

93. BROWN

1. **Chad¹ Brown** was born in say 1601, and died in 1663 or earlier, probably at Providence, Rhode Island, when named as deceased in a deed executed there by William Field. He married at High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, England, on 11 September 1626, **Elizabeth Sharparowe**.^[1] It is not fully proven that Daniel Brown of Providence was their son, but Daniel does appear as a near neighbor to Chad's known sons in Providence land records, and Daniel often gave the same names to his sons as Chad's sons gave to theirs.^[2]

A probable child of Chad¹ and Elizabeth (Sharparowe) Brown is:

2. i. DANIEL² BROWN, d. 29 Sept. 1710, m. ALICE HEARNDEN.

2. **Daniel² Brown** (?Chad¹) died at Providence, Providence Plantations, on 29 Sept. 1710. He was married there on 25 December 1669 to **Alice Hearnden**. She was born there in 1652, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (White) Hearnden, and died after 1718.

Among the children of Daniel² and Alice (Hearnden) Brown is:^[3]

3. i. JABEZ³ BROWN, d. 9 Sept. 1724, m. ANN [WARNER?].

3. **Jabez³ Brown** (Daniel², ?Chad¹), dish turner, died at Providence on 9 September 1724. He married **Ann** ____, who died there on 25 February 1726/7.^[4] It has been suggested that she was Ann Warner, daughter of John and Ann (Gorton) Warner, who was married to one Brown at North Kingstown, Providence Plantations (now Washington County) County, Rhode Island, on 24 April 1707. Unfortunately, the forename of this Ann's husband is unknown.^[5]

Among the children of Jabez and Ann (Warner?) Brown is:

4. i. WILLIAM⁴ BROWN, b. ca. 1708, d. 27 Jan. 1757, m. PATIENCE ARNOLD.

4. **William⁴ Brown** (Jabez³, Daniel², ?Chad¹), born about 1708, died at Smithfield, Providence County, Rhode Island, on 27 January 1757.^[6] He was married about 1708 to **Patience Arnold**, who was born about 1728, daughter of Eleazer and Sarah (Hawkins) Arnold.^[7] She died after 3 April 1760, when named in her mother's will.^[8]

Among the children of William⁴ and Patience (Arnold) Brown is:

5. i. ELEAZER⁵ BROWN, b. 31 Dec. 1736, d. between 22 Jan. 1806 and 4 Aug. 1812, m. SARAH SCOTT.

5. **Eleazer⁵ Brown** (William⁴, Jabez³, Daniel², ?Chad¹) was born 31 December 1736 at Smithfield,

¹ William Bradford Browne, "Chad Browne of Providence, R. I., and Four Generations of His Descendants," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 80 (1926): 73-86, 170-85, at 74.

² Bruce C. MacGunnigle, "The Children of Chad Browne of Providence RI: Proved, Disproved, and Unproved," *American Genealogist* 62 (1987): 193-201, at 196-9.

³ Browne, "Chad Browne of Providence," 77-8.

⁴ *Ibid.*, 84; James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island, 1636-1850: First Series, Births, Marriages and Deaths: A Family Register for the People*, 21 vols. (Providence: Narragansett Historical Publishing Co., 1891-1912), 2: part 1, 262.

⁵ Browne, "Chad Browne of Providence," 84 n. †.

⁶ Browne, "Chad Browne of Providence," 182; Melinde Lutz Sanborn, "Smithfield, Rhode Island Death Records Culled from Probates," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 146 (1992): 343-51, at 346.

⁷ Richard H. Benson, *The Arnold Family of Smithfield, Rhode Island* (Boston: Newbury Street Press, 2009), 161.

⁸ Browne, "Chad Browne of Providence," 183 n. *.

