George Everett Estes, Lieutenant, Co. A 14 MS Infantry, C.S.

1841 October 9: Estes was born in Clarke County, MS to Benjamin and Hannah Everett Estes.

1850 August 24: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Clarke County, MS showed 9-year-old George living with his parents and siblings. His father, Benjamin, was a farmer who owned 19 slaves.

1860 July 4th: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Pearses Springs, Clarke County, MS showed 18-year-old George, a clerk, living with his parents and siblings. His father increased his wealth substantially since the last census. He was a farmer and he owned 40 slaves.

1861 May 29: Enlisted in the C.S. Army in Corinth, MS, where he mustered in on June 8th.

June 8 to December 31: Company Muster Roll. Present. Remarks “Promoted Nov. 1st from private to 2nd Sergt. by appointment.”

1862 February 16: Captured at Fort Donelson. George was sent to Camp Douglas, IL.

September 2: Sent to Vicksburg to be exchanged.


1863 January to August: Company Muster Rolls. Present.


1864 November 30: Fought in the Battle of Franklin, his regiment moving through Carnton’s fields.

His journal reads: “…the Yankees cannon and muskets mowing us down like grass before the scythe, but nothing deterred. We moved on not firing a gun nor hearing a sound of anything, but the roar of cannon and musketry. No commands could be heard, but we moved on so near the breastworks that the fire and smoke of the Yankees’ guns would blind us and almost scorch our hair.”

George was wounded and carried to Carnton for treatment.

His journal reads: “They carried me back to the palatial home of Colonel John McGavock, the place where I had but a short time before torn my pants. They laid me off the litter in the front yard, where were hundreds of dead and dying men. The residence of Colonel McGavock was literally full to overflowing with dead and wounded men. As soon as one would die another was ready to take his place on the floor or anywhere that could be room for him. Such groans, cries and curses I heard that night I hope will never be again….after a while Sim
Hutto came to me with the welcome news that he could get me in on the front porch...and with the assistance of two men, I was put on the porch, where I had the first wooden shelter, I had been under in a year.”

1866 September 12: Married Louisa Caroline Watson in Choctaw County, AL.

1880 June 3: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Mobile, AL showed George, a bookkeeper, and Lou living with their four young children.

1900 June 9: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, TX showed George, a book keeper, and Lou living with five of their children.

September 2: (Fort Worth Morning Register, Fort Worth, TX.)

“Mr. George E. Estes, the popular bookkeeper and cashier for A.J. Anderson, has returned from an extended trip to the Indian Territory, Oklahoma and Northwest Texas, and reports having had a pleasant time.”

1908 June: Estes, along with a group of other veterans, attended a Confederate Veterans reunion in Birmingham, AL. (Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Fort Worth, TX 7 Jun 1908)

Note: George Estes was an active member of the Robert E. Lee Chapter of the United Confederate Veterans for many years. He served as both secretary and adjutant. He was also involved in his churches ‘old folks’ singers and actors group.

1910 April 21: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, TX showed George, a collector, and Lou living with three of their adult children. Also living with the couple is Lou’s sister, Lucy McLemore.

1916 September 12: Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Fort Worth, TX.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM CHINA REACH FORT WORTH COUPLE ON 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations from a niece in China reached Mr. and Mrs. George E. Estes, 1507 Broadway, when they began the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary at their home Tuesday afternoon.

Similar compliments came from friends and relatives in many far-away states. The Estes home was filled with friends during the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Estes have been residents of Fort Worth since 1883. They settled at South Jennings and Broadway on their arrival from Alabama.

Mrs. Estes was Miss Lou D. Watson. She was married to Estes Sept. 12, 1904, in Choctaw county, Alabama. They have seven children. Three of them—Misses Mary and Georgia Estes and Charles A. Estes—live in Fort Worth.

1919 April 12: Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Fort Worth TX. George’s wife, Lou Estes, died.
October 27: Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Fort Worth, TX.

Note: Newspapers were filled with snippets of meetings of the R.E. Lee Camp of Confederate Veterans throughout the early 20th Century. The veterans were raising money for a Confederate Monument to be placed in downtown Fort Worth. This article showed Confederate Monuments were not the only monuments being considered.

MEMORIAL BUILDING  
TO KU KLUX KLAN  
PROPOSED TO VETS

Erection of a memorial to the Ku Klux Klan of the early days of the South, was proposed at the weekly meeting of the R. E. Lee Camp of Confederate Veterans Sunday afternoon in the basement of the Courthouse.

George Estes spoke of the work of the clan after the Civil War.

"This is an age of memorial erecting," stated a member of the camp, "and why not erect one to the Ku Klux?"

Several other addresses were made. Mose Donner and W. T. Shaw were among the speakers.

1920 January 12: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, TX showed a widowed George, a feed dealer, living with two of his adult children and a servant.

1922 December 29: George Everett Estes died in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, TX. He was buried at Oakwood Cemetery.
ESTES FUNERAL HELD:
FROM MULKEY CHURCH

Funeral services for George F. Estes, 81, who died at the family residence, 1507 West Broadway, Friday afternoon, were held at the Mulkey Memorial Methodist Church at 3 p.m. Saturday. Burial was in East Oakwood Cemetery.

He was born in Clark County, Mississippi, and spent the early part of his life in that community. In 1888 he came to Fort Worth from Mobile, Ala. He served four years with the Confederate Army in the Civil War as a member of Company A, Fourteenth Mississippi Regiment. He served as adjutant of the R. E. Lee camp of Confederate Veterans for several years.

He is survived by six daughters: Misses Mary and George Estes of Fort Worth, Miss Sallie Estes of Oakland, Cal., Mrs. J. R. Barrow of Madill, Okla., Mrs. W. O. Gatton of Amarillo, and Mrs. C. R. Dewees of San Francisco; one sister, Mrs. L. C. Hutchins, of Fort Worth; one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Charles A. Estes, and six grandchildren.

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