# Plain Brown Rapper

News for the Tandy and Grace Brown Family

May/June 2000

## A couple of fun pictures





Mom at about 18 and Dad at about 18. A couple of pictures I don't think I've run before.



## Leah's Newest Quilt

There is so much talent in this family and its lots of fun to show off various items made by members. This month I want to feature this lovely quilt made by our sister Leah. This is only one of so many she has done, but this version of the Texas Star shows off her expertise. Each point fits exactly in to its place and there aren't any off center. I'm not sure how many of you quilt, but if you do you know this is the big test, making them fit. I'm sure you will agree with me about the beauty of this quilt.

### **Wedding Bells**

Dick and Marty's daughter Katie is engaged to Tyler Jacobs. They plan to marry on September 29, 2000 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Aspen. Katie is the Human Resources Director at NetLibrary in Boulder, Colorado and Tyler is owner of ProWebHosting, also in Boulder. Congratulations to Katie and Tyler, the entire Brown Family wish you well.

### The News Bowl Award

The "News Bowl" is a current events in the World competition for 4th and 5th graders Nationwide. This years Pat's Grandson Austin's group placed FIRST in the state of Wyoming and 82nd in the Nation. There were 2,449 schools competing.

Part of the focus was the Holocaust. This is pretty deep stuff for such young people and they are to

be commended for participating in this National Competition.

Congratulations Austin White, this is a terrific accomplishment.

### **Our Travels**

Earlier this Spring, Bob and I made a trip to the East Coast to see our Grandson, Devon who is in the Navy stationed at Goose Creek, South Carolina. (Close to Charleston) We had a great trip and did a little research along the way. I'm still trying to find where "Lawrence's Mill" is, either in Tennessee or Virginia. If you remember in the "Dear Father" book, Thomas Washington was captured there after General Longstreet started his Confederate Troops back north. They had been soundly defeated in the Knoxville Siege. We visited the Heritage Museum in Memphis, Tennessee and didn't find any reference there so I guess we will just keep on looking.

Did find an interesting reference to the Cavalry Regiment which Tandy William Brown (our Great-Great Grandfather) joined. Company C of the 10th Georgia Cavalry was formed on August 1st, 1863. (If you remember, Tandy's letter was written in November, 1863) They were to serve for a period of six months and in "that portion of the state of Georgia lying north of a line commencing at a point in the Chattahoochee River, where the line between the counties of Muscogee and Chattahoochee strikes said river, running across said state along the Muscogee Railroad to the city of Macon; thence in a direct line to that point on the Savannah River where the line between the counties of Richmond and Burke strikes the river."

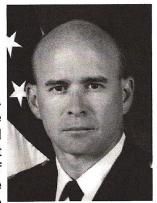
The reason I found this so interesting is because the description of their area to defend sounds more

like a legal description for a piece of real estate than where a battle might ensue.

We also traveled to Endora, South Carolina. This is where the Nash's settled when they left Virginia in the early 1770's. It is a very little town with three very large churches. We could not raise anyone to find out if anyone of the was the Fair View Presbyterian Church where the Nash's were buried. Guess we'll just have to go back. The three churches, a Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist sat side by side on an area perhaps two blocks long. They were all three stone or brick, probably 150 to 200 years old and with a very large cemetery in the back which looked like it served all three churches. The town itself is very small, just some houses along the highway (from what we could see) without very much commerce. There didn't seem to be any people around, perhaps they were off at a community picnic or something. Look forward to returning there to do more research.

## Lt. Col. Robert Beardslee

On June 5, 2000, Lt. Col Robert A Beardslee, son of Bob and Caroline Beardslee, Grandson of Vivian will become Commander of the 91st Operations Group. At a Change of Command Ceremony on Monday, in the Jimmy Doolittle Center, Minot Air Force





91st ROUGH RIDERS

Base, North Dakota he will assume this command from Lt. Col. David A. Blalock.

On behalf of the entire family I offer young Robert, his wife Kim, and their children our heartiest congratulations. What an outstanding achievement. I suppose the next step is Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff? Seriously, We are very proud of you!!!!

## Major Roger VanAlyne

As long as accomplishments are the order of the day, our son Roger is headed to Chicago, Illinois to receive the Kennedy W Disney Award for the Best Mess Hall in the Air National Guard. Roger is the Commander of the 152nd Airlift Wing Services Squadron in Reno, Nevada. The Disney Award (which does not include mouse ears) is the Air National Guard part of the Hennessy Awards.

These awards are sponsored by the National Restaurant Association, Society for Foodservice Management and the International Food Service Executives Association.

This is the second time Roger's Mess Hall has received the award and he is taking his entire riight to Chicago for the ceremony.

Good Job!! We've been guests in their mess hall several times and I can attest to their excellence!



Don't know of any graduations except for Charles and LaVena's Grandson, (Cindy's son) Ryan. He lives in Connecticut and will graduate from High School in June and plans to enter the Navy in the Fall. Congratulations Ryan.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday on May 31st for Pat White
Happy Birthday on June 28th for Dolfe VanAlyne
Happy Birthday on June 29th for June Smith
Happy Birthday on July 27th for Charles Brown
Happy Anniversary on June 11 to Dick and Marty Brown (45 years!!!)

### **Family Updates**

Visited with Dick for a while and he said they would be returning from Phoenix some time around the end of May. He has a Marine Corp Reunion in Savanna, Georgia. I told him to be sure to have lunch at Huev's Restaurant on the River.

After returning to Wyoming they will take up residence at their cabin. Don't know which is more exciting,

living on the 15th fairway or in the Medicine Bow Forest.

Have had many inquires about Sue Myers and her condition. Sue Myers is one of the bravest ladies I have ever had the privilege to know. She is fighting her cancer with a positive attitude and goes to work each and every day. Sue has all my love and admiration. She should get the bravery award.

Vivian also has my admiration. She is completely bed ridden but remains her wonderful cheerful self. She welcomes all your cards and phone calls. Send her cards to her home address: 9007 Chisholm Ln, Austin, TX 78748 and either Nancy or Bob will pick them up for her. Her phone number is 512-448-2399. If you send her e-mails, you can send them in care of Bob <br/>
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Enjoyed a great visit with Frank and Marilyn when we were on our East Coast Trip. Its always such fun to sit on their deck and enjoy the Bird Sanctuary. Of all the birds in the world, the Cardinal is my all time favorite and they have a pair who entertained us all afternoon. They, of course, have many kinds of birds in their backyard. The Cardinal just happens to be my favorite. Frank had just finished the Income Tax season and now is busy once again with his summer concert series. They are the busiest pair I know.

Frank and Marilyn plan to come back to Estes Park in September. We'll all get together at Tandy's restaurant, the Dunraven Inn.

Charles is headed for Emmittsburg, Maryland to attend an Emergency Management School. He plans to make a little side trip to Gettysburg. (Its only about 10 miles away) Wish I was going along, I love that area.

Send your announcements about graduations, engagements, new babies and etc. Everyone loves to read about the family news.

Next Issue will be in July. Hope you are all looking forward to a fun start of summer.

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Thanks, Dolfe

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