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*Covering their ancestors, siblings, children and descendants<sup>2</sup>*

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**2. Announcements and Thanks**

1. **Thank You to our Contributor:** A very special thanks again to **Erol C. Wiscombe!** Your continuing time, effort and sharing are greatly appreciated by the rest of us! We look forward to receiving more from you.
2. **Your Research Projects:** We would like to share what research projects any one is doing on William and Margaret BROWN and their related lines, and maintain this information in this Journal and in the **Brown Library/Center** on the Internet at **<http://www.brownhistory.org>**. See Family Research Projects below. You, or any one

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<sup>2</sup> William and Margaret BROWN lived in Rowan County, North Carolina in the mid-1700s, with most, if not all of their 9 children. William was of English and perhaps Scottish descent, and Margaret might be of Portuguese descent. We do not yet know who are their ancestors or siblings, and we only have verified who are their children, and some of their descendants through one of their children, James BROWN. Any one having *any* oral or written *clues* or evidence that verifies, clarifies or even *mentions* the *origins* of William and Margaret are requested to provide such information immediately to the [journaleditor@brownhistory.org](mailto:journaleditor@brownhistory.org) . Thank you.

<sup>3</sup> O. James Brown Klein (Jim Klein) is a direct descendent of William and Margaret BROWN. They are his maternal third great grand father and grand mother. Jim is an attorney and business man living in Mesa, Arizona.

you know, are invited to submit what research projects you are working on including how to contact you, so that we can better organize ourselves on research, and know how to contact each other. Please send your information to [journaleditor@brownhistory.org](mailto:journaleditor@brownhistory.org). Thank you.

**3. Addendum to the Obedience BROWN section of THE BROWN FAMILY HISTORY by Erol C. Wiscombe, page 11, Regarding OBEDIENCE BROWN and PHILLIP BOSS**

**Addendum to the Obedience BROWN (BOSS) section of THE BROWN FAMILY HISTORY by Erol C. Wiscombe, page 11.**

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**3.1. OBEDIENCE BROWN and PHILIP BOSS**

Unlike the History of the Stephens Family, where two brothers came with the early pioneers to Utah, then kept a lively correspondence with all their brothers and sisters, giving us a wonderful record of names of children along with known birth dates of all the relatives, the Boss Family has no such record.

For the benefit of all our Boss relatives, it might be well here to insert two family group sheets on the parents and grandparents of **Philip Boss**, husband of **Obedience Brown Boss**. This Philip was named after his grandfather:

**Philip Boss**, born abt 1775.

Will: 17 Aug 1800 - Proved 7 Aug 1807 in Rowan County, N.C.

**Anna Spidle**, (or Spidel) born 1779; died ca 1821-1823, in Davidson Co., N.C., daughter of Maximillian Spidle Sr. (1710-1781) and Margaretta.

**Children:**

Henry Boss, born 1768 in Rowan Co., N.C. He died 24 May 1831. He married Mary Goss, a daughter of Frederick Goss.

Mary Margaret Boss, born 1770, in Rowan Co., N.C. She died Jan. 1826. She married Jacob Lopp.

Elizabeth Boss, born 10 May 1772, in Rowan Co., N.C. She died 4 June 1861. She married 29

Mar 1794, David Goss, a son of Frederick Goss.

Barbara Boss, born abt 1774 in Rowan Co. N.C. She died by 1821. She married (1) Martin Frank, (2) John Richard.

**Peter Boss**, born 1776 in Rowan County, N.C. He died 1837-1840, in Davidson Co., N.C. He married **Mary Garner**, a daughter of Philip Garner.

Mary Ann Boss, born 10 May 1778, in Rowan Co., N.C. She died 8 Oct 1954. She married 1797, George Goss, a son of Frederick.

Catherine Boss, born abt 1780 in Rowan Co., N.C. She married Henry Bruner.

Will of Philip Boss (1775-1807) Vol. 26: p. 355. 28 Mar 1821: Barbara, wife of John Richard; Elizabeth, wife of David Goss; Margaret, wife of Jacob Lopp; Catharine (X) widow of Henry Bruner; Mary, wife of George Goss; and Peter Boss (signed in German), as legatees of Philip Boss, to Joseph Goss for \$500, 279 and one half acres on Four Mile Branch, adjacent to Henry Workman and Henry Goss. Wit: (German name) John Frank. Proved by Francis Hedrick at May Court 1821.

