

liquor, exonerating the railroad company from all blame." It was learned that he had a mother and brother living, but they could not be found and he was buried in the Barrington Cemetery."

In the middle of the railroad activity, Joseph Brown went to visit Laura and Joe Nightingale in Fairmont, Minn. He evidently left Barrington on Sept. 10, taking the night train from Chicago through to St. Paul, arriving in Fairmont on the 11th. Letters from Emaline and Hattie simply say that they are glad Pa is having a good time, evidently in response to news from Laura. On Sept. 27, Hattie begins a long letter to Laura, which is continued on Sunday morning the 28th:

"I feel more like writing than I do like going to church, as you know I am often guided by feeling. I work now days though if I don't feel like it. Last night after I had finished my fourth sheet, I was sitting by the front window watching for Ma to come home so we could have some supper, and I was very much surprised to see Pa paddling up the walk. It seemed as if he had been off fishing. He did not sleep any on the cars so was very tired and sleepy. I had built a fire and was setting the table when Ma came home. Several had already told her Pa was home, so when I told her she couldn't guess who had come she had already heard. We all went to bed early and got up about seven this morning. Immediately after breakfast he went downtown, he said to show Edd Clarke his Minn. coon. He says he had a splendid time but thought things needed tending to here. After he looked things over, he said he didn't see but everything was done, except cutting the corn."

Hattie leaves Emaline some space to complete the letter:

"I guess Pa had a very nice time for he says that he

wants to come out there worse than he did before, he thinks Joe has a nice farm."

"Pa drew a plan of your house, and where your things stood in it, so I have quite an idea of it. He also drew a plan of the barn, henhouse, pigpen and granary."

Throughout the entire collection of letters there will be references to Joseph Brown's interest in the plans of buildings and how they are built. But this interest is always expressed indirectly through the women's correspondence, and never in his own words or handwriting. About all that exists in Pa's own writing is his ledger, and that is from an earlier period in his life. In fact, at the first entry, on Dec. 16, 1848, he is 24 years old, and in Amherst, Mass. In 1850, there is the first indication of his association with the Hawleys, with work done for both Austin Hawley and Zebina Hawley. We don't know if he is referring to Zebina Sr., brother to the Phillip Hawley who had come to Barrington in 1835, or to the Junior Zebina and his brother Austin. In any case, Ruth Nightingale has established through her research that Joe Brown married Austen's daughter, Laura Ann, in 1850, and indeed the couple appear in the 1850 census for Amherst.

By 1852, the Browns have moved to Westfield, Mass. and Joe is working for a Captain Nathaniel Chapin. Ledger entries indicate hours worked for Chapin and occasionally others and includes items such as raising planes, making gages, and purchases of beads, corners and frames.

The ledger next is headed "Barrington, Illinois 1857, Jan. 7th," and is for J. H. Hawley's account. At some point, in those two years, either in Amherst or Barrington, or in between, Laura Ann Brown, and a daughter, Carrie L. Brown, died. Their graves have never been found.

On Feb. 11, 1857, in Woodstock, Joseph married Harriet Emaline Hawley, a second cousin to his first wife. He was to name his first child of this second marriage, Laura

Ann.

How he travelled to Barrington we do not know. We know that Zebina, Jr. came to Barrington about 1852, returned to Massachusetts and came back here with his family in 1854. Shortly thereafter his brother, Austen, came to Barrington. Did Joseph leave Massachusetts with his wife, daughter and father-in-law, or were Laura Ann and Carrie victims of the cholera epidemic which had swept New England in the early 1850's? In any case, he went to work for James Hawley, one of the eight sons of Phillip Hawley, who also had four daughters. Only one of Hawley's sons, Hiram, did not settle in Barrington, went further west, and was reportedly killed by Indians.

At the point where the ledger continues in Barrington, the entries change completely, and become the income and expenditures of a farmer. The ledger breaks from July 1858, to recommence in 1861 headed "Cuba Township." Both from the census, and an 1861 map, there is confirmation that Joseph Brown owned a parcel of land on West Cuba Road, in what is now the eastern section of White Cemetery.

Austen Hawley owned a parcel east of Brown's, and Austen had also purchased a parcel of government land on the north side of East Main Street, from North Avenue, then called North Hawley Street, up as far as St. Paul's Cemetery. Zebina, Jr. bought opposite Austen on the south side, from St. Paul's Church, east to the top of the hill and Kainer Avenue. Part of the property, including the house and barn were soon sold to the Beinhoff family. The house, at 621 East Main Street, still stands, one of the few structures remaining, which are identifiable to the first Hawleys in Barrington.

