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The Brantley Family

Preachers, Planters and Pioneers of the South

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700 + Index 40 = 740

Introduction

I began initial research on my Brantley family in 1963. It all began more as a labor of duty, as I was not particularly drawn to the work--- few people are at the age of 21. I talked to my father, who introduced me to "*The Brantley Record*" which was a single sheet of genealogy written in the 1930s by his aunt, Molly Brantley Shurling. He also gave me the names of his living aunts and uncles all over middle Georgia and helped me make some contacts. Back then, a long distance phone call was expensive and my wife and I were just getting started with a family and we had no spare funds. By 1965, however, I had, nevertheless, set up a program of data retrieval. I created a family group sheet and typed a note in the corner of the sheet which said in essence;

“Dear _____, I have begun a project to trace our Brantley family tree. I have been given your name as a relative and request your help in gathering information on our family. Please complete these two group sheets enclosed, first on your father’s family identifying all your siblings and their spouses, then one on your own family. Provide all the dates relative to birth, marriage and death and return to me in the enclosed stamped envelope. Also, please provide me the address of any of our known Brantley kinsmen who may be able to help in this work.
Thank you for your assistance. *J. Kenneth Brantley*”

I made many copies with the old Xerox machine, enclosed each with a self-addressed envelope and sent them all over Georgia and a few to Florida. All seemed to welcome my request and responded with detailed information on the generations requested. I was off and running. Unfortunately, that same year (1965), my father passed away with cancer at the age of 48. About that time, however, I met my two distant, but double cousins, Wm T. (Tim) and Gene Brantley. They were brothers from Washington County where all of my dad’s people had lived for generations. They had started research on the family and had heard about my research. We met, exchanged information, and started communications that would last for over 40 years.

By the late 1960s, I had also involved myself in flying in hopes of becoming a professional pilot and had purchased an airplane. In early 1968, I went to work as an air traffic controller, while flying charter and flight instructing on the side. Finally, in 1971, I was hired as an Aviation Operations Inspector with the FAA’s Flight Standards Division and was assigned to the Jacksonville Office. While there I was involved in extensive training for a number of years and became a flight instructor and pilot test examiner for the agency. Although I continued to communicate with Tim and Gene, I was unable to maintain much research activity. In the meantime, they had done remarkable work on the family and had traveled to various parts of the Southeast gleaned additional information from courthouses and libraries wherever they went. I returned to Atlanta to the Flight Standards Office there in 1975 and tied up with Tim and Gene again. They updated me research findings on the family, but I found they were so far ahead of me, I felt that I would be of little help.

At this point, since they were doing such a great job, I turned to my mother’s line and later (1985) published a book on her Archer family, "*The Matilda Archer Story: Archer Genealogy*". I, of course, continued to stay in contact with Tim and Gene and contributed tidbits from time to time. In about 1986, I approached them as to what further things could be done to advance the collection on our Brantley family. Gene wanted to write a book on the family and cover, at least in some detail, the major lines of the Brantley family in America. We had already decided by now, that the claim was creditable that our ancestor, Edward Brantley who immigrated in 1638, was almost surely the father of all white American Brantleys. I encouraged Gene to pursue the book and I really wanted to help it happen. We discussed several issues and then it became clear to me. We needed to start an Association. We needed to recruit others, seek out the present day researchers in the U.S. and establish a central focal point for research. I determined that I would first create a creditable database and then solicit exchanges from other researchers of other family lines, thus comparing notes and learning from each other. This way I could help. We would publish our findings as we went along. *Continued; sample*

Brantley Family Movements Through 1900

Maps shown on the following pages are constructed from various records discovered throughout the southern U.S. over the last 50 years. The families shown before 1790 are based on court records and tax entries and other reports which established the residency of our Brantley kinsmen. The 1790 census of North Carolina helps identify citizens there during that year, but the census of other states were lost in the fire in Washington during the War of 1812. Again we had to rely on the Brantley population data in these other states with other entries from various court records and land grants, primarily, throughout the South. Most of the census in 1820 and afterward have been preserved with the exception of the 1890 census which was almost totally lost, again to fire. We show here the general picture of the residencies of the different Brantley families through 1900, but it is not exact as many kinsmen were missed in census years and not shown. In some cases we knew there were more in a given location than shown in census records and an additional factor was added to give a more accurate picture. The numeration has been detailed more and more over the years. As with many immigrant families to Virginia, the population maps show that the migrations were, almost always, to the south and west.

