) + Stephanie
 - Keith (Ishaq) + Aminya (D)
 - Keith (Ishaq) + Margaereth
 - Lorraine + Husain Sabir
 - Saleem
 - Yara
 - Austin
 - Layaan
 - Seidah + Bassirou Mbaye
 - Ahmadou Khadun
 - Shadeed + Najibah
 - Ilyas
 - Zuhayrah
 - Nusaybah
 - Sharon + Darrell
 - Jasmin
 - Tristan
 - Jenell + Joshua
 - Aniyah
 - Amani

ALICE BROWN SPENCER EPPS (D)
and CLARENCE ROY EPPS, SR. (D)

- C. Roy Epps Jr. (D) + Lorraine (D)
 - Leah + Antony
 - Naomi + Christopher
 - Keziah
 - MJ (Malorie)
 - Roy III (Nalik)
 - Dominique
 - Isaiah
 - Korrie
 - Denver
 - Roy IV (CJ)
 - Nalik Jr. (D)
 - Tania
 - Leslye + Jose Antonio Sr.
 - Jose Antonio Jr. (Tony)
 - Sofia
 - Esai (D)
- C. Roy Epps Jr. (D) + Cheryl (D)
 - Camara
 - Zora
 - Kairo
- Bernard Epps Sr. (D) + Naomi (D)
 - Bernard Jr. + Sharon
 - Sierra
 - Sydney
 - Lisa + Larry
 - Justin
- Bernard Epps Sr. (D) + Hazel
- William Epps Sr. (D) + Debbie
 - William Jr. + Betsy
 - William III
 - Tia Symone
 - Jermaine + Nicole
 - Nichet
 - Jason
 - Jordan
 - Jermaine + Tasheen
- William Epps Sr (D). + Lessie (D)

A special thank you to Alice and Sharon for their review and verification of the Alice Spencer Epps family information.









Claude Benjamin Brown

September 9, 1912 - December 26, 1977

Claude Benjamin Brown Sr. was born to Ella and Joseph Brown on 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, 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-seven (37) grandchildren, seventy-eight (78) great-grandchildren, seventy-four (74) great-great-grandchildren, five (5) great-great-great-grandchildren.

(207 offspring) Wow, what a Legacy!

CLAUDE BENJAMIN BROWN (D)
and MARY ELIZABETH BROWN (D)

- Claude Henry Brown (D) + Joyce (D)
 - Sheryl (D)
 - Keith + Serena
 - Steven
 - Bayleigh
 - Ashley
 - Carter Nasir
 - Sherri
 - Kim + Teddy
 - Gina
 - Larry Jr.
- Claude Henry Brown (D)
 - Alphonso
 - Tavan
 - Eric
 - Claude Jr.
- Richard Brown (D)
 - Stephanie
 - Jacqueline (D)
 - Shaniquea
 - Jacqueline
 - David
 - Myasia
 - Tatiana
 - Desi
 - Tyiema
 - Aman
 - Shania
 - Jeremiah
 - Devine
 - Maleek
 - Damarian
 - Alani
 - Richard Jr. (Ricky)
 - Akiahya
 - Atheana
 - Ava

CLAUDE BENJAMIN BROWN (D)
and MARY ELIZABETH BROWN (D) (cont.)

- Doris Elizabeth (Dara Aireen) (D) + Joseph Washington (Yusef Iman) (D)
 - Doris Jean + Gilberto
 - Olu Malik
 - Zakayah
 - Omar
 - Destiny Victoria
 - Kahlil
 - Darra + Jamel Sr.
 - Jamel Jr.
 - Joseph Jr. (Baba Saladeen Iman) (D) + Jackie
 - Yusef
 - Dajon Yusef
 - Dillion
 - Dejore
 - Demora Jacquelyn
 - Mary (Malika) + Francis (Baba Inde)
 - Iman + Jasmine
 - Imani
 - Alanna
 - Mary (Malika) + Thomas (Bashiri) (D)
 - Adia + Paco
 - Zaliyanna
 - Magaye
 - Shani + Ira Sr.
 - Ira Jr.
 - O'Lani Dior
 - Shani + Donnell
 - Nasir Yusef
 - Lincoln Marshall (Olugbala Iman) (D)
 - Carver King Sr. (Oba Iman) (D) + Carol
 - Carver King Jr.
- Evelyn Brown (D)

CLAUDE BENJAMIN BROWN (D)
and MARY ELIZABETH BROWN (D) (**cont.**)

