

A Vermont Engineer and a Free Woman of Color in Louisiana Sugar Country— The Paternity of Laura (Brown) Doley (1846–1928): A George Soule Line

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Antebellum Louisiana, like the rest of the American South, was a slave society. For free and enslaved people of color, recording of the identity and legal status of mothers was far more important than documenting paternity because the condition of servitude followed that of the mother. This emphasis is particularly true for those born outside legal marriages. Under the laws of the period, marriages between whites and people of color, either enslaved or free, were not permitted; neither were marriages between free people of color and enslaved people. Those who reached maturity prior to and immediately after the Civil War are thus generally not enumerated in the households of parents in the 1870 or 1880 censuses. Identifying such parents can be challenging.

Vital and sacramental records, successions, family Bibles, oral histories, as well as application of the FAN (friends, associates, and neighbors) principle can yield success in determining the parentage of these individuals. A now widely accepted source in building a proof argument for parentage is DNA testing—autosomal, mitochondrial, or Y-chromosome.

Laura (Brown) Doley was born near Convent in Saint James Parish, Louisiana, on 9 March 1846.¹ She died in New Orleans, Louisiana, on 19 January 1928.² On 1 February 1882, she married Eugene Doley and legitimated their eight surviving children born between 1863 and 1880.³ For each of these children as well as the three who followed, transcribed baptismal entries from Saint Michael the Archangel Church at Convent were located in the published Diocese of Baton Rouge

¹ Baptism of “Laura, free mulâtresse,” 25 May 1846, Slaves and Free People of Color Baptismal Register 9, p. 189, Saint Michael the Archangel Church, Convent, Louisiana, Diocese of Baton Rouge Archives.

² Death certificate for Laura Doley, 19 June 1928, Orleans Parish Death Records, 196:1306.

³ Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Church Records [hereinafter cited as **DIOBR Catholic Church Records**], 15:188.

Sacramental Records. With only one exception, these entries all identify Laura's surname as "Brown," or the Gallicized "Braun." Neither her church nor civil marriage records include parental information for her or her husband. Her death certificate does offer some information as to her parents.

The death certificate of Laura (Brown) Doley records her parents as "Brenna Brown" and "Pauline Augustine."⁴ Research uncovered that Laura's mother, identified as "Pauline Augustine," was a free woman of color named Pauline Clarke. The 1860 and 1870 censuses as well as land transactions place the free colored Clarke family in close association with Eugene Doley and Laura Brown. In the 1870 census of St. James Parish, Louisiana, the household of Eugene and Laura Dollet includes Eugenie Clarke (70 years), Cazemire Clarke (40), and Eugenie Clarke (14).⁵ In the same census of the 13th Ward of New Orleans, Pauline Clark (48), Joseph Clark (18), William Clark (15), and Odilia Clark (9) are enumerated between the households of two of Eugene Doley's siblings: "Philip Dallin" (Phillip Doley) and "Juliene Daulley" (Julienne Doley).⁶

In the 1860 census of Saint James Parish, in the household of the free mulatto cooper "Auguste [no surname]" (Auguste Doley), are "Froisi LeBlanc" (Françoise LeBlanc), "Eugene Auguste" (Eugene Doley, son of Auguste), and Aristide LeBlanc.⁷ The marriage contract of Auguste Lagroue and Françoise LeBlanc, dated the previous year, identifies Françoise as the daughter of Pauline (Clarke).⁸ In the same census ten households earlier is a household headed by a free woman of color named Pauline (33) and five children, the oldest of whom is Laura, identified as mulatto and aged 13, so born approximately 1847.⁹ The elder daughter of Pauline Clarke, Françoise LeBlanc, married Auguste Doley, and the younger daughter, Laura Brown, married Auguste's son Eugene Doley. The sons of Pauline—Joseph¹⁰ and William¹¹—later married using the surname "Augustus" or "Augustin," and identified their parents as Joseph Augustus/Augustin and Pauline Clark, which would explain why Laura's mother is identified as Pauline Augustine on her death certificate.

⁴ Death certificate for Laura Doley, 19 June 1928, Orleans Parish Death Records, 196:1306.

⁵ 1870 U.S. Census, 3rd Ward, St. James Parish, Louisiana, Eugene Dollet household.

⁶ 1870 U.S. Census, 13th Ward, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, Pauline Clark household.

⁷ 1860 U.S. Census, District 3, St. James Parish, Louisiana, Auguste [no surname] household.

⁸ Auguste Lagroue to Françoise LeBlanc – Marriage Contract, 3 Aug. 1859, Saint James Parish Conveyances, 35:95.

⁹ 1860 U.S. Census, District 3, St. James Parish, Louisiana, Pauline [no surname] household.

¹⁰ Marriage license for Joseph Augustus and Sarah Baker, 19 October 1893, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, Marriages Licenses Returned, 32:147, FHL #4769202, image #23.

¹¹ Marriage license for William Augustus and Gertrude Gaspard, 28 January 1907, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, Marriages Licenses Returned, 57:143, FHL #4922869, image #163.

