

## Brown Family Appendix Kissing Cousins

The children of Margaret Brown were close knit, standing sponsor at the baptisms of each other's children. They all married and, at first, lived near to each other; three families were side by side on the Seventh Range.

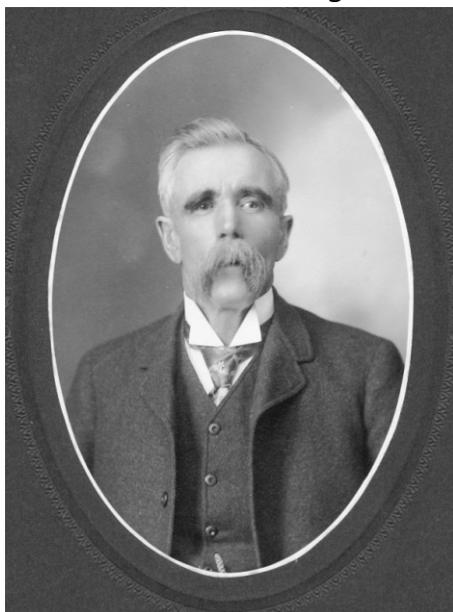
Marriages between cousins have been frequent amongst their descendants. I have identified and numbered fifteen marriages between Brown cousins and eight cousin to cousin marriages of Brown descendants to cousins from other related families, a total of 38 individuals. The phenomenon occurred in many other families in my tree and within many other Rawdon families

As suggested earlier, this may have been part of the Irish-Protestant culture with its long tradition of marriage between cousins and partly from isolation – one's nearest neighbours were family members and socializing occurred within the family circle. There was prejudice which discouraged mixing intimately with Catholic neighbours but as well an attitude that even Protestant associates in the community did not meet imagined family standards. Inter-cousin marriage at Rawdon was common and an acceptable practice. It was not hidden, everyone in the family and the community would have been aware of the relationship between the bride and groom including the minister.

This "appendix" is partly a summary of previous material and organized by the children of Robert and Margaret Brown. Each cousin involved has been numbered.

**Gawn BROWN** and his wife Margaret Finlay are known to have had seven children but they left the community early and so were outside the circle.

**William BROWN** and his wife Mary Ann Connelly had eleven children. Of their nine sons, one remained single at Rawdon, two left Rawdon and their final marital status is



uncertain and six are known to have married, (two remained at Rawdon, four settled in Vermont and one in central Michigan). One daughter died in infancy and one married.

Four of William's married children wed their first cousins.

**Robert Brown** (1), at left, was the eldest child and remained at Rawdon all his life. He was married three times and for his first two marriages he wed outside the family circle. His first wife was Mary Jane Pogue and the second was, Esther Robinson and, of the six children born to these women, only three sons from the first marriage survived. His third wife was his

first cousin **Margaret Jane Kyle** (12) and from this marriage a son Kyle Brown resulted. He was single and died at about thirty years of age in 1919. The eldest son of Robert's first marriage, **William Joseph Brown** (2), married his second cousin, **Mary Ann Irwin** (3) who was a granddaughter of Susanna Brown Parkinson and they were the parents of seven children.

**Alexander Brown** (4) married his first cousin, **Susannah Lindsay** (7) the widow of William Finlay. They lived at East Dorset, Vermont and had four children. Two daughters died as young women but a son, William Brown, died at 78 years.

**Jane Anne Brown** (5) married her widower first cousin, son of Susan Brown, **Robert Parkinson** (9). They had a son, Norman Parkinson, who died a bachelor, at 69 and a daughter who died in infancy.

**David Brown** (6) married his first cousin, **Margaret Jane Parkinson** (11). They had three daughters - Olive Brown, Mrs. Howard Scroggie who had no family and Alma Brown, Mrs. Charles Copping who had one daughter and a third who died in infancy.

**Jane BROWN** was married to John Burns but had no children. A nephew, David Kyle, appears to have lived with them during this youth and eventually acquired their farm at Belwood, Ontario.

**Elizabeth BROWN** married John Lindsay. They were the parents of eleven of whom three died as children, one as a young bachelor and there was one daughter of whom nothing is known past the age of 24, when she was still single and at home. The other six children married and had families of their own, with two married to a first cousin.

**Susannah Lindsay** (7) and **Alexander Brown** (4) see above.

**John Lindsay** (8) married his first cousin **Mary Olive Parkinson** (10). They had two daughters who died in infancy and Mary died after the birth of her second child. John remarried and had a son and three daughters.

Two grandsons of Elizabeth Brown Lindsay carried on the Brown tradition of marrying cousins. They were: **Theodore Reuben Boyce** (15) who married his Boyce first cousin, Suzanna Scroggie. There were no children from this marriage.

**William Rufus Boyce** (16) married his Boyce first cousin, Ada Maude Boyce. They were parents of four children. One of their daughters, **Edith Maude Boyce** (17) married a cousin, **Bertram Lester Parkinson** (20); he was her third cousin, both being great grand children of Robert and Margaret Brown.

**James BROWN** first married Hannah Burns who was childless. By his second wife, Mary Robinson, he had twelve children. One daughter died in infancy and two daughters remained single and of one son I have no further information. Those who married did so outside the Brown family and had families.

**Suzannah BROWN** was married to George Parkinson and the mother of eleven. One daughter died in infancy and a son died accidentally as a youth. The other nine children married and had children. Three married first cousins as outlined above.

