

BRATTON FAMILY FILE

1. Work sheet for DAR membership for Miss Mary Reese Smith.
2. Letter from W. A. Bratton dated September 6, 1912 to father on the Bratton Record.
3. Listing of family members and their spouses concerning Bratton family.
4. Letter to Andrew S. Bratton dated Sept. 20, 1912 concerning the genealogy of Bratton family.3 pages.
5. Handwritten genealogy of Bratton family; 14 pages.
6. Letter to father from W. A. Bratton dated September 6, 1912; 3 pages.

Supplemental

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
TO
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY
OF THE
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

State, Kentucky
City, Lexington
Name of Chapter, "Lexington"

National Number, 77110

(Miss or Mrs.) Mary Ruth Smith
Wife of

Address 40 Holt Ave. N. Sterling Ky.

DESCENDANT OF

Jamie Bratton

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The undersigned have investigated and approve the applicant and her application.

May Glover Muller Chapter Secretary. November 6 1909
Siggie A. Lyle for Julia H. Spurr Chapter Regent.
Gabel M. Coleman Chapter Registrar.

Application and duplicate received by National Society MAR 8 1910 NOV 10 1909 1909
Fees received by National Society Nov. 9 1909
Application examined and approved 1909

Registrar General.

Accepted by the National Board of Management 1909

Recording Secretary General.

Nominated and recommended by the undersigned, a member of the Society.

Elizabeth W. Bright.
Nat. No. 40354

Signature of Applicant

Miss Mary Ruth Smith

Residence

N. Sterling
Kentucky

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

To be filled out and after being properly endorsed by the local chapter, forwarded to the Registrar General of the National Society, 902 F Street, Washington, D. C.

When approved by the National Officers, one copy will be returned to the Registrar of the Chapter, and the other will be filed with the National Society.

TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

I Mary Ruth Smith being of the age of eighteen years and upwards, hereby apply for membership in this Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from James Bratton who was born in Northern Ireland on the ... day of ..., 1746 and died in Virginia on the 22nd day of June, 1828 and who served in the War of the Revolution.

I was born in town of Mt Sterling County of Mont.gomery State of Kentucky

1. I am the daughter of

Richard Wm. Smith born 1853 died ... and his () wife Belle Bratton born 1855 died ... married 1882

2. The said Belle Bratton Smith was the daughter of David Hogsett Bratton born 1809 died 1892 and his () wife Sallie Evans born 1825 died 1900 married 1846

3. The said David Hogsett Bratton was the son of Robert C. Bratton born 1776 died 1835 and his () wife Ann Blumlap born 1768 died 1860 married 1800

4. The said Robert C. Bratton was the son of James Bratton born 1746 died 1828 and his () wife Rebecca Hogsett born 1748 died 1828 married

5. The said ... was the ... of ... born ... died ... and his () wife ... born ... died ... married

6. The said ... was the ... of ... born ... died ... and his () wife ... born ... died ... married

And he, the said James Bratton is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of Ensign in Captain Charles Pope's Company

DATE OF MARRIAGE MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR DATES OF BIRTH AND DEATH.

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Any woman may be eligible for membership who is of the age of eighteen years, and who is descended from a man or woman who, with unfailing loyalty, rendered material aid to the cause of Independence; from a recognized patriot, a soldier or sailor or a civil officer in one of the several Colonies or States, or of the United Colonies or States; *Provided that the applicant be acceptable to the Society.*

Official proof of service must be furnished with the application; also references to authorities quoted, to show line of descent. *Where reference is made to unpublished or inaccessible records, the applicant must file duplicate certified copies of same.* Statements based upon tradition alone cannot be considered.

ANCESTOR'S SERVICES.

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

The records show that James Bratton served as ensign in Captain Charles Popes Company, also designated Captain John Fearmouth's Company of Colonel David Hall's Delaware Regiment, Revolutionary war. He was commissioned ensign November 28, 1776 and was appointed second lieutenant April 5, 1777, in Captain James Woods' Company, also designated lieutenant John Wilson's Company, same regiment. He was transferred, as first lieutenant, to the first mentioned company and resigned March 1, 1779.



Give below a reference, by volume and page, to the documentary or other authority upon which you found your record.

F. C. Ainsworth, Adjutant General
 War Department
 Children of Robert + Anne Hurlap Bratton

Hurlap Bratton married Nancy Lawton 2nd Maria Mc
 Jane Bratton never married
 David " married Sallie Evans.
 Will " Lucy Wade
 Rebecca " married John Gay
 Peggy " " James Abham
 Ambler " " Rufus Hurlap.
 Elizabeth " " Robert Selkey

Give, if possible, the following data:
 My Revolutionary ancestor was married at _____
 on the _____ day of _____ 1

CHILDREN:

NAMES.	DATES OF BIRTH.	To, WHOM MARRIED.
Robert		Anne Hurlap
John		
William	Aug 24 1849-5-8	
David	1848-8-24	
Jessie	1952-8-24	7-211
Andrew	1948	
Polly	3	328
Sattie		M. C. Long
Rebecca		married M. C. Long

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The following form of acknowledgment is recommended:

Deponent further says that the said _____
 (name of ancestor from whom eligibility is derived), is the ancestor mentioned in the
 foregoing application, and that the statements hereinbefore set forth are true to the best
 of her knowledge and belief.