Pauline's family is enumerated without surnames in the 1860 Federal Census of Saint James Parish:¹²

Pauline	33	[Pauline Clarke]
Laura	13	[Pauline's daughter, Laura Brown Doley]
Azeline	11	[Pauline's daughter, possibly "Adeline"]
Joe	9	[Pauline's son, Joseph Augustus/Augustin]
William	7	[Pauline's son, William Augustus/Augustin]
Eugenie	3	[Pauline's daughter, Eugenie Landry Clement]

The 1850 Federal Census of Saint James Parish, likewise, records the following household:¹³

Pauline Clarke	58	["Eugenie" recorded under incorrect given name]
Casimir Clarke	28	[Son of Eugenie, brother of Pauline]
Pauline Clarke	24	
Laure Clarke	26	[Daughter of Pauline, recorded with incorrect age]
Aristide Clarke	8	[Son of Pauline, later "Aristide LeBlanc"]
Françoise Clarke	10	[Daughter of Pauline, later "Françoise LeBlanc"]
Adeline Clarke	6/12	[Daughter of Pauline]
Eliza Clarke	56	[Probable sister of Eugenie]
Françoise Clarke	70	[Probable mother of Eugenie and Eliza; note that Pauline's eldest child is named Françoise]

The relationship between Pauline Clarke, Casimir Clarke, and Eugenie Clarke was confirmed by a petition contained in the probate record of William Hampton, a free man of color who died in 1846. On 19 October 1846, Eugenie alias Jane Clarke, declared that she was the mother of William Hampton, and that Casimir Clarke of Ascension Parish and Pauline Clarke of Saint James Parish were William's siblings.¹⁴ Subsequently, on 21 August 1847, Eugenie, Casimir, and Pauline were recorded in a notarial act as acknowledging possession of Hampton's estate.¹⁵ The enumerator of the 1860 census of Saint James Parish uniquely recorded birthplaces down to the parochial level for its residents and listed Eugenie, Casimir, and Pauline as all being born in neighboring Ascension Parish, Louisiana.¹⁶

With at least two generations of Laura's maternal family established as free people of color from Saint James and Ascension Parishes in Louisiana, attention turned to her paternal ancestry. As already noted,

¹² 1860 U.S. Census, District 3, St. James Parish, Louisiana, Pauline [no surname] household.

¹³ 1850 U.S. Census, Eastern District, St. James Parish, Louisiana, Pauline Clarke household.

¹⁴ Petition of Eugenie alias Jane Clarke, 19 October 1846, in *Succession of William Hampton, f.m.c.*, (No. 627), Original Probate Packets, Saint James Parish Clerk of Court's Office, Convent, Louisiana.

¹⁵ Succession of William Hampton to Jenny Clark, Casimir Clark, and Pauline Clark – Acceptance of Estate, 21 August 1847, Saint James Parish Conveyances, 25:277.

¹⁶ 1860 U.S. Census, District 3, St. James Parish, Louisiana, Pauline [no surname] household, followed by Eugenie [no surname] household.

Laura's marriage record and the baptismal entries of her children all identify her surname as "Brown" or "Braun," with one exception: "Brenner." The marriages of her children likewise all list her as Laura Brown or Laura Doley, except that of her oldest son, Isidore Doley, which lists her as "Laura Bronnan,"¹⁷ and that of her daughter, Laura Doley, which lists her as "Laura Branneau."¹⁸ It should be remembered that Laura's death certificate lists her father as "Brenna Brown." The multiple examples above strongly suggest that Laura's maiden surname was likely not simply "Brown," but a two-syllable name like Brenner, Branneau, Bronan, or Brenna. The earliest recorded of these variations, "Brenner," from the baptism of her oldest child, Isidore Doley, is also closest to the name given to Laura's firstborn grandchild, who was baptized "Joseph Braner Braud" in 1886.¹⁹ Surprisingly the name heard more than twenty years apart as "Brenner" or "Braner" was consistently rendered "Branel" by Joseph Braner Braud throughout his lifetime. Both Joseph's 1907 marriage license and a newspaper obituary from 1971 give his name as "Branel Braud."²⁰ The 1900 census, the only one to record him in his parents' (Oscar Braud and Ida Doley) household, lists his name as "Brunnel," further indicating how the name was likely pronounced by the family.²¹

Efforts were made to locate possible fathers for Laura (Brown) Doley, possibly born Branel, Brunnel, or some variation thereof. A wildcard search of the 1840 and 1850 censuses (and the 1850 Mortality Schedule) for Saint James Parish and adjacent Ascension and Saint John the Baptist Parishes was made using the combination "Br*n*l" and "Br*n*r."²² This search yielded only three results: the 1840 household of D. Bringier in Ascension Parish; M. S. Bringier in 1850 in Ascension Parish; and "Mathan Brignal" in 1840 in Saint John the Baptist Parish. The two Bringiers (pronounced 'Brawn-jay') were eliminated because of the marked difference in pronunciation. The name transcribed "Mathan Brignal" was actually Mathieu Brignac, also unlikely.

A search of the conveyance indices for Saint James Parish yielded a likely possibility. On 8 April 1843, Solon Brownell and Jacques S. Lavigne, both "domiciled in this Parish of St. James," purchased a 67 ½ by 40 arpent [approximate acres] lot on the east bank of the Mississippi

¹⁷ Marriage license for Isidore Doley and Amelie Vedegaire [Berdaguer], 12 November 1887, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, Marriages Licenses Returned, 22:487, FHL #4705656, image #356.

