## GENERAL JOHN BRATTON

General John bratton was born in Winnsboro, South Carolina on March 7th, 1831, the son of Dr. William bratton and his second wife. Isabella Means.

On graduation from Mount Zion Academy, he entered the South Carolina College, from which he graduated in 1850. he received a "Medical Diploma" from South Carolina Medical College and practiced medicine in Fairfield County, South Carolina, Intil the outbre k of the War between the States. He enlisted as a private in the 6th Regiment of Volunteers and almost immediatly was promoted to rank of Captain. In 1862, he was promoted to Colonel of the 6th Regiment. Promotion was rapid and after the battle of the Wilderness, he reached the high rank of Irigidair General. He was cited many times for gallantry and was known to his men as "Old Reliable".

"He was twice wounded and was taken prisoner at the Eattle of Seven Pines. He was held at Fourress Monroe for several months until he was exchanged.

ne was a great lover of the soil and after the war, he did not return to the practice of medicine, but became a farmer. He was very active in politics and held many offices and positions in the State and was elected Congressman.

in 1859, he married Elizabeth, the daughter of Theodore Dupose. He died January 2nd, 1898.

His son, Eishop Theorore Eratton, in a letter to a member of the United Daughter of the Confederacy, tells an amusing anerdote:

The last wound his Father received was from a minnie call, which struck him IN THE CHEST AND CAME OUT OF THE BACK, leaving a gaping ragged hole. This became infected and for two years, had to be cleansed and dressed caily. Theodore was a small boy and in after years, it amused the General to relate that the boy would watch the dressing and would point to the wound with great pride and announce: "That is where the Tankees shot my Daddy in the back".

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BRATTON, JOHN (Mar. 7, 1831-Jan. 12, 1898), Confederate soldier, the son of Dr. William Bratton, Jr., and his second wife, Isabella Means, was born at Winnsboro, S. C. After preparation at Mount Zion Academy he entered the South Carolina College from which he was graduated in 1850. Three years later he received a "medical diploma" from the South Carolina Medical College and shortly afterward began the practise of medicine in Fairfield County. In 1859 he married Elizabeth, daughter of Theodore S. Du Bose. He continued in his profession with moderate success until the beginning of the Civil War when he entered the military service of South Carolina as a private in the 6th Regiment of Volunteers. He was almost immediately promoted captain. Twice subsequently, however, he reënlisted as a private at the expiration of periods of enlistment when his regiment was reorganized. In 1862 he was elected colonel of the 6th Regiment which had become a part of Micah Jenkins's Brigade, Longstreet's Corps. After the death of Jenkins, during the Battle of the Wilderness, May 6, 1864, "Old Reliable," as Bratton was now known to his men, was appointed brigadier-general (June 27, 1864). Hewas several times cited for gallantry and was twice wounded. On one occasion (Battle of Seven Pines, May 31, 1862) being wounded, he was taken prisoner and was held in Fortress Monroe until exchanged several months later. Of the brigades which composed the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox, his was the most completely manned and was the only one which left the field as an organized unit (Official Records, ser. I, passim). After the war Bratton did not resume the practise of medicine but became a farmer and was soon drawn into active public life. He did not seek political office but was from time to time pressed into service as a member of the constitutional convention in 1865, as state senator (1865-66), and as congressman (1884-85). He was a delegate to all the Taxpayers' Conventions, was chairman of the delegates from South Carolina to the national Democratic convention of 1876, was chairman of the state Democratic

position to B. R. Tillman [q.v.], the Farmers' leader. His dignified campaign, conducted amidst all manner of political excess and extravagance, won the admiration of all classes but was at no time formidable. Like many conservatives, he retired from politics after the victory of the Tillmanites. He died at Winnsboro, Jan. 12, 1898.

[Brief but accurate sketches of Bratton's life appear in the Confed. Mil. Hist. (1899), V, 378-80; the Cyc. of Eminent and Representative Men of the Carolinas (1892), I, 433-36; News and Courier (Charleston, S. C.), Jan. 13, 1898. A few of Bratton's letters in manuscript are contained in the W. G. Hinson Collection owned by the Charleston (S. C.) Lib. Soc. This also includes a scrapbook of clippings from leading newspapers of the state relating to the gubernaterial campaign of 1890.]

of 1876, was chairman of the state Democratic committee in 1880, and was elected by the legislature to fill the vacant office of state comptroller in 1881. In politics he adhered to the conservative party which under Wade Hampton [q.v.] delivered the state from Republican rule in 1876. Though a farmer he did not support the Farmer's Movement in South Carolina. His feeling against this "class movement," as he characterized it, was such that he was led to become a candidate for the governorship in 1890 in op-

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#### GEN. JOHN M.BRATTON

Born--3/7/1831 Died--1/12/1898 C S A Memorial

Buried: St. John's Cemetery FATHER: Dr. William Bratton MOTHER: Isabella Means

General John Bratton who had a distinguished career in the War Between the States died at "Home Place" in 1898. He was a Doctor and Confederate Brigadier General. He was also a Judge, politician and congressman.

