The History of the Estes family traces back through several generations in Italy. Below are basic details of those generations with some links for more info.

GAELTRAMN DUX
Birth estimated between 520 and 580
married to Onbekend Dux

AMALGAR de DIJON
Birth circa 585 Dijon, Côte-d'Or, Burgundy, France
Death circa 643 (50-66)Dijon, Côte-d'Or, Burgundy, France
Husband of Aquilina

LENDIFIUS (Alsatia) of ALSATIA
Birth circa 610 Lorraine, France
Death 680 (66-74)Brittany, France
Husband of Hultrude of Burgundy

ETICHO VON ELSASS, DUC d'ALSACE
Birth circa 645 Alsace, Bas-Rhin, France (Frankrijk)
Death February 20, 689 (40-48)Alsace, Lorraine, France
Husband of Berswinde d'Austrasie

ADALBERT
Birth circa 675 Alsace, France
Death December 5, 741 (62-70)Alsace, France

COUNT RICHBALD de LUCCA
Birth 690 Lucca, Toscana, Italy
Death January 15, 761 (71)Bayern, Germany

BONIFACIO I a FRANK d' LUCCA
Birth 725 Lucca, Toscana, Italy
Death 785 (60)Bayern, Germany

BONIFACIO II LIGURA d' LUCCA
Birth 775 Bayern, Germany
Death October 5, 823 (48)Lucca, Tuscany, Italy

BONIFACIO III MARGRAVE DE TUSCANY
Birth 810 Lucca, Toscana, Italy
Death circa 865 (51-59)Firenze, Toscana, Italy
Husband of Bertha d' Lucca
MARQUIS ADABERT d'ESTE, I
Birth 820 Lucca, Toscana, Italy
Death May 27, 886 (66)Lucca, Lucca, Toscana, Italy
Husband of Rothilde Rohaut of Spoleto
born 837, Spoleto, Umbria, Italy
She died around 27 May 884
Her parents were: Father Guido I Duke of Spoleto (~815-858) Mother Angiltrupe

DUKE ADALBERTO d'ESTE, II
Birth 860 Lucca, Tuscany, Italy
Death August 17, 915 (55)Lucca, Tuscany, Italy
Husband of Berthe P d'Este

ADALBERTO III MARGRAVE of ESTE
Birth 894 Este, Padua, Veneto, Italy
Death 955 Padova, Padua, Veneto, Italy

"Este, one of the oldest of the former reigning houses of Italy. It is in all probability of Lombard origin, and descended, according to Muratori, from the princes who governed in Tuscany in Carolingian times." - Encycl. Brit., ’56, 8:731. (Abalberto II & the next generations did not formally become margraves (marquises) until this title was acquired by Alberto Azzo II (who died ca. 1097) (he m. Kunitza or Cunegunda, sister of Welf III, Duke of Carinthia, and (2) Gersende, dau. of Herbert I, Count of Maine).

COUNT OBERTO I di TUSCANY AZZO
Birth 912, Italy
Death 15 Oct 975, Italy
Marquis of eastern Liguria and count of Luni, powerful feudal lord of 10th-century Italy under King Berengar II and the Holy Roman emperor Otto I. His descendants, the Obertinghi, founded several famous Italian feudal clans. Oberto was of a family that apparently arrived in Italy in the 9th century with Charlemagne, perhaps from Bavaria. Oberto acquired Genoa and Luni (east of Genoa) in 951, when Berengar seized Liguria and gave the eastern section to Oberto. Nine years later Oberto, dissatisfied with Berengar's rule, went to Germany with the bishop of Como and the archbishop of Milan to ask Otto to intervene in Italy. After Otto's conquest and coronation as Holy Roman emperor (962), he made Oberto count palatine, second only to himself in Italy. Four great families, the Este, Malaspina, Pallavicini, and Massa Parodi, are believed to have descended from Oberto's sons.
Married Guilla of Spoleto Death 1012, Italy
Her parents were: Father Boniface Count of Bologna, Mother Waldrada of Burgundy Wikipedia link

