

## **BRANNON RESEARCH LOG [As of August 8, 2008]**

### **1600's-1900'S Brannon Family Tree (various)**

- 1) ancestry.com
- 2) World Connect at rootsweb.com
- 3) familysearch.com
- 4) Census and vital records
- 5) Family Memories and bible records

### **1720-1748 Registers of No. Farnham Parish** by Geo. Harrison Sanford King. Births as follows:

Children born to Thomas and Ellinor(Eleanor) Bryant:

Bryant, Margaret, 22 July 1693

Bryant, George, 12 May 1699

Children born to Caron and Margaret Branam:

Branam, John, 22 July 1718

Branam, James, 13 Oct 1720

Branam, Thomas, 10 April 1723

Branam, Caren, 11 June 1726

Branham, Joseph, 27 April 1729

Children born to James and Wilmoth Branam:

Branam, Mary, 8 Oct 1743

Branam, William, 21 June 1745

Branam, Betty, 27 Feb 1748

Children born to William and Mary Dudley:

Dudley, Betty, 7 Sep 1719

Dudley, Thomas, 3 Oct 1724

Dudley, Mary, 1 Jan 1726

Dudley, Alexander, 4 Jan 1727

Dudley, Mary, 20 Oct 1730

Dudley, Winnifred, 17 Mar 1732

Dudley, William, 10 Oct 1735

Dudley, Ann, 2 Jun 1738

Dudley, Richard, 4 Mar 1742

Brannan, Caran & Bryan, Margaret marr. before 26 Oct 1717; bride dau. of Thos Bryan Sr. of No. Farnham Parish (d. Richmond Co. 1719); Richmond Co., Will Book 4:97 and 5:620)

Brannan, James & Dudley, Wilmoth marr. before 21 Dec 1751; bride dau. Wm. Dudley of No. Farnham Parish (NFP) (d. Richmond Co. [c]; Will Book 5:701)

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**1697** Richmond Co., VA Order Books 1697-1699: Charon Brenham, Servant to George Davenport being presented to this court to have inspection into his age is adjudged twelve years old and ordered to serve his said master or his assigns according to Act.

**1704** VA Land Patents Vol. 9, pg. 630 lists Charon Branon as one of 90 passengers who were transported to Virginia whereby 4500 acres were granted as remuneration for the transportation.[Cavaliers & Pioneers, Vol. 3][Filby's Passenger & Immigration List Index at

WorldVitalRecords.com]

**1719-1740 Richmond Co., VA Court Records (Antient Press) itemized as follows, but not all inclusive:**

1719/20 - Caron Branon deft. re debt owed

1721 - Caron Branon (Brannon) of NFP: Deed, Lease & Release from Thomas and Mary Geffery 52 acres in tract of land for 5,000 lbs. tobacco [Richmond Co. Deed Bk No. 8, pg. 95] The deed cites 1664 deed to Henry Wilson that places subject land between Farnham Creek and Morattico Creek.

1721 - Richmond Co. DBK 3, pg 104. Bond. We, John Hill, Frances Hill, Caran Brannon, & James Neale,.....bind ourselves .....in the sum of 200 £ sterling this Mar 7, 1721, to insure that John Hill makes an inventory of the goods, chattels, and credits of Robert Reanolds decd. /s/ John (X) Hill, Frances Hill, Caron Branon, James (X) Neale. Wit - none. Recorded Mar 7, 1721.

1723, March (on margin: Brannon's bond for guardinaship of Bryant's estate.) **Caron Brannon** and Ismaell Dew pad 50 pounds sterling on behalf of underage heir, Thomas Bryant 1723 - Caron Branon granted 520 lbs. Tobacco from debtor, Chin

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1724 - Caron Branon named Juror

1724 - Caron Branon chosen as guardian for Thomas Bryan[t]

1724 - Bryan[t] (Thos.) v. Hightower (John & Mary)- Caron Brannon on behalf of Thos. Bryan[t] seeks judgment for damages due to trespass by defts. The judgment was granted but later was dismissed in 1726.

1727 - Caron Branon selected for grand jury

1727 - Caron Branon deposed re attachment on Dowlin Estate.