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#### BRIGADIER-GENERAL JOHN BRATTON

### excerpts from CONFEDERATE MILITARY HISTORY - SOUTH CAROLINA

by Brigadier-General Ellison Capers

Brigadier-General John Bratton was born at Winnsboro, S. C., March 7,1831, the son of Dr. William Bratton by his second wife, Isabella Means. He is a descendant of Col. William Bratton, of Virginia, who removed to York county, S. C., and was a conspicuous figure in the war of the revolution. John Bratton was graduated at the South Carolina college in 1850, and a few years later embarked in the practice of medicine at his native town, having completed a professional course at the Charleston college. In 1861 he enlisted in the first call for ten regiments of troops, as a private, and being promoted captain, served in that capacity during the bombardment of Fort Sumter, and until the State troops were called upon to enlist in the Confederate service. His company declining to respond, he again enlisted as a private, and with twenty-three men of his old command helped to fill up a company for the Sixth regiment. This was soon ordered to Virginia, where he went as second lieutenant of Company C. Except for the engagement at Dranesville, the year for which the regiment enlisted was uneventful, but toward the close he attracted the favorable attention of General Johnston by advocating the enlistment of his regiment as a whole for the war, and though this proposition failed, he was enabled to re-enlist the first company of one year's men of Johnston's army. It followed that a battalion of six companies of the Sixth was re-enlisted, and he was soon elected to the command, and promoted colonel when the regiment was filled up. He commanded his regiment with gallantry in Jenkins' brigade, Longstreet's corps, at Williamsburg, Seven Pines, the Seven Day's battles, and the succeeding campaigns of the army of Northern Virginia, and in the Chickamauga and Knoxville campaigns, where he was in command of the brigade while Jenkins had charge of Hood's division. After the death of Jenkins at the battle of the Wilderness, he was at once promoted brigadier-general on the urgent request of General Lee, and he continued to lead this famous brigade to the end. At Appomattox, so well had his gallant men held together, he had the largest brigade in the army, a little over 1,500 men, and in fact it was larger than some of the divisions. His brigade alone made an orderly march to Danville and secured railroad transportation for a part of their homeward journey. When General Bratton reached home he gave his attention to planting, and in 1866 was elected to the legislature. In 1876 he was the chairman of the South Carolina delegation to the national Democratic convention, in 1880 was chairman of the State committee of his party, and in 1881 was elected comptroller of the State to fill an unexpired term. He was a stalwart lieutenant of Gen. Wade Hampton in the famous campaign of 1876, was elected to Congress in 1884, and was his party's candidate for governor in 1890. Having been for many years identified with the agricultural interests of the State, he was selected as the one man likely to unify his party. With the single purpose of mitigating the evils attending division amoung whites, he sacrificed himself on the shrine of duty, as he saw it, and though defeated, again won the admiration of all classes. Until his death at Winnsboro, January 12,1898, he held firmly the unalloyed love and respect of the people.

#### PREFACE

The original letters written by Brigadier-General John Bratton to his wife Elizabeth Porcher DuBose Bratton during the Civil War were all destroyed with the exception of one. This one, written on a torn sheet of stationery and dated April 30th, 1861 is reproduced here. The note at the end of the letter was written by General Bratton's son, The Right Reverend Theodore DuBose Bratton, D.D., Jackson, Miss., and reads as follows:

"I had a complete file of Father's letters to Mother during the entire period of the war, except for this one, all were burned in a fire which destroyed our Jackson home "Battle Hill" in January 1919 while I was still in France with the Army."

Fortunately, copies of the letters were made prior to the fire. Correspondence between Bishop Bratton and Dr. deRoulhac Hamilton, Director of the Southern Historical Collection at UNC-Chapel Hill, explains how copies of the originals survived. This correspondence is reproduced in the back of this book. It reveals that a cousin, Pat Noble, who visited Jackson in 1916 from San Francisco insisted on having a typewritten copy made for his own use. After the fire he sent Bishop Bratton a copy. At Dr. Hamilton's request this copy was lent to the Southern Historical Collection in 1940. There were notes by Bishop Bratton in his own hand in the margins and these notes were reduced to type in the Southern Historical Collection copy.

In 1942 the Southern Historical Collection returned the original copy to Bishop Bratton plus three extra copies which they had made. These copies were passed on to some of Bishop Bratton's children-

William DuBose Bratton	1889 - 1938
John Bratton	1892 - 1971
Randolph Bratton	1895 - 1937
Marion Randolph Bratton Brister	1899 - 1961
Mary Means Bratton Conner	1901 -
Isabel Bratton Bridges	1903 - 1954

My father, John Bratton, received one of the extra copies which is the one reproduced here. The hand written notes in the margin were made by his father, as noted on the introduction page.

As a matter of interest a short history of General Bratton is included here. It is taken from pages in <u>Confederate Military History-South Carolina</u> by Brigadier-General Ellison Capers which were sent to me by Mary Means Bratton Conner.

General Bratton was buried in St. John's Cemetary in Winnsboro, South Carolina, beside his wife Elizabeth Porcher DuBose Bratton who died in June 1875. Also buried in this plot are their sons William DuBose Bratton, M.D., Surgeon-U.S. Marine Corps, born 1860, died 1897 and seven infant sons-

John	1861
Edward Noble	1863
Frank Gaillard	1864
Beverly Means	1865
McNeely DuBose	1865
Means	1867
Richard Nott	1869

John Bratton, Jr. Raleigh, N. C. December 1982

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Charles E. Thomas aco Fairview Ave. Alta Vista Greenville, S. C.

Miss Alice A.B. Walker Winnsboro, S.C.

Dear Miss Walker;

In response to your request of Sunday afternoon, I have gotten some biographical facts on General John Bratton, 1831-1898, physician, soldier and planter, some times referred to as "Old Reliable", and as "Fairfield's County' Foremost Confederate Soldier".

I enclose a photostat of General Bratton's biography in "The Dictionary of American Biography", Volume 1.

The following is from "Who Was Who In America",1607-1896: BRATTON, JOHN, 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 Elizabeth DuBose, 1859. Practiced medicine, Fairfield County, S.C. until Conference during Civil War; served with 6th Regiment South Carolina Volunteers during 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 and Joan Reynolds Faunt; BRATTON, John (Grandson of William Bratton, see below), 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 medicime at New Orleans. Planter and physician at Winnsboro, 1853-61. Married Elizbeth 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 December 22, 1880, vice J.C. Coit, resigned; commissioned January 5,1881, served until 1882 Elected to 48th Congress, serving from December 8,1684 to March 3,1885. Trustee of South Carolina College, 1886-90. Survivors Association of S.C.V. 6th Regiment; president. Member Episcopal Church. Died at WinnsCharles E. Thomas 2000 Fairview Ave. Alta Vista Greenville, S. C.