MARCHESI in OBERTO
Birth 955 Liguria, Genoa, Portugal
Death July 10, 1014 (59)Este, Padua, Veneto, Italy
married MARIA-RAILENDE DE COMO Wikipedia link

ALBERTO (Marquis Milan Este) of ESTE, I
Birth circa 970 in Padova, Padua, Veneto, Italy
Death January 2, 1029 Giebichenstein, Halle, Sachsen-Anhalt, Germany

Alberto I Azzo was a Margrave in Liguria. He established the Este family in the Veronese. Marquis of Modena, Marquis Ligurien, Marquis of Toscana. He was a member of the Obertenghi (or Adalbertini) family. Albert first appears in the historical record in 1011. On 10 May 1013, he was acting as a missus in Italy. In 1014, he inherited the counties of Luni, Tortona, Genoa, and Milan on his father's death. His holdings were extensive and both feudal and allodial. Albert and his brothers Hugh, Adalbert (IV), and Obizzo all carried the title margrave. Their sister Bertha married Arduin of Italy to ally the Anscarid and Obertenga families. Another sister named Bertha married Ulric Manfred II of Turin. Albert himself married Adelaide, a Salian and relative of Lanfranc, Count of Aucia. At first, Albert and his brothers supported their brother-in-law Arduin against the Emperor Henry II in the war for the Italian throne. In 1014, he did not oppose Henry's imperial coronation, but after Henry left in May, he sought to aid Arduin. After July, he confiscated Solingen, robbed the church, and assaulted Pavia, Vercelli, and Novara. In 1019, he reconciled with Henry, but in 1022, all four brothers were captured by Henry's forces and Albert submitted, receiving the iudiciaria (right of justice) in Monselice. In Spring 1026, Albert joined Ulric Manfred in defending Pavia from Conrad II. Married Adelaide Wikipedia link
Before his building project, Este was little more than a village. His son Welf IV d'Este (from his first marriage) moved to Germany, first to Carinthia and then to Bavaria, giving rise to one of the most important families in European history, the Guelphs. This in turn ultimately led to the ascension to the English throne in 1714 with George I of England. Another son Fulk I of Milan (from his second marriage) was the first for whom there is a documented of "Marquis d'Este."

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Birth 1247 in Milan, Italy  
He was the result of of an illegitimate relationship by his father  
Death 1293  
[Wikipedia link]

ALDOBRANDINO II d'ESTE  
Death 1326  
multiplied with Alda Rangoni  
[Wikipedia link]

OBIZZO III d'ESTE  
Birth July 14 1294  
death March 20 1352  
[Wikipedia link]

ALBERTO d'ESTE, MARQUIS OF FERRARA  
Birth 1347 in Milan, Italy  
Death 1393  
multiplied by GIOVANNE de'ROBERTI in 1391 who died in 1393 - remarried to ISOTTA DE ALBARESANI  
[Wikipedia link]

NICCOLO III DI ALBERTO d'ESTE  
Birth Nov 9, 1383 in Milan, Italy  
Married in 1397 at the age of 13 to Gigliolà da Carrara (also known as Julie de Carrara, daughter of Francesco II, ruler of Padua. She died of the plague in 1416. 2nd wife, Parisina Malatesta, daughter of Andrea Malatesta. He had her executed on 21 May 1425 for allegedly having an affair with his illegitimate son Ugo. He had at least 3 known wives and different mistresses. One of his longest lasting mistresses was Stella dei Tolomei detta dell'Assasino(1390 - 1419) who was mother to Leonnello.  
1441, December 26: Niccolo dies in the early morning after the Christmas feast. Many suspect poisoning, the suspicions go in various directions, of course also to the always suspected Filippo Visconti.  
[Wikipedia link]  
[Web Page for Niccolo]

LEONNELLO DI NICCOLO d'ESTE  
Born 21 SEP 1407 Milan, Italy  
Death 1 OCT 1450  
married(2nd marriage) in 1444 to Maria de Aragón, Princess of Aragón, illegitimate daughter of King Alfonso V of Naples  
[Wikipedia link]

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