

Bennett

Born:

Died:

Period of Service: War of
1812

Sources: Jessie Miner
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According to Jessie Miner, "In 1854, there lived in West Harbor a Negro who fished and built boats, and also preached occasionally. He was at the battle of Lake Erie and was with Commodore Perry when he went from one boat to the other. If you look at the picture of the Battle of Lake Erie, you will see a young darkie in the boat. That is Bennitt (sic). He was about 60 years old when I saw him in 1865."

The '65' is crossed off and replaced with '54' written over the '65'

Stuart Sorenson wrote an article about the first Negro family on Washington Island. They were named Westbrook and bought the land on a grant in 1854. The first name was not mentioned. The Westbrooks sold the land about two years later.