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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 Revolutionary War, colonel under General Thomas Sumter; served in militia in York formed to stop advance of British after 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. S.C. House of Representatives, New Acquisition District, 1784-90. S.C. Senate, York, 1790-94; resigned on election as sheriff December 19,1794, serving four years. Trustee of Alexandria ollege in Pinckney District, 1797. Member of Bethesda Presbyterian Church, McConnell's. Died February 9,1815; buried in Bethesda Cemetery, York District."

"Lee's Lieutenants" by Douglas Southall Freeman, 3 volumes, has numerous references to General John Bratton. Among them, I quote the following; Volume III, page 549-60; Referring to another promotion 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.... (continuing).....Promotion of the same sort went to Col. 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 Jenkins's Brigade where promotion was slow. Now he had the Brigademstill 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...."

In October 1869, General Bratton was listed as a director of the Columbia Oil Company. (McMaster's "History of Fairfield County".)

McMaster refers to "The patriarcal form of Dr. Bratton might be seen .... and perhaps few small knwnx villages could show a more striking group of men.... "This appears to refer to Dr. William Bratton, Jr., father of General John Bratton and son of Senator William Bratton of York District, above. McMaster, page 99.

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

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Miss Katahrine Theus Obear's "Through the Years in Old Winnsboro" Mas numerous Bratton references Lamong which I suggest; page 32, "I am sure we saw the Aurora Borealis in 1860; for Father, Mother and Fin were at Roseland. Miss Betty DuBose was married that night to Dr. John Bratton, "Miss Kate says. She also refers to Bratton's Woods beyond Dr. William Bratton's home, page 16-17.

Charles E. Thomas aco Fairview Ave. Aita Wist: Greenville, S. C.

I am of the impression though sofar have not been able to verify the fact that General John Bratton's Mother, the former Isabella Means, who married Dr. William Bratton, Jr., was the daughter of Governor John Hugh Heans.

I cannot give you the names of the children of General John Bratton and his wife, Elizabeth Porcher (DuBose) Bratton. The olny one of their children on whom I have any facts is Theodore DuBose Bratton, born at Roseland Plantation, November 11,1862, and moved with his family, when three years old, to Farmington Plantation. Educated at Sewanee, and became Episcopal Bishop of Mississippi, 1903-1938. Died in Jackson, Miss., June 26,1944.

I am writing one of his descendants, and will attmept to get names and dates on other children of General Bratton.

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours.

Mharles E. Thomas

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By Bill Taylor

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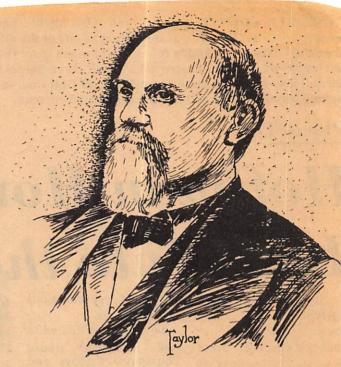
- Geoffrey Chaucer General John Bratton was descended from a family that has been identified with the development of South Carolina since its reception into the Union. His Grandfather. William Bratton, came to this state from Virginia. As a Colonel, William Bratton fought in the war for American independence under Sumter. His son. William, was among the first pupils and graduates of Mount Zion College of Winnsboro and later received thorough a medical training under the tutelege of Dr. Rush, a celebrated Philadelphia physician, and practiced medicine and surgery in Winnsboro. After being married to a daughter of General Richard Winn, who died, he married Isabella Means and from this union John Bratton

declined to respond to the call for state troops to enlist in the Confederate service so Bratton again enlisted as a private and along with twenty-three men of his old company helped to fill a company in the Sixth Regiment that was ordered to Virginia.By this time he had been selected to be a Junior Second Lieutenant.

John Bratton's conduct, with his adherance to discipline, attracted the attention of and commanded the confidence of the entire regiment and earned for him the nick - name, "Strict Lieutenant." After the pattern of that time he was soon elected Colonel of a regiment.

On the battlefield of the Wilderness he was made Brigadier-General which promotion was urgently confirmed by General Robert E. Lee. Throughout the war he was known as "Old Reliable."

Bratton returned to private life in Fairfield County where he was to the State elected Senate. He later became Comptroller of the State of South Carolina and



repeat of our very to be seen, popular coin show of last evaluated stamp show that we collectors. combination show and that is what is coming up on the fourth Sunday of this month, September 24th, 2 to 4 p.m.

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# SHERMAN AT ROCKY MOUNT.

### Some of the Incidents in Sherman's Campaign as He Passed Out of Fairfield County.

(Written for The News and Herald.)

Mr. Editor: You ask me to write something for your Memorial issue. Some years ago I wrote for the Herald "Sherman's Stay at Rocky Mount." The former article is lost, and I have concluded to reproduce a duplicate of that account as my quota for the Memorial number.

The evening of the 22nd of Fahrifary, 1865, a vanguard of Sherman's army four down to Rocky Mount Forry, presumably to look out for a crossing of Catawba river. A number of gentlemen, including Dr. Ira B. Scott, John A. Duncan. Bobert H. of Fairfield District, and Drs. :Tom and Robert McDow, of Kershaw, were in camp on the Lancaster side of the river trying to save their stock from the Yankees. We were encamped just on the side opposite the power house, built at the mouth of Rocky Creek. We had an excellent position from a high hill to observe an enemy coming from the direction of Winnsboro. Just before nightfall hundreds of troops marched over, occupying the hills for miles westward, and struck camp. It was evident the army would cross at the ferry and Drs. McDow, Scott, and Mr. Ford proposed a retreat toward the town of Lancaster, and left Duncan, Peay and two negroes and myself to dodge the Yankees the best we could.

