

## *Descendants of Thompson O. Brown*

### *Generation No. 1*

1. THOMPSON O.<sup>1</sup> BROWN was born Abt. 1825 in Kentucky, and died Abt. 1875 in Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois. He married ELIZABETH J HAMPTON September 16, 1847 in Moultrie County, Illinois, daughter of ROWLAND SR. and SARAH SPARKS.

Notes for THOMPSON O. BROWN:

Brown

English, Scottish, and Irish: generally a nickname referring to the color of the hair or complexion, Middle English br(o)un, from Old English brun or Old French brun. This word is occasionally found in Old English and Old Norse as a personal name or byname. Brun- was also a Germanic name-forming element. Some instances of Old English Brun as a personal name may therefore be short forms of compound names such as Brungar, Brunwine, etc. As a Scottish and Irish name, it sometimes represents a translation of Gaelic Donn. As an American family name, it has absorbed numerous surnames from other languages with the same meaning.

The Family of Thompson O. Brown settled at an early date in Sullivan Township on section 29, arriving before 1835. They brought several young trees with them that were planted in front of their new home. Thompson was Elected to the Office of Sheriff of Moultrie County, Illinois and sworn in on November 30, 1850. He served one two year term.

Family tradition states that T. O. Brown was a friend of Abraham Lincoln. Moultrie County was a part of The Illinois 8th Circuit Court, presided over by Judge David Davis in the 1830's, 40's, and 50's. At that time the Judge traveled his rounds eight weeks each spring and fall accompanied by a group of Attorneys who handled many small cases in order to make a living. Abraham Lincoln was one of those attorneys, or Prairie Lawyer. Villagers would gather around the courthouse during sessions and in the local taverns afterwards sharing drinks and stories. Court sessions were one of the more popular forms of entertainment in small communities. As Sheriff, Thompson would have met with the future President many times.

On Oct. 4, 1852 Thompson obtained 80 acres of land in Moultrie County by Federal warrant, Lot E2SW, section 27, Twsp. 14N, Range 05E, Meridan 3. (ISA Vol. 155, Pg. 001).

On Jan. 11, 1853 Thompson obtained 80 acres of land in Moultrie County by Federal warrant, Lot W2NW, section 27, Twsp. 14N, Range 05E, Meridan 3. (ISA Vol. 155, Pg. 055).

On Jan. 12, 1853 Thompson obtained 80 acres of land in Moultrie County by Federal warrant, Lot E2NW, section 27, Twsp. 14N, Range 05E, Meridan 3. (ISA Vol. 155, Pg. 056).

1850 census (series M432, roll 122, page 399, family 525) lists Thompson as a wheelwright with \$1,000 property value. Jeremiah J. Brown (35) is listed above him on the same page and could be a brother (family 524, wife Elmira and three children).

1860 Moultrie County census; Sullivan P.O.; Series M653; Roll 213; Page 935, family 345; lists Thompson as a carpenter with \$2,625 real estate value and a \$700 personal estate value.

1870 Moultrie County Census; Sullivan P.O.; Series M593; Roll 264; Page 117: listed him as a Farmer, Carpenter with a property value of \$1,600 an annual income of \$800.

1875 Moultrie County Plat listing

Brown, T.O. estate 40 acres Marrowbone: 14N, 4E, Section 36

Brown, T.O. 40 acres Sullivan: 14N, 5E, Section 29

Notes for ELIZABETH J HAMPTON:

1850 census lists Elizabeth's brother Willian Hampton (23) living in her home.

1880 Moultrie County census for Sullivan Township; Series T9; Roll 239; Page 456: lists her as a widow, age 51. Her son Henry, age 19 is running the farm with Thomas (18) Deaf, and Delly (11) also at home.

Children of THOMPSON BROWN and ELIZABETH HAMPTON are:

- i. ANN M.<sup>2</sup> BROWN, b. 1855, Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois.
- ii. RAYMOND BROWN, b. Abt. 1859, Moultrie County, Illinois; d. Bef. 1870, Moultrie County, Illinois.
2. iii. HENRY P. BROWN, b. February 17, 1861, Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois; d. July 08, 1942, Near Bethany, Moultrie County, Illinois.
- iv. JAMES T. BROWN, b. 1865, Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois.

