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Virginia pension claim of Moses Estes VAS1305

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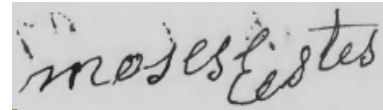
To the Legislature of Virginia

Moses Estes of Spotsylvania respectfully represents.

That he served in the militia in 1780 as a private in Capt. Holladays [John Holladay VAS1814] company; and was present at the Battle of Camden [16 Aug 1780], where his cap'n. was killed. That he was only 16 years of age when he was drafted in the militia & owing to the fatigues of the march to S. Carolina & the hardships he endured, he has contracted diseases which wholly or nearly incapacitate him from Labour. That he also served in the militia at the siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]: the whole term of his service being near ten months. That he is old & infirm being by the Rhematism nearly rendered unable to work. That he is poor & has no land or slaves & being a cooper & carpenter, he has only a set of tools: which is all his property.

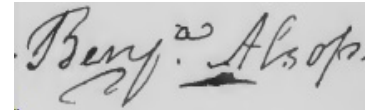
That he requests the assembly will place him on the pension list at such rate as may be deemed proper.

Decr 1 1819



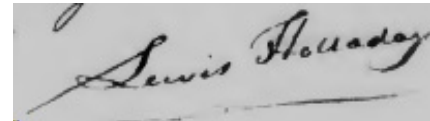
I Benj. Alsop [Benjamin Alsop S9269], aged 61 years do hereby certify that I was in the Southern army in 1780 where I knew Moses Estis a private in Holladays company. That the sd Estis was very young: that he was a very active & obedient soldier, always showing a disposition to do his duty. I know him to be poor & needy with no other property than his tools: that he is infirm by the Rhematism, which I am inclined to think he got by his exposure to hardship in the army [army] & that I think he is deserving of a pension.

Decr 1, 1819



I do hereby Certify that Moses Estes Marched from the County of Spotsylvania in the year of 1780 to the state of South Carolina as a private Soldier, and was in the battle of [Gen. Horatio] Gates's defeat, at which time I acted as a Lieut. in the same company of militia. Given under my hand this 5th of Decemb'r.

Lewis Holladay



Dec'r 11th 1819 ref'd to Claims
reported Decr. 20th reasonable
Bill drawn Decr. 22nd

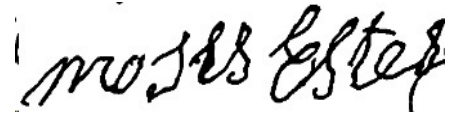
[From [Revolutionary pension records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Know all men by these presents, that I Moses Estes of Spotsylvania County, have constituted & appointed, & by these presents do constitute & appoint Fleming James of the city of Richmond my true & lawful attorney for me & on my behalf to receive from the Treasury of the State of Virginia such

pension as may be due & owing to me, from the State of Virginia, under the act of assembly passed during the last session of assembly, placing me on the pension list at the rate of 165[?] dollars per year. Hereby ratifying all such acts as my said attorney may do for me in the premises.

Witness my hand & seal this 15th of July 1820

Test./ Corporation of Fredericksburg

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Moses Estes". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the text "Witness my hand & seal this 15th of July 1820".

\$30 July 17 1820

Rec'd a Warrant of thirty Dollars/ [signed] Fleming James

NOTE: The pension file contains other powers of attorney and receipts similar to the above. From 6 July 1825 through 7 July 1826 Moses Estes signed powers of attorney with his mark rather than signature. The final power of attorney was signed on 9 Feb 1827 by Richard Estes, administrator of the estate of Moses Estes, who died on 26 Oct 1826.