

BROWN

Chad Brown and Elizabeth Sharparowe

10-great grandparents and 11g-grandparents

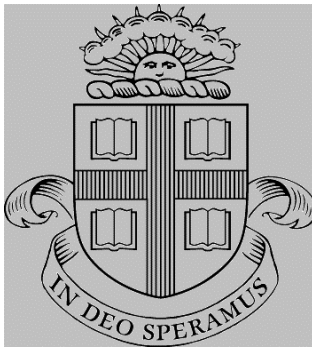
Chad Brown, a Baptist minister, was born about 1600 in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, England. The names of his parents are unknown.

Elizabeth Sharparowe was born about 1604 in Melchbourne, Bedfordshire, England.

They probably married about 1629 based on the known birth dates of their sons:

- John Brown, born in 1630
- James Brown
- Jeremiah Brown, born in 1634
- Judah Brown
- Daniel Brown

Chad, Elizabeth and some or all of the boys came to America in July 1638 on the ship "Martin" which arrived in Boston. The same year, Chad was one of the original signers of the pact that organized Providence, Rhode Island. In 1642, he became minister of the Baptist church there; in 1644, he was the first signer of the town's charter.



Rhode Island's Brown University is named for Nicholas Brown, a descendant of this family through son James.

Elizabeth Brown is listed as a widow in September 1650 so Chad Brown must have died prior to that although an exact date is not known. It is also not known when Elizabeth died but both were buried in an orchard on their property where the county courthouse now stands. Their remains were moved to the Nicholas Brown lot

of the North Burial Ground in 1792.

Sources and Related Information

- The Whipple website, citing various genealogy compilations
- "A Genealogical Record of the Early Settler of New England..." by James Savage, first published in Boston, 1860

Note: Two of the sons from the family above are direct ancestors. The son of one married the granddaughter of another (that makes the "kissin' cousins" first cousins, once removed). The three intermediate families are discussed below followed by the couple which "reunites" this line. First we follow the line of older brother John Brown...

John Brown and Mary Holmes

9g-grandparents

John Brown was born in England in 1630, the eldest of five sons of Chad and Elizabeth Brown. He came with his family to America on the "Martin."

Mary Holmes was born about 1632 to Obadiah and Katherine Holmes in England. Her family sailed to Boston in 1638 and then moved in turn to Salem and Rehoboth in Massachusetts and finally to Newport, Rhode Island.

John Brown and Mary Holmes were married in Providence, Rhode Island in 1654. They had seven children:

- Sarah Brown, born in 1657
- John Brown, born in 1662
- James Brown, born in 1666
- Obadiah Brown, born about 1668
- Martha Brown
- Mary Brown
- Deborah Brown

A deed in 1660 made reference to *“the field where John Browne his dwelling house now standeth near the Great Swamp.”*

John Brown was an elder in the Baptist church and worked, at least for a time, as a surveyor.

Mary Holmes died in 1690.

John Brown lived into his 70's, dying in about 1706.

Sources and Related Information

- Whipple website
- Geeknet.com

... which requires a brief foray into what would otherwise be categorized under “Pray.”

John Pray and Sarah Brown

10g-grandparents

John Pray, the son of Richard Pray, was born in 1653 in Providence, Rhode Island.

Sarah Brown was the oldest child of John and Mary (Holmes) Brown. She was born in 1657, also in Providence.

John and Sarah were married on November 14, 1678 in Providence. They had three known children, all daughters:

- Catherine Pray
- Sarah Pray, born in 1681
- Martha Pray, born in 1689

John Pray died on October 9, 1733, in Smithfield, Rhode Island. His wife Sarah died the same year but the details are unknown.

Sources and Related Information

- Whipple website

Now to the family of Jeremiah Brown, also a son of Chad and Elizabeth Brown...

Jeremiah Brown and Mary Slocum

9g-grandparents

Jeremiah Brown was born in 1634 in England and moved with his family to North America in 1638.

He married Mary Slocum, thought to have been born in 1640, in Rhode Island. They had at least one child, a son named Joseph, born in 1684.

