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| Father’s Name | Mother’s Name |  | William H. Wooten | Virginia S. Pickett |
| Birth Year | Death Year | Birth Year | Death Year |  | 1827 | 1899 | 1831 | 1903 |

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| John Moses Brown |  | Sarah (Sallie) J. Wooton (Wooten) (Unten) |
| **Born** | January 10, 1862 | Married: | **Born** | May 1860 |
| **Where** | Georgia | July 4, 1880 | **Where** | Talapposa County, AL |
| **Died** | March 14, 1915 | Where: | **Died** | September 9, 1921 |
| **Where** | Marion County, AL, USA (assumed) | Tallapoosa County, AL | **Where** | Detroit, Lamar County, AL, USA |
| **Buried** | Cooper Cemetery, Detroit, Marion County, AL, USA | Source: | **Buried** | Cooper Cemetery, Detroit, Marion County, AL, USA |
| **Sources** | 019, [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/35878608/john-moses-brown) | 167  | **Sources** | 171, [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/76261774/sallie-janie-brown) |

**Children:**

| **Name** | **Born** | **Where** | **Source** | **Died** | **Where** | **Buried** | **Source** |
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| Ella Lee | March 1882March 1, 1882 | Alabama, USA | 019, [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/23363482/ella-lee-price) | January 6, 1968 | Rison, Cleveland County, AR, USA | Cross Roads Cemetery, Kingsland, Cleveland County, AR, USA | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/23363482/ella-lee-price) |
| William (aka John William Henry) | October 1884October 12, 1884 | Alabama, USA | 019[FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/76261872/john_william-henry-brown) | Oct. 25, 1962 | Hamilton, Marion County, AL, USA | Cooper Cemetery, Detroit, Marion County, AL, USA | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/76261872/john_william-henry-brown) |
| Luther Bell | August 1888Aug. 27, 1888 | Alabama, USA | 019[FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/76262324/luther-bell-brown) | Oct. 29, 1965 | Hackleburg, Marion County, AL, USA  | Cooper Cemetery, Detroit, Marion County, AL, USA | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/76262324/luther-bell-brown) |
| Ira Griffin | October 1892Oct. 19, 1891 | Alabama, USA | 019, 166[FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/177708031/ira-griffin-brown) | Jan. 27, 1974 | Amory, MS (assumed) | Masonic Cemetery, Amory, Monroe County, MS, USA | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/177708031/ira-griffin-brown) |
| Mary Rebecca | January 1894February 7, 1893 | Alabama, USA | 019[FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/127992926/mary-r-lewis) |  |  |  | FT-007 |
| Minnie Victoria | December 1894November 15, 1894 | Hollans, Clay County, Alabama, USA | 019171 (delayed birth certificate from July 19, 1955) |  |  |  |  |
| John and Sarah also had two other children who didn’t live to 1910. These children were born before Minnie was in 1894, as her birth certificate says that John Moses Brown and Sarah Jane Wooten had had 8 children including Minnie. | 019, 171 |

**Other Marrriages:**

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| Husband – Other wife |  | **Sources** |
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| Wife – Other Husband |  | **Sources** |
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**Story:**

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| **Activity** | **Sources** |
| Current Status:* Difficult to identify John Moses Brown’s parents. FindaGrave goes with Option 1 below, but it seems to me that Option 2 might be the right one. More research needed!
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| It’s difficult to figure out the correct family for John Moses Brown in the 1870 census. There are some options:Option 1 (Source 169). 1870 US Federal Census, enumerated August 8, 1870 in Township 20, Randolph County, ALHere we find an Elijah Brown (35) who is a farmer. He was born in South Carolina, and owns $1500 of real estate, and has a personal estate worth $500. His wife, Sophia (34) keeps house, and was born in Georgia. John and Sophia are both NOT listed as being unable to read and write, so the assumption is that they could read and write.Other people living in this household are:* James Brown, male, (14), born in Georgia
* William Brown, male (10), born in Georgia, cannot read or write
* John Brown, male (8), born in Georgia, cannot read or write
* Robert Brown, male (4), born in Georgia
* Franklin Brown, male (2), born in Georgia
* Jackson \_\_\_\_, male (16), born in Alabama. Jackson is a farm laborer, and cannot read or write.

