

George Earnest, b. 5/20/1762 Hanover Co., Va., son of George Earnest of St. Pauls Parish, where processioning of his lands is mentioned 1764, 1771 and 1779 in Vestry Book of St. Pauls Parish, Hanover Co., Va. by C. G. Chamberlayne. A deed of that co. gives name of his mother as "Rose." V. XXI, P. 63, Hanover Co. Deeds 5/11/1789, Samuel Earnest and Dolly, his wife, and Rose, his mother, of St. Pauls Parish, to Jane Hundley, 161 acres, being part of what was formerly land belonging to George Earnest.

George Earnest was living with his son, Elisha, in Meriwether Co., Ga. 1840, a Rev. War Pensioner, aged 78 years. George m. Catherine White, 4/26/1782 Louisa Co., Va., Catherine b. 4/11/1761, d. after 1845 when she lived Holly, Carroll Co., Ga., signing application for widow's pension. She was dau. of Col. William White, who signed her marriage certificate.

George Earnest enlisted at age of 16 as Pvt. soldier in Va. Infantry Militia and was at Hanover Court House, Va. in command of Capt. John Anderson Sildon, Maj. Pleasant, Lt. Samuel Earnest, Gen. L. Nelson, 5/1778. He made application for a military pension while in Meriwether Co., Ga. on 9/14/1833, aged 71, and was awarded \$34.88 per year. His application stated that he left Va. to Wilkes Co., Ga. where he lived in 1797 to 1803; thence to Jefferson Co. Ga. for 4 years; thence Clarke Co. 1807 to 1832; thence to Meriwether Co. Issue:

I. Hezekiah Geriah Earnest, a teacher who lived in Meriwether Co., Ga., later settling in Tenn. Assisted his mother in completing her application for widow's pension.

II. Elisha Earnest, b. 1/26/1797 Hanover Co., Va., listed 1840 Census of Meriwether Co., Ga. He d. Randolph Co., Ala. 4/2/1892, and m. Pressey Williams in Clarke Co., Ga. 1/22/1818, who was b. 3/6/1795, d. 3/8/1860 Carroll Co., Ga., bur. Smyrna Methodist Church. Issue:

1. Elisha Earnest, Jr., b. 1832 Clarke Co., Ga., d. of smallpox in a Confederate camp in Va. in 1862 soon after his enlistment in Carroll Co., Ga., m. Louisa McPherson. See below.

2. Thomas Richard Earnest, b. 12/16/1828 Clarke Co., Ga., m. 1/8/1852 Sarah Walker Grant, b. 11/20/1833 S. C., d. 1/9/1911, Carrollton, Ga., dau. of Gregory Grant and Lucinda H. Davis. Thomas d. 2/23/1907 Carrollton, Ga. and had a son, Matthew Gaston Earnest, b. 2/18/1873, Carrollton, Ga. m. 12/19/1900 Susie Matilda Pitman, b. 1/14/1884 Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga., d. 7/30/1959 Carrollton, Ga., the dau. of William Robert Pitman and Susie Matilda Pitman of Coweta Co. Matthew d. 5/15/1944 Carrollton, Ga.

[Elisha, Jr. had: Wm. Lewis, b. 1855; Charles Lewin, b. 1857; Hezekiah.]

III. George Earnest, listed 1790 Hanover Co., Va. Census.

IV. John Earnest of Jefferson Co., Ga., his estate, Jefferson Ann. Retns. V. B., P. 173, dtd 1/16/1832, John Vining, admr. He m. Susannah Vining 1812 Jefferson Co., Ga.

V. William V. Earnest lived Clarke Co., drew 1805 Ga. Land Lottery, from Warren Co. Ga.

**Thomas Richard Ernest**, born 12/16/1828 in Clarke County, Georgia, was listed on the 1880 Carroll County, Georgia Census, District 1152, as follows:

Thomas R. Ernest 51 GA farmer GA GA

Sarah W., wife, 46 GA GA GA

Thomas W., son, 23 GA GA GA, farmer

Benjamin F., son, 21 GA GA GA, farmer [www.georgiapioneers.com](http://www.georgiapioneers.com)

Hicks M., son, 19 GA GA GA, farmer

William R., son, 17 GA GA GA, farmer

Lucinda P., dau, 14 GA GA GA

Ella Jerusha, dau, 11 GA GA GA

Hezekiah, son, 9 GA GA GA

Matthew I., son, 7 GA GA GA