Notes for JAMES T. BROWN:

1880 Census lists his name as Thomas and as being deaf. Family story is that he married a deaf women and they had four normal children.

- v. OWEN A. BROWN, b. 1867, Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois.
3. vi. DELLA MAY BROWN, b. October 26, 1869, Sullivan, Illinois; d. February 19, 1963, Mercy Hospital, Toledo, Ohio.

### *Generation No. 2*

2. HENRY P.<sup>2</sup> BROWN (*THOMPSON O.*<sup>1</sup>) was born February 17, 1861 in Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois, and died July 08, 1942 in Near Bethany, Moultrie County, Illinois. He married MATTIE MARLOW December 27, 1888 in Near Bethany, Moultrie County, Illinois.

Notes for HENRY P. BROWN:

After losing his father at age 13, Henry took over care of the family farm. His mother passed away sometime after 1880 leaving him to care for his younger brother and sister. In about 1881 he moved to a farm three miles southeast of Bethany, living there the remainder of his life.

Henry was a respected farmer and carpenter, spending several years in the contracting business building homes with Millard Livesey. He was known as a hard worker who fought the river lowlands. A quiet man, he was always there with a helping hand. He was a trustee in the Oak Grove Baptist Church for fifty years. His wife Mattie served as treasurer. She was a cheerful, pleasant person who shared her view of the bright side of life with those around her.

Henry died of a heart attack on his own farm while doing evening choirs shortly after visiting his gravely ill wife at the hospital in Tuscola. She passed away several days later.

Prairie Farmer's Reliable Directory of Farmers and Breeders (1917), Moultrie County (transcribed by Greg Hamblin)

Henry is listed as a farmer at the following location:

Bethany R3, Marrowbone township, Sec36 O155a = owner of 155 acres

Automobile - Hupmobile

Children of HENRY BROWN and MATTIE MARLOW are:

- i. COY<sup>3</sup> BROWN, b. April 1893.
4. ii. FLOSSIE M BROWN, b. October 1890, Near Bethany, Moultrie County, Illinois.
- iii. VENUS BROWN, b. Abt. 1901, Near Bethany, Moultrie County, Illinois; m. HOWARD HOGG.

3. DELLA MAY<sup>2</sup> BROWN (*THOMPSON O.*<sup>1</sup>) was born October 26, 1869 in Sullivan, Illinois, and died February 19, 1963 in Mercy Hospital, Toledo, Ohio. She married ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRAGG October 09, 1884 in Macon County, Illinois, son of JOHN BRAGG and LUCINDA MCKINNEY.

Notes for DELLA MAY BROWN:

1870 census lists her as Dora.

1880 census lists her as Delly.

Fountain Grove Cemetery, Bryan, Ohio, Crypt #149.

Notes for ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRAGG:

BRAGG, ABRAHAM - BROWN, DELLIE - 10/09/1884: form Macon Co Marriage "B" Surnames Index:  
[http://macon.ilgenweb.net/marrg\\_bgrooms.html](http://macon.ilgenweb.net/marrg_bgrooms.html)

Abraham had red hair. Orphaned at age of four, he was reared by the Hamilton Joseph Michaels family in Moultrie County and graduated from Lovington High School. H.J. Michaels was married to Martha Bragg,

Abraham's aunt.

Abraham moved his family to Bryan, Ohio in about 1915.

The 1900 Census, Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois: Series: T623 Roll: 332 Page: 232; Abraham is listed as a Farmer (owner).

The 1910 Census, 3-WD Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois: Series: T624 Roll: 314 Page: 24; Abraham is listed as a Carpenter, Clara (20) Saleswoman at Candy Kitchen, Ray as a farm Laborer.

The 1920 Census, Bryan, Williams County, Ohio: Series T625; Roll 1450; Page 147: lists Abraham and Della living with their son Raymond, in Bryan with no listed occupation. Daughters Grace Goetz and Freda McTaggart are living close by.

