

Brantley Population Expansion 1760-1900

The following maps provide an overall picture of the Brantley population expansion and migrations beginning in 1748. By all evidence, Edward who immigrated to Isle of Wight County in 1638, and his descendants, remained there until that time. We see that year (1748) the grant of land to Lewis Brantley in Edgecombe County (later Granville County), North Carolina. It was soon followed by grants to his brothers, John and Joseph Brantley. These men were all great grandsons of Edward, through son, Phillip, and Phillip's son, Edward (d1736). Another brother, James, had died earlier (1740) in Virginia, yet his sons too, by 1760, were moving into the northeast section of North Carolina. The bulk of the Brantley population today, descend from these sons of Edward Brantley (d1736). The map of 1760 shows the households (HH) of these men and some of their grown descendants who have migrated to North Carolina, as well as the other men of Virginia who descended from Edward's (d 1736), siblings and uncles. It has been a remarkable observation to see that, while many descendants may exist, comparatively, very few of these who remained in Virginia have descendants, surnamed Brantley or Brantly, living among us today. While those of Edward (d1736) who migrated south, have multitudes, they have very few. From what we can see, less than 8% of the Brantley households in 1900 are descendants of these other men of Virginia.

By 1764, we see the movement of Brantley families into Georgia. Those of Thomas, James and John were in Burke County, within less of a mile of each other, that year. Others to Wilkes County came in 1777 and 1784 from Chatham County, North Carolina. By 1790, most of the Brantley population was in North Carolina and Georgia (see map). All these men, then in Georgia, are, obviously, descendants of the early immigrants to North Carolina. The claim by researchers of generations passed that Edward Brantly (I) was the ancestor to the entire white Brantley population is heavily supported by the evidence and movements of the family as shown in the population expansion. No Brantleys are found in the north for two hundred years after the arrival of Edward of 1638. Even as late as 1850, except for a census entry of two Irishmen in Wisconsin, all Brantleys in America are living in or, were born in the south and clearly show solid evidence of roots back to Edward.

The following analysis and maps depicts the movement of the Brantley population, generally south and westward, through 1900. Except for the North Carolina census data which survived the Capital fire of the War of 1812, the data presented in years preceding 1820, are based on our vast collection of tax and deed records found throughout the south during the respective census years. The data in 1820 and afterwards is based almost exclusively by reference to census data.

We will see from the statistics below that the greatest population of Brantleys shifted from North Carolina in 1790, to Georgia by 1820. Georgia borders held that distinction through 1900 and, we will assume, even today. By 1830 families were also in Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Illinois. By 1840 Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, and even Texas had become home States for Brantleys. It is, as expected, almost always shown that the migration was southward, or westward. The movement back eastward or northward was indeed unusual, through 1900.

The following population 1740 - 1810 is based on a limited census collection and a life time of study of the Brantley family in America. It cannot however, be considered conclusive. Many lived and died who never appeared in a record that has survived to our day. This is only a thumbnail sketch.

Virginia 1740

In 1740, all our Brantleys, we believe, were still in Isle of Wight County, Virginia. It was not until 1749 when Southampton County was created from Isle of Wight.

James Brantley	Nottoway Parish	(Son of Edward d1736) - James died 1741
Lewis Brantley	Nottoway Parish	" " " Went to Granville Co NC 1748/49
Joseph Brantley	Nottoway Parish	" " " " " " abt 1750
John Brantley	Nottoway Parish	" " " " " " abt 1750

John Brantley	Upper Parish	(May be son of Phillip)
Wm Brantley	(has children; Joseph 11 and Wm 5	(May be son of Phillip)
Edward Brantley		(son of Edward Jr)
Clay Brantley		(son of John)
John Brantley		(son of Clay)
Thomas Brantley		(son of Clay)
Edward Brantley	Lower Parish	(son of Edward of Phillip)
James Brantley	Lower Parish	(likely son of Edward of Phillip)
Benj'n Brantley	Lower Parish	
(Others)		

Virginia Year 1760

Vincent Brantley	Isle of Wight Co	{ref 1758}
John Brantley	" " "	Dec 1760; Silvia app'd for adm'n
John Brantley	" " "	{ref 1761}
Wilson Brantley	" " "	{ref 1753 & 1763}
Joseph Brantley	" " "	{possibly, son of William}
Benjamin Brantley	" " "	
John Brantley		{son of Clay}
Thomas Brantley		{son of Clay}
John Brantley	SoHampton Co	{ref Nottoway Parish 1764}
Phillip Brantley	" " "	{ref Nottoway Parish}
Thomas Brantley	" " "	{perhaps son of Thomas of Clay}

Note: Some of the Brantley men shown here is SoHampton Co, VA were also seen in 1760 in Halifax Co, NC

1760
North Carolina

Phillip Brantley	Halifax Co	NC	(Seems to be bro to Edward below)
Edward Brantley	"	"	"
Lewis Brantley	"	"	(Son of Edward above)
Benjamin Brantley	"	"	(Son of Edward above)
James Brantley	"	"	"
Thomas Brantley	"	"	{ref 1765}
Joseph Brantley	Granville Co	NC	(son of Edward (d1736 VA)
Unknown son of Joseph	"	"	(Perhaps John)
Unknown son of Joseph	"	"	(Perhaps Joseph)
Unknown son of Joseph	"	"	(Perhaps James)
Lewis* Brantley	Orange Co	NC	(son of Edward (d1736 VA)
Joseph Brantley	"	"	(died this year)
John Brantley Sr	"	"	(bro to Lewis & Joseph above)
John Brantley Jr	"	"	(son of John Sr)
Lewis Brantley	"	"	(Perhaps son of Lewis* above)
James Brantley	"	"	(Perhaps son of Lewis* above)
Thomas Brantley	"	"	(Perhaps son of Lewis* above) {ref 1760}
Joseph Brantley	"	"	(Son of John Sr) {ref 1761}
William Brantley	"	"	(Son of John Sr) {ref 1761}
William Brantley	Beaufort Co	NC	{ref 1756}
William Brantley Jr	Johnston Co	NC	{ref 1756} records indicate son of Wm of Beaufort Co)
William Brantley	Edgecombe Co	NC	{ref 1761}
Edward Brantley	"	"	{ref 1758}

(Others)

1790
Virginia

Charity Brantley	Isle of Wight Co	{ref 1789}
Richard Brantley	"	{ref 1793}
Wilson Brantley	"	{ref 1793}
Thomas Brantley	"	{d 1790} <i>Thomas Sr</i>
Thomas Brantley	"	{ref 1793} <i>perhaps son of Thomas Sr</i>
James Brantley	"	{ref 1796} perhaps son of Thomas or, Francis below
Joseph Brantley	"	{ref 1786} perhaps son of Francis below
Willis Brantley	"	{ref 1790} son of Francis below
Francis Brantley	"	{ref 1782/1810} perhaps son of Thomas Sr
Valentine Brantley	"	{ref 1782/1810} son of Thomas Sr
Etheldred Brantley	SoHampton Co	{ref 1788/1793} <i>Son of Thomas (d 1777)</i>
James Brantley	"	{ref 1794 - his est}

The above arrangement is somewhat speculative. We know only that (1) Thomas Sr died in 1790 naming sons, Francis, James, Thomas, Valentine and Willis, (2) that Francis died in 1814 naming sons, James, Willis Joseph, (3) that Wilson, Richard and Charity were mentioned in court records during this time and Ann and Carey were mentioned in Tax records.

