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BRASWELL, VALENTINE

By Reuben A. Braswell

The following is (1) a brief sketch of Valentine Braswell, my great great grandfather and some of his descendants and, (2) a short account of a few of the Braswells in Colonial times and early United States History.

The 1790 U.S. Census lists Valentine Braswell in the Ninety-Sixth District, Greenville County, South Carolina, wife, 1 female child. The 1810 Census lists him in the Greenville District or County No. 938, South Carolina, wife and 5 others in household, 4 males and 1 female. He is next shown in the 1820 U.S. Census in Madison County, Georgia, which lists 6 males under 26, and 4 females under 16. It appears that there was one male and one female in the household of Valentine who were not his children, as indicated later the number of his children were 5 sons and 3 daughters. In the 1830 Census in Walton County, Georgia, where evidently he settled, two males and three females are listed. He is not shown in later census records in Walton County.

A letter to this searcher from Mary Claire Oliver Cox (Mrs. Henry M. Cox), Lincoln 8, Nebraska, dated August 14, 1962, says in part: "We too are of the opinion that your great grandfather, David Braswell, was one of the sons of Valentine Braswell, probably the oldest. Other children of Valentine, were as we are told, Wesley, William, Ephriam, Susan, Mihile, Creasey, and Jonathan. Evidently some of the Loganville Braswells gave this information to my uncle, the late Thomas Wesley Oliver of Eastman, Georgia." She also says in part: "Susan Braswell Oliver, second wife of Samuel Oliver, is given in the 1860 Gwinnett County Census as being born in South Carolina, age 47. These are my great grand parents." Evidently these were the number and names of Valentine Braswell's sons and daughters.

In the records of the office of Clerk of Superior Court, Madison County, Georgia, is recorded in Deed Book ADE, Page 53, that Valentine Brazwell (Braswell) purchased from Jacob Benton, Sen. in Madison Co., Georgia on October 2, 1817, 114 acres of land for \$300.00 on the waters of Hubbanas Creek, adjoining lands of the said Benton, Thomas Forester, and others. Recorded 7-8-1818. The records show in Deed Book ADE, Page 122, that Valentine Braswell sold the above mentioned 114 acres of land to William Simmons, on March 16, 1819 for \$300 - recorded March 19, 1819.

The records of the office of Court of Ordinary, Madison County, Georgia, in the Marriage Records Book for 1812-1899 show: Marriage of David Brazel (Braswell) and Polly (Mary) Forester on December 27, 1818, by Charles Polk, J.P., recorded January 25, 1819. Evidently Polly (Mary) was the daughter of Thomas Forester, whose land adjoined the land of Valentine Braswell, who was the father of David.

In the same office and book records, the marriage of Wesley Braswell and Polly (Mary Ann) New on July 25, 1822, by Robert Groves, J.P., recorded 9-21-1822. Also in the same book, the record of the marriage of William Brazel (Braswell) and Hepzibah Martin on December 11, 1823 by John (Meroney ?), J.P., recorded December 23, 1823.

The 1830 U.S. Census lists Valentine Braswell, David Braswell, and Isaac Braswell as heads of families in Walton County, Georgia. I have not found any further

record of Valentine in Walton County.

The records in the office of Clerk Superior Court, Walton County, Georgia, show in Old Deed Book F, Page 392, that Thomas B. Forester executed a deed of gift to 3/4 acre of land in the North corner of Lot 82, 3rd District, Walton County, Georgia, "for the consideration of love and affection he has for the Methodist Episcopal Church" to Samuel Sentill, David Brazell (Braswell), Moses Forester, and others, as trustees in trust and their successors in office of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

It would appear that David Braswell was the son-in-law of Thomas Forester, as Mary, David's wife was born in South Carolina, shown in the 1850 Census, and that Thomas Forester and Valentine Braswell were likely friends in Greenville County, South Carolina, moved to Madison County, Georgia - had adjoining lands there, and later moved to Walton County, Georgia.

The 1840 U.S. Census, Walton County shows David, Ephriam, William W. Braswell in that county. This searcher has no information as to whom Mihile and Creasey Braswell may have married, but they likely married in Walton County. I made no search.

