

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Estes W17764

Eliza Estes

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State of North Carolina Orange County

On this the 15th day of March, 1838, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of aforesaid, at her own residence, she being from old age and bodily infirmity unable to attend Court to make this Declaration Eliza Estes a resident of the Town of Hillsborough in the aforesaid County, aged 78 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following Declaration, in order to attain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of John Estes of the aforesaid County who during the War of the Revolution was in the United States Service, as hereinafter set forth.

To wit:

1. This Declarant sets forth upon her said oath, that her Deceased husband John Estes was in the United States Service as an "assistant Commissary of purchases & Issues" for the District of Hillsboro in the State aforesaid. In proof of which this Declarant exhibits her Deceased husband's Commission, signed by "Joseph Greene A. C. P. S. D." and bearing date 15 August 1779 and numbered "A."

But this Declarant has reason to believe and does believe that her Deceased husband, John Estes aforesaid, did at a date earlier than the date of his Commission, Act as "A. C. P." in proof of which this Declarant exhibits a Voucher which is dated March 11, 1777 and is marked "B."

This Declarant also presents the receipt of D. Flowers dated 9th February 1777, which he found amongst her Deceased husband's Revolutionary papers & which is marked "C."

This Declarant also in further evidence of her Deceased husband's Revolutionary Services as "A. C. P." produces the receipt of Peter Mallett, dated 10th July 1779, hereunto annexed and marked "D."

This Declarant also exhibits the Receipt of Nathan Grennells, dated July 17th 1779, marked "E" and hereunto annexed. The Declarant the said Eliza Estes, in further confirmation of her Deceased husband's Revolutionary Services as "A. C. P." exhibits the receipt hereunto annexed marked "F." which is signed by her deceased husband John Estes.

This Declarant also exhibits a receipt dated November 22, 1779, and signed by her Deceased husband John Estes and marked "G."

To this Declarant the said Eliza Estes in further evidence of her Deceased husband's Revolutionary Services as "A. C. P." exhibits the Voucher, dated August 9th 1790, & signed J. Estes "A. C. P." and which is marked "H."

This Declarant in further proof of her Deceased husband's Revolutionary Services as "A. C. P." exhibits the Voucher, marked "J." dated October 4, 1780, by which it appears that her Deceased husband acted for the Continental troops under De Kalb.

This Declarant further states upon her said oath that there is a great many other Similar Vouchers, amongst her Deceased husband's Revolutionary papers, as "A. C. P." both in the year 1779 and 1780, but she trusts that the number she has exhibited may suffice -- especially as there are Several accounts Current, exhibiting a settlement between the said John Estes A. C. P. & Joseph Greene, who was as this Declarant understands Commissary General of purchases for the Southern Department.

This Declarant further sets forth upon her said oath, that as far as she learns from the Vouchers, & accounts Current of her Deceased husband's Revolutionary Services, -- She has reason to believe and does believe that on the 11th March 1779, her husband was in the United States Service as A. C. P. and it also appears to this Declarant that on 26th of October 1780, her husband was still acting as "A. C. P." as appears from Voucher 19 on account Current marked "K."

This Declarant also in further confirmation of her Deceased husband's revolutionary Services, as "A. C. P." exhibits, the Account Current marked "L." This Declarant also exhibits in evidence of her Deceased husband's Revolutionary Services, the account Current marked "M."

The Declarant also exhibits the accounts Current (not official) which she hereunto annexed us and marked "N" & "O" all of which papers she states upon her said oath are genuine and true to the best of her knowledge & believe.

This Declarant does not recollect at this Distant day how long her Deceased husband John Estes, aforesaid, had been in the Service on the 11th March, 1779, nor does she at this time remember how long her husband, acted as A. C. P. after 26 October 1780, as it appears upon account Current marked "K" that he was still acting as "A. C. P." at that date.

This Declarant further sets forth upon her said oath that on the 9th day of September following 1781, her Deceased husband was appointed by General John Butler, Major of a Regiment of militia and that whilst acting under said Commission her husband was, on the day [September 12, 1781] Colonel Fanning [David Fanning] took Hillsboro made prisoner by the troops under said Fanning, when Governor Burke [Thomas Burke] was made prisoner -- that her husband as prisoner to Fanning was taken first to Wilmington in this State, thence to Charleston in South Carolina, and was a prisoner of War detained in Charleston till in January following, when said John Estes was paroled and came to the Cape Fear, in the *Two Sisters* a flag of Truce, as appears by the letter of J. Blucke and dated at Charleston 21st of January 1782, being four months and 12 from days from the date of his Commission as Major, till he was permitted to pass in the "*Two Sisters*." which Documents are hereunto annexed and marked "P," "Q," "R."