1728 - Caron Branon granted claim of 1,327 lbs. Tobacco against Morto Dowlin Estate.

1728 - Caron Branon named a juror

1728 - Caron Branon awarded payment as a tobacco counter.

1728 - Caron Branon named one of the appraisers of Oldham Estate.

1731/32 - William Dudley named Juror

1735/36 - Caron Branon appointed Constable for the ensuing year between Farnham and Moratico Creeks. He later received 348 lbs. Tobacco in payment for his Constable duties.

1736/37 - Caron Branon named one of the appraisers of Oneal's Estate.

1738 - Caron Branon is appointed Surveyor of the Highways for the ensuing year from Glascok's Warehouse to Moratico Mill; also the Road that leads from Read's Race Ground to the Main Road and ordered the he forthwith clear the same according to law.

1738 - White vs Simpson - Executors of the Thos. White Estate wished to include in their inventory an item (good feather bed bolster and two pillows) that William Simpson apparently owed them, but it had been given to Caron Branon.

1739 - Caron Branon called to answer for not clearing the Road according to Law whereof he was the Overseer. He later appeared and making sufficient excuse, therefore the said Presentment was quashed.

1739/40 - Caron Brannon was named as one of the appraisers for the Rawlin's Estate.

1744 & 1746 Tax Rolls Caron Branham (Brannon), Richmond Co., VA

1752, Feb - Richmond Co., Order Bk. 12, pgs. 353-55 (Feb 20, 1752) VA Voters for Election of Burgesses, Poll 3 (Capt. John Smith) Caren Branam, et al [ancestry.com][VA Gen. Society, Vol.42, No. 2, Pg. 68]

1758, July, Richmond Co. Voters for Election of Burgesses, Poll 1 (Mr. Woodbridge), Caren Branham, et al [VA GEN. Society Vol.36, No. 1, Pg. 34][ancestry.com]

1771, May 11 Thousand Name Petition [some signers were from Orange Co., Blue Run Baptist

Church], Wm Branham, et. al. [VA Gen Society, Vol. 38, No. 3, Pg. 239-240][ancestry.com].  
[Note: The Old Blue Run Baptist Church was built around 1770 and is the oldest church in western Orange County, Virginia]

1774 Deed Description and Plat showing Caran Brannon (Junior) land in Richmond Co., VA. [See Deed Plat from resurvey](#). (This may be land he inherited from his father.)

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\*nunc = nuncupative; \*\*NFP = The Registers of North Farnham Parish 1663-1814 and Lunenburg Parish 1783-1800, Richmond Co, VA by George H. S. King, Fredericksburg, 1966.

[Wills of Richmond Co., VA, Will Book 4, 1717-1725, <http://www.ancestry.com>]

p. 97 **THOMAS BRYAN[T], SR.**, NFP Will 26 Oct 1717/2 Apr 1719 – all land to son Thomas; wife Eleanor; grandson George Bryan alias/Asbun the son of my eld. son, John; daus. Winifred McKay and Margaret Brannan; no ex. Wits. George Murdoch, Alexander Benneham, James Hinds.

p. 97, **ELEANOR BRYAN[T]** relict and ex of Thomas Bryan, Will 8 Jan 1718/2 Apr 1719, est. to be eq. Div. Between son Thomas & dau. Mary; ex dau. Mary; wits: Alexander Benneham, James Hinds.

p. 98, **THOMAS BRYANT** (Bryan written in margin), inv. 6 May 1719

[Wills of Richmond Co., VA, Will Book 5, 1725-1753, <http://www.ancestry.com>]

p. 6, **WILLIAM DUDLEY**] .....witness for Luke Thornton NFP Will 1725/26

p. 75, **CARAN BRANHAM**] .....witness for William Dowman NFP Will 1726/27

p. 193, **CARAN BRANNAN**]..... witness for Thomas White NFP Will 6 Jan 1732/2Apr 1739

p. 620, **CARAN BRANNAN**, NFP Will 8 Feb 1749/50, 4 June 1750 – wife, Margaret use of land and plant., after her death to son James; sons Caran, Joseph and Thomas; William Croucher and his wife, Eleanor; dau. Eleanor Croucher; ex: wife and son Joseph; wits: John Durham, James Howard. [p.631, inv;nd]

p. 633, **JAMES BRANNAN**, Leroy Griffin, Will 1749/1750 .... to dau.....small part of my forest land that includes plantations where.....James Brannan now live.....