After these men left us we were naturally lonesome and turned our thoughts to the best route to hide ourselves. We slept that night on a higher hill just about one-half of a mile up the river and saw the army go into camp, and for miles westward every hill was dotted with camp fires which shown like stars, and their bands and drums made music that doubtless inspired them with their trembling and evil forebodings. At prowess and superiority, and us with daylight next morning, Sherman's miscreants could be seen just across the river at Dr. Scott's quarter, burning the gin house and cotton, chasing the chickens and hogs, impressing me, a boy of 13 years of age, with awe and

war is hell.".
That night the Yankees began putting down their pontoon bridge, and thrower out epichetes lines where movements precipitated our retreat further up the river until evening, when we were surrounded by swarms of the enemy, and finding a bateau we soon had the lock broken and sought security by crossing over to

Pickett's Island, and after reaching Foot's cave felt prétty safe. (Foot, a horse thief, who occupied this cave years, before, was hung by a mob). Rain began to fall in great torrents. exaggerating our distress, for our hiding place was on the bank of the river and was being encroached upon by the swollen stream. The high water broke Sherman's pontoon bridge just below us and this added to our distress for it kept Sherman's army from getting away. His forces were divided into two divisions on the opposite sides of the river for several days, and it is said he and his men were not able to conceal their fears of an attack on their divided forces. It is certain they prepared with vigorous and hasty prosecution the erection of breast works and the planting of cannon on the eastern hills of the river, From the island above we were able to watch their movements and finally saw some skirmishing betweel Federals and Rebels just after the main army had crossed the river. on the identical ground on which the battle of Rocky Mount nad boon fought nearly a century before. We could see with our field glass, and very distinctly, the movements of Wheeler's and Butler's men as they made a flank movement along the Dorthern slope of the hills down the bank of Rocky Creek. It was a great pity we did not have a larger force when so much advantage from their fears and hedged in position could have been had. While on the island. Crusold, we depended on the raging Catawba for our safety from Sherman's men. They were on either side of us, but were unable to get into the island, and on one occasion we were thoroughly disconcerted by a number of whistling bullets discharged at us. The bullets, I thought, were mighty close, but my old uncle who was a soldier, John Peay (Whistler) said they were high above, so I guess the whistling near by was a delusion.

For three days we were without food-had eaten our remnant of flour and ham, and although the Yankees still were on our home side, we attempted to cross the high water, and while drifting down to the point of the island very cautiously, holding and catching to the overhanging trees along the bank, a limb I was holding broke with a snap, and this gave our boat a rapid turn, which capsized the bateau and we were thrown into the

river but saved ourselves by swimming; with the exception of losing my hat, we returned to the cave for another night.

We managed to catch the boat a little distance down the stream, by a low bending tree. Next evening we made a more successful attempt to reach the other shore and after reaching Pickett's quarter, hungry and tired. we begged for something to eat, and Uncle Simon Pickett, an old negro, who had received a severe bayonet wound by one of Sherman's men, and who afterward died from the effects of the wound, gave us a tray of canned peas which was seized with activity, and after enjoying the glorious repast we moved on and spent the night with Mrs. M. E. Gayden, who was greatly deranged, induced by fright of the Federals. The poor lady's hands and arms were severely cut by being thrust through the windowpanes. She was better next morning and we hurried on home. All along the way we witnessed ashes and silent lone chimneys of defenceless homes. Our fears, were greatly relieved when we reached our home to find our house had not met the same fate. Home folks were glad, of course, to greet us and full of startling things to relate about Sherman's army, which I shall now proceed to

Mr. F. B. Lumpkin, an old veteran of former years, had, been hung by the Yankee troops until nearly dead, for his money and gold and silver plates. After hanging him until nearly dead (Mr. Lumpkin was a large man, weighed 300 pounds) they let him down for breath, and when he pleaded he had never owned a watch even, they assured him they would complete the job of hanging, for they said any man who had lived so long without owning a watch ought to be hanged.

Mr. Lumpkin about this time was induced to make a Masonic sign of distress and was rescued by one of the nien present. Br. Wm. Cloud, an old wealthy gentleman, not lar away, was also maltreated in the same way and for the same purpose.

Dr. Scott, my father, was a cripple, one leg being shorter than the other. A few nights after leaving us he advised his friends to leave him and save their stock, that they would be better able to keep out of the way of the Yankees without him. After his friends left he concluded rather than hazard a capture from the enemy he would make an effort to escape, and walked all night in an effort to get away. He was very much disappointed at daylight next morning to find he was only a short distance from where he began his retreat. He often explained as the reason he didn't get away, his short leg kept him making circles. He went to a farm house

### These Have Crossed Over the River.

General John Bratton.

of land from the crowr and a commission as sheriff of old Pinckney District. William Bratton married Martha Robertson in the Yodkin District of N. C. She was of Irish parentage and was born on shipboard as her parents were in passage to the colonies. Willian Bratton became a colonel under Gen. Sumpter in the Revolutionary War. His eldest son and William Bratton moved to Winnsboro about the beginning of the 19th century. His second wife, Miss Isabella Means Judge (nee Means) was the mother of Gen. John Bratton who was born March 7, 183I. His early edu-cation was obtained at old Mt. Zion college under the celebrated Mr. Hudson. Hence he entered the South Carolina college, and later graduated in medicine at the Charleston Medical college and took a short graduate course in New Orleans. He practised a short time, but was more interested in his planting interests which finally occupied all his time. He married Elizabeth DuBose in Sept., 1859. He entered the Civil War and served with distinction, rising from the ranks to the command of a Brigade. His war record is matter of History and is one of which his State and County are justly proud.

