

The Parents of Mersilia Brown who died in Cambridge Massachusetts in 1885

The 1885 death record of Mersilia Brown Woodard, age 75, states that her birthplace was New York and that her parents were Benjamin and Sarah Brown.¹ There is conflicting information regarding her place of birth; however, DNA results and other evidence provide support to establish the identity of her parents.

The intention of marriage for Mersilia Brown of Springfield Vermont and James Woodward of Lowell MA, dated June 25, 1832, was recorded in Lowell.² The 1906 death record of their daughter Rosetta identified both James Woodward and Mersilia Brown as having been born in Brattleboro Vermont.³ The 1850 Census of the household of James and Mersilia Woodard in Lowell identifies both as having been born in Vermont.⁴

James Woodard died in Chelmsford MA in 1853.⁵ The 1860 census record of the household of Mersilia Woodard in Lowell identifies her birthplace as New York.⁶ The 1880 census for Mersilia in the household of her daughter Martha and her husband A. Otis Chamberlain in Cambridge MA identifies her birthplace as New York.⁷

Mersilia Woodard lived with her daughter Martha at least for the last 5 years of her life. Her daughter was the likely informant for Mersilia's death record birthplace and parent information. The death record is therefore the most credible source for the birthplace and parents' names due to its likely informant and for its specificity of the names of her parents.

Hypothesized Parents of Mersilia Brown: Benjamin Brown and Sarah Palmer of Brookfield

New York

Benjamin Brown was born February 20, 1765 in Stonington CT to parents Eleazer and Anne Brown.⁸ Sarah Palmer was born January 26, 1765 in Stonington CT to parents William Palmer Jr. and Phebe Darrow.⁹

The published Brown Genealogy states that Benjamin and Sarah Brown had nine sons and two daughters, but that there are records for only 6 of their children. In this book the children listed are Ransom b. 1789, Asher, Russel, Sally, who married Barber of Scott NY, Benjamin, died young, and Lemuel, born January 20, 1799, Brookfield NY.¹⁰ The known and hypothesized children of Benjamin and Sarah Palmer Brown are shown in the table below:

Known and Hypothesized Children of Benjamin and Sarah Palmer Brown of Stonington CT and Brookfield NY				
Name	Birth	Marriage	Residence	Death
Sarah Brown ¹¹	c. 1788	Samuel Frink Barber	Cortland Co. NY	Dec 14, 1863 Scott, Cortland NY
Ransom Brown ¹²	c. 1789	Laura	Saratoga Co. NY	Aug 31, 1865 Saratoga Co. NY
Russel Brown ¹³	c. 1790	Nancy	Fond Du Lac Co. WI	Mar 18, 1852 Fon du Lac Co. WI
Asher Brown ¹⁴	c. 1791 Vermont	Jemima Porter Sept 4, 1817	Madison Co. NY	May 22, 1869 Madison County NY
Lemuel Brown ¹⁵	1799			Sept 23, 1871 West Edmeston NY
Almira Brown	c. 1804	Marshall Cain	Crawford Co. PA Dane Co. WI	
Mersilia Brown ¹⁶	c. 1810	James Woodward	Middlesex Co. MA	Jan 19, 1885 Lowell MA

Benjamin Brown came to Brookfield New York in 1799.¹⁷ He was taxed in Brookfield in 1800 for a house and lot valued at \$174.¹⁸ Benjamin Brown was a resident of Brookfield NY in 1800 in a household with this composition:¹⁹

1800 Household of Benjamin Brown, Brookfield, Chenango County NY					
Males Under 10	Males 10 - 15	Males 26 - 44	Females Under 10	Females 10 - 15	Females 26 - 44
2	1	1	1	1	1

Benjamin Brown was a resident of Brookfield, Madison County New York in 1820 in a household with this composition:²⁰

1820 Household of Benjamin Brown, Brookfield, Madison County New York				
Males under 10	Males 10 - 15	Males 16 - 18	Males 45 & over	Females 26 - 44
2	1	1	1	1

The 1820 household of Benjamin Brown contained no females in the age range in which Mersilia Brown born c. 1810 would have been. In 1830, the household of Lemuel Brown, a son of Benjamin and Sarah Brown, contained one male age 60 -69 and one female age 60 – 69.²¹ These people were likely Benjamin and Sarah Brown.

