

BRICKWALL: ELLEN BROWN'S FAMILY GROUP SHEET

Genealogical Problem: Ellen Brown was born in Reading, Berks, and was baptized at St Mary's Church on 20 July 1823. She was described in the register as the daughter of John and Lucy Brown. We know from Ellen's marriage certificate that her father was deceased by the time she married Charles Turner and that he'd been a wood turner in the Chapelry of Greenham, in the village of Thatcham, Berks, before his death, but there were quite a few John Browns from that area who were skilled turners, many employed as mop makers. Although there are no baptismal records of the couple's other children in the St Mary's register, it appears from other records that John and Lucy had at least five children, born between 1814–1825. There is also no obvious marriage record for this couple in the parishes of Greenham, Thatcham, or Reading, although there are several John Brown marriages to women named Lucy which should be evaluated. The surprisingly abundant number of John and Lucy Browns living in Berkshire at that time, combined with the confusion of all the John Browns working in the wood turning trade in the area, makes proving the kinships very difficult.

Goal: Properly identify John Brown and Lucy_____, the parents of Ellen Brown, and locate their birth, marriage, and death records.

What is known:

- ✓ Ellen Brown was baptized at St Mary's Church in Reading, Berkshire, on 20 July 1823. Her parents were identified in the register as John and Lucy Brown ^[1]
- ✓ According to Ellen's marriage certificate, her father was John Brown, deceased, of Greenham, and he had been employed as a turner. One of the witnesses to the wedding was Hannah Brown.^[2]

ANALYSIS

John Brown and Lucy who?

A search on *Familysearch* and *Ancestry.com* for Berkshire marriages circa 1814, between John Brown and a woman named Lucy, produced a short list of 2:

- Marriage of John Brown & Lucy Justice, 11 August 1806, Thatcham ^[3]
- Marriage of John Brown & Lucy Burton, 27 December 1808, Greenham ^[4]

¹ "England Births and Christenings, 1538–1975," database, Ellen Browne, 1823; *Familysearch* (<http://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 30 December 2011); citing St. Mary's Baptisms, 1813–1869, images of original records, FHL British film 1,040,618. Note that FHL British film 1,279,467, citing "Bishop's Transcripts of St. Mary's Church, Reading, 1607–1835," shows the baptism date of 6 September 1823.

² Newbury, Berkshire, England, marriage certificate for Charles Turner & Ellen Brown, 1845, citing Jul-Aug-Sep, Newbury, vol. 6:279; given at General Register Office, London; copy held by author.

³ "England Marriages, 1538–1973," database, John Brown & Lucy Justice, 1806; *Familysearch* (<http://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 29 December 2011); FHL film 1,040,693.

⁴ "England Marriages, 1538–1973," database, John Brown & Lucy Burton, 1808; *Familysearch* (<http://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 29 December 2011); FHL film 88,265.

While a man born in 1788 could have married in 1806, he would have required parental permission and there is nothing in the *Familysearch* extraction of the record to suggest an underage notation was made in the register. The 1808 marriage seems more reasonable, but still unlikely as there is no record of this couple baptizing a child in Thatcham, Greenham, Newbury, or any of the churches in Reading until 1823. There is a marriage between John Brown and Lucy Fulton, in Coventry, Warwickshire, 29 September 1817.^[5] Because Ellen make have been a product of John's second marriage, this couple should be researched.

John and Lucy's Family:

The only baptism on record in Reading parishes (St. Mary's, St. Giles, and St. Lawrence) is daughter Ellen's in 1823, but, it's possible to reconstruct their family using census records and inferential genealogy. That Ellen's marriage was witnessed by Hannah Brown, suggests Hannah was a close family member. Traditionally, an older sister stood up for the bride, although if Ellen were an only child, Hannah may have been a cousin. Ellen was 18 in 1841, and although her record in the 1841 census hasn't yet been located, there is a record of Lucy Brown, age 50, and three young women—Lucy, age 20, Hannah, age 20, and Mary, age 15, living in Greenham, the village in which Ellen was married four years later.^[6] Lucy was described as a charwoman (what is today known as a cleaning lady) and the younger Lucy was a dressmaker. There is nothing in this census record which directly identifies the family as Ellen's; however, other census and church records corroborate the connection.