After the war he retired with his family to his plantation on Wateree Creek. He was probably the first importer of blooded stock into the State after the war, and gave an impetus to these industries which greatly benefited his people. He was foremost in the introduction of improved agricultural implements. Although living a retired life, he has been identified with every movement, since the war and until 1890, for the restoration of constitutional government, and for the welfare of his State, made during that period, fices. He was prominent in the tax payers movement, the fore runner of the Democratic organized the democracy in Fairfield. He was nominated for guberatorial honors in 1876

The Bratton family came prob- but he declined to run, giving as ably from near Belfast, county his reason that he advocated Autrim, Ireland, during the days Gen. Hampton. In all questions of Cromwell and the Stuarts. of general interest to the State Three brothers settled in York, his influence was felt. He was Pa., and about 1750 William especially interested in the edu-Bratton moved to York county, cational system of the State and S. C., where he obtained a grant his pen wielded in behalf of large and liberal ideals of State education. Though never seeking office, he was chairman of the State committee of 1880 which finally and forever completed the rescue of the State Government from Radical konds He was Comptroller General and served a session in the United States Congress. "His courage and energy have been displayed in the service of his state upon many a battlefield; his sagacity, wisdom and tact in her councils of state; his constancy, fortitude and indomitable heroisn of spirit in her day of ruin and prostration; his unselfish devotion in Scotland, with twenty other day of her civil shame." He friends and comrades under a died in January, 1898, respected by his foes (if he had any) and revered by his friends.

JAMES P. MACFIE

Capt. Macfie died April 3, 1890 in his 60 th year. He graduated



from S. C. College in 1850. He was true to his men and would not desert them for higher of-

JAMES ORR BOAG.

Born in Paisley, Scotland 1844. Came from Glasgon,



friends and comrades under a contract with Evans & Cogswell for the Confederate Government as a Lithographer in the treasury department to make money for the Confederacy in 1862. After a voyage of six-weeks in the fast and light Steamship Giraffe manned with field pieces (which the men were drilled daily to use if necessary) loaded with guns, printing presses and other material and supplies for the Confederate Government.

experiences, After many difficulties and unsuccessful attempts at entering harbor of Charleston, S. C. made for Wilmington N. C. where the steamers ran a ground at night hard and fast on the beach for about 1½ hours. In the mean-time shots from Yankee gunboats had struck and injured bow and wash of vessel, but being protected by batteries on shore, landed safely in port of Wilmington, and located in Columbia S. C. remaning there until Feb., 1865, when Sherman's march on Capitol lily made made them vacate with Hampton's Brigade and finally locating (after several moves to different points) in Anderson, S. C., where Stoneman's Raiders destroyed presses and material, carrying confederate money on bayonets and men held as prisoners for a time but soon released, and disbanded about the time of Lee's surrender in Virginia, and is now as far as he knows the last surviving member of the twenty men who came to this county with him in

# Gen. Bratton Dead

# Fairfield's Most Distinguished Citizen Passes Away Suddenly.

## FAIRFIED MOURN'S THE LOSS

A Brief Sketch of His Career--Rose from Private to Drigadier General--Civic Duties Discharged with the Faithfulness of the True Soldier that He Was.

General John Bratton, Fairfield's most distinguished Confederate soldier and citizen, passed peacefully away at 9.30 on Wednesday evening but upon the arrival of his physician, T. S. Brice, Thos. W. Lauderdale, Colonel, in recognition of his worth. many more years. his death might be announced at any Jarolina College. time, though this was known to only a few. On Wednesday evening sev- church, St. John's Episcopal, the old eral of his friends called to see him, flag was laid on the casket. Bishop and found him in good spirits. He Capera, himself a Confederate General conversed with them, without any and lifelong friend, conducted the signs of pain, telling them war inci- services. His eyes became moist at donis and war joker, a theme so near the sight in front of him, and after and dear to his heart. After his com- reading the usual services he referred pany had left, while talking to his son, to the flag and the sight before him. Rev. T. D. Bratton, in the midst of "Out of the fullness of the heart, the conversation he placed his hand over mouth speaketh," he began, and speke his beart and said: "I feel that pain briefly, with tenderness and pathoes again, my son," and became uncon- of the scene, and impressively of the soious. During his unconciousness, superb example and character illushe was on the battlefield, commanding trated in the life of John Bratton. The his old soldiers, finally imagining him-church trembled with emotion, and self wounded, and calling for the sup- few dry eyes were to be seen. port of friends. When told his friends moment's consciousness to say: son, I am dying."

been grief and sorrow a ong us; sorrow among the children, to whom Fairfield County on 7th March. 1831, hesaways manifested a tender affection, being the youngest child of Dr. Wilsorrow among the young men to whom liam Bratton and his wife Isabella he was an inspiration of noble and Means. He is the grandson of Wilhigh things and to whom they could liam Bratton, of York, and Martha high things and to whom they could apply for counsels of wisdom, sorrow; among the old veterans who had found him a faithful and trusted leader in affairs of State as well as on the battlefield, sorrow among the women because they found a tenderness and sympathy in him equal to a woman's, sorrow among the colored people to

whom he had been a kind and teude: maxier and true friend-sorrow among ing In 1859 ne married Miss Elizabeth all, because we all loved him, and he DuBose, daughter of Theodoro S loved his people as much as they loved DuBose by whom he had too children,

The touching and beautiful tribute paid to the memory of this cuinent citizen at the funeral services on Friday at 10 o'clock can not be told in words. The ceremony and incidents beart.

Camp Rainos, U. C. V. attended in Confederate Veterans. How appro- the bombardment of Sumter The symptoms; Capt. Isaac H. Means, librarian, at-

When the casket was borne into the

The body was laid to rest in the were with him, he accured to gain a Episcopal cemetery, all the stores "My baving been closed and the old town bell and all the church bells tolling to The end had come, and there has add expression to a people's sorrow.

