

BRUCE FAMILY FILE

1. Notes and transcription of documents on Bruce family; 12 pages on onion skin paper.
2. Notes on Bruce; 1 page.
3. Letter to Kathryn Owen from Katherine H. Carter dated April 25, 1963.
4. Miscellaneous notes.

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No 10.1146623 Nov 7/55

Eli Bruce, priv

Capt Sympson Kentucky ~~Manxkxk~~ Volunteers Militia

Major Dudley

War 1812 Land

(Discharge within)

80 acresalla(sic)

Warrant No 3031 Issued Mar 17, 1851

Sent to William Flanagan, Winchester, Ky. Vol 61, page 126

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Eli Bruce, Priv Cap Simpson Col P. Dudley

Ent Sep 1 1814

Dis Dec 10 1814 Ky Mil

War of 1812

Recd 80 Acres

Dec 7, 1855

Act 8? Aug

A.H. Buckner, Winchester, Ky

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State of Kentucky, County of Clarke, to wit: On this 2nd day of November A.D., one thousand eight hundred and Fifty personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid, Eli Bruce, aged 55 years, a resident of Clarke County in the State of Kentucky who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Eli Bruce who was a private in the company commanded by Captain James Sympson in the Battalion of Mounted Volunteers commanded by Major Peter Dudley in the War with Great Britain declared in June 1812 that he volunteered at Winchester Ky on or about October 1814 and continued in actual service in said War for the term of Four months and was honorably discharged at Detroit Michigan December 1814 and received a certificate of his Discharge which original certificate is herewith presented. He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which he may be entitled, under the act granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in Military service of the United States, passed September 28th, 1850. The Commissioner of Pensions will please send my Land Warrant, when issued, and all Communications in relation thereto to the care of William Flanagan, Winchester, Kentucky.

sgd/ ELI BRUCE

Sworn and Subscribed before me, the day and year above written and I hereby certify that I believe the said Eli Bruce to be the identical man who served as aforesaid, and that he is of the age above stated.

sgd/ Haynie Thomson, J.P.

State of Kentucky, County of Clarke, to wit: I hereby certify, That Haynie Thomson Esq, before whom the above affidavit was made, and

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has thereunto subscribed his name, was, at the time of so doing, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, duly commissioned and sworn, and that his said signature is genuine. In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Clarke County Court this 2nd day of November one thousand eight hundred and Fifty

sgd/ C. Jones, Clerk

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State of Kentucky
County of Clark, SS

On this 31 day of March A D 1855, personally appeared before me, James Flanagan, a Justice of the Peace, duly authorized to administer oaths within and for the County and State aforesaid, Eli Bruce aged 60 years, a resident of Clark County in the State of Kentucky, who being duly sworn, according to law, declares that he is the identical Eli Bruce who was a private in the Company commanded by Captain James Sympson Mounted "en in the Regiment of Kentucky Volunteers commanded by Col Peter Dudley in the war declared against Great Britain by the United States in 1812 - that he volunteered at Clark County, Kentucky on or about the 1 of September AD 1814 for the term of time not recollected and continued in actual service in said war for fourteen days, and was honorably discharged at Detroit on or about the 10 day of December A.D. 1814 that he has heretofore made application for bounty land under the act of September 28th, 1850, and received a Land Warrant, No. not recollected, for Eighty acres, which he has since legally disposed of, and can not now return.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the additional bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act approved the 3d day of March, 1855. He also declares that he has never applied for nor received, under this or any other act of Congress, any bounty land warrant except the one above mentioned. A.H. Buckner of Winchester, Ky is my agent to prosecute this claim.
sgd/ ELI BRUCE

We, James H.G. Bush and Armistead Blackwell, residents of Clark Co, in the State of Kentucky, upon our oaths, declare that the foregoing declaration was signed and acknowledged by Eli Bruce in our presence, and that we believe, from the appearance and statements of the applicant, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be.

sgd/ James H. G. Bush
A. Blackwell

The foregoing declaration and affidavit were sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and year above written; and I certify that I know the affiants to be credible persons; ~~xxx~~ that the claimant is the person he represents himself to be, and that I have no interest in this claim.

