The Brantley Family

Preachers, Planters and Pioneers of the South

Since we cannot include all the families to the present, at least 3 family group sheet forms are included within the book to help each family "personalize" the book by being able to add the persons or families from whom they descend, but not shown in the

Also in the book is a pedigree sheet/page, not presently shown, which will allow each to list their Brantley forefathers and show by each name, the page # of the book where each is mentioned. This will further personalize the book as well as provide family members a quicker reference to pages in the book where their direct line family is discussed.

By J. Kenneth Brantley in cooperation with The Brantley Association of America

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Dedication





William Timothy Brantley

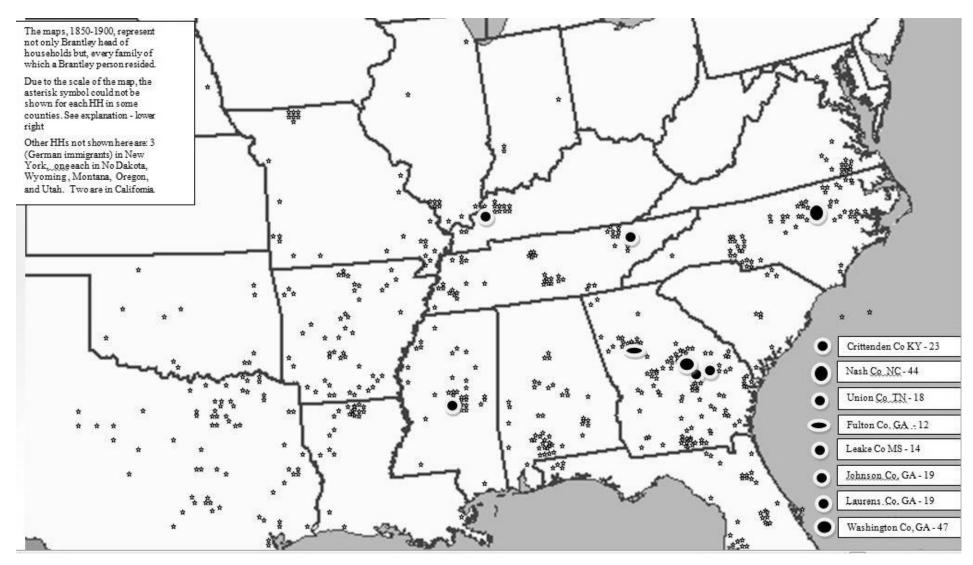
Gene Doyle Brantley

This work is dedicated to William T. and Gene D. Brantley, sons of Walter A. and Ella (Braswell) Brantley of Washington County, Georgia. The brothers became interested in the genealogy of their Brantley family early in life. By the early 1960s they formerly joined together in the mission to identify their Brantley heritage and tie together, the many Brantley families of Washington County. This was the resident county of more Brantley persons than any other in the nation for over a century. They made many trips to "old Chatham" county of North Carolina and other sites where our early Brantley families resided and gleaned information from court houses all over the south. Their research was more than casual and included the findings of other prominent researchers of the 20th century and detailed history on all Brantleys whose paths they crossed. Gene published a number of studies on different lines which represented extensive findings made through his many interviews of his Brantley kindred. Gene, who initiated the plans for this book was killed in an auto accident in 1999. Brother, Wm T. (Tim), left us in December of 2010. We gratefully acknowledge Gene and Tim, for their magnificent research work which led to this publication. Had it not been for their inspiring dedication and accumulation of data on the family, this record would not likely have been realized. As their junior cousin and founder of the Brantley Association of America, I salute them for their outstanding contribution to the genealogy and history of the Brantley family of America. Countless Brantley descendants may now realize the rich heritage of their family because of the tireless efforts of these men. Still, others, yet unborn, will also read of this remarkable collection in the centuries to come. It is my hope that the work will help "turn the hearts of the children to their fathers" (Malachi 4:6) as the generations follow.