Providence County, Rhode Island.^[9] He married, on 14 December 1758 at Smithfield, to **Sarah⁵ Scott**, who was born there in October 1738, daughter of Nathaniel⁴ (*Sylvanus³, John², Richard¹*) and Mercy (Mowry) Scott.^[10] She was living 22 January 1806, when Eleazer Brown, then of Adams, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, made his will. It was proved 4 August 1812 at Lenox, same county, and names his wife and nine children. Eleazer declares that he has “already made ample provision” for his sons,^[11] and he evidently did so through deeds executed 13 October 1804, recorded 29 April 1805. By these instruments he had transferred his real estate to his sons John Brown of Cheshire, Isaac Brown of Adams,^[12] and David Brown and Nathaniel Brown, both of Fairfield, Herkimer County, New York. The grant to David and Nathaniel included “a part of the Farm on which my son William Brown formerly lived.”^[13] Eleazer’s will bequeathed only personal property, mainly among his four daughters.^[14]

Children of Eleazer⁵ and Sarah (Scott) Brown, order uncertain, are:

- i. DAVID⁶ BROWN, b. ca. Feb. 1761, d. 4 June 1838, aged 77y 3m, bur. Eaton’s Bush Cemetery, Eatonville, Herkimer Co., N. Y.,^[15] m. Adams 9 March 1788 MARY CARPENTER,^[16] b. Providence 19 Sept. 1768, dau. of Dea. Stephen and Amey (Field) Carpenter,^[17] d. 24 Jan. 1850, aged 81y 4m 5d, bur. Eaton’s Bush.
- ii. NATHANIEL BROWN, b. 26 July 1762, d. 5 April 1839, aged 76y 8m 10d, m. SALLY _____, b. ca. 1779, d. 12 Dec. 1851, aged 72y, both bur. Eaton’s Bush.
- iii. PATIENCE BROWN, b. say 1764, d. 11 Oct. 1820,^[18] bur. Eaton’s Bush, m. Adams 21 Sept. 1784 EBENEZER COLE,^[19] b. ca. 1760,^[20] d. 30 Oct. 1826, aged 66y, bur. Eaton’s Bush.
- iv. WILLIAM BROWN, b. ca. 1766, d. 9 June 1848, aged 82y, bur. Eaton’s Bush,^[21] m. Lanesborough, Berkshire Co., Mass., 27 Oct. 1789 MARY BARKER,^[22] b. Middletown, Newport Co., R. I., 24 Feb. 1770, dau. of James and Anna (Peckham) Barker.^[23]
- v. LYDIA BROWN, b. say 1768, m. Adams 18 Jan. 1789 ISAAC ALLEN.^[24] Their last known child was b. 4

⁹ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 3: part 6, 93.

¹⁰ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 3: part 6, 21. For her ancestry, see Martin B. Scott, “The Scott Family: Descendants of Richard Scott, of Providence, R. I.,” *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 2 (1871): 174-9; Stephen F. Peckham, “Richard Scott and His Wife Catharine Marbury, and Some of Their Descendants,” *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 59 (1906): 168-75; and editorial note in Harold F. Porter Jr., “The Paternal Ancestry of Thomasine Frost, Wife of Deacon Edmund¹ Rice of Sudbury, Mass.,” *American Genealogist* 63 (1988): 129-37, at 135-6.

¹¹ Eleazer Brown will (1806), Berkshire County, Massachusetts, Probate Records, 16:322, FHL microfilm 876,295, item 1.

¹² Berkshire County, Massachusetts, Northern District Land Records, 11:573-4, FHL microfilm 879,517, item 1.

¹³ Berkshire County Northern District Land Records, 11:575-6.

¹⁴ Eleazer Brown will (1806) and inventory (1812), Berkshire County Probate Records, 16:322, 446-7.

¹⁵ Marilyn Allis, transcr., “Eaton’s Bush Cemetery: Eatonville, Town of Herkimer, Herkimer County,” *Herkimer County NY GenWeb* (www.herkimer/nygenweb.net/cemeteries/eatoncem.htm: July 1998), alphabetized by name.

¹⁶ Frederic W. Bailey, ed., *Early Massachusetts Marriages Prior to 1800*, 8 vols. (New Haven, Conn., 1897-1914; reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1968), 3:135.