This Declarant further sets forth upon her said oath that her maiden name was Carver, and that she and the aforesaid John Estes were lawfully married on the 16th day of January 1781, and that her Deceased husband was then acting as assistant Commissary of Purchases in the Town of Hillsboro aforesaid.

This Declarant states that her Deceased husband had a "family record," that the record was in their "Prayer Book," that said record is in her Deceased husband's own hand writing, and is as follows

To wit:

"John Estes was born 24th of December 1745.

"Eliza Carver was born 24th of October 1759."

"John and Eliza Estes were married 16th of January 1780"

"Eliza Estes wife of John Estes, married 16th January 1780."

"John Estes his Prayer Book"

then follows the births & deaths of their Children --

This Declarant takes the "family Record," from said "family prayer Book," and annexes it with the other evidence of her claim, it being the only Documentary evidence of her marriage.

That her husband the aforesaid John Estes died on the 11th day of September 1799 -- that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to, and subscribed, on the day and year above written before me.

S/ Thos. Jones, JP

S/ Eliza Estes

Eliza Estes

[pp 7-8 actual 'family record' spelled as it appears

"John & Elizer Este ware married the 16th Jany 1780

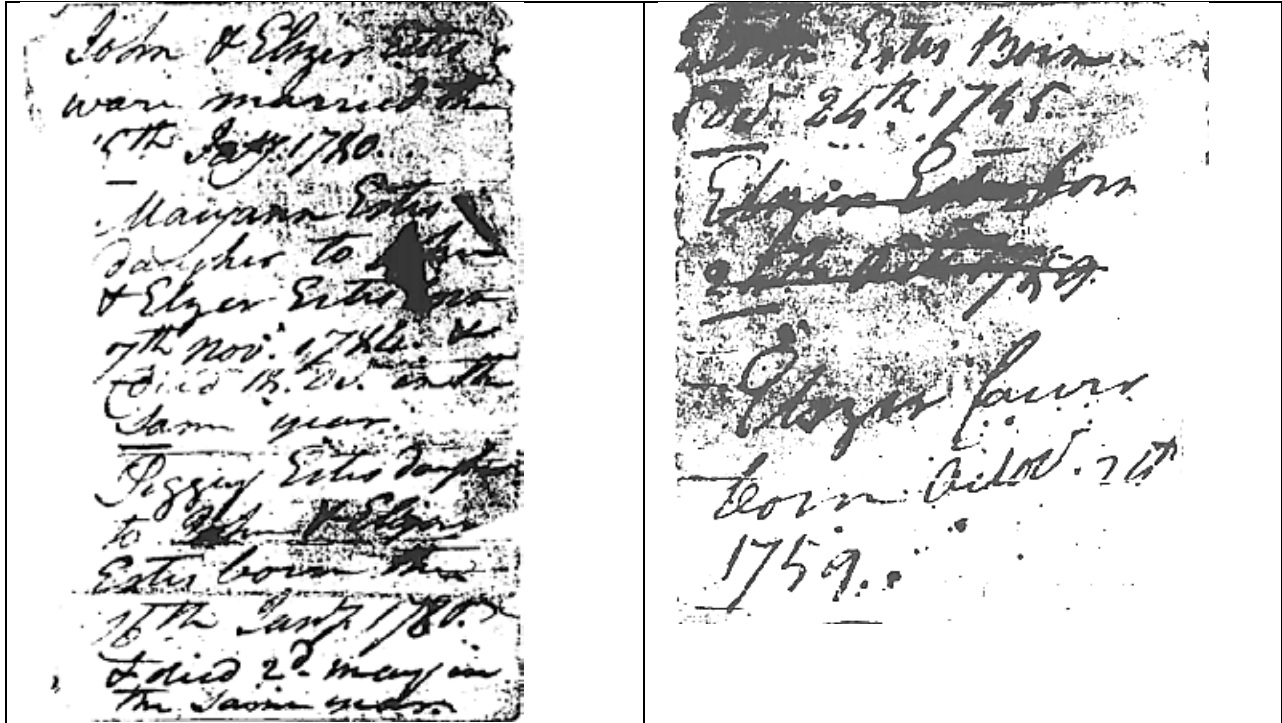
Maryann Estes daughter to John & Elizer Estes born 7th Nov. 1774 & died 18 Dec. in the same year

