

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Brown is the widow of the late Joseph Brown, a well-known ranchman living northwest of Meridian, who passed away in February 13, 1910. She still resides in the same vicinity, making her home one mile west of the Brown ranch, which is yet in her possession. Her maiden name was Mary E. Jones and she was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, March 23, 1856, a daughter of James W. and Martha (Webb) Jones. It was on the first of June 1879 that she was married in her native county to Joseph Brown, with whom she removed to Missouri, where they continued to reside for a period of seventeen years. The year 1904 witnessed their arrival in Idaho and the establishment of their home on the present Brown ranch. Mrs. Brown has made splendid improvements on the property since the death of her husband, these including a substantial residence and good barn which were erected a few years ago.

To Mr and Mrs. Brown were born three children, namely: Mrs. Naomi Sandy, the wife of Charles Edward Sandy; Joseph Savior, and John Robert. All three are married and live on ranches of their own near the home of their mother. A sister of the late Joseph Brown lives with the latter's widow. She bore the maiden name of Sarah Margaret Brown and was born in Rockingham county, Virginia December 2, 1853, while on the 13th of December, 1877, she gave her hand in marriage to Edwin F. Jones, an older brother of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Brown. Following their marriage they removed to Missouri, in which state they made their home for twenty-seven years before coming to Ada county, Idaho. Mr. Jones passed away on the 22nd day of October, 1917, leaving five daughters as follows; Mrs. Cora Shively, a resident of New Mexico; Mrs. Emma Frizzell, living at Eagle, Idaho; Mrs. Martha Rebecca Huber of Elida, Ohio; Mrs. Gertrude May Sandy, who makes her home in the Boise valley; and Mrs. Minnie Grace Bets, also living in the Boise valley.

Mrs. Brown belongs to the Brethren church, which is located just across the road from her home, while Mr. Brown was a deacon in the church and one of its builders. His demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret to his widow and children the priceless heritage of an untarnished name. Mrs. Brown is a typical Virginia bred woman of the old school, possesses a motherly, kindly face and manner and is active in the work and support of her church. The highly productive and valuable Brown ranch, or at least that part of the property on which the improvements have been made, is situated one mile east of the house in which she now resides and is the home of her son, Joseph Saylor. The members of the Brown family are widely and favorably known throughout the community, enjoying the warm regard of all with whom they have been associated.