Following Ellen through the UK censuses provides clues to her own family:

- 1851 Ellen and Charles lived in Reading St. Mary, with three children. Ellen was from Reading.^[7]
- 1861 Ellen and Charles lived on Prospect Street in Caversham, Oxfordshire, with their children. Also in the household was 12 year old niece Hannah Brown, born in Reading Berks, described as a Moulder's [Moulder's] daughter.^[8] Niece Hannah suggests Ellen had a brother, whose daughter was born in Reading about 1849.
- ✓ A search on *Familysearch* for Hannah Brown, born in Berkshire 1848–1850, produced only one birth record: a baptism at Reading St Mary of Hannah, daughter of Joseph and Eliza Brown, on 17 April 1848.^[9]
 - ✓ Hannah was enumerated with Joseph and Eliza on the 1851 census in Northwood, West Cowes, Isle of Wight, where Joseph (age 37), born in Reading, Berks, was employed as a brass and iron founder. Joseph's wife Eliza (age 37) was born in Brading, Isle of Wight. Other children were George (age 7) born in West Cowes, John (age 4) born in

⁵ "England Marriages, 1538–1973," database, Brown & Fulton, 1817; *Familysearch* (<http://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 29 December 2011); citing FHL film 502,202.

⁶ "1841 UK census," digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 March 2009), entry for Lucy Brown, age 50, Thatcham, Greenham Chapelry, citing TNA microfilm HO107 Piece 17; Book: 34; Folio: 12; Page: 18; Line: 11. Enumerators for this census were instructed to report the ages of children under 15 exactly, but to round down to the nearest 5 for anyone 15 and older. So Lucy was age 50–54, young Lucy and Hannah were between ages 20–24, and Mary was age 15–19.

⁷ "1851 England Census," digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 3 March 2009), entry for Charles Turner, Reading St Mary; citing TNA Microfilm HO107, piece 1692, folio 285, p.41, household 183.

⁸ "1861 England Census," digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 3 March 2009), entry for Charles Turner, Caversham, Oxfordshire; citing TNA Microfilm RG9 Piece: 883; Folio: 13; Page: 20, household 86.

⁹ "England Births and Christenings, 1538–1975," database, Hannah Brown, 1848; *Familysearch* (<http://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 30 December 2011); citing FHL film 1,040,618.

- Wallingford, Berks, and Henry (3 mo.) born in West Cowes. ^[10]
- ✓ Hannah's marriage record confirms her connection to Joseph and also to Ellen. She was married from St Giles on 14 December 1870, to William Jasper Angliss, age 22, a shopman at 5 Leopold Road, son of carpenter John Morgan Angliss. Hannah was age 21, living at 53 King's Road, daughter of iron founder Joseph Brown. Witnesses were Henry Turner and Louisa Turner.¹¹ Henry was Hannah's 1st cousin, the son of her Aunt Ellen Brown, with whom she'd lived in the 1860s. Louisa was Henry's wife. Hannah and William eventually settled in Tottenham, Middlesex, where William worked as a hatter.¹²
 - ✓ By 1881, Joseph was a widower, living in the Newbury Union Workhouse. He was enumerated as a moulter, age 66, born in Newbury, Berks.^[13] He appears to have died in the Workhouse in early 1890 (GRO death certificate Jan–Feb–Mar, Newbury, Berkshire, Vol. 2c:165).
 - ✗ What Joseph did in the intervening years between 1851–1891 is a mystery. An *Ancestry.com* search for Joseph, born in Berkshire 1815 +/-5, has not produced a record for him in the 1841, 1861, or 1871 UK censuses. As with Joseph's daughter Hannah, locating the other members of Joseph's family who were enumerated on the 1851 census, sheds light on Ellen's kinships and provide clues to her parents:
 - ✓ Joseph's son George, born in West Cowes around 1844, was a moulter's apprentice, lodging with the Floyd family at Brunswick Place. ^[14] This *Ancestry* search turned up no records for George on any other UK census. (30 December 2011)
 - ✓ Joseph's son John, born in Wallingford Berks around 1847
 - ✓ Joseph's youngest daughter Ellen, born in West Cowes around 1855, was living with various relatives in 1871 and 1881:
 - ✓ In 1871, Ellen Brown, age 17, born in Cowes Hampshire, was living with Robert and Hannah Hague in Newbury Berks.^[15] Hannah was described as a niece. Robert, age 45, born in Richmond Surrey, was manager at the Gas Works. Hannah, his wife, was age 45, from Newbury. A marriage record between Robert Morris Hague, full age bachelor engineer from Newbury, and Hannah Brown, full age spinster of Caversham, at St. Peter's, Caversham, Oxfordshire, on 11 October 1857, confirms her as the daughter of John Brown, turner. Charles and Ellen [Brown] Turner were witnesses. ^[16]

¹⁰ "1851 UK census," digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 29 December 2011), entry for Joseph Brown, Northwood, West Cowes, Isle of Wight; citing TNA microfilm HO107, piece 1662, folio 161, page 20, household 83, Brunswick Road.

