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Letters To The Editor

Editor:

No one appreciates the questioning of an honored and revered local tradition, but Christina Winn did not marry Colonel William Bratton. She married Dr. William Bratton, the son of the Revolutionary War hero, Colonel William Bratton and his wife, Martha, of York District. Dr. William Bratton was born on July 16, 1773, and died on December 1, 1850. Christina Winn Bratton died on November 2, 1817, at the age of thirty-five years. William and Christina were married sometime near June 5, 1805, the date her father, General Richard Winn, gave the young couple a house and some land. The only child of this marriage of which I have a record was a little daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, who died on October 28, 1815, at the age of eighteen months.

After Christian's death, Dr. William Bratton married Isabella Means Judge, widow of the dynamic young Methodist minister, the Rev. Hilliard Judge, and daughter of John and Mary Means. Isabella had several children by the Rev. Mr. Judge and

several by Dr. William Bratton. The most honored child of William and Isabella Bratton was Dr. John M. Bratton, physician, planter, Confederate general and congressman.

A sad, but romantic, little story is told on the cemetery markers in Winnsboro. Dr. William Bratton is buried in the Presbyterian cemetery near his first wife,

Christina, and their little daughter, Sarah Elizabeth. Isabella Means Judge Bratton is buried in the Methodist cemetery near her first husband Rev. Hilliard Judge, and their fourteen-year-old son, John Means Judge.

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