p. 692, **JAMES BRANNAN**, nunc\* will; 9 Mar 1752, 6 Apr 1752 – Deposition of Thomas Dudley....on Wednesday the 26th of February last, James Brannan who was then sick, called to him....and told him he was sure he should die in a little time and said he desired after his death, the land he then lived on should be sold to raise money to pay for the land he had purchased in Nottoway and, if the land should sell for any more money than paid for the Nottoway land, he gave it to be eq. Div. Amongts his wife & children and desired his wife might have his est. inventoried and appraised and then his children would get their parts; Hannah Lindsey made essentially the same deposition. [James and Wilmoth Brannan had the foll. Children: Mary (b. 1743); William (b. 1745); and Betty (b. 1748) NFPR\*\*, p. 21]; [p.697, James Brannan inv; ord 6 Apr 1752]

p. 692, **JOSEPH BRANNAN**, Will; 20 Feb 1752, 6 Apr 1752-- Bro Thomas the bed & furniture which my father left me after my mother's decease; bros. James and Caran; ex. Bro James; wit: Hannah Lindsey; pres. In court by Wilmoth Brannan (his sister-in-law). [p. 704, Joseph Brannen, inv. ord. 6 July 1752]

Pg. 701, **WILLIAM DUDLEY**, NFP, Will 21 Dec 1751; 7 Jul 1752 – wife Mary the manor part of my plant., whereon I now live; sons William, Richard, Thomas, and Alexander; money to be raised out of the drink which is made on this plant. Any time within five years to pay for the building of a house 12' x 16' which my will and desire is for my son William to have; daus **Wilmoth Branham**, Winnifred Smith, Anne and Catharine; ex: wife, wits: Simon Jesper, John Jesper, Isaac Jones [p.707 William Dudley inv; ord 7 Jul 1752]

**1755(c)** Joseph Elder's debt to **James Brannan's estate** was recorded in Richmond County, Virginia [Sparacio, Acct Bk Abstracts of Richmond Co., VA, Part II, 1751-1783, pgs 18-19]

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**1777-1778 Washington's 3rd Light Dragoon -- William Branham [See More Notes](#)**

**1779-81** William Brannon, pay bill for horseman and foot duty in Md.; Note: G. Washington is shown on the first page and may either be an actual signature or the person who gave final approval of the payment. In either event, it does look like General George Washington gave approval of the pay bill. William Brannon – Received 9 Jan 1787 full satisfaction for this acct. in an indent----- 80 Book Z per order /s/ Gabriel Moffitt Accounts Audited of Claims Growing Out of the Amer. Revolution, S126003, AA-713, Box 24 (7 pages); Includes Indent authorised in File 80, Book Z

**1780-81** My Personal Notes: I just finished "Devil of a Whipping" by Lawrence Babits and it seems to be one of the leading books on the Battle of Cowpens. Mr. Babits describes how the mounted state troops, militia & volunteers augmented Lt. Col. Wm. Washington's 3rd Continental Lt. Dragoons before the battle. The formation maps in the book put Washington's dragoons behind the front lines and out of sight of Tarleton whom they surprised greatly when they cut off the attacks of the British dragoons. Therefore, without a doubt, our Wm. Brannon was amongst the horsemen supporting Washington. (See documents that shows (G)Washington to have passed the pay bills submitted by William Brannon.). The book helps to clarify earlier errors such as where Col. Brandon was incorrectly shown as "Brannon". This is further proved since our Wm. Brannon would have been with Washington's 3rd Dragoons and not with Col. Thomas Brandon's flank. But I am cheered to know that our Wm. Brannon was part of the mounted operations that in Chapter 8 of the book is said to have been a major key to Morgan's victory! Further, Ancestry.com Revolutionary War Roster clarifies that Col. Major Parson is a different person from Capt. William Parsons. My Wm. Brannon was a horseman in the Battle of Cowpens as his service audited claim states that he served from 7th of June 1780 to 1 July 1781 under Capt. Parson and Capt. James Bridge's Companys of Col. Roebuck's Regiment. Ancestry.com further informs us of the following:

Parson, Major: .....served alternately as a captain of horse under Col. Roebuck from 7 Jun 1780 to 1783.