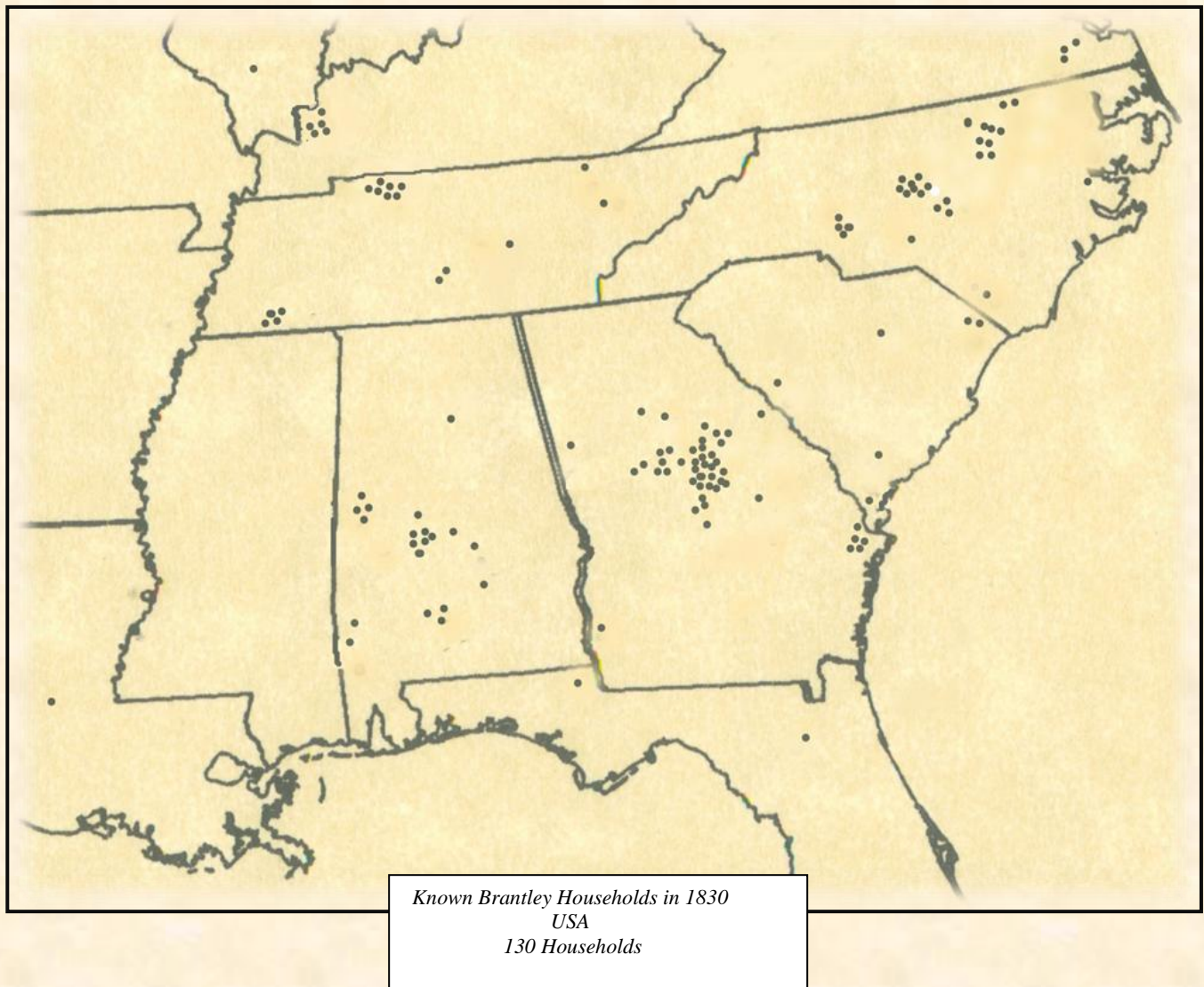


Except for three Brantley families, all the Brantley households in America in 1745 were in the State of Virginia and the County of Isle of Wight. These all seem to be grandsons and great grandsons of Edward through his sons Phillip and John. The households included, at least:

**Edward and John, sons of James, of Edward, of Phillip.*

**John's (of Edward) son, Clay Brantley, and his sons, John, Thomas and perhaps, Benjamin.*

The first Brantley family (Joseph above) left Virginia, in 1744, moving into what soon became Granville County, North Carolina. He was soon followed by his brother, Lewis (and John, abt 1745).



The 1830 federal census reflects 130 Brantley households in the United States.

- (a) 44 Brantley families (33%) were in Georgia.
- (b) 29 Brantley families (23%) were in North Carolina.
- (c) 22 Brantley families (18.7%) were in Alabama.
- (d) 16 Brantley families (13.8%) were in Tennessee.
- (e) 6 Brantley families (5.2%) were in South Carolina.
- (f) The 13 remaining families were in Kentucky(4), Virginia(3), Illinois(3), Pennsylvania (1), and Ohio(1).

Only a few families had move northward; ILL, PA, Ohio.

While Georgia still remained the most populated State of Brantley households in 1840, by then Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri and even Texas had become home for Brantley families. It is, as expected, almost always shown that the movement was southward and westward. The movement northward and especially back eastward was indeed unusual.



National Atlas of the United States

Brantley Households in America 1840

The maps, 1850-1900, represent not only Brantley head of households but, every family of which a Brantley person resided.

Due to the scale of the map, the asterisk symbol could not be shown for each HH in some counties. (see explanation - lower right.)

Other HHs not shown here are: 3 (German immigrants) in New York, one each in No Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Oregon, and Utah. Two are in California.



- Crittenden Co KY - 23
- Nash Co NC - 44
- Union Co TN - 18
- Fulton Co, GA - 12
- Leake Co MS - 14
- Johnson Co, GA - 19
- Laurens Co, GA - 19
- Washington Co, GA - 47

DNA

Deoxyribonucleic acid

de-oxy-ribo-nucle-ic acid

Definition: A nucleic acid that carries the genetic information in the cell and is capable of self-replication and synthesis of RNA.... All we need to know is that DNA carries genetic information in the cell and some of it can be used to identify the probability of kinship of one person to another.