**Peter Boss** Family: born 1776 in Rowan Co., N.C. He died 1837-1840 in Davidson Co., N.C. He married:

**Mary Garner**, born 1779-80, of Rowan Co., N.C. She was a daughter of Philip Garner and Elizabeth Wickler.

### Children:

**Philip Boss**, born abt 1778, Rowan Co., N.C. He died Dec 1838 in Davidson Co., N.C. He married 1818, **Obedience Brown**.

David Boss, born 1801, Rowan Co., N.C. He died 6 Apr 1873, near Pacheco, Contra Costa, California. He married 25 Nov 1821, Martha Brown, sister to Obedience.

Elizabeth Boss, born 1803, Rowan Co., N.C.

Mary Boss, born 1805, Rowan Co., N.C. She married John Sevier.

Sarah Boss, born 1807, Rowan Co., N.C. She died 1843. She married Willis or William Hicks.

John Boss, born 1809, Rowan Co., N.C. He died 9 Jul 1890. He married 1 Apr 1850 in Brown County, Illinois, Minerva Barker.

child Boss, born 1810, Rowan Co., N.C.

Henry Boss, born 1811, Rowan Co., N.C. He died 1898. He married Susannah Hettrick.

Polly Boss, born 1812-1813, Rowan Co., N.C. She married 16 Jan 1840 in Brown County, Illinois, (1) Burrill Stinson.

Peter Boss, born 1814, Rowan Co., N.C. He died 1904. He married 12 Apr 1840, Elizabeth Gilmore; (2) 17 Mar 1847, Elsie Suratt; (3) 26 Jun 1879, Mrs. Mary Lemont Peters. He was a converted Mormon, and started with his family for Salt Lake City. His wife became very ill so he returned to Brown County, Illinois. She died and he and his daughters stayed in Brown County, Illinois.

Andrew Boss, born 1816, Rowan Co., N.C. He married 15 Sep 1845, Jeroma Miller.

William Boss, born 1818l, Rowan Co., N.C. He married in North Carolina Anne Christine Frank, born 25 Nov 1820 in Rowan Co., N.C. He died 11 May 1896., Cooperstown, Brown County, Illinois.

The History of Brown County, Illinois, p. 477: "The progenitor of the numerous Boss Families seems to have been Philip Boss, who moved with his son, Peter, born 1774-75, and died 1837-1840, and his wife, Anna (1779) and family to Brown County Illinois from Davidson County, North Carolina, probably as early as 1826-30."

The article then goes on to mention the names of some of Peter Boss' children. There are many errors in the article such as "Obedience Brown was the daughter of Williams Brown". She was a daughter of James Brown and a grand daughter of William. The article includes the name of William Boss (1820) as one of Peter's children. He was a son of Philip and Obedience Boss.

The entire article is a misconception in that neither Philip nor his son, Peter, moved to Brown County, Illinois. Both died in Rowan Co., N.C. The senior Philip Boss left a will in Rowan County, N.C. 17 Aug 1800. It was proved, 7 Aug 1807. He left six children. His eldest son, Henry had ten children, five of them moved to Washington County, Indiana. They were the progenitors of a large part of the Boss Family in Indiana.

Philip's only other son, Peter, the father of the husband of Obedience, likewise did not move to Brown County, Illinois. He died in Rowan Co., N.C., but nearly all of his children moved to Brown County. All of them did not go to Brown County at the same time. In July 1843, Elizabeth, Henry, Andrew and William were still living in Davidson Co., N.C., with their mother, Mary Garner Boss. Henry moved to Brown County, Illinois between 1850-1860. Andrew went there between 1850-1852. William moved the same time as Andrew. Elizabeth did not marry. It is not known if she moved north with the rest of the family.

The mother, Mary Garner Boss, died in Davidson Co., N.C. She left a will dated 16 July 1843. She left various sums of money to most of her children who had already moved north. The stock and household goods went to the four children who had remained in North Carolina with her.

