

JOHN BROWN'S SON IN PORTLAND

Reminiscences Regarding the Central Figure at Harper's Ferry in Days Before the War.

Reared in the atmosphere of abolition from the days of this youth, in the very hot-bed of anti-slavery feeling, it is little wonder that Salmon Brown, son of John Brown, of Harper's Ferry fame, has still some of the old spirit left. Nor is it strange that, as he relates the story of anti-bellum days in Kansas, when his father struck practically the first blow of the war that set people thinking seriously, his eyes flash with the vigor of 20 years instead of 66.

Salmon Brown is now a resident of Portland, and sitting in his pleasant East Side home surrounded by pictures of his father and of John Brown's grand son and great grand son, told something of the history of those exciting times. He is happy now and the old days of murder and bloodshed and bitter feelings have almost passed away, but as the direct descendant of the now famous character in American history sat in his chair and lived again the past, one could see that it would not have faded so well with Jeff Davis and others of the South if they had suddenly appeared on the scene. Salmon Brown has several sisters scattered throughout California, and one-half brother in that state, but he himself resides in Salem until six weeks ago, when he removed to Portland with his family.

Looking closely at the portrait of John Brown and then again at his son, one can see a strong resemblance, which Mrs. Brown says is growing as her husband becomes older. The same determined look is set on the face, while in the wearing of his hair and the trimming of his mustache, the son has followed his father closely. More remarkable, in lineaments the father, son, grandson and great grand son, resemble each other, showing that force of character can be traced from one generation to another for some time.

Otherwise there is nothing remarkable about the son of John Brown that would particularly distinguish him from any other man in the world. Yet he is the son of a man whose name swept the Nation from ocean to ocean, while Salmon Brown himself participated in some of the outbreaks which signaled the War of the Rebellion. For these reasons he is of interest to the public and his account of his father's early days and the trouble in Kansas will be of real worth and interest.

Salmon Brown one of the youngest sons of John Brown, was born at Haleson, Summit County, Ohio, where his father resided at that time. The older brother was engaged in the sheep business and as a tanner and brewer, the family moved to Akron, Ohio, where John Brown went into partnership with Simon Perkins, a son of General Perkins.

"The Perkinses were well known in those days," said Salmon Brown, while running through his narration of affairs, "Jake Perkins being Secretary of the State at one time. Perkins and my father established the first wool commission house in the United States at Springfield, Mass. We left Akron, Ohio, in 1842, to go to Springfield. The commission business is not carried on as it is at present. Father and Perkins were agents for the producers, and the manufacturer combined to break their back. This was done by means of the horizontal tariff of 1849, which reduced the price of wool from 75 cents a pound to 25. The firm has been in the habit of advancing half the market price of the wool when they took it and this drop in prices injured them. Father went to Europe to dispose of the wool and in the meantime located his family in the Adirondack Mountains. You see, Garrett Smith, son of Peter Smith, who was a partner of John Jacob Astor, had offered 40 acres of land to every colored man who would come there and make a home. Father was a surveyor, so after he returned from Europe, he surveyed the lands of the negroes for nothing."

"Was that the first time your father had manifested his interest in the colored?" he was asked.

"No, father had been in the underground railway business in Ohio and had helped the negroes all he could. Anyhow, the negro settlement in New York State proved a failure, as most of the negroes came from the cities and could not do the farm work. We remained there for some time, but finally returned to Ohio, where father again engaged in business with Perkins, raising sheep. He made lots of money but they brought suits against the man they had advanced money to on their wool, and as they lost them, that finally broke them up."

It was at this time, according to the narrator, that the idea entered the head of John Brown to go to Kansas, and although an old man, get a shot at the South. He went for that purpose and from later events, it is apparent he was fully satisfied in that respect. The Brown boys started across for Kansas with their stock, while John Brown followed later in the year 1855. The

Brown located some ten miles west of Ossawatimie, in southern Kansas, and it was near the place that they had much of their trouble.