Read more: <http://www.answers.com/topic/dna#ixzz22L2RQ63s>

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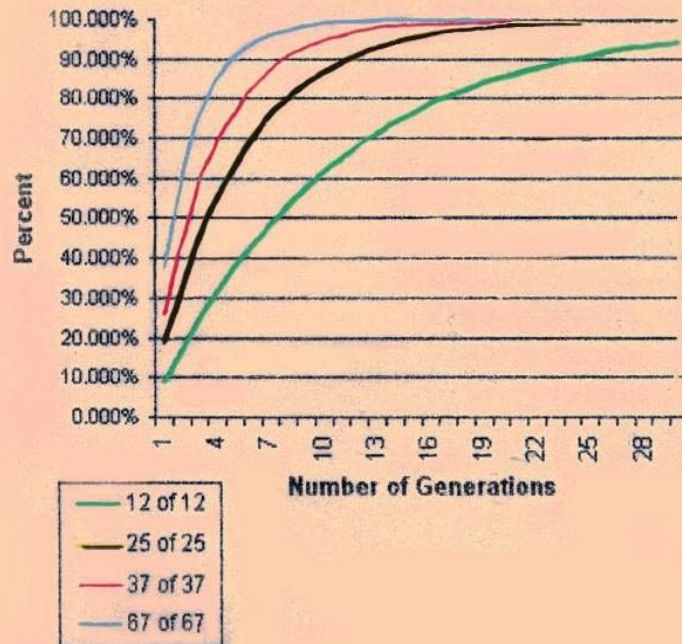
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14	Wm. of Francis, of James of Chatham Co NC	R1b1	13	24	15	11	11	14	12	12	11	12	13	28	16	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	28	16	17	17	17														
15	of Edmund, of Lewis, of Jesse of GA	R1b1	13	24	15	11	11	14	12	12	11	12	13	28	17	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	31	16	17	17	17														
16	of James, of Edmund R, of Rev. Edmund	R1b1	13	24	15	11	11	14	12	12	11	12	13	28	17	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	29	16	16	17	17	11	10	20	23	15	15	19	17	36	37	12	12		
17	of Augustus, of Dr. F.M. of Rev. Edmund		13	24	15	11	11	14	12	12	11	12	13	28	17	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	29	16	17	17	17	11	10	20	23	15	15	19	17	36	36	12	12		
18	Ben of Larkin, of Phillip, of John & Hannah	R1b1	13	24	15	11	11	14	12	12	11	12	13	28	17	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	29	16	17	17	17	11	10	20	23	15	15	19	17	36	36	12	12		
19	of Jones P, of Harris, of Phillip, of John & H	R1b1	13	24	15	11	11	14	12	12	11	12	13	28	17	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	29	16	17	17	17	11	10	20	23	15	15	19	17	36	36	12	12		
20	of Geo.W, of Harris, of Phillip, of John & H	R1b1	13	24	15	11	11	14	12	12	12	12	13	28	17	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	29	16	17	17	17	11	10	20	23	15	15	19	17	36	37	12	12		
21	of Levi, of James M, of Joshua	R1b1	13	24	15	11	11	14	12	12	11	12	13	28	17	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	29	16	17	17	17	11	10	20	23	15	15	19	17	36	36	12	12		
22	of Isaac, of Henry, of Joshua	R1b1	13	24	15	11	11	14	12	12	11	12	13	28	17	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	29	16	17	17	17	11	10	20	23	15	15	19	17	36	36	12	12		
23	J.C. of John Mag, of Bartholomew of ?	R1b1	13	24	15	11	11	14	12	12	11	12	13	29	17	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	29	16	17	17	17	11	10	20	23	15	15	19	17	36	37	12	12		
24	of James, of Saml, of Jos A. Bedford Co TN	R1b1	13	24	15	11	11	14	12	12	11	12	13	28	17	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	29	16	17	17	17	11	10	20	23	15	15	19	17	36	37	12	12		
25	Wglie, of Abraham, of John -GA	R1b1	13	24	15	11	11	14	12	12	11	12	13	28	17	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	29	16	17	17	17	11	10	20	23	15	15	18	17	37	37	12	12		
26	Wm, of Ben of Laurens Co, of Joseph	R1b1	13	24	15	11	11	14	12	12	11	12	13	28	17	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	29	16	17	17	17	11	10	20	23	15	15	19	17	36	37	12	12		
27	of Saml, of Robt, of Thomas B, Halifax,NC	R1b1	13	24	15	11	11	14	12	12	11	12	13	28	17	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	29	16	17	17	17	11	10	20	23	15	15	19	17	36	37	12	12		
28	Andrew, of Malachi, of of Kentucky James	R1b1	13	24	15	11	11	14	12	12	11	12	13	28	17	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	29	16	17	17	17	11	10	20	23	15	15	19	17	36	37	12	12		
29	of Erskin, of Ed Theodore, of Jack Brantly	R1b1	13	24	15	11	11	14	12	12	11	12	13	28	17	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	29	16	17	17	17	11	10	20	23	15	15	19	17	36	37	12	12		
30	of Henry, of Josiah - Texas	R1b1	13	24	15	11	11	14	12	12	12	12	13	28	17	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	29	16	17	17	17	11	10	20	23	15	15	19	18	36	37	12	12		
31	of Tho J, of John D, of Thomas R of Miss.	R1b1	13	24	15	11	11	14	12	12	11	12	13	28	17	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	29	16	17	17	17	11	10	20	23	15	15	19	17	36	38	12	12		
32	of Albert H, of William, of Malachi	R1b1	13	25	15	11	11	14	12	12	11	12	13	28	17	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	29	16	17	17	17														
33	of Lewis, of James, of Malachi?	R1b1	13	24	15	11	11	14	12	12	11	12	13	28	16	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	29	16	17	17	17	11	10	20	23	16	16	19	17	36	37	12	12		
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35	David of Marmaduke Rec'd 8-24	R1b1	13	24	15	11	11	14	12	12	11	12	13	28	17	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	29	16	17	17	17	11	10	20	23	15	15	19	17	36	37	12	12		
36	of Wglie, of James, of Jacob of GA	R1b1	13	24	15	11	11	14	12	12	11	12	13	28	17	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	29	16	17	17	17	11	10	20	23	15	15	18	18	36	37	12	12		
37	of Wm T, of Wm M, of Jacob of GA	R1b1	13	24	15	11	11	14	12	12	11	12	13	28	17	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	29	16	17	17	17	11	10	20	23	15	15	18	18	36	37	12	12		
38	of Terrill B, of Brooks, of Wm, of Jos	R1b1	13	24	15	11	11	14	12	12	11	12	13	28	17	9	10	11	11	25	15	x	29	16	17	17	17	11	10	20	23	15									
39	of John W, of Benjamin Hall (adopted)	R1b1	13	24	15	11	11	14	12	12	11	12	13	28	17	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	29	16	17	17	17	11	10	20	23	15	15	18	17	36	37	12	12		
40	of Clarence, of Dillion, of Wm, of Edward F	R1b1	13	24	15	11	11	14	12	12	11	12	13	28	17	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	30	16	17	17	17	11	10	20	23	15	15	19	17	36	37	12	12		

