

## **Brown Reunion**

A reunion for the descendants of **Marion Benjamin Brown** and **Leticia Home Brown** was held at the **Brown's Chapel Church** on July 16, 2022. Shelley Sawyer, Julia Chesney, Louise Rochester and Lisa Anderson organized and arranged the Reunion.

Photos and information about this reunion are included in this document.

**Ben** and **Leticia "Granny" Brown** are my great grandparents. The story of our Brown family is told in detail at **Brown Family Genealogy**. This tells about the ancestors of **Ben** and **Leticia** and also tells the story of their children and their descendants.

An announcement about the reunion being planned was told on my **Pacolet Memories** web site at **Brown Reunion Planned**. This also tells more Brown Family information.

### How this Story is Organized

The story of this Reunion is organized basically by generation. The first part is about **Grandpa Ben** and **Leticia "Granny" Brown**. Where their names are shown, the text will be in the color red, bold type and underlined as shown in the previous sentence. Hopefully, this will make it easier to locate statements that refer to them. The next part will be about their children, the second generation, and is arranged by age starting with the oldest. Where their names are shown, the text will be in the color black with bold type and be underlined. For example: **Boyd Brown**. As far as possible, pictures of those attending the reunion will be shown on the pages under the second generation child they are descended from. This is not always possible because some group pictures have people with a different second generation ancestor.

Leticia "Granny" and Ben









**Granny** with her spinning wheel.



Granny and Clara



Granny and three daughters - Blanche, Esther and Clara



**Ben** and **Granny's** daughters. From left- **Mattie, Pearl, Clara, Esther, Jessie** and **Blanche**. Children are not identified



Family group picture taken in back yard of the Green Street house around 1940. **Grandpa Ben** and **Granny** can be seen in the center of the picture.

Grandpa Ben and Granny Brown had 14 children as listed below. Sadly, as you can see four of them did not live to be adults.

married Ben Brown born July 17, 1861 - Oct. 3, 1943  
1887 Ticia Horne Brown Dec. 6, 1872 - Mar. 5, 1963  
Cross Anchor Children:

1. Willie Brown - Nov. 30, 1887 - Sept. 26, 1955
2. Dovie Brown - July 30, 1888 - Jan. 9, 1919
3. James Murphy Brown - Aug 27, 1889 - Feb. 19, 1894
4. Joseph Smith Brown - Mar 4, 1891 - Oct 28, 1895
5. Erie May Brown - Sept 9 -
6. J.M.T Brown - Aug. 14, 1900 - Sept. 3, 1900
7. Mattie Brown - Aug 27, 1892 - Nov. 12, 1974
8. Pearl Brown - Aug 27, 1895 - Feb. 4, 1960
9. Clara Brown - Sept. 12, 1901 - April 2, 1989
10. Boyd Brown - Apr. 25, 1904 -
11. Esther Brown - Nov. 26 - 1906 -
12. Jessie Brown - June 20, 1909 -
13. Blanche Brown - Dec. 19, 1911 -
14. Victor Brown - Aug. 18, 1914 -

The first and oldest child was **William Thomas Brown**. He was born 30 November 1897 in Cross Anchor, S.C. He died 26 September, 1955. Married around 1906 in Cross Anchor, S.C to Fannie Jane Casey (born 19 May 1887 - died 29 March 1959), daughter of Thomas Henry Casey and Mary Jane Fowler. Both are buried at Mount Zion Baptist Church Cemetery Cherryville, N.C. W. T. Brown was a minister.



Yours for greater things,  
**REV. W. T. BROWN**

(See Other Side)

Announcement  
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Services

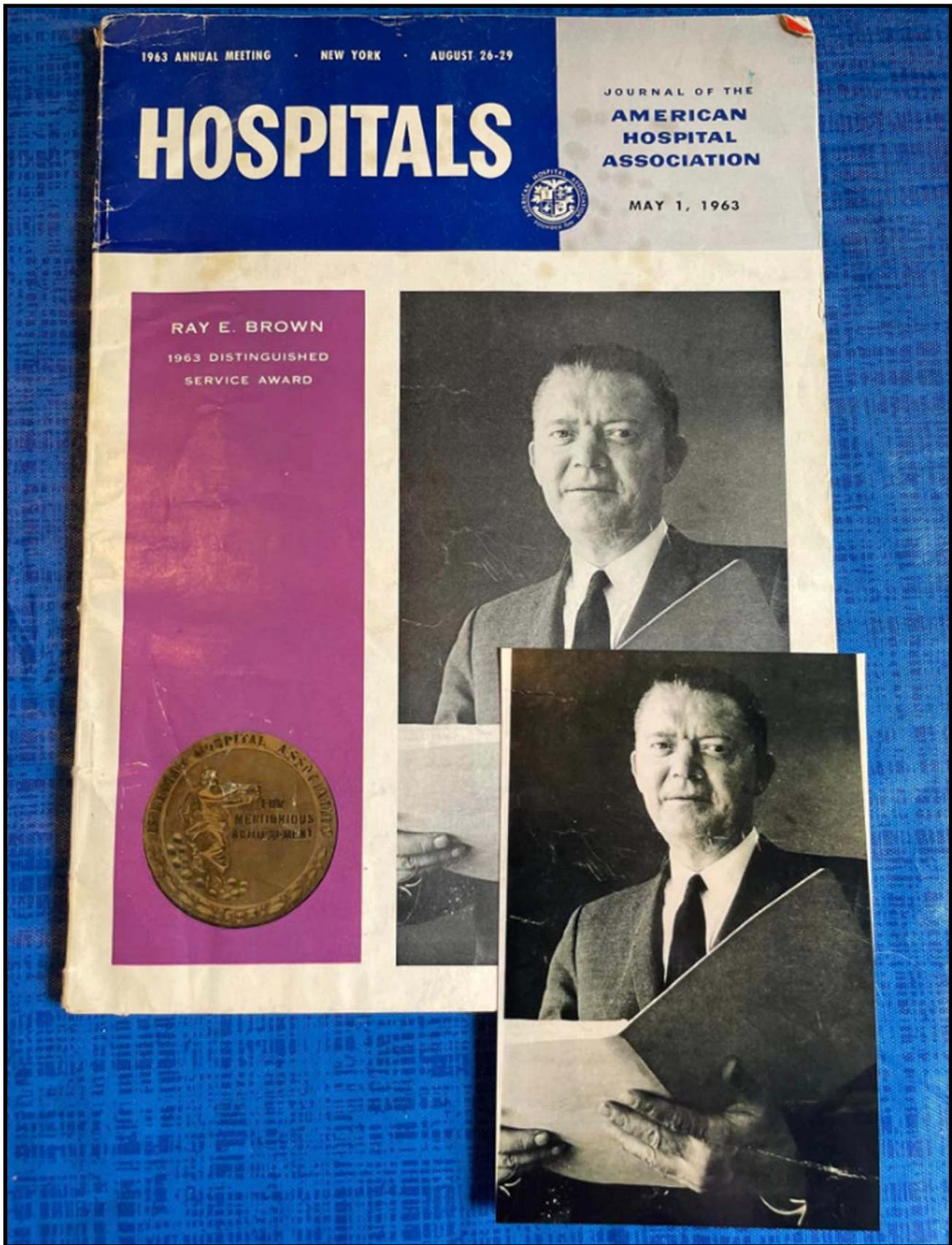
First Saturday and Sunday  
Saturday, 2:30 p. m. White Level.  
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Second Sunday  
Sunday, 11.00 a. m. Bunn.  
Sunday, 7.00 p. m. Bunn.