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Except for the last entry, these Y-DNA test results are those of descendants of John and Hannah Brantley of Chatham County, N.C. See how several of these also match the last entry (Joseph of TN). In this case the DNA testing is not too definitive for Joseph. Now view, from the top, the first 7 applicants. Note that all these who descend from Benjamin Brantley of John & Hannah has a unique marker # 15 which a $\underline{9}$ rather that a $\underline{10}$ as seen with the other applicants. This tells us that this marker of Benjamin's mutated permanently and future applicants who match all these marker numbers are almost certain to be among his descendants. In this case, we have extremely valuable definition.



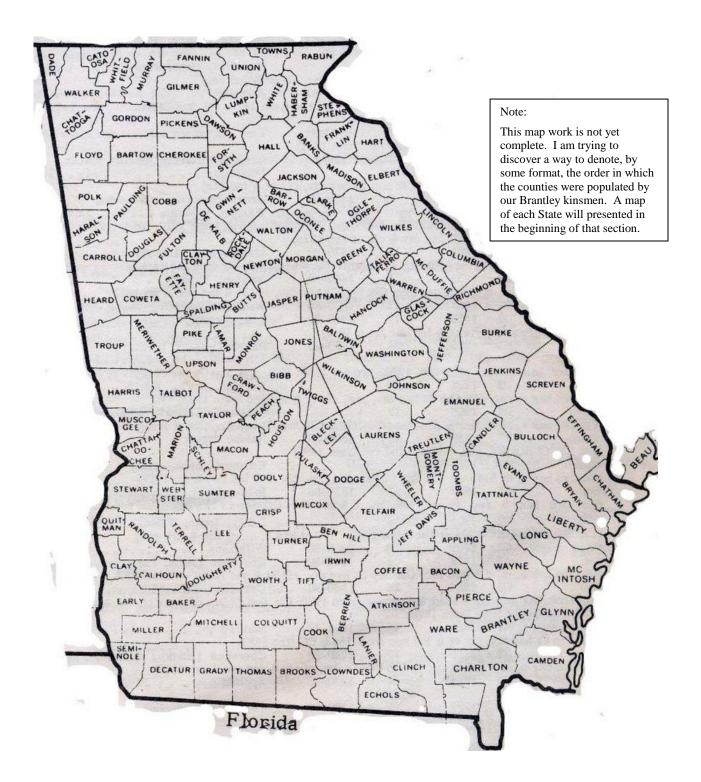
Brantley households in America in 1900 census

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Malachi Brantley | Mary (Polly) Thomas

John Brantley	Matilda	Hannah	Mary		William
Nancy Askew	Joseph McGee	Gideon Mathis	Shadrack Briley	1 st Sally Bynum	Marina Jolly
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Jonathan T		Sarah	Mary T	Farm	Wm Felix
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Hilliard Askew		Blake Brantley	Elizabeth	Sarah	Arnold J
		Nancy A Sorrell	John Anderson	Mr. Nelson	Lucy B Davis
Henry		William Isaac	Sarah	Giles by 2nd wife Nancy Hargray	e Mary
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Brantleys of Georgia