Abraham died of a cerebral hemorrhage at the home of his son-in-law Marshall Yarnell in the country outside of Bryan. He had been in usual health and had gone to his farm to work earlier in the week. The stroke came on Thursday evening and he passed away about midnight on Friday. (Volume #4161, Certificate #29843.)

Della was summoned home from Sullivan, Illinois where she had been visiting her son Raymond and daughter Clara Chipps. Both returned to Bryan with her.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon at Abraham and Della's home, 624 West High Street in Bryan. Source Bryan Democrat, Tuesday May 1, 1923.

Della had been admiring a set of wicker furniture in the window of a store in Bryan's town square. When she returned home from Sullivan, it was there as a surprise Abraham had not been able to share with her.

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Children of DELLA BROWN and ABRAHAM BRAGG are:

5. i. MAUDE PEARL<sup>3</sup> BRAGG, b. March 09, 1885, Moultrie County, Illinois.
6. ii. GRACE MAY BRAGG, b. January 11, 1889, Moultrie County, Illinois; d. July 21, 1967, San Bernadino, California.
7. iii. CLARA ANN BRAGG, b. January 07, 1890, Moultrie County, Illinois; d. July 27, 1987, St. Charles Hospital, Toledo, Ohio.
8. iv. RAYMOND L. BRAGG, b. May 02, 1892, Moultrie County, Illinois; d. March 21, 1977, St. Mary's Hospital, Decator, Illinois.
9. v. FREDa BRAGG, b. July 1898, Moultrie County, Illinois; d. San Bernadino, California.

### *Generation No. 3*

4. FLOSSIE M<sup>3</sup> BROWN (*HENRY P.<sup>2</sup>, THOMPSON O.<sup>1</sup>*) was born October 1890 in Near Bethany, Moultrie County, Illinois. She married (1) CHESTER AURTHUR YARNELL Abt. 1908 in Moultrie County, Illinois. She married (2) H.B MORGAN Aft. 1921.

Children of FLOSSIE BROWN and CHESTER YARNELL are:

- i. HAROLD<sup>4</sup>, b. Abt. 1909.
- ii. CLAUDE, b. Abt. 1911.

5. MAUDE PEARL<sup>3</sup> BRAGG (*DELLA MAY<sup>2</sup> BROWN, THOMPSON O.<sup>1</sup>*) was born March 09, 1885 in Moultrie County, Illinois. She married JESSE MARSHALL YARNELL November 11, 1903 in Moultrie County, Illinois.

Notes for MAUDE PEARL BRAGG:

The 1920 Census, Ward 2, Sullivan Township, Moultrie County, Illinois: Series T625; Roll 397; Page 145: Marshall is listed as a farmer, address is 1808 West Monroe Street.

Prairie Farmer's Reliable Directory of Farmers and Breeders (1917), Moultrie County (transcribed by Greg Hamblin)

Maude and her husband Jesse were listed as Farmers at the following location:

Sullivan R5, Sullivan township, Sec7, O196a O = owner of 196 acres.

Automobile type - Hudson

Children of MAUDE BRAGG and JESSE YARNELL are:

- i. ARLENE WINNIE<sup>4</sup> YARNELL, b. September 16, 1904, Moultrie County, Illinois; d. July 26, 1976,

- Toledo, Ohio; m. (1) ALLEN HATHAWAY HOTCHKISS; m. (2) CALVIN KEISER, June 02, 1923.
- ii. WAYNE ALLEN YARNELL, b. December 04, 1906; m. HAZEL BECK.
  - iii. WILLIAM MARSHALL YARNELL, b. January 02, 1911; d. March 04, 1993, Bay, Bay County, Michigan; m. ALICE M. ALARIE, February 01, 1947.

Notes for WILLIAM MARSHALL YARNELL:  
Some sources list birth as Dec. 5, 1910.

- 10. iv. GLADYS LUCILLE YARNELL, b. December 05, 1920; d. August 21, 1989.

**6. GRACE MAY<sup>3</sup> BRAGG** (*DELLA MAY<sup>2</sup> BROWN, THOMPSON O.<sup>1</sup>*) was born January 11, 1889 in Moultrie County, Illinois, and died July 21, 1967 in San Bernadino, California. She married (1) JAMIE JAMIESON. She married (2) PERRY ERNEST GOETZ March 1904 in Moultrie County, Illinois.

