

THE FAMILY OF HARVEY AND POLLY BROWN WESTON OF GREENE COUNTY TENNESSEE

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Mary Ann "Polly" Brown was born in Virginia about 1802-04. Polly was the daughter of Sylvanus and Ruth Johnston Brown. The Brown family resided in northern Greene County in the Cross Anchor area. Harvey Weston was born about 1800 in Tennessee. Polly Brown married Harvey Weston on 9-4-1824, bond by James Goodin, a son-in-law of Matthew Cox (1732-1807). By 1830, Polly and Harvey had three sons, all under the age of five years. Between 1831 and 1840, a fourth son and two daughters were born. In the 1850 census, six children were in Harvey and Polly's household.

Around 1850, several large wagon trains of many Cross Anchor area families rumbled out of Greene County. These families forever left Greene County. Among those leaving were descendants of some of the founding families of Greene County, including Brown, Bowman, Cooper, Cox, Foster, Johnson, Lane, Maloney, Wattenbarger, Weston, and Willis. Most of these families were intermarried, and they were on their way to Missouri. Harvey and Polly Brown Weston were among them. Some of these families stopped and stayed in southern Missouri, settling in Barry and Vernon Counties. Most continued onto northern Missouri, settling in the contiguous counties of Sullivan, Harrison and Grundy. Harvey and Polly Weston were among the latter, and they settled in Sullivan County, Bowman Township. Bowman Township became an enclave of ex-Greene County, Tennessee families, many of whom are buried in the Campground Cemetery in Sullivan County.

Soon after their arrival in Missouri, Harvey Weston set up a brick kiln. Harvey's son, Jotham and his young bride, Mary Jones Weston, traded a slave for forty acres of land. The unfortunate black girl had been given to the young couple as a wedding gift by Mary Jones' father. Jotham Weston would henceforth be known by the less than flattering nickname of "Coon" Weston. The differences of opinion on the issue of slavery in Missouri would evolve into some of the bloodiest guerrilla activities of the war. The Weston cousins who settled in Barry County in southern Missouri would fight (and die) for the Confederacy. Their northern Missouri Weston cousins would fight (and die) for both the Union and Confederacy. Civilian families were also murdered. After the great Civil War, there were many Weston orphans in Missouri.

It is said that Harvey Weston died on 4-1-1861; however, Polly and her children are enumerated in the 1860 Sullivan County, Missouri census, while Harvey is not. It would seem that Harvey died before 1861. It is not known when Polly Brown Weston died. Although she is not found in the 1870 census, ten years later in 1880, a Mary Weston born in 1804 in Tennessee, was living in Sullivan County. Harvey and Polly Brown Weston are buried in unmarked graves in the Campground Cemetery in Sullivan County. Several of their children and later descendants are also buried there. The children of Harvey and Polly Brown Weston are:

(* = those known to be buried in the Campground Cemetery in Sullivan County, Missouri.)

(i) John, born c. 1826. John married Barbara Ann Smith in Greene County, Tennessee on 5-11-1848. They were not in Greene County in 1850 and may have been in route to Missouri at this time. John Weston died in 1862. Barbara Weston died about this same time. Family tradition has passed down in this family that John and Barbara were murdered by unruly mobs during the Civil War years. It is almost certain they are buried in unmarked graves at Campground Cemetery. The children of John and Barbara Ann Weston included: **(i) Mary Ann***, born c. 1848 TN. Mary Ann married Thomas Simpson on 12-13-1867. Mary Ann died on 12-20-1932. **(ii) Jacob Harvey**, born 9-14-1850 TN. Jacob Harvey married Mary Elizabeth Talley on 9-29-1872. Jacob Harvey died on 4-30-1916. **(iii) James L.**, born c. 1856 MO. In the 1870 census, James was a "domestic servant" in the household of Owen G. Allen. James married Mary E., surname unknown. James migrated to Texas where he died. **(iv) George**, born July 1859. He does not appear in the 1870 census. **(v) John Jefferson**, born c. 1862. In the 1870 census, John was a "domestic servant" in the household of Theodore Allen. John married Mary Alberta West. John Jefferson Weston was a policeman in Noland, Arkansas. He died in August 1907.