The chart is only giving the probability of genetic distance. The DNA test results are of little value without applying known research information

1st Column represents 50% probability within generations shown. 2nd is a 90% and the 3rd column represents a 95% chance of a common ancestor within the generation shown.

	number of generations	number of generations	number of generations
10 of 10	16.5	56	72
11 of 12	17	39	47
12 of 12	7	23	29
23 of 25	11	23	27
24 of 25	7	16	20
25 of 25	3	10	13
35 of 37	6	12	14
36 of 37	4	8	10
37 of 37	2 to 3	5	7
65 of 67	6	12	14
66 of 67	4	8	9
67 of 67	2	4	6

Time to Most Recent Common Ancestor



The scale box > is in reverse order of lines shown. The top line is the 67 marker results. The bottom line is the 12 marker scale.

FamilyTreeDNA's 37 and 67 marker tests point to a much lower number of generations to the most recent common ancestor than other commercially available tests. We use exacting statistics appropriate for the non-independent transfer of genetic material on the Y Chromosome.

Edward Brantly
| *m unk*

Edward Jr.

| *m Ann*

James – seems to be dead by 1720

Edward

daughter – *m Mr. Balmer*

Phillip

| *m Joyce Lewis*

Edward (see Chart #2)

John – *m Sylvia?*

Jane? – *m John Spivey*

Phillip Jr.

John

| *m Elizabeth Clay*

John – *m Hester Brown*

Clay

daughter – *m Mr. Lupo*

Mary

| *m Peter Deberry*

John – *m Jane Sowerby*

Priscilla – *m Zacharias Madera*

Sarah – *m John Warren*

* James was mentioned in the will of his g-father Edward in 1688, but was not mentioned in the will of his father in 1720. He is assumed dead by that time. No descendants are identified.

* Edward III was mentioned in the will of his father in 1720. He was still alive in Isle of Wight County in 1754. Descendants are likely, but are not presently identified.

* A daughter was identified as Mrs. Balmer in the will of her father, Edward Jr. in 1720.

* Edward was identified as the 1st son of Phillip in the will of his g-father in 1688. This son was granted land along the Meherrin River in 1717, SE of Emporia, VA. It would become part of Southampton County in 1749. Edward's son James died there in 1740. The other sons Lewis, Joseph, and John left there and went to Granville Co., NC in the mid-1740s. At least 70% of the white Brantley population today descends from this son of Phillip.

* John was identified in a deed of 1721 as the son of Phillip. He is likely the John who married Sylvia. Descendants are unknown.

* Jane is not proven as a daughter, but she is most likely. Records show she married John Spivey.

* Phillip Jr. was identified in a deed in 1724. Most of his descendants are unknown.

* John (son) seems certain to be the John who married Hester Brown. He died fairly young as his estate was administered in 1725.

* Clay's wife is unknown, but he issued several children and identified them and several grandchildren in his will of 1755.

* One daughter was identified as Mrs. Lupo in John's will of 1731.

Mary died young and issued only these three children. This line is not followed through to later generations in our book.

Almost all of these remained in Virginia and the Brantley surname of these lines died out-- that is the Brantley name almost vanished from the State by attrition. The exceptions are the descendants of Phillip's son Edward, whose descendants went into NC in the mid-1700s and one line of Clay's, which went into NoHampton, NC in the 1770s. There are a very few Brantley's today who descended from any of these other early progenitors, according to our extensive research of some 75 years.

Chart #2

Edward Brantly

|
Phillip
| m *Joyce Lewis*
Edward
| m *Elizabeth*

Elizabeth was Edward's wife at the time of his death, but reports indicate, she was not the mother of his children shown below.

James (see Chart #20)
| m *Ruth*
Edward – to Halifax Co. NC
Phillip – to Halifax Co. NC
John Sr. * – to Halifax & Nash NC
(Adopted Line) born abt. 1725
Brittain – Virginia & NC

Lewis (see Chart #26)
| m *Mary*
Thomas
Lewis may have had other children. Children of Thomas likely included: Thomas, Edmund, James, Harris, and perhaps Lewis. These families would go from Chatham Co., NC to GA in 1777. Their descendants would later be found in Jackson, Clarke, Baldwin and Walton Counties in GA.

Joseph (see Chart #31 & 32)
| m *unk*
James Sr.
John
Thomas

While it is not proven, it is almost certain that these sons of Joseph became the first Brantley men to GA. James, John & Joseph received lands in Burke Co. in 1764. James is believed to be he who married Martha and was seen later in Montgomery Co, GA.

