BRATTON NOTES-- South Carolina:

Who Was Who In America, 1607-1896:
John Bratton, physician, state legislator; born Winnsboro, S. C., March 7, 1831; son of Dr. William Bratton, Jr., and Isabella (Means) Bratton, graduate South Carolina College, 1850; M. D., South Carolina Medical College, 1853; married Elixabeth DuBose, 1859. Pricticed medicine, in Fairfield County, S. C., until the Civil War; served with 6th Regiment South Carolina Volunteers during the Civil War, promoted Captain, 1861, Colonel, 1862, Brigadier General, 1864, known as "Old Reliable". Member South Carolina Constitutional Convention, 1865; South Carolina Senate, 1865-66; South Carolina House of Representatives, 1884-85. Died Winnsboro, January 12, 1898.

From "Biographical Directory of the Senate of South Carolina, 1776-1964" Compiled by Emily Bellinger Reynolds & Joan Reynolds Faunt:
Bratton, John (Grandson of William Bratton), Senator from Fairfield District. Born March 7, 1831, at Winnsboro, son of William Bratton, and Isabella I. Means. Attended Mount Zion Institute; graduated S. C. College, A. B., 1850; M. D., Med. Col. of S. C., 1853; studied medicine at New Orleans. Planter and physician at Winnsboro, S. C., 1853-61. Married Elizabeth Porcher DuBose in 1859. Enlisted as private in Confederate Army; promoted to Lieut. Col., 6th S. C. Volunteers; Colonel, 1862; Brigadier General, June 27, 1864; several times cited for gallantry; twice wounded; taken prisoner at Seven Pines May 31, 1862, and held in Fortress Monroe for several months; his Brigade the only one which left the field as an organized unit in the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox. After the war, resumed planting at "Farmington" near Winnsboro. Constitutional Convention of 1865, S. C. Senate, Fairfield, 1865-67. Taxpayers Convention of 1871. Chairman of S. C. delegation to National Democratic Convention, 1876; delegate 1880; Chairman of the State Democratic party, 1880. Elected Comptroller General, by General Assembly Dec 22, 1880, vice J. C. Coit, resigned; commissioned January 5, 1881, served until 1882. Elected to 48th Congress, serving from Dec. 8, 1884 to March 3, 1885. Trustee of South Carolina College 1886-90. Survivors Association of South Carolina Volunteers, 6th Regiment; President. Member of Episcopal Church. Died at Winnsboro, S. C., January 12, 1898, buried in Episcopal Cemetery, Winnsboro.

Bratton, William (Grandfather of John Bratton, above), Senator from York District. Born in 1742 in Ireland; came with parents first to Pennsylvania, then to York, S. C. Married Martha Robinson of Rowan County, N. C. During the Revolutionary War, colonel under General Thomas Sumter; served in Militia in York formed to stop the advance of British after the fall of Charles Town in 1780. Tax collector, New Acquisition, 1778-84. Commissioner for building court house and gaol, Pinckney District, 1791. One of first county court judges. Justice of the Peace. South Carolina House of Representatives, New Acquisition District, 1784-90. S. C. Senate, York, 1790-94; resigned on election as Sheriff December 19, 1794, serving 4 years. Trustee of Alexandria College in Pinckney District, 1797. Member of Bethesda Presbyterian Church, McConnells, died Feb 9, 1815; buried in Bethesdia Cemetery, York District.

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"Lee's Lieutenants" by Douglas Southhall Freeman, 3 volumes, has numerous references to General John Bratton. Among them, I quote the following; Volume III, page 549-60; referring to another to Brigadier General "..... He now had been exchanged and had not been too grievously shaken by his imprisonment to resume field duty. Accordingly, he was promoted to lead the troops with whom his record had been high .... Promotion of the same sort went to Colonel John Bratton of the Sixth South Carolina. This young physician, now 33, had been recommended by Dick Anderson as early as the end of May 1862 for commission as Brigadier General, but he had served in Micah Jenkin's Brigade, where promotion was slow. Now he had the Brigade still strong in numbers and indomitable in spirit ....."

Dr. Freeman also lists, page 766, General John Bratton among the "Final roll of honor (at Appomattox) showed the following infantry officers of that rank present for surrender and parole .... John Bratton ...."

My personal note: I possess the 3 volume set of Lee's Lieutenants, by Freeman. And will upon request extract the portions pertaining to General John Bratton, for those who may be interested.

In October 1869, General John Bratton was listed as a director of the Columbia Oil Company. (McMaster's History of Faifield County) He also refers to "The patriarcal form of Dr. Bratton might be seen ..... and perhaps few small villages could show a more striking group of men. This may include Dr. William Bratton, Jr., father of General John Bratton, and Senator William Bratton of York District.

Page 101, McMaster's History refers to "Dr. Bratton's house" ... among "many good houses were built....."

MISCELLANEOUS BRATTON NOTES -- South Carolina

From McMasters History of Fairfield

William Bratton served as Representative of Faifield in 1820-1822

W. M. Bratton in 1856

After the fall of Charleston, the first ray of light in the general gloom which followed (June 1779) was from a gallant little affair planned in Winnsboro by Bratton, Winn & McClure and carried out at Mobley's Meeting House, 12 miles west of Winnsboro.

Dr. Bratton is mentioned as a Patriarcal form seen with his Contemporary's.

John Bratton, Captain of Fairfield Fencibles in War between the States.

Randolph Bratton listed in World War I.