Ephriam Braswell, son of Valentine - the marriage records in Walton, Georgia, show that he married Dolly Moon, January 7, 1841. The 1850 U.S. Census, Gwinnett County, Georgia lists Ephriam Braswell in Cates District, thirty-sixth Subdivision, age 36, born in South Carolina. Wife - Dolly, 34, born in South Carolina. Children born in Georgia: Sarah - 7, Mary - 6, William - 5, Elizabeth - 3, and Susan and Ann - 1 year. The records in the Clerk's Office Superior Court, Walton County, show that Ephriam Braswell of Gwinnett County purchased numerous lots in the Village of Loganville, recorded in Deed Books U, P, X, and Y from 1867 to 1873. The records in the Clerk's Office, Superior Court, Gwinnett County show that he purchased and sold, including the administrator of Estate approximately 1,000 acres of land from 1867 through 1885.

Wesley Brazil (Braswell), son of Valentine, The 1850 U.S. Census, DeKalb County, Georgia, lists him, age 49, farmer, born in South Carolina. Wife - Mary (Polly Mary Ann New), 45, born in Georgia. They married in Madison County, Georgia, July 25, 1822. He is listed in Diamond District. Rock Chapel Community is in this District, near the Lithonia Granite Quarry. Children (13) listed: Jacob - 25, William - 22, John - 20, Henry - 19, Burrell - 17, Ephriam - 13, Grace - 11, Newton - 10, Elijah - 8, Mary - 6, Durrell - 4, and Martha - 2.

The records in the Clerk's Office Superior Court, DeKalb County shown in Deed Books AA, R, and SS that he deeded 50 acres of land to James T. Corley, 1872, by Administrator, W.H. Braswell, 50 acres to Elijah Braswell, and by Administrator, 50 acres to John W. and Henry Braswell.

Earl B. Braswell, Executive Editor, Athens Daily News, Athens, Georgia, is a descendant of Wesley Braswell. Also A.M. Braswell, Jr. of Braswell's Products of Statesboro, Georgia, is a descendant of Wesley Braswell

William W. Braswell, son of Valentine. The 1860 U.S. Census Walton County, Georgia, lists W.W. Braswell, age 55, farmer, born in South Carolina. Members

of household: Martha - 12, William and Taylor - 11, Rebecca - 10, Isaac - 7, Jonathan - 5, and Samuel - 2 months. He owned a large number of acres of land in Walton and other counties in Georgia. The records indicate he was married three times. First to Hepzibah Martin, Madison County, Georgia, December 11, 1823; second to Rebecca M. Brown, Walton County, May 21, 1845; and third, to Eliza A. Harper, Walton County, Georgia, July 2, 1871. Dr. W.E. Braswell, Loganville was a grandson of William W. Braswell.

Jonathan Braswell, son of Valentine. The 1880 U.S. Census, Meriwether County, Georgia, lists Jonathan Braswell, age 61, wife, Martha - 40. He was likely born in Madison County, Georgia. Children: Ephriam - 19, Hampton - 14, Robert Lee - 12, Jonathan - 10, Mannie - 2, and Gordon - 3 weeks. The report says his parents were born in South Carolina; however, I have not been able to locate the place of his father, Valentine's birth. Jonathan's son, Jonathan Taylor, moved to Fulton County, Georgia, and was a grocery merchant in Union City, Georgia. His widow, Mrs. J.T. (Lillian Caldwell) Braswell, was 90 years of age on April 4, 1966, healthy and spry. She lives at the home place.

David Braswell, son of Valentine. The 1850 U.S. Census, Walton County, Georgia, lists David Braswell, my great grandfather, age 51, farmer, born in South Carolina. Wife, Mary, 52, born in South Carolina. She was Polly (Mary) Forester, they married in Madison County, Georgia, December 27, 1818. Larkin Braswell and Lancelot (Britt) Braswell, sons of David Braswell, were listed in separate households in the 1850 census, Other children of David listed: Louise and Sarah or Susannah - 21, Landy - 19, Leonard (Len) - 17, Lewis - 15, Lucy - 13, Lydia - 11, Loniza - 9 (?), and Letty (Liddy) - 8. It will be noted that all of David's children, eleven, except Sarah, the first name began with the letter L. David Braswell is listed in the 1860 Census. Willis Kilgore made application to the Ordinary, Walton County, January 19, 1863 for Administrator of David's estate. The records in the Clerk's Office of Superior Court show that he owned a large number of acres of land at different times.

In the Georgia Department of Archives and History, Atlanta, in a folder (Braswell), among other notes and statements are these: "Walton County, Georgia, 11-11-29, David and William W. Braswell signed to care for an idiot child named Amanda Elvaia Halo for one year for \$123.00. Shall comfortably clothe, victual, and lodge the said idiot child and otherwise humanely and attentively treat her, then above obligation to be null and void." Also in a folder: "H.L.J. McGaughey, M.D., 1860 visit self (David Braswell and wife) 10 miles - 2 days and nights hed ? med. & Att. Ten dollars each -- 20.00" Also dated "April 9, 1862 visit son med & att. 10.00."