Brantleys of Georgia

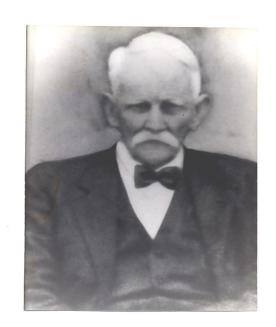
- (VI) **Phillip Brantley** Jr, son of **Phillip and Ann Brantley**, was born abt 1785. He married Sep 5, 1805 in Warren County, Georgia, **Rebecca Harbuck**, daughter of **Nicholas Harbuck** and his wife, Barbara. Phillip preceded his father in death, dying in 1818 in Warren County. He too left a detailed will. Children:
 - (1) **Larkin Brantley**, born ca 1806 in Warren County, Georgia. He married there on February 7, 1828 to **Malinda Miller**. It would seem that Larkin joined with Malinda's family in their movement from Georgia. By 1850, the family had removed to Claiborne Parish, Louisiana. This family is mentioned in the book, "Memories of NW Louisiana". (See their family in "Brantleys of Louisiana").
 - (2) **Cynthia Brantley**, born ca 1808 in Warren County, Georgia. She married there on Oct 28, 1838, **Thomas Gordon Wynne** (1797-1853). Children were: (All born in Warren Co, GA)
 - (a) **Lavinia Catherine Wynne**, born Apr 24, 1841; died Mar 5, 1909 in Dallas, Texas. She married **Thomas T. Duckworth**. One son was:
 - (a1) **Thomas G. Duckworth**. He married **Julia T. Berry**. One daughter was:
 - (*) Myrle Duckworth. She married L. P. Jorgensen. One daughter was:
 - (**) Virginia Jorgensen Billig, Ambassador Member #341. She md Leon (Mike) Billig.
 - (b) Cynthia N. Wynne, born Jun 2, 1843. She married Aaron Taylor?
 - (c) **Thomas F. Wynne**, born Jul 4, 1844; died Jan 1, 1909. He married **Arabella** ______
- (3) **Lavina Brantley**, born Aug 6, 1809 in Warren County, Georgia. She married there Dec 28, 1825, **Jackson G. Bush** (1797-1879). The family resided in Monroe County, Georgia. Lavina died there Oct 13, 1884. (*Descendant Joe Cannafax gives dates of children and verified names*) Children were:
 - (a) **Jones Bush**, born Dec 16, 1827 in GA; died 1913.
 - (b) Amanda Rebecca Bush, born Jul 16, 1829 in GA; died Dec 11, 1896.
 - (c) Benjamin Brantley Bush, born Nov 9, 1830 in GA; died Jul 22, 1909.
 - (d) Albert Marion Bush, born Nov 21, 1834; died Aug 15, 1877.
 - (e) James Madison Bush, born Dec 28, 1836 in Monroe Co, GA; died there Feb 10, 1839.
 - (f) Warren Bush, born Feb 11, 1838 in Monroe Co, GA; died Oct 22, 1922 in Lamar Co, GA.
 - (g) William Henry Bush, born May 11, 1840 in Monroe Co, GA; died Apr 24, 1890.
 - (h) Samuel Houston Bush, born May 22, 1842 in Monroe Co, GA.; died May 10, 1879.
 - (i) Emily Frances Bush, born May 2, 1845 in Monroe Co, GA; died Feb 12, 1936. She married A. B. Owen.
 - (j) Epsy Maria Bush, born June 9, 1847 in Monroe Co, GA; died Jan 12, 1873. She married cousin, Green H. Bush. One son was:
 - (j1) **Horace Bush**, born abt 1869 in Monroe Co, GA; died in Faulkner Co, AR on Sep 18, 1918. He married **Ethel Venable**. One dtr was:
 - (*) **Lyda Ester Bush**, born Aug 12, 1896 in Faulkner Co, AR; died there Mar 25, 1982. She married **John H Robinette**. One son was:
 - (**) Chesley Horace Robinette, born Sept 1915 Conway, AR; died Nov 11, 1986. He married Clara E Strain. A daughter was:
 - (***) Elizabeth Ann (Robinette) Simmons, Ambassador Member #599. Photo >
 - (k) **Thomas Jackson Bush**, born Nov 14, 1850 in Monroe Co, GA; died Jun 19, 1882.. He married **Fannie Leak**
 - (4) **Jones Brantley**, born Dec 4, 1810 in Warren County, Georgia. He married **Catherine Cody**, daughter of **James and Elizabeth Cody**. The family was in Marion County, Georgia in 1850. The family moved to Leake County, Mississippi about 1855. Catherine died there in Feb 1860. Jones then married **Catherine McCraney**. Jones died there on August 25, 1865. Both Jones and Catherine Cody are buried at the Carolina Cemetery, Neshoba County, MS. See this large family in "Brantleys of Mississippi".
 - (5) **Harris Brantley**, born Nov 2, 1812 in Warren Co, Georgia. He married **Charity Harden**. They were in Marion County, Georgia in 1850 and Neshoba County, Mississippi in 1860. The families of Harris and Jones made the trip

Brantleys of Georgia

James Franklin Brantley 1856 - 1938

James Frankfin Brantley was born in March 1856 in Emanuel County, Georgia. He was the son of James M. Brantley and Nancy C. Smith (See James' lineage) He married Sophia E. Davis on October 2, 1884. The issued seven children.