¹⁷ Cheshire, Massachusetts, Book to Record Publishments, Marriages, Births, & Deaths, 1793, 23, FHL microfilm 250,300, item 1; Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 2: part 1, 37.

¹⁸ Allis, “Eaton’s Bush Cemetery.”

¹⁹ Adams, Massachusetts, Births, Marriages & Deaths, 1786-1847, 44, FHL microfilm 760,652.

²⁰ One Ebenezer Cole was b. Scituate, Providence Co., R. I., 17 April 1760, son of Samuel and Anne (Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 3: Scituate, 39), but he seems to have remained in Rhode Island and married another (ibid., 3: Foster, 9).

²¹ Allis, “Eaton’s Bush Cemetery.”

²² Charles J. Palmer, *History of Town of Lanesborough, Massachusetts, 1741-1905, Part 1* (n. p., n. d.), 110.

²³ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 4: Middletown, 23 (birth), 6 (parents’ marriage).

²⁴ Adams Births, Marriages & Deaths, 45, FHL microfilm 760,652.

- May 1808.^[25]
6. vi. JOHN BROWN, b. 10 Aug. 1771, d. 1863, m. (1) PHEBE BRAYTON, m. (2) WAITY (WHITAKER) RICHARDSON.
 - vii. AMEY BROWN, b. say 1773, m. Adams 3 May 1795 JOHN LAPHAM,^[26] son of Daniel and Lydia (Jenckes) Lapham,^[27] d. Adams between 28 April 1838 and 13 July 1842 (will and probate). His widow Amy took part in the settlement, 15 Jan. 1845.^[28]
 - viii. ISAAC BROWN, b. Adams 24 Aug. 1775, d. Adams 31 Aug. 1864, aged 89y 7d,^[29] m. Cheshire, Berkshire Co., Mass., 21 Aug. 1800 SUSANNA BRADFORD,^[30] b. there 15 Feb. 1782, dau. of Elisha and Eunice (Bennett) Bradford, d. Adams 22 Jan. 1876, aged 93y 11m 7d.^[31]
 - ix. SARAH (SALLY) BROWN, b. Adams 26 June 1778, d. Adams 14 March 1856, aged 77y 8m 18d,^[32] m. Adams 28 July 1797 JOSIAH QUINCY ROBINSON,^[33] b. Hardwick, Worcester Co., Mass., 31 July 1775, son of Denison and Millesent (Cutler) Robinson,^[34] d. Adams 29 Aug. 1856, aged 81y.^[35]

6. **John⁶ Brown** (*Eleazer⁵, William⁴, Jabez³, Daniel², ?Chad¹*) was born, according to one record, on 10 August 1771.^[36] A local history claims that he was the first white child born in Adams, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, in 1770,^[37] but his daughter's death record calls him a native of Rhode Island.^[38] The local history also says that he died in 1863.^[39]

He married, as his first wife, **Phebe Brayton** on 30 January 1794 at Adams^[40] or Cheshire, same county.^[41] She was born in Smithfield, Providence County, Rhode Island, on 19 October 1767,^[42] daughter of Stephen and Amie (Arnold) Brayton (see 187. *Brayton*, 5, iii.), and died 20 February 1830 in Adams as "wife of John [Brown], formerly of Smithfield."^[43] He married secondly, 26 October 1830 at Pownal, Bennington County, Vermont, **Waity (Whitaker) Richardson**

²⁵ Philip Mason, *A Legacy to My Children, Including Family History, Autobiography, and Original Essays* (Cincinnati: Moore, Wilstack & Baldwin, Printers, 1868), 72. The writer, born in 1793 (p. 32), was a nephew of Sarah (Scott) Brown and correctly identified David, Nathaniel, and Isaac as grandsons of his great-grandparents. However, Mason mistook Lydia for a daughter of David, rather than a sister (p. 64).

²⁶ Adams Births, Marriages & Deaths, 56.

²⁷ Mary W. Peckham, "Concerning John Lapham and Some of His Descendants," *American Genealogist* 24 (1948): 242-52, at 247. However, this article misidentifies Amy as a daughter of Isaac, rather than his sister.