Peggey Estes daughter to John & Elizer Estes born the 16th Jany 1786 & died 2d May in the same year

John Estes Born Decr 24th 1745

Elizir Estes born 24th Oct 1759

Elizer Carver born Oct 24th 1759



[p 12, certification that Elizabeth Estes late of Orange County, died April 16th 1845 without leaving any Children her surviving and that James Dodd qualified as her Executor.]


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“A”

I do hereby appoint John Estes Esquire my Assistant Commissary of Purchases and Issues for the District of Hillsborough with all the Power Incident to that office. Given under my hand at Hillsboro this 15th of August 1779 --

S/ Joseph Green
A. C. P. I. D.

A copy of this Commission was delivered Colonel Thomas Commissary of North Carolina & filed with other papers in Philadelphia.

“A”
I do hereby appoint John Estes Esq. my Assistant Commissary of Purchases, and Issues for the District of Hillsborough with all the Powers Incident to that office. Given under my hand at Hillsborough this - 15th Aug^r 1779 -

Joseph Green
A. C. P. I. D.
A copy of this Commission was delivered Col^o Thomas Commissary of N^o Carolina & filed with other papers in Phila^a

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“R”

Charlestown, Jan^y 21st 1782

Mr. Estes & Mr. Birdsong with their Baggage &c are permitted to pass in the Two Sisters a Flag of Truce to Cape Fear.

S/ J. Blucke
MB.

Charlestown Jan^y 21st 1782
Mr. Estes & Mr. Birdsong with their Baggage &c are permitted to pass in the Two Sisters a Flag of Truce to Cape Fear.
J. Blucke
MB.

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"P"

This may Certify that I have forwith [?] with nominated Constituted & appointed John Estes Esquire of Hillsborough Major of a Regiment of Militia of Orange County now in Actual Service.

Given under my hand at Head quarters near Chatham Court House this night day of September 1781.

S/ John Butler, B. Genl.

This may Certify that I have forwith with nominated
 Constituted & appointed John Estes Esquire of Hillsborough
 Major of a Regiment of Militia of Orange County
 now in Actual Service,
 Given under my hand at Headquarters near
 Chatham Court House this 9th day of September 1781.
 John Butler B.

[p 29: "M"]

"N6"

1779.	Dr. John Estes A.C.P. in acc ^t Court	
March 11	To Cash for your Dept	£ 3295. 10.
August 12	To Co. of Dr.	72. 00.
Octob ^r 4	To Co. of John Burren	44. 00.
29	To Co. of P. Turch	3. 00.
Nov ^r 22	To Co. of Hugh McKinney	12995. 7. 4
1780.	March 24 To Co. of P. Mattell	20. 00.
June 4	To Co. of Cash sent for	61. 00.
		<u>£ 111,890. 17. 6</u>

a Copy an Rec^d Current this day filled with for
 17th March 26th July 1784

With Joseph C. G. P. on Acc^{ts} of the ^{State} United States.

1779

Dec^r 20. By your return rendered to £30,604.11.

1780 By on pt. Cent Comm^t ——— 304.11

June 29. By Joseph Green Esq. for pt. Rep^t 40,000.

" By Cash for ——— 567.5.

" By my order on you ——— 1,980.

" By Voucher No 105 ——— 38,635.1.6

£ 111,890.17.6

Witness Esq. A. C. P. on Acc^{ts} of the United States

Errors Excepted
 J. Joseph Green
 A. C. G. P.

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1780 Dr. John Estes A. C. P. in Acc^{ts} with Joseph Green A. C. G. P. on acc^{ts} of the State of Virginia

June 28th To Cash for your Rep^t £40,000.

Aug^t 9 To Co. for ——— 34,700.

£ 136,700.

1780 By your return and rendering filled ——— £ 138,178.2

A Copy an Acc^{ts} Current this day settled with John Estes Esq. A. C. P. on Acc^{ts} of the State of Virginia

26th July 1781 — Errors Excepted
 J. Joseph Green
 A. C. G. P.