Third Sunday  
Sunday, 11:00 a. m. Harris Chapel.  
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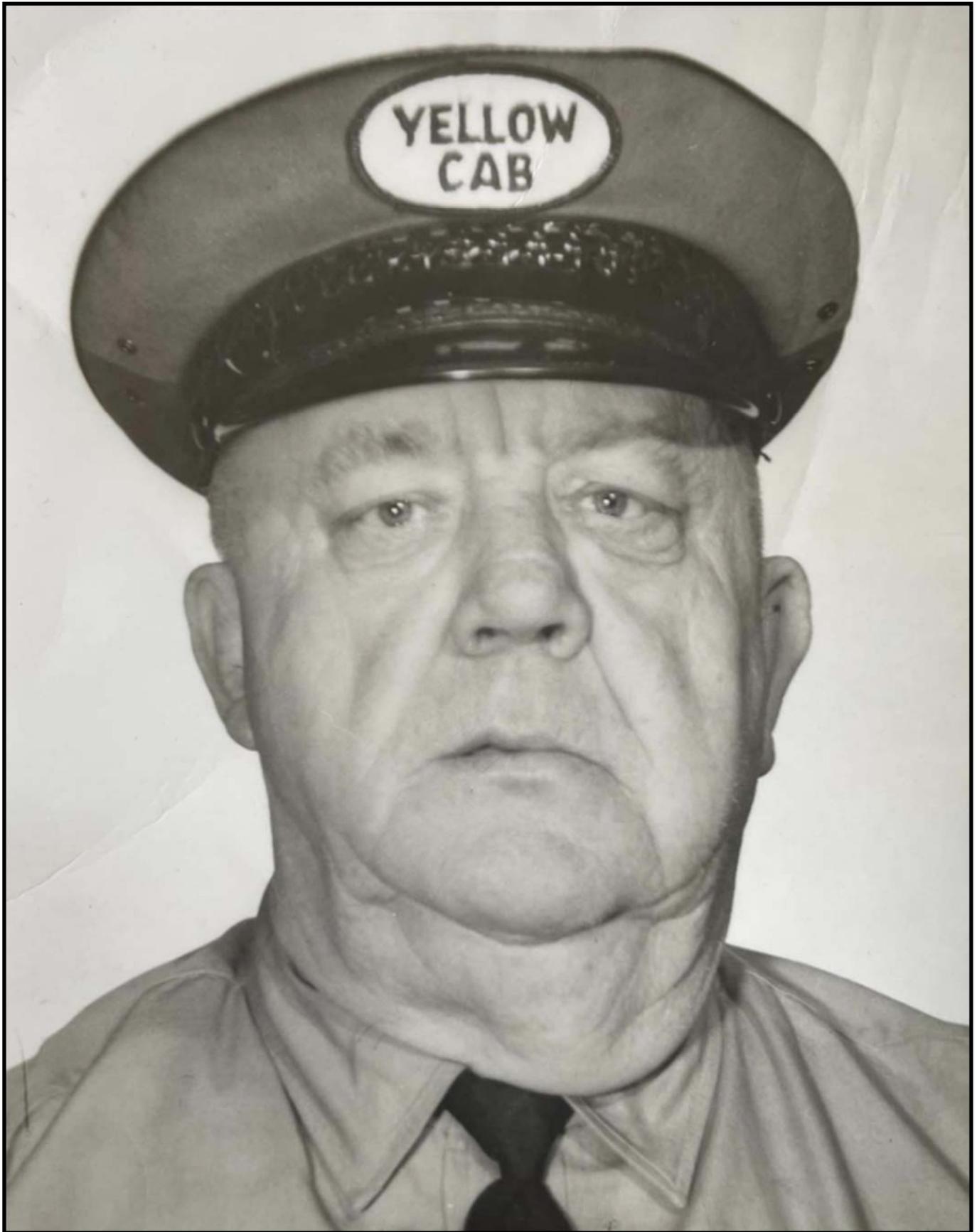
A brochure with **William T. Brown's** picture on the front. The backside of the brochure shows places and the time of the different church services. The exact date and places of these services is not known.



Ray E. Brown featured on the cover of an American Hospital Association Publication. Ray was the fourth son of **William T. Brown**.



**W. T. Brown** is sitting in the chair holding the baby. Sitting beside him is **Granny Brown**, his mother. Directly behind **Granny Brown** is her grandson, Guy Benjamin Brown. He was the second son of **W. T. Brown**. Standing beside Guy, is Tommy Brown, his son. The baby in **W.T. Brown's** lap is Thomas Eugene Brown Jr., Tommy's son. This picture has five generations of **Granny Brown's** family.



Guy Benjamin Brown, second son of William Thomas Brown. He was born on 12 Dec.1909, in Pacolet Mills, S.C. He died on 22 March, 1955. He married Eula Seville Blanton on 14 November, 1931.

**Dovie Brown** was the second child. She was born 30 July, 1888, in Cedar Springs, S.C. She died in January, 1919. She is buried in Brown's Chapel Cemetery, Pacolet Mills, S.C. She married Dewey Lee Fowler in August, 1918. He was the son of Jim Fowler and Lula Well Lee. Dewey died 3 May 1934 and is buried at Brown's Chapel Cemetery, Pacolet Mills, S.C. Dovie and Dewey had no children

**James Murphy Brown** was the third child. He was born on 27 August, 1889 in Cedar Springs, S.C. He died on 18 February 1894 when only 4 1/2 years. He is buried Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery, Spartanburg, County, S.C.

**Joseph Smith Brown** was the fourth child and he also died young. He was born on 4 March, 1891 in Cedar Springs, S.C. He died on 28 October, 1895 when he was also 4 1/2 years old. He is buried in the Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery, Spartanburg County, S.C.

**Erie M. Brown** was the fifth child. He was born about 1897 Pauline, S.C and died in infancy. He is also buried in the Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery where James and Joseph are buried. He is also buried in the Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery where James, and Joseph are buried. He is also buried in the Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery where James, and Joseph are buried.

**J.M.T. Brown** was the sixth child. He was born on August 14, 1900. Died as infant at the age of 4 week. He is also buried in the Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery where James, Joseph and Erie are buried.

*Editor's note: **Granny Brown** and **Grandpa Ben** lost four children in a little over 10 years. This must have been a terrible tragedy and shock for them to live through. I have visited the little graves in the Friendship Church Cemetery. It is a sad and melancholy place to the present day*

**Mattie Elizabeth Brown**, my grandmother, was the seventh child. She was born in August, 1892, in Pauline, S.C. She died on 12 November, 1974 in the Spartanburg Convalescent Home. She is buried in the Pacolet Memorial Gardens, Pacolet, S.C. She married Everette Tillman Fowler, my grandfather, in 1914. He was the son of Gadberry Fowler and Keller Walker. He was born on 26 December, 1890 in Union County, S.C. He died in 1961 and was buried in White Rose Cemetery, Pacolet Mills, S.C.