Parents of Sarah Palmer Brown: William Palmer and Phebe Darrow

William Palmer was born September 11, 1731 in Stonington, CT. His father was William Palmer.²² William Palmer Jr. and Phebe Darrow were married November 8, 1753 in Stonington CT.²³ William Palmer born 1731 Stonington CT, died 1801 Brookfield NY is identified as a Patriotic Ancestor by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Descent through his son Lemuel Palmer is also recognized by the DAR.²⁴ The 1801 will of William Palmer of the Town of Brookfield New York identifies Sally (Sarah) Palmer, wife of Benjamin Brown, and Lemuel Palmer as his children.²⁵

DNA Evidence

The author of this report is a descendent of Mersilia Brown.²⁶ The ThruLines feature of Ancestry.com. for the author shows 2 DNA matches between the author and Mersilia's hypothesized parents Benjamin Brown and Sarah Palmer Brown of Brookfield New York and 1 DNA match with Mersilia Brown's grandparents William and Phebe Palmer of Brookfield NY.

Match 1: A descendant of Almina Brown, a hypothesized sister of Mersilia Brown

Almina Brown is an hypothesized daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Palmer Brown. The line of descent from Almina Brown to the DNA match with the author is shown in Table 1:

Line of Descent from Almina Brown to DNA the Match with the Author				
Person in the Brown Line	Birth	Marriage	Residence	Death
Almina Brown ²⁷	c. 1804 Brookfield Madison Co NY	Marshall Cain	Stockbridge MA Crawford Co PA Medina WI	1872 Dane County WI
Peter Cain ²⁸	c. 1843 Crawford Co PA	Philandia Emory Jan 6, 1885	Dane Co WI La Crosse Co WI	Jan 5, 1924 La Crosse WI
Almina Cain ²⁹	c. 1866 Dane Co WI	George Jerome	La Crosse Co WI	Jan 9, 1949 La Crosse WI
Philandia Pearl Jerome ³⁰	July 27, 1899 O'Brien Co. Iowa	Otto Witt Jan 22, 1916	La Crosse Co WI	
Robert Jerome Witt ³¹	Jan 21, 1921 Lacrosse Co WI	Jaqueline Seward July 4, 1942		
Roberta L. Witt ³²	Nov 7, 1947 St. Louis Co MN	John R. Waite Sept 26, 1971	Fort Worth TX	
Living Person	1 matched 10cM segment of DNA with author			

No direct evidence has been found that Almira Brown who married Marshall Cain was the daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Brown of Brookfield NY. In addition, Almira Cain is identified as having been born in Massachusetts in the 1850 through 1870 census records; whereas Sarah and

Benjamin Brown lived in Brookfield New York. Two Almira Browns have been found who were born in Massachusetts:

1. Almira Brown born 1804 in New Bedford MA. This record refers to her name being on a monument with Abraham Brown.³³ The monument of Abraham Brown in the rural Cemetery of Bedford MA includes the grave of Almira Brown, who died November 3, 1851.³⁴
2. Alamina Brown, born August 22, 1804 in Provincetown MA to parents Cyrenus and Eleanor Brown.³⁵ Almira Brown, born Provincetown MA was the wife of Ivory Lord. Ivory and Almira Lord lived in Ellsworth Maine.³⁶

Almira Cain and Marshall Cain lived in Medina, Dane County Wisconsin in 1870.³⁷

Therefore, she could not have been either of the two women found who were born in Massachusetts.

Match 2: A descendant of Russell Brown, an hypothesized brother of Mersilia Brown

Russell Brown is an hypothesized son of Benjamin and Sarah Palmer Brown. The line of descent from Russell Brown to the DNA match with the author is shown in Table 2 below:

Line of Descent from Russell Brown to DNA the Match with the Author				
Person in the Brown Line	Birth	Marriage	Residence	Death
Russell Brown ³⁸	c. 1790		Fond du Lac Co WI	Mar 9, 1859 Ladoga WI
Meribah B. Brown ³⁹	c. 1831 New York	Calvin Hazen	Fond du Lac Co WI	Apr 5, 1904 Springvale WI
Paulina Jane Hazen ⁴⁰	c. 1845 Fond Du Lac Co Wisconsin	George Ballard	Fond du Lac Co WI Ramsey Co MN	Jul 26, 1929 St. Paul MN
Berta Edith Ballard ⁴¹	c. 1872	John H. Peters Sept 22, 1897	Dodge Co MN Sioux Co. IA Hennepin Co MN Chouteau MN Los Angeles CA	Aft. 1950

George W. Peters ⁴²	Jun 24, 1898 Dodge Co MN	Myrna A. Peters Apr 12, 1922	Josephene Co OR Chouteau Co MT	Aug 5, 1962 Great Fall MT
Betty Jo Peters ⁴³		Harold E. Giese July 1, 1950	Cascade Co MT	Feb 24, 1977 Great Falls MT
Living Person	1 matched 10cM segment of DNA with author			

No direct evidence has been found supporting the conclusion that Benjamin Brown was the son of Benjamin and Sarah Palmer Brown.

