

The Death of John Brownson.

There died, in New Orleans, March 23, 1857, John Brownson, aged 55 years and 15 days. Mr. Brownson was a native of Opelousas, born March 8, 1802. He was the son of Caroline Stell and John Brownson, Sr., one of the most prominent members of the Louisiana Bar and law partner of ex-Gov. Joshua G. Baker. Mr. Brownson spent his early youth in Louisiana, but in his boyhood left with his parents for their famous Poinona Farm on Long Island, Queen's county, N. Y. After several years' schooling in Brooklyn, he was sent to Yale where he was a classmate of Senator R. L. Gibson and graduated. On leaving college he went to Europe. Returning home after two years of travel, he remained a short time in New York, when he determined to pay a visit to his native State. His stay here was permanent. Having inherited a fortune from his parents he invested in large sugar plantations, and at one time was one of the most prominent planters in the parishes of St. Mary and Terrebonne. In 1856 he married the widow of Anthony Wayne Baker, youngest daughter of the late Gabriel Luolairé Fuselier, the wealthiest planter of St. Mary at the time. Mr. Brownson raised a very large family; also, his stepson, Joshua G. Baker, the present Judge of the Criminal Court of New Orleans, Section B. Mr. Brownson, like the most of our planters of the old regime, failed and his beautiful plantation was sacrificed to meet his liabilities. The vicissitudes of fortune, combined with his ill health, hastened his death. He leaves a devoted wife, three daughters and eight sons to mourn his untimely death. One of his daughters, Mrs. J. S. Martel, is now a resident of Opelousas. God has seen fit to call from this transitory life one that was honored, loved and esteemed by all those that knew him. He was an affectionate husband, a devoted father, and his generous heart was the mirror of his noble soul. May his name never be obliterated from the history of our State.—*Opelousas Courier*, April 2.