sgd/ Jas F Flanagan, JP

State of Kentucky, County of Clark SS

I hereby certify that James Flanagan, Esq, before whom the above declaration and affidavit were made and executed, and who has thereunto subscribed his name, was at the time of so doing a Justice of the Peace, in and for the County aforesaid, duly commissioned

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and sworn, and that his signature thereto is genuine. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the seal of the County Court for the County aforesaid, this Sixth day of April 1855.

sgd/ Willis Collins, Clerk

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No. 3945
War of 1812
Survivors' Pension
Kentucky
Eli Bruce
Company- Capt Jas Simpson
Regiment- Ky Militia
Lexington Agency
Rate per month- Eight Dollars
Commencing February 14, 1871
Certificate dated 5 Sept 1871 and sent to Pension Agent
Act 14th February 1871
Vol. Ky, Page 154
W.L. White, Clerk

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War of 1812. Declaration of Soldier for Pension
State of Kentucky. County of Clark

On this first day of April A.D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy one, personally appeared before me Will Beckner, Presiding Judge of the Clark County Court, a court of record within and for the county and State aforesaid Eli Bruce, aged 76 years a resident of Winchester District, county of Clark, State of Kentucky, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is married; that his wife's name was Temperance Dollard, to whom he was married at John Gordon's in Clark County, Ky on the 26th day of February 1828: that he served the full period of sixty days in the Military service of the United States in the war of 1812; that he is the identical Eli Bruce who was enlisted in Captain James Simpson's company, Col Peter Dudley's regiment, Kentucky brigade, at Winchester, Kentucky, August 1814 and was honorably discharged at Detroit Michigan December 1814; that he served four months- that his regiment rendezvo(illeg) at Urbana in State of Ohio and marched from there to Detroit in Michigan and from thence to Canada. That I have received two Land Warrants for 80 acres each for my said services to the United States; that he, at no time during the late rebellion against the authority of the United States, adhered to the cause of the enemies of the Government, giving them aid or comfort; or exercised the functions of any office whatever under any authority, or pretended authority, in hostility to the United States; and that he will support the Constitution of the United States; that he is not in receipt of a pension under any previous act; that he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States, under the provision of the act approved February 14, 1871, and he hereby constitutes and appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, James Flanagan of Winchester, Kentucky, his true and lawful attorney... to prosecute

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HIS CLAIM AND OBTAIN THE Pension certificate that may be issued; that his post office is at Winchester, County of Clark, State of Kentucky; that his domicile or place of abode is 4½ miles East of Winchester in Clark County, Kentucky

sgd/ ELI BRUCE, Applicant

Attest:

Jos T. Tucker
James R. Aldridge

Also personally appeared John H. Quisenberry residing in Clark County, State of Kentucky and James M. Haggard residing in Clark County, state of Kentucky, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being by me duly sworn, say: They were present and saw Eli Bruce, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; that at no time during the late rebellion against the authority of the United States did he adhere to the cause of the enemies of the Government, giving them aid or comfort; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

sgd/ John H. Quisenberry
James M. Haggard

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this First day of April, A.D. 1871, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c. were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing; including the words Street, at No and street and 5 erased, and the words Clark County State of Kentucky & 6 added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim.

sgd/ W.M. Beckner, Presiding Judge of Clark Co Court

State of Kentucky, Clark Co SS

I, Sam Catherwood, Clerk of the County Court for said County and State do certify that Will Beckner whose genuine signature appears (?) also this (?) Junatr(?) was then and now Presiding Judge of said Court, which is a court of Record in and for said County. In witness whereof I hereto set my hand and affix the seal of said Court at Winchester Ky, this first day of April 1871

sgd/ Sam Catherwood, Clerk.