Match 3: A descendant of Lemuel Palmer, an uncle of Mersilia Brown

Lemuel Palmer is documented as a brother of Sarah Palmer in the 1801 will of their father William Palmer. The line of descent from Lemuel Palmer to the DNA match with the author is shown in the table below:

Person in the Palmer Line	Birth	Marriage	Residence	Death
Lemuel Palmer ⁴⁴ 1776 - 1853	Nov 21, 1776 Stonington CT		Brookfield NY Spring Grove WI	Feb 13, 1853 Avon WI
Rosena Louisa Palmer ⁴⁵	c. 1807	Rubin Babcock	Brookfield NY Green Co WI Umatilla County OR	May 16, 1897 Umatilla Co. Oregon
Louisa A. Babcock ⁴⁶	Aug 2, 1830	Jacob Green Oct 20, 1846	Cortland Co NY Rock Co WI	Mar 8, 1893 Rock Co. WI
Edmund John Green ⁴⁷	1872	Orpha Crosby Nov 8, 1891	Green Co WI Rock Co WI	1935 Rock Co. WI
Francis Marie Green ⁴⁸	Oct 10, 1897 Green Co WI	Albert Badertscher Feb 24, 1917	Green Co WI Dane Co WI	
Werner M. Badertscher ⁴⁹	Dec 6, 1918 Green Co WI	Lois Shaw c. 1939	Green Co WI Winnebago Co IL	Apr 1, 1997 Green Co WI
Living Person	1 matched 9cM segment of DNA with author			

Lemuel Palmer and his wife Martha sold land in Brookfield NY in 1807. This land belonged to his father William Palmer and his wife Phebe Palmer.⁵⁰ Lemuel Palmer of Brookfield NY purchased 103 acres of land in Spafford, Onondaga County NY in 1814.⁵¹

Analysis of the DNA Evidence

Only one of the 3 lines of descent for the 3 DNA matches has complete evidence: that of Lemuel Palmer. The other two lines of descent, that from Almira Brown and that of Mersilia Brown, contain evidentiary gaps. No evidence has been found that explains why the two Brown sisters left New York and relocated to New England. Almira Brown's husband Marshall Cain was recorded in the 1830 census of Berkshire County MA. The 1850 census of Crawford County PA lists 45 year old Almira Cane in the household of Marshall Cane. Both are listed as having been born in Massachusetts. Almira Cain is identified as being born in Massachusetts in all 3 census records from 1850 – 1870. There could be confusion of identity regarding Almira Cain, but the DNA match to the Brown family of Brookfield New York is not consistent with Almira being born in Massachusetts.

Mersilia Brown's birthplace is variously listed as Vermont and New York. Her 1885 death record identifies her parents as Benjamin and Sarah Brown and her birthplace as New York. Since Mersilia lived with her daughter Martha in 1880, it is likely that Martha was the informant for Mersilia's death record, marking this record the most reliable as to the identity of her parents and place of birth.

While there is uncertainty of the lineage from the 2 sisters of the Brown family, the DNA line for Lemuel Palmer, uncle of Mersilia Brown is confirmed. The evidence found is sufficient to

conclude that Mersilia Brown was the daughter of Benjamin Brown and Sarah Palmer Brown of Brookfield New York.

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⁵ Massachusetts, Wills and Probate Records, Middlesex County, estate of James Woodard, probate date August 9, 1853, Probate Records 1648--1924 (Middlesex County, Massachusetts); Author: Massachusetts. Probate Court (Middlesex County); Probate Place: Middlesex, Massachusetts, images 105 of 322, www.Ancestry.com.

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¹⁷ Smith, James H., History of Chenango and Madison Counties New York, Volume 2, Syracuse: D. Mason and Co., 1880, page 532.

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