**Mattie** and her second oldest son, Earl Fowler.



My sisters, Kay Teaster and Vicki Teaster Banks. They are the granddaughters of **Mattie Brown Fowler** and Tillman Fowler. They are the daughters of Marie Fowler Teaster and Fred Teaster.

**Lillie Pearl Brown** was the eighth child. She was born 27 August, 1895 in Pauline, S.C. She died on 4 February, 1960. She is buried in White Rose Cemetery, Pacolet Mills S.C. She married Richard McCoy Baker, son of Ervin Baker.



**Pearl Brown Baker** and her son, Eugene, during World War II.

**Clara Mable Brown** was the ninth eighth child. She was born on 12 September, 1901 in Cedar Springs, S.C. She lived her entire adult life in the family home on Green Street in Pacolet Mills, SC. She passed away on 2 April, 1989. She is buried in White Rose Cemetery in Pacolet Mills.



**Clara**



Clara at Easter in the front yard of the Green Street



Sisters, Clara Brown and Jessie Brown Paige.





Julia Brown Chesney, daughter of Clara.



Shelley Chesney Sawyer, granddaughter of Clara, and her mom, Julia.



Julia and her daughter, Shelley.



Louise Cook Rochester “Bugs”, the daughter of **Blanche Brown Cook Arnold** and the granddaughter of **Marion** and **Granny Brown** sitting with Julia. They are sitting on a piece of furniture originally owned by **Grandpa** and **Granny Brown**.



Julia and Paul Brown. Paul is the son of **Boyd Brown** and the grandson of **Grandpa** and **Granny Brown**.



Julia and Paul Brown with Matt Brown, Paul's son.



Julia and table of pictures, cards, etc.



Shelley Sawyer is the daughter of Julia, the granddaughter of Clara and the great-granddaughter of Marion and Granny Brown.

Shelley, Julia Chesney, Louise Rochester and Lisa Anderson organized and arranged the Reunion.



Shelley Sawyer with Kendra Brown Gatto. Kendra is the daughter of Boyd Brown and the great granddaughter of Marion and Granny Brown.



Shelley's daughters, Olivia, Michelle and Stephanie.



Shelley's daughter, Olivia.



Shelley's husband, William Sawyer, saying the blessing,

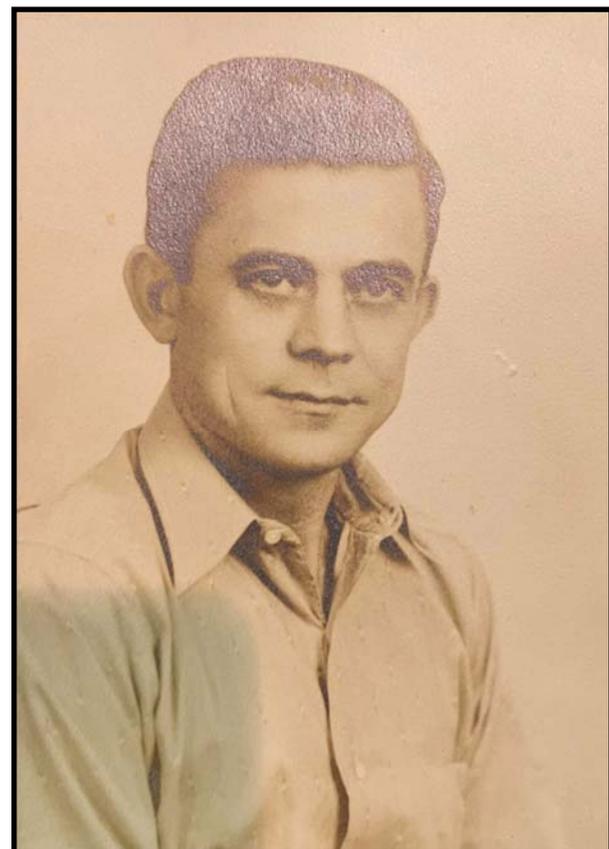
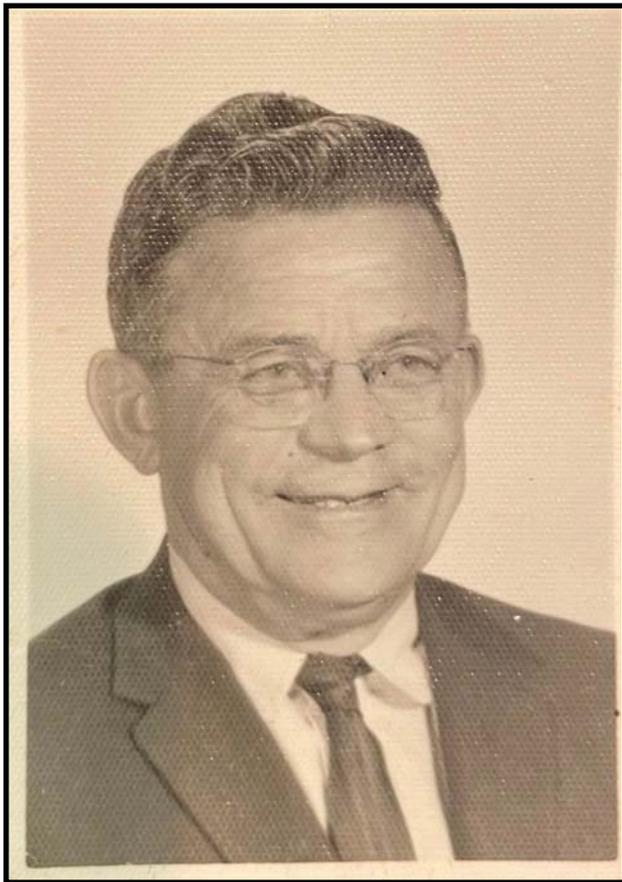


These are the last 5 grandchildren of **Ben** and **Ticia Brown**. ( starting at top left), Paul Brown (son of **Boyd Brown**), Julia Chesney ( daughter of **Clara Brown**), Louise Rochester ( daughter of **Blanche Arnold**), Dorothy Howell ( daughter of **Jessie Paige**), Ben Brown (son of **Boyd Brown**).



With their backs to the camera, Kendra Brown Gatto, Shelley Sawyer and Zandra Brown take pictures of their cousins. Paul Brown and Julia are standing in the back. Seated at the table on the left is Louise Rochester and sitting beside her is Dorothy Paige Howell. Dorothy is the daughter of **Jessie Brown Paige** and the granddaughter of **Grandpa Ben** and **Granny Brown**.

**Boyd Landrum Brown** was the tenth child. He was born on 25 April, 1904 in Glendale, S.C on Lawson's farm. He passed away on 26 December, 1994 at the age of 90. He is buried in Roadhiss, N.C. He married Cora June Glass of Pacolet Mills.



**Boyd** at different ages and one photo with his young son, Ben.



Recent Bride

—Photo from Van Dyke Studio.

Mrs. Boyd Landrum Brown, of Pacolet, who before her recent marriage was Miss Cora Jane Glass, daughter of Mrs. G. D. Glass of Pacolet.

