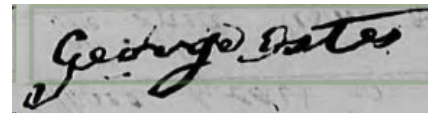


of that church They raised as man & wife a family of children not fare from where I reside and the marriage was after Mr Abraham Eastes returned from the service but long prior to 1st Januay 1794



State of Virginia: Halifax county to wit: [15 Oct 1847]

I George Estis of Halifax County, state of Virginia, a Revolutionary soldier, and Pensioner of the United states, in the 86 year of my age, do hereby certify, that I was intimateley acquainted with Abraham Estis or Eastes late of Halifax, and know the fact as coming within my personal knowledge that said Abraham Eastis in the month of May 1776, enlisted under Capt Nathaniel Cocke in the county of Halifax to serve for the period of three years, in the continental line and that he served the said term faithfully, and was honorably discharged from service. I was presant at the time of enlistment, which took place at a school House, and recolect that John Estes [pension application S3338] and several others enlisted at same time – after entering the arney for some time, he returned home on furlough, and staid a short time, then returned to the arney and remained in the same untill his term expired I served in the malitia, but know all the above stated facts to be true



State of Virginia: Halifax county to wit: [14 Jan 1848]

I George Estes of Halifax County, do hereby certify, in addition to my former Certificate, That Abraham Estes late of Halifax enlisted under Capt Nathaniel Cocke and was attached to the 7th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment: I do not recolect at this time, the names of the field officers; But I have a distinct Recolection, that Edward Wade was Lieutenant in the company; and that he was stationed [several illegible words] Guinns Island [Gwynn Island], and then marched to the north I was a soldier of the Revolution now a pensioner of the united states, and in the 86 year of my age

George hisXmark Estes

[The following are from [bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

To his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia: [25 Oct 1847]

The Memorial of the Heirs and legal Representatives of Abraham Estis, deceased, late a Private of the Virginia Continental line in the War of the Revolution Respectfully Sheweth:

That the said Abraham Estes, or Eastis, sometime in the month of May 1776, enlisted under Captain Nathaniel Cocke in the County of Halifax Virginia to serve for the term of Three years in the Virginia Continental line. That the said Abraham Estes, as a Private served faithfully the term for which he enlisted, and was honorably discharged from service. All of which will fully appear by reference to the Army Register where his name appears, and the accompanying Certificate of George Estis a soldier of the Revolution and a Pensioner of the United States a competent and credible witness who had an opportunity of knowing.

your memorialist farther state, that said Abraham Estis in his life time, never applied for, or has drawn a Warrant for his Bounty Land, as promised by the laws of Virginia; nor have his Heirs, since his death, applied for or received the same.

Your Memorialist, therefore, humbly pray that your Excellency will grant them a Warrant for the usual quantity of Land allowed to a Private of the Virginia Continental line for the service of three years, pursuant to the Laws of Virginia in such case made and provided. And as in duty bound, shall ever pray
&c
William Estes

[George Estes made an affidavit similar to the one in the federal pension file dated 15 Oct 1847.]

NOTE:

On 26 Aug 1848 Laban Durham, 75, listed the children of Abraham and Nelly Estes as David, the eldest, William, John, Nancy, Sally, and Abraham. He stated that only William, John, and Abraham were still living.

The file includes an original record of the names and dates of birth of David, William, and John Estis on the back of the title page of a small New Testament printed in 1767. The record, which is difficult to read, is transcribed below.

David Estis the son of Abraham Estis and Nelley his wife was born the 8th[?] of July 1783

William Estis was Born 11 day of March 1787

John Estis was Born 28 day of december 1784