¹¹ Irene Littleby, Michael & Margaret Woodall, transcribers, *Parish Registers for the Parish Church of St Giles, Reading Berkshire, 1564–1990*, CD-ROM ed., PDF format (Berkshire: Trustees of Berkshire Family History Society, 2008); citing Reading, St Giles - Marriages 1868–1875; Berkshire Records Office, ref: D/P 96/1/23.

¹² "1891 UK census," digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 30 December 2011), entry for Hannah Angliss, Tottenham, Middlesex; citing TNA microfilm RG12, piece 1077, folio 66, page 35, household 225.

¹³ "1881 UK census," digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 30 December 2011), entry for Joseph Brown, age 66, Newbury Union Workhouse, Newbury, Berkshire; citing TNA microfilm RG11, piece 1270, folio 98, page 2, line 25.

¹⁴ "1861 UK census," digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 30 December 2011), entry for George Brown, Northwood, West Cowes, Isle of Wight; citing TNA microfilm RG9, piece 652, folio 40, page 14, household 87.

¹⁵ "1871 UK census," digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 December 2011), entry for Ellen Brown, Newbury District 6, Berkshire; citing TNA microfilm RG10, piece 1250, folio 30, page 13, household 85, Borough Arms.

¹⁶Pat Ford and Dr. Hugh Kearsey, "Caversham St. Peter Parish Registers," typescript (Oxfordshire: n.p., 2002), "Marriages," p.12, citing Berkshire Records Office (BRO) D/P 162/1/15 ; *Oxfordshire Parish Register Transcripts, South*

- ✓ In 1881, Ellen brown, age 26, born in West Cowes, Hants., was living on King's Road, Reading St. Giles, with tobacconist & stationer John Brown, widower, age 64, born in Newbury.^[17] Ellen is described as his niece and was John's housekeeper. Also in the household is John's nephew Henry Brown, age 28, painter, born in West Cowes, Hants. *Is Henry Ellen's brother? Is Uncle John the son of John and Lucy?*
- ✗ A search of *Ancestry's* 1861 UK census database for Ellen Brown, born around 1853, produced no record of Ellen, as either a daughter of Joseph and/or Eliza Brown, or as a niece or lodger who'd been born in or around West Cowes. Perhaps Joseph, Eliza, and their younger children were missed from the census, or the records were damaged, lost, or illegible.

Genealogical Sketch of John and Lucy Brown's Family

Using the information above, it's possible to summarize John and Lucy's family as such:

JOHN BROWN was a turner in the Chapelry of Greenham, Thatcham, Berkshire; he died between 1823–1841; he married LUCY_____, who survived him.

LUCY_____ was born in Berkshire, circa 1787–1791; she died in Reading, Berkshire, on 14 September 1871 and was buried in unconsecrated ground at the London Road Cemetery. After John's death, she lived with three of her daughters in Greenham, where she worked as a charwoman. In later life, she lived in the household of her married daughter Lucy Stroud.

Children of John Brown and Lucy_____ were:

- i. JOSEPH BROWN, born in Berkshire around 1814, married Eliza _____, born in Brading, Isle of Wight around 1814, before ? Joseph was a brass and iron founder, and was at various times referred to as a moulter. He and Eliza lived in Reading, Wallingford, and West Cowes, Isle of Wight in Hampshire.

Children of Joseph Brown and Eliza _____ were:

 - a. GEORGE BROWN, born in West Cowes around 1844
 - b. JOHN BROWN, born in Wallingford, Berkshire, around 1847
 - c. HANNAH BROWN, born in Reading and baptized at St. Mary's Church 17 April 1848; died in Hackney, London, in March 1885; married WILLIAM JASPER ANGLISS at Reading St. Giles on 14 December 1870, and settled in Tottenham, Middlesex, where William was employed as a retail hatter.
 - d. HENRY BROWN, born in West Cowes around 1850, and employed as a painter. He lived with his Uncle John Brown and sister Ellen in Newbury in 1881.
 - e. Ellen Brown, born in West Cowes around 1855.
- ii. JOHN BROWN, born in Newbury around 1817. He died, probably in Newbury, after 1881. He was a tobacconist and stationer living on King's Road, Newbury. For a time, his niece Ellen Brown lived with him and kept house, and nephew Henry boarded with him as well. According to the 1881 census, he was a widow, however no marriage record has been found.
- iii. LUCY BROWN, born in Thatcham around 1820; married millwright JAMES STROUD in Greenham Chapel on 9 November 1844. No record of issue. Lucy was a dressmaker.
- iv. ELLEN BROWN, baptized at Reading St Mary on 20 July 1823; married CHARLES TURNER in

Oxfordshire Area, Volume I, CD-ROM ed., PDF format (Oxfordshire: Oxfordshire Family History Society, 1994–2002), digital scans of micromedia.