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No 6614- Treasury Department. Third Auditor's Office Aug 18, 1871
Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions with the information that the rolls of Capt Jas Simpson's company of Ky Militia show that Eli Bruce served from 20 Sept 1814 to 20 Nov 1814.
sgd/ Allan Rutherford, Auditor

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This is to certify that Eli Bruce a private in Capt James Sympons company of a Battalion of Mounted Volunteers, commanded by Maj Peter Dudley, has served a Tour on an expedition into Upper Canada, under the command of Brid Gen M'Arthur; and by an Act of the Gen Assy of Ky, entitled "An act allowing tours of duty to certain Volunteers & Militia- apvd 27 Jan 1815" is entitled to credit for 4 tours of 30 days each - and having faithfully performed his duty as such, is hereby HONORABLY discharged. Given under my hand at Frankfort, this 1st day of Feb 1815. Sgd/ James Sympon, Captain

Peter Dudley, Major
Comd. Bat. Ken. Mount. Vol'rs

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Pension Office March 3d 1843

Sir,
Your letter of the 3d ult and the papers in the case of Mrs Milly Bruce widow of Benjamin Bruce deceased claiming a pension under the Act of July 4th 1836 have been received and placed upon file in this office. The Declaration is not only defective in not setting forth with precision the times at which the alleged tours of service as a militia man commenced and ended and what were the circumstances attending them but is moreover contradictory to itself in stating that the husband of the claimant was engaged in the battles of Bunker's Hill and Brandywine. In addition to the above objections there is no evidence that the proceedings before the magistrate have been submitted to and received the approval of a Court of Record duly organized as required by the regulations of this Department. There is moreover no evidence of the time of the marriage of such a character as to sustain the claim under the Act in virtue of which it is made.

Lewis C. Suggett Esq
Long Lick, Scott Co, Ky

Pension Office October 16, 1848

Sir,
The service specified in the affidavit presented by you in the case of Milly Bruce widow of Benjamin Bruce does not correspond either with the service set forth in his own declaration or in the declaration of claimant, and therefore affords (?) no support to her application. I enclose herewith a copy of my letter to S.C. Suggett dated 3 March 1843 from which you will learn the objections then existing to granting a pension to Mrs Bruce no one of which have been removed by the testimony now introduced.
T. S. Smith Esq

I, Ison Lane a resident of the County of Madison and State of Kentucky aged ninety years state that I was acquainted with Benjamin Bruce of Albemarle County Virginia in the time of the revolutionary war. that he served three tours in the militia in the war of the revolution. I was with him in all three of his towers we ware in Captain Johnson's company and Colonel Thomas Barbour's ridgement, this tower we ware at Richman and Closter one tower under Captain Edmund Shacelford and Colonel Barbour's ridgement this tower we also was ordered to march to Richman Virginia, the third tower I do not at this time recollect the naime of the Captain but this tower was in Colonel Linsey's ridgement this tower we marched to Little York and was there at the taking of Lord Cornwallis, all three of the above towers ware three months each, he might have served other tours I was in the regular army a part of the time, but I know that he served nine months in the war of the revolution for I was with him I knew him before the revolution and I knew him while he was in the army I also knew him after the close of the revolution I am unable to talk all (blurred) the dates of each tour I recollect that he served two tours in one year I recollect that it was near the close of the war as it was

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sgd/ ELI BRUCE, Applicant

Attest:

Jos T. Tucker

James R. Aldridge

Also personally appeared John H. Quisenberry residing in Clark County, State of Kentucky and James M. Haggard residing in Clark County, state of Kentucky, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being by me duly sworn, say: They were present and saw Eli Bruce, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; that at no time during the late rebellion against the authority of the United States did he adhere to the cause of the enemies of the Government, giving them aid or comfort; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

sgd/ John H. Quisenberry

James M. Haggard

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this First day of April, A.D. 1871, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c. were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing; including the words Street, at No and street and 5 erased, and the words Clark County State of Kentucky & 6 added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim.

sgd/ W.M. Beckner, Presiding Judge of Clark Co Court

State of Kentucky, Clark Co SS

I, Sam Catherwood, Clerk of the County Court for said County and State do certify that Will Beckner whose genuine signature appears (?) also this (?) Junatr(?) was then and now Presiding Judge of said Court, which is a court of Record in and for said County. In witness whereof I hereto set my hand and affix the seal of said Court at Winchester Ky, this first day of April 1871

sgd/ Sam Catherwood, Clerk.

