

HEZIKIAH BROWN SR. FAMILY OF TYLERTON, SMITH ISLAND, MARYLAND

Born in the Wachapreague Area of Accomack County, Virginia

HEZIKIAH BROWN SR. Born Feb. 14, 1851 Died Jan. 13, 1927

Hezikiah Brown was a Smith Island Oyster Dredger from 1870 to 1915

Hezikiah Brown Sr. Married Margaret J. (Maggie) Marsh Jan. 10, 1871. Maggie was the daughter of Walter H. & Rhoda Evans Marsh. She was born at Mt. Vernon Md. in Upper Somerset County. Her mother Rhoda died suddenly on May 11, 1852, about two months after Maggie was born on March 6, 1852. Rhoda Marsh was buried at Rogues (Rhodes Point) Md. in the church cemetery. Her husband Walter Marsh died less than two years later at Mt. Vernon, on Feb 17, 1854, and was returned to Rogues Point for Burial beside his good wife Rhoda, in the Church Cemetery.

Maggie lived with one of her uncle's known as (Big Bill) Evans and his wife Polly Marshall for quite some time after her parents died. Later in life, after Big Bill died; Maggie moved over to Drum Point (Tylerton) to live with some of her Marsh relatives there. When Maggie was 18 years old, she met Hezikiah Brown from Accomack County, Virginia who came to Smith Island to dredge for oysters, on a sailing oyster schooner. He made his living for 45 years dredging for oysters in the Chesapeake Bay.

Maggie dated Hezikiah for a year, before they were married at Drum Point on Jan. 10 1871. Hezikiah and Maggie had their first child Hezikiah Benidict Brown one year later in 1872. Their 2nd child Mary Belle was born in 1873, and four years later in 1877, their third child Ida Cordelia (Cordie) Brown was born. Three years later in 1880 their forth child, Bertrum Brown was born on Smith Island. Hezikiah and Maggie still had time to have more children. In 1882 Cleveland Brown was born. Cleveland was the 5th child born to the couple.

Six more children were to be born to the Brown's. Charles W. was the 6th child born to the couple in 1883. Horace was born 2 years later in April of 1885. He was the Couple's 7th Child. Their 8th child, George F. Brown was born on Dec. 22, only three days before Christmas in 1887. George only lived to be 11 years old. He died at Tylerton on Aug. 6, 1898, and was buried in the Tylerton Church yard. The Brown's 9th child Nora E. was born one year after George in 1888. Three years later, Margaret Beatrice, was born in 1891 to the Brown's. Finally Benjamin Franklin Brown was born two years later in 1893.

By the year 1893, Hezikiah was 42 years old and Maggie was 41, and they had had eleven children. Hezikiah Worked on the water as an oyster dredger for almost 50 years. In the 1920 Smith Island Census Hezikiah and Maggie Jane were listed as still living at Tylerton, with only one granddaughter, Margaret C. Brown (Daughter of Charles) living in their household. Hezikiah was 69 years old, and Maggie was 68; The Granddaughter Maggie was only five. Hezikiah died 7 years later during a Bay freeze-up Jan. 13, 1927. It was a difficult period for the Brown Family, to come together for the funeral, and burial of Hezikiah, but he was buried in the Union Memorial Church Cemetery. Only five years later, Maggie Jane died, and was buried beside him at Tylerton. They were married 44 years.

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CHILDREN OF HEZIKIAH AND MARGARET JANE MARSH BROWN OF TYLERTON, MD

	<u>Born</u>		<u>Born</u>
HEZIKIAH (BENIDICT) BROWN	1872	Married RACHEL BRADSHAW	1878

Parents of Cecil, Carroll, Franklin, and Fred Brown

Rachel was the daughter of Thomas W. & Lena Hoffman Bradshaw of Tylerton. She died; Sept.30, 1909 at the age of 33. She was buried at Tylerton. Benidict, later moved off the island and no more information about him is known by the writer.