²⁸ "Berkshire County, MA: Probate File Papers, 1761-1917," *American Ancestors* (www.americanancestors.org/databasesearch/2725/berkshire-county-ma-probate-file-papers-1761-1917, Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2017), 6672:4 (will), 5 (exhibition), 11 (settlement).

²⁹ Adams, Massachusetts, Register of Deaths, 4:15; FHL microfilm 1,901,799, item 6.

³⁰ Cheshire Publishments, Marriages, Births, & Deaths, 32.

³¹ Adams Register of Deaths, 4:76, 77, FHL microfilm 1,901,799, item 6.

³² Adams Register of Deaths, 3:11, FHL microfilm 1,901,799, item 3.

³³ Adams Births, Marriages & Deaths, 58 (married as Quincy Robbinson), 129 (family head, as Josiah Quincy Robbinson).

³⁴ *Vital Records of Windsor, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1917), 54; Thomas W. Baldwin, comp., *Vital Records of Hardwick, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: Wright & Potter Printing Co., 1917), 95 (birth), 233 (parents' intention).

³⁵ Adams Register of Deaths, 3:11.

³⁶ Clifford Ross Brayton Jr., *Brayton Family History*, 2 vols. (Rochester, N. Y.: author, 1978-82), 2:76.

³⁷ Rollin Hillyer Cooke, ed., *Historic Homes and Institutions and Genealogical and Personal Memoirs of Berkshire County, Massachusetts*, 2 vols. (New York: Lewis Publishing Co., 1906), 2:441.

³⁸ Adams Register of Deaths, 4:54.

³⁹ Cooke, *Historic Homes*, 2:441.

⁴⁰ Bailey, *Early Massachusetts Marriages*, 3:135.

⁴¹ Cheshire Publishments, Marriages, Births & Deaths, 8.

⁴² Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, 3: part 6, 92.

⁴³ *Ibid.*, 20:624, citing death notice in *Rhode Island American* (Providence).

of Cheshire.^[44] She was the daughter of William and Amy (Clemence) Whitaker of Hancock, Berkshire County.^[45] On 10 March 1832, Waty Brown and John Brown signed a receipt with others of William's "children & heirs at law."^[46] Waity was born about 1784 in Massachusetts, and was living at Adams, with her second husband, in 1850.^[47] She first married Rufus Richardson in Cheshire on 26 January 1803.^[48] Rufus was born 15 October 1781, son of Capt. Jonathan and Esther (____) Richardson, who had their children's births recorded in Cheshire in 1796.^[49] He died at Cheshire on 13 August 1823,^[50] and administration was granted to Jonathan Richardson at Waity's request.^[51] As Waty Brown, she petitioned for dower and the allotments of her two youngest daughters on 6 March 1833.^[52] She petitioned again for the same purpose on 15 January 1834, joined this time by her husband, John Brown, and her daughter Julia, by her guardian Lincoln Brown.^[53]

Children of John⁶ and Phebe (Brayton) Brown are:^[54]

- + i. CYNTHIA⁷ BROWN, b. Adams^[55] 10 Aug. 1794, d. 28 May 1873, aged 78y 9m 28d,^[56] m. (int. Adams 28 March 1813) Col. HENRY WILLMARTH,^[57] b. Cheshire^[58] (recorded at Adams) 29 April 1782,^[59] son of Shubael and Mary (Bosworth) Willmarth (see 23. *Willmarth*, 6), d. Adams 8 March 1861,^[60] aged 78y 9m 10d; both bur. Hillside North Cemetery, North Adams, Mass.^[61]

⁴⁴ Pownal, Vermont, Town and Vital Records, 2:250, FHL microfilm 28,680, item 3.