John (see Chart #3)
| m *Hannah*
Joseph – died NC 1807
Benjamin – went to GA 1784
Mary – m Suga Jones
Phillip – went to GA 1784
William – died NC, but some children went to GA
Priscilla – m Daniel Higdon

Chart #3

Edward > Phillip > Edward >

John Brantley
| m *Hannah*

Joseph (see Chart #4)
| m *Ann White & Jane Mathis*
Rev. Wm.) – m Mary Brooks
John – m Sarah Braswell
Joseph
Martha – m Thomas Duty
Mary – m Edmund Jones

Benjamin (see Chart #5)
| m *Rhoda Stewart*
Joseph
Benjamin Jr. – m Martha
Solomon?
Rebecca? – m Ben Hall

Phillip (see Chart #13)
| m *Nancy*
Catherine – m Lemuel Pruitt
Phoebe – m Thos. Hill & Henry Hight
John – m Rebecca Hill & Johanna Allen
Larkin
Frances – m Wm. Breed
Phillip Jr. – m Rebecca Harbuck
Jeptha – m Lucy Persons
Benjamin – m Rebecca Walker
Mary – m Churchill Gibson
Mahala – m Minter Burns

William (see Chart #18a & 18b)
| m *Hester Blake & Mary Tomlinson*
Hester – m John White
Blake – m Mary
Martha – m Enoch Hill
Sarah – m Enoch Hill
Dr. Wm. T. – m A. McDonald & M. Joyner
John B. – m Nancy Petty (went to TN)
Mary M. – m John Rowe
Hannah
Barbara – m Isaac Durham
Catherine – m Isaiah G. Barbee
Lewis
Margaret – m Samuel Gilmore

John Jr. (see Chart #19a & 19b)
| m *Katherine Kirk & Eliz. Marsh*
Sally – m Joel Patterson
Phoebe – m Jeff Barksdale
Patsy – m Joseph Brantley
Mary – m John Burns
Hannah – m James Burns
Nancy – m Wm. Justice
Edward – m Nancy Joiner
Elizabeth – m James Brantley
Celia – m Isaac Harrington
James – m Lettice May

Persons Walker

Hannah – m

Edward
 |
Phillip
 |
Edward
 |
Joseph?
 |
James Brantley Sr.
 | *m Martha*
James Brantley (*aka Kentucky James*)
 | *m Miss Harris*

While it is likely that Joseph? is the tie between Edward and KY James' father, it is not yet proven.

William m Morning Morris	Sarah m Gatesfield Farley	Jesse m Martha Parmeter	Malachi m Unicey Marvel	Nathaniel m Harriet Morten & Angeline Babb	Nancy m unk	Patsy m Joseph Aarons	Margaret m Wm. Evans	John m Susan Hart	Eliza m David Stephenson
Sally L. m Stephen Crider	William F. 	Pernecia m Gordon Gilbert	Leah R. m John Crisp	Mahulda m Robert Crowell	John Brantley m Eliz. Aarons	Elizabeth m Joseph Brantley	Wm. R. 	Alcinda m Wm. Ford	No Issue
Mary M. m James H. Travis	Frances 	Thomas A. m S. Crider & M. Drennen	Matilda m Wm. Blakely	Holden m N. Crowell+	Greenberry Brantley m Matilda Brantley	James H. m Mary McKinley		Mary m James Little	
Wm. Jordan m Susan E. Travis	Rebecca m John Orr	Elender 	James 	Matilda m Greenberry Brantley		Eliza Jane m Allen Jones		John Crittenden m Sarah Hall	
Fielding m Mary C. Walker		Benjamin P. m Isabella Orr	Matthew m C. Tudor & M. Crowell	Amelia m James Powell		Sophia m Thomas Jones		Bluford m Amanda Tourmier	
Rebecca m Samuel Tosh		A. L. 	Andrew J. m Ms. Moten & C. Walker	James M. 		Joseph 		Josh	
Lorenzo m Margaret Orr		Daniel m M. Hill & M. Gill	Vincent m L. Gill & M. Phillips	unk 		Rebecca m Henry A. Jones			
		Laura m Kelly Phillips	John F. m Nancy McKee	Mary A. R. m John Little		Pernecy 			
		Rebecca m Daniel Babb		Terry 		Benjamin 			
		Lydia m Wm. Prow		Wm. Henry m M. Lowery & L. Ford & J. Ford		Martha A. 			
				Phineas E. m Sarah Scott		Cornelia 			
				Sarah P. m Hugh McKee		Franklin P. 			

James Brantley (*aka Kentucky James*)
 | *m 2nd Eliza Brintzfield*
Mary J.
 | **m John H. Tosh**

(See text in "Brantley's of Kentucky".)

Brantley Family Group Record

Husband		Page:
	Born	Place
	Married	Place
	Died	Place
	Husband's Father	Born: Place:
	Husband's Mother	Born: Place:
Wife		Page:
	Born	Place
	Died	Place
	Wife's Father	Born: Place:
	Wife's Mother	Born: Place:

Children ~ Listed in order of birth		
1.		
	Born	Place
	Died	Place
	Married	Place
	Spouse	Other Spouses
2.		
	Born	Place
	Died	Place
	Married	Place
	Spouse	Other Spouses
3.		
	Born	Place
	Died	Place
	Married	Place
	Spouse	Other Spouses
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	Born	Place
	Died	Place
	Married	Place
	Spouse	Other Spouses
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	Born	Place
	Died	Place
	Married	Place
	Spouse	Other Spouses
6.		
	Born	Place
	Died	Place
	Married	Place
	Spouse	Other Spouses
	Spouse	Other Spouses

Ancestor Chart

B

This ancestor chart is designed to record the lineage of a person whose surname begins with the letter 'B'. The chart starts with a central box for the individual 'B' and branches out to record their ancestors. Each box is a form for recording personal and family information.