North Carolina 1790

Edward Brantley	Bertie County	
Matthew Brantley	" "	likely son of John Sr (Nash)
Darby Brantley	" "	non white
Joseph Brantley	Franklin County	Son of Joseph Sr??
John Brantley	Chatham County	Son of John Sr
John Brantley	" "	Son of Joseph
Joseph Brantley	" "	Son of John Sr
Mary Brantley	" "	widow of John Sr
William Brantley	" "	Son of John Sr
William Brantley	" "	Son of Joseph

James Brantley	Cumberland County	

Amos Brantley	Edgecombe County	Son of John of Nash Co??
Malachi Brantley	" "	

Benjamin Brantley	Hertford County	Son of Edward of Halifax Co

Lewis Brantley	Halifax County	Son of Edward
William Brantley	" "	Son of Edward
Martha Brantley	" "	
Samuel Brantley	" "	Son of William of Edward
Robert Brantley	" "	Son of William of Edward
Edward Brantley	" "	{ref 1786} Son of Edward Sr ??
Benjamin Brantley	" "	{ref 1787} Son of
James Brantley	" "	{ref 1786} Son of

Jacob Brantley	Nash County	Son of John Sr
John Brantley	" "	Son of John Sr
Lewis Brantley	" "	Son of John Sr
Sarah Brantley	" "	

Etheldred Brantley	Northampton Co	Son of Thomas

South Carolina

Marmaduke Brantley	Cheraw Co

Tennessee

Charles Brantley	Montgomery County

Georgia 1790

Benjamin Brantley	Wilkes County	{ref 1787} son of John & Hannah
Joseph Brantley	" "	{ref 1787} son of Benjamin above
Phillip Brantley	" "	{ref 1787} son of John & Hannah
Harris Brantley	" "	{ref 1777} likely son of Thomas Sr
Lewis Brantley	" "	perhaps son of Thomas Sr
James Brantley	" "	{ref 1780} perhaps son of Thomas Sr
Thomas Brantley Sr	" "	

Thomas Brantley	Green County	{ref 1777} likely son of Thomas Sr
Jesse Brantley	" "	Perhaps son of James or Edmund

Jeremiah Brantley	Liberty County	{ref 1790} Perhaps son of James

Virginia 1800

James Brantley	Isle of Wight County	{ref 1795}
Richard Brantley	" " "	{ref 1800} dead by 1801
Thomas Brantley	" " "	{ref 1806}
Francis Brantley	" " "	{ref 1806}
Valentine Brantley	" " "	{ref 1806}
Henry Brantley	SoHampton County	{ref 1800} & wife Martha
William Brantley	" "	{ref 1798} & wife Sarah

North Carolina 1800

Joseph Brantley Sr	Chatham County	{son of John Brantley Sr}
John Brantley	" "	{son of Joseph Brantley Sr}
William Brantley	" "	{son of Joseph Brantley Sr}
Joseph Brantley Jr	" "	{son of Joseph Brantley Sr}
John Brantley Jr	" "	{son of John Brantley Sr}
Edward Brantley	" "	{son of John Brantley Jr}
William Brantley	" "	{son of John Brantley Sr}
Blake Brantley	" "	{son of William of John Sr}

Georgia 1800

The 1800 Georgia population is based on tax and court records in the state and extensive research of over 40 years. The population likely included more than the 25 shown here.

Amos Brantley	Hancock County	Joshua Brantley	Jackson County
Malachi Brantley	" "	Edmund Brantley	Jackson County
Jesse Brantley	" "	John Brantley	" "
Benjamin Brantley	" "	Phillip Brantley	Warren County
Harris Brantley	" "	John Brantley	" "
Thomas Brantley	" "	James Brantley	" "
Benjamin Brantley	Washington County	John Brantley	Laurens County
Solomon Brantley	(in question) " "	Jeremiah Brantley	" "
Joseph Brantley	" "	Joseph Brantley	" "
James Brantley	" "		
Joseph Brantley	" "	Jeremiah Brantley	McIntosh County

Lewis Brantley Warren/Hancock/Clarke

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North Carolina 1810

The 1810 census of the United States reflects the following number of Brantley households.

- 25 in North Carolina
- 4 in South Carolina
- 3 in Tennessee
- 6 in VA
- 25+ See Georgia Below

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Amos Brantley	Hancock County	Joseph Brantley	Montgomery County
Benjamin Brantley	" "	John Brantley	" "
Harris Brantley	" "	James Brantley	" "
John Brantley	" "	Jeremiah Brantley	Laurens County
Thomas Brantley	" "	Benjamin Brantley	" "
Malachi Brantley	" "		
Edmund	Morgan County	Phillip	Warren County
Lewis	" "	Phillip Jr	" "
Jesse	" "	Benjamin Brantley	" "
Joshua	" "	Jeptha Brantley	" "
James Brantley	Washington County	Harris Brantley	Washington County
Joseph Brantley	" "	John Brantley	" "
Solomon	" "	Spencer Brantley	" "
Moses	" "		
Thomas	" "		

1. The first full U.S. federal census (1820) shows 92 Brantley families were listed in the United States.
 - (a) 38 Brantley families (41%) were in Georgia.
 - (b) 34 Brantley families (37%) were in North Carolina.
 - (c) 6 Brantley families (6.5%) were in South Carolina
 - (d) The remaining 14 families, were found in Virginia, Alabama, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

2. The 1830 federal census reflects 121 Brantley families in the United States.
 - (a) 39 Brantley families (33%) were in Georgia.
 - (b) 27 Brantley families (23%) were in North Carolina.
 - (c) 20 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), Florida (2) and Ohio(1).

3. The 1840 federal census reflects 152 Brantley families in the United States.
 - (a) 59 Brantley families (39%) were in Georgia.
 - (b) 23 Brantley families (15%) were in North Carolina.
 - (c) 18 Brantley families (12%) were in Tennessee.
 - (d) 15 Brantley families (9.7%) were in Alabama.
 - (e) 9 Brantley families were in Mississippi.
 - (f) 6 Brantley families were in Kentucky.
 - (g) The remaining 22 families were in Virginia(5), Louisiana(5), South Carolina(4), Missouri(2), Texas(2), and one each in Arkansas, Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio.

In 1850, we get in the census for the first time, the names of all members of the household. The following statistics are based on white Brantley households in the U.S. in the respective years shown. The household listed includes any household in which a Brantley person resided.

4. The 1850 federal census reflects 286 households with 1 or more Brantley persons residing in the US. They included:

- (a) 98 households (34%) in Georgia.
- (b) 42 households (15%) in North Carolina
- (c) 31 households (11%) in Alabama
- (d) 25 households (9%) in Tennessee
- (e) 17 households (6%) in Arkansas
- (f) 17 households (6%) in Mississippi
- (g) The remaining households with Brantleys included: 12 in Kentucky, 8 in Texas, 11 in Louisiana, 7 in Florida, 6 in Virginia, 5 in Missouri, 2 in Wisconsin, and one each in Indiana, Ohio, New Mexico, and California.

5. The 1860 U.S. census reflects 365 Brantley families in the U.S. They include:

- (a) 127 Brantley households (35%) (89 head of household) in Georgia
- (b) 51 Brantley households (14%) (40 head of household) in N.C.
- (d) 29 Brantley households (8%) (23 head of household) in Alabama.
- (e) 25 Brantley households (7%) (17 head of household) in Tennessee
- (c) 24 Brantley households (7%) (19 head of household) in Arkansas
- (f) 22 Brantley households (6%) (10 head of household) in Texas
- (g) 20 Brantley households (5%) (13 head of household) in Miss.
- (h) Other Brantley households with Brantley persons include: Kentucky (17), Louisiana (15), Missouri (10), Florida(7), Virginia (6), South Carolina(5), Illinois (2), One each in Indiana California, Kansas, and Penn.

