Frank August Brownson

Frank August Brownson was born on May 4, 1894 to Clifton N Brownson and Mae (Minnie) Ladwig in St. Paul, Minnesota. Originally married in 1890 his parents split up when they living in Kentucky. His mother moved back to St. Paul. By 1910 the family was back living together in St. Paul. In 1917 they moved to Hastings which Frank, now age 24 was working for the River Falls Power Company as an electrician in Hastings. He was also attending the University of Minnesota Farm School. It was here that he enlisted on June 15, 1918. He was assigned to Training Detachment #1 and eventually to Company C, 6th Field Battalion at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He was promoted to Corporal on November 1, 1918 and to Sergeant on December 1, 1918. He was discharged on January, 19, 1919 from Camp Dodge as the war had ended. He returned home to Hastings and worked as the local manager for River Falls Power Company/NSP for 45 years.

He married Mae D Clausen and the couple had two children, Harvey and Richard. Frank died on January 17, 1972 at the age of 78 in Hastings Minnesota from Pneumonia.