Confederate Records show: David Braswell had two sons who served as privates in the Confederate Army from Walton County, Georgia. Lewis served with company G. 42nd Regiment, Georgia Volunteers Infantry. He was captured at the Battle of Vicksburg, Mississippi, 7-4-1863, and paroled, 7-7-1863, mustered out at a later date. Landy served with Company F - 9th Regiment, State Guard. He, L.D. (Landy) married Sarah M. Thompson, November 1, 1849. He had a son, Wiley W. who married D. Josephine Thompson, October 5, 1879. Wiley's son, Job, has a store at Campton, Georgia.

Larkin Braswell, son of David, 1850 Census Walton County, lists him, age 31,

born in Georgia, farmer, wife, Susanna, age 28, born in Georgia. Marriage Records - Walton County show he married Susanna McCullough, December 24, 1846. Two children: America - 2, and William - 9 months. The 1860 Census shows only Susanna and children: America - 12, William - 10, Mary - 8, Louisa - 7, and Martha - 5.

Loniaza Braswell, son of David. I have no further information and made no other search on him.

Lewis Braswell, son of David. The 1880 U.S. Census, Walton County, Georgia, lists Lewis Braswell, age 44. He married Nancy Emily Miller, Walton County, January 12, 1860. Five children are listed. He moved to Alabama, perhaps Jefferson County, before 1900. A grandson in Birmingham, Alabama, says Lewis had seven children: Josephine, Albert, Henry David, Thomas Leonard, Edward Lewis, Vershull Garfield, and Maude. The children were born in Walton County, Georgia. He visited my father, John William Braswell in Gwinnett County, in 1902 or 1903. He has a number of descendants in Alabama.

Leonard (Len) Braswell. I have a faint recollection that my father said his Uncle Leonard was slightly crippled - was a bachelor.

Lancelot (Britt) Braswell, my grandfather, and son of David is listed as age 23 in the 1850 U.S. Census, Walton County, Georgia. Married Margaret Stroud, Walton County, July 29, 1847. His home was about 7 miles north of Monroe, Walton County, near Old Field School and Old Field or Sorrells Springs Primitive Baptist Church, where later my mother was a member. He had three children: Ephriam, John William, and Susanna Matilda (Tilda). Lancelot and his wife were buried on his home place.

Ephriam Braswell, son of Lancelot, born August 15, 1848. He married Mary E. Brewer, Walton County, December 24, 1872, who was born February 2, 1855. His home was near his father's. Later his home was across the road on his father's old home place. There were 9 children: James L. (Jim) Willie H., Isabella, Johnny, Rufus and Ephriam - twins, Radie, Ida, and Mary. All deceased except Ephriam, Radie and Ida. He died February 16, 1940. Wife died May 10, 1949. They were buried in the cemetery at Sorrells Springs Church, Walton County, Georgia.

John William Braswell, my father, son of Lancelot, born March 5, 1851, Walton County, Georgia. Married Millie Catherine Booth, Walton County, February 3, 1878, who was born February 17, 1859, Walton County, Georgia.

NOTE: A brief sketch here of my mother's ancestors. Her father, James (Jimmie) Booth came from Dublin, Ireland at the age of 18, and settled in Walton County. He married Margaret Prince, who was the daughter of Jeremiah and Eleanor Prince. The 1850 U.S. Census, Walton County, lists Jeremiah Prince, 46, Elender (Eleanor) Prince, 57. Children: Margaret - 19, William - 4, Thomas and George W. - twins - age 1. The report indicates that Jeremiah and Eleanor Prince were born in Georgia, but I recall my mother saying that they, her grandparents, came from Seneca, South Carolina to Walton County, Georgia. There is no record of their marriage in Walton County.

In a letter received May 6, 1966 from Mrs. D.O. (Launa) Doster Barber,

Bethlehem, Georgia, Clerk of the Shoal Creek Primitive Baptist Church, in Walton County, near Campton, Georgia, says in part: "That the minutes of the church records show that Shoal Creek Church met in Conference on Saturday, June 17, 1848, and that Sister Eleanor Prince came forward and was received as a member by letter. James M. Gunter, C. Clk." This reveals that she had been a member of some other church of the same faith and order.

