

The Ancestors of DeAnna Lynne Brown Scholarship  
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This scholarship is established in the memory, honor, and names of my paternal great grandparents' GREAT-GREAT grandparents! My great grandmother, Perdella Hutton Brown's, maternal GREAT GREAT grandmother, is Judy Boston. According to the 1880 U.S. Census, she was 88 years of age, which puts her birth year in 1792. My paternal great grandfather, Augustus Brown's paternal GREAT-GREAT grandmother, Elizabeth Brown, was identified on the 1870 census. Here age is listed as 55 years of age, putting her birth year as 1815. Though the census does not indicate whether these individuals were slaves, the possibility does exist. Their possible enslavement is a major contributing factor in my decision to establish this scholarship donation. It would be reasonable to conclude that my ancestors could never have imagined their descendants being educated, holding professional positions, owning homes and properties, purchasing stocks, bonds, and other monetary investments, and establishing their own businesses. It is my heartfelt desire that the recipient of the funds acknowledge and recognize the sacrifices that were made to make this opportunity available. And may they never forget that the descendants of possible slaves, sharecroppers, house servants, field hands, people that they have never met, cared enough to invest in their desire to obtain their juris doctorate, to pay it forward. I am requesting that they would commit to doing the same, representing the underserved. Lastly, in addition to honoring my ancestors, who only got as far as they did during the worst of times in these United States of America, because of their faith, I wanted to do this good work because of my shared faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

DeAnna L. Brown

The humble and grateful great, great, great, great granddaughter and seventh generation descendant of Judy Boston and Elizabeth Brown.