

Eighty Eighth Regiment, third Brigade, and second Division of the said Militia, to rank as such agreeably to the number and date hereof.

In testimony whereof, these our letters are sealed with the Seal of the Commonwealth and made patent.

Witness John Page our
said Governor, at Richmond, this
13th day of July, 1805.

JOHN PAGE.

Registered.

SAM: COLEMAN."

At the time of his death, in 1808, he was Commissioner of Loans, a Federal office, which had been conferred upon him by President Thomas Jefferson. "Hon. John Page was, from his youth, a man of pure and unblemished life. He was a patriot, a statesman, a philosopher, and a Christian. From the commencement of the American Revolution to the last hour of his life, he exhibited a firm, inflexible, unremitting, and ardent attachment to his country, and rendered her very important services. His conduct was marked by uprightness in all the vicissitudes of life—in the prosperous and calamitous times through which he passed—in seasons of gladness and of affliction.

He was not only the patriot, soldier, and politician, the well-read theologian and zealous churchman—so that some wished him to take orders, with a view to being the first Bishop of Virginia—but he was a most affectionate domestic character."

He was born about the same year with Thomas Jefferson and Col. John Walker—the latter of Castle Hill and Belvoir, Albemarle County, Virginia.

Governor John Page married twice. He married, first, about 1765, Frances (called "Fannie"), daughter of Col. Robin Burwell, of Isle-of-Wight County, Virginia, and Sallie Nelson, his wife. The latter was the only child of Thomas Nelson (Scotch Tom), of Yorktown, York County, Virginia, and the widow Fannie Tucker (whose maiden name was Houston), of Bermuda-Islands, his second wife. Col. Robin Burwell was the brother of Betty Burwell, who was the wife of President Nelson.

Frances Burwell, first wife of Governor John Page, died in 1784, aged 37, and was buried at Rosewell, although no tombstone appears to have been erected to her memory. Three of their children died infants. Their names are unknown. The remaining nine were as follows, viz: