
PLAIN BROWN RAPPER

News for the Tandy and Grace Brown Family

January 1999

THE BLIZZARD OF '49

When I read articles about the Y2K crisis that we are to experience, I find the whole thing just a little incredible. In the great state of Wyoming, we head into each winter with a Y2K crisis of our own, it's called a blizzard. The fireplace salesmen are saying, "Y2K is coming-- you will lose your power and freeze to death, buy a fireplace!" The dried food merchants are saying, "Y2K is coming--you will have no food or water for 6 months, better stock up!!" Buy a generator, stock up on blankets, on and on, but a blizzard can be just as large a problem and much more common.

In the winter of 1887-88, the cattle ranches in Wyoming were nearly wiped out because of a blizzard. Most of the ranches were run by owners living in England and consequently didn't know the folly of "range type" management of their herds on Wyoming's Plains. The ranchers themselves, survived because they were used to keeping a supply of food on hand that would last them for many weeks if they were unable to get to town.

As you remember in the December Plain Brown Rapper, Charles talked about the blizzard of '49 and the impact it had on his travels home from China. There was also a

huge impact on the State of Wyoming and the surrounding areas. This period of time was right after World War II and there was prosperity in Wyoming (and everywhere) with the defense industry and unemployment was at an all time low. Farmers and Ranchers were no longer keeping weeks of supplies on hand, they all had cars or trucks and went to town two or three times a week. They had learned to bring their cattle in closer and as a result, the cattle lived, the humans perished. On January 2, 1949 a snow storm moved into Wyoming with howling winds that would bury the state for many weeks. The State organized on January 3 and consequently, a greater disaster was diverted.

Vivian and Frank Beardslee were living on a farm at Buckeye, Colorado. About 30 miles S/W of Cheyenne. They worked very hard on that farm and the "Blizzard of '49" is not a fond memory for Vivian. She writes: *"I remember the terrible 1949 blizzard and how we were stuck out there on the farm, milking all those cows twice a day. Nobody was able to get there with a milk truck to haul it away. We fed milk to the hogs and the chickens, made ice cream with all that cream and finally had to throw gallons of it away because the milk company couldn't use it."*

We had to tie a rope to the back door and across the driveway, tying the other end to the barn door so you could find your way to the barn. If you had wandered off into a field, you would have frozen to death before anyone could find you."

Pat and I were the eldest children home at that time. Dick was in the Marines, Nancy and Bob were married and living in an apartment. Pat was spending the night with a girl friend and I had gone to the band teacher's house to baby sit for his children. Pat made it home in two days, I took three. Mr. Blondquist walked me home (it was only about three blocks) during a lull in the storm. He told mother that I ate too much (can you imagine) and she gave him canned milk and etc. from the Fruit room. I don't remember ever being so happy to get home.

Snow was packed across the front porch and we came in through the back door into the kitchen.

Dad was stuck with his train down at Burns. They were without power and there is only a small Railroad Station there. They took all the passengers off the train and the National Guard and Army Air Corp (they were stationed at Warren Air Force Base and had not been deployed or disbanded at this time in 1949) dropped blankets and food to them. The railroad had a huge rotary plow they used to get to the stranded crew and passengers, but it took several days. Still, they were one of the lucky trains. At least they could go into the depot. Some trains were stuck out in the open without heat or food. They survived only because supplies were air dropped to them.

Norman French played a huge roll in the survival of the cattle, especially in Natrona and the surroundings counties. He was the County Agent for Natrona County at that time and he coordinated the efforts

of National Guard, private pilots and Army Air Force. He was credited with the survival of many cattle and wildlife, mostly because of his knowledge of the terrain and where the herds would most likely have headed in a storm.

The entire area joined forces to help. My husband, Bob, lived in a housing complex called Frontier Villa. It was a two story structure and they had to go to the apartment above, climb out a window and slide down the drift to dig into their doorway. All the neighbors, especially the young boys had a great time digging out the doorways for everyone. He said he remembers how grateful everyone was for their efforts to get them free.

Dick said mother suggested he should not have detained Charles in California. He said it was just a suggestion, but if you remember mother's suggestions, they were more like — and don't ever do that again!!!

One of the things I will always remember about any storm, the smell of homemade cinnamon rolls and a pot of chile brewing on the stove.

A snow storm is a frightening time, there is one going on right now and as usual, the snow is blowing in a horizontal position. The weather bureau is forecasting a heavy winter storm, but it really doesn't matter, we have plenty of food and can just curl up by the fireplace. Y2K — bring it on!!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 9 th	Dick Brown
January 19 th	Orpha Brown
January 20 th	Mike Brown

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 5 th	Leah Shriver
February 14 th	Roy Brown
February 26 th	LaVena Brown

Attached to this newsletter is a Family Tree for the first three generations of the Tandy and Grace Brown Family. In March I will add the third and fourth generations. You will need to look it over carefully and let me know of any errors and additions.



This picture must have been taken in approximately 1935, Pat looks like she is about 1 year old and we had recently moved into the house at 1717 Alexander Ave.

Back row, l to r: June, Betty, Dad, Anna
Middle, l to r: Leah, Leonard, Nancy
Front row, l to r: Mom, Grandma Eidam with Pat, Charles (with the cat), Dolfe, Frank (with Tippy the dog)

On the back of this picture in mother's handwriting is the notation: *"Here we are - not quite all, but Roy's never in a picture and Dick was on the can. See Tippy and the cat?"*

I love that little bit of information!!!

Vivian was living in Michigan at that time and mother sent along this picture to her.

By "Special Request, I am once again printing the e-mail addresses of the family members. If you see an error in yours, please let me know.

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The book "Dear Father" is now in the book market. I advertized in the Gwinnett County Historical Society Publication and am receiving orders from history buffs and people with family names mentioned in the letters. If any of you want copies of the book, please let me know as soon as possible because I'm going to sell all of them I possible can. The price (for family members only) is \$10.00 for one or \$17.00 for two. The postage is the same for one or two. For non-family members the price is \$12.00 each.

The following is a copy of an unsolicited book review. It came as a complete surprise to me, she merely asked to read it, I didn't know she was going to put it in the paper.

CS Wyoming Tribune-Eagle Friday, November 27, 1998

Book corner

■ "Dear Father" by Dolfe VanAlyne (Pioneer Printing).
VanAlyne has compiled family letters written by her great-great uncles William Milton Nash and Thomas Washington Nash who were serving with Company E, 7th Regiment of Georgia Volunteers during the Civil War and wrote between May 1861 and October 1864 to their father Robert B. Nash. Letters written by the elder Nash to his wife, Frances Osborn Nash,

also are included, as are others.

The letters document more than just family matters as it covers a period of history which was truly American. They comprise a history of the battles and campaigns of the Civil War, the loss of one son and the imprisonment of another and the concerns and love of family members for one another.

We need to keep certain members of the family in our hearts and prayers. Vivian is having a really hard time with her back and has the flu to add to her misery. Anna also has the flu and is not doing well, Kathy Yenny's husband, Bob has pneumonia and is not getting along very well. Kathy is the care giver for him and for Anna both. Her lovely daughter Leanna is a lot of help, but the bulk of this rests on Kathy's shoulders. Bill Brown (Mike's son) is recovering from some recent surgery and could use a prayer or two. Please, as you say your daily prayers make sure to keep these family members close in your hearts.

Watch for a wonderful love story in the February Plain Brown Rapper!!

Descendants of Tandy Parks Brown

Generation No. 1

1. TANDY PARKS⁵ BROWN (*GEORGE MALCOMB⁴, TANDY WILLIAM³, JOSIAH², JOSEPH¹*) was born December 04, 1889 in Gloster, Gwinnett County, Georgia, and died November 07, 1961 in Los Angeles, California. He married GRACE CLEO PARKER November 16, 1912 in Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming, daughter of WILL PARKER and MARY DAVIS.

Children of TANDY BROWN and GRACE PARKER are:

2. i. VIVIAN GRACE⁶ BROWN, b. August 20, 1913, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming.
3. ii. ANNA MARY BROWN, b. July 19, 1914, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming.
3. iii. TANDY PARKS BROWN, JR., b. December 12, 1916, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming; d. December 24, 1916, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming.
4. iv. ROY HINES BROWN, b. February 13, 1918, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming.
5. v. ELLA JUNE BROWN, b. June 28, 1919, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming.
6. vi. THELMA GRACE (BETTY) BROWN, b. December 01, 1920, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming; d. April 22, 1946, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming.
7. vii. LEAH GEORGIA BROWN, b. February 05, 1922, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming.
8. viii. FRANK DREXEL BROWN, b. April 08, 1923, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming.
9. ix. LEONARD ALBERT BROWN, b. May 22, 1924, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming; d. June 07, 1996, Phoenix, Arizona.
- x. STUART GEORGE BROWN, b. October 12, 1925, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming; d. June 25, 1934, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming.
10. xi. CHARLES CALVIN BROWN, b. July 27, 1927, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming.
11. xii. NANCY JEAN BROWN, b. September 09, 1928, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming.
12. xiii. FRANCIS RICHARD BROWN, b. January 09, 1930, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming.
13. xiv. BARBARA RUDOLPHIA BROWN, b. June 28, 1932, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming.
14. xv. PATRICIA LOUISE BROWN, b. May 31, 1934, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming.
- xvi. SANDRA SHIRLEY BROWN, b. October 25, 1938, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming; d. January 09, 1942, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming.
15. xvii. MICHAEL KARL BROWN, b. January 20, 1941, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming.

Generation No. 2

2. VIVIAN GRACE⁶ BROWN (*TANDY PARKS⁵, GEORGE MALCOMB⁴, TANDY WILLIAM³, JOSIAH², JOSEPH¹*) was born August 20, 1913 in Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming. She married FRANK KLINE BEARDSLEE May 15, 1933 in Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming, son of FRANK BEARDSLEE and JESSIE HALSEY.

Children of VIVIAN BROWN and FRANK BEARDSLEE are:

16. i. ROBERT FRANK⁷ BEARDSLEE, b. April 28, 1934, Cheyenne, Wyoming.
17. ii. STUART KENNETH BEARDSLEE, b. June 11, 1935, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming.
18. iii. NANCY JUNE BEARDSLEE, b. November 03, 1936, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming.

3. ANNA MARY⁶ BROWN (*TANDY PARKS⁵, GEORGE MALCOMB⁴, TANDY WILLIAM³, JOSIAH², JOSEPH¹*) was born July 19, 1914 in Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming. She married NORMAN HUGHES FRENCH March 03, 1940 in Lincoln, Nebraska, son of CLARENCE FRENCH and ELIZABETH HUGHES.

Children of ANNA BROWN and NORMAN FRENCH are:

- i. JOANNE⁷ FRENCH, b. October 20, 1939; m. JOHN BYRON JACKA, April 08, 1961, Phoenix, Arizona.
19. ii. NICKI FRENCH, b. October 12, 1945.
20. iii. KATHLEEN (KATHI) FRENCH, b. November 17, 1946.

4. ROY HINES⁶ BROWN (*TANDY PARKS⁵, GEORGE MALCOMB⁴, TANDY WILLIAM³, JOSIAH², JOSEPH¹*) was born February 13, 1918 in Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming. He married ALICE LOUISE DENTON in Corvallis, Oregon.

Children of ROY BROWN and ALICE DENTON are:

21. i. DENTON⁷ BROWN, b. November 04, 1944.
- ii. ROSEMARY BROWN, b. March 07, 1947; m. TODD CHURCH.
22. iii. RICHARD ROY BROWN, b. January 07, 1951.

5. ELLA JUNE⁶ BROWN (*TANDY PARKS⁵, GEORGE MALCOMB⁴, TANDY WILLIAM³, JOSIAH², JOSEPH¹*) was born June 28, 1919 in Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming. She married GEORGE ALBERT SMITH July 31, 1948 in Casper, Natrona County, Wyoming, son of GEORGE SMITH and MOZELL DUNTON.

Children of ELLA BROWN and GEORGE SMITH are:

- i. JAMES BLAKE⁷ SMITH, b. December 10, 1949.
- ii. KERRY B SMITH, b. October 27, 1950.
23. iii. GREG ALLEN SMITH, b. June 18, 1952.
24. iv. KIRK DOUGLAS SMITH, b. August 18, 1956.

6. THELMA GRACE (BETTY)⁶ BROWN (*TANDY PARKS⁵, GEORGE MALCOMB⁴, TANDY WILLIAM³, JOSIAH², JOSEPH¹*) was born December 01, 1920 in Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming, and died April 22, 1946 in Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming. She married CHARLES CLARENCE SYLVESTER in Casper, Natrona County, Wyoming, son of CASS SYLVESTER and ELIZABETH PETERBAUGH.

Children of THELMA BROWN and CHARLES SYLVESTER are:

25. i. ILENE RAE⁷ SYLVESTER, b. October 11, 1941, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming.
26. ii. SALLY ELIZABETH SYLVESTER, b. December 28, 1942, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming.
27. iii. DONNA PATRICIA SYLVESTER, b. March 15, 1946.

7. LEAH GEORGIA⁶ BROWN (*TANDY PARKS⁵, GEORGE MALCOMB⁴, TANDY WILLIAM³, JOSIAH², JOSEPH¹*) was born February 05, 1922 in Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming. She married WILLIS A. SHRIVER November 23, 1940 in Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming, son of IRVIN SHRIVER and EMILY KELSO.

Children of LEAH BROWN and WILLIS SHRIVER are:

28. i. SHIRLEY SUSAN⁷ SHRIVER, b. November 17, 1941.
29. ii. JEANETTE LOUISE SHRIVER, b. November 11, 1943.
30. iii. GERALDINE LEE SHRIVER, b. April 17, 1945.
31. iv. EMILY JAYNE SHRIVER, b. October 29, 1947.

8. FRANK DREXEL⁶ BROWN (*TANDY PARKS⁵, GEORGE MALCOMB⁴, TANDY WILLIAM³, JOSIAH², JOSEPH¹*) was born April 08, 1923 in Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming. He married MARILYN ADELAIDE LAMB March 22, 1947 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, daughter of WILLIAM LAMB and MARGARET MINTON.

Children of FRANK BROWN and MARILYN LAMB are:

32. i. TANDY WILLIAM⁷ BROWN, b. April 19, 1949.
- ii. RICHARD DREXEL BROWN, b. July 01, 1951.
33. iii. CHRISTY LYN BROWN, b. January 17, 1953.

9. LEONARD ALBERT⁶ BROWN (*TANDY PARKS⁵, GEORGE MALCOMB⁴, TANDY WILLIAM³, JOSIAH², JOSEPH¹*) was born May 22, 1924 in Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming, and died June 07, 1996 in Phoenix, Arizona. He married ORPHA GINA GRIMSRUD June 04, 1950 in Wildrose, North Dakota, daughter of EDWARD GRIMSRUD and SIGNE JOHNSON.

Child of LEONARD BROWN and ORPHA GRIMSRUD is:

34. i. STUART MICHAEL⁷ BROWN, b. August 16, 1953.

10. CHARLES CALVIN⁶ BROWN (*TANDY PARKS⁵, GEORGE MALCOMB⁴, TANDY WILLIAM³, JOSIAH², JOSEPH¹*) was born July 27, 1927 in Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming. He married (1) BARBARA ANN BROOKHART August 26, 1953 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, daughter of KENNETH BROOKHART and MARGARET MCFARLAND. He married (2) LAVENA LESTER February 09, 1963 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, daughter of LOUIS LESTER and EUNICE LAY.

Children of CHARLES BROWN and BARBARA BROOKHART are:

- 35. i. KENNETH⁷ BROWN, b. July 09, 1952.
- 36. ii. CINDY BROWN, b. April 23, 1954.
- iii. RONALD BROWN, b. April 05, 1957; m. JODI EDWARDS.
- iv. NATALIE DAWN BROWN, b. December 09, 1969.

11. NANCY JEAN⁶ BROWN (*TANDY PARKS⁵, GEORGE MALCOMB⁴, TANDY WILLIAM³, JOSIAH², JOSEPH¹*) was born September 09, 1928 in Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming. She married ROBERT ARTHUR TREADWAY April 25, 1948 in Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming, son of ARTHUR TREADWAY and PEARL SYLVESTER.