Notes for GRACE MAY BRAGG:

The 1910 Census, Decatur, 5th Ward, Macon County, Illinois: Series T624; Roll 307; Page 194: Perry E. is listed as a Carpenter.

The 1920 Census, Bryan, Williams County, Ohio: Series T625; Roll 1450; Page 164: Perry is listed as a Plumber for a Gas Light Company, address is 215 West Wilson.

The 1930 Census, Toledo, 6th Ward, Lucas County, Ohio: Series T626; Roll 1835; Page 24: Grace (42) is listed as a widow, and a Beauty Parlor Manager. Her daughter Katheryn (19) is listed as a stenographer. Address is 2120 Monroe Street, res 127. Mother Della Bragg is listed at res. 126. On the same page at res. 125 is her sister Clara Chipps and family.

Children of GRACE BRAGG and PERRY GOETZ are:

- 11. i. TELVA MAY<sup>4</sup> GOETZ, b. January 16, 1905, Bethany, Moultrie, County Illinois; d. September 08, 1991, Loma Linda, California.
- ii. KATHERYN GOETZ, b. May 23, 1910; m. PRENTICE B. ROGERS, December 03, 1936.

**7. CLARA ANN<sup>3</sup> BRAGG** (*DELLA MAY<sup>2</sup> BROWN, THOMPSON O.<sup>1</sup>*) was born January 07, 1890 in Moultrie County, Illinois, and died July 27, 1987 in St. Charles Hospital, Toledo, Ohio. She married EARL LILLY CHIPPS October 06, 1915 in Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois, son of ABIA CHIPPS and AMERICA LILLY.

Notes for CLARA ANN BRAGG:

The 1910 Census, 3-WD Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois: Series: T624 Roll: 314 Page: 24; Clara (20) is listed as a Saleswoman at Candy Kitchen, and is living with her parents.

Clara and Earl Chipps had talked about marriage before she moved to Bryan, Ohio with her parents in about 1915. She was working in a Dress Shop on Bryan's town square when Earl came calling from Sullivan, Illinois intent on marriage.

After the death of Earl, Clara went to work for Doctors Detiellm, Bottle, Myer and Ross as a File clerk. She worked there for many years. Retiring in her eighties. The Doctors sent a cab for her when she could no longer walk to the bus stop.

Family plot is at Toledo, Memorial Park, section 22, block 3, lot 22.

Notes for EARL LILLY CHIPPS:

Earl's middle name was Lilly, a common practice using the mothers maiden name. However he thought that it made his name sound too feminine and listed a "C" as a middle initial most of his life.

Earl graduated from The University of Illinois (probable Agriculture).

Earl played minor league baseball in the Central Illinois area for several years and was offered a pro contract to play baseball for the St. Louis Browns.

In 1915 Earl traveled to Bryan, Ohio to visit Clara Bragg who had left Illinois with her parents. He asked to marry her. They returned to Moultrie County to start a family, moving to Bryan in 1923 after the death Clara's father. Earl and Clara relocated to Toledo in 1926.

Prairie Farmer's Reliable Directory of Farmers and Breeders (1917), Moultrie County (transcribed by Greg Hamblin)

Earl is listed as farmer and breeder in Sullivan, R. 6, Jonathan Creek township Sec3Q, T160a A. Chipps = Tenant on 160 acres belonging to his father

Type Breed Breeds for sale

Dairy Cattle Jersey

Poultry: Partridge White Wyandotte

World War I Draft Registration Serial No. 1260, Order No. 257: Lists Earl as a Farmer

World War II Draft Registration Serial No. 682: Lists Earl as unemployed - Training at Libby for Defense, living at 1841 Glenwood Phone No. Ma4446.

The 1920 Census, Jonathan Creek, Moultrie County: Series T625; Roll 397; Page 34: General Farmer, The 1930 Census, Toledo, 6th Ward, Lucas County: Series T626; Roll 1835; Page 24: Lists Earl as a Press Operator in automotive plant. Address is listed as 2120 Monroe Street, res 125. Mother-in law Della Bragg is listed at res. 126. On the same page at res. 127 Della's daughter Grace Goetz (42) is listed as a widow, with daughter Katherine (19) renting a room.