- Sylvia (D) + James Potts (D)
 - Lorraine
 - Darrell
 - Jakoda
 - Derrick
 - Derrick Jr.
 - Javonni
 - Jamel (D)
 - Antoine
 - Daquan
 - Patrice (D)
 - Jamier
 - Jahaire
 - Elizabeth (D)
 - James Cory (D) + Michelle
 - Rahmel
 - Anthony Ali + Van
 - Iris Cam
 - Robin Maxwell
 - Sylvia Shanta
 - Yolanda
 - Terrence (D)
 - Natasha
 - Jayden
 - Autumn
 - Dana + Stefan
 - Liam
 - Caleb
 - Kareem
 - Nicole
 - Niani Bryanna
 - Sabrina
 - Jafari
 - Jace
 - Jaquanda

CLAUDE BENJAMIN BROWN (D)
and MARY ELIZABETH BROWN (D) (cont.)

- Elaine Jackson (D)
 - Rose Marie
 - Tashauna
 - Londyn Shaun
 - Nakeema
 - Cory Jr.
 - Casey Marie
 - Carley Nakeema
 - Caily Rose
 - Shatoya + Tyree
 - Nataree Dajah
 - Najah Kim
 - Nalah Star
 - Matthew (D) + Gabrielle
 - Autumn Elaine
 - Marquis
 - Marx Alexander
 - Andrea + Kevin (D)
 - Kevin Jr. + Rihanna
 - Kevin Kamari III
 - Rayelle Rylee
 - Ki'Auna
 - Delilah Kaylee
 - Kayson Daniel
 - Andrew
 - Xavier
 - Jayden
 - Tabitha
 - Zavion
 - Kenneth
 - Yazmyne
 - Aaliyah
 - Eric (D)
 - Christopher
 - Kenneth Jr.
 - Angelina Sky
 - Kenneth + Merlina

CLAUDE BENJAMIN BROWN (D)
and MARY ELIZABETH BROWN (D) (cont.)

- Joyce Ann Reid
 - Diane + Lenny
 - Shamar
 - Najee + Nathalie
 - Noelle
 - Naiema
 - Eugene (D)
 - Joy
 - Shawntay
 - Daniel Jr.
 - Shamari
 - Joel
 - Jennifer + Craig
 - Josiah
 - Naomi
- Robert Brown
- Louis Brown (D)
 - Maurice
 - Aaron Maurice
 - Louis Jr. (D)
 - Thailer
- Wilford Brown
 - Jonathan
 - Samantha
 - Deja
 - Jasmine
- Linda Percy (D)
 - Steven + Monique (D)
 - Steven Joseph
 - Madison Lynn
 - Sophia Sharon
 - Emma Grace
 - Michelle + Darwin
 - Shakayla
 - Daylin
 - Dhani
 - Tamika

CLAUDE BENJAMIN BROWN (D)
and MARY ELIZABETH BROWN (D) (cont.)

- Muriel Alston
 - Tonya Alise
 - Muriel
 - Naavah Alise
 - Nia Symone
 - Naliya I'mani
 - Nasir Isaiah
 - Nihana Lois
 - Nathan Yasin
 - Moriah
 - Tonya Alise + Anthony
 - Caleb
 - Jason + Yvonne
 - Amber Irene
 - Eva Gabrielle
 - Jason Jr.
 - Robert
- Norma (D) + Thomas White (D)
 - Sean
 - Amya Alishei
 - Elijah
 - Aseanti Sky
 - Jace
 - Shareasemarie (Sherry)
 - C'Nedra Denease
 - Andre + Suzel (Abby)

A special thank you to Sherry and Diane for their review and verification of the Claude Brown family information.









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, NJ, where she married Naamon Williams. This marriage was also terminated.

Lilly was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, East Orange, NJ 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, NJ. 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 (10) grandchildren, nineteen (19) great-grandchildren, twenty-three (23) great-great-grandchildren, and (6) great-great-great-grandchildren.

(62 offspring)

LILLY BELL (D)
and SAMUEL WRIGHT (D)

- Rudolph (D) + Joan (D)
 - Brenda (D) + Burt (D)
 - Ranelle (D)
 - Brendan + Jessica
 - Brendan Jase
 - Maverick Jaxon
 - Rudolph Jr. (D)
 - Wayne + Marjorie (D)
 - Wayne + Maria
 - Sierra + Donovan
 - India Saniyah
 - Sharon
 - Lawrence
 - Dominique + Samiya
 - Mylah Melissa-Dominique
 - DeMarcus
 - Justice
 - Michael
 - Theresa
 - Adriell
 - Brooklyn
 - Dominique
 - Dajahlee
 - Shurniece (D)
 - Nevaeh
 - Castiel
 - Neytiri
 - Nikayla
 - Isaiah
 - Justin
 - Aurora (D)
 - Sandra
 - Cierra Wilson
 - Giselle
 - Gianna
 - Tamia
 - Dwayne

LILLY BELL (D)
and SAMUEL WRIGHT (D) (cont.)