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(a) Willie Irvin Brantley, born Sep 27, 1885. He married Bertha Pierce Martin, daughter of Benjamin F. Martin. Willie died Feb 4, 1965. Children were:

- (a1) **Eunice Mayfield Brantley**, born Nov 5, 1906 in Johnson Co, GA; died Dec 6, 2005. She married **Luther Irvin Hall**. One daughter was:
 - (*) **Betty Louise Hall**, born Nov 26, 1928. She married **Harry S. Hooks**. One son was:
 - (**) Robert Hooks; Association Member #503.
- (a2) Ruby Brantley, born 1910 in Johnson Co, GA.
- (a3) **Ralph Lamar Brantley**, born Oct 20, 1914 in Johnson Co, GA; died Mar 9, 2003. He married **Josie Lou Davis**. One son was:
 - (*) Ralph Lamar Brantley Jr.; Ambassador Member #619
- (a4) Fenella Brantley, born ca 1917 in GA.
- (a5) Eloise Brantley, born ca 1921 in GA.
- (b) **Leila Inez Brantley**, born Oct 1, 1887. She married in Johnson County on Jul 8, 1906, **Johnny Green Brantley** (1886-1962), son of **James Mountville Brantley** and **Mary Winfred Tyson**.
- (c) Julian Eugene Brantley, born Apr 1890. He married Annie Belle Logue.
- (d) **Lenna Pearl Brantley**, born Jul 19, 1893. She married 1st, in 1910, **Alvin Davis** who died in 1916 in a flu epidemic. Lenna married 2nd, **Benjamin H. Neal** on Nov 2, 1919. She died Sep 16, 1986
- (e) Raymond R. Brantley, born Jan 1895 in Johnson County. He was bitten by a mad dog as a boy and died from rabies.
- (f) **Dewey Strange Brantley**, born Aug 4, 1900 in Johnson County. On Jul 16, 1922, he married **Edith Irene Boggs** (b Dec 23, 1901). He died in Calhoun Co, FL on Jan 21, 1986 and Edith died there Mar 3, 1987.
- (g) Delma Brantley, born about 1903 died before 1910
- (8) **Elijah Brantley**, born Jul 29, 1858 in Johnson County; died Nov 12, 1940 in Vidalia, GA. He married 1st, **Martha V. Clark**. She died in 1888 and Elijah married on Mar 6, 1889 **Margaret Ann Wilson** (1873-1974), dtr of **James**: **and Elizabeth (Greenway) Wilson**. Elijah and Margaret (Lizzie) are buried at the No Thompson Baptist Church near Vidalia, GA. Elijah fathered 17 children. His children by Martha Clark were:



Left: Robert Hooks USAF < AM #503

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Below: Ralph Lamar Brantley Jr AM #619

Family Group Record

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History and Abstracts

The history and historical abstracts are arranged by a Reference Index Number (RIN) issued by the Brantley Association personal ancestral file program (PAF). The text will often refer the reader to a "History number" or "Hist #" for histories collected by the Brantley Association. The History number is the same as the file RIN number of the progenitor that has the root information pertinent to the information in question.

Note: Not all histories are entered. Many of the reported histories are not entered because they could not be verified. Further, while any piece of history pertaining to one's progenitor is appreciated by his descendants, space needed to write histories require us to weigh the value to the average kinsman/reader. For example; the descendants of a John Brantley who ran a grocery store in the late 1800s would appreciate any history related to that, but it would be of little interest to other readers. On the other hand, the history/story of Harlon Block (a Brantley son) would be of value to almost any kinsman.