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**Glass—Brown**  
 Pacolet Mills, April 10.—A marriage of interest to their many friends was that of Miss Cora Jane Glass and Boyd Landrum Brown March 26 at the Baptist Parsonage. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. T. Tate, using the impressive ring ceremony. Only a few friends were present. The bride was attractively dressed in a navy suit with accessories to match. Her shoulder bouquet was of Sweet-heart roses. Mrs. Brown is the daughter of Mrs. G. D. Glass of Pacolet Mills, and received her education at the Pacolet high school. Mr. Brown is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brown and a graduate of the Mars Hill college.

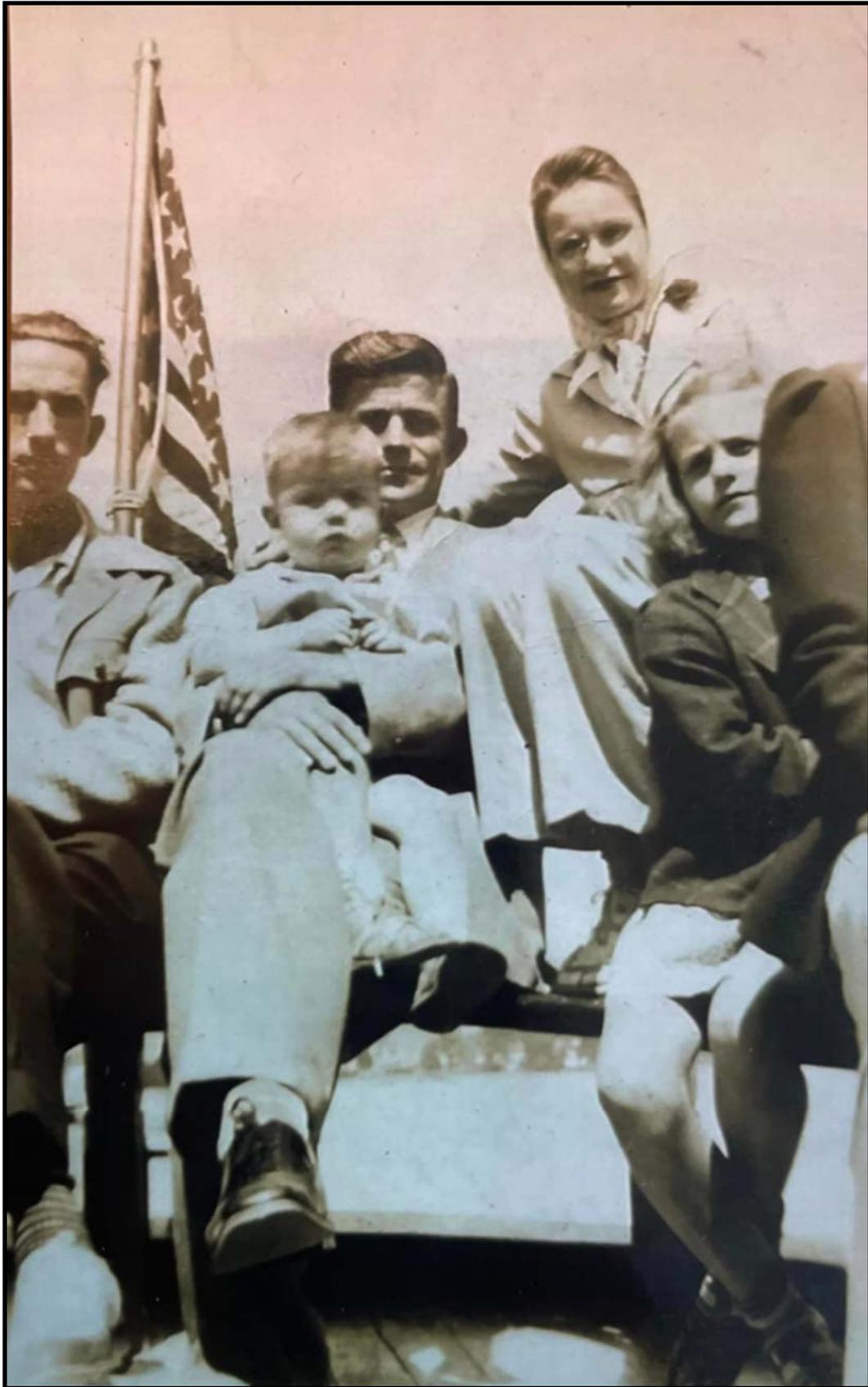
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All these were made at Long Beach, Fla. The sand is white as snow. It sure heats your eye if you shade. Cora Brown (Boyd's wife) + their son.

Above – Cora and her son at the beach and the writing on the back of the photograph. Left – clipping of newspaper account of **Boyd** and Cora's wedding.



**Boyd Brown** family. Miss Vicky, Carmen Berces, Zandra Brown, Kendra Gatto, Matt Brown, Paul Brown, Tony Gatto, and Keith Gatto



Left to right – John R. Paige, **Boyd Brown**, Cora Brown, Dorothy Paige, the baby is **Boyd's** oldest son, Benny.



A young Ben Brown, the son of Boyd and the grandson of Grandpa Marion and Granny Brown.



Ben Brown, and Paul Brown, the sons of Boyd. Ben with his catch below.





Paul Brown with his sons, Matt and Josh.

## The Euthalian Literary Society

MARS HILL COLLEGE

MARS HILL, N. C.

March 2, 1931

Dear Blanche,

once more you have hit the nail on the head by sending "us" some very fine candy. I am sure you have sent this instead. We, my roommate and I, received a box of candy from a girl in Louisiana, a girl whom we met here in summer school. So you see we have seen sweet indeed.

It sure was tragic about the death of Mr. Whithead, yet it only proves that man is appointed once to die. His life speaks for itself. His thanks for an eternal life are great for he believed and trusted in God. Would to God that more men and women were like he!

I do not know yet but the chances are that I shall go to Furman University next year. Some step, some expense but I shall try it. Only two more years and I shall have

Boyd attended Mars Hill College in North Carolina. This is a letter he wrote to Blanche Arnold on March 2, 1931. The Great Depression was really getting bad.









**Esther Carlington Brown** was the eleventh child. She was born on 26 November, 1906 in Glendale, S.C. She married Marcus Ervin Bates in 1929 in Drayton, S.C, He was born August 13, 1909 in Clifton, S.C. He was the son of Joseph Abraham Bates and Laura Dearberry.



Five of the brothers and sisters - **Esther, Blanche, Clara, Boyd, Jessie.**

*Editors Note: I recall a serious incident involving **Aunt Esther** and Uncle Marcus. In the summer of 1951, my family was on the way to a vacation at Folly Beach outside Charleston. This was long before the Interstate Highway System and we were traveling down Highway 176 somewhere in the vicinity of Orangeburg. The traffic came to a complete halt for a long time. There had been an accident at the intersection up ahead. My Dad decided to get out and walk up to the intersection. I had just gotten my driver's license a few weeks before. He told me to come and go with him that I needed to see what a wreck looked like. I do remember it was a terrible sight and both the cars were badly damaged. Somehow, my Dad found out that **Aunt Esther** and Uncle Marcus were in one of the cars. I don't believe they were seriously injured. However, someone in the other car was. The memory of the fact that relatives, Marcus Bates and **Esther,** were involved in a serious wreck on Highway 176 in July 1951 is still firmly etched in my mind after more than 70 years.*

*Gerald Teaster*

**Jessie Ocelia Brown** was the twelfth child. She was born on 20, June, 1909 in Glendale, S.C. She passed away on 22 July, 1995 in Summerville, SC. On 16 July, 1930 she married John Richard Paige. He was born 10 January, 1910 in Jonesville, S.C. He was the son of Wilson Alexander Paige and Lula Lanier.