- Ann + Henry Nanton (D)
 - Karen + Michael
 - Christopher
 - Scott
 - Cynthia + Ayodele (D)
 - Saul + Ashley
 - Dorian
 - Saul + Brandy
 - Chinue
 - Chinue (D) + Erica
 - Mia
 - Melia
 - Mila
 - Kade
 - Kadar (D)
 - Debra
 - Brian + Melissa
 - Zielle
 - Braelyn
 - Brianna
 - Gregory + Ann
 - Briana
 - Talia
 - Gregory + Ericka
 - Ayanna
 - Aaliyah
- William (D)
- Jeanet (D)

A special thank you to Sandra and Greg for their review and verification
of the Lilly Bell family information.









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.

JOSEPH CLARENCE BROWN (D) and MARIE POWELL (D)

- Joseph, Jr. (D)

A special thank you to Hannah for her review and verification
of the Joseph Brown family information.



Marie and Joe



Joe, Jr.

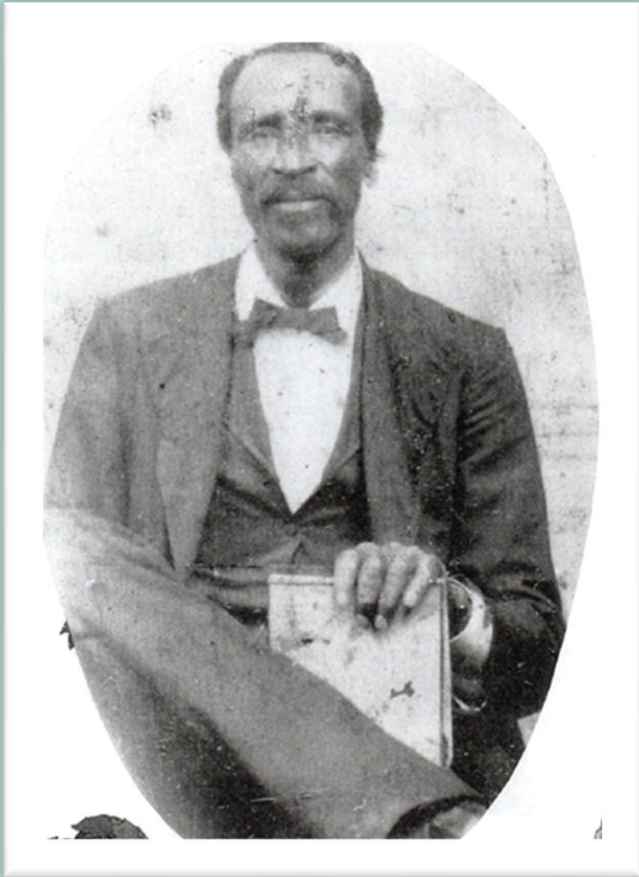


Mother and Son



Father and Son

Joseph Benjamin Brown's Father Reverend Jefferson Benjamin Browning



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 in Georgia.

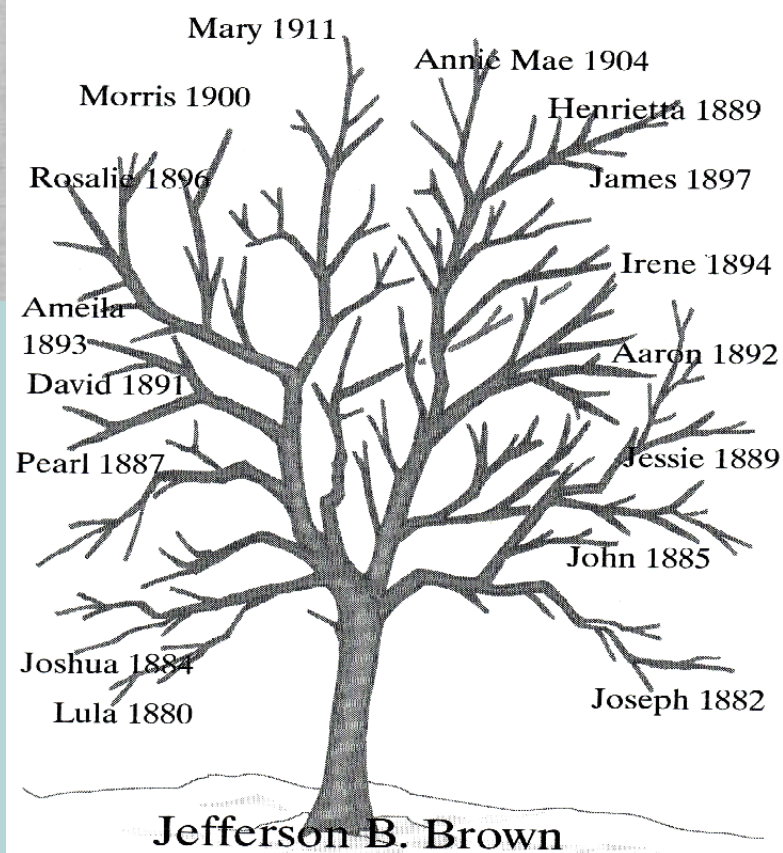
Joseph Benjamin Brown was born December 17, 1881, the first son of the Brown family. Joseph's older sister Lulu was born June 8, 1880 and lived to the age of One Hundred and one (101 years). She passed away in Washington, DC on September 24, 1981.

