

BROWN



Floreat majestas

**SHIELD:** Gules a chevron between 3 fleur-de-lis or.

**CREST:** A demi lion rampant gules, holding in the dexter paw a fleur-de-lis or.

**MOTTO:** Floreat majestas = let majesty flourish

## FAMILY ORIGIN AND COAT OF ARMS

Motto: "Armat et ornat."  
(For defence and ornament.)

Arms: Argent, on a chevron sable  
between three cranes azure,  
as many escallops or

Crest: On a mount vert, a hare  
courant argent.

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There is little doubt that this family name is the Anglicized version of the German "brun" and when surnames were adopted, since it was the practice to take ones profession, place of residence or characteristics, this, apparently, described the coloring of the family.

Old English records reveal the name listed countless times and in many instances for great service to the country. One specifically mentioned was Christopher Brown of Suffolk County who performed great deeds for England.

One of the Mayflower passengers, Peter Brown by name, is considered to be progenitor of this family in the colonies. Branches of this family were in due time settled in most of the colonies.

Early American history annals reveal that many persons bearing this name were constructive in the development of our country and their descendants today are prominent in the political and social affairs of our nation.