

Browne, Hamilton 1844-

A son of James Browne of Des Moines. [See this file for note on James Browne].

Starting in 1872, Hamilton Browne purchased coal lands, developed and operated coal lands and dealt as a broker in Iowa lands. Before 1882 he had purchased over 10,000 acres of Iowa lands, 3000 of which were bought from E.C.Litchfield. All Browne's land purchases were made in the name of someone other than his own.

In 1880 he went through bankruptcy.

J.J.Hill advanced Browne money to prospect

and develop lands and when Hill thought it advisable, joined Browne in purchasing and opening mines.

Was a partner with Hill and Foster in the Clyde Coal Co.

See: "In the Circuit Court of the U.S. May term 1893, Southern district of Iowa. Edward H. Litchfield, complainant vs. Hamilton Browne, J.J.Hill, Trustee and the Clyde Coal Co. Brief and argument on the part of the defendants." *Filed in box of "Printed legal Cases."*