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TWO BRANTLEY SOLDIERS AT ANTIETAM

by J. Kenneth Brantley (From BA 4th Semi-annual report)

Wm Thomas Brantley wrote a letter in the form of a song in 1865. He called it the "War Song of 1865". His daughter Lula said, in 1965 that he would sing this song up until his death in 1920. She sang the song to me then and in 1989 I enlisted my brother, Mike and some talented friends to record the song. Below are the words of the song. A tape of the actual song can be acquired through the Brantley Association.

J. Kenneth Brantley

This narrative was the lead-in to the song published in 1989.

In 1861 the war fever raged throughout the south. Among the young rebels caught up in great civil war were two brothers from Georgia. On October 25th that year, William Thomas Brantley and his brother Benjamin, enrolled at Griffin, Georgia in Company H, 28th Regiment, Georgia Infantry of the **Confederate States of America**. As the brothers marched off to war, they saw only visions of victory, and their quick return to their families. A year later however, and after a number of defeats, the brothers were facing a major battle at a place in northern Maryland along the Antietam Creek. It was here that on Sept 16, 1862, that Lt Benjamin H. Brantley fell in the great battle of Antietam. Being captured by the Union Army, he was carried to the farm home of Stephen Groves, then being used as a Union hospital. The young officer died of his wounds on Oct 5, 1862. Later, his brother Thomas would write to his family back home telling of his brother's death, the suffering he had both seen and experienced, and his total disbelief of the events since they left home and March into war. The letter was written in song.

War Song of 1865

When the war fever raged, I was doing very well With my friends all around young and old It was a long time ago when I bid them farewell, And embarked for the battle field of war.

It was a hard thing to part, from those little ones so gay, That were playing in the yard round the door. Our wives sobbed aloud as we marched away, Saying farewell, I'll see you no more

Chorus

Chorus

Old soldiers, poor soldiers, hungry wet and cold It was so hard to part, from those so near my heart Left at home, sweet home, far away

Cold, wet, and hungry, I slept on the ground When those visions of happiness were rent Sad and disheartened, I awoke by the sound Of a boom shell that hit near my tent.

I dreamed I was home in the old orchard tread,
With those loves ones so gay it did seem
As I reached for the apple hanging over my head,
Disappointed I awoke from my dream

Chorus

Its been three years since I first left my home With my dear younger brother with me When a battle was fought, and victory won Oh how happy together we would be!

When I first left my home, in service to roam,
I thought I should soon return again
But alas it's not so, but I march through the snow
And lie in the cold frost and rain

Chorus

We had a dear brother who left home with us He was kind to his friends all around But alas he is gone never, to return In Maryland he fell near the town

The night before he fell, he turned to me and said "Oh Tom, I can't be you long; Before many days I'll be numbered with the dead For dear brother to the dust I belong".

I have suffered night and day in hope of gaining peace With the cold winter rain with delight But alas sad misfortune, --I can't believe! Oh my fond friends at home; all good night.

Exhibits

The exhibits, too, are arranged by the Reference Index Number (RIN) issued by the Brantley Association ancestral file program (PAF). The text will often refer the reader to an "Exhibit number", or "Exb #", for exhibits collected by the Brantley Association. The Exb number is the same as the file RIN number of the progenitor that has the root information pertinent to the information in question. If the root information is based on a record dealing with the actions or experience of James Brantley, who is RIN number 45, then the Exhibit number will appear as Exb 45. Exceptions to this will be exhibits by Roman numeral numbers I through X, which are exhibits which should be of interest to all of the U.S. Brantley progeny.

