

## Richard Estes and Elizabeth Beck's Marriage Certificate

*The marriage certificate of Richard Estes and Elizabeth Beck. This is to certify ye truth to all people whom it may concern yt Richard Estes of ye Great Island in ye Province of NH and Elizabeth Beck of ye same Island and Province, they having declared there intentions of Marriage before two monthly meetings of ye people called Quakers and they quering between ye meetings wheather ye Man was clear from all other womenand ye Woman clear from all other men, found nothing to hinder their proceedings here in, and for as much ye sd Richard Estes who lived in England till the 11th day of the 7th mo., 1684. his clearness doth appear by a certificate certifed from ye People of God in Newington in East Kent in Old England. So all things being clear, a Meeting of ye people of God was appointed at which ye publick manifestations and confirmation of ye sd. marriage at our Meeting house at Dover, in ye Province of NH upon ye 23rd day of ye 4th mo., 1687, where ye sd Richard Estes and Elizabeth Beck did take each other in ye presents of God and his people according to ye laws of God and practice of his people mentioned in ye Scriptures of Truth they then and there both promising before God and us his people to live lovingly together as God unholdeth as man and wife till death seprate according to God's honerable marriage and they both setting theirhans unto itt and we witnesses unto ye same whose names are hereunto subscribed. Richard Estes, Elizabeth Estes, Tobia Hanson, Benj. Swett, Thomas Janney, John Hayton, John Borden, Humphry Varney, Job Smith, Timothy Hanson, Wm. Williams, John Hussey, Phila, Estes, Alice Sharpley, Eliza Hanson, Ester Rogers and Rebecca Hussey.*

Dover, Strafford County, New Hampshire  
April 23, 1687