John R. and Jessie in the 1930's.



Jessie , Dorothy and John R.



**Blanche Brown Arnold, Jessie Brown Paige, Eric Paige, John R. Paige.** Little girl is Dana Healy.





Louise and Dorothy above. Dorothy below.

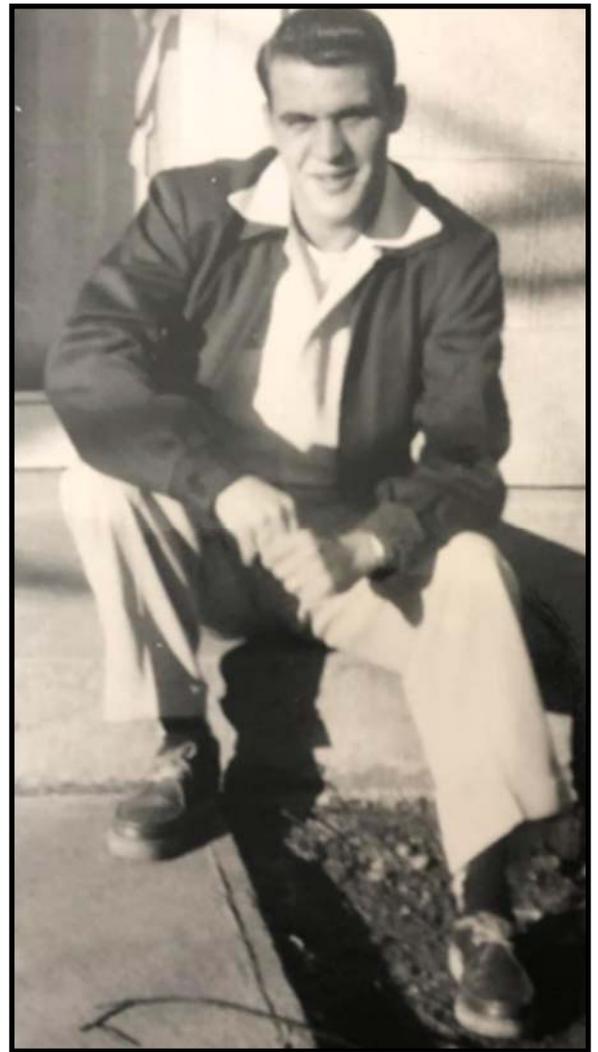




Jack Howell, Dorothy Paige Howell and their children.



Jack and Dorothy and other family members.



Above – Dorothy Paige Howell and others. Right – Jack Howell, Dorothy’s husband. Below – Shelley and Dana Healey- Louise Paige O’Neal’s daughter and her friend.





Eric Paige, son of Louise Paige and Wayne Howell, son of Jack and Dorothy.



Jack and Dorothy Howell



Dorothy Howell



Ella Morales, Dorothy Howell 's great granddaughter,



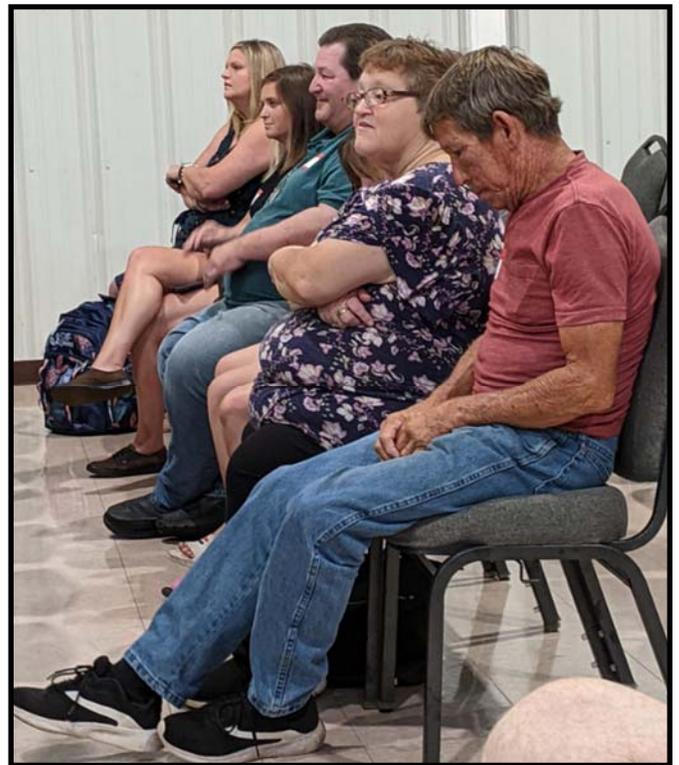
Dorothy Howell, sitting and Zandra Brown leaning on table.



Jennifer Dukes Morales, Melissa Howell, Wayne Howell and Christy Howell Guyton.



Wayne Howell and Christy Howell Guyton



Jennifer Dukes Morales, Ashley Schultz, Dana Healey and Daniel Healy.



Left to right; Shelley's daughter, Olivia, Shelley's daughter Michelle, and Dorothy Paige Howell's granddaughter, Jennifer Dukes Morales and her baby, Addy Morales



Left to right; Ella ( Jennifer's other daughter), Jennifer, with Addy in her lap. Standing beside her is her mom, Dina Howell Duke, who is Dorothy's daughter.



Left to right; Louise (Bugs) Rochester, Julia Brown Chesney and Archie O'Neal. Archie is the husband of the late Louise Paige O'Neal



Dana Healey and Eric Paige and others.



Dina Howell Duke, Dorothy's daughter, holding her granddaughter, Addy, Wayne Howell, Ella Dukes and Bugs



Wayne Howell, Larry Chesney and Dana Healey.



Christy Howell Guyton and Addy



Eric Paige and his sister, Dana Healy.

**Blanche Priscilla Brown** was the thirteenth child. She was born 19 December, 1911 in Pacolet Mills, S.C. She first married Paden Ray Cook on 23 December, 1928 Spartanburg, S.C. He died on 7 June, 1937 Spartanburg, S. C and is buried at Pacolet, S.C. **Blanche** then married Claude Franklin Arnold.



**Blanche** and her children, Olin “Bot” and Louise “Bugs” Cook.



From left - **Victor Brown**, “Doc” Lemmonds, Olin Cook (holding fish), Billy ?, **Boyd Brown**



A young Louise.



Louise Cook Rochester, her daughter Lisa Rochester Anderson and her husband Grady Rochester.

Tony Gatto, Louise and Shelley.



Louise, Dorothy and others.



Louise, Julia and Archie O'Neal

Louise and Paul

Dorothy Howell, Louise and Carmen Berces



Louise, Kendra Gatto, Alyson Paige, Kaiah Paige and Ashley Schultz



Kendra and Tony Gatto, Louise and Shelley.

**Victor Dawsey Brown** was the fourteenth and last child. He was born 18 August, 1914 in Pacolet Mills, S.C. On 25 April, 1936, he married Vera Lola Robinson in Spartanburg, S.C. He passed away on 30 August, 1991 in Pacolet.