To Balance due John Estes — £ 138,178.2 —

July 27th 1781 £ 138,178.2 —
 Errors Excepted

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"O"

A Return of Provisions Purchased by the United States

		From whom	Shares	Price	
1780	Purchased	no.	wt		
June 29	1	P. Matthews	192	38,400	\$500
		on 1/2 cent Comm.	on 20		
					\$38252.11
					382.11.6c
					<u>\$38635.1.6c</u>

June 29th 1780. Rec^d from Co. Gunn ably! On the above quantity of provisions which I promise to ad. for when you can do so by proper authority.

J. P. Matthews

True Copy from the original returned.

See opposite page

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"N"

1779	Joseph Green Esq. in tent with				
July	To flour sent to Camp Creek				\$3295.10.-
	To Cash for P. Matthews food				1980.-
	To Amt. Provisions returned				30,406.11
	To Balance of the last				35,680.1.-
	Return				

May 15 th	By Cash for my ret.				\$3295.10.-
Aug 26	By do.				7,200.-
Oct 29	By do. sent by P. Tudor				3,000.-
Nov 22	By. Int. Henry				4,400.-
Nov 22	By. Cash for M. Hennin				12,995.7.4
March 24	By. 2 warrants				20,000.-
June 14	By. Cash sent for				61,000.-
	28. By. do				60,000.-
Aug 9	By. do				34,000.-
					<u>206,690.7.4</u>
					330,793
	By. Arash! warrant				537,485.7.4
					13,200
	By. Cash Paid from M. Hennin				<u>\$550,683.7.4</u>

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I DO hereby acknowledge myself to be a prisoner of war, upon my parole, to his Excellency Sir HENRY CLINTON, and that I am thereby engaged, until I shall be exchanged, or otherwise released therefrom, to remain in North Carolina

and that I shall not in the mean time do, or cause any thing to be done, prejudicial to the success of His Majesty's Arms, or have intercourse or hold correspondence with his enemies; and that upon a summons from his Excellency, or other person having authority thereto, that I will surrender myself to him or them, at such time and place, as I shall hereafter be required.

Which may stand his trust for
January 1782
Which is not signed
A true Copy
John H. Mallett
John H. Mallett

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Spring Bank 3rd August 1792

D. Sir

Your favor of the 30th last ultimo now lies before me & observe you are uneasy about getting your Accounts Settled owing to your low State of Health, and not being able to go to the Norward [? northward?]. – It is but a few days since I returned from there, & I find the Office still open to receive all claims from this State of Individuals as well as from every Public Board of Commissioners appointed under Authority of this State, your purchasing Vouchers so far as I have received are Settled, and passed to the Credit of the State with mine and Deputy's which are the only Accounts from any department in this State that have been passed on. I find it would have been as well to have settled all our Accounts in this State, as far to have been at the trouble and expense in going to Philadelphia, and that it would have been to the Advantage of this State to have Settled as many Continental Claims as they possible [sic] Could, as I had not my Certificate I give you for your Issuing Services I did offer to Settle it, not knowing what you might wish to do with it, the letters for Authorizing me to appoint you and others Issuing Commissaries are now lodged in Philadelphia in the Auditor General's Office to enable you and others to receive your pay for that Service. – Though as the Commissioners are now Settling in Hillsborough and you are in a low State of Health, I would Advise you to Settle your Claim for pay of your Services as Issuing Commissary with them, as there is not the least doubt of it being allowed agreeable to resolves of Congress and passed to the credit of any one of the 13 States, that shall take it up.

Should Mr. Mallett be in Hillsborough pray call on him for the Vouchers of the £40.00 I furnished him to purchase Mr. James Patterson's Flour in the Spring 1780 for General Caswell's

Brigade and if they are mislaid to get others from Mr. Patterson, I was in hopes Col. Porterfield would have had them in Philadelphia but he informed me he had not, & understood Mr. Mallett they were in Hillsboro, he was just entering on his Accounts and Mr. Bradley when I came away.

Mrs. Green and myself Congratulate you and Mrs. Estes on the Birth of so fine a Daughter & wish it much Health and prosperity.

And Remain D. Sir your real friend
and Obedient Servant

S/ Joseph Green

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Green". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

John Estes, Esqr.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$492 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband's service for 4 months and 12 days as a Major and for 19 months & 18 days as Associate Commissary in the North Carolina line.]