The 1938, 1939 & 1940 "Toledo City Directory's" list Earl as a Time Keeper living at 1704 Collingwood Apt. 6. In 1942 the address is listed as 1841 Glenwood. In the 1946 directory he is listed as a laborer living at 2260 Putnam. Later directories list him as working for the Electric Autolight Company as a Machine Operator.

Children of CLARA BRAGG and EARL CHIPPS are:

12. i. BETTY<sup>4</sup> CHIPPS, b. December 23, 1917, Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois; d. June 19, 1982, Toledo, Ohio.
13. ii. JEAN ARLENE CHIPPS, b. September 05, 1919, Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois; d. March 28, 2008, Toledo, Ohio (Hospice Center of Northwest Ohio).
14. iii. RICHARD EARL CHIPPS, b. November 06, 1921, Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois; d. November 20, 1996, Toledo, Ohio at The Toledo Hospital.
15. iv. DONALD ABIA CHIPPS, b. June 05, 1930, Toledo, Ohio; d. April 06, 2004, Toledo, Ohio.

**8. RAYMOND L.<sup>3</sup> BRAGG** (*DELLA MAY<sup>2</sup> BROWN, THOMPSON O.<sup>1</sup>*) was born May 02, 1892 in Moultrie County, Illinois, and died March 21, 1977 in St. Mary's Hospital, Decatur, Illinois. He married EVA LUCILLE BYROM April 28, 1919 in Bryan, Ohio.

Notes for RAYMOND L. BRAGG:

Enlisted in the Army on August 26, 1918. Served with the 159 Depot Brigade to September 27, 1918, Battery F 68 Field Artillery. Honorable discharge as a Private December 20, 1918. Serial Number 3903127.

The 1920 Census, Bryan, Williams County, Ohio: Series T625; Roll 1450; Page 147: Lists Raymond as a Dry cleaner, address is 710 West High Street. His parents are living at the same address. Brother in law Ken McTaggart also works as a dry cleaner.

At some point in the early 1920's, Raymond and his sister Grace along with spouses traveled to Ranger, Texas looking for work in the oil fields. They went into the dry cleaning business instead. Ranger is located about midway between Abilene and Fort Worth. The four stayed only a short time before returning to an area near Sullivan, Illinois to farm.

At the time of his death he was a retired farmer and active member of Oak Grove Baptist Church.

Burial is in Greenhill Cemetery.

Children of RAYMOND BRAGG and EVA BYROM are:

16. i. ROBERT ALLEN<sup>4</sup> BRAGG, b. July 28, 1925, Moultrie County, Illinois.
17. ii. JENNIE LOU BRAGG, b. June 13, 1928, Moultrie County, Illinois.

**9. FRED A<sup>3</sup> BRAGG** (*DELLA MAY<sup>2</sup> BROWN, THOMPSON O.<sup>1</sup>*) was born July 1898 in Moultrie County, Illinois, and died in San Bernadino, California. She married KENNETH M. MCTAGGART June 02, 1917 in Jackson, Michigan.

Notes for FRED A BRAGG:

The 1920 Census, Bryan, Williams County, Ohio: Series T625; Roll 1450; Page 167: Lists Kenneth as a Taylor at a Dry cleaner, address is 619 West High Street. Freda's parents are living near by with her brother Raymond who also works as a dry cleaner.

Daughter Dorthy's age as listed as 1 10/12 years, Mary is listed as 8/12 year.

Children of FRED A BRAGG and KENNETH MCTAGGART are:

- i. DORTHY<sup>4</sup> MCTAGGART, b. Abt. 1918, Bryan, Ohio.
- ii. MARY MCTAGGART, b. Abt. 1919, Bryan, Ohio.
- iii. DANIEL COLEBURN MCTAGGART, b. March 25, 1926.

*Generation No. 4*

**10.** GLADYS LUCILLE<sup>4</sup> YARNELL (*MAUDE PEARL<sup>3</sup> BRAGG, DELLA MAY<sup>2</sup> BROWN, THOMPSON O.<sup>1</sup>*) was born December 05, 1920, and died August 21, 1989. She married NORMAN G, WINTERMANTEL March 08, 1941.