Also the Minutes showed: "Shoal Creek Church, Saturday, June 16, 1849: Church met in Conference Brother Gunter Moderator opened door for reception of members then came forward Mr. Jeremiah Prince by experience, and was cordially received. Church found in Peace. No further business, dismissed in order. J.M. Gunter, C. Clk." Also that in part, the Minutes show: "Saturday June 15, 1850. The Shoal Creek Church met in conference. Brethern Jeremiah Prince and 3 others were appointed to represent us in next Union meeting. James M. Gunter C. Clk"

Jeremiah and Eleanor Prince were buried in the Church cemetery, but there is no name or dates on the small markers.

Children of James and Margaret Booth: Ellen, Millie Catherine, Sally E., Mary, Jeremiah, and Emily.

John William Braswell's first home was also near his father's home about 7 miles north of Monroe, Georgia. There were 6 children: 4 sons and 2 daughters, names, ages and information to be given later. He sold his farm in Walton County to Willie H. Braswell, a nephew, in 1901, and purchased a farm on August 15, 1901 from W.H. Nunnally, Monroe, Georgia, being part of the Hugh Lowe farm in Gwinnett County, Route 1, Dacula, Georgia, in Harbin's District, just across the line from Walton County - 248½ acres - more or less; a survey later showed 261 acres. The land line crossed to the West bank of Alcovy River at one point. In accordance to the contract, he moved to the purchased place, on the 1st or 2nd of January, 1902. In 1920, adjoining the farm, he bought 6 acres of land on which was located a water grist mill and a small dwelling house. This was in Walton County. The mill house was built of rocks, presumably taken from the creek bed. He later sold the mill and it was discontinued.

My mother died February 10, 1926, in Gwinnett County, Georgia. My father died February 28, 1929, in Fulton County, Georgia. Both were buried in the cemetery at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, Walton County.

Susan Matilda (Tilda) Braswell, daughter of Lancelot Braswell, born December 22, 1853, Walton County, Georgia, married James R. (Jim) Whitley, born July 7, 1841. There were eleven children: James L. (Bud), Elizabeth (Lizzie), John H. (Doc), Taylor, Daisy, Mattie, Troy, Pearl, Love, Waymon, and Lola. All were born in Walton County, Georgia. They later moved to Gwinnett County, near Ebenezer Baptist Church, where they were members and Uncle Jim was a Deacon. They later moved to Dacula, Georgia, Gwinnett County. He died December, 1922; wife, Matilda, died October, 1936. They were buried in the cemetery at Hebron Baptist Church, Dacula, Georgia.

Children of John William Braswell: James L. (Lace), born November 28, 1878, Walton County, Georgia, attended Old Field School, Walton County, Georgia; married Mary M. (Maggie) Robertson, Walton County, Georgia, August 2, 1908.

There were 3 children: John Herschel, born in Walton County; Howard (deceased) born in Walton County; and J.B., born in Winder, Walton County, (Barrow County since 7-7-1914.) He, Lace, died June 12, 1924, Gwinnett County and was buried in the Shiloh Church cemetery, Walton County.

Cammie Elizabeth, born September 25, 1879, Walton County, attended Old Field School, Walton County, Georgia. Married William Jack Booth (born 5-26-1874, Jackson, Georgia), April, 1898, Walton County. They lived in Walton, Gwinnett, and last in Fulton County. There were 11 children: Grady, Lamar, Dora Mae, Odel, C.M., Lavada, Robert (served in World War II), Beulah Belle (deceased), Essie, Ruth, and Frances. Odel, Beulah Belle, and Essie were born in Gwinnett County; the others were born in Walton County. He, William Jack, died December 12, 1945. Cammie died February 4, 1953, East Point, Fulton County, Georgia. Both were buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia.

William Thomas (W.T.), born 10-4-1881, Walton County, Georgia, attended Old Field School, Walton County. Married Fannie Gresham (born 5-10-1877) December 25, 1901, Walton County. Moved to Gwinnett County with father, January 1902. There were 9 children: Ernest (died in infancy), Vernie, Troy, Cammie, Alice Mae (deceased), Edward (deceased), Maylon (Nig), Ethelene, and Fannie Alvin. All were born in Gwinnett County. Wife, Fannie, died May 5, 1964, Palmetto, Fulton County. He died January 27, 1965, Palmetto Fulton County. Both were buried in the Shiloh Church cemetery, Walton County.