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This is to certify that Eli Bruce a private in Capt James Sympons company of a Battalion of Mounted Volunteers, commanded by Maj Peter Dudley, has served a Tour on an expedition into Upper Canada, under the command of Brid Gen M'Arthur; and by an Act of the Gen Assy of Ky, entitled "An act allowing tours of duty to certain Volunteers & Militia- apvd 27 Jan 1815" is entitled to credit for 4 tours of 30 days each - and having faithfully performed his duty as such, is hereby HONORABLY discharged. Given under my hand at Frankfort, this 1st day of Feb 1815. Sgd/ James Sympon, Captain

Peter Dudley, Major

Comd. Bat. Ken. Mount. Vol'rs

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This shall certify that Derritt Bruce has Performed a tour of six months service under my command as soldier and has faithfully Discharged his duty as a Soldier given under mu hand and seal at Winchester this June 28th, 1844

sgd/ John Martin Capt
of one Company under William
Lewis Col Commandant of the
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This is to Certify that Durrett Bruce a private in Captain James Sympson's company of a Battalion of Mounted Volunteers, commanded by Major Peter Dudley, has served a Tour on an expedition into Upper Canada, under the command of Brig. Gen. M'Arthur; and by an act of the General Assembly of Kentucky, entitled "An Act allowing tours of duty to certain Volunteers and Militia -approved 27th January, 1815," is entitled to credit for four tours of thirty days each- and having faithfully performed his duty as such, is hereby HONORABLY discharged.

Given under my hand at Frankfort, this 1st day of Febreary 1815.

sgd/ JAMES SYMPSON Captain
PETER DUDLEY Major
Comd. Bat. Ken. Mount. Vol'rs.

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State of Missouri
County of Randolph

On this 27th day of January A.D. 1852 before me Clerk of the County Court of said county personally came Derett Bruice aged about sixty one years a resident of said County of Randolph and State of Missouri who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the identical Derritt Bruice who was a private soldier in Captain John Martin company in the Regiment commanded by Col William Lewis of Kentucky volunteers, as set forth in his former declaration heretofore made out and forwarded to the proper department that he volunteered as setforth in said declaration and served regularly on duty until he was taken sick about the 15th of November 1812 and was then placed in the hospital and was dangerously ill until about the close of the campaign and after returning home he received a written discharge he thinks for the term of six months he makes this declaration to explain the discrepancy between the roll and his declaration

sgd/ Derrett X (his mark) Bruice
Subscribed and Sworn to before me Clerk of the County Court of said County this 27th day of January 1852

sgd/ John J. Allen Clk

James Emerson of the County of Randolph & State of Missouri aged sixty two years this day appeared before me Clerk of the County Court of said County & being duly sworn according to law makes oath and says that he was a private in Capt John

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Martin's Company of Kentucky Volunteers in the Regiment commanded by Col William Lewis, that he knows Derritt Bruce whose declaration is above set forth & that he knows that said Bruce was a soldier in the same company & entered the service about the middle of August 1812 & that said Bruce continued in said company in actual service until he became too unwell to perform duty when he was placed in the hospital & after which said company marched to another place & he did not afterwards see said Bruce until after said company returned home to Kentucky
sgd/ James Emerson

State of Missouri
County of Randolph

I, John J. Allen, Clerk of the County Court in & for said County certify that the above affidavit of James Emerson was this day subscribed and sworn to before me and that the declaration of Derrett Bruce to which said affidavit is annexed was also sworn and subscribed before me by said Bruce & I further certify that I am well acquainted with said Bruce & Emerson & verily believe they are of the ages setforth by them in their statements.