"While we were coming through the State of Missouri," continued Mr. Brown, "the people were telling us how they went into Kansas and packed the polls, electing Missourians to office in Kansas. That was in 1855, and in the fall of the same year they raided Lawrence. We had 600 men there, but the matter was finally compromised, although father wanted to fight. He always wanted to fight.

"The first real trouble was when a band of men, with father at their head, broke up the Federal Court at Pottawattmie. A paper was drawn up warning the court to disband and when they failed to obey, we went in while Judge Cate was charging the jury and ran them all out of court. Then we were in trouble and finally the officers arrested the Free State Legislature, composed of people living in the territory. Two of my brothers were arrested and dragged along the ground for nine miles between two horses.

"We started out to retake my brothers, but they had been taken ahead and we had a fight with Colonel Henry Clay Pate, at Black Jack Springs. We went to Palmyra the night before and found the two had been raided. The militia came for the town in the morning and we fired and five of them stayed where

on until I heard that White had been shot by some of our boys and then I went back. It has been said that I shot White, but I was not within 100 miles of his home at the time he was killed. Father returned to Ohio and later made his plans to go to Harper's Ferry. I had to stay at home, as one of my other brothers claimed the right to go, saying I had been in Kansas. That was the last time I saw my father, the next time was when his dead body was brought to our New York State home for burial.

"When the war broke out I was made an officer in the Ninety-sixth New York, but some of the officers objected because I had been in the Kansas trouble and I resigned and came to California."

On the journey to California, Salmon Brown and his family fell in with a band of Rebel deserters, who attempted secretly to make away with Salmon but did not succeed owing to timely advice.

After living in California, Salmon Brown removed to Oregon and recently came to this city. He has a half-brother Jason Brown, 78 years of age, who lives in Ben Lomond, Santa Cruz County, and three sisters scattered over California. These are all that remain of the children of the famous John Brown, but the family name is destined to continue, for John Brown, son of Salmon Brown, and John Brown his son, a small boy, are in Dawson, on the extinction of the family name is far off.

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they were when we fired.

"We started for Black Jack Springs and as the sentinels fired on us we started up the hills on the double quick. There were 20 of us and our men separated into two squads. We kept up a cross fire for some time, but finally the 15 men on the other side deserted us and there were only 15 of us left. Finally we were told to shoot the horses and mules. That frightened them and they sent out a white flag. To make a long story short they finally surrendered unconditionally to us and we took them prisoners. The remarkable thing of it was the audacity of John Brown in asking those men to give up, when he had less than 15 men and they had over 30. That was the first battle of the war and should be remembered as such.

"We kept them for ten days and Colonel Sumner agreed to effect an exchange for our men who were prisoners, but he received other orders and one day came into camp and took the prisoners. United States Marshal Douglas had a warrant for father's arrest, but when he saw us behind trees with our guns pointed at him, he said he had lost the warrant and rode away. That was the end of the battle of Black Jack.

"There were other skirmishes, but the next one of importance was when the Southerners raided the town of Ossawatimie. Martin White, a preacher helped them in the raid and one of my brothers, who was not troubling them. I was in the East at the time but started back to find White and kill him. One of my younger brothers went along but father telegraphed us to come one and my brother returned. I went

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The order exempts from the San Jose act any trees, shrub plants, vines, grafts, cuttings or buds, commonly known as nursery stock from any country to which the act applies and all the importations of such shrubbery are permitted to be entered at the customs ports of Vancouver, B. C., from October 15 to March 15. Entries are not permitted at other ports than those mentioned. The plants must be thoroughly fumigated but the Canadian Government assumes no responsibility for any damage resulting.

The general tariff law imposes a duty of 3 cents on each bud or improved fruit or shade tree and an ad valorem duty of 20 cent on shrubbery imported from the United States. Seedling stock for grafting and florists' stock in general are admitted free of duty.

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