Edward E., born August 29, 1884, Walton County, Georgia. He attended Old Field School, Walton County, Georgia. Moved to Gwinnett County with father, January, 1902. Married Alma Lowe (born 4-28-1882, Walton County) December 25, 1902, in Gwinnett County. There were 2 children: Verlon (died in infancy), and Viola, born March 6, 1905, Gwinnett County. He died 1904, Gwinnett County, before the birth of the last child, Viola. He was buried in the Shiloh Church cemetery, Walton County. His widow and daughter, Mrs. Viola B. Griswell, live at Lilburn, Georgia. Fannie Gresham Braswell and Alma Lowe Braswell were first cousins, their mothers were sisters - *Watson*

~~Watson~~ Reuben Alvin, born October 7, 1893, Walton County, Georgia, moved with father to Gwinnett County, January 1902. Attended County School, Carter's Academy 2 years. Later, two-teacher public school, Bold Springs, Walton County, to 1912. (NOTE: From this school, four boys, Reuben A. Braswell, Arthur B. Culbertson, Troy Edwards, and Herbert E. Woodruff, who attended at the same time, later served World War I, overseas, and graduated at the University of Georgia, Athens, in June, 1922.) One winter and summer term, 1912, Lowery's Academy, 8th grade, Gwinnett County. Two school years, 1912-1914, State Normal School, Athens, Georgia. Completed Sophomore Class with 13½ units. Taught one-teacher County Schools, 1916 and 1917, Gwinnett and Walton Counties. Inducted into U.S. Military Service, May 29, 1918, Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County, Georgia. With others, was sent to old Camp Gordon, Chamblee, Georgia. Assigned to 67th Replacement; Army Serial No. 3,485,321. Went overseas from New York in July, 1918. Arrived at LeHarve, France, August 7, 1918. Then to Point Leroy, assigned to Company K, 47th Infantry, 4th Division. Was on Muse-Argonne Front, France, from September 26 to October 18, 1918, through "thick and thin," and not much thin. Was blessed by the Power from on High not to be wounded. Was in the Army of Occupation in

Germany, Adenau, Remagen and Coblenz, the last two on the Rhine River, from December 1918 to July 10, 1919. Honorable Discharge at old Camp Gordon, Chamblee, DeKalb County, Georgia, August 5, 1919. Attended Law School University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia from September 1919 to June 1922. LL.B Degree, June 1922. Principal of high schools two years in DeKalb and Gwinnett Counties. With the Georgia Department of Education from October 1927 to January 1933 as District Supervisor of Vocational Rehabilitation. Married Julia Elizabeth Lane (Born December 1, 1903, Jackson County, Georgia) December 20, 1930, DeKalb County, by Elder H. O. Nash, Atlanta, DeKalb County. She was the daughter of Edward S. and Janie Gibbs Lane. She attended the 5th District A. & M. School near Monroe, Georgia and Georgia State College for Women, Milledgeville, Georgia. She was a teacher in the DeKalb County Public Schools, and has been for a number of years a Sunday School teacher at Mt. Carmel Christian Church Candler Road, Decatur, Georgia.

I was engaged in the practice of law for approximately 6 years until December 28, 1941 located at Decatur. Was Service Officer American Legion Post #66, and Secretary and Treasurer of the Decatur Bar Association for three years. With the U. S. Employment Service two years out of Thomaston and Gainesville, Georgia. Transferred under Civil Service from Camp Toccoa to Veterans Administration, Claims Service March 1, 1942. Was an adjudicator, and later rating specialist on rating board. Transferred to District Office, death claims. Was in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with V.A. 17 months as Claims Examiner. Retired under Civil Service September 1955, and returned to Decatur, Georgia and resumed the practice of law, November 1955 in Decatur and Atlanta until June 1963. The last three years and 9 months served as an Assistant Counsel, Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Fulton County Courthouse, Atlanta. Was retired on account of age, over 65 years.

Am a member of State Bar of Georgia, Deacon, New Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, Hiram, Paulding County, Georgia, member of DeKalb County Historical Society, Vice President, Poplar Springs Civic Club, Decatur.

Two children: Mildred Jane, born May 15, 1938, Crawford Long Hospital, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia. Dr. C. L. Allgood, physician. She graduated from Decatur Public Schools, and Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia June 1960. Married Wilson W. Smith, Jr. of Andrews, South Carolina (Georgia Tech. Electrical Engineer), August 20, 1960, at Mt. Carmel Christian Church, Candler Road, Decatur, Georgia by the Pastor, Jack Ballard. They located at Georgetown, South Carolina, he is with the International Paper Company, and she taught in the Georgetown Public Schools one year. In ~~Sept~~ <sup>Sept</sup> 1965 he was transferred by the Company to Vicksburg, Mississippi. They have three children: Ann, Thomas and Barbara, all born in Georgetown, South Carolina.