Notes for GLADYS LUCILLE YARNELL:

Social Security Death Index: Wintermantel, Gladys SS# issued in Ohio Birth date: Dec 4, 1920 Death date: Aug 21, 1989 Residence code: HC (Death reported by Health Care Finance Administration.)

Notes for NORMAN G, WINTERMANTEL:

Social Security Death Index: Wintermantel, Norman SS# issued in Ohio Birth date: Aug 17, 1907 Death date: Aug 1980 ZIP Code of last known residence: 62450 Olney, Illinois ZIP Code of address where death benefit payment was sent: 62450 Olney, Illinois

Children of GLADYS YARNELL and NORMAN G are:

- i. JAN<sup>5</sup> WINTERMANTEL, b. Abt. 1939.
- ii. KAREN WINTERMANTEL, b. Abt. 1942.
- iii. LINDA WINTERMANTEL, b. Abt. 1945.

**11.** TELVA MAY<sup>4</sup> GOETZ (*GRACE MAY<sup>3</sup> BRAGG, DELLA MAY<sup>2</sup> BROWN, THOMPSON O.<sup>1</sup>*) was born January 16, 1905 in Bethany, Moultrie, County Illinois, and died September 08, 1991 in Loma Linda, California. She married ARTHUR J. FRUTH February 19, 1926 in Wausean, Ohio.

Child of TELVA GOETZ and ARTHUR FRUTH is:

- i. NANCY<sup>5</sup> FRUTH, m. DONALD SHEETS.

**12.** BETTY<sup>4</sup> CHIPPS (*CLARA ANN<sup>3</sup> BRAGG, DELLA MAY<sup>2</sup> BROWN, THOMPSON O.<sup>1</sup>*) was born December 23, 1917 in Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois, and died June 19, 1982 in Toledo, Ohio. She married UNKNOWN JENKINS.

Child of BETTY CHIPPS and UNKNOWN JENKINS is:

- i. SHARON KAY<sup>5</sup> JENKINS, b. May 24, 1938, Toledo, Ohio; m. GEORGE LEE TRACHT, July 23, 1960, St. Matthews Luthern Church Toledo, Ohio.

**13.** JEAN ARLENE<sup>4</sup> CHIPPS (*CLARA ANN<sup>3</sup> BRAGG, DELLA MAY<sup>2</sup> BROWN, THOMPSON O.<sup>1</sup>*) was born September 05, 1919 in Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois, and died March 28, 2008 in Toledo, Ohio (Hospice Center of Northwest Ohio). She married (1) LAWRENCE STERLING JONES. She married (2) AL HASSENZAHL 1974.

Notes for JEAN ARLENE CHIPPS:

Jean worked for Ohio Bell for 31 years retiring in 1975 as an Instructor. She was a member of The Ohio Pioneers Club, (Ohio Bell Retires).

Jean is interred at Ottawa Hills Memorial Park Cemetery.

Notes for AL HASSENZAHL:

Al Hassenzahl enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942. After completing Officer Candidate School, he volunteered for paratrooper duty. He parachuted into Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944, as a member of the 101st Airborne Division fighting also in Holland, Bastogne, and Germany. Mr. Hassenzahl earned

several decorations, including four Battle Stars, the Bronze Arrowhead, a Purple Heart, a Bronze Star, a Silver Star, and a Presidential Unit Citation.

Children of JEAN CHIPPS and LAWRENCE JONES are:

- i. JUDITH ANN<sup>5</sup> JONES, m. (1) KARL E. RITCHEY; m. (2) DAVID GRANT.
- ii. LAWRENCE JONES, m. (1) PEGGY; m. (2) JAN, December 1970, Toledo, Ohio.

Notes for LAWRENCE JONES:

Larry Graduated from Defiance College with a degree in Education. He played High School and College Football. Larry taught Science in the Sylvania School system and coached sports. He worked as Athletic Director at North View H.S. for twenty years and was named into the Ohio Athletic Directors Hall of Fame in 2004, and Libbey High School Hall of Fame April, 2007.

