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Chicamauga	Wilderness	Spottsylvania
Cold Harbor	Petersburg	Saylor's Creek"

Luke Austin
Gen. Bratton - School
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killed in Ala. reg't.

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1820 representative to legislature
Wm Bratton

1856 W. M. Bratton

Jas Carlisle
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at Mobley's Mtg House
May 26 - 1780

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1846 Cavalry paraded
1851 Military organization

11 – 1, presentation at middle school
1 – 1:30, working with malfunctioning answering machine
1:30 – 2:30, visitor, e-mails etc.
2:30 – 3, gathering information for Nana
3 - 3:30, visitors
3:30 – 4 e-mails, correspondence, filing, etc.

Tues. 1 – 4 + society bd. Mtg.
1 – 1:30, working with malfunctioning phone and fax
1:30 – 3:30, e-mails, preparing director's report, etc.
3:30–4, trying to work with Photoshop software for ticket
7 – 9, board mtg.

Wed. 11:30 – 4:30
11:30 – 12:30, visitor and newspaper interview on Christmas event
lunch
1:30 – 4:30, e-mails, Photoshop, etc.

Thurs. 9 – 5
Unrecorded time

Fri. 9 – 5
9 – 1, to Lancaster to pick up sofa
1 – 1:30, visitors
1:30 – 2:30, correspondence, e-mails, filing, etc.
2:30 – 4:15, working on new brochure, Photoshop, etc.
4:15 – 5, take documents to administrative offices

Mon., Nov. 19 9 – 5
9 – 9:45, out-of-town visitors
9:45 – 10:45, packing books for shipping
10:45 – 12, brochure, correspondence, e-mails, filing, etc.
lunch
1 – 5, brochure

Tues. 1:30 – 5
1:30 – 5, e-mails, correspondence, filing, and packing books for mail

Wed. 9 – 5
9 – 11:30, correspondence, Photoshop brochure
11:30 –12:30, personal
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1 - 5, packing books and other unrecorded

Thurs. – weekend = Thanksgiving holidays

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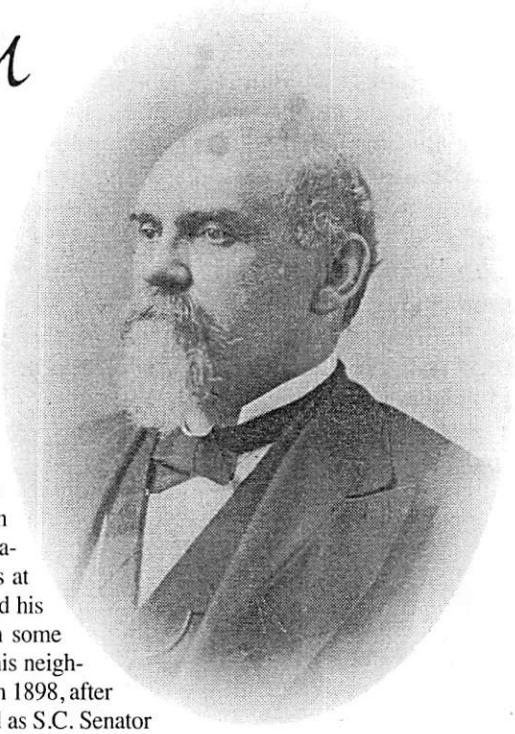
General John Bratton



John Bratton, Fairfield County's only Civil War General, was born in 1831 to Isabella Means and William Bratton at Wynn Dee. This historic house is the home of Mrs. Joe Cathcart at the corner of Bratton St. and N. Zion. General Bratton was the grandson of Col. William Bratton of Revolutionary fame and whose home place is the nucleus for the historic Brattonsville living history site in York County.

He took his early schooling across the field from his home at Mt. Zion Institute, which was established in 1776 and had become one of the finest college preparatory schools in S.C. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts at the College of South Carolina (now the University) and his medical degree at the Medical College of S. C., with some additional study in New Orleans. He was married to his neighbor Elizabeth Porcher DuBose and died in Winnsboro in 1898, after a successful career as physician and planter. He served as S.C. Senator from 1865 to 67, Chairman of the Democratic party, Comptroller General in the General Assembly, U.S. Congressman from 1884 – 85, and Trustee for S.C. College. The plantation on which he and Elizabeth raised their family, Farmington, was located just northeast of town.

The Fairfield County Museum has just received copies of the new book, General John Bratton, Sumter to Appomattox, In Letters to His Wife, by Luke Austin. The book, chronicles Bratton's four years in the War centered on a collection of letters in the Southern Historical Collection in U.N.C. Chapel Hill. Mr. Austin spent several summers in Winnsboro researching the General's family background. Call the Fairfield County Museum at 635-9811 to reserve a copy.

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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, until the outbre k of the War between the States. He enlisted as a private in the 6th Regiment of Volunteers and almost immediatl/ 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 Brigidair 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 battle of Seven Pines. He was held at Routress Monroe for several months until he was exchanged.

He 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 DuBose.

He died January 2nd, 1898.

His son, Bishop Theorore Bratton, 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 ball, 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 daily. 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 Yankees shot my Daddy in the Back".

Mary Rice McMaster
John Bratton Chapter #929
United Daughters of the Confederacy
Route 2: Box 162
Winnsboro, South Carolina 29180

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General John Bratton.

The Bratton family came ably from near Belfast, c Autrim, Ireland, during the of Cromwell and the Stuar Three brothers settled in Yor Pa., and about 1750 Willian Bratton moved to York county, S. C., where he obtained a grant of land from the crown 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, 1831. His early education 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 serv with distinction, rising from ranks to the command of a B gade. His war record is matter of History and is one of which his State and County ar justly proud.

After the war he ret 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. Altho g a retired life, he entified with every m the war and unti to ration of con rn ment, and fo his

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