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5 year old Wade Brownell Needs to return home

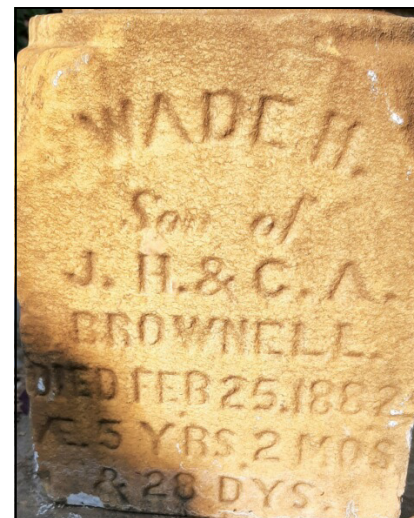
Can you help with a small donation to bring him home?

November 28, 1877, Isaac and Charlotte Foote Brownell became the proud parents of a cute little baby boy. The Brownell's lived in Hope, Hamilton County, New York where Mr. Brownell carried on the business of cutting down trees and peeling hemlock bark to send to the nearby tannery. It was a very dangerous job and many accidents occurred. February 25, 1882, tragically, five year old Wade Brownell was run over by a loaded hemlock bark wagon and was killed. Little Wade was buried in the South Main Street Cemetery in the village of Northville; A precious stone was purchased by his parents and lovingly placed. They along with Wade's five brothers and one sister often visited the little grave. (Henry, David, Daniel, Alpheus, Raymond and sister Elizabeth)

Jump ahead now to about 1975. Two young men were walking around the South Main Street Cemetery and discovered a memorial stone that had fallen over and was partially buried near the bank of the Little Northville Lake. In the 1950s there had been a violent rain storm in the area that eroded a corner of the cemetery that bordered the dirt bank which led down to the Little Northville Lake. The storm apparently tipped over Wade's stone and someone may have tossed it aside, rather than inquiring into cemetery records to put it back where it belonged. The young men did not know where the stone was suppose to be, so they decided to take the stone to their house where they set it up in their yard, overlooking the lake, for safe keeping. Years later, as they prepared to move out of town, they gave the stone to someone else, who eventually moved and took the stone to her new home in Nevada where she lovingly took care of it.

Jump ahead again to the summer of 2021. The person in possession of little Wade's stone arrived in Northville for a visit and expressed her desire to the people in the Red Barn, that she wanted to have the stone returned to it's original place in the South Main Street Cemetery, which sounds like a right and good thing to do. I was contacted, which started me to research what I could find out about Wade and his family. That's when I discovered that he had been killed by a wagon loaded with hemlock bark. Several local folks are very interested in having Wade's memorial stone returned to his resting place.

Shipping a heavy headstone is pricey, so, if you would like to help bring home the stone that honors and remembers little Wade, send a check to the Northville Northampton Historical Society P. O. Box 1035 Northville N.Y. 12134 marking it for this use.



There was a mistake by the engravers. The J should have been an I for Isaac.





A load of hemlock bark on it's way to the Tannery. This picture is a local picture . There was a Tannery in Hope Falls , so it's very likely this was on it's way Hope Falls.



"I didn't want to abandon it just to have it end up in the dump again Nobody wanted it, so.....I took it with me to Reno, Nevada. Any home I have owned and lived in here, I carefully placed it under pine tree's, next to water, on the hill next to my home overlooking the valley, many prominent locations, and took great care to pick a special place for him to rest. I had an old antique tricycle (from Northville) that I always placed next to the marker for Wade, imagining him riding it in his youth and now up in the clouds peddling around the skies. I felt close to him. I have cared for the marker all these years but knowing that one day, I wanted Wade to go home. Written by C. C. B.

Prescriptions filled via Stage Coach
1913

Lake Pleasant, New York
August 10th 1913.
Kested & Bowman,
Gentlemen:-
- Kindly send to Mrs George
Whitman, Co Wm Dunham Post Master, Piseco,
N. Y. the enclosed prescription C. O. D. by
Stage -
Also one bottle of Metho Sodium Phosphate
to Mrs Marvin Schuyler, Lake Pleasant, N. Y.
C. O. D. by Stage -
One hundred 1/60 grain Strychnine Sulphate
tablets to Mr Wm Budworth Lake Pleasant,
N. Y. - & please mark these one before
Each meal 3 times a day.
One hundred Iron, Quinine & Strychnine
2603

A 1913 note from a doctor in Lake Pleasant, NY to Pharmacist's Kested and Bowman in Northville, NY. The request may have come by way of Stage Coach, as he is requesting the medicine be sent C. O. D. by stage coach to several patients.

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