

Brownell Family Reunions

The Brownell Family Reunion took place every year, for 65 years from 1932 to 1997 at Momence.. It was usually held at Island Park when weather permitted. At the very end, with few attendees, it was held at the home of Doris Pratt.

Although the reunion was often called the Thurber-Brownell Reunion, that was incorrect. All of the participants were Brownell descendants but only some of them were Thurbers. All of the regular family participants were descendants of the following daughters of Clark Brownell –

- Mary Brownell Thurber
- Philopha Brownell Parmely
- Frances Brownell King

Those living locally came most often. Among Mary's descendants, Lucille's daughters Dorothy, Janet & June were long-time regulars, as was Doris Pratt, Belle's daughter.

Albert Harris & his sister Leora were descendants of Mary's daughter Lizzy Thurber Harris.

Maurice Parnely grandson of Philopha was the last Parmely left in the area, Most of the Parmely clan had moved to KS in the 1870s.

Wilbur King was son of Frances Brownell King.

See Clark Brownell's FindaGrave Memorial for photos.

The Minutes contained family births, death & Marriages + WW II military service. There was even a member mentioned who worked on the Atomic Bomb Project at the U. of Chicago.

The attached doc gives info about the contents and people in the PDF minutes. Their reunions went on for 65+ years.