On left is Patsy Brown, the wife of Oris Brown and **Victor Brown's** daughter-in-law. Beside her is Paige Brown Mc Craw, hers and Oras' daughter and **Victor Brown's** granddaughter.



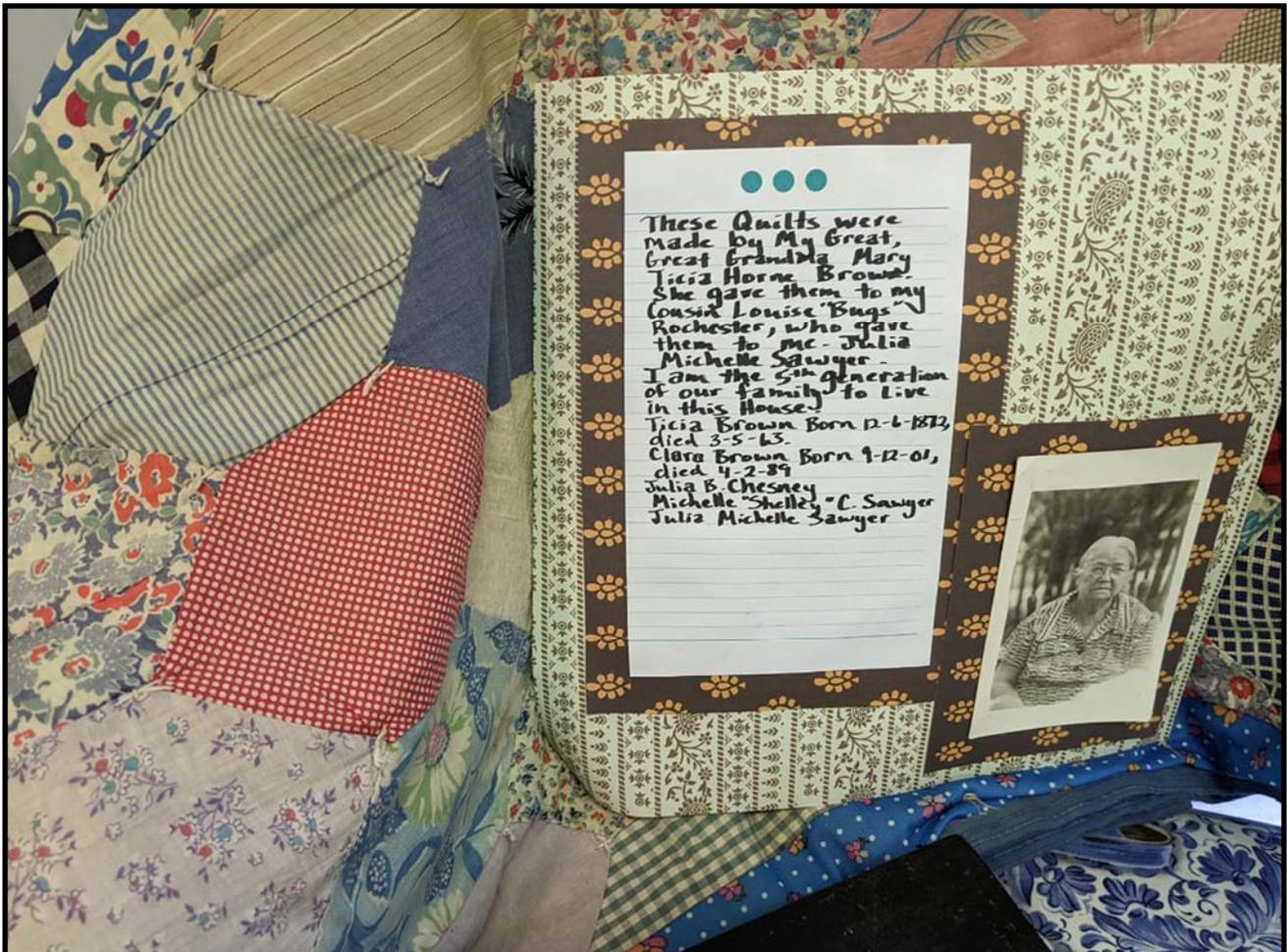
Near seated - Patsy Brown and her daughter, Paige Brown Mc Crow. Tot Owens, standing, a friend and neighbor to the Brown family for years. At other end of table, Kay Teaster, seated, and Julia Brown Chesney standing.

This Last Part of the Reunion Story Contains Pictures and Information Relating to the Family.



Above - distant view of Brown's Chapel Baptist Church where the Reunion was held.  
Below - Close up of the church.







Above - [Grandpa Ben and Granny Brown's](#) family bible. Below - Relating to [Granny Brown](#).



Furniture that belonged to **Grand Pa** and **Granny Brown.**





Above - items relating to Granny Brown.





Above - Pacolet High School pennant from the early 1950's.







More items relating to Boyd Brown family.





Above and below - items relating to Blanch Brown Arnold family.





Items about Victor Brown Family.





Items relating to Jessie Brown Paige family.





Items relating to Esther Brown Bates.



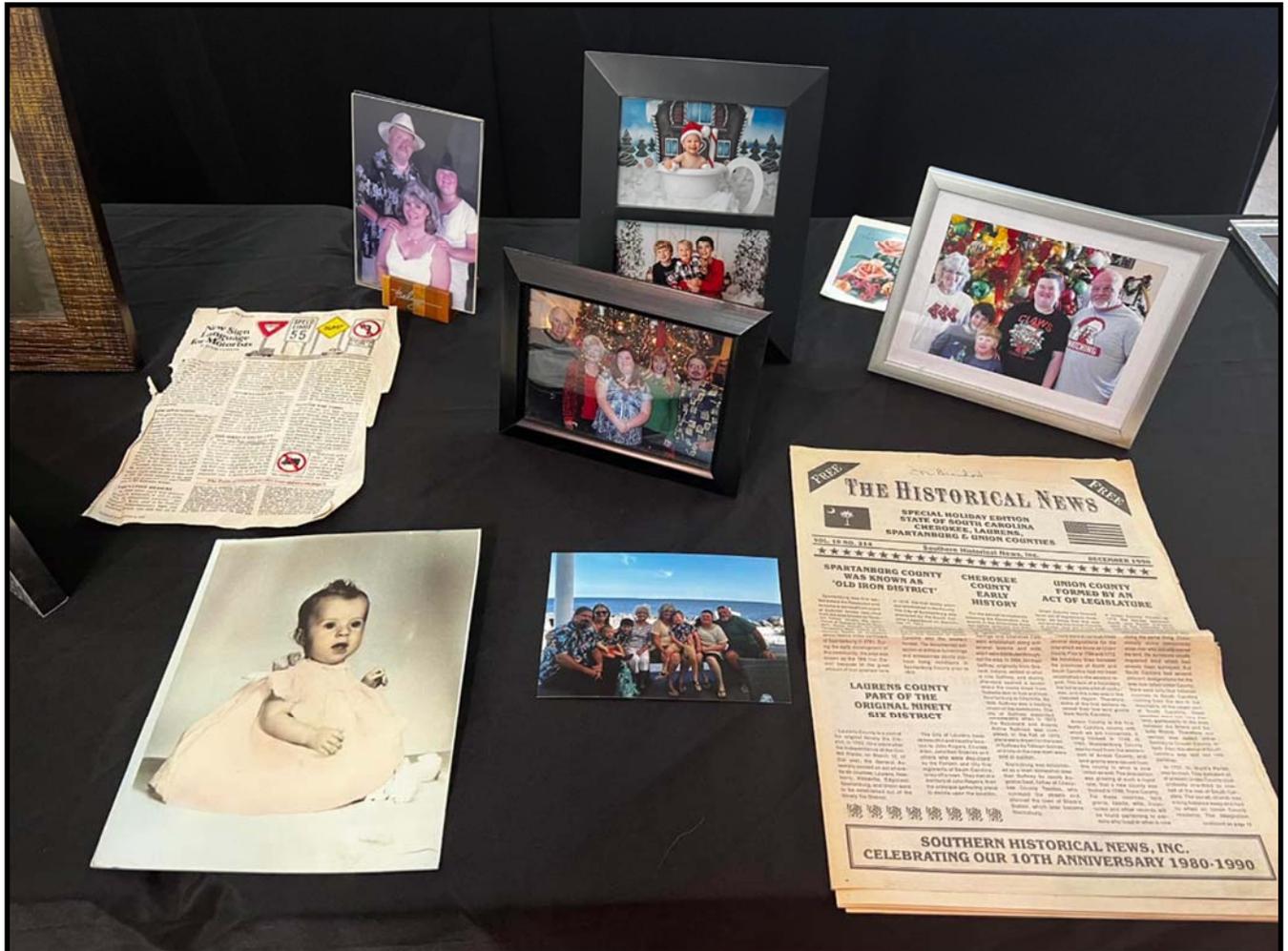
Items relating to Clara Brown family.