Option 2 (Source 170). 1870 US Federal Census, enumerated August 23, 1870 in Youngsville, Tallapoosa County, AL ([Youngsville was later renamed Alexander City](http://genealogytrails.com/ala/tallapoosa/Youngsville.html)).Here we find a John Brown (55) who is a farmer. He was born in Alabama, and has a personal estate worth $300.Other people living in his household are:* Nancy Brown, female, (22), who is keeping house, born in Alabama
* Lucy Brown, female, (21), born in Alabama
* Rebecca Brown, female (18), born in Alabama
* Missouri Brown, female (16), born in Alabama
* Clark Brown, male (12), born in Alabama
* Lindsey Brown, male (8), born in Alabama, cannot read or write
* John Brown, male (8), born in Alabama, cannot read or write

Obviously Lindsey and John have some birth date issues!The 1870 US Federal Census for John Moses Brown is a critical document, as it establishes who his parents are. As we look at all of the census documents in this Word file, we find different birth states listed for John Moses and his parents throughout the documents. Let’s try to look at them all in one place to see if anything jumps out at us:

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| **Document** | **John Moses Birth State** | **John Moses Father Birth State** | **John Moses Mother Birth State** |
| 1870 (Option 1) | Georgia | South Carolina | Georgia |
| 1870 (Option 2) | Alabama | Alabama | No mother listed |
| 1880 | Alabama | No information listed | No information listed |
| 1900 | Alabama | Georgia | Georgia |
| 1910 | Alabama | South Carolina | South Carolina |

While the last 4 all list John’s birth state as Alabama, his parents’ information is totally inconsistent! It seems that John never learned to read or write, so maybe he just didn’t know where his parents were born. It seems that Elijah and Sophia would know what state their kids were born in, so I am not sure that 1870 (Option 1) is correct.Another vote for Option 2 is that it is in Tallapoosa County, where John Moses was living in 1880. If we make the assumption that our John Moses Brown is either in Tallapoosa County or an adjacent county, then our country options are:* Tallapposa
* Randolph
* Clay
* Talladega
* Coosa
* Elmore
* Macon
* Lee
* Chambers

Now if we further restrict it to a John Moses Brown (or a John Brown who parents were born in either Georgia or South Carolina, we hit a brick wall! There just isn’t enough to go on, to get past this block.  | 169, 170 |
| 1870 US Federal Census, enumerated August 18, 1870, Township 9, Choctaw County, ALAt the time of the 1870 Federal Census, Sallie Wooten is a 9 year old living in her father’s (William H. Wooten) house. William is a 43 year old farmer, married to Virginia (36 years old) who keeps house. William has a real estate value of $500 and a personal estate value of $600. He and Virginia both were born in North Carolina.They have 5 children at this time:* Fannie (daughter), 16 years old, born in Alabama
* William H. (son), 12 years old, born in Alabama
* Sallie (daughter), 9 years old, born in Alabama
* Reuben (son), 4 years old, born in Alabama
* Thomas (son), 2 years old, born in Alabama

No one in the household is checked as “cannot read” and “cannot write”, including the 2 year old and 4 year old! So it’s probable that the census taker just didn’t ask these questions. | 172 |
| 1880 US Federal Census, enumerated June 26, 1880 in Daviston, Tallapoosa County, ALAt the time of the 1880 Federal Census, we find J. M. Brown (19) living in the Wooton household as a laborer. Sally J. is 22 years old. W. T. Wooton is the head of the household, and he is 28 years old. His brother John (24), brother Jesse L. (19), Sally and J. M., E. J. Moor (22), and Josh Hodnett (26), a Black servant is also living there. Everyone is single except Josh, the servant. The Wootons were all born in Alabama, and their parents were born in Georgia. J. M. Brown was born in Alabama, but there is no information on where his parents were born. E. J. Moor was born in Georgia, and his parents were born in South Carolina. Josh Hardnett was born in Alabama, with no information on where his parents were born. 8 days after this census was taken, J. M. Brown and Sallie J. Wooton were married (Source 167). | 168, 167 |
| 1880 US Federal Census, enumerated June 23, 1880 in Beat 3, Washington County, ALInterestingly enough, in research Sallie’s parents (William H Wooten and Virginia Pickett), I found that William H (53) and Virginia (49) were living in Washington County, AL in 1880 and Sallie (24? 26?) is listed as living there too! William H.’s occupation is listed as “keeping hotel” and Virginia’s occupation is listed as “keeping house”. William H. is listed as being born in North Carolina, as are both his parents. Virginia is listed as being born in North Carolina, as is her father, but her mother is listed as being born in Tennessee. Sallie is listed as being born in Alabama. | 177 |
| 1890 US Federal Census – The vast majority of the 1890 census was lost in a fire | [U. S. Census Information](https://www.census.gov/history/www/genealogy/decennial_census_records/availability_of_1890_census.html) |
| 1900 US Federal Census, enumerated June 9, 1900 – Millville, Lamar County, ALJ. Moses Brown is the head of the house. He was born in January 1862, is 38 years old, and has been married to Sallie Brown for 18 years. He was born in Alabama, but both his parents were born in Georgia. Sallie was born in May 1860, and is 40 years old. She was born in Alabama, and both of her parents were born in Georgia also. Moses and Sally have had 8 children, but only 6 are still alive. Moses is a farmer, cannot read or write, while Sallie can read and write. They are renting the farm on which they live.The children living with Moses and Sallie are:* Ella Lee (daughter), born March 1882 (18 years old), born in Alabama. Ella can read and write, but hasn’t attended school in the past year
* William (son), born in October 1884 (15 years old), born in Alabama. William is working as a farm laborer, but hasn’t been employed for a month. He cannot read or write and hasn’t attended school in the past year
* Luther B (son), born August 1888 (11 years old), born in Alabama. Luther is also working as a farm laborer, but hasn’t worked in 2 months. He cannot read or write.
* Fry G (son), born October 1892 (7 years old), born in Alabama. This name may possibly be “Ira” instead of “Fry” (see 1910 Federal Census comments).
* Mary (daughter), born January 1894 (6 years old), born in Alabama. This birth date differs from what is on her gravestone (February 7, 1893), unless these are two different Mary Browns with a father named Mose (or Moses) Brown in Lamar County, Alabama.
* Minnie L (daughter), born December 1894 (5 years old), born in Alabama.

