

Frank Brown was born on Pico Island in the Azores of Portugal in 1897. He emigrated to the United States in 1914 at the age of 17 and settled in Gloucester, Massachusetts. Frank joined the Portuguese fleet dory trawling on the Little Ruth out of Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Frank Brown at age 23 married Olivia Sears, age 25. Olivia was the daughter of Joseph and Emily (Alves) Sears of 5 Silva Court Gloucester, Massachusetts. They married at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church on March 25, 1920. They lived at 5 Silva Court, Gloucester, Massachusetts, in the house where Olivia had been born and raised.

On December 21, 1926, at age 29, Frank Brown became a naturalized citizen. At that time, he and his wife, Olivia had three children: Twins, Louise and Madeline, age 6 and Richard age 3. They continued to reside at 5 Silva Court, Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Captain Frank Brown traveled often to Essex, Massachusetts to see his fishing vessel being built. Her keel was laid on March 9, 1927 at the John F. James Shipyard in Essex, Massachusetts. On that day, the eighty-four foot hull of a durable wooden schooner began to take shape. When the fishing vessel was complete it's bdth was, 21.5 and depth, 10.2 with two master sails and 150 hp engine.

On April 4, 1927 Olivia Brown gave birth to her fourth child and he was christened Frank Brown Jr., named after his father. Frank Jr. would grow up to follow his father's footsteps and become a commercial fisherman.

The fishing vessel was launched on August 27, 1927 at 10:00 AM and was named for Captain Frank Brown's wife, Olivia Brown, who performed the christening.

On September 23, 1927 the Olivia Brown was hauled out on the Burnham Railway in Gloucester where she was fitted for dragging. On October 6, 1927, her maiden fare brought 17,000 thousand pounds of haddock, 12,000 thousand pounds of cod and 4,000 thousand pounds of mixed fish to the Boston Fish Pier. By October 26th of that year Captain Frank Brown and crew brought in over 170,000 thousand pounds of fish in only four fishing trips.

On April 22, 1929, at age 34, Olivia Sears Brown died suddenly of a cerebral embolism at Addison Gilbert Hospital in Gloucester, Massachusetts. Olivia was buried at Calvery Cemetery in Gloucester, Massachusetts on April 25, 1929. At the time of her death, she had four young children ages 2 thru 9 years.

On April 29, 1930 Frank Brown age 33 married Emily Mae Sears age 22. Emily was the daughter of Joseph and Emily (Alves) Sears and the sister of Olivia (Sears) Brown deceased first wife Frank Brown. Emily became stepmother to her deceased sister's four children. The family resided at 7 Warren Street Gloucester,