6. The 1870 census reflects 389 households with Brantley persons in the U.S. They include:

- (a) 112 Brantley households (28%) in Georgia
- (b) 50 Brantley households (13%) in North Carolina
- (c) 44 Brantley households (11.5%) in Alabama
- (d) 30 Brantley households (8%) in Tennessee
- (e) 27 Brantley households (7%) in Texas
- (f) 22 Brantley households (5.5%) in Mississippi
- (g) 21 Brantley households (5%) in Louisiana
- (h) 20 Brantley households (5%) in Arkansas
- (i) 18 Brantley households (4.5%) in Kentucky

- (j) 13 Brantley households (3.5%) in Florida
- (k) 12 Brantley households (3.3%) in Missouri
- (l) Other families with Brantley persons include: Virginia (7), South Carolina (4) Illinois (3) and one each in Idaho, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Utah,

6. The 1880 census reflects 537 households with Brantley persons in the U.S. They include:

- (a) 145 Brantley households(27%) in Georgia
- (b) 74 Brantley households (14 %) in North Carolina
- (c) 49 Brantley households (9%) in Texas
- (d) 48 Brantley households (9%) in Alabama
- (e) 42 Brantley households (8 %) in Arkansas
- (f) 38 Brantley households (7%) in Tennessee
- (g) 35 Brantley households (7%) in Mississippi
- (h) 23 Brantley households (4%) in Kentucky
- (i) 16 Brantley households (3%) in Louisiana
- (j) 16 Brantley households (3%) in Missouri
- (k) 14 Brantley households (2.5 %) in Virginia
- (l) 13 Brantley households (2.5%) in Florida
- (m) Other families with Brantley persons include: South Carolina (9) Illinois (7) Indiana (2), and one each in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah.

6. The 1900 census reflects 804 households with Brantley persons in the U.S. They include:

- (a) 215 Brantley households (27%) in Georgia
- (b) 105 Brantley households (13%) in North Carolina
- (c) 71 Brantley households (9%) in Texas
- (f) 61 Brantley households (8%) in Tennessee
- (d) 54 Brantley households (7%) in Alabama
- (e) 48 Brantley households (6%) in Arkansas
- (g) 46 Brantley households (6%) in Mississippi
- (l) 40 Brantley households (5 %) in Florida
- (h) 39 Brantley households (5%) in Kentucky
- (j) 27 Brantley households (3 %) in Missouri
- (i) 24 Brantley households (3%) in Louisiana
- (k) 17 Brantley households (2%) in Virginia
- (m) Other households with Brantley persons include: Oklahoma (12), Illinois (10), South Carolina (9), California (3), New York (3), Indiana (2), Colorado (2), California (2) one each in Massachusetts, DC, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Nebraska, North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Arizona, New Mexico, Idaho, Utah and Oregon.

Other Facts From the Census

It is worthy to note that, by far, the most Brantley populated County in the nation in the 1800s, was Washington County, Georgia. It was the cradle for many Brantley clans throughout the U.S. According to the 1850 and 1860 federal census, there were, more Brantleys born in the state of Georgia than in any 2 other states combine. Even as late as 1900, Georgia held over one quarter of the entire white Brantley population of America.

All white Brantleys in the United States in 1850 were living in or born in the south except as noted below.

(1) John Brantley age 40 and single, was living in Winnebago County, Wisconsin. His place of birth is listed as "unknown".

(2) James Brantley age 60, and apparent son James 35, are living in the household of James Rocha in Columbia County, Wisconsin. The place of births is shown as "Ireland". There were no other Brantleys in this household. These are never seen again in the census.

(3) Moores Brantley age 25, soldier and living in Bernalillo County, New Mexico says he was born in Penn. The only Brantley family shown in the census to have lived in Penn prior to the 1860s was the Rev. William Theophilus Brantley, who lived in Philadelphia, Penn in 1830. He was born in Chatham County, North Carolina. We have no record of Moores being a son of William, but he is clearly a prospect

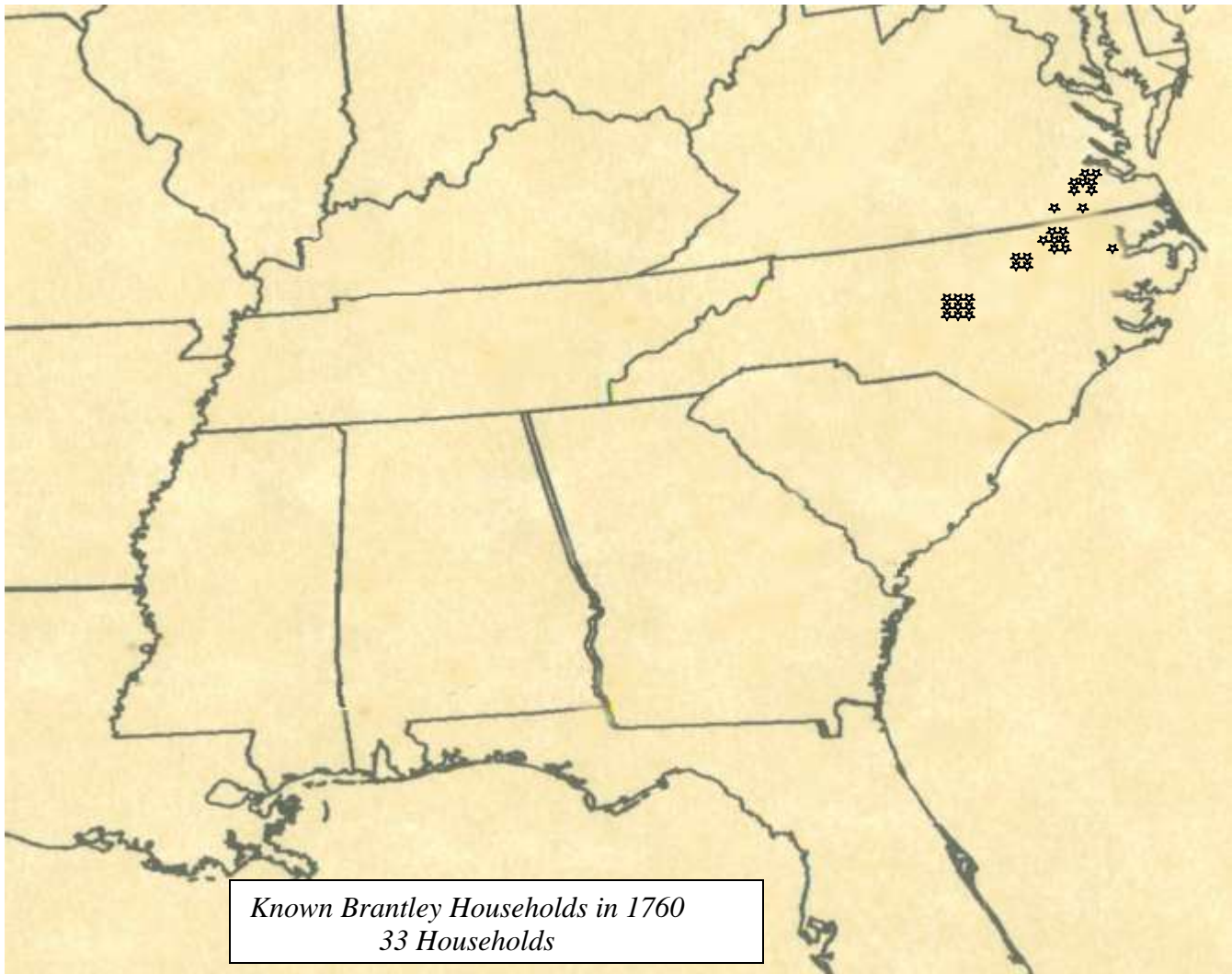
(4) J. F. Brantley, a miner, age 21. The record says he was born in Delaware. The compiler does not believe this Brantley to be born in Delaware. There is no census record ever, indicating that Brantleys once resided in or even in the vicinity of Delaware. Two things must be considered. (1) Frequently these miners did not want their whereabouts known, and (2) J.F. was living with several other gold miners, none that had the same last name as another. The census taker, unless he caught all the miners at home at one time would have to rely on their fellow boarders, or the landlord, to provide requested information to the census taker. While there were other miners living here shown as being born in Delaware, there were also 2 shown as being born in North Carolina. They were Bob Bachelor and Spencer Pittman. Both Pittman and Bachelor families were closely associated with our North Carolina Brantleys.