Joseph Benjamin Brown's Father Reverend Jefferson Benjamin Browning

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
	Perline	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 Bell's Father and Siblings

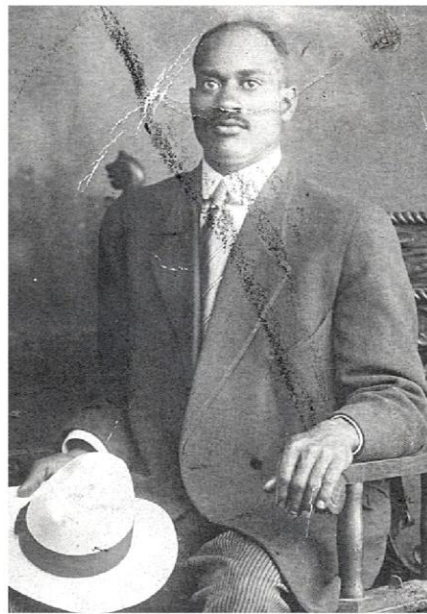
Richard James Bell



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

Aunts and Uncles



Joseph's oldest sister Lulu and Ella Brown



Lulu's sister Pearl Knight celebrates Lula Brown Siplin's 100th birthday June 1980 in Washington, DC



Beth, Joseph Burt and Family



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

First Reunion



Men at first family reunion, August 16, 1941

Back Row: Joe Brown, Claude Brown, Preston Gatlin

Middle Row: Joseph Burt, Sam Wright, Morris Brown Sr.

Front Row: Sonny Allen, Mr. Williams, Clarence Epps Sr.

First Reunion



Women at first family reunion, August 16, 1941

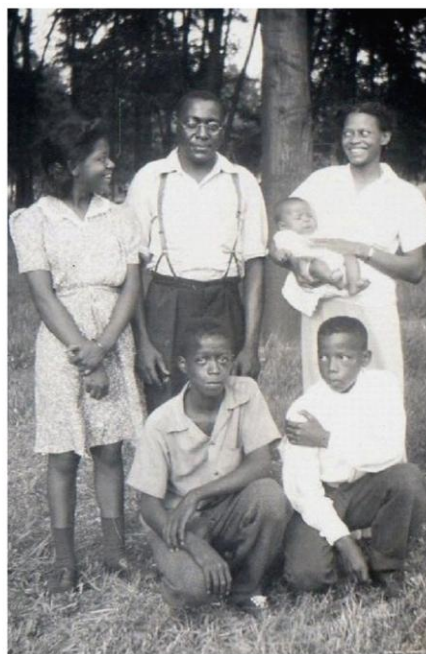
Standing: Alice Sample, Mary Brown, Ella Brown, Alice Epps, Beth Burt

Seated: Eleanor Brown, Maxine Gatlin holding Delores Gatlin Gladys Johnson and Lilly Wright

First Reunion



Morris Brown and Family



Alice and Clarence Epps and Family



Claude Brown and Family



Lilly and Sam Wright and Family

1984 & 1986 Reunion

Donaldson Park, Highland Park, NJ



August 18, 1984 Family Reunion (Unity Day)



August 1986 Family Reunion

1991 Family Reunion

50th Year -- August 17, 1991



Most of those from the 1941 Ella Brown Grandchildren picture
Standing (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

