## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Freeman Battershell W2913 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Kentucky }
County of Bourbon } Sct

Be it known that on this 18th day of July 1842 Personally appeared before the Magistrate Court of the County of Bourbon State of Kentucky Nancy Battershell a resident of the County of Bourbon State of Kentucky aged seventy five 75 years who being first duly sworn according to law doath on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress July 7 1838 entell an act granting half pay and pensions to cirtain widows That she is the Widow of Freeman Battershell who was a Soldier on the virginia Line during the War of the Revolution as she has been informed and believe by him and others She was not acquainted with him but a short time befor their marriage and she has often heard him speak of being in the service the officers under whom he served but in consequence of her great age and loss of memory she is not able to state many of the particulars but she well recollect of hearing him say that he served seven years and a half as a Solder during the War of the revolution and that he entered the service as a volenteer and entured for during the war by Cap. Thomas Moore who she believe was his Captain [in the 9<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment of Foot commanded by Col. John Gibson] She has often heard him speak of being under Gen Washington and in various engagements but do not recollect the names and place of the different batles he was in but she well recollect hering him state that he was in the sam mess with Thomas Brickel [Thomas Brittle] who went out of the fort and was shot down by the enmey she has also often heard him and John Lion speak of being in the service togeather of the said Lion coming with provision to the fort where Bickle was killed he pushed his right for land of his Bro George Brickel and am of the impression that he put the claim in John Harrison to obtain it for him and she thinks that he [illegible word] his claim for land Capt Urias Springers hads and in neither case did he ever obtain the land [See endnote] She well recollect of hearing him speak of being discharged at Fort Pitt but she does not recollect by whom nor dose she know what has become of his discharge many of his papes was lost or destoyed and she knows of no person by whom she can prove his service and refers to the record for the eviden of his service

She further declars that she was married to the said Freeman Battershell in the month of March Seventeen Hundred and Eighty Six the day not at this time recollected and the next January 22<sup>d</sup> day Seventeen Hundred and Eighty Seven 1787 her daughter Mary was Born as will apper from ther famly record which contains the true ages of her Childen all of whom were born after their marriage. The said famley record is in the hand writing of Joseph Trobridge who has been dead abut ten years which shows that her Daughter Mary was born January the Twenty Second Seventeen Hunded and Eighty [Seven] which is the best eviden she is able to produce and her Husband the afforesaid Freeman Battershell died on the Sixteenth day of April Eighteen hundred and Eighteen. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place prior to the First day of January Seventeen hundred and Ninty Four viz at the time above State Eighty.

Nancy Battershell

## NOTE:

The sense of the passage referring to "George Brickel" seems to be as follows: "he (Battershell?) encouraged George Brittle to apply for bounty land for the service of his brother, Thomas Brittle, with John Harrison as agent, who put the claim into the hands of Capt. Uriah Springer." George Brittle was, in fact, awarded 200 acres for the services of Thomas Brittle. Uriah Springer (pension application R10017) had been a Captain in the same regiment as Brittle and Battershell.

The family record mentioned in the original application is transcribed below. On 27 Sep 1845 Mrs.

Battershell applied for a new copy of her pension certificate, alleging that her agent, Lewis Suggett of Scott County KY, had given the certificate to a Rev. Beatty because of her refusal to pay the fee Suggett demanded for his services.

The ages of Freeman & Nancy Battershells Children are as follows —

Mary Battershell was Born January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1787

Elizabeth Battershell was born Nov'r 7<sup>th</sup> 1789

Susannah Battershell was born January 20<sup>th</sup> 1792

Sarah Battershell was born February 8<sup>th</sup> 1794

Rachel Battershell was born December 28<sup>th</sup> 1795

Nancy Battershell was born February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1798

Peggy Battershell was born January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1800

John Battershell was born July 14<sup>th</sup> 1803

Freeman Battershell Departed this life April 16<sup>th</sup> 1818

[The entries below are in different handwriting:]

Jacob Hanah Johnsons Childrens births

Cyntha Johnson was Born November 11 Day 1826

Elizabeth Johnson was Born October 16 Day 1828

Marget Johnson was born October 17 1830

Nancy Johnson was born October the 7 1832

Armilda S Johnson was born July the 16<sup>th</sup> 1835

Matilda Johnson was born August the 28<sup>th</sup> 1837

Squre Johnson was born May the 4th 1839

William and Elizabeth Battershell Mariage October the 13 1831

And all so ther Children ages

James Battershell was born February the 2<sup>th</sup> 1833

John E Battershell was born January the 14 1835

Saryan Battershell was born march the 17 1837