While all lines of the 1800s are not proven back to Edward Brantly (I) by the full identity of each ancestor, it is clear that all, except as noted below, go back to him and the very spot in Virginia where he lived and died. This has made the research of this family even more fascinating.

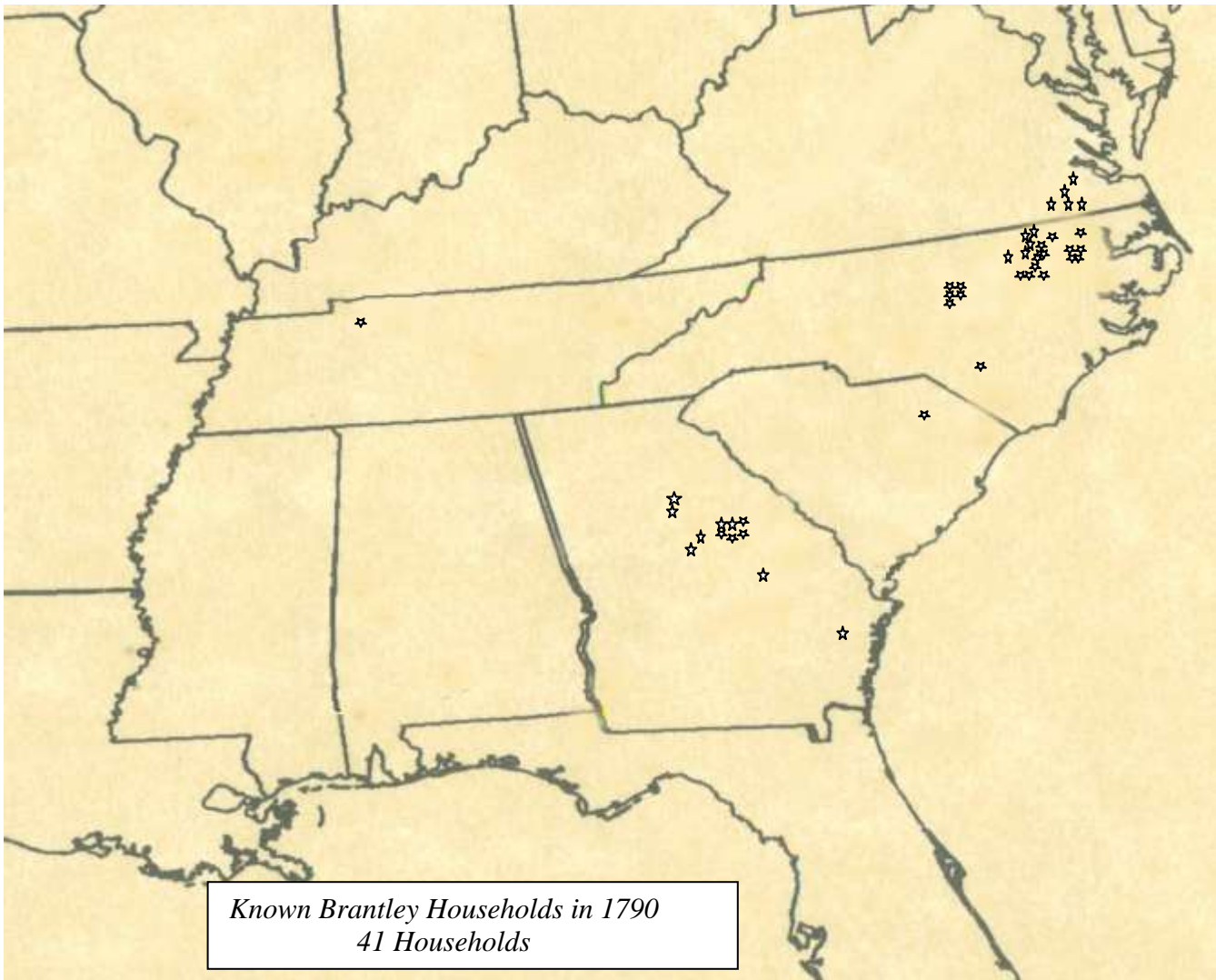
By 1900, several other Brantley families had immigrated to America. In 1860 we find Joseph Brantley in New Jersey from Switzerland, Gottif Brantley in New York from Wartenburg (Germany). In 1880 we had the Casper Brantley family from Switzerland, in Ohio. In 1900, there were 3 Brantley persons (women) from Germany in New York state and the family, of Fred Brantley was in Buncombe County, North Carolina, from Switzerland. It is interesting to note that almost all of these issued no surviving sons, making it still more unlikely to meet an American with the surname Brantley, who is not a descendant of Edward Brantly, immigrant of 1638.

Following is a pictorial map display of the Brantley households in America from 1760 through 1900. It is almost certain that we have missed some families who for various reasons were not listed in a respective census or other proceedings, but the records have been searched closely by the review of the various misspellings of the name as seen over the last century. The census for most of the US from 1790 through 1810 excludes most Brantley households with the exception of North Carolina, however we observe that most of the Brantley population was in that state during this period. Statistics shown for the other states during this period are based on the research and analysis of our vast collection of tax and court records there.

