



James Patton Brownlow, Lt. Colonel, Co. C, 1 TN Cavalry, USA

- 1842 December 17: Born to William and Eliza O'Brien Brownlow in Washington County, Tennessee.
- 1850 August 30: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Knox County, TN showed James, 8, lived with his parents and siblings. His father's occupation was listed as an Editor. Living with the family was William O'Brien, 21, Printer, Frances Small, 18, printer, William Neal, 17, printer, H. Lathan, 17, printer, Susan O'Brien, 20, and Eliza Brown, 20, mulatto.
- 1860 July 18: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Knox County, TN showed James, 18, lived with his parents and siblings. His father's occupation was listed as an Editor. His father was editor of the *Whig* in Knoxville, it was the last pro-union newspaper in the South.
- 1862 April 1: Enlisted as a Captain, CO. C, 1 TN Cavalry in Flatlick, KY.
- August 1: Rank change to Lieutenant Colonel
- 1864 The following ...*illustration represents Colonel Jim Brownlow, with a small party of men in Georgia costume, crossing the Chattahoochee to capture a rebel pickets. The expedition was a successful one, but it broke up the friendly communication which had been several days established between the pickets across the river. This was before Sherman had crossed. The morning after the*

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<sup>1</sup> Accessed on Ancestry.com

occurrence notice was given of the changed situation by a Reb yelling out across the stream:

'Hello, Yank!'

'What do you want, Johnny?'

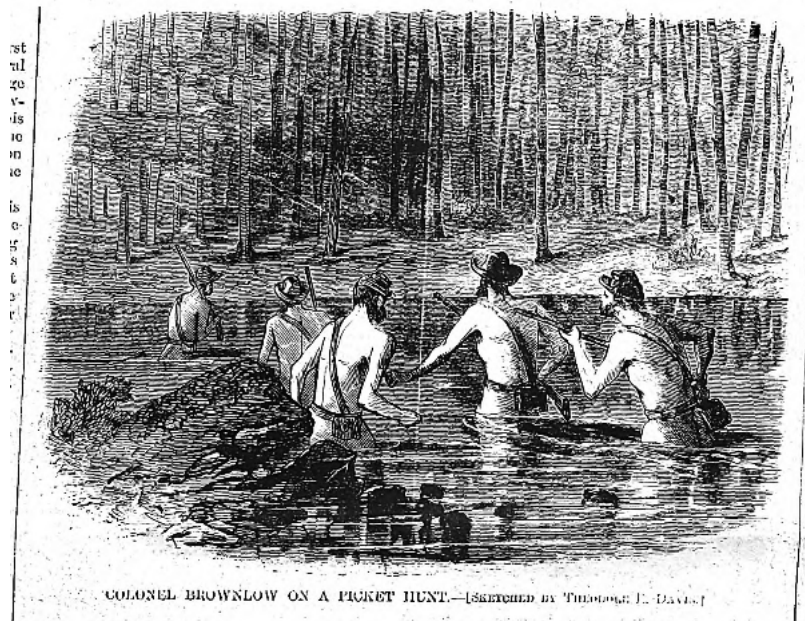
'Can't talk to you'uns any more!'

'How is that?'

'Orders to dry up!'

'What for, Johnny?'

'Oh! Jim Brownlow, with his damn Tennessee Yanks, swam over upon the left last night, and stormed our rifle-pits naked—captured sixty of our boys, and made 'em swim back with him. We'uns have got to keep you'uns on your side of the river now.'



November 30: James fought at the Battle of Franklin, where he was badly wounded. He was taken to a local doctor's home, Dr. Cliffe for treatment, where he was nursed back to health by Dr. Cliffe's daughter, Belle.

1865 March 13: James was brevetted to Brigadier General by President Andrew Johnson.

April 5: James's father was elected Governor of Tennessee. During his Governorship, he submitted the 13th and 14th amendments for ratification in TN.

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<sup>2</sup> HarpWeek, v. 8, 1864, et al.. [Harper's Weekly](#). [New York: Harper's Magazine Co., etc.], (accessed hathidigital.org)

He served two terms as Governor. James served as an adjutant general in the state guard during his father's term as governor.

October 3: Married Isabella "Belle" Cliffe in Williamson County, TN,

**MARRIAGE IN VERY HIGH LIFE.**—Brigadier General James P. Brownlow, of the Federal army, son of Rev. Dr. William G. Brownlow, Governor of Tennessee, and Editor of the Knoxville *Whig*, was married last week to Miss Belle Cliffe, daughter of Dr. D. B. Cliffe, of Franklin, Tennessee. The marriage ceremony was performed by Governor Brownlow.



1866 April 24: James applied for a pension for his military service.

NAME OF SOLDIER: <i>Brownlow, James P.</i>				
NAME OF DEPENDENT: <i>Widow, Minor, Mother, Brownlow, Eliza A.</i>				
SERVICE: <i>Col. 1 Tenn Cav</i>				
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
<i>1866 Apr 24</i>	<i>Invalid, Widow.</i>	<i>107090</i>	<i>109611</i>	
<i>1897 June 10</i>	<i>Minor, Mother</i>	<i>655708</i>	<i>535013</i>	<i>Tenn</i>
ATTORNEY:				
REMARKS: <i>M. B. ...</i>				

November 24: James was made Captain of the Cavalry in the regular army and sent west.