(Signature of Deponent) *Mary Ruth Smith*

Subscribed and sworn to before me at *Montgomery Ky*
 this *9* day of *Oct* A. D. *1909*

David Howers

My Commission Expires March 3rd, 1910.

(SEAL)

Notary Public, Montgomery Co., Ky.



APPLICANT'S WORKING SHEET

National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution
Washington, D.C.

(Miss or Mrs.) Wife or Widow of

Descendant of

1. I am the daughter of

..... born on at

died at on and his (first or) wife

..... born on at

died at on married on

2. The said was the child of

..... born on at

died at on and his (first or) wife

..... born on at

died at on married on

3. The said was the child of

..... born on at

died at on and his (first or) wife

..... born on at

died at on married on

4. The said was the child of

..... born on at

died at on and his (first or) wife

..... born on at

died at on married on

5. The said *Robert Bratton* was the child of

James Bratton born on *1746* at

died at on *1828* and his (first or) wife

Rebecca Hogsett born on *1748* at

died at on married on

6. The said *James Bratton* was the child of

Robert Bratton born on *1712* at

died at on *1785* and his (first or) wife

Ann M^{rs} Farland Wudlap born on at *emigrated from Scotland*

Widow of Alexander Wudlap died at *who died 1744* on married on

James Bratton and (Adair Bratton) his children remained in Bath Co (2 more to Rev) (M^{rs} Agnes Givens)

7. The said Ann Mac Farland Winklap Bratton was the child of Colonel Robt Mac Farland born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on 1798 and his (first or _____) wife Ester Houston born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ married on _____

8. The said Ester Houston Mac Farland was the child of Squire John Houston born on 1689 at _____ died at _____ on 1755 and his (first or _____) wife Margaret (?) Cunningham born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ married on 1717

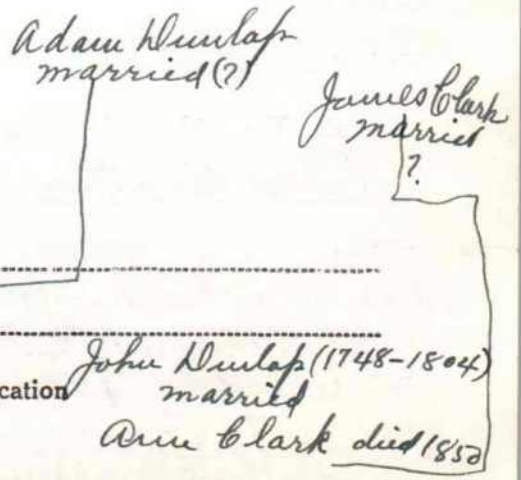
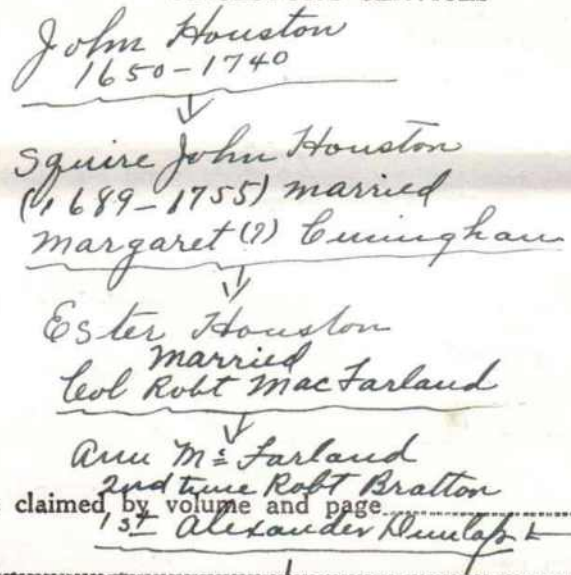
9. The said Squire John Houston was the child of John Houston born on 1650 at _____ died at _____ on 1740 and his (first or _____) wife _____ born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ married on _____

RESIDENCE IN COUNTY AND STATE OF FAMILY IN EACH GENERATION DESIRED

DETAILS SHOWING THE FAMILY DESCENT: Give reference to verify the above statement of birth, marriage and death, by volume and page if reference is made to published work, and a duplicate certified or attested copy of facts where reference is made to Family Bible, tombstone, or other unpublished authority. Statements based upon TRADITION cannot be considered.