¹⁷ "1881 UK census," digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 December 2011), entry for Ellen Brown, Reading St Giles, Berkshire, citing TNA microfilm RG11, piece 1308, folio 38, page 25, household 125.

Thatcham on 6 September 1845.

v. MARY BROWN, born in Thatcham around 1825.

The death of John Brown:

Locating a death record may help identify Ellen's father. Indirect evidence puts his death between 20 July 1823 (her baptism) and 6 September 1845 (her marriage). No record of a John and Lucy Brown exists in either the *Ancestry.com* or *FindMyPast* census indexes for 1841 in Berkshire, and a page by page search of Thatcham in the *Ancestry.com* images produced no couple who fit their description. If the charwoman Lucy Brown on the 1841 Stroud Green census is Ellen's mother, then it suggests John's death took place before 6 June 1841, the night the census was taken.

Possible candidates for Ellen's father include two men named John Brown whose ages at death put both their birth dates around 1788:

- John Brown, age 41, buried in Greenham on 28 March 1829.^[18]
- John Brown, age 49, buried at Reading St. Mary on 15 June 1836.^[19]

Because the clerk's information at death was sometimes just a guess, the age of either John could be wrong. If so, one may have been the John Brown baptized at Greenham Chapel on 30 March 1777 or 1778, son of Robert Brown and Lucy Clargo, who had married the year before in Enborne Berks on 19 June 1776. If that were the case, we might expect to have seen a son named Robert, but none exists. On the other hand, there is that troubling gap of six years between their wedding in 1808 and the birth of Ellen's brother Joseph around 1814, suggesting this is the wrong couple, or perhaps a son Robert was baptized earlier somewhere else. It's also possible Ellen's parents were married closer to 1813 or 1814. Perhaps the earlier children were the issue of a previous marriage, in which case Lucy was John's second wife.

Lucy After John's Death

Although 50 year old charwoman Lucy is not directly named John Brown's widow on the 1841 Thatcham census record, her connections to her children, and their relationships to both Lucy and John, indirectly link the records of this family and prove their kinships.

1851 By the 1851 census, Lucy's daughters Hannah and Lucy had both married, and Lucy herself and her youngest daughter Mary were enumerated in Reading St Giles, at the household of the younger Lucy, age 32 and her husband, millwright James Stroud, age 38, born in Bergen, Berkshire. Lucy, age 64, born in Greenham, was employed as a nurse and described as Mother-in-Law. Mary, age 25, born in Newbury, worked as a servant and was listed as Sister.^[20] Interestingly, James lived next door to the Brown's, or possibly was a border in their home, on the 1841 census. James and Lucy were married at Greenham Chapel on 9 November 1844. The certificate identifies Lucy as the daughter of John Brown, turner. Witnesses were William Patience and Ellen Brown, presumably her as yet unmarried sister.^[21]

¹⁸ Candrijm [PRIVATE USERNAME], "Greenham Death - John Brown," *Berkshire Lookup Requests*, discussion forum, 24 July 2010, (<http://www.rootschat.com> : accessed 24 July 2010).

¹⁹ *Berkshire Burial Index*, ninth edition, CD-ROM, PDF format (Reading: Berkshire Family History Society, 2010), entry for John Brown, 1836, Reading St. Mary.

²⁰ "1851 UK census," digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 1 January 2012), entry for Lucy Brown, Reading St Giles, Berkshire, citing TNA microfilm HO107, piece 1692, folio 507, page 36, household 157.

²¹ Newbury, Berkshire, marriage certificate for Stroud & Brown, 1844, citing Oct–Nov–Dec, vol. 6:413; given at General Register Office, London, copy held by author.

- 1861 Ten years later, James and young Mary were missing from the household and Lucy, age 42, married, described as "dressmaker wife of James Stroud." Widow Lucy, age 76, was described as her mother. The address was Kennet Side.
- 1871 Lucy, age 84, was living at Kennet Place in Reading St Giles, with dressmaker daughter Lucy, age 52, who was now described as a widow. ^[22]
- Lucy died of "old age" a few months after the census was taken, on 14 September 1871. The death certificate described her as widow of John Brown, turner and her address at the time of death was 7 Kennet Place, and the informant on the death was Lucy Stroud. ^[23] Lucy was buried on the 16th in unconsecrated ground at the London Road Cemetery in Reading, an area reserved for non-conformists. ^[24] This may explain the absence of baptism, marriage, and burial records for some members of the Brown family.
- 1881+ *Ancestry* search produced no census records for Lucy Stroud or her husband James.