Bridges, James: He served.....and as a captain of horse from 7 Jun 1780 to 7 April 1781 in Roebuck's Regiment.

Roebuck, Benjamin: .....he distinguished himself at Cowpens. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel.

**1781-86** William Brannon, Patriot “SC Roster of Patriots” (LDS Book Call No. 975.703 R913m)

**1783/84** William Brannon of 96th District, SC sells land to Matthew Tucher, Amelia Co., VA: This was the land purchased by his father before his death and purchased with a loan secured by property from his grandfather's (Caron Brannon) estate. (p. 27) Deed. William Brannon of 96 District, South Carolina, to Matthew Tucker, Jr. of Amelia Co. D. Oct. 29, 1783. Consid: 50 pounds.100 acres in Amelia Co. adj. line of Bottom, with all houses, edifices, buildings, etc.

Wit: Edmund Wills, Joseph Bevill, Jr. & Elizabeth (X) Wills.

Pro: Elizabeth Wills on June 24, 1783 [1784?], "having been before proved" by Edmund Wills and Joseph Bevill, Jr.

Rec: June 24, 1784.

**1784** Voucher - William Branham, Revolutionary Service [See Document](#)

**1784, Aug 27** William Branham, VA (Private) 200 acres ancestry.com “Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants”

**1787** Issued 9th Jan 87 to Wm. Brannon L58.12.10-1/4 for duty as a Horseman in Cpts. Parsons & Hamiltons

Comps. Of Roebucks Regt. – from the Commrs. Interest L4.2.1; Book Z, #80, pg. 241, Stub Entries

**1788** Indenture to William Brannon from Israel Morriss, Book B, pgs. 496-497; State of South Carolina, Spartanburg County; Indenture was made on 23rd day April 1788 and recorded December 14, 1791 for 240 + acres situated on both sides of Lawson's Fork of Pacolet River bounded by lands of David Lewis, Stephen Miller.

**1790-1880** William & Scarberry Brannon and their progeny SC Census (primarily Spartanburg Co.)

**1791** (January 31) William Brandon (sp) (Spartanburg) to John Ginnings for 150 pounds sterling, for 300 acres on both sides of Lawson' Fork; part of 400 acre grant on July 4, 1785 Governor William Moultrie to William Brandon (sp). Witness James Perry and Jeremiah Garner. Signed William Brannon and Scarbary Brannon's mark. Wit. Oath March 22, 1791 James Perry to D. Goodlett. Recorded May 24, 1791. [Deed Book B, pgs. 430-431]

**1794-1924** William & Scarberry and their progeny (including A. K. & Louisa with their progeny including Hester Wilmoth Brannon). Ref: [Boiling Springs Baptist Church, Spartanburg County, SC}

**1797/1803** Indenture to William Brannon from David Hix made November 13, 1797 and recorded September 1, 1803, Book X, p. 237 (239?); \$60 paid for 50+ acres at Lawson's Fork of Pacolet River.

**1799/1803** Indenture to William Brannon from Samuel Fley, Deed Record #243, Book I, Pgs. 100-101; State of South Carolina, Spartanburg County; paid \$121.00 for 240+ acres situate on Lawsons Fork of Pacolet River bounded NW by Stephen Miller, NE by Edmond Bishop & NW by Frances Balinger, other sides vacant. Indenture made June 20, 1799 and recorded on September 3, 1803.

**1799/1803** Indenture to William Brannon from Henry Machen, Deed Record #241, Book I, Pg. 97; State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District; 467+ acres situated on Sholy Creek of Lawson's Fork. Deed conveyed March 13, 1799 and recorded September 2, 1803.

**1799/1803** Indenture to William Brannon from Samuel Fley, Deed Record #242, Book I, Pg. 98-99; State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District; 121+ acres situated on Sholy Creek of Lawson's Fork. Deed conveyed March 13, 1799 and recorded September 2, 1803.