- 1st Gen. _____
- 2nd Gen. _____
- 3rd Gen. _____
- 4th Gen. _____
- 5th Gen. _____
- 6th Gen. _____
- 7th Gen. _____
- 8th Gen. _____
- 9th Gen. _____

ANCESTOR'S SERVICES



State authority for service claimed by volume and page 137 Alexander Winklap

James Bratton 1746-1828
married Rebecca Hogsett - 1748

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John Winklap (1748-1804)
married Ann Clark died 1850

APPLICANT'S WORKING SHEET

National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution
Washington, D.C.

(Miss or Mrs.) Wife or Widow of

Descendant of

1. I am the daughter of

Henry Clay Hart born on at *Winchester Ky*
 died at *Winchester Ky* on and his (first or) wife
Laura Bratton born on at *Winchester Ky*
 died at *Winchester Ky* on married on

2. The said *Laura Bratton Hart* was the child of

David Hogsett Bratton born on *6-16-1809* at *Clark Co. Ky*
 died at *Clark Co. Ky* on *2-2-1892* and his (first or) wife
Sallie Evans born on *3-26-1825* at *Clark Co. Ky*
 died at *Winchester Ky* on *1900* married on *3-26-1846*

3. The said *David Hogsett Bratton* was the child of

Robert C. Bratton born on *7-11-1776* at
 died at *Clark Co. Ky* on *7-25-1835* and his (first or) wife
Ann Wundlap born on *1-1-1768* at
 died at *Robert* on *5-24-1850* married on *Oct 9-1800*

4. The said *Ann Wundlap Bratton* was the child of

James Bratton born on *1746* at
 died at on *1828* and his (first or) wife
Rebecca Hogsett born on *1748* at
 died at on *1828* married on

5. The said *James Bratton* was the child of

Robert Bratton born on *1712* at *Orange Co. (later Augusta in*
1733 *immigrated from Ireland*
 died at on *1785* and his (first or) wife
Ann McFarland born on at *emigrated from Scotland*
widow of Alexander Wundlap
 died at *who died 1744* on married on

6. The said was the child of

..... born on at
 died at on and his (first or) wife
 born on at

2 children moved to Ky.
 died at on married on
Jas Bratton married Rebecca Hogsett
Adam Bratton " Agnes Givens remained in Bath Co.

7. The said was the child of

born on at

died at on and his (first or) wife

born on at

died at on married on

8. The said was the child of

born on at

died at on and his (first or) wife

born on at

died at on married on

9. The said was the child of

born on at

died at on and his (first or) wife

born on at

died at on married on

RESIDENCE IN COUNTY AND STATE OF FAMILY IN EACH GENERATION DESIRED

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ANCESTOR'S SERVICES

State authority for service claimed by volume and page.....

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LINEAGE

I, _____ being of the age of eighteen years and upwards, hereby apply for membership in the Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from

who was born in _____ on the _____ day of _____, 17____ and died in _____ on the _____ day of _____, 1____

His place of residence during the Revolution was _____

(Please give all dates by numerals, month first, and given names in full)

1. I am the daughter of Henry Day Hart born on 12-10-1832 at Winchester Ky. died at Winchester Ky on 12-9-1911 and his (first or) wife Laura Bratton Hart born on 5-22-1847 at Winchester Ky died at Winchester Ky on 8 1934 married on Mch 1879

2. The said Laura Bratton Hart was the child of David Hogsett Bratton born on 6-16-1809 at Clark Co. Ky died at Clark Co. Ky on 2-2-1892 and his (first or) wife Sallie Evans born on 3-26-1825 at Clark Co. Ky died at Winchester Ky on 1900 married on 3-26-1846

3. The said David Hogsett Bratton was the child of Robert C. Bratton born on 7-11-1776 at Virginia died at Clark Co. Ky on 7-25-1835 and his (first or) wife Ann Dunlap Bratton born on 1-1-1768 at Virginia died at Clark Co. Ky on 5-24-1850 married on 10-9-1800

4. The said Robert C. Bratton was the child of James Bratton born on 1746 at died at on 1828 and his (first or) wife Rebecca Hogsett born on 1748 at died at on married on

5. The said James Bratton was the child of Robert Bratton born on 5-20-1712 at In Ireland died at on 1785 and his (first or) wife Ann MacFarland Dunlap born on at Emigrated from Scotland died at on married on

6. The said _____ was the child of _____ born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ and his (first or) wife _____ born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ married on _____

7. The said _____ was the child of _____ born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ and his (first or) wife _____ born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ married on _____

8. The said _____ was the child of _____ born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ and his (first or) wife _____ born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ married on _____

9. The said _____ was the child of _____ born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ and his (first or) wife _____ born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ married on _____

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REFERENCES FOR LINEAGE

(Proofs for line of descent are wills, administrations, deeds, church, Bible, census and pension records, tombstones, histories, genealogies, old newspapers, etc.)