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(2) Jotham Franklin, born c. 1827. Jotham married Mary Jane Jones in Greene County, Tennessee on 5-27-1851. They had eight children before Jotham enlisted with the 44th Regiment, Company J., Missouri Infantry (Union). Jotham Franklin Weston died during the battle of Vicksburg on 4-5-1864. He is interred in the National Cemetery. Mary Jane Jones* died on 8-25-1910 in Liberty Township, Sullivan County, Missouri. Their children were: **(i) Columbus Page***, born in 1852 MO. On 7-2-1882, he married Junia Derleska Fisher*. Columbus Page Weston died on 2-19-1931. **(ii) Thomas Harvey***, born 1-20-1855. He did not marry and died in 1915. **(iii) William Barton***, born 8-15-1856. He married his cousin, Alta Myra Johnson*, whose family was from Greene County, Tennessee. William Barton Weston died on 4-12-1943. **(iv) Nancy Jane***, who died in childhood on 5-16-1858. **(v) Lucinda Catherine***, born 8-7-1859. She married John Patrick West*. Lucinda Catherine died on 7-30-1945. **(vi) Leroy Franklin***, born 10-2-1862. He married Carrie A. Ramage. Leroy Franklin Weston died on 9-2-1913. **(vii) David H.**, born c. 1863, who may have died in childhood; and **(viii) Eliza Ann**, born 1-9-1864. Eliza Ann married Thomas Jefferson Stringer on 8-28-1881. She died on 6-23-1917 in Fort Scott, Kansas.

(3) James Elbert, born c. 1829. He was no longer in Greene County, Tennessee in 1850. Elbert married Hiley Bennett in Missouri. She was a daughter of James and Rhody Hooker Bennett who were also from Greene County. Elbert and Hiley had only three children, who appear to be orphaned by 1870. These children were: **(i) Zorado V. Fitzellen***, born c. 1855. In 1870, "Roady" lived with her Aunt Catherine Jane Weston Peters. Zorado married David Tobias Peters* on 9-19-1877. She died on 6-17-1940 and is buried in an unmarked grave at Campground Cemetery. **(ii) James**, born c. 1858. In 1870, James was a "farm laborer" in the household of John Sheppard. **(iii) John**, born in 1860. He is not found in the 1870 census. Elbert and Rhody Weston may have met the same fate as Elbert's brother, John. Elbert and Hiley are probably buried in unmarked graves at Campground Cemetery.

(4) Esther Emeline*, born 9-9-1833. Emeline married Erastus Weesner* on 6-20-1852. They had ten children. Esther Emeline died on 11-2-1898. Their children were: **(i) Mary Susannah**, born c. 1855, who married William Rasselas Yambert. She died on 8-18-1936 in Grundy County, MO. **(ii) Harvey Jackson***, who died in infancy on 8-19-1857. **(iii) Moses Edwin**; born c. 1859; **(iv) Elizabeth Catherine***, who died in infancy on 9-30-1862. **(v) Martha Alice**, born c. 1863; **(vi) Samuel Linear**, born c. 1865; **(vii) James Franklin***, born in 1865 who died on 12-6-1878. **(viii) Erastus Alexander**, born c. 1869. He died on 12-6-1963 in Ames, Iowa; **(ix) Esther Clarinda**, born c. 1872. She died on 1-6-1957 in Hellena, Montana. **(x) Lucinda Vitzallen**, born c. 1875. She died on 1-30-1965.

(5) Catherine Jane*, born 3-25-1836. She married Silas Peters* on 9-4-1862. Catherine was Silas' second wife. Silas and Catherine Peters had ten children. Catherine Jane died on 11-15-1899. Their children were: **(i) Eliza Emarine**, who died in infancy on 1-1-1864; **(ii) Jothan Franklin**, who died in infancy on 8-16-1864; **(iii) Esther Louisa**, who died in infancy on 5-25-1866; **(iv) Chora**, who died in infancy on 12-24-1866; **(v) Aramina Brown**, born c. 1868. She died on 1-23-1941. **(vi) Rebecca Louella**, born c. 1869. She died on 12-24-1952. **(vii) Jasper Newton**, born c. 1871. He died on 1-04-1951 in Livingston County, MO. **(viii) Columbus Page**, born c. 1873. He died on 9-21-1953. **(ix) Moses Eldorado**, born c. 1875. He died on 1-1-1961. **(x) Zorado Abigail**, born c. 1879. She died on 11-30-1934.