2003 & 2006 Family Reunion

Donaldson Park, Highland Park, NJ



August 16, 2003 Family Reunion



August 19, 2006 Family Reunion

2011 & 2012 Family Reunion

Donaldson Park, Highland Park, NJ



2011 Family Reunion Photo



August 19, 2012 Family Reunion

2013 & 2014 Family Reunion

Donaldson Park, Highland Park, NJ



August 17, 2013 Family Reunion



August 16, 2014 Family Reunion

2015 Family Reunion

Donaldson Park, Highland Park, NJ



August 16, 2015 Family Reunion



Those from the 1944 Ella
Brown
Grandchildren picture

2016 & 2017 Family Reunion

Donaldson Park, Highland Park, NJ



August 20, 2016 Family Reunion



August 17, 2017
Family Reunion



2018 & 2019 Family Reunion

Donaldson Park, Highland Park, NJ



August 18, 2018 Family Reunion



August 17, 2019 Family Reunion

2020 Family Reunion

Donaldson Park, Highland Park, NJ
Pandemic Year



August 15, 2020 Without Masks



August 15, 2020 With Masks

2021 & 2022 Family Reunion

Donaldson Park, Highland Park, NJ



August 21, 2021 Family Reunion



August 20, 2022 Family Reunion

2023 & 2024 Family Reunion

Donaldson Park, Highland Park, NJ



August 2023 Family Reunion



August 2024 Family Reunion

2025 Family Reunion

Donaldson Park, Highland Park, NJ



August 2025 Family Reunion

Ann Nanton

Grandchild of Ella and Joseph Brown, attended the first family reunion in 1941 and is the last remaining member of the photo.



Remembering Our Fallen Leaves

The last 5 years since our 80th Family Review

Name	Sunset
Kevin Wilson	02/05/2021
Mary B. Brown	06/03/2021
Louis Roger Brown, Sr.	04/29/2021
Linda Percy	10/04/2021
Louis Brown, Jr.	10/21/2021
Betty Browne	01/23/2022
Renee Spencer	01/28/2022
Deshon Anthony Brown	04/13/2022
Joyce Diane Brown	05/19/2022
Dorothy Walters Spencer	09/20/2022
Bert L. Vickers	12/18/2022
Elizabeth Ann Potts (Geneva)	02/04/2023
Susan Diane Bagner-Devonshire	03/29/2023
Monique Percy	10/25/2023
Matthew E. Reeves Jr.	11/13/2023
Albert "Perry" Brown	01/07/2024
Zelma Patrice Boyce	03/16/2024
Tyrone L. Brown	05/20/2024
Doris Anne Furaha Bahati Brown	07/18/2024
C. Roy Epps	03/12/2025
Cynthia Janet Nanton	06/21/2025
Bernard Epps	12/16/2025
Elaina Brown Schlesinger	12/21/2025
Elouise McMillon Ponder	12/31/2025
Joseph Clarence Brown, Jr.	2025
James Spencer III	05/01/2026
Debra Nanton	05/27/2026



Joseph and Ella Brown
1961

Mary Brown and Roy Epps

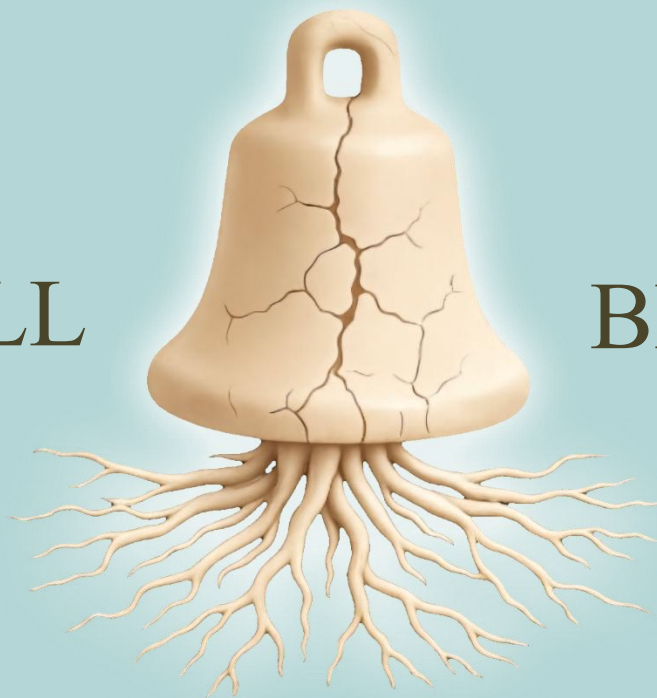
Special thanks from our family to honor all of the work, commitment, and passion in continuing the Bell-Brown legacy. Mary and Roy led the Family Reunion Committee and published this book for the past decade, and now the torch has been passed to the next generation.



85th FAMILY REUNION

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Our Roots Run Deep