RESEARCH NOTES

Possible Marriages of Ellen's parents:

Expanding the search for all marriages of John Brown to women named Lucy, 1808–1815 produced several marriages. Parish records show most of the couples had issue following the marriages. None of these couples appears to be a match.

Date	Location	Bride	Notes
16 Oct 1808	Farnham, Surrey	Lucy Chapple ¹	No issue baptisms in the Familysearch "England Births and Christenings" database, but FHL 800,470 & 800,473 cover baptisms for that period and could be searched.
31 Aug 1810	Modbury, Devon	Lucy Farley ²	This couple appears to have baptized six children in Modbury 1811–1819. See FHL film 916.861.
14 Oct 1810	St Martin, Birmingham, Warwick	Lucy Proctor ³	No baptism records on Familysearch for St Martin's, but other area churches have no records for this couple.
28 Jan 1812	All Saints, Wakefield, York	Lucy Garforth ⁴	One baptism for Thomas in 1819 at a Presb. church in Wakefield, and several others in Royston, but different names. See FHL film 828,167.
<p>¹"England Marriages, 1538–1973," database, Brown & Chapple, 1808; <i>Familysearch</i> (http://www.familysearch.org : accessed 30 December 2011); FHL film 800,471.</p> <p>²"England Marriages, 1538–1973," database, Brown & Farley, 1810; <i>Familysearch</i> (http://www.familysearch.org : accessed 30 December 2011); FHL film 916,862.</p> <p>³"England Marriages, 1538–1973," database, Brown & Proctor, 1810; <i>Familysearch</i> (http://www.familysearch.org : accessed 30 December 2011); FHL film 919,783.</p> <p>⁴"England Marriages, 1538–1973," database, Brown & Garforth, 1812; <i>Familysearch</i> (http://www.familysearch.org : accessed 30 December 2011); FHL film 98,549.</p>			

²² "1861 UK census," digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 1 January 2012), entry for Lucy Brown, Reading St Giles, Berkshire, citing TNA microfilm RG10, piece 1283, folio 104, page 21, household 127.

²³ Reading, Berkshire, England, death certificate for Lucy Brown, 1871; given at GRO, citing Jul-Aug-Sep, vol. 2c:210; copy held by author.

²⁴ *Berkshire Burial Index*, CD-ROM, entry for Lucy Brown, 1871, Reading.

Locating Ellen on the 1841 Census:

A search of *FindMyPast* reveals four possible Ellen Browns who were born around 1823, and were living in Berkshire in 1841:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ellen Brown, age 20, living with the Bowley family in White Waltham, Cookham, Berks. Also in the household is baby Leonard Brown, age 0¹ 	Too old; however, if she were an unwed mother, she may have lied about her age. <u>Should be researched further.</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ellen Brown, age 15, Chievely, Newbury, Berks² 	A member of the Abraham Brown family
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ellen Brown, age 17, St. Helen, Abingdon, Berks³ 	A member of the William Brown family
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ellen Brown, age 20, Newbury Union, Berks⁴ 	One of three servants living with Richard Best, surgeon. Too old, and no obvious connection to John and Lucy Brown.
<p>¹"1841 UK census," digital images, <i>FindMyPast</i> (http://www.findmypast.co.uk : accessed 30 December 2011), entry for Ellen Brown, age 20, White Waltham, Cookham, Berks, citing TNA microfilm HO107, piece 11, folio 14/9, page 12, line 4.</p> <p>²"1841 UK census," digital images, <i>FindMyPast</i> (http://www.findmypast.co.uk : accessed 30 December 2011), entry for Ellen Brown, age 15, Chievely, Newbury, Berks, citing TNA microfilm HO107, piece 16, folio 8/5, page 4, line 8.</p> <p>³"1841 UK census," digital images, <i>FindMyPast</i> (http://www.findmypast.co.uk : accessed 30 December 2011), entry for Ellen Brown, age 17, St. Helen, Abingdon, Berks, citing TNA microfilm HO107, piece 32, folio 1/14, page 22, line 6.</p> <p>⁴"1841 UK census," digital images, <i>FindMyPast</i> (http://www.findmypast.co.uk : accessed 30 December 2011), entry for Ellen Brown, age 20, Newbury Union, Berks, citing TNA microfilm HO107, piece 32, folio 2/16, page 26, line 10.</p>	