William Bratton listed in 1829 Census with 9 in family.

Bishop Ellison Capers mentioned General Bratton at the funeral of Dubose Eggleston.

General John Bratton was the ranking Confederate war officer from Fairfield. He entered as a private, soon became Captain of the Fencibles, then Colonel of Sixth S. C. V., and then Brig. General of the brigade.

He was a director of Columbia Oil Co., which dealt with cotton seed oil.

He served as a Senator in 1868.

From Camden District, S. C., Wills and Administrations, 1781-1787

William Bratton, was Judge of Probate and is mentioned as Administrator of several wills and estates.

From the Book - Winn,s of Fairfield County.

Infoemation about Colonel Bratton as a soldier. Tells of some battles and skirmishes. This is taken from General Winn,s notes on the campaign of 1780 and is printed in the Winn Book.

Christina Winn, daughter of Richard & Priscilla Winn married Dr. William Bratton, son of Colonel William & Martha Bratton, York District, on June 5, 1805. General Richard Winn gave the young couple 100 acres of land bordering the town of Winnsborough, and an acre of land adjoining the college, and the Common Lands in Winnsboruogh. Christina Winn Bratton, died on November 2, 1817, aged 35 years. She is buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery, by her infant daughter Sarah Elizabeth, who died October 28, 1815, at the age of 18 months. Her husband Dr. William Bratton, a native of York District, born July 16, 1773, died December 1850, age 77 years, 4 months, and 14 days is buried by her side.
It is possible that they may have had other childern, but only the name of little Sarah Elizabeth survives.

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After the death of Christina, Dr. William Bratton, married the widow Isabella Means Judge. Her husband Hilliard Judge was a Methodist minister. When Isabella made her will on August 20, 1857, she named her childern:

Hilliard M. Judge
James L. Judge
Isabella Judge
Mary Judge
William M. Bratton
John M. Bratton

Of the childern of Dr. William and Isabella Bratton, the Honorable (Dr.) John M. Bratton, is best known. He was born March 7, 1831, was a physician, planter, Confederate Brigadier General, politician & Congressman. He died January 12, 1898.

From Marriage & Death Notices Camden, S. C. Newspaper 1816-1865

Married on August 19, 1851 Mr. James Jennings O'Bannon of Barnwell to Miss S. C. Bratton, daughter of the late Dr. John Bratton of York District.

Married on February 12, 1850 Dr. J. R. Bratton of Yorkville, S. C. to Miss Mary Rebecca second daughter of the late William Massey of the Waxhaws.

From Presbyterian Cemetery Records:

Nancy Bratton 1804-1805
William M. Bratton 1803-1806
Sarah Elizabeth Bratton infant 1815
Dr. William A. Bratton 1762-1817

The DAR Patriot Index lists the following Brattons whose lines have been established

Bratton, Adam — b 2-1-1745 d 6-26-1820 m Ann Gillispie Lt Pa
Bratton, Adam — b c 1750 d 12-22-1800 m Elizabeth Feamster Sol Va
Bratton, James — b 1760 d 4-22-1792 m Mary Polk Lt Del
Bratton, James — b 4-1757 d 10-6-1844 m Bathsheba Riley Pvt Pa (Bonitas Line)
Bratton, James — b 1748 d 1786 m Isabella Pvt Pa
Bratton, James - b 6-30-1746 d 6-1828 md Rebecca Hogset Capt Va
Bratton, Robertson — b 1750 d 1- 1816 PS S. C.
Bratton, Robert — b 5-20-1712 d 10-18-1785 m Ann Dunlap Capt Va
Bratton, Samuel — b 1762 d 12-1799 m Margaret Robertson Pvt Pa
Bratton, William — b 1740 d 1815 md Martha Robertson, Col S. C.

From Old Stone Graveyard situated near the Catawba River and Lands Ford in Chester County:

John Bratton, died 16 August 1804, aged 6 years
Robert Bratton, died 15 July 1804, aged 3 years

Paroled Prisoner's Pass
Appomattox Court House, Virginia
April 10, 1865

The Bearer: Lieutenant W. D. Hardy of Co Adjt 5th S. C. Regt of Bratton's Brigade, a paroled prisoner of the Army of Northern Virginia has permission to go to his home, and there remain undistrubed.

Signed:

John Bratton
Brig. General

Colonel William Bratton,came to York County, Pennsylvania, from County Antrim, Ireland, then moved to Virginia and married Miss Robertson then moved to South Carolina, about ten miles from Yorkville, S. C. He was noted Rev. War Soldier — Member of Sumters Brigade— the Battle of Huck's defeat, in this battle David Sadler was a guide to Captain John McLyre and Capt. William led another company. The Americans had three captured John Moore, Robert Bratton, son of Capt William Bratton. When Hucks approached the settlement of Col. Williamson and Bratton, he found the wife of Capt William Bratton reaping wheat, and he grabbed same and was going to cut her head off when a Tory named Adamson stopped him. It was here that young Robert Bratton was made a prisoner.

Old settlers of Fishing Creek, Chester County were William Bratton, Richard Sadler father of David Sadler; Tom Bratton, an older brother of Capt William Bratton.

Colonel William Bratton is buried Bethesda Presbyterian Cemetery, located on Highway 322 approximately 10 miles from Rock Hill, S. C.

John Sadler, who married Eliza Hardy was a son of David & Elsie Bratton Sadler. Elsie was a daughter of Col. William & Martha Bratton.