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My name is: Kerry Miller, NSWFD Past President 2012-2014.

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I'm representing the family line of: Warner Washington I, the eldest son of Lawrence Washington and Catherine Whiting. He is the primogeniture head of the Washington family, being the eldest son of the eldest son of the eldest son of Col. John Washington, the immigrant to America in his generation.

Ancestor orientation:

Date of birth: Sept. 22, 1722

Place of birth: Highgate, Gloucester Co., VA

He married Elizabeth Macon, daughter of Col. William Macon of New Kent Co. on Dec 1, 1747. The following year they had twins who died at birth, in 1749 a son, John, was born and lived to be 9, leaving their only living child, 8 y.o. Warner, Jr. who was born in 1750.

The ancestral home(s) and related facts like, location, what state, is it still there today, can you this location...:

Warner Sr lived at the family farm "Highgate" until shortly after the death of his wife, Elizabeth, in April 1763. About the time of his second marriage, in 1764, to Hannah Fairfax, the younger half-sister to Anne Fairfax, Warner acquired 1600 acres in Frederick Co. from his brother-in-law. It was during that time many other wealthy families had also migrated from the Tidewater area to the Shenandoah Valley. In 1784, Warner Sr. moved his wife and eight children to the beautiful mansion "Fairfield" which is near Berryville and now known to be in Clarke Co. VA, which separated from Frederick Co. Berryville became incorporated in 1798 and is currently the largest town in Clarke County. It was first settled in 1775 and was originally labeled as Battletown due to its rowdy taverns.

Fairfield was one of the homes of Warner Sr and Jr, which many of the NSWFD family members visited in 2000.

Occupation (example: farmer, lawyer, housewife):

Warner was a large landowner, had been appointed as a vestryman, and frequently held the office as magistrate in Frederick Co., from 1769 to about 1788. In 1776, he was one of the original trustees for the newly created town of Bath [Berkeley Springs]. He died at Fairfield on June 23, 1790.

How this ancestor is related to George Washington (example: cousin, GG father, brother, sister etc.):

Warner Sr's father was the older brother of George's father, Augustine, which made him the eldest first cousin of George Washington.

Historical significance, interesting facts, accomplishments, stories about the ancestor and their family:

Warner I and George frequently enjoyed one another's hospitality and often went fox hunting together. Warner provided supplies as a public service to aid in the American Revolution.

His eldest son, Warner Jr. is the direct ancestor to my nearest cousin Janice Ringold, Millie Hopkins and her family, the Crabtree family, and our NSWFD President Barbara Short and her siblings and cousins.

I'm sure there may be many other family members I failed to mention.