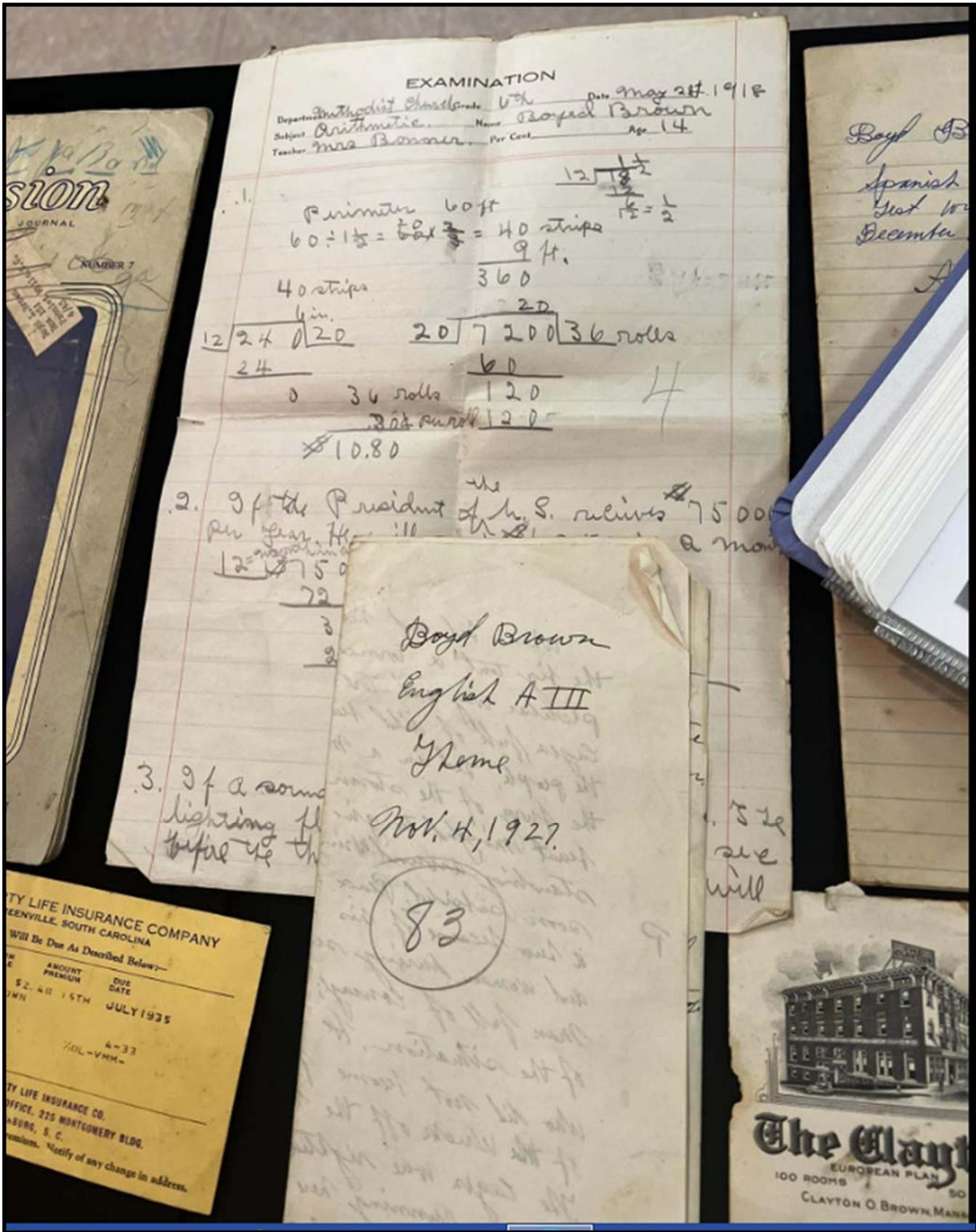
Above - items relating to **William Thomas Brown Family**. Below - Unidentified family.



