


From: Ruth M Brandon arembe@mac.com 
Subject: Brandon ancestors documents
Date: June 27, 2022 at 23:06
To: Samuel Minter abulsme@abulsme.com



the documents from cousin Ralph - most clear is the last re ancestors of CE Brandon, brother to my father Ralph Aaron Brandon so the same for him - you may have this all already of course - I have not checked in mybox full of ancestry documents - Know I had three of the five - wedding certificate of my grandparents and CE Brandon ancestry doc are ones I think are new to me

Begin forwarded message:

From: <rbrandon4@roadrunner.com>
Subject: RE: Grandparents
Date: June 20, 2022 at 6:24:36 PM PDT
To: "'Ruth M Brandon'" <arembe@mac.com>

Ruth, large PDF as promised

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To: Ralph & Carolyn Brandon <rbrandon4@roadrunner.com>
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On Jun 18, 2022, at 3:42 AM, rbrandon4@roadrunner.com wrote:

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Stead...hil.pdf

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Ruth,

I have attached most of the scans of the info I have - I will send the "Arkansas Home Stead Story" by Uncle Phil in a separate email as it is a fairly large PDF.

The genealogy was done by one of Dad's cousins prior to 1942 since you aren't on your Dad's descendent list. Dad indicated that his cousin told him the church records of the Brandon's in northern Ireland (we are part of the "Irish Problem for the UK)

that his cousin told him the church records of the Brandons in northern Ireland (we are part of the Irish problem for the city) looked like they had been purposely "muddled". Potentially to hide from the Royalists for his service to Cromwell. Grandpa Brandon thought Charles Brandon was a cousin (2nd; 3rd;?). It does help explain how common the surname Brandon was at one point. I understand there is a town/village of "Brandon" in all 50 states and at least one province in Canada. Brandon Ohio is short distance north of Newark and early on we got a lot of calls asking if we were related so & so from Brandon. Have fun sorting though the information - I think it will answer a lot of your questions but may raise others 😊.

An 'abstract' of the info is as follows:

Our great grand-parents were Robert Brandon (8/16/1845 - 6/10/1912) & Mary Ann Mendenhall (4/30/1854 - 7/18/1929) married 4/1895

David Clement Brandon (11/13/1875 & Mary Evelyn Van Tilburgh (7/29/1878 - 1229/1966) married 5/7/1902

Moved to Salgado, Arkansas a few weeks later to small log cabin with a dirt floor

Ralph Arron Brandon (5/15/1905) & Marion Hubert

Phillip Leroy Brandon (9/1/1910) & Eva Thomas

Clement Edwin Brandon (10/3/1915) & Marian Leoma Steingass married 6/25/1939

Grandpa and Grandma instigated and with the neighbors help built a school house that Ralph attended starting in 1909? Until they returned to Ohio in 1912 to Robert Brandon's farm in Patterson Township where Dad was born.

In 1919 they moved to a farm outside of Versailles, Ohio and eventually into Grandma Mary Ann's home in town which was across the street from the High School. Grandpa was elected as a Justice of the piece shortly after moving to Versailles.

Dad talked about growing potatoes and corn on the farm and they must have had a cow or two as Dad said "Mom made cottage cheese in the cellar" which why he referred to cottage cheese as "spoiled milk"! I believe Grandma sold eggs which means they had chickens.

We have a game the boys played on the porch called 101 or Bust which consisted of a series of pegs on a board which you tried to hook by tossing rubber canning rings at the board and adding up the points associated with the pegs the rings hung on - first one to 101 won --- of course if you went over 101 you were "Bust" and had to start over.

Grandma gave Carolyn and I the pump organ she had inherited from the Mendenhall side of the family as a wedding present.

Do you have information on the "9th & 10th" generations, i.e., the 7 of us cousins and our kids and grandkids?

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Mostly About the Brandons.

AND CHARLES BEGAT 35 SONS.

The record held by this family, so far as is known, has never been equalled. The father of the family referred to was Charles Brandon, who died when he was 96 years of age, but his youngest child was less than one year old. The father died three years before the Civil War broke out, but had he lived he would have seen seventeen of his sons enlisted in the Union Army.

He had at the time of his death thirty-five children, living, all sons, and had been married three times.

At the age of 75 years he married his third wife, Sarah Barker, she being 16 years of age. She lived with him for twenty years bearing him fifteen children. When she married him the oldest of his children by his previous wives was 39 years old, and the entire twenty lived under the parental roof. The young wife reared all of the younger children as well as her own fifteen.

The family held together for several years after his death and when the war was declared seventeen enlisted in the country's cause. Among these brothers were two Charles, two Johns, Van Buren, Simeon, Peter, Evans, Josephus, Hiram, James, Jacob, Abraham, David, Alexander, Andrew and Russ, two of them, one of the Johns and one of the Charles, were sons of the third Mrs. Brandon, the others, children of the second wife.

The members of his family were enlisted in Ohio and Indiana regiments and were in every important battle in the war. All lived to reach home except Peter, who was killed at Shiloh.

The boys all came from fighting stock, the patriarchal Brandon himself having been a famous Indian fighter and a veteran of the War of 1812 and the Mexican War. When Pennsylvania was the frontier and the Indian fighter was the most important and indispensable person in the settlement, Charles Brandon, according to tradition, was one of the best and most daring of all of the foes of the Red Men.

His father had been killed when he was but three years old and he himself was made a prisoner and lived with the Indians for twelve years, hating them more, the longer he was with them. At the age of 15 years he escaped, and, after learning his father's tongue, spent all of this time hunting Indians. He was 50 years of age when the War of 1812 broke out, and he was one of the first to join the American Army.

It is doubtful if there is on record a family as large as this one of thirty-five sons, and it is a question if, in this or any other country, an instance can be found where one family has contributed seventeen sons to their country's service.