<p>Born _____ Place _____ Died _____ Place _____ Marr _____ Place _____</p>	<p>Born _____ Place _____ Died _____ Place _____ Marr _____ Place _____</p>	<p>Born _____ Place _____ Died _____ Place _____</p>	<p>Born _____ Died _____</p>
<p>Born _____ Place _____ Died _____ Place _____ Marr _____ Place _____ Spouse</p>	<p>Born _____ Place _____ Died _____ Place _____</p>	<p>Born _____ Place _____ Died _____ Place _____</p>	<p>Born _____ Died _____</p>
<p>Born _____ Place _____ Died _____ Place _____</p>	<p>Born _____ Place _____ Died _____ Place _____ Marr _____ Place _____</p>	<p>Born _____ Place _____ Died _____ Place _____</p>	<p>Born _____ Died _____</p>
<p>Born _____ Place _____ Died _____ Place _____</p>	<p>Born _____ Place _____ Died _____ Place _____</p>	<p>Born _____ Place _____ Died _____ Place _____</p>	<p>Born _____ Died _____</p>
<p>Born _____ Place _____ Died _____ Place _____</p>	<p>Born _____ Place _____ Died _____ Place _____</p>	<p>Born _____ Place _____ Died _____ Place _____</p>	<p>Born _____ Died _____</p>



Born _____ Place _____
 Died _____ Place _____
 Marr _____ Place _____
 Spouse _____

Born _____ Place _____
 Died _____ Place _____

Descendant Chart

<p>Born _____ Died _____ Marr _____ Spouse _____</p>	<p>Born _____ Died _____ Marr _____ Spouse _____</p>	<p>Born _____ Died _____ Marr _____ Spouse _____</p>	<p>Born _____ Died _____ Marr _____ Spouse _____</p>	<p>Born _____ Died _____ Marr _____ Spouse _____</p>	<p>Born _____ Died _____ Marr _____ Spouse _____</p>
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B _____ D _____	B _____ D _____	B _____ D _____	B _____ D _____	B _____ D _____	B _____ D _____
B _____ D _____	B _____ D _____	B _____ D _____	B _____ D _____	B _____ D _____	B _____ D _____
B _____ D _____	B _____ D _____	B _____ D _____	B _____ D _____	B _____ D _____	B _____ D _____
B _____ D _____	B _____ D _____	B _____ D _____	B _____ D _____	B _____ D _____	B _____ D _____
B _____ D _____	B _____ D _____	B _____ D _____	B _____ D _____	B _____ D _____	B _____ D _____
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Brantleys of Texas

Texas

There were only a few Brantley families in Texas by the first federal census there of 1850. The first Brantleys, as far as we can tell, came there about 1837. Both **Blake Brantley** and his brother **Joseph John Brantley**, aka **John Joseph Brantley**, applied for land grants in Montgomery County that year and are seen there in the tax rolls of 1840 and 1841. Their younger brother, **William J. Brantley**, would follow them by 1850 and is found in Walker County that year. Their families and descendants would remain there for generations and many are still found there today. **Josiah Brantley** was there, too, by 1837 receiving a grant in Red River County that year. **Henry Brantley**, his brother, was apparently there by 1841 as was another brother, **James Brantley**, and his son, **David Brantley**. These men have many descendants in Texas today. **Isaac Brantley** in Harris County, **G. W. Brantley** in Leon County, and **E. P. Brantley** of Nacogdoches County were there by 1846 (tax list) also, but neither of these can be found, by these names, there or in any other state, for that matter, by 1850.

Others there by 1850 who are shown in the following record include: young **John David Brantley**, orphan son of **Thomas Brantley**, in Dewitt County, **Elizabeth Burk Brantley**, apparent widow of **John Brantley** in Fayette County, **Robert Brantley** and **David Brantley**, in Harrison County, and **Lewis Hilliard Brantley** in the household of his mother, Ann and step-father, **Hamilton Duke**, in Titus County. Many others would follow after 1850. There were, perhaps, thousands of Brantley descendants in the state in 1900 and, for sure, some 230 people, surnamed Brantley, are known. (See *Brantley Association Report 2, "Brantley Cowboys", published in 1988*). The families known to have lived there before the early 1900s include:

Blake Brantley Grimes County

Blake Brantley, mentioned above, (apparently named after his father's cousin) was born ca 1798 in Warren County, Georgia. He was the son of **John Brantley** and **Rebecca Hill**, once of Warren County and later points in Tennessee. His father's family moved to Tennessee about 1800 (See "Brantleys of Georgia" & "Brantleys of Tennessee"). Blake married **Margaret Dotson** in Williamson County, Tennessee on June 22, 1822. By 1837, Blake and at least one brother were in Montgomery County, Texas. He was in Grimes County, Texas by 1840 and died there about 1875. He and Margaret reared a large family. (Exb 1014, Doc 1001, Chart # 17) Known children were:



Blake Brantley
born 1798
Courtesy of Diana Rondinelli

- (1) **Minerva Jane Brantley**, born Nov 20, 1823 in Tennessee. She married **Edmund Pendleton Gaines**. She died Nov 10, 1892 in Pilgrim, Gonzales Co, TX. Edmund seems to have been dead by 1870, as Jane and children are living in Grimes Co TX next to her sister, **Mary Barrett**. Known children: (All born in Texas)
 - (a) **Thomas Gaines**, born 1849.
 - (b) **Feely Gaines** (f) born 1853.
 - (c) **Pacabee? Gaines**, born 1856.
 - (d) **Molly Gaines**, born 1858.
- (2) **Elizabeth Jane Brantley**, born Feb. 6, 1825 in Tennessee. She died in her youth on Sep 22, 1840 in TX.
- (3) **Unita Rebecca Brantley**, born Aug 3, 1827 in Hardeman Co Tennessee. She died young, Nov 9, 1840.

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Exhibits

Exhibit files contain many abstracts from transcribed records made in books and manuscripts and often are 3 generation removed from the original document. Therefore, there are many miss-spellings and errors in the following entries. Since we made few from the original documents, we left the entries as they came to us. You will see different formats also which were used by the different transcribers. We made no changes.

