

James Clay P. Brown, my GG-Grandfather, was born around 1843 in Blount County, Alabama. He was the third of ten children of Sylvester and Louisa Sivley Brown. In 1860, James, or Clay as he was called, lived with his family in Greene County, Alabama. No one in Clay's immediate family at the time of the war owned any slaves. His father was a Saddler and Clay worked on the farm. Clay enlisted in 1861 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama with Company D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alabama Cavalry. Nothing significant was found in his service record. Clay found his way to Noxubee County, Mississippi after the war and on March 3, 1867, he married Perniece 'Necy' Burkes. Clay and Necy had two daughters, Sallie and my G-Grandmother, Mollie. In 1905, his youngest daughter, my G-Grandmother, Mollie, was struck by lightning and killed in 1905 while cooking on one of those stove pipe ovens. She left behind her husband, and several children. Clay then experienced another tough time in his life when in 1907 he was attempting to get off a train and it started to move and he fell under the wheels and lost two fingers on his left hand. Clay died in 1921 in Shuqualak, Noxubee County, Mississippi at age of 78, and is buried in Mohegan Cemetery near Shuqualak.

