

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 College in Pinckney District, 1797. Member of Bethesda Presbyterian Church, McConnell's. Died February 9, 1815; buried in Bethesda Cemetery, York District."