

BROWN HOUSE
By Ina Clayton Askew

On winter nights as could wind blew,
Around the fire, when chores were through;
We'd sing those songs I still can hum-
"When the Glory Morning Comes"

Many days have come and gone,
Since we sang those good old songs;
And this one tune we sang of old,
"ME-RE-D-ME-RE-DO-LA-SOL"

When Sunday came we "oft did meet,
At old Brown House, on Indian Creek;
And there we'd sing from books of Vaughn,
About the day when Glory Dawned.

No nursery room, nor books galore,
But children stretched out on the floor;
Upon perhaps a ragged quilt-
Which served the purpose as good as silk.

'Twas here I remember Brother Myers,
With his hands flung upward to the stars;
He knocked the lamp from off the wall,
And caught it fast before its fall.

There were Leftwiches, Suttons, Pritchards and Shanks,
Robinson and Browns-one was named Frank;
Maddux and Bryants and Whiteheads, too,
I'll name a few others and then I'm through.

There were Chambers and Adams and those named Keith,
The Goolsbys and Bushes, and more beside these;
I remember there were some Maynards, too,
And the Helms and Boyds before I'm through.

There was Elizabeth's gang- The Anderson boys,
The Elrod family, along with the Carrs;
Then counting our gang, you verily could see,
you verily could see,
That OLD BROWN HOUSE was as full as could be.

Sometimes we had "Dinner on the Ground"
And all of us there gathered round;

Better food could not be found,
By those who lived in bigger towns.

‘Uncle’ Whit Wallace was often there,
Drying his eyes after saying his prayer;
I wouldn’t take a fortune in shining gold,
As exchange for those memories of “Dear Ones” of old.

There is much that is lost in today’s chic and style,
Things of great value that are still worth our while;
So it’s a joy to remember when our loved ones did meet,
Down at OLD BROWN HOUSE on Big Indian Creek.

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Ina G. Clayton, b. 5 February 1910 md 1 August 1931, Sam Askew, b. 24 April 1911.
Ina G. Clayton was the d/o Rev. James Robert Clayton & Harriett Mae “Hattie”
McCaleb. Sam & Ina Clayton Askew lived in Hazel Park, MI.

They had five children:

Matilda Askew, b. 11 June 1932
Three children: Dale, Kevin & Teresa.

Etta Askew, b. 12 September 1934 md Clarence G. Norman in 1952.
Five children: Gay, Marie, Vicky, Brad & Dennis Norman, b. 1960, adopted.

Sammie Rose Askew, b. 4 May 1939 md Glen Peach on 16 September 1956.
Two children: Glenda, b. 2 December 1960 & Brian Peach, b. 5 July 1966, adopted.

Richard Askew, b. 11 June 1943 md Delores Vorhol.
Three children: Sherry, Michael & Robert Askew

Andrea Lynn Askew, b. 2 December 1944 md Craig Sanborn on 28 December 1962. He
was b. 3 August 1943.
Six children: Tanya, b. 1964; Holly, b. 1967; Craig, Mark, Laura, adopted & Wendy
Sanborn, adopted.