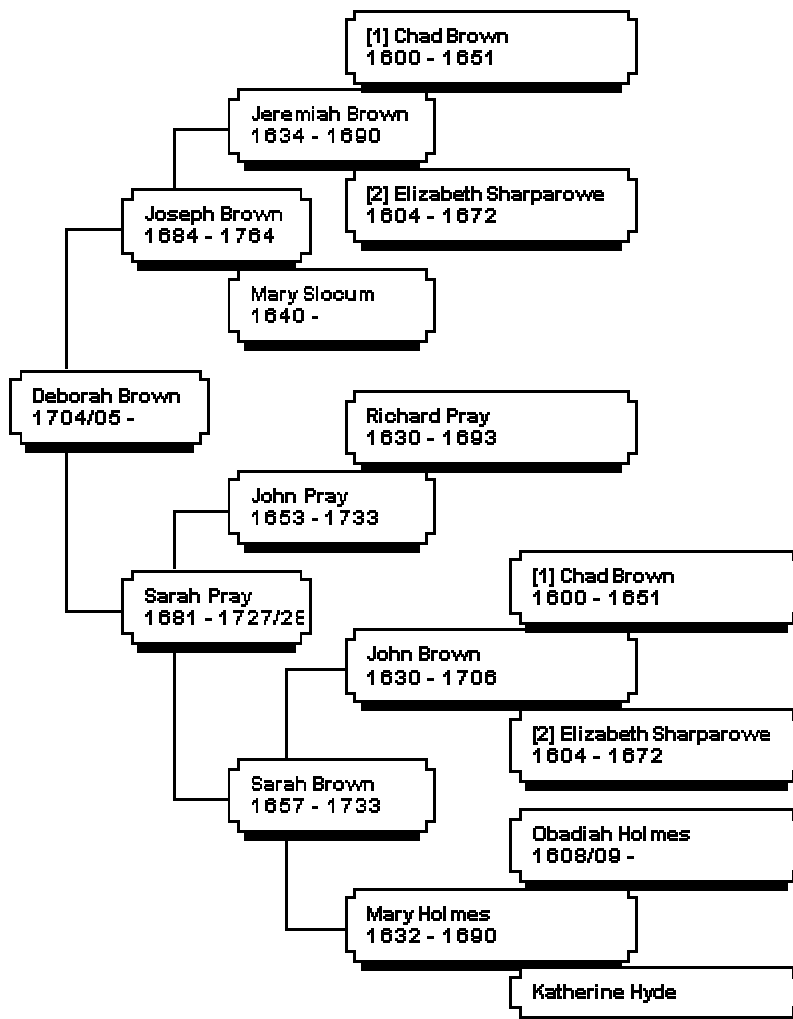
If the above dates are correct, Mary (Slocum) Brown would have been 44 at her son's birth. Nothing is known about her parents to support or detract from a suggestion that she might have been born later than 1640.

Jeremiah died in Newport, Rhode Island in 1690. Nothing is known of Mary's death.

Sources and Related Information

- Whipple website

Another look: the ancestry of Deborah Brown shows Chad and Elizabeth Brown twice.



Finally, the parents of Deborah Brown bring it all back together:

Joseph Brown and Sarah Pray

8g-grandparents

Joseph Brown was born in 1684 in Newport, Rhode Island.

Sarah Pray was born in 1681 in Providence, Rhode Island to John and Sarah (Brown) Pray.

Joseph and Sarah were married in Providence in 1703. They had nine children:

- Abigail Brown, born about 1705
- Deborah Brown
- Sarah Brown
- Anne Brown, born about 1712
- Stephen Brown, born about 1714
- Martha Brown
- Amey Brown, born in 1723
- Benjamin Brown
- Joseph Brown

Sarah (Pray) Brown died while her last children were still quite young, on January 4, 1728/29.

Joseph Brown died on March 13, 1764 in Glocester, Rhode Island at about 80 years of age.

Sources and Related Information

- Whipple website

The BROWN line ends with Deborah Brown who married David COMSTOCK.