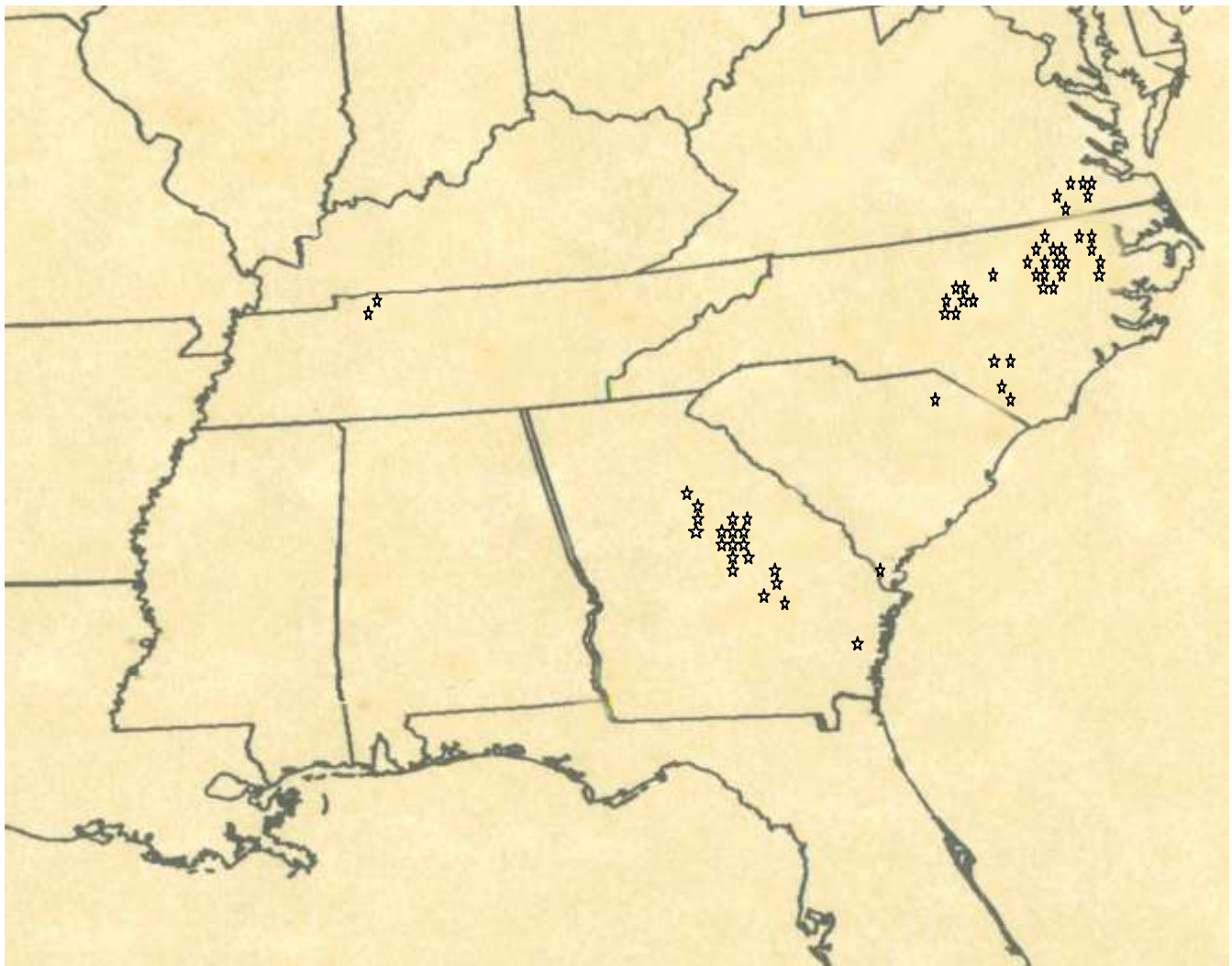
The households depicted through 1840 show, as did the census entries, only those homes where the head of the household was surnamed Brantley/ly. Afterward, with the more detailed census data, the depictions reflect all known households where one of more Brantley/ly persons resided.



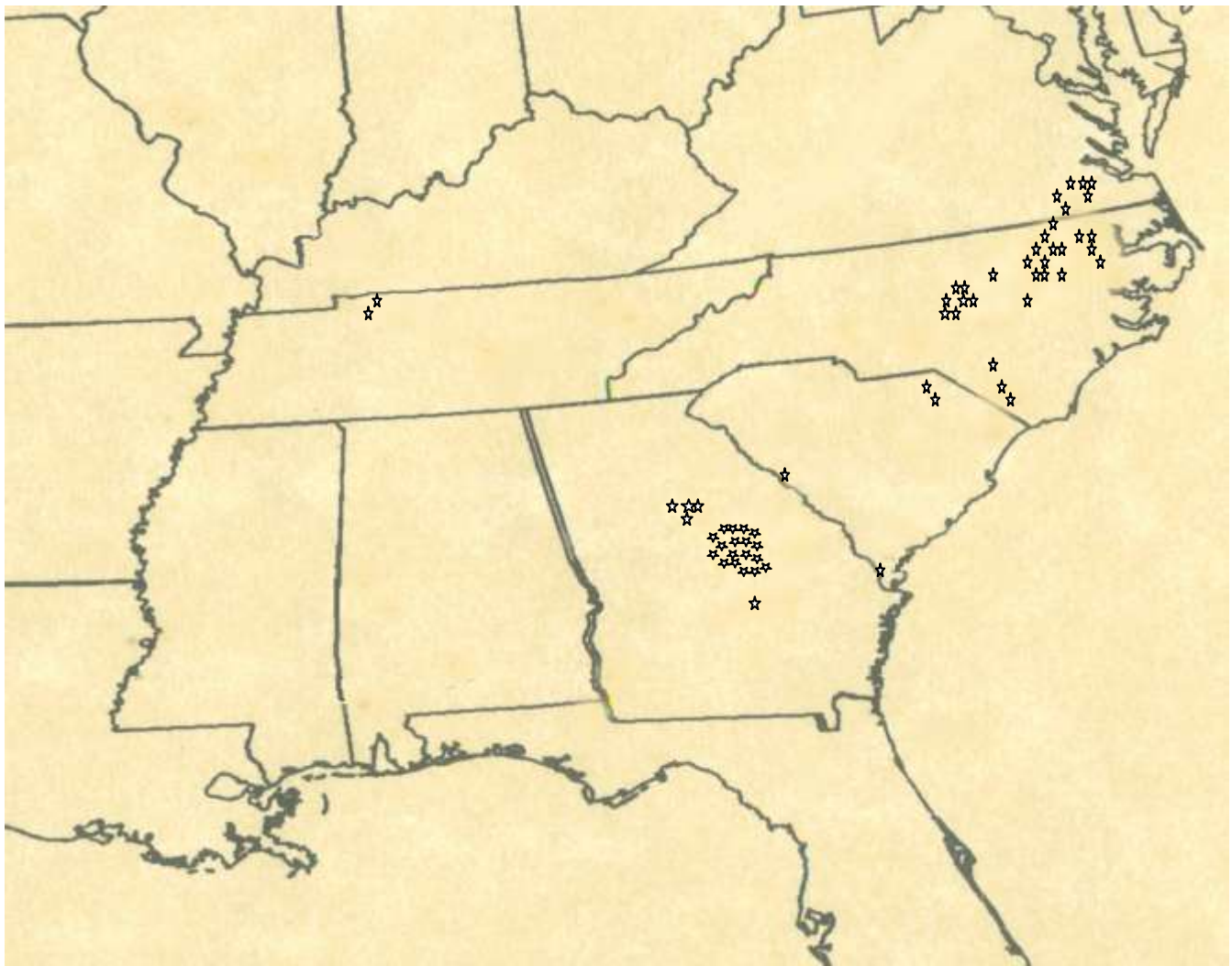
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33 Households*



