

BRAWNING, ROBERT L.

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Born at _____ Kentucky _____, 18__.

Son of _____ and _____

Married _____ at _____ on _____, 18__

Children _____

Appointed Acting Midshipman, U. S. Navy, March 4, 1823; on May 27, he was ordered to proceed by water from Washington, Mason County, Kentucky, to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he received his warrant; attached to the West Indian Squadron, July 30, 1824; directed to be ready for exploring expedition, December 4, 1828; commissioned Lieutenant June 21, 1832; served on the VINCENNES, LEVANT, ERIE, OHIO, and CONGRESS and was in command of the PETREL.

Joined a party for California at Camp Ringgold, Texas, March 19, 1849; went with J. W. Audubon across northern Mexico and what is now southern Arizona and arrived San Diego November 4; went via Los Angeles and the San Joaquin Valley with 10 men and 46 mules and arrived at San Francisco, December 21, 1849; left for the gold fields December 28; reported to Commodore Jones for duty with the Pacific squadron, January 30, 1850, Drowned off Trinidad River (or Bay) California, March 27, 1850.

Buried _____

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Audubon, J. W. - Western Journal, 1849-50, Cleveland, 1906, pp. 34, 71, 77-79, 81, 85, 94, 102, 120, 125, 170, 171, 179, 193, 195, 199, 228.

Bureau of Navigation - Naval Service records.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. METCALF

Please secure his pension record.