¹⁸ Marriage of Felix Martin and Laura Doley, 9 February 1891, Colored Marriage Register 19, p. 49, Saint Michael the Archangel Church, Convent, Louisiana, Diocese of Baton Rouge Archives.

¹⁹ DIOBR Catholic Church Records, 17:100.

²⁰ Marriage license for Branel Braud and Viola Remy, 25 March 1907, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, Marriages Licenses Returned, 57:327, FHL #4922868, image #337; Branel Joseph Braud obituary, *Times-Picayune*, New Orleans, Louisiana, 19 Oct. 1971, p. 14, col. 3.

²¹ 1900 U.S. Census, 2nd Ward, St. James Parish, Louisiana, Oscar Braud household.

²² A search on 5 April 2020 of the 1840 and 1850 federal censuses on FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com used the 'wildcard' search terms "Br*n*r" and "Br*n*l."

River in Saint James Parish, approximately sixty-two miles above New Orleans. The land, one of countless narrow tracts along the Great River Road, was bounded above by land of late Pierre Prudent Becnel and below by that of Moise LeBoeuf. Brownell and Lavigne bought the land entirely on credit for the sum of \$825.00.²³ Eighteen months later, on 23 December 1844, Brownell and Lavigne, again both “domiciled in this Parish of St. James,” sold the land to Paul Caillouet. Brownell and Lavigne had only repaid \$200.00 and transferred the land to Caillouet with the understanding that he would assume the principal balance (\$625.00) and the interest, which totaled to \$639.16.²⁴

Further research uncovered two references to “S. Brownell” in the *Daily Picayune* as one of the “Arrivals at the Principal Hotels,” on 3 January 1842 and 4 January 1843. In 1842, he is listed as arriving from Houma, and in 1843, as arriving from Ascension Parish.²⁵ Subsequent findings, reported below, revealed that Solon Brownell was a native of Addison County, Vermont, born in 1810. What would have drawn a young Vermont native to the sugar plantation country of south Louisiana? The answer is that he was a plantation engineer. To give some indication of the importance of the services of an engineer to planters, this quote is taken from historian William K. Scarborough’s extensive study of plantation operations:

Aside from the overseer, the most important white employees utilized on sugar plantations were the sugar maker and the engineer. These posts were filled only during the grinding season, which normally lasted four to five months, and each required an individual of considerable skill and experience. Sugar makers were commonly paid according to the number of hogsheads of sugar produced. During the 1840s and 1850s Louisiana sugar makers received from 75 cents to \$1.25 per hogshead up to a maximum salary of \$400–\$500. An engineer who doubled as sugar boiler and machinist could earn as much as \$125–150 per month during the rolling season.²⁶

Solon Brownell and his partner Jacques S. Lavigne likely tried sugar planting for one season but were not successful. Note especially, that the property they bought in April 1843 and sold in December 1844 was located immediately below the property owned by the previously

²³ Michel LeBoeuf Jr. to Solon Brownell and Jacques S. Lavigne – Sale of Land, 8 April 1843, Saint James Parish Conveyances, 19:316. An arpent is an old French unit of land area equivalent to 34.20 square meters (about 1 acre).

²⁴ Solon Brownell and Jacques S. Lavigne to Paul Caillouet—Sale of Land, 23 December 1844, Saint James Parish Conveyances, 21:281.

²⁵ “Arrivals at the Principal Hotels,” *Daily Picayune*, New Orleans, Louisiana, 4 Jan. 1842, p. 2, col. 5; “Arrivals at the Principal Hotels,” *Daily Picayune*, New Orleans, Louisiana, 5 Jan. 1843, p. 2, col. 6.

²⁶ William Kauffman Scarborough, *The Overseer: Plantation Management in the Old South* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1966), 35–36.

mentioned William Hampton (d. 1846). On 18 October 1847, three months after purchasing Hampton's land from the latter's estate, Leon Blouin sold the property to Hampton's sister Pauline Clarke.²⁷ Further evidence of association and proximity is that the property owned by Brownell and Lavigne, described above, was also acquired by William Hampton just five months after Brownell and Lavigne had sold it. This property was still owned by William Hampton when he died, and was sold by his estate to Marcelin Caillouet on 11 February 1852.²⁸

To demonstrate the closeness of these individuals further, ten consecutive households from the 1850 Federal Census are presented below:²⁹

- 212-212 Marcelin Caillouet (Purchased Brownell property in 1852)
- 213-213 Moise LeBoeuf (Owner of property adjacent to Brownell's in 1843)
- 214-214 W[ido]w W[illia]m Hampton (Widow of Pauline Clarke's brother)
- 215-215 W[ido]w Prudent Becknel (Also an owner of property adjacent to Brownell's in 1843)
- 216-216 Emile Jacob
- 217-217 George Wardon
- 218-218 Joachim Arceneaux
- 219-219 Pauline (Pauline Clarke, enumerated with no surname)
- 220-220 Sosthene Blanchard
- 221-221 W[ido]w P[ierre] Blanchard (Owner of property adjacent to Pauline Clarke's in 1847)

The 1847 Coast Directory by Charles J. Pike, a map showing property owners along the Mississippi River shows "Brunell" as a landowner between "V[eu]e P[ierre] Blanchard" and "M[oise] LeBoeuf." The individuals listed above all lived less than a mile apart along the Mississippi River, approximately sixty-two miles above New Orleans.