**1800/1802** William Brannon from George Deavors, Deed Record #240, Book I, pg. 95-96; State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District; paid \$90.00 for 500+ acres situated on Sholy waters of Pacolet River bounded by land of John Kelley, Wm. Venable and Ballenger originally surveyed for Max Connor in 1797. Deed conveyed April 8, 1800 and recorded December 1, 1802.

**1800** William Brannon to Jesse Davis, Deed Record #73, Book I, pg. 98; State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District; paid \$60.00 for 121+ acres at Lawson's Fork (prior owner was Samuel Fley). Deed conveyed November 4, 1800.

**1800**(Oct. 7) John Brannon, agent for James McWilliams (Spartanburgh) in the amt of \$13 purchased 500 acres on Robert's Creek of No. Pacolet River ..... sale at Abbeville. Recorded August 1, 1808 [Deed Book L, pgs. 300-302]

**1800** William Brannon land grant of 1,000 acres. Source: SC Archives Land Record, Vol. 38, Page 35, August 4, 1800; also "SC Land Grants" Call #975.7 L169a, #485, Vol. 46 Class 02 LG 1800

**1801** Agreement between William Brannan and John Wood for Mill; Land Book H, p. 227(9?) State of South Carolina, Spartanburg County; Mill to be built on premises of William Brannan situate on Lawson's Fork Creek; Wood to do woodwork and Brannan to supply workmen. Agreement made November 13, 1801, and recorded January 25, 1803. Each to share equal in expenses and also equal in profits.

**1802-1814** William Brannon Estate Papers #450; Source: SC Dept. Archives & History

**1802** (Aug 24) Scarberry Brannon in the Court of Ordinary petitioned to have letters of admn. granted to her on the effects of William Brannon deceased as his widow. Granted citation returnable Monday 30<sup>th</sup> instant.

**1802** In re estate of William Brannon, Journal of the Ordinary record pgs. 12-13, State of So. Carolina, Spartanburg Co.; Petition for Administratrix & Orders for Sale granted to widow, Scarberry Brannon August 30, 1802; Appraisal of \$1107.72 accepted on October 1, 1802.

**1802** (Dec 18) Scarberry Brannon, admx. Of William deceased, in the Court of Ordinary returned an inventory of the goods and chattels.... \$9688.43.9 .....

**1804** Scarbra Brannan [Scarberry Brannon] purchases 28 acres; SC Dept. Archives & History Secty, State Land Grants #S213022, St. 0639, Book 50, pg. 293

**1805** (Feb 5) Dudley Brannan, heir of William Brannan to Cyrus Seay, carpenter; for \$70 sold 40 acres on Lawson's Fork..... part of grant to Samuel Fleay..... Court to divide estate of William Brannan ..... /s/ Dudley Brannan..... Recorded Feb. 5, 1805 [Deed Book I, pgs. 539-541]

**1805** (Sep. 7) John Keenum to Jeremiah Burnett ..... for \$110 sold 267 acres on Little Shoaly Creek of Lawson's Fork, part of legacy obtained at death of William Brannon /s/ John Keenum and Mary Keenum. Recorded February 5, 1806. [Deed Book K, pgs. 262-263]

**1806** (Dec. 13) James and John Brannon to Joroyal Barnett for \$75 sold 50 acres on east side of Fawn Br..... /s/ James and John Brannon ..... Recorded December 16, 1807 [Deed Book L, pgs. 137-138]

**1807** (January 6) John Brannon to James Brannon..... for \$75 sold 50 acres on Lawson's Fork; ..... /s/ John Brannon and recorded October 1, 1807. [Deed Book L, pgs. 81-82]

**1807** Scarbury Brannon from Keah Seay, Deed Book K, pp. 466-467; State of South Carolina, Spartanburg County; \$45 paid for 50+ acres situate on both sides of Lawson's Fork being part of a tract severed and laid out for Israel Morriss in 1784.

**1811** (Feb 4) Scarberry Brannon admx. of estate of William Brannon produced in Court a receipt from William Brannon one of the legatees..... (Journal of the Ordinary 1810-1816, pg. 12).