Alvin Lane, born June 19, 1941, 530 Marshall Street, Decatur, Georgia, Dr. C. L. Allgood, physician. Graduated from the Decatur Public Schools and attended Georgia Tech. In August 1963, he volunteered for Military Service, and was accepted for service with the U. S. Army Security Agency. He is now located in Germany.

Eula Margaret, born November 27, 1895, Walton County. Moved to Gwinnett County with father January 1902. Attended Carter's Academy Country School, Gwinnett County, two years, the Bold Springs School, Walton County until 1912. One school year at Lowery's Academy, 8th grade, Gwinnett County, and 2 years at Winder High School, now Barrow County, Georgia. Married Ray Clinkscales of Abbeville, South Carolina (born November 29, 1892, South Carolina), May 20, 1914. Ray was an Engineer on

The following is a brief account of the Original Braswell family, in Colonial times, and in early United States. Except the quotation from Elizabeth Braswell Pearsall, references to books, authors, publication, records, etc., are in the Georgia Department of Archives and History, Atlanta.

The first four paragraphs below are from the first page of

#### "BRASWELL FAMILY

As traced by Elizabeth Braswell Pearsall with the help of two genealogists, Charles E. Davis and Charles A. O'Connor, (January 1949)", a copy of which was sent to me by Mrs. Ruth Smith Williams, genealogist, Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

"The name Braswell was originally Scotch, being derived from the word Braegds (which meant spring or stream), evolving into Breadsall, designating that the clan lived by a spring or stream.

"In the Domesday Book (1140-1150) the name is spelled Braisnelle. In the Early Yorkshire Charters (1471) the name is spelled Braycewell. It is to be found in many parts of England today as Bracewell, is especially common in the West Riding of Yorkshire, where the family is said to have settled when they fled from Scotland during the time of the "Young Pretender" (Oliver Cromwell, 1599-1658).

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"The fact that our forebears fled from Scotland into England during these stormy days would seem to indicate one of two things: that they either believed in a blind loyalty to their King or were happy in the acceptance of English forms of worship. Those of you who are devout Episcopalians will, no doubt, prefer the latter reason!

"Our original American Ancestor, an Episcopal Clergyman, spelled the name Bracewell. Colonial records show it in either of three ways, Bracewell, Braswell, and Braswell, but in each case it refers to the same family."

Southside Virginia Families, by John Bennett Boddie (1955) Isle of Wight County, Virginia Braswells of Virginia.

"Robert Braswell, Minister of Isle of Wight was the first of his family in Virginia. He was an Oxford Scholar; Matriculated at Hart Hall, February 22, 1627/8, age 15, graduated B.A. November 3, 1631, as the son of Richard Bracewell or Braswell, of London Gentlemen (Alumni Oxoniensis). He came to Isle of Wight about 1651 and was elected to the House of Burgesses in 1653, but was suspended because, 'He is not in capacity to serve as a Burgess, since it is unprecedented and may produce bad consequences. (Henine 1-378)'. This suspension was evidently made because he was a clerk or minister of the Church of England. It was contrary to the English Policy of separation of Church and State. However, it appears that the Reverend Robert Braswell was not suspended until he had served in the house several days.

"Robert Braswell was born in 1613 and came to Isle of Wight about the age of 38. He evidently purchased 300 acres of land from Captain John Upton, as Captain Upton in his Will dated January 15, 1652, stated that 300 acres of land out of a tract of 1500 given to his daughter-in-law were to be reserved for Robert Braswell (17-C-519). The Reverend Robert Braswell made his Will February 15, 1667/8, probated March 1, 1668, as follows: "to daughter Jane Stokes, daughter Rebecca West, sons: Robert, Richard, and daughter Ann Bagnall." Note-the author, Boddie, names a number of Braswells in North Carolina: Robert - 3, Richard - 3, John - 3, Jacob - 3, and Valentine - 3.



the Seaboard Air Line Railroad. They lived in Abbeville, South Carolina. He died May 27, 1924, buried in cemetery, Abbeville, South Carolina. One child, Reuben Herschel, born August 19, 1918, Gwinnett County, Georgia. Attended school in Richmond, Virginia, A. & M. Vocational School, near Monroe, Georgia, Georgia Tech and University of <sup>Richmond</sup> Virginia. He married Doris Roberson, Richmond, Virginia. Served in the Air Force, World War II. Now a Colonel in Officers Reserve, and with the Federal Aviation Agency. Lives in Falls Church, Virginia.