A search for Leonard Brown, born ca 1841, in census records (1851–1881) on *FindMyPast*, produced no match to the baby Leonard Brown (30 December 2011). But there is a record of a burial of 18 month old Leonard Brown at Blessed Virgin Mary Church, White Waltham, Cookham, on 1 May 2011. ^[25] [A look at Leonard's birth record may reveal whether or not his mother is the correct Ellen Brown. GRO Birth Certificate Jan-Feb-Mar 1845, Cookham Berks, vol. 6:202.](#)

John Brown:

- ✓ There is a burial of a John Brown, age 41, in Greenham on 28 March 1829, giving him an estimated birth year of 1788 (Candrijm [PRIVATE USERNAME], "Greenham Death - John Brown," *Berkshire Lookup Requests*, discussion forum, 24 July 2010, *Rootschat* (<http://www.rootschat.com> : accessed 24 July 2010)). ***No evidence has been located yet to prove this is Ellen's father.***

If this is the burial of Ellen's father, and the age at death is accurate, then Ellen's father was born about 1788:

- ✓ A John Brown, son of Wm Brown and Eliz., was baptized in Marcham, Berks, on 2 March 1788. "England Births and Christenings, 1538–1975," database entry for John Brown, 1788; *Familysearch* (<http://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 29 December 2011); FHL film 88,317.
- ✓ There are several other records of John Browns who were baptized in Berkshire around 1788 ("England & Wales Christening Records, 1530–1906," database; *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 17 December 2011):

²⁵ "Parish Records Collection–Burials," database, *FindMyPast* (<http://www.findmypast.co.uk> : accessed 30 December 2011), entry for Leonard Brown, 1842; citing Berkshire Burials, Berkshire Family History Society.

1. (A) John Brown, baptized 30 March 1778 in Greenham, son of Robert and Lucy Brown. This agrees with *Familysearch* extracted Greenham baptism for John Brown "England Births and Christenings, 1538–1975," database entry for John Brown, 1778; *Familysearch* (<http://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 29 December 2011); FHL film 1,279,458. However, *Familysearch* also shows the date as 30 March 1777. "England Births and Christenings, 1538-1975," database, entry for John Brown, 1777; *Familysearch* (<http://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 29 December 2011); FHL 88,265.
 2. (B) John Brown, baptized 23 September 1784, at St. Mary, Reading, son of George and Elizabeth Brown, maternal grandparents Joseph and Sarah Collier.
 3. (C) John Brown, baptized 2 July 1786 in Fyfield, Berks, son of Thomas and Jane Brown.
 4. (D) John Brown, baptized 25 February 1787, in Appleford, Berks (from *Familysearch*, son of John Brown and Mary Durham (accessed 29 December 2011); citing FHL film 254,494.)
 5. (E) John Brown, baptized 25 April 1790, in East Challow, Berks, son of John and Anne Brown.
- ✓ Additionally, *Familysearch* extracted church records show:
1. (F) John Brown, baptized 11 May 1783, Thatcham, son of John and Catherine. (accessed 29 December 2011); citing FHL film 1,040,692.
 2. (G) John Brown, baptized 16 July 1786, Welford, Berks, son of George and Hannah. (accessed 29 December 2011); citing FHL film 908,399.
 3. (H) John Brown, baptized 8 April 1787, Midgham, Berks, son of James and Mary. (accessed 29 December 2011); citing FHL film 1,279,463.
 4. (I) John Brown, baptized 12 February 1792, Thatcham, son of Thomas and Elizabeth. (accessed 29 December 2011); citing FHL film 1,040,692.
 5. (J) John Brown, baptized 18 August 1793, Finchampstead, Berks, son of James and Henery. (accessed 29 December 2011); citing FHL film 88,262.
 6. (K) John Brown, baptized 6 November 1793, Reading St Giles, son of John and Mary. (accessed 29 December 2011); citing FHL film 88,342.
- ✓ There is an even earlier baptism of a John Brown, son of Richard & Jane Brown at Reading St Giles on 18 April 1771 (Irene Littleby, Michael & Margaret Woodall, transcribers, *Parish Registers for the Parish Church of St Giles, Reading Berkshire, 1564–1990*, CD-ROM ed., PDF format (Berkshire: Trustees of Berkshire Family History Society, 2008); citing Reading, St Giles - Baptisms 1646–1787–Berkshire Records Office, ref: D/P 96/1/4.)