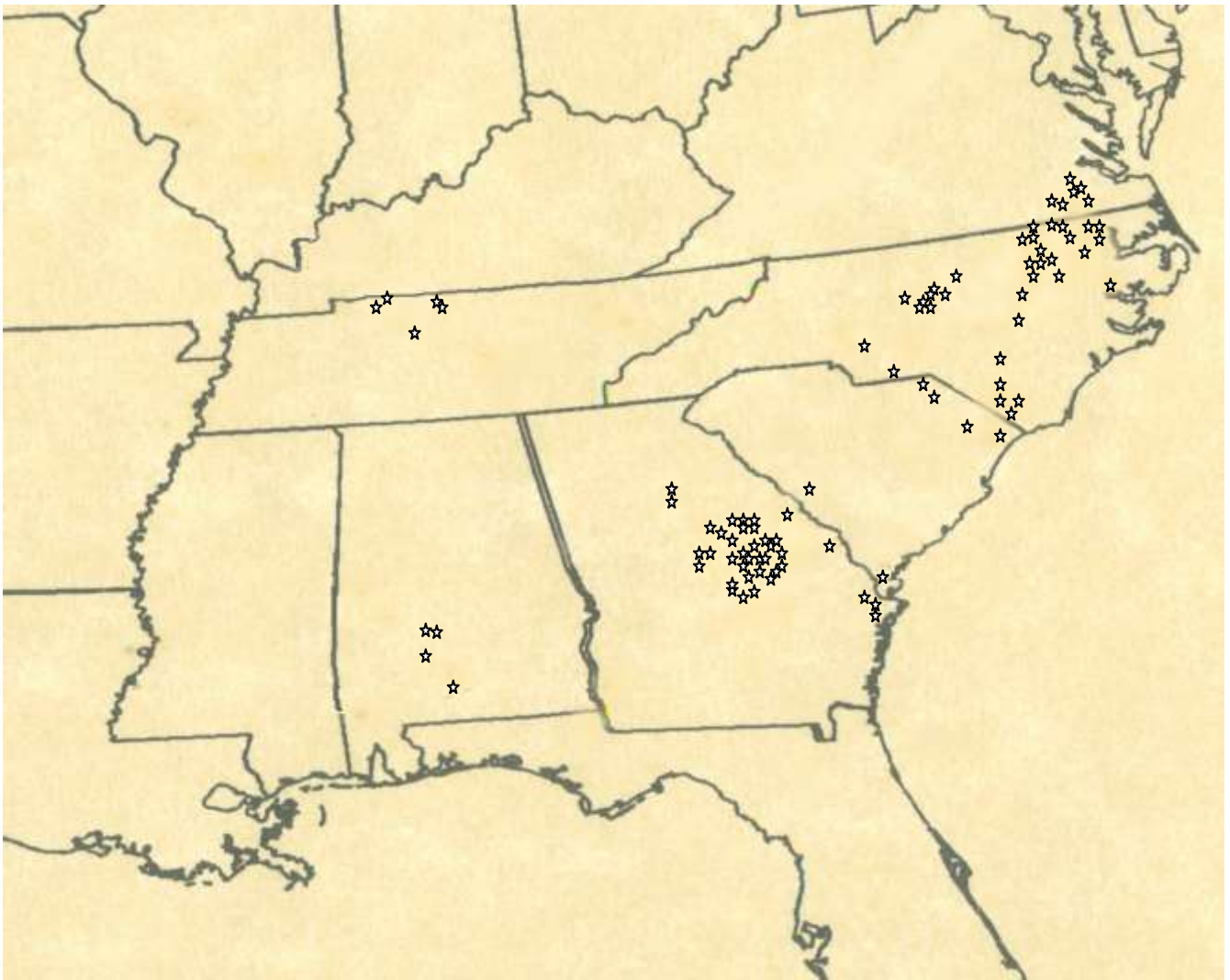
Known Brantley Households in 1790
41 Households



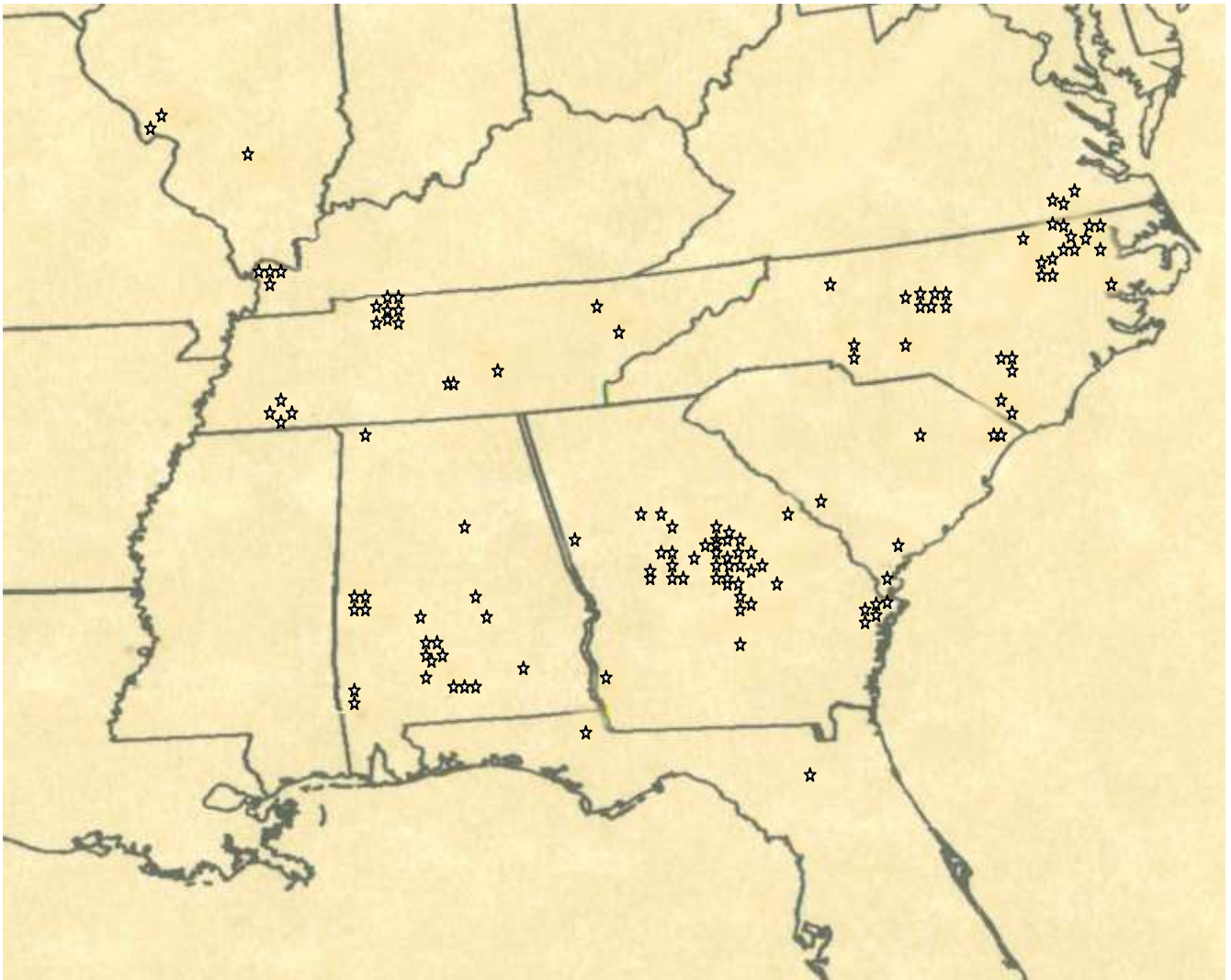
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Known Brantley Households in 1810