He retired at the close of the 2004/2005 school year.

**14.** RICHARD EARL<sup>4</sup> CHIPPS (*CLARA ANN<sup>3</sup> BRAGG, DELLA MAY<sup>2</sup> BROWN, THOMPSON O.<sup>1</sup>*) was born November 06, 1921 in Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois, and died November 20, 1996 in Toledo, Ohio at The Toledo Hospital. He married MARIAN RUTH BUSER February 08, 1947 in Toledo, Ohio Washington Congregational Church, daughter of JACOB BUSER and ESTELLA MCINTOSH.

Notes for RICHARD EARL CHIPPS:

At the age of twelve Richard (Dick) started working for Morris Greenberg at the G & W Market at Monroe and Collingwood in Toledo. He ran errands and cleaned the store for Mr. Greenberg who has in many respects like a second father figure. At one point well before his sixteenth birthday, Mr. Greenberg asked if Dick knew how to drive. "No", came the answer. "Well it's time to learn". A quick explanation of a clutch and gear shift followed, with directions for a delivery. Dick never got a drivers licence until after returning from WWII. Mr. Greenberg often let Dick use his car for personal use, including a trip to Detroit with friends to see the Big Bands of the time. Dick kept in touch with Mr. Greenberg through out his life.

Richard served in WWII, in the 83rd Infantry Division, 331st Reg, "L" Company. He entered France as a Staff Sergeant in charge of the Mortar section of the Weapons Platoon. He became First Sergeant during the Battle of The Bulge. (First Sergeant - Principal NCO and life-blood of the company: the provider, disciplinarian and wise counselor. Instructs other SGTs, advises the Commander and helps train all enlisted Soldiers. Assists Officers at the company level). His unit spent 288 days on the front line, he received two Purple Hearts, a Bronze and a Silver Star for gallantry in action. Dick said that the war had little to do with who he was. However I believe it had a profound impact on how he chose to live his life.

Dick used his V.A. Loan so that his parents could buy a home at 2260 Putnam.

Dick worked for Ohio Bell after the war as an installer, later as an estimate assigner. He always answered his phone "7442 Chipps". The site of the big 20 foot diameter revolving wheel with the department binders and records near Dads desk, and the small wooden cube with family photos labeled Chipps off the old block remains vivid. At one time in the late 60's he was department head. However he gave that position up rather than purposely under rate employees on annual evaluation forms as management had requested. He retired in 1984.

Dick broke his leg in a fall on ice in January 1983, spending 16 weeks in the Hospital. It was June before he could walk with the assistance of a walker. However the first week of July found him dancing to Big Band Music with Midge, walker and all. Before the year was over, he had remodeled the basement, including installation of a drop ceiling, all before he could walk unaided.

Dick was the kind of man others came to when troubled about an up coming election.

Notes for MARIAN RUTH BUSER:

Most people know her as Midge. She worked at Ohio Bell, Toledo Edison, First Federal and as a Real Estate Agent.

On Thanksgiving evening November 22, 1945 Marian took the Lincoln Street bus to 1821 Glenwood, the home of a co-worker at Ohio Bell. She was going to spend the evening with Jean and her husband Larry Jones, as well as Jean's brother Richard Chipps.

Housing being scarce after the war, Jean lived with her parents. Marian was sitting on a stool when Richard came back from visiting friends. He was in his Army uniform and looked so tall.

Jean later said that she could see sparks flying in both directions. They went to a club called "Ka-sees" on Lagrange Street. After a fun evening watching the shows, Richard escorted Marian to her families home in

a cab. "Oh Boy could he kiss".

Just over a year later Midge and Dick arranged to meet at the Lucas County Court House to get their Marriage License at lunch time. It was during an ice storm, with many power lines and tree branches down. The department official commented, "You must really want to get married coming out in this weather". Midge's father Jacob was a quiet man, not inclined to show his emotions. But during her wedding service as he gave her hand, Jacob turned and said, "Take care of her Dick, she's a good girl". Midge was almost speechless.

After giving birth to three sons Midge was hoping that her fourth pregnancy would bring a girl. When she was born, Dr. Zollinger said "Here is your rosebud". The Doctor always called Beth by that name.