**Robert Parkinson** (9) took as a second wife, **Jane Anne Brown** (5).

**Mary Olive Parkinson** (10) married **John Lindsay** (8).

**Margaret Jane Parkinson** (11) married **David Brown** (6).

In the family of James Parkinson (who was a son of Susan Brown Parkinson), there were several marriages between cousins. He had seven children with his wife, Mary Holtby.<sup>1</sup> **Hattie Maud Parkinson** (18) married her Parkinson first cousin, **James Addison Kirkwood** (19). He was a grandson of Susan Brown Parkinson by her daughter Suzanna, Mrs. John Kirkwood.

George Ernest Parkinson, a son of James and Mary, and his wife Maggie Burns; they had six children including. **Bertram Lester Parkinson** (20) married to **Edith Maude Boyce** (17), as mentioned. Another son, **Clifford George Parkinson** (21) married Bertha Ruth Parkinson. They were third cousins on the Parkinson side; she from the Ralph Parkinson line. Ralph was George Parkinson's elder brother. The youngest son, **Douglas Maby Parkinson**, (22) married Mary Isabella Copping; they both were great grand children of Thomas Kite and Isabella Holmes and second cousins.

The eldest son of James Parkinson and Mary Holtby was Frederick Parkinson; he married Eudora Copping. Their daughter, **Rowena Mabel Parkinson** (29) married her first cousin once removed, **Victor Digby Rourke** (30). His mother, Elizabeth Parkinson Rourke was a daughter of George and Susan Brown.

**Shirley Ann Clayton** (31) is a granddaughter of Fred and is married to **Gordon James Rourke** (32). They are second cousins once removed from George Parkinson and Susan Brown. Shirley through James Parkinson and Gordon from James's sister Elizabeth Parkinson Rourke.

A great granddaughter of Frederick Parkinson, **Janice Lynne Tinkler** (33) is married to **Martin Frederick Rourke** (34). They are third cousins once removed from George Parkinson and Susan Brown through the same connections. (Janice's parents were fifth cousins once removed, see next paragraph.)

In the Fred Parkinson family there are four marriages to third cousins once removed from the Tinkler - Holtby line; two families that repeatedly intermarried.

**Phyllis Catherine Parkinson** (35) to James Earl Tinkler, **Eileen Eudora Parkinson**

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<sup>1</sup> The Holtby and Tinkler families are marked by frequent intermarriage beginning with the marriage of Thomas Tinkler to Jane Ann Holtby. Details are found below and in the chapters on those families.

(36) to Melvin Tinkler, **Joan Maud Parkinson** (37) to William Elmer Tinkler and **Claire Frances Clayton** (38) to Austin Philip Tinkler.

The youngest son of James and Mary was Edwin Parkinson who married Mary Kinsey Hamilton. They were parents of **Llewella Daisy Parkinson** (23) who married **Elton Smith Parkinson** (24), a son of Daniel Parkinson and Jane Smith. They were first cousins, once removed from Susan Brown and George Parkinson. Another child of Edwin, **Elmer Kinsey Parkinson** (25) married his second cousin **Alene Grace Peasley** (26), a grand daughter of Daniel Parkinson and Jane Smith. **Brian Elmer Parkinson** (27) (son of Elmer and Alene) is the husband of **Lou Anne Prud'homme** (28) a 2X great grand daughter of James Parkinson and Mary Holtby. They are third cousins once removed.

**Agnes (Nancy) BROWN** married David Kyle and they were parents of six children. One son remained single, three sons married and the two daughters both married cousins.

**Margaret Jane Kyle** (12) married **Robert Brown** (1); see above.

**(Kate) Catherine Emma Kyle** (13) married **John Lindsay Boyce** (14) her Brown first cousin once removed. They had no children. His mother was Malinda Lindsay (a daughter of Elizabeth Brown Lindsay and her husband William Boyce).

**Summary of Brown Cousins  
as numbered, above**

**William Brown Family**

1. **Robert Brown**
2. **William Joseph Brown**
4. **Alexander Brown**
5. **Jane Anne Brown**
6. **David Brown**

**Spouses**

12. **Margaret Jane Kyle**
3. **Mary Ann Irwin**
7. **Susannah Lindsay**
9. **Robert Parkinson**
11. **Margaret Jane Parkinson**

**Elizabeth Brown Family**

8. **John Lindsay**
15. **Theodore Reuben Boyce**
16. **William Rufus Boyce**
17. **Edith Maude Boyce**

**Spouses**

10. **Mary Olive Parkinson**  
to a Boyce cousin
- to a Boyce cousin
20. **Bertram Lester Parkinson**

**Suzannah Brown family**

18. **Hattie Maud Parkinson**
21. **Clifford George Parkinson**
22. **Douglas Mabyn Parkinson**
29. **Rowena Mabel Parkinson**
31. **Shirley Ann Clayton**
33. **Janice Lynne Tinkler**
35. **Phyllis Catherine Parkinson**
36. **Eileen Eudora Parkinson**
37. **Joan Maud Parkinson**
38. **Claire Frances Clayton**
23. **Llewella Daisy Parkinson**
25. **Elmer Kinsey Parkinson**
27. **Brian Elmer Parkinson**

**Spouses**

19. **James Addison Kirkwood**  
to a Parkinson family cousin
- to a Kite family cousin
30. **Victor Digby Rourke**
32. **Gordon James Rourke**
34. **Martin Frederick Rourke**  
to a Holtby family cousin
- to a Holtby family cousin
- to a Holtby family cousin
- to a Holtby family cousin
24. **Elton Smith Parkinson**
26. **Alene Grace Peasley**
28. **Lou Anne Prud'homme**