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Dear Mr. Brown,

I could find no connection with the early Augusta County Brown families and your Joseph Brown. The early families are found in the Tinkling Spring book. There is no will for Joseph Brown, nor are there any deeds for Joseph Brown recorded before 1807. Yet we know that he was here prior to 1804 when he married ~~Hill~~. I could find no reference to any Hill families living in the area. Burch is also an Amherst name. It is a mystery as to how they met. Joseph Brown lived near Jennings Gap, where Swoope (town) is today.

Ritchey  
MBB

Nancy Camilla and Mary Amanda died of scarlet fever on July 17, 1853, as reported by their father, John J. D. Brown. Nancy was 4 years, 4 months, 6 days old. Mary was 2 years, 11 months, 20 days.

There were two deeds for Hugh Ritchey. Do you have these? I do agree with your thinking that Joseph Brown was from Pennsylvania. See Deed Book 65, pp 445-446 where Mary Brown appoints a John Brown of Ohio as her "attorney" to press her case that her husband, Joseph Brown was owed rent by the estate of John Mann in Nottingham Township, PA. This John could be a brother of Joseph. I would check the PA census, records, etc for a Joseph Brown. That county may have the suit of Brown Vs. Mann which would give you lots of details. Joseph had money from somewhere when he got to Augusta County.

There were no marriage bonds in the books except for Rhoda. If I can be of further help, let me know.

Sincerely,

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