After Ray's death, Eula trained for and served as a Registered nurse, now retired and lives in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia.

The above brief sketches are based on searches made of the U. S. Census Records, Records in Georgia Department of Archives and History, Atlanta, Department of Archives, Columbia, South Carolina, Courthouses in Georgia: Barrow, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Madison, and Walton Counties. In South Carolina: Abbeville, Greenville, Greenwood, and Laurens Counties. Letters from relatives and others, and personal and telephone conversations with relatives.

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Abstract of Conveyances, North Carolina, Historical and Genealogical Register -  
By J.R.B. Hathaway Vol. I, Chowan County, North Carolina. "Valentine Braswell  
and wife, Jean to Barnaby McKinne (Book F, No. I Page 185), Power of Attorney  
to acknowledge sale and relinquish dower to 200 acres of land sold to John Pope,  
July 21st, 1721, Sherron Swamp, where John Pope now liveth. Test, William Pope -  
Wm. Ledbetter."

Abstracts of North Carolina Wills (1690-1760), by J. Bryant Grimes, Sect of State.  
Pub. 1910.

"Pasquotank County, Bertie Precinct. Braswell, Robert - September 14, 1734.  
November Court, 1736. Sons: Robert, John, Richard (plantation whereon I now  
live), Valentine (100 acres of land). Daughters; Sara Doughtry, Jean Braswell,  
Mary Braswell. Godson: Diomee Sumner (100 acres of land). Wife: Sara,  
Executors: James Bryant, Joshway Doughtry. Witnesses: Thomas Bryant, Nicholas  
Baget, Paccence Bryant. Clerk of Court: Jono. Wynns."

It is interesting to note that the 1790 U. S. Census for 96th District, Greenville  
County, South Carolina listed: John Braswell, two Richard Braswells, and Valentine  
Braswell.

Colonial Records of North Carolina, Vol. IV-Re: Braswells "Grand Jurors of Bertie  
and Edgecombe Counties for 1740. Richard Braswell, Jacob Braswell, Vall Braswell,  
and Richard Braswell." Note. Bertie County, North Carolina was formed from Chowan  
County in 1722, and Edgecombe County, North Carolina was formed from Bertie  
County later.

Record of marriages of some of the Braswells of Virginia and North Carolina. Isle  
of Wight County, Virginia marriages - 1628-1800 By Blance A. Chapman (1933).

"Ann Braswell married James Bagnall, 1667, daughter of Robert Braswell, who came  
to Virginia from England. Jane Braswell married Robert Stokes in 1667. Jane Braswell  
married John Roberts, 1680 - daughter of Robert. Milly Braswell married Jacob Cophe  
December 26, 1793, Rebecca Braswell married William West, 1668 - daughter of Robert.  
Sally Braswell married Michael Kelly 3-29-1791. George Braswell married Conney Coffey  
12-2-1791"

Marriages from the Earliest Colonial Days to the Civil War - North and South Carolina  
Records, By William M. Clements, gives the marriages in Edgecombe County, North  
Carolina of the following Braswells:

"David Braswell married Nancy Ritterford, September 14, 1762	
Mary " " Lewis Griffis, June 28, 1764	
Sampson " " Miss Moore, May 31, 1762	
Samuel " " Mary Williams November 30, 1762	
Simon " " Mary Turner February 25, 1764	
Solomon " " Rachel Bird December 24, 1765	
Zadock " " Sally Howell January 27, 1800"	

Some of the Braswell family, Paul Braswell, Mrs. James C. Braswell Farmer and her d.  
Mrs. Reimond (Jean Farmer) Smith, Jr. Wilson, North Carolina are descendants of  
Zadoc Braswell.

Marriages in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, 1738-1868, by Williams & Griffin (1956) lists 33 Braswell marriages and three Brasswells. Valentine not listed.

Microfilm in Georgia Department of Archives and History, Atlanta, in Franklin County, North Carolina, seven Braswells are listed, no dates given. Valentine Braswell not listed.

Abstract of Wills, Edgecombe County, North Carolina 1733-1856, by Ruth Smith Williams and Margarett G. Griffin (1956), the authors, list Wills of the following Braswells:

Braswell, Benjamin February 25, 1789, Bythal January 21, 1841, Creasey September 8, 1789, James September 27, 1760, James October 2, 1763, James January 20, 1821, Leister October 23, 1767, Richard December 7, 1767, Richard August 27, 1801, Robert B. December 11, 1845, Zadock March 13, 1851."