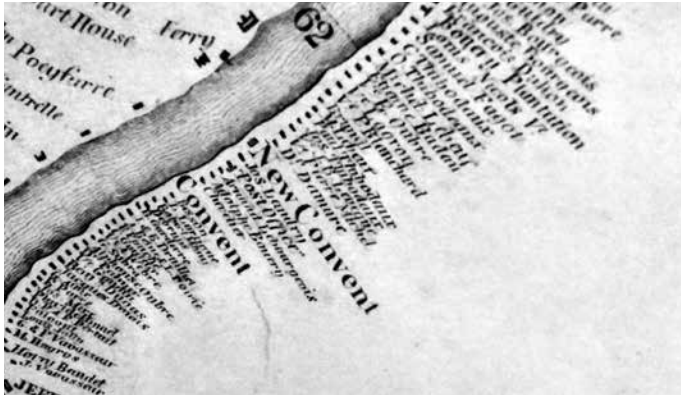
Laura (Brown) Doley was born on 9 March 1846, which places the time of her conception in approximately June 1845. Solon lived in Saint James Parish as late as December 1844, just five months before her conception. The signature of Solon Brownell on his property transactions in Saint James Parish matches that of the Solon Brownell who, from 1849 to 1878, applied for six passports at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.³⁰

²⁷ Pauline Clark to Leon Blouin—Exchange of Land, 18 October 1847, Saint James Parish Conveyances, 24:198.

²⁸ Succession of William Hampton to Marcelin Caillouet—Sale of Land, 11 February 1852, Saint James Parish Conveyances, 31:71.

²⁹ 1850 U.S. Census, Eastern District, St. James Parish, Louisiana, Marcelin Caillouet through W[ido]w P[ierre] Blanchard households.

³⁰ U.S. *Passport Applications, 1795–1925* (ancestry.com), applications for Solon Brownell dated 17 Sept. 1849; 23 Sept. 1867; 15 Sept. 1868; 27 Aug. 1870; 31 Aug. 1874; 9 Sept. 1878.



1847 *Coast Directory* by Charles J. Pike, showing “Brunell” just below “Ve. P. Blanchard.”³¹

In his 1874 passport application, Solon Brownell gave his birthdate as 28 July 1810 and his birthplace as Addison County, Vermont.³² He died by suicide in Philadelphia on 15 June 1880. His death certificate lists his occupation as “Engineer of Sugar Plantation (Cuba).”³³ His reported age of 70 (born about 1810) and his birthplace, Vermont, are consistent with the age and birthplace in his passport applications. An article about his death in the *Times* of Philadelphia referred to recent financial losses and “During the summer months he had for years gone to Cuba to attend to his occupation and passed his winters in Germantown.”³⁴

Signature from 1843 purchase.

Signature from 1874 passport application.

³¹ Charles J. Pike, *Coast Directory* (New Orleans: Fishbourne Lithographer, 1847), lithograph ribbon map, 81 x 8 in. Accession ID No. 1953.3, Williams Research Center, Historic New Orleans Collection.

³² Solon Brownell, Passport Application, 31 August 1874, *U.S. Passport Applications, 1795–1925*, online database at Ancestry.com.

³³ Death certificate for Solon Brownell, 15 June 1880, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Record No. 229; FHL# 4058639, image #300.

³⁴ “Could Not Bear His Losses,” *The Times*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 18 June 1880, p. 3, col. 3. “Recently Solis [sic] Brownell, seventy years old, an engineer, residing on Rittenhouse street, near the Township Line, lost a sum of money in a business venture. . . . His reverses made him despondent . . .” He died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

Solon Brownell (28 July 1810–15 June 1880), a native of Addison County, Vermont, and an engineer by profession, traveled to the sugar-growing region of far-off Louisiana in the 1840s. He settled and invested in land in Saint James Parish, where he fathered Laura (Brown[ell]) Doley with a neighboring free woman of color named Pauline Clarke. At least one published genealogy of the Bushnell family records Solon Isaiah Brownell as the son of Shadrack Brownell and Electa Bushnell, who married in Starksboro, Addison County, on 19 August 1809.³⁵ Their eldest son was Solon Isaiah Brownell and their eldest daughter was Laura Brownell. Thus Solon Brownell, the Yankee engineer who moved to Louisiana in the 1840s, fathered a daughter there, probably named for his eldest sister *Laura*.

