

To: Battle Cousins

Re: Battle Family Website for Dummies

(a parody to help the technologically challenged)

There is a trove of information in the Battle family website. The base of information on the website is the book "The Battle Book Updated" by George Eatman, published in 2001.

The steps below are written for descendants of Jacob Battle I but will work for those from other branches of the James Smith Battle line.

Find a rainy Sunday afternoon with your laptop and go exploring!

HOME PAGE

- To visit the Battle family website, go to www.thebattlebook.com
- See last page of this memo; it is the layout of the Home Page; it is the first screen you see when entering the website.
 - From the Home Page, you can explore general information, photos, obituaries, the latest annual report and the narrative taken from George's book.
 - You can explore all this without a password. For genealogy you need the password (see genealogy section below).

PHOTOS

- Photos are not password protected. Start, on home page
 - Double click PHOTOS on the screen (right/middle)
 - Double click photos of **Descendants of Turner Westray Battle** for a collage of various photos/portraits
 - For enlargement of a particular picture, double click
 - To see a picture's caption, go to the lower left part of screen; most pictures have captions of who is in picture & year taken.
- Updating
 - PHOTOS- to keep pictures current, we hope all will visit the website and provide updates especially of your immediate family. To add photos, follow this procedure:
 - Email updates to thebattlebook@gmail.com
 - Pictures- attach a picture (preferably JPG format) with the following information:
 - Year of picture?
 - Who is in the picture?
 - Suggested caption?
 - Does the picture replace an existing one? If so, be specific as to which one(s) you recommend replacing.
 - Although the website shouldn't be cluttered with family snapshots, pictures of the family, especially on special occasions, are welcome.

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Need your help- most photographs on the website have captions, some don't; again, for those who don't, please provide description of picture and approximate year (circa) taken.

GENEAOLOGY

- On the Home Page, double click below the Coat of Arms. Enter the password *jsb1786-1854*. Password maintains the integrity of the information so it is important not to share it with others outside of the family.
- There are genealogical tables for 3 branches of the James Smith Battle family. Our branch is Table B: **Descendants of Turner Westray Battle and Lavinia Bassett Daniel**. It currently begins on P.57 but this page # will change as material is added.
 - Our direct descendant is Turner Westray's son, Jacob Battle I (1852-1916);
 - Jacob had 2 wives. His first wife, Iva Steele (1874-1894) died young; most of Jacob's descendants are from his 2nd wife, Nell Gupton (1875-1961). The descendants of Nell & Jacob should be current down to present day (it is currently on pages 57-63 of the website).
- Milestones of an individual/or family should be recorded for the genealogy section: births, marriages, divorces & deaths; also, news items or documents that may be of interest to the wider family audience.
- Send updates to: thebattlebook@gmail.com and George will see that they are entered. Please be specific as to full name, date etc. To make his life easier, provide this information on a timely basis.

GENERAL INFORMATION – In the lower section of the Home Page, there is more Battle family information (not password protected) which includes:

- ***Prior Year's Cemetery Annual Report (SW corner of home page)***- for the last 3 years, an annual report has been prepared and distributed. It provides:
 - updated financial information for the prior year on the cemetery trust;
 - report on cemetery activity; &
 - historical article about the cemetery or the Battle family.The Annual Reports of earlier years are found in the ***Other*** Information section.
- ***Obituaries (SE corner of home page)***- ordered by death date. Taken from newspapers and other publications. They provide a broader picture of an individual's life.
- ***Other (lower middle of home Page)***- links to more Battle Related Information including: prior years' Annual Reports, Wills, Letters, and Other Correspondence. *It includes some hidden gems.*

Finally, if you find an error or this memo confusing, let us know at thebattlebook@gmail.com.

Thank you & enjoy!