In the next article, Joseph Brown moves from Cuba to Barrington Township again, more about the Hawleys, - a schoolteacher's life in Barrington in the late 19th century, and the first issue of the Barrington Review.

Who's who of Hawleys and Browns

FLOYD HAWLEY, WHO PURCHASED THE OCTAGON HOUSE IN 1950 WAS ALSO A GREAT-GRANDSON OF PHILLIP THROUGH ANOTHER LINE - THIS IS THE "HAWLEY CONNECTION".

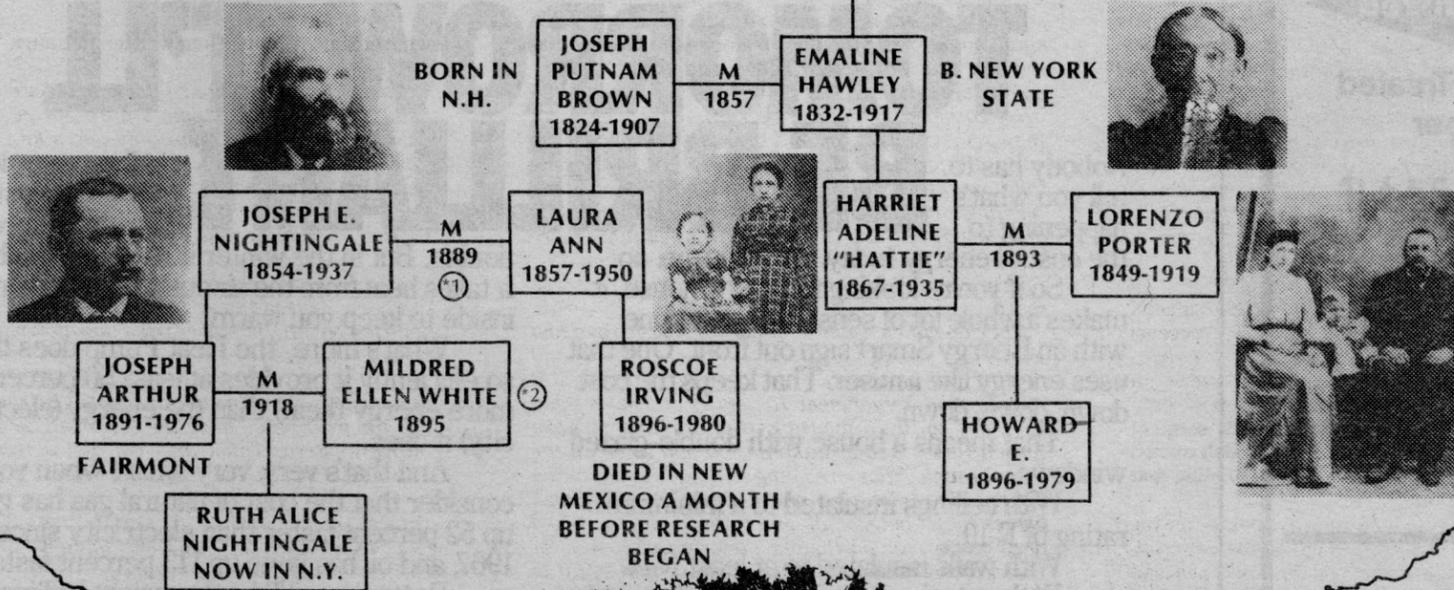
JOHN BROWN 1793-1878 — SARAH THAYER 1789-1865

PHILLIP HAWLEY BORN, AMHERST, MASS — ROCKSA DICKINSON 1783-1864
1780

THEY CAME TO BARRINGTON TOWNSHIP IN 1835
12 CHILDREN

WILLIAM HAWLEY 1808-1878 — HARRIET GOODALE 1811-1855

(TO BARRINGTON 1846)



① JOSEPH AND LAURA MOVED TO FAIRMONT, MINN. SHORTLY AFTER THEIR MARRIAGE. THE LETTERS BEGIN IN APRIL 1889.

STILL LIVED IN FAIRMONT. GAVE LETTERS TO DAUGHTER RUTH.

SOURCES: AMHERST HISTORICAL SOCIETY, AMHERST, MASS.

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