Give below a reference to the authority for EACH statement of Birth, Marriage* or Death. If from published records, give names of books and page numbers. If from unpublished records, applicant must file duplicate certified or attested copies of same.

2nd Gen. *Tombstones in Winchester Cemetery*

3rd Gen.

Will of John Huslap dated -2-25-1804 (Rockridge Co. Va.)

4th Gen.

Father of Ann Bratton leaves his daughter's property

5th Gen.

6th Gen.

7th Gen.

8th Gen.

9th Gen.

Give, if possible, the following data: My Revolutionary ancestor was married

(1) to _____ at _____, 1
 (2) to _____ at _____, 1
 (3) to _____ at _____, 1

CHILDREN OF REVOLUTIONARY ANCESTOR

(By each marriage, if married more than once)

Names	Dates of Birth	To Whom Married, noting if Married more than once
<i>Children of James & Rebecca Hogsett Bratton</i>		
<i>Robert</i>		
<i>John</i>		
<i>William</i>		
<i>David</i>		
<i>Lewis</i>		
<i>Andrew</i>		
<i>Polly</i>		
<i>Salpie</i>		
<i>Rebecca</i>		

I was born on _____ at _____
 married on _____ at _____ by _____
 to _____ who was born on _____

I do (or do not) give consent to the office of Registrar General to furnish by correspondence specific information to applicants seeking eligibility to membership on same or connecting lineage.

*Marriage in every instance in this paper means legal and lawful marriage.
 Date of marriage may be substituted for dates of birth and death where such date proves the soldier to have been living during the Revolution and of a suitable age for service.
 (Note: Resolution adopted by the Twenty-fourth Continental Congress:
 Descendants of polygamous marriage are not acceptable as members of this Society.)

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ELIGIBILITY CLAUSE

"Any woman is eligible for membership in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution who is not less than eighteen years of age, and who is descended from a man or woman who, with unflinching loyalty to the cause of American Independence, served as a sailor, or as a soldier or civil officer in one of the several Colonies or States, or in the United Colonies or States, or as a recognized patriot, or rendered material aid thereto; provided the applicant is personally acceptable to the Society." (Constitution, Article III, Section 1.)

ANCESTOR'S SERVICES

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

Robert Bratton and Ann Mac Farland Dunlap Bratton
Children

James married Rebecca Hogatt

Adam married Agnes Ewen Jacksons River

2 more going to Ky.

Elizabeth married Samuel Craig

Morton's Centennial History of Allegheny Co. Va States
Capt. Robert Bratton was administrator of estate of Capt
Jas Dunlap who was killed Fort Upper tract 1758 (Page 199)
Page III of Morton's History of Bath Co. Va contains a record
of Robt Bratton of Possessing 5 slaves 10 horses, 45 cattle in
the calf pasture in 1782
Morton's Annals of Bath Co. Va (Pag 189)

The said

is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of

Give references by volume and page to the documentary or other authorities for—MILITARY RECORD: Where reference is made to unpublished or inaccessible records of service, the applicant must file the official copy.

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Ann Mac Farland's second marriage was to Robert Bratton (1712-1785) by whom she had issued Robert was an immigrant from Ire land to Orange Co (later Augusta) in 1733; A Captain in the French + Indian War 1756-58; Member for the first council of war for Protection of Va. Frontiers 1756

The following form of acknowledgment is required:

Applicant further says that the said (name of ancestor from whom eligibility is derived) is the ancestor mentioned in the foregoing application, and that the statements hereinbefore set forth are true to the best of her knowledge and belief.

The applicant also pledges allegiance to the United States of America and agrees to support its Constitution. This applies only to citizens of the United States of America.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Kindly sign your name before the notary exactly as you wish it to appear on our records.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me at

(City)

(State)

this

day of

A. D.

[SEAL]

owner of 2284 A land in Va & other places

Signature of Notary.

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September 6, 1912

My Dear Father:-

In today's mail I get back from Cousin Mitch his statement of the Bratton Record. What I would like to get through, is a statement of what became of William and David and John.

Now I understand that they went west, but where can I get in touch with any of their descendants now. I am in touch with Mrs. Robertson and that branch and will get from her all that she knows. She is a grandchild of John, I suppose, and can give me all of his family.

Years ago there was a Jennie Bratton came to see us at Rock Rest from Iowa some where. Do you know where she came from? There was also a Mrs. Porter from some where out there. This was about the early eighties.