UK census records for John Brown, Berks

- ✓ **1841** Census records ("1841 U.K. Census," digital images, Ancestry.com (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 18 December 2011); TNA microfilm H0107, Kew, England.)
1. John Brown, b. ca 1776 Berkshire, Sarah Brown b. 1781, Hannah Brown b. 1826, Ellen Smith, b. 1826, Elizabeth Baker, F.S., b. 1826, John Carrie, Profr of Music, b. 1806, Jane Carrie, b. 1811, Alfred Carrie b. 1836, Frederick Carrie b. 1835 (Reading St Lawrence, piece 35, book 2, ED 2, folio 10, page 15, line 22, entry for John Brown, Wharfinger, Friar Street no. 143)

2. John Brown, b. ca 1786 Berkshire, Anne b. 1786, S. Brown b. 1811, Chas Brown b. 1834, Sarah Brown b. 1811, Thos Brown b. 1821 (Thatcham, Berks, piece 25, book 19, ED 9, folio 5, page 4, line 8, entry for John Brown) *See 1851 census #3*
 3. John Brown, coachmaker, b. ca 1786 Berkshire, Sophia, George, Emma, Mary, Elizabeth age 80, Ind. (Reading St Mary, Berks, piece 36, book 7, ED 7, folio 5, page 4, line 8, entry for John Brown). *See 1851 census #2.*
 4. John Brown, tailor, b. ca 1791, Berkshire, wife Sarah, **daug. Ellen (age 12)**, Jane (age 10), John (age 8), George (age 6), Emma (age 4), Ann (age 2). (Thatcham, Berks, piece 17, book 34, ED 3, folio 9, page 13, line 19, entry for John Brown, Stroud Green) *This Ellen is too young to be Charles's wife.*
 5. John Brown, carpenter, b. ca 1791 (Reading St Giles, Berks, piece 34, book 6, ED 6, folio 12, page 19, line 1, entry for John Brown, Silver Street). *See 1851 census #4.*
- ✓ **1851 census records** ("1851 U.K. Census," digital images, Ancestry.com (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 18 December 2011); TNA microfilm H0107, Kew, England.)
1. John Brown, undertaker, b. 1786 Reading, living in Marlybone, Middlesex, spouse Sarah, sons William and Thomas (also undertakers) and daughter Eliza. (Marlybone, Middlesex, piece 1489, folio 452, page 2, entry for John Brown, 32 Edgeware Road).
 2. John Brown, coach maker, b. 1784 Reading, living in Reading St Mary, wife Sophia, coachmaker son George, daug. Elizabeth, Sophia, Caroline, Emma, and Mary. (Reading St Mary, Berkshire, piece 1692, folio 135, page, 4, entry for John Brown, 42 Castle Street). *See 1841 census #3.*
 3. John Brown, turner, b. 1784 Thatcham, living in Thatcham, wife Anna of West Shefford, daughter Sarah, age 40, b. Thatcham (Thatcham, Berkshire, piece 1685, folio 79, page 16, entry for John Brown, Chapel Street). A death record for Anna Brown, age 75, of Thatcham, widow of John Brown, master turner, fits with this family, and so may a burial record for John Brown, age 81, in Thatcham on 12 July 1855.^[26] The age at death is in conflict with the census record, and the death certificate should be checked for verification. *See 1841 census #2*
 4. John Brown, carpenter employing 3 men & an apprent., b. 1785 Trowford, Berkshire, spouse Sarah, age 51, Reading. (Reading St Giles, Berkshire, piece 1692, folio 535, page 35, entry for John Brown, 86 Silver Street). *See 1841 census #5.*

Tracing Ellen's siblings:

Familysearch "England Births and Christenings 1538–1975" searched for possible children of John and Lucy Brown:

- Search: Children born to John and Lucy Brown in Berkshire 1808–1826
- ✓ Search: Joseph Brown, born in England 1808–1822, parents John and Lucy:
 - ? Joseph Brown, son of John & Lucy, baptized at St. Cuthberts, Darlington, Durham on 4 December 1817 (FHL film 1,514,686). This couple also baptized a daughter Lucy 23 March 1820, which fits with Ellen having a sister Ellen. A son John, 26 August 1821. Darlington is 275 miles north of Reading however (*Google Maps*).

²⁶ *Berkshire Burial Index*, CD-ROM, entry for Lucy Brown, 1871, Reading.