This writer has made an extensive study of the Boss Family in Brown and Schuyler Counties in Illinois in order to separate the children of Obedience and Philip from those of her husband's brothers who went there earlier.

The short history of Obedience as written in the Brown Family History will remain as stated. This history will be a reconstruction of her family. It will concern itself mainly with her descendants. Where they went and what happened to them. A copy of the numerous descendants of her husband's brothers will also be sent to James B. Klein, if he chooses to put them on the internet, that is up to him.

You may recall from the history of Obedience's sister, Martha Brown Boss who had married the younger brother [David Boss] to Obedience's husband, they moved to California. California had passed very early laws stating that women could own land in their own name and right. Obedience did not have the benefit of such a law in North Carolina. Many early Wills will stipulate that the widow is to have the benefit of the property and all of its goods for the remainder of her mortal life, then it would be sold and divided among the children.

Philip Boss, Obedience's husband, died intestate, meaning he died and left no Will. Therefore, an inventory of all his goods and possessions had to be made and sold to pay off all debts.

The widow could petition the court for a one-year supply of goods from her husband's estate, which she did, February 1839. Since the language is very colorful, her petition is included here. The spelling has not been changed.

The courts of early 1800 North Carolina did not move any quicker than our courts today. There are some 27 long pages of documents relating to this case. A summary will be made here to save you the boredom of going through the lengthy court documents. It lasted from 1839 to 1844.

"To the worshipful the justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions: February Term 1839."

### **The Petition of Obedience Boss**

"Humbly complaining your Petitioner sheweth unto your, worships, that her husband Philip Boss, late of said County, departed this life in December 1838. Intestate, leaving your petitioner his widow---That he died possessed of a crop stock and provisions on hand, and other personal Estate, out of which she is entitled by law to a years allowance for the support of herself and family.

"Your Petitioner therefore prays your worships to appoint a Justice of the Peace and three freeholders of said County Commissioners, unconnected with her by affinity or consanguinity & wholly uninterested to lay off and allot to her, out of the crops stock and provisions on hand what shall be a sufficient for the support of your petitioners & her family for one year and that they lay off to her one bed and furniture, one wheel and a pair of cards according to act of Assembly and if there be not sufficient of crop stock and povisions on hand that then said Commissioners assess such portion in money as they may think will make up the deficiency and your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever prey etc" Signed by Obedience Boss by Wm. P. Mendenhall, Attorney.

The court appointed David Huffman, Justice, and George Cross Sen., Abram Palmer and George Harris as freeholders. May 1839.

The bleed-through copies of the original documents is very heavy, making it difficult to read. The first page lists \$432.76 and 3/4 cents from sale of fat hogs, cattle, sheep and one mare etc.

The second page shows \$188.88 3/4 from the sale of such items: plank, rifle gun, saws chisels, 4 beds, table & chest, cupboard & furniture, stilards & shears, 2 flax wheels and one loom, pots, table, pales, candlemaker, coffee mill, pepper mill & tubs, grine stone, one pot cittle (sic), sithes & cradles, oats, one dagon plow, half bushels, barrels, hogsheads and tubs.

The third page lists more barrels, crocks, tubs, one heckle and 2 jugs, lot of timber etc. for \$8.58 and 1/2 cents. The total amount of sales of property & estate of Philip Boss came to \$630.24, which was a rather large amount for early 1800's. This shows that Philip was a good provider.

The costs of: 1. letters of adm.; 2. Crying of sale, 3. lawyers; 4. clerks fee; came to \$10.60, which was a lot of money then, but nothing to what lawyers fees would be today.

In Nov 1841, Biddy Boss, (nickname of Obedience), Ex parte Petition for Dower. She states that her husband at the time of his death had about 150 acres of land. She asks the court to set off one third of the land and put her in possession of it, also the house or mansion in which her husband usually resided.

21 Dec 1841: The court attended by 12 freeholders set off one third of the property, 50 acres, for Biddy Boss. This document also stated that Philip Boss had died on the said property of Lick Creek. The measurements of the property was given and signed by the 12 freeholders. The next document lists amounts paid out to 28 persons for \$352.67 and 3/4 cents. Including Obedience who received \$81.25 and three of her children.