I think that you are all mistaken about James having four daughters, unless one of them died under age and without children. No mention is made of any single daughter in his will. But there are three named- Margaret who married Crawford; Rebecca who married McClung and John Porter's wife. The wife of John Porter is not given by name but his executors, who are his sons William and Andrew are directed after ten years to sell 537 acres up Mill Creek Above Samuel S. McDannald, and this is to be divided among the children of John Porter. In the mean time this 537 acres is to be used by John Porter. "To raise his children by my daughter who has some years since departed this life".

I see Cousin Mitch gives this as Adam Porter but it is John.

What I want to get now is to get in touch with these families of William, David, Rebecca, Margaret and the John Porter Children. I may be able to get these from the Bath Records as their legacies were paid them I suppose and the settlements there may show the

the dates paid and the residence of the legatees.

John was left land at the home place with Lewis and Andrew and either Lewis or Andrew bought him out. William was left by the third clause of the will the tract of land on which he now lives situate in the county of Augusta on the Big Calf pasture River, containing four hundred acres, adjoining the lands of Elizabeth Bratton and William Ramsey. These records are all in Augusta County and the first time I get away for a day or so I want to go to Warm Springs and Staunton and look these matters up. But I can't find out from the records where they went or when, and that is what I would like to get from any of you that may happen to know.

And this Elizabeth Bratton. Who was she? I think she must have been the widow of Adam Bratton, who was the grandfather of the Jackson River Brattons. John F. Bratton father was Robert, and he was born and raised on Big River on the Hodge place. He died in 1836 on Jackson River. I am writing to him about his line, but I did not ask him who this Elizabeth Bratton was. Is it possible that Adam and James were brothers and that they came here together. It is not possible for James to have been the son of Adam or vice versa for James was born about 1774.

Lyman /Chalkley, when he was judge of Augusta county for several years with nothing to do, got up all these old records of colonial Augusta and they are now being published in three volumes by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The first volume will come out in Sept.- It is due now. I may get something from these.

But in the meantime here are some questions for all of you to answer. I am sending a copy of this letter to Cousin Mitch. Fill out the answers if you know, what I want particularly being ^{to get} in touch with some of the descendants of William and David and Margaret and Rebecca and John Porter's wife

Yours very truly
W. A. Bratton

David Hogstett Bratton	Married	Sally Evans
Children: Loretta (Laura) Bratton	Married	Dr. H. C. Hart
John Bratton	Married	Nannie Gaitskill
Mary Bratton	Married	John Gaitskill
Belle Bratton	Married	Will Smith
Elizabeth Bratton	Married	Will Sutton
Demaris Bratton	Married	Robert S. Scobee
Robert Bratton	Married	Nancy Ecton
Lena R. Bratton	Single	
Ann Bratton	Died very young	
Loretta Bratton	Married	Dr. H. C. Hart
Children: Son	Died in Infancy	
Sallie Hart	Married	Felix Holiday (No children)
Lucie T. Hart	Single	Still living
Lena Robert Hart	Single	Deceased
John Bratton	Married	Nannie Gaitskill
Children: David Bratton	Married	Nannie Lou Scobee No Children - Still living
Webb Bratton	Married	Stella Montague 1 boy-deceased
Henry Bratton	Single	
Mary Bratton	Married	John Gaitskill
Children: David Gaitskill	Single	Deceased
Sallie Gaitskill	Married	Ollie McCormick
Catherine Gaitskill	Married	Roy Morris
Henry Gaitskill	Married	? No children
J. C. Gaitskill	Married	Mildred Robinson

Belle Bratton	Married	Will Smith
Children: Mary Smith	Single	Deceased In DAR on James Bratton
Elizabeth Bratton	Married	Will Sutton
Children: Thomas Sutton	Married	Anna Mary Triplett
Bratton Sutton	Married	Robin ?
Demaris Bratton	Married	Robert S. Scobee
Children: David Bratton Scobee	Married	Lucinda Hughes
Robert Howard Scobee	Married	Molly Young
Robert Bratton	Married	Nancy Ecton
Children: Robert Dunlap Bratton	Married	Gladys ?
Julian Bratton	Married	Patsy Atchison
Lena Rivers Bratton	Single	Deceased
Sallie Gaitskill	Married	Ollie McCormick
Children: John McCormick	Married	Adelaide Barnes
Catherine Gaitskill	Married	Roy Morris
Children: Son	Died in Infancy	
Mary Bratton Morris	Single	
Martha Morris	Married	? Estill
J. C. Gaitskill	Married	Mildred Robinson
Children: David Gaitskill	Married	Frances Jones
Mary Ann Gaitskill	Married	Ray Farris
Louise Gaitskill	Single	
Rebecca Ruth Gaitskill	Married	Gay Brothers
Saranne Gaitskill	Single	
Jeanette Gaitskill	Single	