General John Bratton was born in Bratton, of revolutionary memory, his tather being one of the leading physicians of his day. He attended Mt. Zion Academy for a number of years and thence he entered the South Carolina Cottege, graduating in a class that furnished some of the most prominent men in the State, the class of 1860. After graduation be attended medical lectures in Charleston and New Ocleans and recoived his diploma-110

was then turned hid are more to past of whom two survive at present. His wife died in 1874

At the first ularm of war two companies were formed in Winnsboro, one of which, the Fairfield Fencibles, was commanded by Col. James H. Rion, Gen. Bratton being first Lieutenant. Those companies entered the of the occasion are written only on the 6th regiment, Col. Rlou was made Col. and Lieutenant Bratton became Captain. On the 11th of April, 1861, a body, as did Camp Bratton, sons of the regiment was ordered to Charleston and witnessed from the mainland priate it was! The active pall bearers; then stationed for a while on the coast. were Toos. W. Raines, Thes. W. When the State troops were called to Traylor, John B. Montgomery, R. E. volunteer in the Confederate army for Praylor, Masear Raines, W. R. Gilbert, Virginia, the Fencibles did not volun-Ellison, Muscar Raines, W. B. Gilbert, teer as a company and Captain Bratwith D. H. Robertson, earrying the ton entered the Buckhead Guards in old 6th regiment flag, in front of the same regiment as a private. Some the casket, all members of 6th regi-ment 'Gen. Bratton's old command was elected third lieutenant and served ment, Geu. Bratton's old command. in this capacity until the reorganiza-He became ill on Saturday evening, The honorary pali bearers were Maj. tion in April; 1862. At this time a with what his friends thought was T. W. Brice, Maj. T. W. Woodward, battalion was formed; and Lieutenant merely an acute attack of indigestion, F. Gerig, Geo. H. McMaster, Hon. Bratton was elected from a third lieuit was found that his heart was seri- W. H. Flenniken, J. G. McCants, A few days after, by the addition of ously affected. General Bratton ral- W. G. Jordan, Dr. C. S. Pixley, some other companies, the battalion again lied in a few hours, and his friends of them too members of the 6th regi- became the sixth regiment with Brathoped that he would be spared for ment. Prot. R. Means Davis and ton as Colonel, attached to Jenkius' ment in the Pe insular campaign and were such that the dreadful news of lended as a committee from the South his conspicuous coolness in his first fight at Williamsburg won the confidence and attachment of his men-a confidence that was continued through the war. At seven Pines, on the 31st of May, he was desperately wounded in the left um and leg, after his regiment had broken through four lines of the enemy and were in rear of that portion of the Federal army stationed at Fair Oaks. Here he fell into the hands of the enemy and lay at deaths door for weeks at Fortress Monroe, his friends mourning him as dead. In recognition of his splendid courage he received special attention from the Federal General Phil Kerney. Just after the Maryland campaign in 1862 he was exchanged and resumed command of his regiment, fighting at Fredricksburg and other places. As Senior Colonel he was frequently in command of the brigade, composed of the 1st regiment, Col. James Hagood, 5th regiment, 6th Sharp Shooters and 2nd Regiment Rifles. During part of this time Hampton Legion, Col. Gary, was altached to the brigade, afterwards being transferred to the cavalry. The brigade was in East Tennessee with Longstreet, retarning to join Lee on April, 1964.

General Longstreet, in his book "From Manassas to Appomatox." doscribing the attack on Hocker's rear-

guard, says:

"As soon as Colonel Bratton engaged, the alarm spread, the enemy hastened to the relief of his rear, encountered the troops posted to receive them, and made wwift, severe battle General Law claimed that he drove off their fight, and, under the impression that Colonel Bratton had flushed his work and recrossed the bridge withdrew his commadd, leaving Colonel Bratton at the tide of his engagement. Colonel Jenkins and Colonel Bratton

reached the bridge

one of the eleverest pieces of work of shown himself interested in the welthe war, and the skill of its handling fare of every section, whether it be softened the blow that took so many the advance or the Pleamont region, of our gallant officers and soldiers, the development of the middle coun-Colonel Bratton inade clever dispo-try, or the preservation of the prestine stillon of his regiments, and handled importance of Charleston. His friends them well. He met gallant resistance, are found all over the State, and with and in one instance had part of his each he feels a common pride in South command forced back, but renewed Caroline. We need a Congressmen of the attack, making his line stronger, this breadth of view. One who will ranks and had him under converted that in Congress he is representing ranks and had him under converging no special locality or purely local circular fire, with fair prospects when recalled under orders to hasten to the bridge. So urgent was the order that occupy a prominent position in the

On the 6th of May at the Wilderness the gallant Jenkins fell and Col. Bratton was promoted to the brigadiergeneralship. He commanded the brigade with signal success during that terrible campaign and helped to give it its fighting reputation. The promotion was made in pursuance of a telegram sent by Gen. Lee himself to the war department, asking that Col. Bratton be made a brigadier general. This was on account of his valor and brilliancy ou the fle.d at the Wilderness.

personal supervision of General Lee, Bratton's Brigado formed part of the force attacking Fort Harrison, and here again Gen. Bratton was wounded in the orm. He returned after a short furlough and participated in the fights around Richmond and in the retreat to Appointiox. At the surrender this brigady is claimed to have been the best organized and fallest brigade in the army.

After the war Gen. Bratton returned to Fairfield and was elected a member of the convention under Perry's provisional government. He was then elected Senator under the Orr regime and served until the State was reconstructed. He was a member of both As a farmer, a prominent member Taxpayers' Conventions, and president of the Grange and Agricultural So-

of the Fairfield Tax Unions.

In 1876 he reorganized the Democ-cracy of Fairfield. He was a delegate to the May Convention, and was nominated for Governor, but declined in a compton. At that same convention he was elected chairman of the South Carolina dolegation to the Tilden convention. He was on the State Democratic Executive Committee.