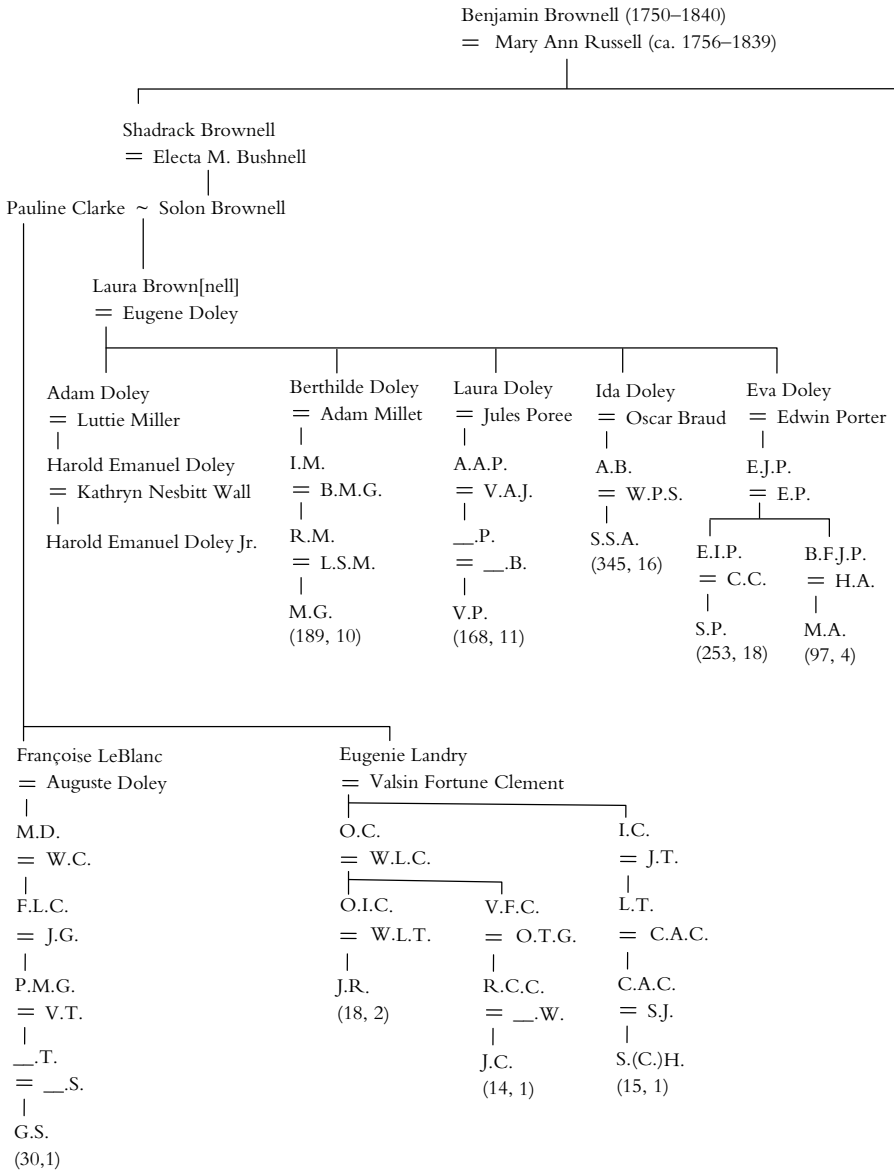
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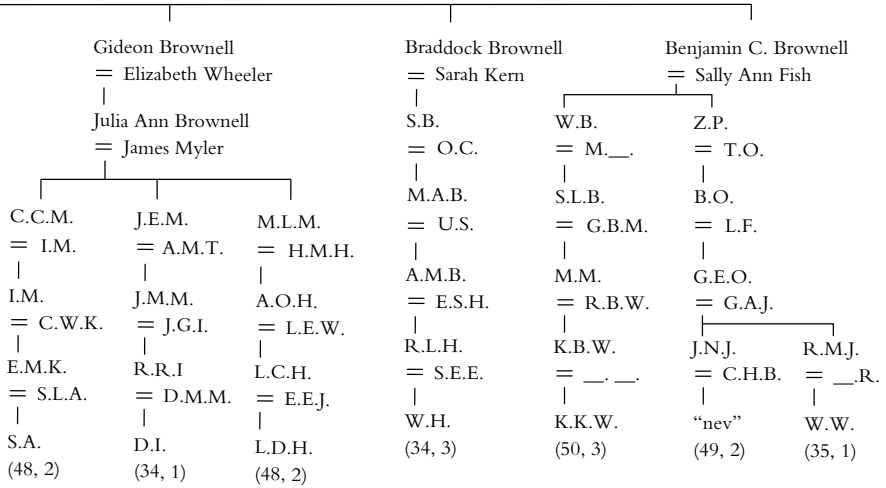
The chart shows shared DNA between Harold Emanuel Doley Jr. (sponsor of this research) and five other descendants of Eugene and Laura (Brown[nell]) Doley through five of their children. The numbers represent the amount of shared centimorgans followed by the amount of segments to Harold. Two or more of these six descendants match at least seven descendants of Solon Brownell's paternal grandparents Benjamin and Mary Ann (Russell) Brownell through three of their sons. Also Harold is shown to match descendants of Pauline Clarke through children by other partners. None of Pauline's descendants through her children Françoise and Eugene match any of the New England Brownell descendants. To protect their privacy, the initials or an abbreviation of the usernames of testers are given.