⁴⁵ Gordon L. Remington and Roberta Stokes Smith, "Thomas Clemence of Providence, Rhode Island, and Four Generations of His Descendants," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 155 (2001): 131-66, at 152-3 and n. 180. In the footnote, the authors notice that William and Amy were both grantors of a deed at Johnston, R. I., in 1772, and at Adams in 1785. They further presume that Amy was the woman aged over 45 years in William's 1800 census household. This lends chronological support to identifying Amy as the mother of all of William's children. Remington and Smith were not completely confident of Amy's placement in the Clemence family, but Jane Fletcher Fiske, *Thomas Clemence of Providence, Rhode Island, and his descendants to the year 2007* (Greenville: Rhode Island Genealogical Society, 2007), 87, 116, 117, regards it as probable.

⁴⁶ "Berkshire County Probate File Papers," 5235:19. The file includes William's original will, at 5235:4-5, where he names Joanna as his wife. John A. Brayton, "Whittaker-Clemence," query, *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 132 (1978): 327, proposes that the widow was Joanna Braley, m. Stamford, Vt., 28 July 1818.

⁴⁷ John Brown household, 1850 U. S. census, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, population schedule, town of Adams, page 47, dwelling 573, family 573, micropublication M432, roll 305 (Washington: National Archives).

⁴⁸ Cheshire Publishments, Marriages, Births, & Deaths, 42.

⁴⁹ Cheshire Publishments, Marriages, Births, & Deaths, 14.

⁵⁰ "Berkshire County Probate File Papers," 4212:8.

⁵¹ "Berkshire County Probate File Papers," 4212:9-12.

⁵² "Berkshire County Probate File Papers," 4212:6.

⁵³ "Berkshire County Probate File Papers," 4212:3-4.

⁵⁴ According to the record of Janice Ruediger, abstracted in Brayton, *Brayton Family History*, 2:76. This record gives the birth dates for John's children that are presented here, but its data are not entirely consistent with other records. It gives Phebe's birth date as 19 Nov. 1768, not 19 Oct. 1767, and calls her husband James Brown, not John.

⁵⁵ Adams Register of Deaths 4:54.

⁵⁶ Calculated birth date, 4 Aug. 1794 (Adams Register of Deaths, 4:54; Cynthia Willmarth tombstone, Hillside North Cemetery, North Adams, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, photographed by Todd Willmarth in 1985, in image file "Willmarth Graves.jpg," created 15 January 2002 by Robbie Willmarth (rwillmarth@nc.rr.com), attached to Robbie Willmarth to Joy Mattingly (joy1work@cox.net), "Grave Photos," email, 25 May 2002, forwarded to the author, 26 May 2002).

⁵⁷ Adams Births, Marriages & Deaths, 164.

⁵⁸ Adams Register of Deaths 4:1.

⁵⁹ Adams Births, Marriages & Deaths, 109.

⁶⁰ Adams Register of Deaths 4:1.

⁶¹ Adams Register of Deaths, 4:1; Col. Henry Willmarth and Cynthia Willmarth tombstones, image file "Willmarth Graves.jpg," in Joy Mattingly (joy1work@cox.net) to author, "Fw: Grave Photos," email, 25 May 2002.