Given under my hand with the seal of said Court
affixed at office this 27th day of January 1852
sgd/ John J. Allen Clk

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WAR OF 1812 - DECLARATION OF SOLDIER FOR PENSION

STATE of Missouri
COUNTY OF Randolph

On this first day of April AD one thousand eight hundred and seventy one, personally appeared before me, W.A. Thomas Clerk of the County Court, a Court of Record within and for the county and State aforesaid DURRETT BRUCE, aged 81 years, a resident of Moberly, County of Randolph, State of Missouri, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is married; that his wife's name was Sarah Stevens now dec'd to whom he was married at Clark County, Kentucky on the 13th day of April 1813; that he served the full period of sixty days in the (1) Military service of the United States in the war of 1812; that he is the identical Durrett Bruce who (2) Enlisted in Captain John Martin company, Col Lewis regiment, Ky Militia at Winchester, Clark Co, Ky, 1812, and was honorably discharged at Fort Defiance Ind on the _____ day of _____, 1812; and that (3) Our Regiment marched to Fort Wayne from Ft Wayne to Fort Defiance. When I was discharged. My discharges are both on file in Washington DC filed when application made for Bounty land. I enlisted a second time in Capt Jas Simpsons Co, Ky Militia at Winchester, Ky on the day of 1814 and was discharged at Detroit Michigan - was at the burning of Detroit Mich. that he at no time during the late rebellion against the authority of the United States, adhered to the cause of the enemies of the Government, giving them aid or comfort, or exercised the functions of any office whatever under any authority, or pretended authority, in hostility to the United States; and that he will support the Constitution of the United States; that he is not in receipt of a pension under any previous act; that he makes this

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DECLARATION for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States, under the provision of the act approved February 14, 1871, and he hereby constitutes and appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, JAMES A MORGAN of Washington, D.C. his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim and obtain the pension certificate that may be issued; that his psot office is at Moberly County of Raldolph, State of Miss-ouri, that his domicile or place of abode is Moberly, Mo.
sgd/ Durett Bruce, Applicant

Attest:
Levi Turner
Thomas P. White

Also personally appeared Levi Turner, residing in Moberly, Mo, and Thomas P. White, residing at Moberly, Mo, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being by me duly sworn, say: They were present and saw Durrett Bruce, the claimant, sign his name to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; that at no time during the late rebellion against the authority of the United States did he adhere to the cause of the enemies of the Government, giving them aid or comfort; that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.
sgd/ Levi Turner
Thomas P. White

Sworn to and subscribed before me this first day of April A.D. 1871, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c were fully made known and explained to the app-licant and witnesses before swearing, including the words (or made his mark(otw note- lined out in affidavit);and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.
sgd/ W.A. Thomas, Clk Co Court
By Chas Allen, D.C.

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I, D.E. Wilson Assistant Assessor of the 3d District State of Missouri do hereby certify that after a careful investigation I am convinced that Thos P. White and Levi Turner, residents of Moberly Randolph County Missouri who testified as witnesses in claim of Durrett Bruce for army pension as soldier of the war of 1812 under the act of Congress approved February 1871, at no time during the late rebellion against the authority of the United States adhere to the cause of the enemies of the Government giving them aid and comfort, or exercised the functions of any off-ice whatever, under any authority or pretended authority in host-ility to the United States. That they did none of the foregoing acts. Given under my hand at Macon, Mo this 2 day of September 1871
sgd/ D.E. Wilson
Asst Assr.

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Treasury Department- Third Auditor's Office Oct 30th 1871
Respectfully returned to the Commr with the info that the rolls of Capt Jno Martin's Co, Ky Mil shows that Durrett Bruce, Pvt served from 15 Aug 1812 to 25 Mar 1813. Sgd/ illeg.

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Transmittal slip states- The enclosed material is forwarded in accordance with your recent request. The enclosed copy of the document you requested has been recently laminated, but due to the badly deteriorated condition of the original, parts had crumbled and become lost.

Declaration - In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 4th July 1836