	<u>Born</u>		<u>Born</u>
MARY BELLE BROWN LOWE DISE	1873	Married EDWARD T. LOWE	1863

Parents of:George,Harry, Ira, Eva H.,Preston, & Ida F.Lowe
Edward T. Lowe was the son of Franklin Lowe. He died at Tangier, Virginia on Aug.20,1901 exactly one month after his 2 year old daughter Eva died at Tylerton on July 20, 1901.Mary Belle's 2nd husband was John Washington Dise of Tangier,Va, and the son of John Washington Sr.& Anne Crockett Dise of Tangier,Va. Mary Belle and John Washington had one daughter while living at Tylerton, Agness L. John had three more children by his first wife, who died at Tangier. They became Mary Belle's step-children, Henry L. EMMA & Calvin Dise. Mary Belle Died at Tylerton on July 20,1932, and was buried in the Tylerton Church yard by her 1st husband Ed Lowe.

	<u>Born</u>
IDA CORDIE BROWN	1877

The writer does not have any information about Cordie. She moved from Smith Island before the year 1900. She was not listed in the Smith Island 1900 Census, and there's no record of her marrying anyone on the island. She was probably around 20 years old when she left the island.

	<u>Born</u>
BERTRUM BROWN	1880

Bertrum Brown married Maranda J. Bradshaw.According to the information on her tombstone at Tylerton,Maranda was the daughter of Thomas W. & Lena Hoffman Bradshaw; The wife of Bertrum Brown;She died at Tylerton Feb.18,1907,at the age of 24 years.She was the sister of Benidict Brown's wife Rachel Bradshaw Brown. There were no children listed in her obituary.Bertrum may have left the island, after his wife Maranda's Death.

	<u>Born</u>
CLEVELAND BROWN	1882

Cleveland Brown Married Melissa Somers,the daughter of Robert Wes and Laura Dize Somers of Ewell, Md. In the 1910 Smith Island Census, they were listed as living at Tylerton as Cleveland Brown Melissa W. Somers Brown and one son named Gorman W. Brown. Later, they moved across the Bay to Northumberland County,Va.

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CHARLES W. BROWN Born
1883

Charlie Brown Married Laura F. Bradshaw, daughter of John A. and Margaret (Maggie) Evans Bradshaw of Tylerton. They had 4 children: Margaret, Lloyd, Kathleen and Cordelia Brown. Charles was listed in the 1910 Smith Island Census as an oyster dredger, the same occupation as his father Hezikiah. However, on Oct. 15, 1915, Laura died at Tylerton, leaving her four children. A little later, Charlie moved off the island, with his children, and was believed to have moved to North Carolina. His wife Laura was buried in the Union Memorial Churchyard at Tylerton.

HORACE BROWN Born
1885

Horace Brown was working with his father as an oysterman, and was listed in the 1900 Census as an Oysterman Associate. However, in 1910 Smith Island Census, he is not listed at all. This indicates that Horace Brown probably left the island before he reached the age of 25. The writer has no more information about Horace. He may have moved to North Carolina with his brother Charles Brown.

GEORGE F. BROWN Born
1887

George Brown was born to Hezikiah and Maggie J. Brown on Dec. 22, 1887, only three days before Christmas Day. George only lived to be 11 years old. He died at Tylerton on Aug. 6, 1898, and was buried in the Union Memorial Cemetery at Tylerton.

Nora E. Brown Evans Born
1888

Nora lived at Tylerton for most of her life on the lower end of Tylerton known as Drum Point. She married a house carpenter from Tylerton, William L. Evans, the son of Wm. Mitchell & Phoebe Evans at Drum Point. By 1920, they had one daughter Geneva A. Evans. In the late 1930's Wm. Nora, and Geneva, moved off the island to Crisfield, Md. They never came back, but their home at Tylerton was later sold to Struven Evans of Ewell. Their home was moved to Ewell, on Tyler Road, where it still remains today.

MAGGIE BEATRICE BROWN Born
1891

Maggie Beatrice lived all of her teen-years at Tylerton, and wed Asbury F. Bradshaw of Tylerton, when she was 18 years old, in 1910. However, the marriage didn't last. By 1920, Asbury was living with his family at Tylerton at age 30. Beatrice in the meantime had moved to the mainland and was living in Chester, Pa. She came back to Smith Island to help with her father Hezikiah's burial in Jan. 1927.

CHILDREN OF HEZIKIAH AND MAGGIE JANE MARSH BROWN OF TYLERTON, MD.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BROWN Born
 1893

Benjamin Franklin Brown, known as Frank Brown was the youngest child of Hezekiah and Maggie Jane. He was still living at Tylerton in 1910, at the age of 17 with his parents. It is believed that Frank also moved from the island when he was in his early twenty's to work with his brother's, who were living in North Carolina.

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