The parents of Eugene Doley, Laura's husband, were both born in south Louisiana. The spouses of all the Doley children were south Louisiana natives with Louisiana-born parents. Although autosomal DNA comparison can have its limits after a few generations, in this unique example, the different geographic and ethnic ancestry works in our favor. Solon Brownell was the only member of this family to go to Louisiana, and Brownell (but not Doley) descendants are of largely New England Yankee ancestry, while Laura (Brown[nell]) Doley's descendants (outside her proposed paternal ancestors) are of largely Louisiana African and French ancestry. The only reasonable explanation for the shared matches of the Brownell family of New England and the Doleys of Louisiana is that Solon Isaiah Brownell was the father of Laura (Brown[ell]) Doley.

More information on autosomal DNA can be found at isogg.org/wiki/Autosomal_DNA_statistics.

³⁵ George Eleazer Bushnell, *Bushnell Family Genealogy: Ancestry and Posterity of Francis Bushnell, 1580–1646, of Horsham, England and Guilford, Connecticut* (Nashville, Tennessee: Privately Printed, 1945), 198.





Brownell to Doley "shared" matches
 S.A. also matches M.G., M.A.
 D.I. also matches M.G., V.P., S.P., M.A.
 L.D.H. also matches M.A.
 W.H. also matches S.S.A., S.P.
 K.K.W. also matches M.G., M.A.
 "nev" also matches M.G., M.A.
 W.W. also matches S.S.A.

Genealogical Summary

1. **SOLON ISAAH BROWNELL**⁷ (*Shadrack Brownell*⁶, *Benjamin Brownell*⁵, *William Brownell*⁴, *Lydia*³ Soule, *George*²⁻¹), born at Starksboro, Vermont, 28 July 1810. He died at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 15 June 1880, and is buried at Ivy Hill.³⁶

Solon was not married to **PAULINE CLARKE**. She was born at Ascension Parish, Louisiana, 3 January 1824, daughter of Joseph and Eugenie. She was living at St. James Parish, Louisiana, in 1880.³⁷

Solon married about 1852, **MARGARET M. T**_____. She was born at Pennsylvania, about 1824–8. She died at Philadelphia on 20 March 1901.³⁸

Solon Brownell, age 47, born Vermont, farmer, is enumerated in 1860 in Millville, Clayton County, Iowa, with Margaret Brownell, age 36, born Pennsylvania; Willie Brownell, 7, born Iowa; and Mary White, 16, born Maine.³⁹

Solon Brownell, 69, born Vermont, steam engineer, is enumerated in 1880 in Philadelphia, with his wife Margaret M., 52, born Pennsylvania (parents born Ireland).⁴⁰

The will of Solon Brownell of Germantown, twenty-second ward of the city of Philadelphia, dated 30 August 1871, proved 24 June 1880, leaves all his property to his wife Margaret T. No other relatives are named.⁴¹

Child of Solon Brownell⁷ and Pauline Clarke (Solon's first child; Pauline's third):

2 i. **Laura Brown**[ELL]⁸, b. Convent 9 March 1846; m. **Eugene Doley**.

³⁶ *MFIP*, Soule (2005), Part Four (Family Numbers 552–636), 220–223; Bushnell, *Bushnell Family Genealogy*, 198 (which has Solon b. 28 June 1810); Passport application for Solon Brownell, 31 August 1874, *U.S. Passport Applications, 1795–1925*, online database at Ancestry.com, which has Solon b. 28 July 1810; *Vermont VRs* (marriage of Shadrack Brownell and Electa Bushnell, 19 Aug. 1809, Starksboro); 1810 U.S. Census, Starksboro, Addison Co., Vt., Shadrack Brownell household; Death certificate for Solon Brownell, 15 June 1880, Philadelphia, Penn., Record No. 229; FHL# 4058639, image #300.

³⁷ Baptism of “Pauline, fille naturelle de Joseph et d’Eugénie” 9 Oct. 1824, Slaves and Free People of Color Baptismal Register 9, p. 189, Saint Michael the Archangel Church, Convent, Louisiana, Diocese of Baton Rouge Archives; 1860 U.S. Census, District 3, St. James Parish, Louisiana, Pauline [no surname] household [Enumerator recorded birthplaces down to the parish level. Pauline's birthplace is listed as Ascension Parish]; 1880 U.S. Census, 3rd Ward, St. James Parish, Louisiana, Pauline Clarck household.

³⁸ 1860 U.S. Census, Millville, Clayton Co., Iowa, Solon Brownell household; Death certificate for Margaret Brownell, 20 March 1901, Philadelphia, Penn., Record No. 1473, FHL #4009525, image #1765.

³⁹ 1860 U.S. Census, Millville, Clayton Co., Iowa, Solon Brownell household.

⁴⁰ 1880 U.S. Census, Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., Penn., Solon Brownell household.

⁴¹ Will of Solon Brownell, Philadelphia, 1880, will no. 504.

Child of Solon and Margaret M. (T_____) Brownell:

- ii. WILLIE BROWNELL, b. Iowa, ca. 1853; liv. Clayton, Iowa; n.f.r.; prob. dead by 1880.