The birth dates for Mary and Minnie are possibly correct, as it doesn’t make sense that Fry was born in October 1892 and Mary was born in February 1893 (4 months later). | 019 |
| 1910 US Federal Census, enumerated April 22, 1910, Rye, Marion County, ALJohn M. Brown (49) is head of the household and has been married to Sarah J. Brown (50) for 30 years. They have had 8 children, but only 6 are living at this time. John and Sarah were both born in Alabama, but John’s parents were born in South Carolina, while Sarah’s father was born in South Carolina, but her mother was born in Georgia. John can’t read or write, but Sarah can. John is a farmer, working his own farm which he doesn’t own free as there is a mortgage on it. None of the questions for being a veteran, blind, deaf, or dumb are checked (on the entire page for anyone).The children living with John and Sarah are:* Ira C. (son), 18 years old, can read & write, not attending school. I think this may be “Fry” in the 1900 Federal Census (source 019).
* Minnie V. (daughter) 15 years old, can read & write, not attending school

By this time, Mary should have married James Houston Lewis (1908), so she is missing from this household. The three older children (Ella, William, and Luther) have probably moved out also. These 6 children (Ella, William, Luther, Mary, Ira, and Minnie) may be the six children who have lived out of eight born. Since the Census is only done every 10 years, we don’t get enough granularity to see the other two children who were lost. | 166 |
| 1920 US Federal Census, enumerated June 10 & 12, 1920 – Rye, Marion County, ALIn the 1920 Federal Census, we find Sarah living with her daughter and son-in-law. Sarah is widowed at this time, as John Moses Brown died in 1915.James Houston Lewis (33) and Mary Brown (26) are living in their own home, mortgage-free. Both can read & write, and they and their parents were all born in Alabama. James is a farmer.Others living in the household are:* Albert, son, (9), attending school
* Alma, daughter, (8 according to the Census, but should have been 9), attending school
* Lulu Bell, daughter (6), not in school yet
* Nettie J., daughter (2 years, 4 months), and
* Sarah J. Brown (Mary’s mother – widowed) (65). Sarah can read & write. It is interesting that the name is “Sarah” here, whereas the name “Sallie” was used in the 1900 US Federal Census (Source 019). However, “Sallie” is a nickname for “Sarah”, and it makes sense that Sarah’s parents would call her “Sallie” but she went back to “Sarah” once she grew up. Also, the age of 65 in the 1920 Census would imply that Sarah was born in 1855, whereas Sallie was born in 1860 in the 1900 US Federal Census (Source 019). Sarah’s parent’s are listed as being born in Alabama, whereas as Sallie’s were listed as being born in Georgia. So it seems very possible that Source 019 is for a different family, but I cannot find any other family that matches up in the 1900 Census.

Everybody in the family and their parents are listed as being born in Alabama, which is definitely wrong for Sarah. It’s possible that Sarah wasn’t around when the 1920 Census was filled out, and James H. just gave the best answers he knew.  | [FindaGrave (John Moses Brown)](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/35878608/john-moses-brown) |
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