In the Feb. 1839 court, they did lay off and allot to Obedience Boss and her family the following one years provisions. All the corn on hand, all the bacon on hand, all the lard on hand, all the sope (soap) and sope grease, all the salt on hand, all the flax on hand, 4 head of sheep, 2 cows, 200 pounds of bacon not on hand, 50 pounds of coffee, not on hand, 50 pounds of sugar, not on hand, 5 gallons of molasses, not on hand, 30 pounds of picked cotton, not on hand, \$15 dollars worth of leather, not on hand, 2 pounds of paper, not on hand, 20 bushels of wheat, not on hand, plus 13 bushels that were on hand, one bed & furniture, on hand, and one wheel & chards, on hand. They also allotted her one note on Ransom Harris worth \$42.30, also they lay off to her \$38.75 for things she bought at the sale of her husbands possessions.

In the inventory of Philip's estate it seemed a few people owed him money such as: One note on William Davis for \$3.43. Two judgements on Sion Jackson for \$19.20 with interests and costs, all of which was desperate. (Sion was married to Susan Brown, one of Obedience's older sisters, it seems from court documents that Sion owed a lot of people and there seemed little chance of collecting any of it, hence the use of the term "desperate"). There was one note on Bansour Harris for \$42.30.

Other possessions of Philip include 4 head of horses, 8 head of cattle, 11 head of sheep, 55 head of hogs, 180 bushels of corn, 55 bushels of wheat, 2500 sheaves of oats, one lot of straw, 5 stacks of fodder, a quantity of flax and some shucks, one wagon and gears, one set of blacksmith

tools, 2 rifle guns, 5 saddles, 4 beds, one cupboard & furniture, 2 tables, 3 chests, one cross cut saw, 2 hand saws, several augers, chisels, one square and some plains, 2 cotton wheels and cards, 3 flax wheels and one loom, one grine stone, 8 axes, 3 mattuck, 5 plows 4 hoes, 6 pots & ovens, one heckle, 2 cutting knives, 3 hogsheads and some barrels & tubs and some shoemaking tools and some other house hole (sic) and kitchen furniture too tedious to mention. (Spelling as in document.) Signed by Benjamin Lanier.

Philip was an industrious man and provided well for his family. If he had left a Will, we probably wouldn't be reading about all his little possessions.

In the Spring of 1842, the petition of William Harris, purchaser and grantee of Obedience Boss and William Boss, Philip Boss, Henry Boss, Willis Boss, Polly Boss, Sally Boss, Nancy Boss, Solomon Boss and John Boss, minors, was made. William doesn't want the land divided, but wishes to purchase all of it as is.

Many people in listing children of Philip and Obedience leave off the name of Solomon, the next to the youngest child. This document clearly states he was one of the children.

April Term 1842, the court of Equity for Davidson County, N.C. approved the sale of Philip Boss' land. Signed by W. Wommack, Clerk of Equity.

The petitioners (Boss Family) had petitioned the court to sell the land in the Spring term of Court of Equity, 1842.

Obedience must have made up her mind to move to Illinois where her two sisters had gone, and most of her husband's brothers had moved to. By April 1844, the land had been sold for \$197.25. There were eight shares of the money that went to Obedience and her children.

The eldest son, William Boss, received for his share of his father's personal property \$24.65.

William Harris, guardian of the heirs of Philip Boss, bought the extra share belonging to William Boss, 2 Apr 1844. This completed the settlement and his guardianship. James Brown, the brother of Obedience who was already living in Illinois was appointed guardian, 11 Feb 1845.

Obedience and her children moved to Illinois after 1844. She was living in one of the communities near Nauvoo when her home was burned down by the mob. She moved to Utah with the rest of the Mormons in 1849. She died 9 Oct 1850, and was buried in Ogden, Utah, in the old burial ground. In 1926, when the brick yard was under construction her body was exhumed and put on display in the Weber County building until family members claimed the bones and had her reburied on the Daniel B. Rawson lot in the same grave with her infant granddaughter, Helen Obedience Boss, one of Willis' daughters who had died in infancy.