(6) Moses Patrick*, born 3-1-1840 (the year of birth on his tombstone may be incorrect. He is listed in the 1850 and 1860 census as age 12 (born c. 1838), which is substantiated by the 1840 census. In the 1900 census, Moses stated his birth as March 1841. Moses served in the 11th Missouri Infantry CSA, Company B. After the War, he married Mary Jane Lane. They had one child before her death: **(i) David McCullick**, who appears to have died before 1870. Moses remarried to Armica Tirie McCullough about 1869. They had four children: **(ii) Lucy Jane "Nellie"***, born 8-8-1869. She married Robert W. Burditt*. "Nellie" died on 8-7-1906. **(iii) Lela**, who died in infancy; **(iv) Willie**, who died in infancy; and **(iii) Charles Elmer***, born 1879. He married Veda Gibson. Charles died on 12-15-1967 in Grundy County. Moses P. Weston died in Grundy County, Missouri on 8-23-1923.

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(7) Alfred Alexander*, born c. 1841. Alfred also served in the 11th Missouri Infantry CSA. On 12-24-1865, Alfred married Barbara Allen Bowman who was also from Greene County, Tennessee. They had three children prior to Alfred's death on 2-18-1875. Alfred is buried in an unmarked grave at Campground. Their three children were: **(i) John Neoins**, born 12-15-1866; **(ii) Mary Elizabeth**, born 5-21-1870 who died prior to 1880; and **(iii) Tayler B.**, born 12-5-1873. Tayler married Emma Matilda Huffman. He died on 10-20-1938. After Alfred's death, his widow, remarried to Elkanna Calemater about 1876. By 1880, the family resided in Barry County, Missouri.

(8) Elizabeth Ann*, born 2-9-1846. Elizabeth Ann married her cousin, Eliakim K. Johnson, on 6-9-1864. Eliakim was the son of James and Margaret Cox Johnson who migrated from Greene County, Tennessee to Sullivan County, Missouri in 1858. Elizabeth Ann and Eliakim had 13 children, 11 of whom were living in 1900. Eliakim Cox Johnson* died on 2-3-1930. Elizabeth Ann died on 10-6-1936. Their known children were: **(i) Rufus Frank**, born c. 1866. He died on 12-20-1949 in Twin Falls, Idaho. **(ii) James David***, born 12-16-1867. He married Rhoda Baker. James died on 1-29-1927. **(iii) Cornelius***, born 2-14-1871. He died on 7-29-1916. **(iv) Annie Bell***, 1-14-1874. She married John Emmett Lewis. Annie Bell died on 5-27-1974. **(v) Liona***, born 3-23-1876. Liona married Samuel Smith on 9-27-1900. She died on 8-19-1902. **(vi) Minnie May**, born c. 1878. She married Lark Darrow. **(vii) Charles F.**, born January 1880. He married Hattie May on 02-04-1905. Charles died on 4-26-1956. **(viii) Flora A.***, born November 1881. She married Charles Callahan on 1-25-1903. Flora died on 3-6-1909. **(ix) Thomas Roy***, born 1-23-1883. He married Hattie, surname unknown. They had one child, May, born c. 1905. **(x) E. K.**, a daughter, born 5-11-1887 who died in infancy. **(xi) Bertha**, born May 1888. She married Albert N. May on 4-15-1906. Although there are no tombstones for Bertha and Albert at Campground Cemetery, several of their children are buried there. **(xii) Edward K.**, born February 1892. He married Alpha M. Rogers.
For further information on the family of Eliakim Johnson, please refer to the Family of James and Margaret Cox Johnson of Greene County, Tennessee.

For those who have an interest in the Weston Family Heritage, male Weston descendants are participating in the Weston Y-DNA Project.

PLEASE REFER TO THE ARTICLE ON SYLVANUS AND RUTH JOHNSTON BROWN FOR A LISTING OF SOURCES. INFORMATION ON THIS FAMILY AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL IN MISSOURI MAY BE FOUND IN THE BOOK, THIS SMALL TOWN, OSGOOD, BY RUTH RAWLS FISHER. INFORMATION ON THE WESTON BRANCH WHO SETTLED IN SULLIVAN COUNTY WAS RESEARCHED BY MR. RICHARD SEARS IN A COMPENDIUM OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, MISSOURI FAMILIES.