The Abstract of Old Ninety-Six and Abbeville District, South Carolina, By Willie Pauline Young, she gives: Braswell, David Box 10, Pack 197. Ext. Admr. October 8, 1782, by Russell Wilson, Lewis Clark, Jno Douglas bound to Jno Ewing 1782. Ord., 96 District sum 14,000 lbs. Dated at White Hall. Russell Wilson was of Little Saluda. Inv. made November 22, 1783, by Andrew Lee, Levi Manning, Thomas Gibson." The Clerk of Court of Probate said on October 12, 1965 that the 1782 had been misplaced by someone and it had not been found. The Clerk of Superior Court, Abbeville County, South Carolina, said the Courthouse burned and there were no records of deeds before 1883.

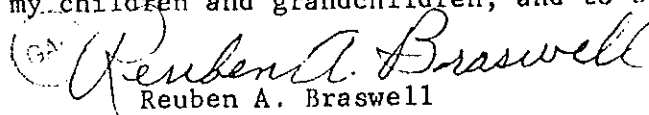
The Muster of soldiers from North Carolina in American Revolution, Edgecombe County by the North Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution (1832). Census Register lists: Baker, Benjamin, David, George, Jacob, Richard, and (Thomas?) Braswell. The pension records of the American Revolution lists Robert Braswell from Marion District, South Carolina and the D.A.R. Georgia Society lists Britton Braswell from Jones County, Georgia.

I have not as yet established the name of Valentine Braswell's father for information as to whether or not his father served in the American Revolution.

It is the opinion of the searcher that all of the Braswells in the Colonial Period and in early United States History in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, and perhaps some other states were descendants of Robert Braswell of the Isle of Wight County, Virginia.

The indications are that of the Braswell family, a few were bankers, manufacturers, ministers, medical doctors, a number were merchants, most were farmers and a number were planters.

The above brief sketches of the original Braswell family and of Valentine Braswell and some of his descendants, do not by any means, represent an exhaustive search of the genealogy of the Braswell family, nor contain all of the information obtained as to the family; however, it is hoped that what has been written will be of interest, if not benefit, to my children and grandchildren, and to some other relatives.

  
Reuben A. Braswell

Deatur, Georgia

1966



BRASWELL FAMILY REUNION AT  
GRANT PARK ABOUT 1923.

BATTIE ALLEN, with husband FLOYD ALLEN  
SALLIE JANET FLOYD ALLEN and husband  
MILLER ALLEN. SALLIE IS THE OLDEST  
CHILD OF LENORA BRASWELL. FLOYD AND  
JOSEPH LAFAYETTE FLOYD.

See Bond, Braswell  
Floyd folder



BRASWELL FAMILY REUNION AT GRANT PARK 1923

Charlie Braswell, Willie Lee, Lizzie St. John, Lenora,  
Mary Bond Seiber, Waymon Braswell, Fannie Willard  
Braswell, Waymon's oldest daughter.



Waymon Braswell, Aunt Willie Lee,  
Lenora Braswell Floyd, - Lizzie  
and Charlie Braswell.

b. 1848 d. 1925  
Thomas Richard Floyel  
and wife Mollie →  
they had 7 sons  
5 daughters



← Dr. Wm. Parker Bond  
and 2nd wife  
Sarah Harris  
daughter Annie Parker  
married Arthur L. Mathew  
and had: Warren, Lawrence  
Kenneth, Forrest & Sarah  
SON: Hershel or Herbert  
married Jennie Sauls  
and had daughter  
Althea Bond



NO DATE GIVEN FOR THIS GROUP SHOT. BUT IT SEEMS TO BE ABOUT 1893 BECAUSE JOSEPH M. FLOYD, 1ST ON THE SECOND ROW WAS BORN IN 1885 AND HE LOOKS TO BE ABOUT 8.

THE FLOYD FAMILY:  
MOTHER FLOYD IN LOWER LEFT CORNER IS LENORA (NOTA) BRASWELL FLOYD.

TOP ROW: DAVE, ALICE, MAGGIE, ?, 2ND ROW: JOE M., MINNIE AND OTHERS NOT IDENTIFIED.

LENORA J. BRASWELL FLOYD  
about 1923. b. 1852 d. 1927



JOSEPH LAFAYETTE FLOYD  
HUSBAND OF LENORA.  
BAPTIST PREACHER. b. 1850 d. 1886