- ii. JOSEPH BROWN, b. 15 July 1796, prob. m. Cheshire 30 Sept. 1819 ELIZA BUCKLIN of that town.^[62]
- iii. STEPHEN BRAYTON BROWN, b. Adams 2 Nov. 1798, d. there 16 April 1847, aged 48y 4m 25d,^[63] m. (1) Cheshire 16 Oct. 1819 OLIVE B. BROWN of Adams,^[64] who d. before 11 Oct. 1843, when her husband petitioned for guardianship of their son;^[65] m. (2) PHEBE M. ____, his widow and administratrix, who was living 4 July 1850.^[66] Child by first wife:
 1. *John A.^s Brown*, b. say 1823, minor in 1843,^[67] d. bef. 4 May 1847, when Stephen B. Brown's only heir at law was his father, John Brown of Adams,^[68] m. Adams 23 Mar. 1843 Jeanette Young James,^[69] b. Johnstone, Renfrewshire, Scotland, 7 April 1825, dau. of Col. William and Catherine Cowan (Sinclair) James^[70] (see 47. *James*, 2, i.), d. Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., as widow of Henry Brown Willmarth^[71] (see 23. *Willmarth*, 7).
- iv. AMBROSE BROWN, b. 22 Dec. 1800, d. 1831, physician.^[72] Administration was granted to Alpheus Smith on 12 July 1831, at the request, the previous day, of his widow, SUSAN ____. John Brown, "the only heir at law of said Ambrose Brown decs^d," and evidently his father, also declined to administer.^[73]
- v. LINCOLN BROWN, b. 15 July 1803, m. Cheshire 17 March 1825 SAPHRONA RICHARDSON of that town,^[74] his stepsister, b. Mass., ca. 1806, dau. of Rufus and Waity (Whitaker) Richardson, aged 17y and unm., 13 April 1824,^[75] res. Adams in 1850 with her mother, her stepfather, and four persons aged up to 23y.^[76]
- vi. AMEY ARNOLD BROWN, b. 3 May 1808, d. North Adams, Berkshire Co., Mass., 21 March 1888, aged 81y 10m 17d,^[77] m. Adams 12 Dec. 1825 DUTY SAYLES TYLER,^[78] b. Adams 27 March 1799,^[79] son of Thomas and Mary (Blakley) Tyler;^[80] d. Adams 26 Aug. 1857, aged 58y 2m,^[81] called brother-in-law of S. B. Brown.^[82]

⁶² Cheshire Publishments, Marriages, Births & Deaths, 95.

⁶³ Adams, Massachusetts, Register of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 2:112, FHL microfilm 1,901,798, item 1 (birth place and calculated birth date, 21 Nov. 1799).

⁶⁴ Cheshire Publishments, Marriages, Births & Deaths, 96.

⁶⁵ "Berkshire County Probate File Papers," 6606:4, 5.

⁶⁶ "Berkshire County Probate File Papers," 7036:16, 28.

⁶⁷ "Berkshire County Probate File Papers," 6606:4, 5.

⁶⁸ "Berkshire County Probate File Papers," 7036:28.

⁶⁹ Adams Births, Marriages & Deaths, 79.

⁷⁰ S. Mark James, "The James Family Home Page," *Family Tree Maker* (<https://web.archive.org/web/20141017210941/http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/j/a/m/S-M-JAMES>: updated 1 Dec. 2008), *Internet Archive* ([San Francisco, Calif.:] Internet Archive, cached 17 Oct. 2014).

⁷¹ James, "James Family Home Page"; Jeannette Young Willmarth, death certificate no. 21542 (1896), City of Chicago, Illinois, Department of Health, FHL microfilm 1,033,035.

⁷² W. F. Spear, *History of North Adams, Mass., 1749-1885: Reminiscences of Early Settlers—Extracts from Old-Town Records—Its Public Institutions, Industries and Prominent Citizens, Together with a Roster of Commissioned Officers in the War of the Rebellion* (North Adams, Mass.: Hoosac Valley News Printing House, 1885), 64.

⁷³ "Berkshire County Probate File Papers," 5145:4 (bond), 5 (order), 6 (request).

⁷⁴ Cheshire Publishments, Marriages, Births & Deaths, 114.

⁷⁵ "Berkshire County Probate File Papers," case no. 4212.

⁷⁶ 1850 U. S. census, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, population schedule, town of Adams, page 47, dwelling 573, family 573.

⁷⁷ Jay Mack Holbrook, *Massachusetts Vital Records: North Adams 1878-1906*, 12 vols. on 69 microfiches (Oxford, Mass.: Holbrook Research Institute, 2001), Deaths, 1:55, fiche 34, frame 9; "Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841-1910," 391:53, no. 76, *American Ancestors* (www.americanancestors.org/search/databasesearch/191/massachusetts-vital-records-1841-1910, Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2004).

⁷⁸ Adams Births, Marriages & Deaths, 71.

⁷⁹ Adams Births, Marriages & Deaths, 117; Spear, *History of North Adams*, 96.

⁸⁰ Cooke, *Historic Homes*, 2:440.

⁸¹ "Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841-1910," 111:30, no. 59.

⁸² Cooke, *Historic Homes*, 2:440; Spear, *History of North Adams*, 96.

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