Note: Not all name entries have exhibit numbers or source data. The Association has over 3,000 pages alone of exhibits. All entries cannot be given source information. The earlier the progenitor, the more likely it is to contain identified source information or exhibits. However, for some and especially, the later progeny, the reader will have to consider the Brantley Association collection as the source. Any of these sources can usually be provided upon request to the Association. Much of the source information of the late 1800s and early 1900s is often provided by Association members and family correspondents over the years. Since it cannot always be verified, one is more likely to see errors in exact name spellings and exact date information.

The exhibits are by necessity in small characters (times roman 9 point) as would one traditionally see in footnotes.

Exb I

BRANTLEYS IN ENGLAND

We know that Edward Brantley first landed in Virginia in 1638. We have assumed that Edward was from England. This may be true, but we realize that he could easily have been from a number of British properties. We have seen records of Brantleys from Ireland, Germany, and in 1900, we find an entire family from **Switzerland**. Someone has suggested that Edward likely came from Clerkenwell, England. We find no real evidence other than the fact that a few Brantleys lived there. Brantleys are also found in London, Stepney, Worchester, and other towns/counties in England of the 1600s. Below is a listing of Brantley marriage and Christening records shown in the LDS International Genealogical Index. Please keep in mind that only a few percent of the records have been released.

N A M E	Marriage Date or Christening	City Parish
Anne Brantley Anne Brantley Anthony Brantley Anthony Brantley Edward Brantley Franc Brantley John Brantley - C William Brantley - C Anne Pierson - M Elizabeth Hill -M Anne Graveston - M Cornelius Robinson-M	2-5-1662 12-10-1665 11-20-1626 9-24-1624 8-1-1610 5-2-1596	Evesham w Bengeworth - All S " " " " Stepney St Dunstan Stepney St Dunstan Worchester St Smithin London StGiles Crippl-
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John Brantley Joyce Patchet - M John Brantley John Brantley - C	2-7-1591 11-15-1611	Belbroughton London St Bride Fleet
Margaret Brantley George Brantley - C Martina Brantley- Anthony/Ann Brantley-C Mary Brantly John Brantly - C	3-13-1608 8-24-1628 10-6-1639	Bermondsey StMary Magdal- Stepney St Mary Whitechpl Ecesham w Bengewth - All St
Nathaniel Brantley Elizabeth Moore - M Nicholas Brantley John Brantley - C	4-26-1619 11-25-1627	London St Gregory by St P London All Hollows the Ls
Richard Brantley Robert Brantley - C	11-26-1610 5-30-1602 1-16-1604 3-6-1604	Clerkenwell St James Clerkenwell St James Clerkenwell St James Clerkenwell St James
Sara Brantley Nathaniel/Elizabth - C Sarah Brantley Phillip/Jone Brantley - C Suzanna Brantley Nathaniel Brantley - C	10-11-1627 7-13-1634 9-24-1620	London St James Garlar- Stepney St Mary Whitecpl London All Hollows the Ls
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William Brantley	4-19-1539 ********	Bretforton *********************

Exb 45 James

Oct 5 1852 - Died in this county on the 27 ult Mr. **James Brantley** in the 86th, year of age. Mr. Brantley had been a consistent member of the Baptist church for the last 56 years of his life during which time he adorned the doctrines of Christ his Savior, by his holy and consistent walk and conversation, consequently his sick bed was one of cheerful hope. He was heard to say on his death bed from time to time, that he was ready to leave this world of pain and woe and prayed his hour might come. He leaves many friends to mourn his lost. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord". (*This ca birth date conflicts with the dates given in all the previous cens us record; wThe leading factor support this claim is the court entry of as born between 1770& 1780)

Exb 47

John Franklin Brantley (John Booky) - The story presently lost to us now was published in a newspaper in the mid 1800s. This is a summary of the article as I remember it. John was a justice of the peace. He was in a bar one day, perhaps serving a warrant, where an intoxicated man there, began swearing at him. Finally the man become so angry, he drew a hatchet from his side and came at John. The story said that in one move, Mr. Brantley, retrieved the hatchet, knocked the assailant to the floor where he commenced to stomp him to death.