There is a note on the burial card for Helen Obedience Boss to the effect that her grandmother, Obedience Brown Boss' bones were later buried in the same grave with her.

## **Children of Philip and Obedience Brown Boss**

### **1. William Boss (1820).**

The Historical and Cemetery Record of Brown County, Illinois 1825-1972, states that this William Boss "lived in Hancock Co., Ill." He did not come West with his mother and other family members. He is very easily confused with his Uncle William Boss, the son of Peter & Mary Garner Boss, who was born June 1818, and married Anna Christina Frank.

In my history of Obedience Brown in the Brown Family History I stated that William (1820), married C. Frank. This was an error. This William married 31 Dec 1844, probably in Nauvoo, Ill. Jane Pincock, a British convert to the LDS Church. They took out their license to marry in Lee County, Iowa, 30 Dec 1844. Then on 25 Nov 1844, William received his Patriarchal Blessing at Augusta, Iowa.

William and Jane moved to Union Twp., Monroe Co., Iowa. The 1860 Census of Iowa indicated that William and Jane, 32, born in England, had five children. The first child was born in Illinois, the next four were born in Iowa.

William next moved to Marion Twp., Newton Co., Missouri, where he was living in 1870. By 1880 they were living in Joplin, Jasper Co., Missouri, where William died in the year 1898. They were living next to their daughter, Charlotte Gardner.

In the 1900 Census of Missouri, Jane is 74 years old, and a widow, living with her eldest daughter, Charlotte, in Jasper Co., Missouri.

In 1901, Jane took a trip to Salt Lake City, Utah to visit her younger brother, John Pincock. While she was there she died 28 March 1901. The Pincocks later had the temple work done for her, but had her sealed to John Boss. John was only a nine-year-old boy when Jane married his brother, William.

For the descendants of William and Jane, see the accompanying family group sheets.

### **2. Andrew Boss (1822).**

Some of the same information could also be repeated for Andrew as it was for William. He is often confused with his Uncle Andrew (1818). The Uncle married Jeroma Miller in North Carolina and there is a lot of information on him and his family. More research needs to be done on the 1822 Andrew. He did go back to Brown County and lived near his Uncles.

### **3. Philip Boss (1824).**

Luckily, he is the only Philip Boss mentioned at this period of time in Brown County, Illinois. He married twice and lived and died in Brown County. His first wife was called Louisa, but I believe her full name was Eliza Ann De Hart. She was born 1824, in Indiana, and was buried as Louisa Boss, wife of P. Boss, 20 Sep 1850, at age 33, in the De Hart Cemetery in Brown County.

This couple had two children, William H. (1847) and Mary E. (1849). Philip remained single for 12 years, then remarried again 30 Apr 1862, in Brown County, Illinois, to Elizabeth Allison,

born Sep 1840. She was eighteen years younger than Philip and not much older than her two step children.

Philip and Elizabeth had three more children. They lived in Cooperstown Twp. in Brown County. Their eldest son, John H. Boss (1864) died at the age of 18 years, 11 months, and 23 days. Their two daughters, Matilda C. and Mary Obedience both married in Brown County, Illinois.

Mary Obedience Boss married twice. Her first husband, William L. Hill, was from Cooperstown Twp. also, although Mary said she was born at Versailles on her marriage record. A death record for her first husband was not found. There was a record of a Mary Hill in the 1900 Census who had been adopted by the George W. Bates Family. This child was born Feb 1889. It is not known if she was a child of William and Mary Obedience.

Mary's second husband was William Jasper Thomas. They had one son, Ivan Rexford Thomas, (1892). Mary must have suffered some complications as she died six weeks later. Her husband Jasper remarried and had five more children.

Mary's only son named his first child Helen Obedience, thus the name of Obedience Brown Boss is carried on in more than one line of her family.

The remaining six children of Obedience Brown Boss all chose to follow their mother to Utah except Henry who went back to Brown County, Illinois to live.

