

Squire Family Connection in Douglas County Today — Frankie's Brown Brothers — Jim, Ike and Louis

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John Squire is unique in Douglas County merchant history. He wasn't the first outsider to come into the hills during the post-Civil War construction period, but he no doubt came the farthest (England). He married a local girl, Martha "Frankie" Brown, and raised a family in the county before moving on to Hammond in Ozark

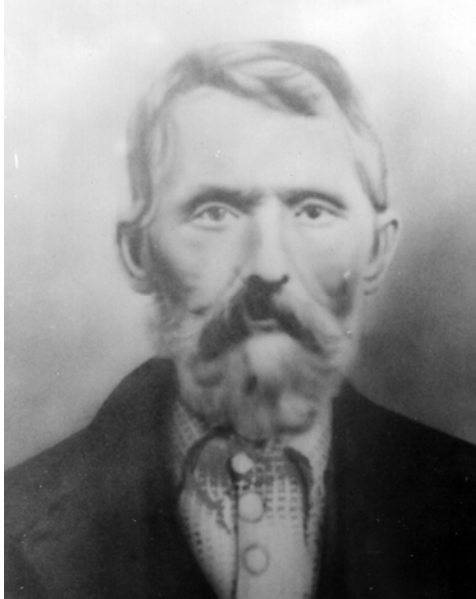
County followed by sundry places toward or on the west coast.

Because the Squire children generally followed their parents, there aren't any descendants of John and Frankie in Douglas County today. But Frankie Brown Squire's brothers (Isaac, James, and Louis) stayed on in Douglas County and raised large families there. The brothers' descendants continue to live and work in Douglas County today.

erate a store on the Ava square until late 1954.

Louis has two daughters still living. Norma Brown Pettit, widow of Cloin Pettit, still lives in Ava. She is Louis' only descendant still in the county. Another daughter, Betty Brown Sherrill, lives in Springfield, and she helped her father in the Brown Store in Ava until the 1950s. After that, Betty had a long career with Sears in Springfield. The widow of Louis' son, Junior Brown, Treva Gott Brown, lives in Springfield as well.

Frankie's Father—Jesse Brown



(Original photo courtesy of Laura Moncrief's Aunt Opal Schroeder, Kearney, Neb.)

Brother Isaac "Ike" Brown – For many years, "Uncle Ike" Brown and his wife, Margaret Manning, operated a store at Spring Creek just northwest of Squires (See map on page 15). Long-time Douglas County historian, Glen Hartley, is a grandson of Ike and Margaret. A host of other descendants, including grandson Tom Brown (son of John and Minnie Davis Brown), reside in the county .

Brother James L. "Jim" Brown – "Uncle Jim" and "Aunt Mel" had a farm north of Spring Creek on what was originally called the "Old Squire Place." (See Laura's map on page 15). Two of Jim and Mel's daughters, Rosa and Bertha, married Davis Brothers, Elmer and Neal.

Like Ike, Uncle Jim has many descendants residing in the county including granddaughters, Wilma Davis Flynn, Gerry Davis Hailey and Iris Brown Durham (sister to Kenneth Brown who does the layout for this Journal). Former residents Gene and Herman Davis are two of Uncle Jim's grandsons.

Brother Louis Brown – Louis was the youngest of Jesse G. Brown's children, born in 1887 about the same time as his big sister, Frankie's, first children. He would follow in his Uncle John Squire's footsteps by starting a merchant career in Squires as early as 1905 before building a new store at Spring-creek, and then finally going to Ava in the late 1920s. He continued to op-

Frankie's Brother—Ike Brown



1902-Ike & Margaret with John

(Photo courtesy of their grandson, Glen Hartley.)