State of Kentucky)
County of Clark) SS

On this twenty fourth day of December eight (obliterated) forty two personally app (obliterated) undersigned a justis of the piece of the County of Clark (obliterated) Bruce a resident in the County of Clark and State of Kentucky aged ninety years on the twenty sixth of March 1843 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 4th 1836: That she is the widow of Benjamin Bruce who was a soldier of of the Revolutionary War as a militiaman: she states that he served two towers of six months each in Colonel Reuben Linsey's Ridgement and Eaptain (obliterated- looks like _____ Davis) Company and one tower at Sharlottsville (obliterated) of Virginia at least one month. She states that her husband resided in the State of Virginia and County of Albemarl she does not recollect at this great length of time the year or the day of the month that he was draughted but she does well recollect that it was the year that the Battles of Bunkershill and Brandywine was fought; that he was in both of the above named battles: she states that they moved to Kentucky in the year of seventeen hundred and eighty four and settled (obliterated) and he was called out against (obliterated) she states that he served at least one month against the Indians. From her great age and loss of memory she cannot state positively the particular dates when he went out but she recollect of his being out as stated above and that he had a discharge for one of the towers of six months: it was in a bag with some other papers the mise got to ~~whar~~ whar they was and destroyed it with the other papers - She further declares that she was married to the said Benjamin Bruce on the twenty sixth day of March seventeen hundred and seventy-three; that her husband, the aforesaid Benjamin Bruce died on the thirty-first day of Cecember eighteen hundred and nine; and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear (obliterated - may be furtherance) to the proof hereto annexed. She further states (obliterated) the record of her children as (obliterated) of her husband's death in a bible which was burnt in Thornton Wills house who married one of her daughters and that she was married in Albemarl County in the State of Virginia that her eldest daughter Sarah Gorden was born on the twenty-seventh of June seventeen hundred and seventy-six and Barnet and Elizabeth was born before the colose of the war but she cannot state the dates at this time she states that she had eight children but cannot state (obliterated) any but the eldest it being the year that independence (obliterated) that (obliterated) when it was born; the word he interlined in the twenty second line on the first page the word when bloted in the twenty-fifth line her written over my in the tenth line on the second page before signing.
N.B. After reflection she is of the opinion that the leaf of the

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Bible was torn out by Thornton Wills children and not burnt as stated by her.

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sgd/ Milly X Bruce
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Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written before the Magistrate (obliterated) County State of Kentucky being a Court of record by a Justice of the and for the County aforesaid J. Pleasant Bush Certify that Milly Bruce personally appeared in open Court and subscribed and made oath to the truth of the foregoing Declaration in testimony whereof I have herein set my hand and subscribed my name on the day first above written 1842

sgd/ P. Bush
Presiding Judge of the Magistrate Court

I Ambros Bush aged sixty-six years a resident of Clark County and State of Kentucky state that I have been acquainted with Benjamin and Milly Bruce ever since my earliest recollection. My father lived neighbor to them and know they lived together as husband and wife until (obliterated) took place (a line & a half obliterated) was reputed and believed in the neighborhood to have been a soldier of the revolution. I believe he was and served as stated by his widow interlined in the eight line before signing given from under my hand this 26th day of December 1842

sgd/ Ambrose Bush

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the Peace in and for the County of (one whole line obliterated) truth and (illeg) and subscribed and made oath to the truth of the above affidavit given from under my hand this 26th day of December 1843

sgd/ P. Bush, J. Peace

State of Kentucky, Clarke County, Sect

I Ja P. Bullock, Clerk of the County Court for the County aforesaid do certify that P. Bush whose name is subscribed to the above & foregoing certificate (obliterated) was at the time of signing the same an acting (obliterated) (of the peace within and for the County of Clarke (obliterated) duly commissioned & qualified as such (obliterated) to all his official acts as such. I further certify that David Bullock whose name is subscribed as clerk to within will of Benj Bruce was at the time of the copying of the will Clerk of the County (obliterated) Court of Clarke County - In testimony whereof (obliterated) I the Clerk of aforesaid has a (illegible) set my (obliterated) hand and affixed the seal of the court at Mrs (obliterated) (illegible) this 26th of Dec 1842

sgd/ James P Bullock, Clk

I Sarah Gorden aged sixty-seven state that I was small during the war of the Revolution but I recollect of my Father Benjamin Bruce was out in the war of the revolution I recollect when my father was out as a soldier of (illegible) my grandfather Jacob Watts coming to Fathers house and telling my mother Milly Bruce to put the dog in the cellar and take care of the chickens that the British was coming. I recollect going with my mother (obliterated) my father was a soldier (one whole line obliterated) six months tours which was (obliterated) declaration I have often heard my Father and Mother speak of his serving in the war of the revolution. I know they have lived together as husband and wife ever since my earliest recollection and I have