Children of NANCY BROWN and ROBERT TREADWAY are:

- 37. i. MARY ANN⁷ TREADWAY, b. July 27, 1960, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming.
- ii. MATTHEW ARTHUR TREADWAY, b. March 20, 1962.

12. FRANCIS RICHARD⁶ BROWN (*TANDY PARKS⁵, GEORGE MALCOMB⁴, TANDY WILLIAM³, JOSIAH², JOSEPH¹*) was born January 09, 1930 in Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming. He married MARTHA SOPHIE WACHTER BAUMAN June 11, 1955 in Alliance, Nebraska, daughter of BERNARD BAUMAN and LEONA WACHTER.

Children of FRANCIS BROWN and MARTHA BAUMAN are:

- 38. i. REBECCA MARIE⁷ BROWN, b. January 26, 1956.
- 39. ii. MARY JEAN BROWN, b. January 12, 1957.
- 40. iii. MARTHA JOAN BROWN, b. January 12, 1957.
- 41. iv. SARAH GRACE BROWN, b. September 17, 1959.
- 42. v. CHARLES RICHARD BROWN, b. November 13, 1963.
- vi. DOROTHY KATHLEEN BROWN, b. December 14, 1964.

13. BARBARA RUDOLPHIA⁶ BROWN (*TANDY PARKS⁵, GEORGE MALCOMB⁴, TANDY WILLIAM³, JOSIAH², JOSEPH¹*) was born June 28, 1932 in Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming. She married (1) ROBERT ARTHUR VANALYNE November 24, 1951 in Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming, son of WALTER VANALYNE and CHARLOTTE WRIGHT. She married (2) ROBERT ARTHUR VANALYNE, SR. November 24, 1951 in Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming, son of WALTER VANALYNE and CHARLETTE WRIGHT.

Children of BARBARA BROWN and ROBERT VANALYNE are:

- i. ROBERT ARTHUR⁷ VANALYNE, b. June 15, 1952. *c: August 1, 1985*
- 43. ii. BARBARA ADELLE VANALYNE, b. September 01, 1953, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming.
- 44. iii. ROGER PARKS VANALYNE, b. March 31, 1956, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming.
- 45. iv. RODNEY KARL VANALYNE, b. January 12, 1962, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming.

14. PATRICIA LOUISE⁶ BROWN (*TANDY PARKS⁵, GEORGE MALCOMB⁴, TANDY WILLIAM³, JOSIAH², JOSEPH¹*) was born May 31, 1934 in Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming. She married JAMES ROYAL WHITE August 25, 1956 in Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming, son of BURK WHITE and FLORENCE HARRIS.

Children of PATRICIA BROWN and JAMES WHITE are:

- 47. i. JAMES ALLEN⁷ WHITE, b. April 08, 1957.
- 48. ii. ENID ILENE WHITE, b. September 25, 1958.
- 49. iii. DAVID BURK WHITE, b. June 02, 1960.
- 50. iv. JANET PATRICIA WHITE, b. July 30, 1961.
- v. BRUCE JOEL WHITE, b. January 13, 1963; m. SARKA JOY HEGGS.
- vi. EDWIN LAURIE WHITE, b. June 18, 1964.
- vii. PERRY KENTON WHITE, b. October 08, 1967.
- viii. PAGE DARREN WHITE, b. December 15, 1968.

15. MICHAEL KARL⁶ BROWN (*TANDY PARKS⁵, GEORGE MALCOMB⁴, TANDY WILLIAM³, JOSIAH², JOSEPH¹*) was born January 20, 1941 in Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming. He married NANETTE METZ November 25, 1961 in Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming, daughter of WILLIAM METZ and ROSE MORLEY.

Children of MICHAEL BROWN and NANETTE METZ are:

- 51. i. WILLIAM TANDY⁷ BROWN, b. July 08, 1963.
- 52. ii. AMY BROWN, b. March 27, 1965.
- 53. iii. KATHRINE BROWN, b. September 28, 1967.
- iv. JENNIFER BROWN, b. January 26, 1970; m. JASON SAMMIS.