Children of Pauline Clarke by other partners (*not* George Soule descendants):

- i. [by _____ LeBlanc] FRANÇOISE LEBLANC, b. ca. 1840; d. New Orleans, Louisiana, 17 June 1929; m. New Orleans 3 Aug. 1859, AUGUSTE DOLEY, b. ca. 1809; d. Convent, ca. 28 Sept. 1877. Auguste was previously married to Rosalie, by whom he was the father of Eugene Doley, who married Laura Brown[ell], see #2.⁴²
- ii. [by _____ LeBlanc] ARISTIDE LEBLANC, b. ca. 1842; d. aft. 1860.⁴³
- iv. [by Joseph Augustus] JOSEPH AUGUSTUS, b. ca. 1851; d. aft. 1893; m. New Orleans 19 October 1893, SARAH BAKER.⁴⁴
- v. [by Joseph Augustus] WILLIAM AUGUSTUS, b. ca. 1853; d. New Orleans 28 July 1931; m. New Orleans 28 Jan. 1907, GERTRUDE GASPARD.⁴⁵
- vi. [by S. Landry] EUGENIE LANDRY, b. ca. 1855; d. New Orleans 4 Jan. 1926; m. Convent 25 Sept. 1875, VALSIN FORTUNATE CLEMENT.⁴⁶
- vii. [father unknown], ADELINE _____, b. ca. 1849; d. aft. 1860.⁴⁷
- viii. [father unknown] ODILE _____, b. ca. 1861; d. aft. 1880.⁴⁸

2. **LAURA BROWN[ELL]**⁸ (*Solon Isaiah Brownell*⁷, *Shadrack Brownell*⁶, *Benjamin Brownell*⁵, *William Brownell*⁴, *Lydia*³ *Soule*, *George*²⁻¹), born at Convent, Saint James Parish, Louisiana, 9 March 1846. She died at New Orleans, Louisiana, 19 June 1928.⁴⁹

She married at Saint Michael the Archangel, Convent, 1 February 1882, **EUGENE DOLEY**. He was born at Saint John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, 10 June 1837, son of Auguste and Rosalie Doley. He died at New Orleans 5 March 1911.⁵⁰

⁴² Auguste Lagroue to Françoise LeBlanc—Marriage Contract, 3 August 1859, Saint James Parish Conveyances, 35:95; Death certificate for Frances Doley, 17 June 1929, Orleans Parish Death Records, 198:1393.

⁴³ 1860 U.S. Census, District 3, St. James Parish, La., Auguste [no surname] household.

⁴⁴ Marriage license for Joseph Augustus and Sarah Baker, 19 October 1893, Orleans Parish, La., Marriages Licenses Returned, 32:147, FHL #4769202, image #23.

⁴⁵ Marriage license for William Augustus and Gertrude Gaspard, 28 January 1907, Orleans Parish, La., Marriages Licenses Returned, 57:143, FHL #4922869, image #163.

⁴⁶ DIOBR Catholic Church Records, 13:148; Death certificate for Eugenie Landry, 4 January 1926, Orleans Parish Death Records, 191:1552.

⁴⁷ 1860 U.S. Census, District 3, St. James Parish, La., Pauline [no surname] household.

⁴⁸ 1880 U.S. Census, 3rd Ward, St. James Parish, Louisiana, Pauline Clarck household.

⁴⁹ Baptism of “Laura, free mulâtresse,” 25 May 1846, Slaves and Free People of Color Baptismal Register 9, p. 189, Saint Michael the Archangel Church, Convent, La., Diocese of Baton Rouge Archives; Death certificate for Laura Doley, 19 June 1928, Orleans Parish Death Records, 196:1306.

⁵⁰ DIOBR Catholic Church Records, 15:188; Baptism of “Eugène, son of Rosalie,” 18 May 1842, Slaves and Free People of Color Baptismal Register 9, p. 157, Saint John the Baptist Church, Edgard, La., Archdiocese of New Orleans Archives; Testimony of Eugene Doley, 17 September 1904, p. 10 in Succession of John B. Doley, (No. 74,245), Orleans Parish

Children of Eugene and Laura (Brown[ell])⁸ Doley, b. Convent:

- i. JOSEPH ISIDORE DOLEY⁹, b. 15 May 1863; d. New Orleans 22 March 1891; m. Convent 12 November 1887, AMELIE BERDAGUER.⁵¹
- ii. BERTHILDE DOLEY, b. ca. 1865; d. Chicago, Ill., 8 Dec. 1947; m. Convent 1888, ADAM MILLET.⁵²
- iii. MARIE IDA DOLEY, b. 8 May 1867; d. New Orleans 14 Nov. 1929; m. Convent 15 Feb. 1886, OSCAR BRAUD, d. New Orleans 16 Feb. 1925.⁵³
- iv. MARIE LAURE DOLEY, b. 2 Dec. 1868; d. New Orleans 22 March 1944; m. (1) New Orleans 9 February 1891, FELIX MARTIN; (2) New Orleans 24 March 1895, JULES PORÉE.⁵⁴
- v. JOSEPH EUGENE DOLEY, b. 20 July 1870; d. New Orleans 22 April 1949; m. New Orleans 21 Oct. 1889, BERTHA BRAUD.⁵⁵
- vi. LOUIS PHILIPPE DOLEY, b. 1 Dec. 1871; d. Convent, ca. 27 Nov. 1881.⁵⁶
- vii. MARIE BERNADETTE DOLEY, b. 17 Aug. 1873; d. New Orleans 26 Oct. 1941; m. New Orleans 14 August 1901, JOHN W. ALTIMUS.⁵⁷
- viii. JOSEPH AUGUSTIN DOLEY, b. 29 Nov. 1874; d. bef. 1880.⁵⁸
- ix. MARIE ALCIDIE DOLEY, b. 19 Aug. 1876; d. Convent, ca. 16 Nov. 1877.⁵⁹
- x. [unknown] DOLEY, b. ca. Dec. 1877; d. Convent, ca. 3 June 1878.⁶⁰
- xi. LOUIS DOLEY, b. 25 Aug. 1878; d. New Orleans 26 Jan. 1941; m. New Orleans 30 Oct. 1901, ELZINA PETTY, d. New Orleans 3 Jan. 1969.⁶¹
- xii. [unknown] DOLEY, b. ca. 1880; d. Convent, ca. 19 Aug. 1883.⁶²