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never heard it doubted but what they was legally married and she is the widow of Benjamin Bruise and have raised the number of children stated by her and she has remained a widow ever since the death of my Father. I have understood the (2 half lines obliterated) destroyed by Thornton Wills - have examined her declaration and believe it contains the truth. I have heard my Father speak of being at the battle of Brandywine. Jacob Watts in the fifth line, wife in the thirteenth line interlined before signing given from under my hand this 24th of December 1842.

sgd/ Sairy Gorden

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Justis of the piece in and for the County of Clark Sarah Gordon who is a woman of respectability truth and (illegible) of the Baptist Church subscribed and made oath (obliterated) affidavit also Milly Bruce who is the widow of Benjamin Bruce who is a woman of respectability truth and piety a member of the Baptist church from appearance both of the women are the ages stated by themselves. I further certify that Milly Bruce is the widow of Benjamin Bruce who was reputed and believed in his neighborhood to have been a soldier of the revolution in testimony whereof I have subscribed my name this 24th day of december 1842

P. Bush, J. Peace

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Last page of affidavit of Durrett Bruce which was left out earlier about the first of February 1815 all of which will appear by his two original certificates of discharge herewith presented.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States, passed September 28th 1850

sgd/ Durrett Bruce

Sworn and subscribed before me the day and year above written & I hereby certify that I am well acquainted with said Bruce and believe he is the identical man who served as aforesaid and that he is of the age above stated.

Given under my hand with the seal of said court - affixed at office this 8th day of January 1851

sgd/ John J. Allen, Clk

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NOTES ON BRUCE

Benjamin Bruce by mother's (Mary J) will Oct. 18, 1729-probated
May 18, 1734

Benjamin Bruce by father's will (John Bruce) probated April 19, 1720
Norfolk County Wills-1710-1753 by McIntosh

1613 Bass Ave.
Columbia, Missouri
April 25, 1963.

Miss Kathryn Owen,
423 East Broadway
Winchester, Kentucky.

Dear Miss Owen:

Here I am again. I know that Benjamin
Bruce was a Revolutionary soldier and died in Clark Co.
Ky. 12-31-1809. He married Milly Wath b. 3-26-1753
and was living 12-24-1842. I do not know where
or when Benj. Bruce was born.

If he happens to be written up in the list
of those who died in Clark Co., would you be
so kind as to copy the record for me? Now please
do count your time and let me know how much
this will be. You have been so helpful and I do
appreciate it but I want to do something for you.

Do you know if Harrison Co. is compiling a
record of their Revolutionary soldiers?

Sincerely yours
Rutheni H. Carter

A deed dated Sept. 23, 1777 in Montgomery Co. conveyed this land from John Owen and Elizabeth his wife to Solomon Stymson. On the same date in Montgomery Co., a 50 acre tract of land called "Honesty" was conveyed by John Owen and Elizabeth his wife to Solomon Stymson.

Felix
416 Smith St
Seattle Washington
Catalogue

at Will, John Duckworth
John & Elizabeth

Eli Bruce married Elizabeth Duckworth
(Farm on Red River farm - later moved to
Winchester, both died at their home on Buckner
St. Both buried in Winchester Cemetery)

1. Sarah Malissa ^{Born Dec 29} born 1855 m. Pleasant
Edward Allen
2. Leilah Bruce married David Lippcomb
(moved to Missouri)
- 4 Thomas Bruce, married Etta Bush dau of Allen
Bush.
3. Richard "Dick" Bruce, m.

Sarah m Pleasant Allen

1. Annie m. C. H. Bush (Luis, Indiana)
(1) Mary - Barber - (1) Myrtle Lillian (2) Boy
2. Myrtle m. Frank Snyder
3. Clifton gr.
2. Lula married Allen Owen

3. Betty Allen m. Winthrop Goode
(1) Bessie
(2) Lula D.
(3) Gladys
4. Lida Infaney

5. J. B. Allan b. May 8, 1879 m. W. m. Cruse died
1956

Memo Capt wells

Chas Ramsey m. Elta Key Nichols

Joseph A wells married Joseph Ansel called
Luman for nickname

It is John A wells only child known of
Jedding and Elizabeth wells Wells