Children of RICHARD CHIPPS and MARIAN BUSER are:

- i. RICHARD EARL<sup>5</sup> CHIPPS, b. January 31, 1950, Toledo, Ohio; m. MARGIE HOLTFRETER, September 21, 1971, Pilgrim United Church Of Christ, Toledo, Ohio.

Notes for RICHARD EARL CHIPPS:

Rick worked as receiving clerk at Erie Steel Treating for 30 years. He was Union Safety Steward before the company forced the union out in 2004.

Rick and Margie were divorced in July of 1978.

- ii. GREGORY NEIL CHIPPS, b. December 09, 1951, Toledo, Ohio; m. MARY LOU KNOTT, June 29, 1974, Pilgrim United Church Of Christ, Toledo, Ohio.
- iii. THOMAS WAYNE CHIPPS, b. December 05, 1956, Toledo, Ohio; m. ROBIN RILEY, August 24, 1985, Pilgrim United Church Of Christ, Toledo, Ohio.
- iv. BETH ANN CHIPPS, b. August 19, 1961, Flower Hospital, Toledo, Ohio; m. JAMES BRYWCZYNSKI, October 22, 1983, Pilgrim United Church Of Christ, Toledo, Ohio.

**15.** DONALD ABIA<sup>4</sup> CHIPPS (*CLARA ANN<sup>3</sup> BRAGG, DELLA MAY<sup>2</sup> BROWN, THOMPSON O.<sup>1</sup>*) was born June 05, 1930 in Toledo, Ohio, and died April 06, 2004 in Toledo, Ohio. He married ANN WEGMAN September 24, 1955 in Toledo, Ohio.

Notes for DONALD ABIA CHIPPS:

After graduating from Scott High School Donald enlisted in the Navy, serving during the Korean conflict. He was discharged in 1952.

Donald worked for Ohio Bell for 38 years as a PBX specialist.

Notes for ANN WEGMAN:

One of eleven children, Ann worked for General Mills and Toledo Edison. Volunteered at Medical College of Ohio, Read for Literacy and St. Petri Lutheran Church.

Children of DONALD CHIPPS and ANN WEGMAN are:

- i. CONNIE<sup>5</sup> CHIPPS, m. DAVID ERIC WOFFORD.
- ii. JON CHIPPS, m. LORI.
- iii. JEFF CHIPPS, m. REBECCA.

**16.** ROBERT ALLEN<sup>4</sup> BRAGG (*RAYMOND L.<sup>3</sup>, DELLA MAY<sup>2</sup> BROWN, THOMPSON O.<sup>1</sup>*) was born July 28, 1925 in Moultrie County, Illinois. He married ELIZABETH ANN GASS June 12, 1948 in Moultrie County, Illinois.

Children of ROBERT BRAGG and ELIZABETH GASS are:

- i. PENNEY SUE<sup>5</sup> BRAGG, b. May 12, 1950.
- ii. DONNA GAYLE BRAGG, b. July 05, 1953.
- iii. THERESA ANN BRAGG, b. January 05, 1957.
- iv. BRADLEY BRAGG.

**17.** JENNIE LOU<sup>4</sup> BRAGG (*RAYMOND L.<sup>3</sup>, DELLA MAY<sup>2</sup> BROWN, THOMPSON O.<sup>1</sup>*) was born June 13, 1928 in Moultrie County, Illinois. She married (1) FLOYD STANLEY TAYLOR 1948. She married (2) YUHLE COSLOW 1969.



Notes for JENNIE LOU BRAGG:

After her divorce from Yuhle Coslow in 1971, Jennie returned to using the name Taylor to have the same name as her children.

Children of JENNIE BRAGG and FLOYD TAYLOR are:

- i. DANIEL MARK<sup>5</sup> TAYLOR, b. February 25, 1955, Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona; m. (1) ALICE HOLLENBECK, Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois; m. (2) LISA ANN NORWOOD, May 22, 1989, Kauai, Hawaii.
- ii. BARBARA KAY TAYLOR, b. October 11, 1960, Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona; m. BILLY JOE ROBBINS, December 17, 1982, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.