Thomas Sutton	Married	Anna Mary Triplett
Children: Thomas Sutton	Married	Lula Littleton no children
Robert Sutton	Married	Dorothy Rawlins
Bratton Sutton	Married	Robin ?
Children: 1 boy and 1 girl	No information available	
David Bratton Scobee	Married	Lucinda Hughes
Children: Robert Hughes Scobee	Married	Elizabeth Best
John McCormick	Married	Adelaide Barnes
Children: Ollie McCormick	Married	?
John Jr. (Jack) McCormick	Married	?
Adelaide McCormick	Married	? Roberts (has 4 or 5 Children)
Martha Morris	Married	Ecton Estill
Children: Roy Everett Estill		
Girl	Name and Whereabouts unknown	
Robert Sutton	Married	Dorothy Rawlins
Children: Anna Sutton		
Robbie Sutton		
R. T. Sutton		
Robert Dunlap Bratton	Married	Gladys Williams
Children: Robert Bratton	Killed in Auto Accident	
Julian Bratton	Married	Patsy Atchison
Children: Mary Lou Bratton	Married	Wayne Quertimus
Robert Hughes Scobee	Married	Mary Elizabeth Best
Children: Sarah Frances Scobee	Married	Sam Collins

IV
Children: Robert David Collins Now adopted by Hammet

Sarah Frances Scobee Married Hugh B. Hammet

Children: Glenn Edward Hammet

Betsy Kathryn Hammet - Adopted

Sept. 20, 1912

Andrew S. Bratton, Esq.

Millboro, Virginia

My dear Father:

I have found that the father of your grandfather James was Robert Bratton, of Orange County, later of Augusta County, and so far the first record of him that I can get is on the 16th day of July 1745 when he bought from James Patton and John Lewis 834 acres of land on the Great Calf Pasture River in what was then Orange County, Virginia.

I am now trying to locate his sons. One of his sons was James your grandfather, as there is where James got his 400 acres on the Big Calfpasture River that he left in his will to his son William; and another son was Adam, the grandfather of John F. Bratton, on Jackson River.

This Robert Bratton was born on the 20th day of May 1712, I suppose in Ireland. I get the date of his birth from a deposition taken of him in the case of Andrews vs. Mathews in the Augusta County Court in May 1773. The deposition states that he was sixty years old May 20th, 1772.

His first appearance on the record of Augusta County is on Sept. 16th, 1747 when he convicted Patrick Burk and Bridget O'Dowland, (convict servants of Robert Bratton) of horse stealing. On Nov. 28th, 1751 he was appointed, with James McCorkle, guardian of Archibald Crockett. And the guardians then complained that John Ramsey, who married Martha, widow of Robert Crockett, father of Archibald, was wasting the estate.

On the 21st day of August 1752 it was shown in the Court that he had married Ann Dunlap, a widow.

On March 20th, 1755, he qualified in the Augusta County Court as a Captain of Militia.

On Aug. 15th, 1765 he filed claim for provisions for militia.

On Aug. 20th, 1765, he and Thos. Hughart were appointed road surveyors for Widow Grays to Samuel Hodges.

On May 21st, 1767, William Renix was appointed road surveyor in his place.

On May 17th, 1768, "Tom" a slave of Robert Bratton, was convicted of horse stealing, and sentenced to 39 laskes with an ear cropped.

On March 16th, 1774, Adam was put in the place of Robert as road surveyor.

In February, 1763, sued James Dunlap; Administrator.

Finally in the suit of Adam Bratton vs. Andrew Reed in 1788 it is shown that Robert Bratton is dead and that his widow is Anne Bratton.

But this Robert Bratton must not be confused with his grandson Robert, son of James, who also married an Anne Dunlap.

I am taking this matter up with Mrs. Virginia Mann Bratton of South Carolina, and am getting her to find out all she can in regard to Col. William Bratton, who as far as she knows is the first Bratton who went to South Carolina. He married a Miss Robertson on his way there, in Salisbury, N. C. and he first went there as far as she knows in 1760 (about). Now in 1760 Robert was 48 years old and it is more than probable that this William was his son, as in those days the men all married early.

I wish you would lock up that Old Tailors Goose and put it away so it won't get lost or carried off.

I have also found out through the Smithsonian Institution in Washington that William Bratton, son of James, was with George Rogers Clark and Meriweather Lewis on their Expedition to the Oregon Country in 1803-1805. I have understood all my life that one of James sons was with this expedition but never knew which one or how to find out. In 1904-1905 the complete manuscripts of Calrk and Lewis during the two or three years they were out west was finally published by Dodd Mead and Company of New York, in eight

volumes, and this gives what I want, as I find out through the
Smithsonian Institution.

I am sending a copy of this to J. M. Bratton and to John F. Bratton.

Yours very truly,

Wa. Bratton

Dear Lena Bratton

Winchester, Ky.