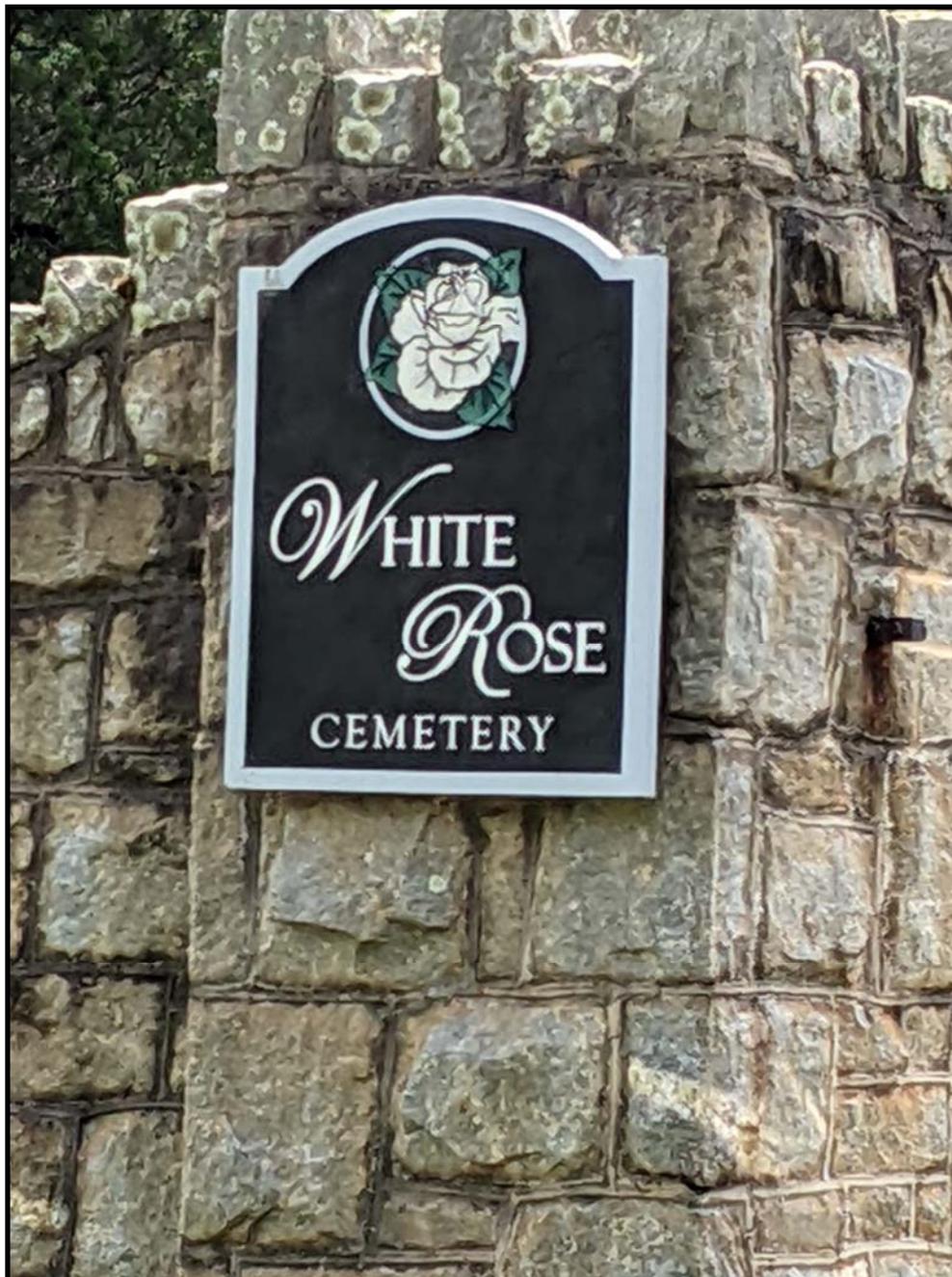


Cards.

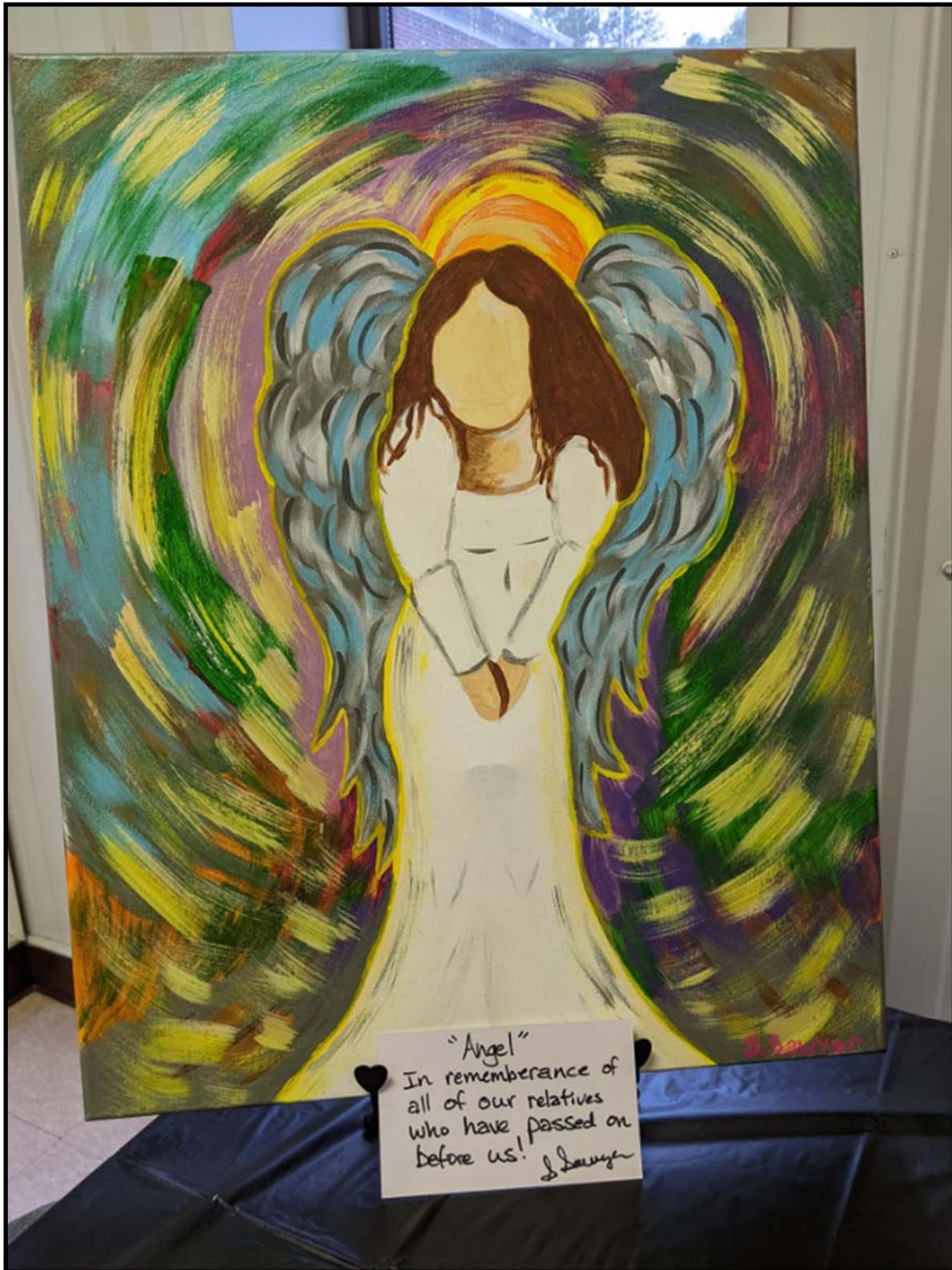




Editor's note: I was very pleased to see the saved high school test among Boyd's mementos. The papers are from November 4, 1927. They give me hope that maybe my hoarding tendencies are genetic. I still have papers from grammar school and high school in the 1950s and even into the 1940s. Gerald Teaster



Many family members, including [Grandpa Ben](#) and [Granny Brown](#), are buried in White Rose Cemetery in Pacolet Mills, SC.



**I would like to thank everyone that furnished photographs for this story. I downloaded the photographs from the new Brown family page on Facebook. I used photographs from Shelley Chesney Sawyer, Dorothy Paige Howell, Carmen Brown Berces, Kendra Brown Gatto and possibly others.**

### **Individual Stories**

Thanks to Shelley Chesney Sawyer we are adding a new section to the [\*\*Brown Family page of the Pacolet Memories website.\*\*](#) This section will allow family members to add the story of how they fit into the Brown family. You can access this new section by clicking on [\*\*Brown Family Individual Stories.\*\*](#)