In 1878 he was again on the State Democratic Executive Committee. In 1880 he was made chairman of the State Executive Committee and delegate at large to the Democratic National Convention. In December, 1880, he was elected Comptroller General; also chosen with J. D. Pope and Z. Davis on the phosphate commission. He has been prominently identified as worker in every movement in the State since 1860.

Upon the death of Col. Juo. H. Evins, Gen. Bratton was nominated to fid out the unexpired term of Mr. Evins in Congress. In 1838, his friends thought he should have been

were left to their own cool and gallant elected. The News and Heuald

The conduct of Bratton's forces was by no narrow lines. He has ever try, or the preservation of the prestine views. The situation demands strong mon, and wise men. The South must be left the dead and some of the councils of the Nation. And in our wounded on the field."

Only the Nation And in our opinion General Bratton would at opinion General and applications of the Nation once take rank and position along with the strongest representatives of this section. When in Congress before he commended himself groutly to his constituents and to his colleagues. His communding prescues and dignity, his susvity, his unostentations in ercourse with persons of all degrees in life, will aitract attention. And his wisdom, sagacity, and clear acquintance with medamental principles of government will retain respect and On the 7th October, 1864, under the is no new add unknown man in the preparation of General Lea State For twenty-seven years his name it, been finked with all the stirring movements and trying opechs of our history. His war record attests his skill and bravery ills past management of the party give evidence of great power of organization. His spoken and written discussions on important issues give bim rank as one of our to emost state men. He will have both the instination and the ability to further the in ores s, of his State, and of his party.

In 1890, he was pressed by his friends to make the race for Governor, and cinvassed the State.

ciety: Brave as a lion; tender-hearted as a woman. Always giving to the widow and orphan (especially a Confederate widow or orphan). Great believer in Calhoun and the fundaLOVE OF A HOME.

A Marked Trait in the Character of Gen. Bratton.

Greenville Mountaineer.

Gen. John Bratton passed out of sight in a calm and quiet manuer that filly illustrated his life. He was always thoughtful, dispassionate and collected, never flurried and worried even in the most tumultuous hours of conflict, and always the most unswerving adherent of duty. We can recall no instance, amid the hurling round of shot and shell or in the exuitant moment of a victorious charge, when he was not self-poised and did not impress others with his coolness under the most exciting surroundings. For such a leader men always gave the highest evidences of respect and confidence when the battle raged or danger was imminent. They followed him implicitly because they knew he was always collected and familiar with the environments of the situation.

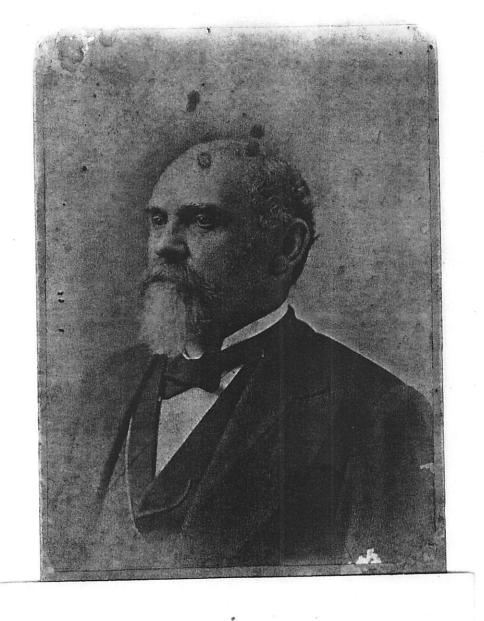
So, too, in times of peace Gen. Bratton never stirked a duty that his fellow-citizens asked him to perform, and while he was ready for service be was not clamorous to be recognized and rewarded with office. At no time in his life did he evince greater unselfishness than when he made the campaigu for Governor in the tempestuous days of 1890, et the instance of f-lends in whom he trueted, and with no hope whatever of success. He was resolute and determined, for he was impressed with a conviction of duty as presented by others, and he went to defeat without dishonor with the placid assurance of an approving conscience. He was wise in council, resolute in action, courteous in conduct, deterential to others and selfrespecting at all times. His practicul. sagacious intellect grasped the details whether on gory field or fruitful farm, and his superior powers as a man were exerted for the benefit of others, who were his neighbors and friends, to whom he was devotedly attached. His love of home and its surroundings was a marked trait in his character, and it is no wonder that the citizens of Fairfield County paid universal homago at his bier, as they had trusted him in like manner through a long and useful life among them. Scattered in every portion of South Carolina are the men whom he commanded in the closing days of the Confederacy, and every one of them feels that there was no truer, worthier, or mantier representative among the valuat hosts that rendered immortal the name o' the Confederate soldier.



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# South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Museum

Morld War Memorial Building

Sumter Street at Pendleton

Columbia 29201 September 21, 1976

Mr. William W. Taylor Fairfield County Museum 211 W. Liberty Street Winnsboro, South Carolina 29180

Dear Mr. Taylor:

We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. John Brattan, 36 Stannett Street, Waratah West 2298, New South Wales, Australia, in which he requests information on various South Carolina regiments, uniforms and flags of the 1861-65 period.

Also included in his request is information on General John Bratton. He wishes to have the names and addresses of descendants and/or relatives still living.

Would you kindly respond directly to him at the above address?

With kind regards, I am,

Respectfully, La Verne W. Watson

(Mrs.) LaVerne H. Watson

Director

LHW/rmw

cc: Mr. John Brattan



### University of Oklahoma at Oklahoma City · Health Sciences Center

College of Medicine Department of Medicine

December 19, 1979

Fairfield County Historical Society S. Congress St. Winnsboro, South Carolina 29180

Dear Sir:

I am doing a study of the medical problems of the Confederate Generals. General John Bratton died in Winnsboro on January 2, 1898. He was wounded in the arm and body at Seven Pines and again at Darbytown Road. I am interested in any long term effects of his wounds. If you have any information that would be helpful I would appreciate knowing it.