Dear Cousin Lena:

This runs the family back to Day 20, 1712. That is a long time ago, but
that is the date after date of birth of Robert as his own deposition shows.
I can find no Revolutionary services of James, and Robert was too old, and he
probably died about 1774 when Adam was put in his place as road surveyor.
But I would rather be a Colonial Dame any how than a D.A.R. D.A.R.'s are too
common.

Yours,

Wa. Bratton.

I could never find any deed or transfer to James of that property he
owned on Big River. It never occurred to me for an instant that he had inherited
it from his father and that the deed to his father was in Orange County, even
before Augusta County was formed.

Yours.

Wa. Bratton

Robert Bratton Born July
11 1774 died July 25 1833
Ann Dunlap wife of
Robert Bratton Born Jan
1st 1768 died May 24th
1850. They were born and
raised and married in
Virginia, in the neighborhood
of the Cowpasture river in
Calhoun County. They came
to Ky in the year of 1821
or 1822 and settled in
Montgomery County near
Mt Sterling. Lived there one
or two years and then
moved to Clark Co where
they bought a farm
which they lived on until

untill they died they
owned from 200 to 300
acres of land where they
lived. They owned several
farms in same neighbor-
hood which they gave to
their children as they
married off. They had a
great many Slaves. They
were good, honest, law abid-
-ing Citizens, belong to the
Presbyterian Church
They raised a family of
eight children, four
boys + four girls, James,
John Dunlap, Rebecca,
Peggy, William, Amr.
David Hoghead, and

Elizabeth, James died before
they came to Ky John
Dunlap married Nancy
Langston and settle in
Montgomery Co on a farm
which his parents gave
him, He was very un suc-
-cessful, and lost most of his
property, He then sold out
ever thing that was left, and
took his family and went
to Mo. He came back one
or twice in his parents
life time, but never after
their death He raised
four children by his
first wife & two by the
last wife, Robert, John,

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William Mary Jane.
by the last wife Eddy & do not
know the name of the other boy
They were Presbyterians. He
was a farmer owned quite
a nice little farm at
his death. His son Robert
married and raised a
large family. lives on a
farm, and belongs to the
Methodist Church. Son
John married and had
children but never raised
any of them live on a
farm & belong to the
Christian Church son
William married had
three children two boys

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and one daughter name
Fanny married a Mr
Younger. died in child
birth. They too were farmers
and belong to the Christian
Church. Mary Jane married
William Barnes had
children but never
accumulated much of this
worlds good. The other
two boys were nice young
men. All of Uncle Duncans
boys were sturdy upright
men. They were Southern
Sympathizers in the
late Civil War
They live in Boone Co
Mo

Peggy Bratton married
James Allin widower to
~~children~~ by first
Seven children. Annesie married
Marion Farrer. Children
Elizabeth married John Mc Kee
Two sons & one daughter
Charlie McKee married
Mollie McKee married Dr
South the other son married
John McKee died wife
married Capt Tomby Lou
Allen mar Dan Evans ~~two~~

Peggy Bratton married
James Allen widower
they had seven children
Malissie Elizabeth Lou
Mary Robert Mitchell
Sarah married Roy Garner
had five children move
to Poway then died

William Bratton married
Lucy Ann Wade daughter
of Daniel & Sally Wade
They to move to Ohio had
five children Mary Ann
Sarah, Edmund and Jimmie
Mary Ann married Tom
Barnes had ten children
died husband married second
time Sarah married Tilman
Kempfer they had four children
Sarah died, Edmund married
Lizzie Hasket they had no
children Jimmie married
Lizzie Bigg had children
Ella married Woodson
Roberts and had two children
one married

has one child. Bertha (ing)
Robert + David have now
married both young men

David Hoghead Bratton
and Sarah Anna Evans
daughter of John +
Demarius Evans was
married March 26, 1846
They had nine children
~~all lived to be grown~~
Laura, John S, Mary Ann
Emma Bell, Sarah Elizabeth
Demarius Robert L, Lenah
Rivers, Annie Torst
Annie L died in her six
month year of Typhoid fever
Lenah Rivers has never
married yet Robert L

near Cranion Eton daa
they had three children
two died in infancy, and
one a boy name Robert D
after it's great grand par
Sarah E married William Gelson
have two sons Thomas & Bret
both Demoreus near Robert
Scottu they have two sons
both married, Howard m
Nollie Young ~~the~~ David m
Lucy Hughes. have one little
boy name Robert Hughes
Emma Belle m Richard
Smith they have one
daughter May Reese Smith
Mary Ann m John C
Gaults-still they had six
children James David
Sallie Catharine Henry and
J. C. James Died when

two years^s old. David Tallu
Henry and J. G. are all people
and rather mar Roy Morris
have one son. J. W. ~~son~~