#### **4. Willis Boss (1827).**

In 1850, Obedience Brown Boss died in Ogden, Utah. Her daughter, Nancy, married Daniel Berry Rawson. Nancy's younger brothers, Willis, 23, Solomon, 18, and John, 16, are all living with sister Nancy. There is also a 5 month old Sarah C. Boss living with them. The child was born in Missouri. It is not known whom she belongs to at this time. That was the only record found of her.

Willis entered into plural marriage as did a number of members of early Mormon couples. His first wife was Dorothy Merrill Hall, born 1832, in Oxford Co., Maine. She was the mother of nine children though six of them died quite young, from infancy to age 16.

Willis' second wife was Marinda Moffett, who also became the mother of nine children, making a total of 18 children for Willis. Again, six of the nine children of this marriage died in infancy.

What should have been a mighty posterity for Willis, just wasn't so. As of this writing, the two grandchildren of his daughter, Delilah, are the only grandchildren found in this family. Perhaps others will be found later.

After the Edmunds-Tucker law was passed by Congress it became much more difficult to trace some polygamous families, as many didn't want to be found by the federal marshals in the territory.

#### **5. Nancy Boss (1829).**

Nancy was the young girl that went to work for Levi Williams, the man who was most responsible for the death of the Prophet, Joseph Smith. She was rescued from death herself by her Uncle, James Brown.

Nancy started West with her mother and the Mormon pioneers. She married Nov. 1849, probably in Ogden, Utah, to Daniel Berry Rawson. Her mother died in early 1850, and by the time the census taker came she was also caring for her three younger brothers, Willis, Solomon and John Boss, along with a five-month old girl Sarah C. Boss, who was born in Missouri. It is difficult to determine just who this little girl is. She is listed after the names of the boys, which would indicate she was a Boss. Nancy and Daniel's first child was not born until June of 1851.

All family group records for the Rawson Family show 10 children. One record found indicated there was another child named Silas Rawson born 26 Aug 1867. If this is correct then he would be a twin brother to Samantha Delena, who was also born on that day. This child could have died the same day.

The Harrisville Church records mentioned when D.B. Rawson blessed Charlotte and David Benjamin, the children born both, before and after these twins, but there is no mention of him blessing either Samantha Dalena nor Silas. The first mention of Samantha is in the church records comes eight years later when she is baptized and confirmed by her father. She may have been blessed at home if circumstances warranted, and not recorded in the church record. No record was found for the death of Silas.

Nancy's children were born, first three in Ogden, Utah, the next two in Farmington, Utah, the two following back in Ogden again, and the last three in Harrisville, Utah, which is a area very near Ogden.

Nancy was 22 years old in 1850, so she must have married at age 21. Both she and her husband show much activity in their church, both holding positions of responsibility. Since there was no temple to marry in, they were sealed in the Endowment House, 21 Feb. 1860, just a few months after the birth of their fifth child.

Daniel B. Rawson also had a polygamous relationship. His first wife, Martha Atchinson, he married 9 Nov. 1845, probably in Nauvoo, Illinois. Nancy was his second wife. He married (3) in March 1866, Mary Malvina Taylor, and (4) Mary Brown. He had a large posterity from all four wives.

Nancy died 20 March 1888, in Far West, Weber, Utah, another settlement near Ogden. She was 59 years old at the time.

## **6. Solomon Boss (1832).**

The first mention of Solomon is in a Master's Thesis on Mormon Land Ownership as a Factor in Evaluating the Extent of Mormon Settlement and Influence in Missouri, 1831 – 1841, by Wayne J. Lewis, Department of History, Brigham Young University, August 1981, page 96. Lewis lists the names of Mormons living in Missouri during 1831-1841. Both Solomon and John Boss are mentioned, pages 95 – 96.

In the 1850 Census of Ogden, Weber, Utah, 18 year old Solomon, born in North Carolina was living with his sister, Nancy and his two brothers, Willis and John. His name was mentioned in the distribution of property and money to the heirs of Philip Boss. No other record has been found on him. The very early death records of Ogden were not kept, unless it was done by family members. Such was the death record of his mother.

