

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Britain Brantley VAS2620
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[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Georgia [?] of March 1778

Dear Loving [Wife] I Receiv'd the last letter from you the Twenty Second Day of July 1777 Which gave me Inexpressable Joy of your all being in the State of health [undeciphered word?] I left you in. It gives me great Unhapyne[?] to hear of your being so Disturb'd At our being at such a [several undeciphered words] one another, but as I trust in God I shall see you all if Life lasts[?] about the first Day of May if it is so we git Releaf, which we Expect Every hour indeed I hear as they are on there way a Coming From Sevanah [sic: Savannah] to us now; We are station'd at this time on Altamaha River Which being Called 80 milles from Sevanah Town; NB: I [one or two undeciphered words] to Let you know as I am in as good Health as Evere was in [my] life thanks, be to god, for it I am heavier then Ever I was in My life before by twenty weight before; when at your brother Thomas [several undeciphered words] I was in good health at that time which [illegible] as the mind of a hard Spell of sickness; that I was taken [illegible] about 11th day of [illegible] But I was taken so bad as [undeciphered word] within about a week after your Brother Come a[?] say with a bad [undeciphered word] which it continued Whilst about the Last day of november before it got Well.

NB; I wrote to you to come out with your brother which if he has not sot out I Desire you not to come at any Rate [?] in Life for I shall come my self as possible I can you may Depend; I should have come before now if Capt more [probably Capt. Francis Moore BLWt1081-400 of the 2nd Georgia Battalion of Foot, promoted to Major on 18 Nov 1779] had a come from the norrad [northward?] but his being gone and Lieut. Duvall [sic: Daniel DuVal W5069] thro up and went home, as it was out Of my power to come.

So no more at present but to Remain your Liveing Death [sic] Elizabeth Bran[tley]
Britain Brantley



The affidavid of Benjamin Bass and Parten Bass of lawful aged taken before me this twenty second day of February eighteen hundred and twenty two, who being first duly sworn saith.

That some time in the revolutionary war Briton Brantley engaged in the same by voluntary enlistement in the County of Southampton Virginia for the term of three years, under Captain Frank Moore, who was afterwards promoted to the office of Colonel That he continued in the service until the battle of Briar Creek near Savanna River [3 Mar 1779] where he was killed. Those affiants further say, that Elizabeth Brantley, who makes application for bounty land for services rendered by her husband as the widow of Briton Brantley and that the said Elizabeth Brantley is old and infirm and stands in need of assistance from the County and further these affiants saith not. Given under my hand the day and year above written.

Benjamin Bass/ Partin Bass.

Auditor Office 27 May 1826

Sir It does not appear that the name of Briton Brantley is on the Military Register in this Office You will receive herewith a paper from the Register of the Land Office
respectfully yours/ Jas E Heath

Before Mrs. Bantley can obtain the Military Warrant for which she applies she will have to establish by Evidence to be produced to the Governor & Council the fact that her husband enlisted during the War, or that he perform'd mil Service for 3 years. Ex parte Affidavit will suffice to establish the fact of the service or enlistment. The Register [of the Land Office] keeps no Record of persons who are entitled to Mil Land bounty warrants, but only a Register of such Persons as have actually drawn such warrants.

W Selden Regi'r
(May 21 [undeciphered])

NB It does not appear upon the Register of Warrants that Britton Bartley or Bantley ever obtained a war't.
W S

Brunswick County sct

John Gordon of the County of Greenville personally appeared before me John Wychione[?] of the Commonwealth Justices of the peace and for the said County of Brunswick and being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth & saith That he was well acquainted with Britain Brantly a Soldier in the Army of the Revolution That said Brantly was enlisted by Capt'n. Francis Moore into the three years service. That Deponent & Brantly served for some time [several illegible words] That Brantly was ordered & went to the South (State of Georgia) from whence he never returned as this affiant believes. this affiant has frequently & always (since about that time) heard & verily believes the said Brittain Brantly was Killed in an engagement with the Enemy at the South and as well as recollected at the battle of Briar Creek

Given under my hand this 5th day of June 1826

John Wychen J.P.

1826 June 10 Allowed 3 years service, private
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NOTE: *Virginia Soldiers of 1776* edited by Louis A. Burgess (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co, 1973 reprint) on p 591 of Vol 2 names James Brantley of Northampton County NC and Ruthy Mason of Greenville County VA as surviving children and heirs of Britain Brantley, the other children having died in early infancy.