James Lihu & Amanda Melvina Brown

“Aunt Mel” (Morris) Brown

James Lihu Brown was born in Douglas County in 1873. He was the fifth of six children born to Jesse G. and Mary (Burton) Brown. In 1891, he married Amanda Morris, the daughter of John W. and Caroline (Honeycutt) Morris at Isabella, MO. Together they had 12 children all pictured below except for Vernie who died as a child. Jim and Mel raised their family on a small farm five miles south of Ava. Grandpa Brown died in a truck accident in 1935 at the age of 62. Grandma “Mel” Brown died in 1959 at the age of 82.

Sherman William (1894-1980)
Married Frankie Harrison-1916

Rosa Mae (1895-1995)
Married Elmer Davis-1914

Bertha Frances (1897-1990)
Married Neal Davis-1915

John Jesse (1898-1966)
Married Lena Spurlock-1920

Bessie Vivian (1901-1986)
Married 1-Dewey Snook-1918
2-J.E. McDowell-1935

Everett(e) Thomas (1903-1989)
Married 1-Claudie Brown-1923
2-Wynema Allgood-1942?

Vernia Allen (1905-1918)
Died in the 1918 Flu Epidemic

Louis Virgil “Doc” (1909-1987)
Married 1-Ruth Hamilton-1929
2-Georgia Holmes-1966

Jas. Orville “Jake” (1910-1949)
Married Kiree Hartley-1932

Lulu Minerva (1912-2006)
Married Bruce Shrum-1935

Charles “Woody” (1916-1987)
Married Jean Campbell-1939

Leroy R. (1919-1981)
Married Martha Stockard-1939

Images extracted from photos provided by various family members including Jill Heiney-Smith (Sherman), Herman Davis & Loa Davis (Rosa), Wilma Flynn & Barbara Mitchell (Bertha), Lena Mae Skinner & Betty Cook (Bess), Bob & Phil Brown (Louis “Doc”), Nancy Carrell (Lulu), Don Brown (Charles and Leroy). Layout by Kenneth W. Brown — June 2007 (If I’ve left out a contributor please tell me so I can correct it & if you have a better photo of anyone, please let me know!!!)
Isaac S. & Margaret C. (Manning) Brown

Isaac Sherman Brown was born in Douglas County in 1870. He was the fourth of six children born to Jesse G. and Mary (Burton) Brown. As a young man, Isaac helped his Uncle John Squire at the store in Squires Missouri. On November 30, 1900, Isaac married Margaret Catherine Manning, at Squires. Their nine children are shown below — three are still living (Velma, Veda, and Naida). “Uncle Ike” is still remembered by many as the merchant at Spring Creek on Mo. Highway 5 between Ava and Squires. Later, his son, “Little Louis” had the store all the way up into the late 1950s.

John Lilu Brown (1901-1972)
Married Minnie Davis in 1925

Everett James Brown (1903-1975)
Married Alta Lane in 1933

Clarence Isaac Brown (1905-1984)
Married Luecinda Lane in 1934

Lula Elizabeth Brown (1907-1974)
Married Leeman Hicks in 1929

Velma Brown (1910- )
Married Joseph Gary in 1932

Louis Abraham Brown (1912-1991)
Married Marjorie Hammons in 1934

Veda Brown (1918- )
Married Howard Garland in 1936

Naida Brown (1918- )
Married Voyne Hartley in 1938

Glenn Vernon Brown (1925-1945)
Died on Iwo Jima in March 1945

Jesse G. Brown and Family

Born 1842 and died 1900 (both in current-day Douglas County, Missouri). He was the son of eastern Kentuckians Lyhue and Elizabeth (Hall) Brown who migrated to the county in circa 1837.

Married Mary Burton (1842-1881) about 1862 — they had six children (Louise, George H., Martha “Frankie”, Isaac, James L., and William Samuel).

Married Mary Beers/Bearce (1842-1914) in 1882 — they had two children (Louis Paul and William Marian). Before marrying Jesse G. Brown, Mary was married to and widowed by first, Zachariah Wells, and then Joseph Dotson. She bore children in each marriage.

(Both Mary Burton and Mary Beers/Bearce are buried in Fannon Cemetery near Jesse G.)

“Aunt Louise Turner”  
Louise E. Brown (1863-1933)  
(Married Stephen W. Turner in in 1900)

“Uncle George Brown”  
George H. Brown  
(1866-1884)

“Uncle Ike Brown”  
Isaac Sherman Brown (1870-1961)  
(Married Margaret Catherine Manning)

“Uncle Jim Brown”  
James Lihu Brown (1873-1935)  
(Married Amanda Melvina Morris)

“Uncle Will Brown”  
William Marian (1882—1963)  
(Married Ola Garvin)

“Uncle Louis Brown”  
Louis Paul Brown (1887-1956)  
(Married 1-Tillie Mae Whitacre 2-Luna Belle Clements)

“Uncle Louis Brown”  
Martha Frances Brown (1868-1936)  
(Married John Squire in 1886)

“Baby William S. Brown”  
William Samuel Brown  
(1876-1891)

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JOHN T. & REBECCA (HERNDON) DAVIS

“John T.”
Born 1854
Died 1926
(Son of William Davis & Mary Jane Piland)
Married 1878 in Ozark County
Twelve Children, ten of whom lived to adulthood

“Rebecca”
Born 1860
Died 1927
(Daughter of Stephen C. Herndon & Phoebe Frederick)

“Uncle Webster”
Daniel Webster Davis
(1878-1941)
(Married Hannah Lakey)

“Uncle Willie”
William Stephen Davis
(1880-1918)
(Married Almira Fletcher)

“Uncle Coma”
Commodore Davis
(1882-1963)
(Married 1-Libby Stockwell 2-Gertie Day)

“Aunt Annie”
Malisse Annie Davis
(1885-1972)
(Married George T. Durham)

“Uncle Minnie”
Minnie Ethel Davis
(1887-1933)
(Married Jesse Reeves)

“Florence Edna”
DIED IN INFANCY
Florence Edna Davis
(Oct. 1889—Jan 1890)

“Uncle Elmer”
Elmer Lee Davis
(1891-1967)
(Married Rosa Brown)

“Uncle Neal”
Neal Segal Davis
(1893-1967)
(Married Bertha Brown)

“Uncle Enoch”
Enoch Lincoln Davis
(1896-1973)
(Married Annie Gunnels)

“Troy Abner”
DIED IN INFANCY
Troy Abner Davis
(May 1898—Mar. 1899)

“Uncle George”
George Washington Davis
(1900-1978)
(Married Oma Lansdown)

“Uncle Fred”
Fred Davis
(1903-1926)
(Died in Concrete Plant Explosion in Fredonia KS)

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