- ? Joseph Brown, son of John & Lucy, baptized at Royston, York, on 7 June 1818 (FHL film 919,320). This same couple baptized daughters Ann in 1811, Maria in 1815, and Emma in 1821, so they are probably the wrong family.
- ✗ Search: Lucy Brown, born Berkshire 1819–1826 to John and Lucy, produced no birth or christening records (30 December 2011).
- ✗ There are no baptisms in the Reading St Laurence register for this family. There are baptisms for several children of John and Hannah Brown, including a daughter Hannah, but that John was a sawyer.
- ✗ Search: Hannah Brown, born in Berkshire 1819–1826 to John and Lucy, produced no birth or christening records

NEXT STEPS

- Look for more details on the death of John Brown, who was buried at Reading St Mary on 15 June 1836, age 49. Also look for an associated birth record around 1787.
- Order birth certificate for Leonard Brown, possible son of Ellen Brown. GRO birth certificate Jan–Feb–Mar 1845, Cookham, Berkshire, Vol. 6:202. *See **Locating Ellen on the 1841 Census**.*
- To verify that Ellen's brother Joseph and his wife Eliza were the parents of Ellen's niece Hannah Brown, born 1848 in Reading, order her birth certificate: GRO certificate Jan–Feb–Mar 1848, Reading Berkshire, vol. 6:260. The birth record should show Eliza's maiden name, which point to a marriage record, which might have more information about Joseph and Ellen's father John.
- Ellen's brother Joseph died a pauper at Newbury Union Workhouse in early 1890. Order his death certificate: GRO Jan–Feb–Mar 1890, Newbury Berkshire, Vol. 2c:165.
- Continue to search for Ellen's brother Joseph on the 1841, 1861, and 1871 UK censuses. Consider the places his children were born: Wallingford, Berks, and West Cowes, Isle of Wight.
- Check record of Brown/Fulton marriage at St. Michael Church, Coventry, Warwickshire, on 29 September 1817, to determine if it might have been a second marriage for Ellen's father John. *See **John and Lucy's Family**.*

"1881 UK census," digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 December 2011), entry for Ellen Brown, Reading St Giles, Berkshire, citing TNA microfilm RG11, piece 1308, folio 38, page 25, household 125.

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Civil Parish (or Township) of	Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town or Village or Hamlet of	Urban Sanitary District of	Rural Sanitary District of	Ecclesiastical Parish or District of		
S. Giles	Reading	Church	Reading		Reading		S. John's		
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES In-cluded in this return	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birth-day of	RANK, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Imbecile or Idiot (4) Lunatic
121	Royal Sovereign 1		Joseph Milgrom	Son	Married	25	At home	Berkts Reading	
			Arthur G. Milgrom	Daughter	Unm	16	At home	do Reading	
			Marie G. Milgrom	Serv	Unm	16	Domestic serv	do Reading	
			Agnes G. Milgrom	Serv	Unm	14	do	do Reading	
			Alfred Clarke	Head	Married	35	Boiler Maker	Berkts Reading	
			Shirley G. do	Wife	do	25	do	do	
			Wendell R. do	Son	Unm	10	do	do	
			John Elliot	Boarder	Married	27	Coal Miner	North Monaghan	
			Ray Cummings	Serv	do	18	General Servant	Berkts Reading	
		2B	(Sheds & Cow sheds)						
122	St King's Rd 1		John Buller	Serv	Unm	66	Aggro's Shop	Aggro Peppard	
122			Aggro do	Aggro	Married	22	Aggro	Berkts Reading	
123	Weyford Arms 1		Aggro Smith	Head	Unm	24	Schoolmaster	Berkts Reading	
			Aggro do	Serv	Unm	8	Schooler	do	
			Arthur do	do	do	6	do	do	
			Mrs Gibbs	Mother	Unm	76	At home	do Maidenhead	
			Edward do	Brother	Married	20	Submarine's Assistant	do Reading	
			Aggro Smith	Aggro	Unm	5	Schooler	do	
124	St King's Rd 1		Aggro Smith	Head	Married	20	General Merchant	Berkts Reading	
			Marie G. do	Wife	do	19	do	do	
			Aggro do	Son	Unm	11	General Merchant	do	
			John do	Child	Unm	18	At home	do	
			Aggro do	Serv	Unm	14	do	do	
126	St do 1		Aggro Brown	Head	Widow	67	Domestic & Stationer	do Newbury	
			John do	Niece	Unm	26	Housekeeper	West Essex, Essex	
Total of Houses...		5 2B	Total of Males and Females...		11	13			

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S. Giles	Reading	Church	Reading		Reading		S. John's		
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125	St King's Rd		Henry Brown	Nephew	Unm	26	Printer	West Essex, Essex	
126	St do 1		Samuel Harwood	Head	do	47	Engl & Iron Merchant	London	
			Marie G. do	Serv	do	20	Income from West Essex	do	