

Descendants of Shadrack Battles

Generation No. 1

1. Shadrack Battles was born 1740 in Virginia. He married Dolly Moss born 1760 in Virginia.

The child of Shadrack Battles and Dolly Moss is:

i. Edward Battles born 1792 in Virginia.

Generation No. 2

2. Edward Battles married Nancy Mary Shiftlet born in 1805 in Virginia.

Children of Edward Battles and Nancy Mary Shiftlet are:

i. Frederick Battles born 1821 in Virginia.

ii. Frank Battles born 1822 in Virginia.

iii. William Battles born 1826 in Virginia.

iv. Sarah Ann Battles born 1831 in Virginia and died aft. 1910

v. Catherine Battles born 1835 in Virginia.

Generation No. 3

1. Sarah Ann Battles was born 1835 in Virginia. She married John Cole born January 1824 in Virginia.

Children of Sarah Battles and John Cole are:

i. James Cole born 1850 in Virginia.

ii. Lucy Ellen Cole born 1853 in Virginia.

iii. Rubin Cole born 1860 in Virginia

iv. Stephen W. Cole born 1867 in Virginia.

v. Robert W. Cole born 1868 in Virginia.

vi. Mary E. Cole born 1871 in Virginia.

vii. Martha G. Cole born 1875 in Virginia.

Generation No. 4

2. Lucy Ellen Cole never married but had one child:

i. Sarah Caroline Cole born May 1871 in Virginia.

3. Martha G. Cole married Irvin Diggs, son of Charles Diggs and stepson of Molly Turner.

Children of Martha Cole and Irvin Diggs are:

i. Carrie A. Diggs born November 04, 1894 in Virginia and died June 23, 1989 in Wellston, Ohio.

ii. Lewis Irvine Diggs born April 05, 1900 in West Virginia and died February 19, 1979 in Columbus, Ohio.

iii. Frank R. Diggs born April 05, 1902 in West Virginia and died December 09, 1973 in Wellston, Ohio.

iv. Earl Diggs born June 16, 1909 in West Virginia and died October 19, 2001 in Columbus, Ohio.

Generation No. 5

4. Sarah Caroline Cole married William Henry Slaughter born 1863 in Maryland. William Slaughter died and Sarah Cole remarried to Wilson A. Kinney born 1868 in Virginia. Daughter of Sarah Cole and William Slaughter is:

i. Willie Henry Slaughter born March 22, 1887 and died January 01, 1957 in West Virginia.

Children of Sarah Cole and Wilson Kinney are:

- i. Robert W. Kinney born 1907 in Virginia.
- ii. Lucy J. Kinney born 1908 in Virginia.
- iii. Henry J. Kinney born 1909 in Virginia.

Generation No. 6

5. Willie Henry Slaughter married Daniel Harris Diggs in 1902 in West Virginia.

Children of Daniel Diggs and Willie Slaughter are:

- i. Walter Diggs born 1903 in Virginia
- ii. Carrie Diggs born 1905 in West Virginia
- iii. Mattie Diggs born November 12, 1907 in Boomer, West Virginia and died sometime before 1910 in West Virginia.
- iv. Maude M. Diggs born December 06, 1908 in West Virginia.
- v. Willie Lee Diggs born November 09, 1912 in West Virginia and died January 17, 1987 in West Virginia.
- vi. Mary Diggs born 1913 in West Virginia.
- vii. Ethel J. Diggs born in 1915 in West Virginia.
- viii. Vernon McClure Diggs born 1916 in West Virginia.
- ix. Marion D. Diggs born 1919 in West Virginia.
- x. Ester Elizabeth Diggs born 1920 in West Virginia and died October 19, 1994.
- xi. Elberta J. Diggs born 1922 in West Virginia.
- xii. Goldie Talmadge Diggs born June 03, 1925 in West Virginia and died November 04, 1986 in Washington, DC.
- xiii. Calvin T. Diggs born October 10, 1926 in West Virginia and died August 02, 1988 in Battle Creek, Michigan.
- xiv. Wendell Lindburgh Diggs born April 16, 1930 in West Virginia and died June 11, 1990 in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Generation No. 7

Willie Lee Diggs married Eddie Sawyer Ervin born June 23, 1911 in Boykin, Alabama.

Children of Willie Diggs and Eddie Ervin are:

- i. Stuart Ervin Ervin born April 18, 1933 in West Virginia and died April 20, 2004 in Youngstown, Ohio.
- ii. Willene Ervin born 1934 in West Virginia.

