



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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Colonel Fanning took Hillsboro made prisoner by the troops under said Fanning, when Governor 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

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

"John & Elizer Este ware married the 16<sup>th</sup> Jany 1780

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

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

John Estes Born Decr 24<sup>th</sup> 1745

Elizir Estes born 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 1759

Elizer Carver born Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1759

[fn p. 12, certification that Elizabeth Estes late of Orange County, died April 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

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"R"

Charlestown, Jany 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

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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.