

he and family worship in the Congregational Church. While in New York Mr. Brown's father resided about a mile and a half from the Mormon prophet, Joseph Smith, and assisted him in digging up the plates from which the Book of Mormon is supposed to have been written.

Daniel Lanning Bruner, a well-to-do farmer and stock raiser of Benton County, Ark., was born in Monroe County, Ind., August 1, 1841, and is a son of Elias and Matilda (Williams) Bruner, and grandson of Jacob Bruner. The latter was born in Germany, and was a hatter by trade, but also owned and managed a farm. Elias Bruner was born in Shenandoah County, Va., in 1797, and, like his father, was a farmer and hatter by occupation. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and died in Benton County, Ark., April 10, 1871. His wife was born in Tennessee in 1807, and died in Benton County, Ark., October 25, 1874. Daniel Lanning Bruner was taken to Cumberland County, Ill., at the age of nine years, and the next year was removed to Cole County. He was taken to Texas in 1858, and was there reared to manhood. All the schooling he received was obtained while he was a small boy in Indiana and Illinois, reading and writing being the extent of his scholastic attainments. Since that time he has improved his education very much by private study, and he is an extensive and thoughtful reader. He located in Benton County, Ark., in 1868, and was here married two years later to Miss Penelope Litteral, who was born in Tennessee in October, 1843, a daughter of James Litteral, a farmer. In March, 1862, Mr. Bruner enlisted in the Confederate army, in Company I, Fifteenth Texas Volunteer Infantry, and served until the cessation of hostilities. He was in a number of hotly contested battles, but was never wounded. He was sergeant of his company, and after the war returned home, broken down in health from hardships and exposure. By industry and good management he is now the owner of a good farm of 120 acres. He is a Master Mason, and he and family worship in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. His children were as follows: Mary Ellen, James B., Lucinda E., Walter Lee, Cora Edna, Reumira and Daniel Clinton; the latter of whom died September 18, 1888.

John H. and James P. Burns, grocery merchants of Bentonville, Ark., were born in Bedford County, Tenn., in 1830 and 1838, respectively. They are the sons of Thomas P. and Mary Ann (Knott) Burns, and the grandsons of John Burns, who was a native of Ireland, coming to the United States when a young man; was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and drew a pension for services rendered. He located in North Carolina, but afterward located in Bedford County, Tenn., where he died about 1836. Thomas P. Burns was born in the State of North Carolina in 1793, and was of Irish descent. He died in 1838. Mary Ann (Knott) Burns was born in Bedford County, Tenn., and died in 1870 at the age of sixty-three. She was the mother of five children, three of whom are now living: William, who resides in Bell County, Tex., engaged in farming; John H. and James P. The father of these children died when they were quite small, and, after his death, the mother continued to keep house, and keep her children together on the farm. In 1860 she and her three children moved to Benton County, Ark., purchased a farm five miles southwest of the county seat, and here John H. and James P. remained with their mother until her death. They followed farming until 1881, when they established a grocery store in Bentonville, and this they have since continued. They carry a first-class stock of goods, and are men of good business ability, are strictly honest, and are good citizens. In 1871 John H. married Miss Mary Elizabeth Simpson, a native of Alabama, born in 1838, and the daughter of James Simpson. Mrs. Burns died in 1875, and in 1877 he married Miss Harriet E. Campbell, who was born in Logan County, Ky., and who is the daughter of James M. Campbell. James P. married, in 1878, Miss Sarah Emaline Jackson, daughter of Haley Jackson. They have five children: Mary E., Margaret G., Edna A., James H. and Ida. In politics the brothers are both Democrats. They are both Masons, and both are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of which John H. is steward and James P. trustee. In 1862 the brothers enlisted in Company F, Confederate army, under Capt. Miser. John H. was in the battle of Helena, Jenkins' Ferry, and was captured and retained about twenty days. He was discharged at Washington, Ark., after the surrender. James P. was in the battle of Prairie Grove, and was afterward transferred to the commissary department, and was there from August, 1862, until the close of the war. He was wounded quite severely in the battle of Prairie Grove.