John J. mar Ann's
Gaitskill

Annie Bratton married
Rufus Dunlap I don't
know whether they were
related or not but had
they had five children
Anne John Sarah Sobitha
and one died in infancy
Sarah married Lossing
Robinson one son was born
to them she died Anne
married Robert Huddleston
There was seven children
Two died when grown
one daughter married
Sobitha Dunlap married a Mr
Tom Parrish of Ohio ~~they~~
he was killed by the cars
they had two boys. John
Dunlap never married but
went to Ohio and died

Elizabeth Pratton was born
and was
married to Robert Gilkey

He was a widower with one child
to their union was born four
children three girls and one
boy Ann Mary Louise and
Charles. Mary Gilkey married
Albert Ovar they had two
daughters Emma & Lilly. Emma
married Mr. Ross a Methodist
minister three children
Lillian married Henry Green they
have two children

Charles ^{Gilkey} married Mary Arnold
they had three sons ~~one~~ Dr
John Gilkey married Maggie
Skillman daughter of John
Skillman son Robert now
married Ashton married
Eva Henry

Anna Gilky married William
Rask

They had nine children
Clay Eugene Thomas Elizabeth
Betty William Robert
Annie David

Clay R married Betty
Anderson they have two
children Allen & Roger.

Allen married Robert Biddle
Eugene married Mrs Hatfield
They have one daughter Maudie

William married Finkie Pouch
They have two girls and one boy

Thomas married Gypsie Wilkins
They have no children

Arthur mar Robert Shaw
have no children

Elizabeth never married

Annie mar William Gilbert

gulation time

Great Rebecca four children
David Robert Nancy
Ann married Mr. Younger
had two boys. one married
David never married was
wounded in the Civil war
which caused his death
Robert married had two
boys by his first wife
married Fanny Younger
separated Nancy married
a Mr. Shouse had children

William
Pratt
Fanning

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September 6th. 1913.

My dear father:-

In today's mail I get back from Cousin Mitch his statement of the Bratton record. What I would like to get though, is a statement of what became of William and David and John.

Now I understand that they went west, but where can I get in touch with any of their descendants now. I am in touch with Mrs. Robertson and that branch and will get from her all that she knows. She is a grandchild of John, I suppose, and can give me all of his family.

Years ago there was a Jennie Bratton came to see us at Rock Rest from Iowa some where. Do you know where she came from? There was also a Mrs. Porter from somewhere out there. This was about the early eighties.

I think that you are all mistaken about James having four daughters, unless one of them died under age and without children. No mention is made of any single daughter in his will. But there are three named- Margaret who married Crawford; Rebecca who married McClung; and John Porter's wife. The wife of John Porter is not given by name but his executors, who are his sons William and Andrew are directed after ten years to sell 537 acres up Mill Creek above Samuel S. McDannald, and this is to be divided amongst the children of John Porter. In the mean time this 537 acres is to be used by John Porter "to raise his children by my daughter who has some years since departed this life". I see Cousin Mitch gives this as Adam Porter but it is John.

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What I want to get now is to get in touch with these families - of William, David, Rebecca, Margaret and the John Porter children. I may be able to get these from the path records as their legacies were paid them I suppose and the settlements there may show the dates paid and the residence of the legatees.

John was left land at the Home place with Lewis and Andrew and either Lewis ~~xxx~~ or Andrew bought him out. William was left, by the third clause of the will "the tract of land on which he now lives situate in the county of ~~Essex~~ ~~xxx~~ Augusta on the Big Calf pasture River, containing forty four hundred acres, adjoining the lands of Elizabeth Bratton and William Ramsey." These records are all in Augusta County and the first time I get away for a day or so I want to go to warm Springs and Staunton and look these matters up. But I cant find out from the records where they went or when, and that is what I would like to get from any of you that may happen to know.

And this Elizabeth Bratton. Who was she? I think ~~she~~ she must have been the widow of Adam Bratton, who was the grandfather of the Jackson River Brattons. John F. Bratton father was Robert, and he was born and raised on Big River on the Hodge place. He died in 1836 on Jackson River. I am writing to him about his line, but I did not ask him who this Elizabeth Bratton was. Is it possible that Adam and James were brothers and that they came here together. ~~xx~~ It is not possible for James to have been son of Adam, or vice versa, for James was born about 1744.

Lyman Chalkley, when he was Judge of Augusta County

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for several years with nothing to do, got up all of these old records of Colonial Augusta and they are now being published in three volumes by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The first volume will come out in Sept.- it is due now. I may get something from these.

But in the mean time here are some questions for all of you to answer. I am sending a copy of this letter to Cousin Mitch. Fill out the answers if you know, what I want particularly being to get in touch with some of the descendants of William and David and Margaret and Rebbecca and John Porters wife.

Yours very truly,

W.A. Bratton

Dear Cousin Mitch:-

The above is to you too.
Do you still think there was a fourth daughter?

W.A.B.