Brantley Households in 1820



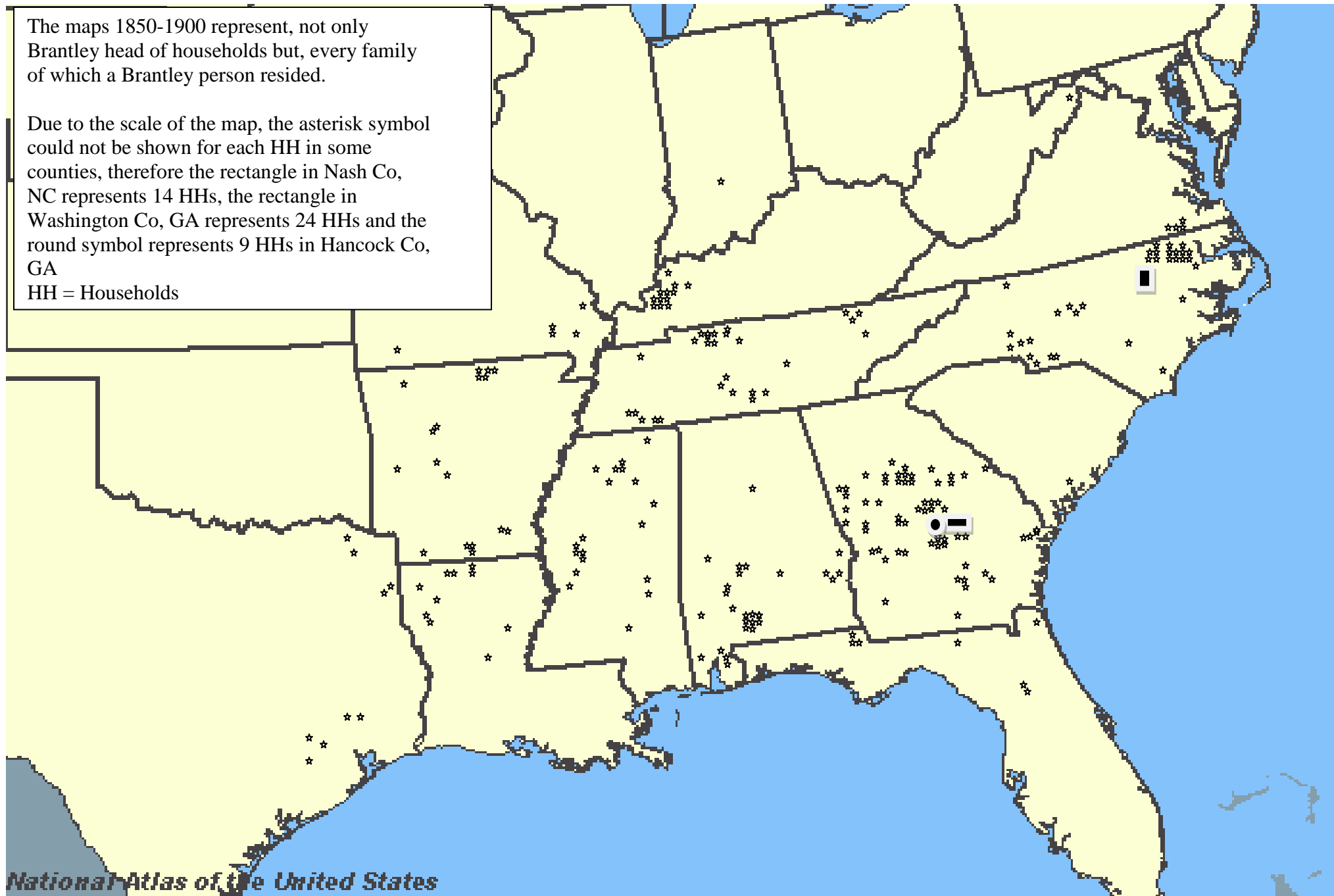
Brantley Households in America 1830



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, therefore the rectangle in Nash Co, NC represents 14 HHs, the rectangle in Washington Co, GA represents 24 HHs and the round symbol represents 9 HHs in Hancock Co, GA
HH = Households

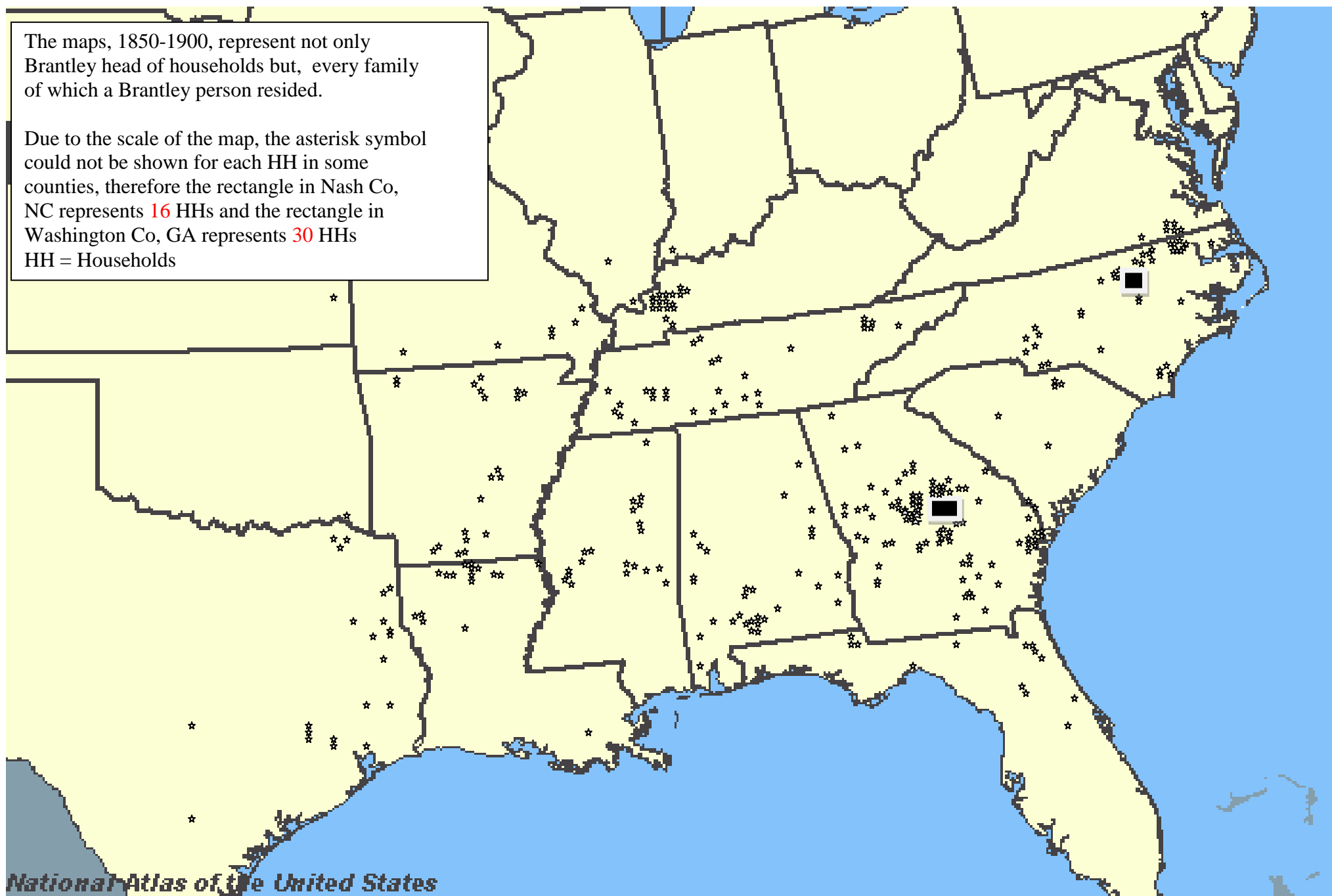


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Brantley Households in America 1850