**1814** - Scarberry Brannan admx. of the estate of William Brannan made her annual return of paying two legatees Matthew & Samuel Seay..... Journal of the Ordinary 1810-1816, pg. 89

**1819** (Dec. 22) Will of John Wood of Spartanburgh District to wife..... his part of the mill that he has between him and Brannon [Will Book A, pgs. 153-155]

**1826** (May 12) John Brannan for John Garlington (Laurens Dist.) in the amt. of \$20 purchased 250 acres on waters of Tyger River per Court ordered sale by Sheriff in Spartanburgh [Deed Book T, pgs. 236-237]

**1826** (1826 (May 12) James Brannon for John Garlington (Laurens Dist.) in the amt. of \$20 purchased 517 acres on Lawson's Fork per Court ordered sale by Sheriff in Spartanburgh [Deed Book T, pgs. 237-238]

**1832** Spartanburg Co., Probate Judge, Real Estate File #17: Real Estate Settlement of William Brannon by his heirs (Scarberry, his wife, and Executrix/Administratrix, having passed away). **MY NOTE:** William H. Brannon, Revolutionary Soldier of South Carolina died in 1802. His wife, Scarberry, maintained his estate until her death in about 1830. The heirs listed above provide further substantiation of the following along with my notes in brackets:

1. Edmond L. Bishop & wife, [Sarah Brannon daughter of Wm. H. & Scarberry Brannon]
2. Thomas Brannon [son of Wm. H. & Scarberry Brannon]
3. Dudley Brannon [son of Wm. H. & Scarberry Brannon]
4. John Kenum & wife [Mary Brannon daughter of Wm. H. & Scarberry Brannon]

5. John Bobbit & wife [Lavinia Brannon daughter of Wm. H. & Scarberry Brannon]
6. James Brannon [son of Wm. H. & Scarberry Brannon]
7. John Brannon [son of Wm. H. & Scarberry Brannon]
8. William Brannon [son of Wm. H. & Scarberry Brannon]
9. John Similon & wife [(unknown)]
10. Samuel Seay & wife [Rhoda Brannon daughter of Wm. H. & Scarberry Brannon]
11. Austin Seay and William Seay, heirs of Elizabeth Seay [daughter of Wm. H. & Scarberry Brannon]

**1864** Hester Wilmoth Brannon came forward for baptism on October 16th; Baptized on October 19th. Source: BSBC Records on microfilm, So. Baptist Historical Library & Archives

**1869** [Hester] Wilmoth Brannon granted letter of dismissal in October. Source: BSBC Records on microfilm

**1869** Oct. 3rd by Rev. J. S. Ezell, Mathias Fletcher married Hester W. Brannon [Note: Rev. J. S. Ezell was pastor of BSBC] Carolina Spartan, Dec. 16, 1869 Issue (<http://www.piedmont-historical-society.org>)

**1879** W. K. Brannon to A.K. Brannon, Deed Book GGG, pg. 582; State of South Carolina, Spartanburg County; \$370 paid for 87 + acres Motlow Creek waters of Pacolet River (adjacent to A. G. Brannon & Wm. Brolin) Deed conveyed March 29, 1879 and recorded March 8, 1893.

**1883** A. K. Brannon to W. K. Brannon, Deed Book UU, pgs. 445-4437, State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District; 87+ acres on south side of Motlow's Creek of Pacolet River (adjacent to A. G. Brannon & Wm. Rawlings).

**1884** A. K. Brannon death (father of Hester Wilmoth Brannon) , Carolina Spartan Herald, March 12, 1884 Issue, pg. 3

(<http://www.infodepot.org/obits/carspartanherald/ab.htm>)

**1884** A. K. Brannon (Intestate) – Ex Parte, Augustus Brannon in Re Estate of Alexander Brannon. Augustus gave an accounting of the assets of A. K. Brannon, his father, and distributed proceeds to heirs listed below in addition to Louisa, his wife:

- 1) A. G. Brannon [son]
- 2) C. L. Brannon [son]
- 3) W. K. Brannon [son]
- 4) Missouri Horton [daughter]
- 5) Hester Wilmoth Fletcher [daughter]
- 6) James M. Brannon [son] heirs: Elizabeth, Margaret & Sarah Brannon