Frankie's Brother—Louis Brown



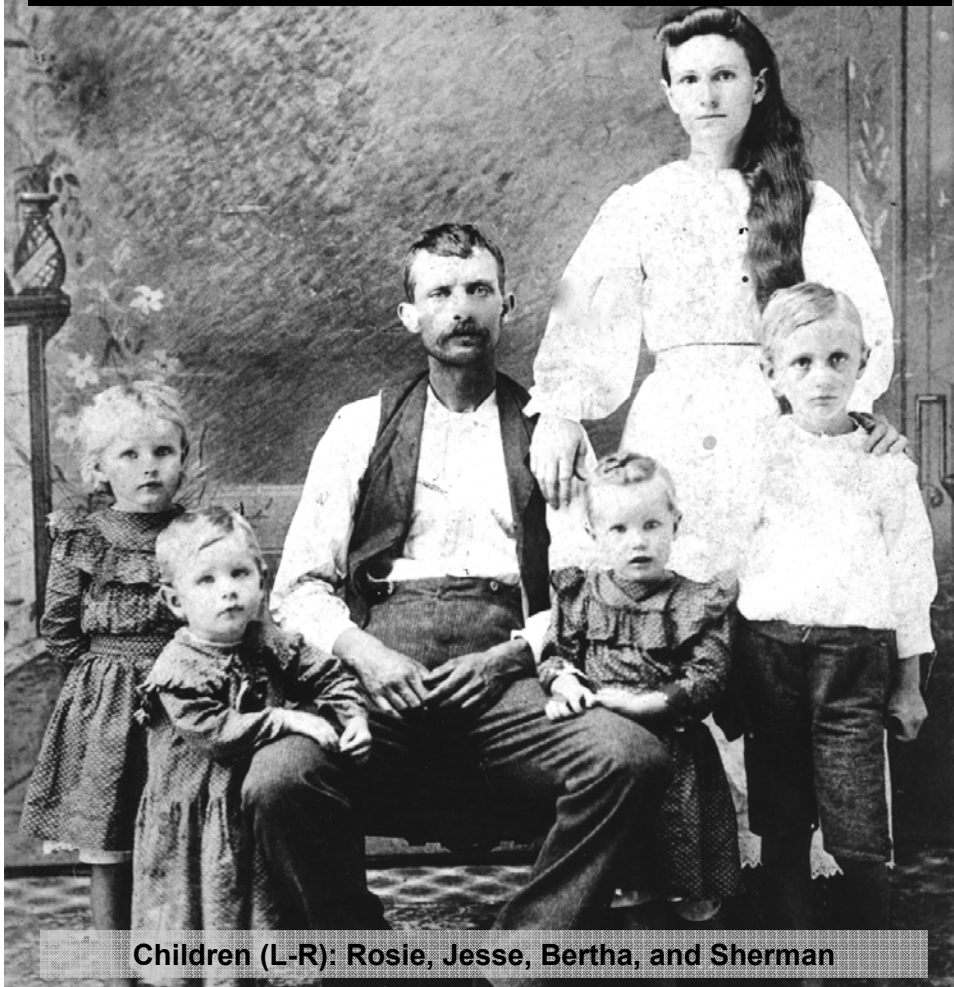
(Photo courtesy of his daughter, Norma Pettit.)

Family Tree of Jesse G. Brown

- 1—Jesse G. Brown b. 1842 on Bryant Creek.
 - + (1) Married Mary Burton ca 1862
 - 2—Louise E. Brown b. ca 1863
 - + Married Stephen Turner in 1890.
 - 2—George H. Brown b. 1866
 - 2—M. Frances Brown b. 1868.
 - + Married John Squire
 - 2—Isaac Brown b. 1870.
 - + Married Margaret Manning 1900.
 - 2—James Lihu Brown b. 1873
 - + Married Amanda Morris in 1891
 - 2—William S. Brown b. 1878
 - + (2) Married Mary Beers in 1882
 - 2—William R. Brown b. 1882
 - 2—Louis Paul Brown b. 1887
 - + Married Tillie Mae Whittacre
 - + Luna Belle Clements Hamby

A more complete family tree can be found in Laura Moncrief's 1985 book, *Squire-Brown-Burton*.

Frankie Squire's Brother—James & wife Amanda "Mel"— 1900



Children (L-R): Rosie, Jesse, Bertha, and Sherman

(Above photo courtesy of Kenneth Brown and the photo below courtesy of Herman Davis)

Frankie Squire's Niece, Rosie (Brown) Davis, and Family — 1957



Standing behind Elmer and Rosie Davis are their children (L-R): Christine, Gene, Ernest, Fern, Herman and Cecil

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| Alms, Marilyn | Liebert, Bob |
| Anderson, Bud | Lorenzen, Chester |
| Anderson, Leon | McCall, Lois |
| Barker, Paul | McCullough, Geneva |
| Bolen, Nancy | Miller, Mack |
| Boulton, Martha | Mitchell, Mable |
| Brown, Cinita | Moles, John |
| Buchanan, Paul | Morgan, Henry |
| Burke, Waldo | Norman, Kelly & Brandy Woody |
| Case, Faye | Norman, David (2) |
| Clinkingbeard, Inez | Orick, James & Linda |
| Conradi, Marian (2) | Owen, Adrain |
| Cooley, Lee | Pahl, Herschel (2) |
| Cunningham, Oscar | Peterson, Elmer |
| Curry, Howard | Pool, Opal |
| Curry, Jim | Prock, Rhondo (2) |
| Davis, Dale & Herman | Pruiett, Corda |
| Deatherage, Bernard | Pueppke, Willard |
| DeVore, Barbara | Reese, Marlin |
| Dewhirst, Trellis | Reser, Katherine |
| Dickison, Lyle | Rogers, Melvin |
| Duckworth, Norma | Sallee, Don and Mary Lou |
| Dye, Clifford, Esther & Gordon | Sanders, Herb |
| Ellis, Daisy | Sheets, Juanita |
| Emerson, Mary Alice | Singleton, Bill |
| Fletcher, Freda | Smith, Hurse |
| Gentry, Jay | Smith, Ramey/Luetta |
| Gettys, Guy (2) | Sparks, Dwayne |
| Gheer, Sybil | Spurlock, Betty |
| Girdner, David | Stafford, Bonita |
| Hagaman, Andy | Stamper, Troy |
| Hailey, Edwin (2) | Surguine, Eva |
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| Hartley, Saless | Vineyard, Jack |
| Havens, Rev. Will | Vinson, Tom |
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| Hicks, Clayton | Welton, Gladys |
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