- iii. Larry Austin Ervin born February 08, 1938 in West Virginia and died August 09, 2000 in Youngstown, Ohio.
- iv. Eddie Warner Ervin born December 29, 1939 in West Virginia.
- v. Jackie Lee Daniel Ervin born July 05, 1942 in West Virginia.
- vi. O'Dell Lamont (Monte) Ervin born March 31, 1948 in West Virginia and died April 27, 2010
- vii. Nila Rae Ervin born August 04, 1951 in West Virginia and died January 27, 2012.

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Pension Application of Shadrach Battles S37713

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On this 14 day of May 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Gen'l. Court for the State of Virginia personally appeared Shadrach Battles aged seventy years resident in the County of Albemarle in the said State who being by me first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war"

That he the said Battles enlisted in Amherst County in the State of Virginia for the term of three years in the Company commanded by Capt James Franklin of the 10th Reg't of the Virg'a. line on Continental Establishment. that Clough Shelton was his Lieut. who afterwards was advanced to a Captaincy, that he continued to serve in the said corps or in the service of the United States until the end of three years when he was honorably discharged from service in Augusta in the State of Georgia, that he was in the Battles of Brandy Wine [sic: Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777] Monmouth [28 June 1778], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], and at storming the fort at Savannah in Georgia [9 Oct 1779] & that he is now in reduced Circumstances and needs the Assistance of his Country for support. Sworn & subscribed the date above stated ~

Virginia

At a Superior Court of Law continued and held for Albemarle County the 11th day of October 1820. On this 11th day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for said County Shadrach Battles aged about seventy four years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows to wit; that he enlisted about the year 1777 or 1778 under Capt. Franklin of the tenth Virginia regiment attached to General Weedens [sic: George Weedon's] Brigade, that he continued in in the said Corps or in the service of the United States for three years and upwards untill the close of the war when he was honorably discharged that he was in the battles of Brandywine, Jerman Town, and Monmouth Courthouse in New Jersey that he made a declaration in [blank] and that he has obtained a pension certificate numbered [blank] which he has lost or mislaid and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any other manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with Intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of the act of congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed Viz: one broad axe, one oven and one hand saw. Shadrach his X mark Battles And the said Shadrach Battles further declareth that his occupation is a carpenter and that he is infirm and unable longer to support himself by his labour that he has a wife about sixty years old very infirm.

Sworn to and subscribed before the said Court setting this 11th day of October 1820 The Court doth certify that the property in value exhibited in the aforesaid schedule does not exceed the sum of five dollars and that this Court is a Court of record being legally so constituted by State authority.

Dear Sir [The hon'ble Hugh Nelson Esqr, Washington] Staunton 24th Nov'r 1820

I take the liberty of enclosing to you the papers of Henry Painter & Shadrach Battles two revolutionary soldiers both of whom reside in your County & consequently have some claim to your friendly services in aiding

their efforts to obtain pensions. They are both men of good character & are far advanced in life & are in the lowest grade of poverty. Battles is a man of color was the right hand man of Clough Shelton at the Storming of Stony point [in New York, 15 July 1779] and in all the daring acts of that most intrepid officer. Independent of the enclosed papers he made his declaration in my Court holden at Charlottesville in Oct'r last when he was in such a low state of health that he was brought to court in a litter.

At that time he was supported by the Charity of his neighbours. You will discover from the enclosed papers how long these poor fellows have been asking for their rights under the late act of Congress which have been evaded under the most frivolous pretexts. It is surely an excellent trait in the character of public officers to guard faithfully the public Treasure, but certainly that principle ought not to be carried so far as to produce injustice particularly with decrepid Ignorant men claiming to be objects of public Charity. The last declaration of Painter was made as you will perceive in the county court of Augusta which has been duly certified by the Clerk This has been rejected & a form enclosed to him for a transfer of the place of paying his pension – I presume this can only be necessary after a man has obt'd a pension in One state & removed to another to enable him to draw it more conveniently but surely in an original application no such Form can either be proper or necessary. The requiring it shows how superficially this subject has been attended to. If you think with me that the objections to these claims heretofore are groundless and ought not to have been made I hope you will contend that their pensions shall commence from the dates of their first declaration made before me.

Accept my best wishes for your health & happiness [signed] Arch. Stuart
NB. If you get the Warrant enclose them to me as painter lives nearer Staunton than Charlottesville. Battles also lives in the uper part of the County

NOTE: A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Cumberland Old Courthouse lists

Shadrach Battle/ age 26/ height 5' 10¼"/ black hair/ yellow eyes/ yellow complexion/ planter/ born in Albemarle County/ residing in Louisa County/ enlisted 14 Dec 1781. Sized on 15 Dec 1781. Previously served two years. "Sentenced by Court Martial to serve 2 years"