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HH = Households



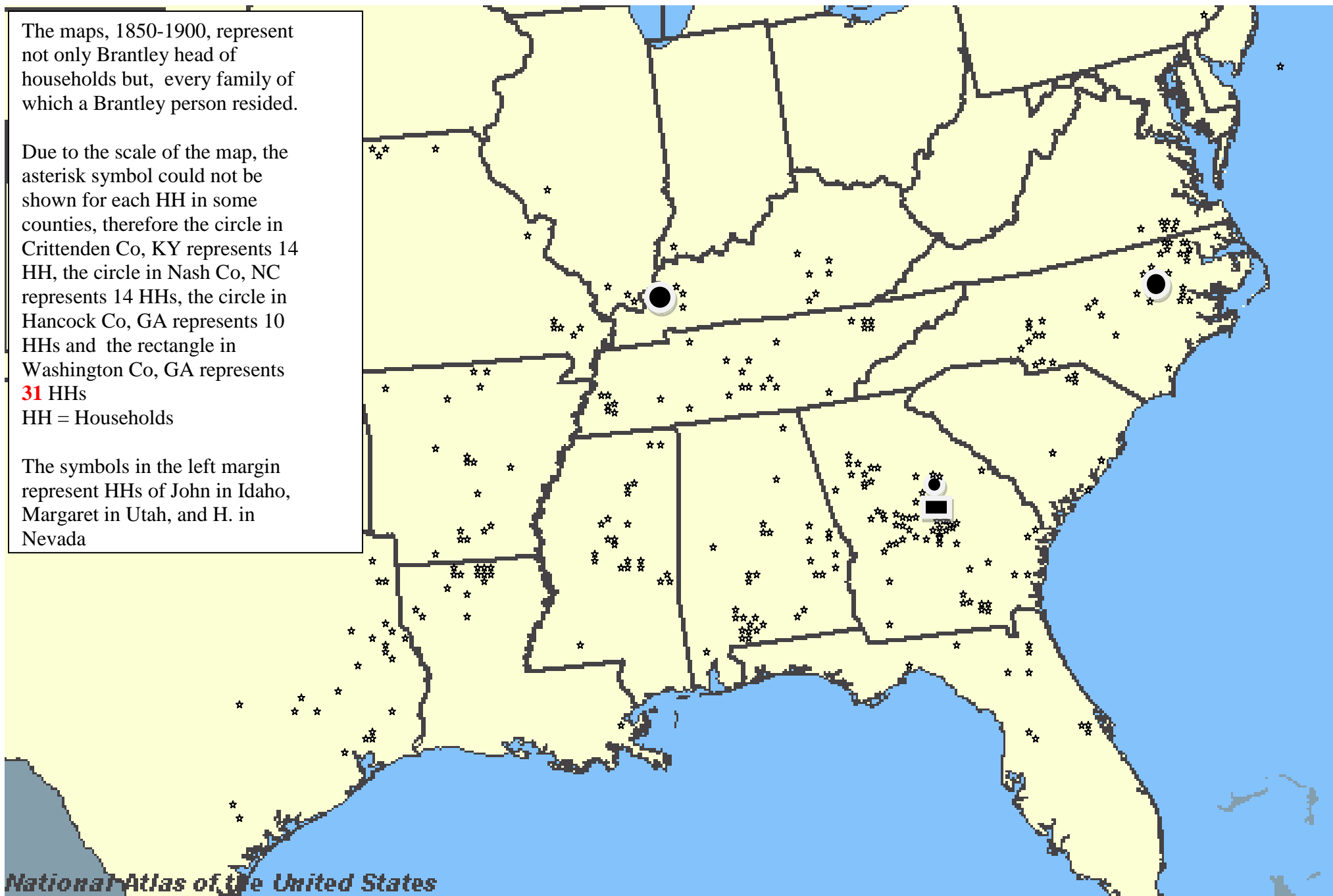
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Brantley Households in America 1860

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HH = Households

The symbols in the left margin represent HHs of John in Idaho, Margaret in Utah, and H. in Nevada

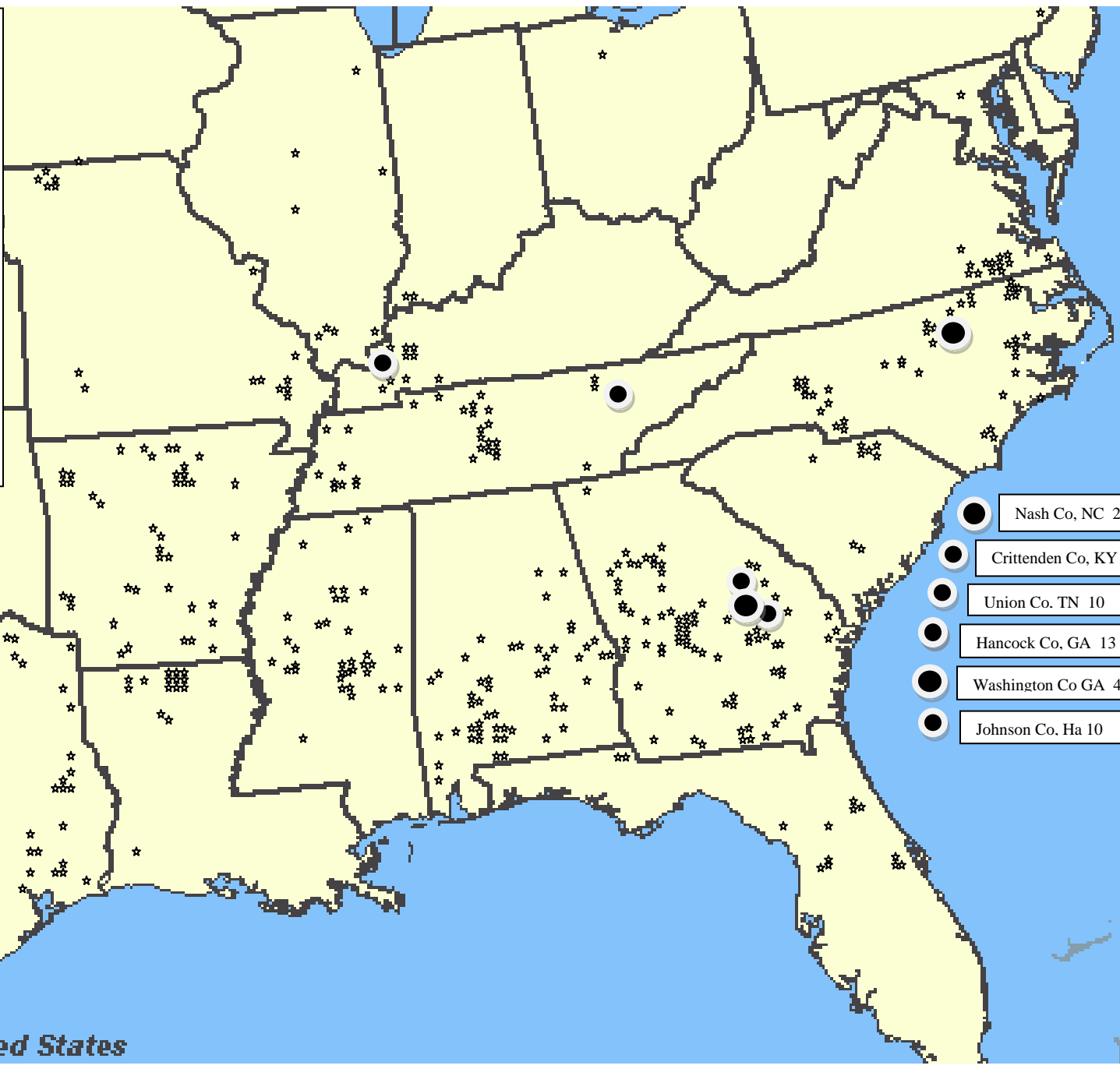


Brantley Households in America 1870,

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The symbols in the left margin represent HHs of: Augustus in Colorado, John in Utah, and G.A. in New Mexico



- Nash Co, NC 29
- Crittenden Co, KY 14
- Union Co, TN 10
- Hancock Co, GA 13
- Washington Co GA 44
- Johnson Co, Ha 10



Brantley Households in America 1900