General James Brownlow, son of the Governor, was on Tuesday made captain of cavalry in the regular army and ordered to San Francisco.

<sup>3</sup> The Daily Union Banner, 27 Oct 1865, Fri, Pg.1

<sup>4</sup> Accessed on Ancestry.com

<sup>5</sup> U.S., Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934

<sup>6</sup> The Daily Memphis Avalanche, 24 Nov 1866, Sat, pg.2

1867

Just before the election in California, Gen. J. P. Brownlow, son of that quintessence of the filth of hell now governing Tennessee, wrote home from the Golden State—"I find papa is very popular here. The State is Radical." We wonder what "papa" and "sonny" think of California's Radicalism, now?—*Brick Pomeroy.*

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1868 May 13: Write up about James in Memphis, TN.

The Memphis Bulletin's Washington correspondent says:  
Gen. James Brownlow is still in the city, flourishing around, and no doubt will soon have the experience of an old stager. It requires but a few months in this city to develop a man's perception and increase the size of his optics.

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1869 March 4: James's father was elected to the U.S Senate. He served until 1875.

1870 July 12: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Greene County, TN showed James lived with his wife, Belle. His occupation was listed as a farmer. Living with the family, Sarah Lustre, 20, Black, Domestic Servant and her eight month old daughter, Amanda.

1877 April 29: James's father, Parson, passed away.

1878 Map of Williamson County, TN shows Mrs. J. P. Brownlow living in District Eight.

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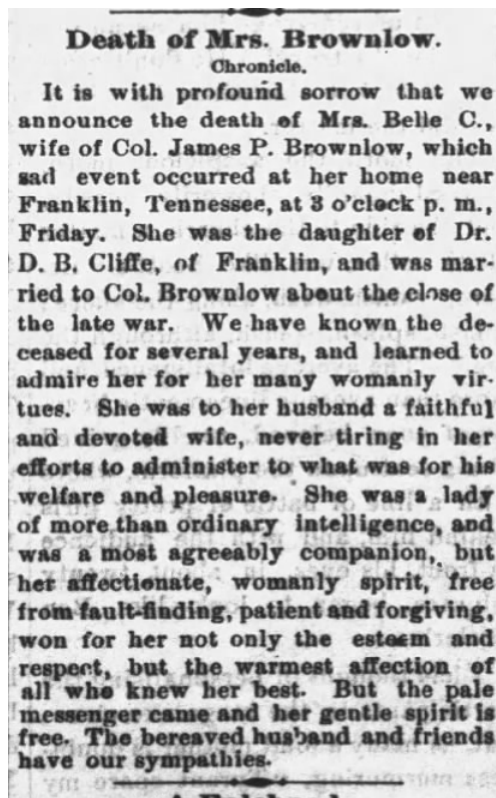
<sup>7</sup> The Pulaski Citizen, Pulaski, TN, Friday, 11 Oct 1867, pg. 2 (accessed newspapers.com)

<sup>8</sup>Daily Press and Herald, 13 May 1868, Wed, pg.4



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May 24: James's wife, Belle, passed away in their home in Franklin, TN,



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1879 April 26: James died in Knox County, Tennessee at his mother's home. He was returned to Franklin, TN and buried in Rest Haven Cemetery beside his wife and two children who died in infancy.

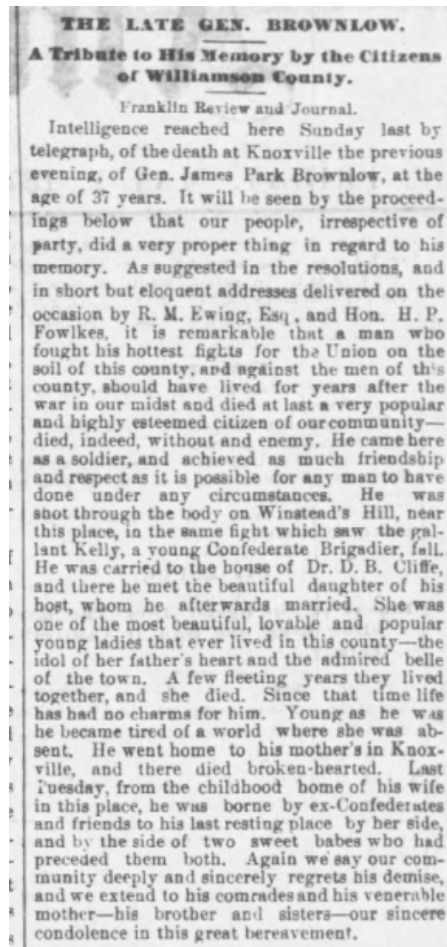
<sup>9</sup> D. G. Beers map, 1878, Tennessee Virtual Archive

<sup>10</sup> The Morristown Gazette, 29 May 1878, Wed, pg.2



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May 2: A tribute article was written in the Tennessean regarding Jame's death.



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1897: June 10: Eliza, James's mother, applied again for a mothers pension. She

<sup>11</sup> Accessed on findagrave.com

<sup>12</sup> The Tennessean, 02 May 1879, Fri, pg.2

passed away in 1914.