Exb 166-1 pg. 114A - May, 1776 Chatham Co NC Court Records Orphan Indentures

BENJAMIN BRANTLEY appointed Guardian to **NANCY** and **TABBY STEWART** orphans of **JAMES STEWART**, dec'd he having given bond with **JOHN BRANTLEY, SR** and **JOSEPH BRANTLEY** in the amount of 100 pounds.

Exb 166-2 pg 88 10 May, 1776 Chatham Co NC Court Records Orphan Indentures

BENJAMIN BRANTLEY appointed Guardian to **JAMES PAGE, ANN P AGE, WM. PAGE** and **SALLY PAGE** (Sally Page is then, marked out) orphans of **NATHAN'L PAGE** he having given bond with **JOHN BRANTLEY, SR** and **JOSEPH BRANTLEY**, in the amount of 100 pounds.

Exb 166- 3 N. C. GEN SOC JOURNAL CLAIMS OF BRITISH MERCHANTS AFTER THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

BRANTLEY, Benjn. 18.13.10 No date. Claim of **James GAMMELL & Co.** (about 1801)

Benjamin BRANTLEY resided in the County of Orange but when that county was divided and **Chatham County** made from the former, he was in that part called **Chatham..** he was possessed in the year 1779 of considerable estate in land, negroes and stocks of all kinds.. but in or about 1783 or 4 he together with his family removed themselves to a place called the **Golden Grove in the State of Georgia.**
/s/ **JAMES ALSTON, WILLIAM BRANTLEY**

Exb 166-4 Georgia Bounty Grants

N A M E		Location of Grant	Book	pg	Acres	Year
Phillip	BRANTLEY	WILKES	III	57	200	1785
Thomas	BRANTLEY	WILKES	HHH	44	200	1785

Exb 166-5 List of Persons Living in Washington Co Who Registered for the Drawing – 1805 Land Lottery

N A M E	Blank/Prize	N A M E	Blank/Prize
Benjamin Brantley	B P	Solomon Brantley	B B
Harris Brantley	B	Spencer Brantley	B
James Brantley	B	Thomas Brantley	B B

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Name	Wife	Children	Grandchildren	Other	Slaves Awarded
Joseph Brantley Chatham Co NC 1807	John Mary Martha Duty	William (dec'd)	William (son of Wn) Joseph Joseph (son of Joseph) Polly (dg of Wm) Nancy Brooks Wm Duty (son of Martha) Joseph Duty (son of Martha)	Catto Riddle (friend-ex) Febe (dg of John) John Riddle (Wt) Wm Abitt (Wt) Benjamin Wilson (adjons)	Ned, Sion, Jesse, Briget, Wm Brantley (friend-ex)

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Name	Wife	Children	Grandchildren	Other	Slaves Awarded
William Brantley Chatham Co NC 1822	Polly	William Brantley (Ex'r) John Brantley (Ex'r) Lewis Brantley Simeon Brantley Caty Brantley Peggy Brantley Patty Brantley Betsy Brantley	Thos Clegg (Wit) Biddy Clegg (Wit)		

Documents



The documents are arranged by a Reference Index Number (RIN) issued by the Brantley Association ancestral file program (PAF). The text will often refer the reader to a "Doc number" for evidence, source of claim or for the reader's interest on the subject discussed in the text. The Doc number is the same as the file RIN number of the progenitor that has the root information pertinent to the information in question.

Note: If a document is not mentioned in the text, it does not mean that one does not exist. A judgment is usually made as to the importance of any document dealing with lineage information and history. Otherwise volumes would be necessary to enter all relative documents. For example, a deed from a Brantley man to another person is considered a document, but it would not normally be entered in the document file shown here. On the other hand, the murder warrant of James Brantley issued in 1811 is a historical document which is of special interest to almost any kinsman and would indeed be entered.

Documents

Doc 2668 Murder Warrant for **James Brantley**

Monday 2nd September 1811

A letter was received some days past from Major James Walea of Montgomery County dated 7 August 1811 stating that a certain James Brantley at the House of William Tomerlin in the County of Bullock did on the night of the 3rd of August last past take the life of Captain Elijah Beacham of the County of Montgomery aforesaid, by stabbing him in several places in the left side, and the report of a Jury of Inquest held over the body of the said deceas'd having been since received, corroborating and establishing the fact as above stated, and likewise an affidavit stating that the said James Brantley has since the Commission of the crime above mentioned absconded from the aforesaid County of Bullock, it is

O R D E R E D that a proclamation do issue offering a reward of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS to any person or persons who may apprehend and secure the aforesaid Jas` Brantley in any safe jail in this State, and that the said proclamation be in the following words, to wit;

A PROCLAMATION

GEORGIA

By his Excellency David B. Mitchell Governor and Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of this State and of the Militia thereof

WHEREAS I have received Official information of a Murder having been committed in the night of the 3rd of August last past at the House of William Tomerlin in the County of Bullock in this state on the body of Captain Elijah Beacham of Montgomery County by a certain James Brantley of the County of Bullock aforesaid, and from the verdict of the Coroners Inquest held over the body of the said deceased, and other documents and papers, it appears that the said Murder was perpetrated by him, the said James Brantley by stabbing the aforesaid Captain Elijah Beacham several times in the left side, and Whereas it is represented that the aforesaid James Brantley has since the Commission of the crime aforesaid, absconded or fled from Justice, and it is also represented that he is forty years of age, or upwards, of a dark complexion-about five feet high and well made.

Now in order that the said James Brantley may be brought to trial for the crime whereof he is charged as aforesaid, I have thought proper to issue this my

P r o c l a m a t i o n hereby offering a reward of One hundred dollars to any person who may apprehend and secure him within any safe Jail within the State and I do therefore hereby charge and require all Officers both Civil and Military belonging to this State to be vigilant in aiding and assisting in apprehending and securing him, the said James Brantley so that he may be brought to Trial for the crime of which he stands charged as above mentioned.

