

Preface

Sarah, Nancy, and Rachel. The author of these "Recollections," as we have seen, was the wife of Captain William Martin Johnston, and in 1848, when she was eighty-four years old, she gave her grandson, the Hon. William Johnston Almon, M.D., in writing, the following additional statement of the part taken by her husband and his brothers in the Revolution. Mrs. Johnston writes:

"Dr. Lewis Johnston had two sons captains in the army: William Martin Johnston, captain in the New York Volunteers, afterward numbered the Third American Regiment, who saw much active service and proved himself a brave officer, and Captain Andrew Johnston, who belonged to the King's Rangers, well known as Colonel Brown's Corps. In 1780, when his regiment was shut up by the enemy in the city of Augusta, a hundred and thirty miles from Savannah, and the men were in want of provisions, Colonel Brown asked who would venture on a sortie, to bring in provisions. Andrew Johnston instantly said he would go, provided he might choose his men. He was so beloved that all his men would have gone had he wished. He took as many as he wanted, went off,