

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Estes John
Transcription by Fred Weyler

VA

S8429
31Mar2013

[p2] Virginia certificate 12.566 to John Estes of Lunenburg County Virginia,
Private in the company of Captain Broadnax in the Virginia line for 6 months.
Issued 10May1833 for \$20/annum.

[p4] State of Virginia, Lunenburg (towit)

On this 11th Day of February 1833 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the county of Lunenburg and now sitting John Estes resident of said county aged 77 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was drafted in the armies of the United States on 1st day Sept 1777 and marched from the County of Lunenburg under Capt Edward Broadnax in a tour of three months to Williamsburg where they joined Head Quarters and some time afterwards we were marched to little York, where we remained until the first day of December when the regiment was paraded and the Colo rode along in front with his hat off. Discharged the whole regiment as such. I received no written discharge and I do not know of any person living that I can prove anything of my service of discharge except Edward Wilson whose certificate is hereunto annexed.

And on the 1st day of January 1781 he was drafted for three months and marched in a detachment into North Carolina where we joined Head Quarters commanded by Gen^l Green & Lawson but was in a short time detailed and sent in a detachment to carry some military stores to Prince Edward Court House State of Virginia and remained on extra duty until nearly the expiration of the tour and on the first day of April he was discharged but never received any written discharge and that he knows of no person living that he can prove anything about this tour either serving or being discharged and that he never served in any other capacity than that of a common soldier.

[p5] and in answer to the different interrogatories prescribed by the war department he answers thus

To Question 1 Where and in what year were you born

Ans^r agreeable to a register kept by my father I was born the 7th day February 1756 in
The county of Loudon, State of Virginia

Question 2 Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Ans^r It is in my possession

Question 3 Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the
Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans^r I was born in the County of Louisa but now live County of Lunenburg since the
Revolutionary War I have lived there ever since and live there now.

Question 4 How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were
you a substitute?

Ans^r I was drafted in a three month tour in each case.

Question 5 State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when
you served such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the
general circumstances of your service.

Ans^r I can only say that I was drafted and marched under Captain Broadnax to Williamsburg where we were attached to a regiment but I do not remember by whom it was commanded and that we were discharged at Little York. And in my second tour I marched in a detachment to North Carolina but do not recollect to what regiment we were attached as I was in a few days sent on extra duty and remained as such while nearly the expiration of the tour.

Question 6 Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it.

Ans^r I received no written discharge in either case but was mustered out discharged at the expiration of each tour having served my full term.

Question 7 State names of persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the Revolution.

Ans^r I am known in my neighborhood by W^m Pleasant Barnes & David Street & James Smith

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

s/ John Estes

[routine county certification, by William H Taylor, court clerk]

(p20) Corroborating testimony from Edward Willson that they served together under Captain Edward Broadax on Estes' first tour.