Enclosed is a stamped addressed envelope for your convenience.

Sincerely,

Jack D. Welsh, M.D. Professor of Medicine

JDW/dr

enclosure

We are sorry that we are unable to be of any help to you concerning Genl. Bratton's physical disability - we do have quite a lot of historical information - but only that we he was wounded but no follow up after his mishap. -- We do see that he continued farming after the war but did not practise as a physician.

### A PARTIAL ANALYSIS OF THE MILITARY RECORDS OF BRIG. GENERAL JOHN BRATTON, CSA.

John Bratton's Military Records covering his military services rendered during the War between the States disclose the following information:

John Bratton, age 30 yrs- A private in Capt Means Company, 6th Regt. South Carolina Volunteers. His name appears on the Company Muster Roll: as follows:

Muster in date: April 11, 1861 Roll dated: June 19, 1861, Summerfield, S. C. Joined for duty and enrolled: June 13, 1861

where : Camp Woodward

By : Capt. E. J. Means

Period: 12 months - to April 11, 1862

Service Records shown as follows: Company Muster Rolls
John Bratton, Pvt., Period June 19 to Aug 31, 1861 - Pvt to 2nd Lt. Last paid
to June 19, 1861. Shown as present - sick

John Bratton, 2nd Lt., Nov & Dec 1861 Co. Muster Rolls- Present, signs roll as Commanding the Company.

John Bratton, 2nd Lt. Co. Commander- Regimental Return: July 1861 present Camp Pettus
August 1861 present Camp Germantown sick

September 1861 present Camp Germantown sick October 1861 present Camp near McLean's Ford Nov. 1861 present Camp Centerville, Va. in Command

Dec. 1861 present Camp Centerville, Va., in Company sine Dec. 22, 1861.

John Bratton, Colonel, Field & Staff Muster Roll, May & June 1862, near Richmondabsent. Wounded in action May 31 and prisoner in the hands of the enemy.

John Bratton, Colonel, Field & Staff Muster Roll, Sept & Oct 1862, present, joined the Regimant October 29, 1862.

John Bratton, Colonel, Field & Staff Muster Roll, Jan & Feb 1863. Absent, Commanding Jenkins Brigade.

John Bratton, Colonel, Field & Staff Muster Roll for March & Apr 1863-Present

April 22, 1862
July & Aug 1863 Adsent on leave since Aug. 6, 1863

May & June 1863 Date of Comm.

John Bratton, Colonel, Field & Staff Roll Aug 31-Dec 31 1863 To command of Jenkins Brig.

Jan & Feb 1864 absent on furlough of indul-

Mar & Apr 1864 absent Commanding Jenkins Brig.
May & June 1864 " " " "

John Bratton, 2nd Lt., Co. C, Regimental Return Jan 1862- Present Camp near Centerville, We, relinguished command of Company January 23, 1862.

- John Bratton, Colonel, 6th Regt., South Carolina Volunteers. Roster Jan. 1865 elected April 22, 1862, promoted May 6, 1864.
- John Bratton, 2nd Lt., Co. C, 6th Regt S. C. Inf. Register Promoted June 25, 1861 File No. 81, page 476
- John Bratton, Colonel, 6th Regt., S C Infantry, Register, promoted file No. 96, Page 159
- John Bratton, Colonel, 6th Regt., S. C. Infantry, Register, promoted to Brig. General, May 1864, file No. 75, page 676

John Bratton, Colonel, 6th Regt., S. C. Volunteers, Company Muster Roll, Sept & Oct. 1862 signs certificate as Inspector & Mustering Officer, there appears 11 separate signed muster rolls all having the same date as above.

John Bratton, Colonel, 6th Regt., S. C. Volunteers, Company Muster Roll, Mar. & April, 1863 signs certificate as Inspector & Mustering Officer- there appears

10 separate signed muster rolls all having the same date.

John Bratton, Colonel, 6th Regt., S. C. Volunteers, Company Muster Roll, May & June 1863, signs certificate as Inspector & Mustering Officer - there appears 10 separate signed Muster Rools all bearing the same date.

Record showing Colonel John Bratton, 6th Regt., S. C. Volunteers, entry to Hospital for treatment June 4, 1862, for vul sclop left arm and remove to Chesapeake USA General Hospital, Fort Monroe, Va. "Exchanged".

Several vouchers for paymant - not legible enough to record the details.

One pay voucher covering his pay as 2nd Lt. from 19 June 1861 to August 31, 1861, in the amount of \$192.00

#### Registration Record

Bratton, John Bratton's Brigade Brig. General
State-South Carolina
To whom report: General Robert E. Lee Date appointment: June 9, 1864
Date confirmation: June 9, 1864
To Take Rank: May 6, 1864
Date of Acceptance: July 4, 1864
Delivered: Army Northern Virginia
Secretary of War- J. A. Seddon

Voucher for \$1300.00 pay for horses killed - several other vouchers and papers not legible.

Letters from various ranking officers recommending that Colonel John Bratton be promoted to Brigadier General.

Report showing that Brig. General John Bratton had been wounded in shoulder.

### John Bratton, Brigadier General, Bratton's Brigade:

Inspection Reports

Aug 3, 1864 Petersburg, Va.

Aug 30, 1864 Petersburg, Va.

Sept 8, 1864 Petersburg, Va.

Sept 20, 1864 Petersburg, Va.

Oct 31, 1864 Outer ines near Charles City Rd

Nov 26, 1864 Line near Williamsburg Rd.

Nov 30, 1864 Near Richmond, Va.

Dec 27, 1864 Outer line below Richmond, Va.

Dec 30, 1864 " " " "

Jan 27, 1865 Lines near Richmond, Va.

Jan 31, 1865 " " " "

Feb 27, 1865 Near Richmond, Va.

Feb 1865 Lines below Richmond, Va.

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