

Elparan Brown Cemetery

Ohio County, KY

By Jerry Long

Turn south off of the Cave Hill Road onto the Oak Grove Church Road. A short distance down is the residence of Carlos Brown. The cemetery is on his farm a few hundred feet down road past his home in field on the right. One monument with three names on it was found in the plot. Copied by Jerry Long on 21 March 1987.

Rufus E. Brown	10 Nov 1859	9 Jul 1878
Allen W. Brown	26 May 1864	14 Apr 1865
Elizabeth S. Brown	30 May 1863	18 Mar 1873

The above were children of Elparan Brown and Mary Melvina Baird, who were married in Ohio County, KY on 14 November 1857; she was the daughter of Thomas Baird & Elizabeth Ford. He was the son of Allen Brown & Isabella Sapp and was born 22 November 1832 Indiana. Allen Brown, the son of James & Dorcas Brown, was born c1807 KY and died at the age of 77 on 23 April 1884 in Ohio County near Point Pleasant.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY
Wednesday, 7 May 1884 p1

Death of Mr. Allen Brown.

On Wednesday, April 23rd, 1884, Mr. Allen Brown, of Point Pleasant, Ohio county, died of catarrh of the lungs, aged 77 years.

It is well known to most of the citizens of the county, that Mr. Brown was an earnest and consistent member of the Methodist church. He was aware of his approaching dissolution, he calmly called his friends and relatives around him, settled his business, counseled them to be faithful christians and meet him in the better land, telling his children that he was going to meet their mother.

Mr. Brown leaves three sons and five daughters, and quite a number of earnest friends to mourn his loss.

BERTRAM.

Elparan Brown appears in the 1850, 1860 & 1870 censuses of Ohio County, KY and 1880 & 1900 census of Island, McLean County, KY. He was a farmer. He died 26 February 1905 and was buried at the Island Methodist Church (Union) Cemetery in McLean County, KY. On his monument his name appears as E. P. Brown. His wife, Mary M., was born 10 March 1833 and died 5 May 1919 Island, McLean County, KY.

The children of Elparan & Mary were:

1. Prudence Isabelle, 'Prudie', born 23 October 1858 Ohio County, KY; married John W. Harrison (1854-1916), 17 December 1884 McLean County, KY; she died 29 March 1904 Island, McLean County, KY; she and her husband were buried at the Island Methodist Church Cemetery, McLean County, KY.

Hartford Republican, Hartford, KY
Friday, 1 April 1904 p5

INJURIES FATAL.

**Mrs. Harrison Crushed to Death
at Island.**

ISLAND, KY., March 29, 1904.

Mrs. Prudie Brown Harrison, wife of John W. Harrison, the well known timber man, died at her home here this morning as the result of injuries received last Thursday afternoon by being caught under a falling platform. Some reconstruction work was being done on the residence and in passing by a brace supporting a heavy timber, Mrs. Harrison caught hold of it, and the ring on her finger caught on a nail in the brace, unbalancing it, causing the timber to fall, and she not being able to get her hand loose from the brace on account of the ring, the structure in falling, threw her to the ground and immediately under the heaviest of timber.

Drs. Almon and Fitzhugh, of this place, and Beard, of Livermore, were summoned and were almost constantly with her. While they were never able to determine to the exact extent of her injuries, it is presumed they were principally internal. It was thought Monday morning that she would recover, but her improvement proved to be only temporary and she gradually grew worse until death came at 5 o'clock this morning.

Mrs Harrison was a daughter of Mr. E. P. Brown, of this place, who with her husband and five children, two of whom are nearly grown, survive. She is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Eaton and brother, Mr. Jas. Brown, a merchant here. Mrs. Harrison being a devoted christian and friend of every one who knew her will be greatly missed by her numerous friends.

The funeral will be conducted at the residence to-morrow at 11 o'clock by the Rev. Reid, of Livermore, after which the interment will take place at the Eaton cemetery.

2. Rufus Estill, born 10 November 1859 Ohio County, KY, died 9 July 1878 Island, McLean County, KY; buried Elparan Brown Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY

Wednesday, 7 August 1878 p4

Obituary.

Rufus Estill Brown, the subject of this notice, died at his home in Island Station, McLean county, Ky., July 9, 1878, aged eighteen years and eight months. In his death, the community have suffered a great loss. Not only because many strong, social and kindred ties were thus broken; but because a champion of morality has fallen. Nor were his moral qualities all that constituted his noble character, for perseverance and industry characterized his every undertaking. Whether employed mentally or physically, the same diligence was ever manifested by his efforts and by the success that followed them. In one of his essays, he admonished his young friends to erect their own monuments. Not of marble, but of good works. And truly did Estill follow his admonition. His silent remains now slumber in the tomb, yet he has left a lasting monument that will not only call to memory where he lies, but how nobly he lived. But the sublimest thought connected with his life, is that he died a hopeful death—a death that to him was a gain instead of a loss. How well has the poet expressed our thought when he says,

“How meet the righteous when he dies,
When sinks the weary soul to rest?”

3. Missouri Olive, 31 December 1860 Ohio County, KY, married Raleigh McLean Humphrey (15 October 1854 – 12 December 1921), 16 October 1879 McLean County, KY; she died 17 December 1952 Columbus, OH.
4. Luella Vitula, 'Lula', born 26 July 1862 Ohio County, KY; married John Alvis Eaton (16 November 1862 – 11 July 1931); she died 23 March 1911 Island, McLean County, KY; she and her husband were buried at the Island Methodist Church Cemetery, McLean County, KY.

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29 March 1911 p8

Long Illness Ends.
 Island, Ky., March 28.—After being an invalid for a number of years, Mrs. John Eaton, aged forty-eight years, died on last Thursday. She suffered for a number of years from rheumatism and for the past year she suffered with lung trouble, from which she died. She was a devoted wife and mother, and a devoted Christian, a beloved neighbor and friend. To know her was to love her. She left a husband and one daughter, Eva, a brother and sister, and mother, Mrs. E. P. Brown, of this place, who is now confined to her bed, prostrated over the loss of her daughter. The funeral was conducted at the M. E. church by the Rev. Allie Bennett and her remains were laid to rest in the M. E. cemetery on last Friday.

5. Elizabeth S., born 30 May 1863 Ohio County, KY, died 18 March 1873; buried Elparan Brown Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
6. Allen W., born 26 May 1864 Ohio County, KY, died 14 April 1865 Ohio County, KY; buried Elparan Brown Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
7. James Elparan, born 9 October 1867 Ohio County, KY; married Effie Batsell (15 September 1876 – 1 June 1949), 8 January 1896 Island, McLean County, KY; died 4 February 1948 Island, McLean County, KY; he and his wife were buried at the Island Methodist Church Cemetery, McLean County, KY.

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Thursday, 5 February 1948 p16

James E. Brown

Island, Ky., Feb. 4—James E. Brown, 80, died at his home here Wednesday at noon, following a lingering illness.

Mr. Brown is survived by his wife, Mrs. Effie Batsel Brown, and several nieces and nephews.

He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Brown

The funeral was conducted at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at his late residence, the Rev J. R. Gunn of Livermore, officiating. Burial was in the Methodist cemetery here.