There was another Solomon Boss mentioned in Weber County, Utah, but he is older and seems to belong to a Swiss Boss Family who were also early converts to the Church. There is also another family of Boss, from Holland living in Weber County during Pioneer Days.

### **7. Henry Boss (1832).**

Henry must have accompanied his brother, Philip, back to Brown County, Illinois after the mob burned his mother's house down near Nauvoo.

He married in Brown County, Illinois, 19 Aug. 1852, Vol. A-B p. 87) to Julia Ann Jones. The 1850 census lists Henry and Julia with a three-year-old son, W.T. Boss in Brown County, Illinois. A four year old Sarah Lane and 23 year old John Jones, probably a brother-in-law, were living with them.

Henry also had an Uncle, Henry Boss, (1811), living in Brown County. The elder Henry was married to Susannah Black Hettrick. They had three children. No other information has been found on the son, W.T., born to Henry and Julia Boss.

### **8. John Boss (1835).**

The first mention of this lad is in the distribution of wealth to the heirs of Philip Boss, in North Carolina. He went to Illinois with his mother. He was also mentioned in the Master's Thesis by Lewis of Mormon Land Ownership in Missouri 1831-1841, page 95. He was mentioned along with his elder brother Solomon.

The 1850 Census of Ogden, Weber, Utah next shows John, age 16, from North Carolina, living with his sister, Nancy Boss Rawson 22, and his brothers Willia 23, and Solomon 18.

John is not mentioned in either the 1860 nor 1870 Census of Utah, but in 1880, he is living with his wife in Santaquin, Utah, Utah. The LDS Ward records of Santaquin first mentions this Boss Family. John married 1871, at the age of 26, to Mrs. Elizabeth "Betsy" Horrocks Taylor, widow of Joseph Taylor.

The many archive records of Philip and Obedience Boss lists John married to an Elizabeth Hancock. This is an error, as Elizabeth "Betsy" lived eleven years longer than her husband, John. She is buried in the Santaquin Cemetery as Betsy Boss.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Boss and her first husband, Joseph Taylor were the parents of 8 children.

The 1880 Census of Santaquin, Utah, lists John Boss, 41, and wife Betsy, 42, and 10 year old John Taylor, living with them. There is no record of John Boss having had any children of his own. He did help Betsy in raising her children.

Betsy must have answered the questions for the census taker as she lists John's birthplace as Alabama. In the Santaquin Ward records he states several times that his birth date a 2 Dec 1835, in North Carolina.

Many early Mormon records during the exodus period were either poorly kept, or lost, so the church in Utah began the practice of rebaptizing everyone over again, for the records sake. John was re-baptized 18 Oct 1875, in Santaquin, Utah by John D. Holladay. His membership was re-confirmed by Lane Openshaw. He mentioned that he was a son of Philip Boss and Biddie Brown. Obedience was called "Biddey" by friends and neighbors in both North Carolina and Illinois.

John's wife Betsy said she was born near Boldton, Lanc., England and baptized 18 Nov 1852, by John Horrocks. On another record she mentioned she was born at Chamore, Lancashire, England.

When the Pincock Family did the Temple work for John's sister-in-law, Jane, they had her married to John Boss, but John was only a lad of nine years at the time his eldest brother, William married Jane Pincock.

In the LDS Archive Collection there are many family sheets on Philip and Obedience Brown Boss. Many sheets are basically copies from other sheets without any research being done. This business of copying from other also perpetuates the errors. Every sheet listed John Boss married to Elizabeth Hancock. John was born 2 Dec 1835, in Davidson Co., North Carolina. He married Mrs. Elizabeth "Betsy" Horrocks Taylor who was born 25 Nov 1836, in Chamore, Lanc. England, a daughter of James Horrocks and Ann Howarth. She had married first, Joseph Taylor. They had several children and lived in Heber City, Wasatch, Utah.

John and Betsy lived in Santaquin, Utah Co., Utah. They died there and are buried in the Santaquin Cemetery. He died 6 Sep. 1920, and Betsy 11 Sep. 1931.

The Santaquin Church records list several times the information on its members, including John and Betsy Boss.

A list of the descendants of Philip and Obedience Brown Boss has been given to James B. Klein to accompany this record.

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