Civil District Court, New Orleans Public Library City Archives; Eugene Doley, death certificate (5 March 1911), Orleans Parish Death Records, 151:760.

⁵¹ DIOBR Catholic Church Records, 10:321, 321; Marriage license for Isidore Doley and Amelie Vedegaire [Berdaguer], 12 Nov. 1887, Orleans Parish, La., Marriages Licenses Returned, 22:487; Death certificate for Isidore Dolet, 22 March 1891, Orleans Parish Death Records, 99:122.

⁵² DIOBR Catholic Church Records, 17:165.

⁵³ DIOBR Catholic Church Records, 10:321, 17:184; Death certificate for Ida Doley Braud, 14 November 1929, Orleans Parish Death Records, 198:1089.

⁵⁴ DIOBR Catholic Church Records, 11:296, 18:195; DIOBR Catholic Church Records, 18:195; Marriage certificate for Laura Dolla [Doley] and Jules Porée, 24 March 1895, Orleans Parish Marriage Records, 18:258; Death certificate for Laura Doley Porey, 22 March 1944, Orleans Parish Death Records, 220:1867.

⁵⁵ DIOBR Catholic Church Records, 11:296, 18:195; Death certificate for Eugene Doley Jr., 22 April 1949, Orleans Parish Death Records, p. 2483.

⁵⁶ DIOBR Catholic Church Records, 12:183, 15:188.

⁵⁷ DIOBR Catholic Church Records, 12:183; Marriage certificate for Bernadette Doley and John W. Altimus, 14 Aug. 1901, Orleans Parish Marriage Records, 23:246; Death certificate for Bernadette Altimus, 26 Oct. 1941, Orleans Parish Death Records, 217:285.

⁵⁸ DIOBR Catholic Church Records, 13:185.

⁵⁹ DIOBR Catholic Church Records, 13:185, 14:186.

⁶⁰ DIOBR Catholic Church Records, 14:337.

⁶¹ DIOBR Catholic Church Records, 14:186; Marriage certificate for Louis Doley and Elzina Petty, 30 October 1901, Orleans Parish Marriage Records, 18:258; Death certificate for Louis Doley, 26 Jan. 1941, Orleans Parish Death Records, 215:1653.

⁶² DIOBR Catholic Church Records, 16:166.

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- xiii. JOSEPH WENCESLAUS DOLEY, b. 31 March 1880; d. New Orleans 22 Feb. 1949; m. (1) New Orleans 25 June 1902, PAULINE DAVIS; m. (2) 14 Aug. 1911, CECILIA MILLER.⁶³
- xiv. [unknown] DOLEY, b. ca. April 1882; d. Convent, ca. 14 April 1882.⁶⁴
- xv. ACHILLE DOLEY, b. 21 Aug. 1883; d. bef. 1900.⁶⁵
- xvi. ADAM DOLEY, b. 15 March 1885; d. Humboldt, Coles Co., Ill., 29 Sept. 1916; m. (1) New Orleans 23 Sept. 1902, CELESTE WILSON, d. New Orleans 13 Sept. 1908; m. (2) New Orleans 17 October 1910, LUTTIE MILLER, d. New Orleans 3 Jan. 1983.⁶⁶
- xvii. EVA DOLEY, b. 13 July 1888; d. New Orleans 4 Aug. 1961; m. New Orleans 6 Feb. 1907, EDWIN PORTER.⁶⁷

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⁶³ DIOBR Catholic Church Records, 15:189; Marriage certificate for Winsislis Doley and Pauline Davis, 25 June 1902, Orleans Parish Marriage Records, 24:84; Marriage certificate for Wensislas Doley and Cecilia Miller, 14 Aug. 1911, Orleans Parish Marriage Records, 33:539; Death certificate for Wensislis Doley, 22 Feb. 1949, Orleans Parish Death Records, p. 1189.

⁶⁴ DIOBR Catholic Church Records, 15:188.

⁶⁵ DIOBR Catholic Church Records, 16:166.

⁶⁶ DIOBR Catholic Church Records, 16:166; Marriage certificate for Adam Doley and Celeste Wilson, 23 September 1902, Orleans Parish Marriage Records, 24:278; Marriage certificate for Adam Doley and Luttie Miller, 17 Oct. 1910, Orleans Parish Marriage Records, 32:665; Succession of Adam Doley, 2 Feb. 1917, Orleans Parish Civil District Court, New Orleans Public Library City Archives.

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