GIVEN under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the State House in Milledgeville, this Second day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eleven, and in the Thirty sixth year of the Independence of the United States of America

By the Governor

David B. Mitchell

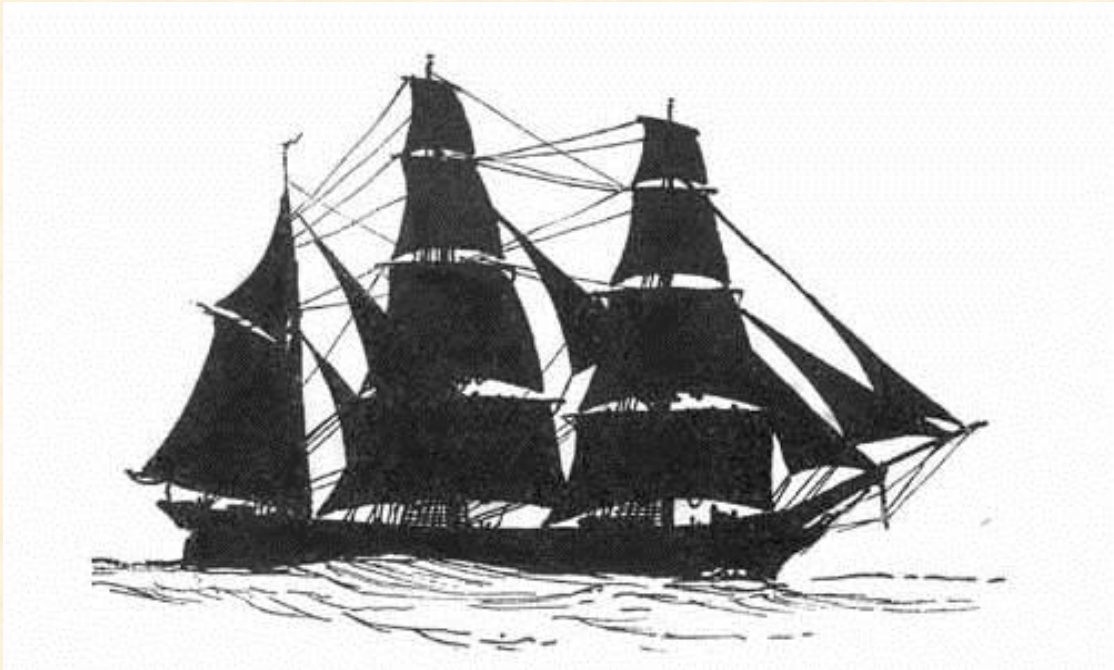
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Letter from **Brittain Brantley** - 1778

Georgia 3 of March 1778

Dear Loving Wife, I received the last letter from you on the twenty second day of July 1777 which gives me inexpressible joy of your all being in the state of health as I left you in. It gives me great uneazyness to here of your being so disturb of our being at such a distance as we are from one another, but I trust in God as I shall see you all if life last about the first day in May, if it is so we get relief, which we expect every hour indeed. I hear as they are on there way acoming from Savannah to us now; We are stationed at this time on

History and Abstracts



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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, requires us to weigh the value to the average kinsmen/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 and WW II hero) would be of value to almost any kinsman.

History

Hist 17574

Harlon Block
World War II Hero at Iwo Jima

By Marshall Durham

This is a story that my mother, Zoie **Brantley** Durham, had told me about her first cousin Belle Brantley and her son several decades ago. She gave me some newspaper clippings from 1945 that reported the incident.

Harlon and several of his class mates at Weslaco High School in south Texas were allowed to graduate early so they could join the armed forces in 1943. He was with the marines that stormed the island of Iwo Jima in 1945. The flag they raised was the first American flag to fly over Japanese soil in WWII.

Photos were taken to document the event. The photo that included Harlon was soon seen all over the world. Harlon did not leave Iwo Jima alive.



Harlon Block at the base of the flag at Iwo Jima 1945



- Malachi Brantley*
- /
- Thomas R. Brantley*
- /
- John D. Brantley*
- /
- Arnold Henry Brantley*
- /
- Ada Belle Brantley*
- /
- Harlon Block*

When his mother, Belle, saw the Flag Raising Photo in the Weslaco Newspaper on Feb. 25, she exclaimed, "That's Harlon" pointing to the figure on the far right. But the US Government had mistakenly identified the figure as Harry Hansen of Boston. Belle never wavered in her belief that it was Harlon insisting, "I know my boy." No one--not her family, neighbors, the Government or the public--had any reason to believe her. But eighteen months later in a sensational front-page story, a Congressional investigation revealed that it was Harlon in the photo, proving that indeed, Belle Brantley Block did "know her boy." Harlon Block is buried beside the Iwo Jima Monument in Harlingen, Texas. -- *Marshall Durham*

Corporal Block was awarded the following decorations and awards:

- * Purple Heart (awarded posthumously);
- * Presidential Unit Citation with one star (for Iwo Jima);
- * American Campaign Medal;
- * Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two stars (for the Consolidation of the Northern Solomons and Iwo Jima), and;
- * The World War II Victory Medal

In 2006, Clint Eastwood directed the movie "Flag of Our Fathers" Harlon Block was played by Benjamin Walker and his mother, Belle Brantley Block, was played by Judith Ivey.

Note: While Thomas R. Brantley is clearly the ancestor of Harlon, it is not conclusively proven that Thomas was the son of Revolutionary soldier, Malachi, but as research continues it very well supports the claim. He is not doubt his descendant.

Index

The book, by estimation of sample pages, has approximately 25,000 name entries. The index alone is expected to take 40 to 50 pages in small print. The index will not only have names but reference to the different sections and chart locations. (See example below).

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