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Virginia documents pertaining to Philip Barrant VAS2400
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Mr. Fra Barrant/ 3^d Aug't 1779/ rec'd 26 July 1780
London Aug'st 3^d 79

Dr Brother [Mr Dan'l Barrant/ Smithfield Virginia]

I am Extremely happy in being an Instrum't of informing you of ye Safe Arrival of your dear Son Phill & Mr Hansford [Cary H. Hansford R14850] in perfect health. I am Likewise happy they Left you all in health; Pray God preserve you so for a long Period. You may rest assur'd nothing shall (as far as my Abilities) be wanting in making their stay with us agreeable — I hope you will Instantly on Receipt of this send me a line, for your dear Son is very Anxious to hear from you.— this Even'g they go to a play & tomorrow I shall introduce him to Brother Phil. Next Sunday my two Sons will be at home & then I shall be a prince; for I shall make no Distinction between them, for it will be ye Same with y'r dear Son & Mr Hansford as my own Sons. We shall then Drink to ye whole tribe of Dan — I am happy you have Married our two Daughters so well. God Send still Greater Comforts to you.

Your Son, Mr Hansford & my family joins for Every happiness to await you, so prays your Sincere
F Barrant

Pray don't fail Writing me directly – Excuse ye shortness of this, as I have but just time to say your Good Son is safe

I went with y'r Son to Mess'rs Karbury[?] & Lloyd but both these Gent'n was out of town & so is Col. Kantor[?].

[Punctuation partly corrected]

Dear Brother
Daniel
Rathbone Place
No 27 near Soho Square
Feb'ry 26 1781

I cannot let my Nephew Philip; leave England without Sending you a line; by him; I have as you have, had the misfortune, among Others, to loose the Coat of Arms I Sent you. I have given mine to Philip for you, wich at your Decease you will give them to my Nephew. I hope he will arive safe home that you may have that satisfaction to Embrace your son again. I realy think he firmly answers the Character you gave me of him. I do think him truly Deserving the Character; he is an Amiable young man, and I heartily wish him all the success he can wish and Desire; when he comes to be in Practice in his Profession, and heartily Pray God to Bless his Endeavours. Mr Hansford I truly believe to be as deserving and wish him well; we are all tolerable well in health; times are hard at Present little buissness and money very scarc; to be sure we have not the seat of war among us thank God; but all Articles of life very dear – hope times will get better when they are at the worst. I do not Care how soon; it is much wish'd for by Thousands it is Distressing. I wish heartily the war was at an End. Pray let me hear from you as often as you Can, as I am Anxious to know if you now live in Peace and Comfort; it will allways be a great Pleasure and Satisfaction to me and all of us to hear it. Dear Brother we all Join in love to you my Sister and all your Family; wishing you all health and happiness, wich I Pray God to grant you all and believe me to be your

Affectionate Brother/ Ph'p Barrant

Admiral Taylor is dead we told your Son of it; he depart'd this life Jan'y 16 1781 therefore my Sister Gregory [undeciphered word] or Robert Gregorys wife wich was Miss Taylor & her daughter miss Gregory a young lady of twelve years of Age all live together

Mr Phil. Barrant/ 26 Feb'y 1781

Ans'd 15 My 1783 with [undeciphered] way, in Frank's Letter

London/ Mr Fra. Barrand/ 17 Feb'y 1782/ rec'd 8 June 1783

London Feb 17th 82/ Rec'd 2 June 1783 DB

Dear Brother [Dan'l Barrand/ Smithfield Virginia] It is Long Since I have rec'd a line from you. What ye Cause of it I know not, But as many here have heard from their friends, makes me very unhappy. I really do wish that I may once more have ye satisfaction of knowing you all are yet alive & Well – if there is a possibillity of Conveying me a Line for God Sake embrace it. – the two Amiable young men (Phil & Cary) when here was Witnesses of my Concerns for you & yours — it Gave me great joy to hear that those good young men were safe at Philadelphia ye 1st of Aug't Last. Mr Taylor of Antigua inform'd me of their Safety — If any Conveyance offers to write you I shall always embrace it & I hope to hear that this will reach you — I hope ye Little Matters I sent by Phil will be acceptable to you & when you View them think of Poor Me

The Good Y'g Men promis'd to Write me, but I have rec'd no Letter – Surely some one of you might favor me with a line to put away my apprehensions & that you are alive &c.

Mr Garlick Leaves here in a day or two for Lisbon for preserving of his health. [undeciphered word] his kindness you receive this [two illegible lines]

My Love & best Wishes attend you & may God bless your Latter Days better than y'r first, prays
y'r Affet'te F Barrand

Mr E Taylor returns to Antigua in ye Spring, Leaves his lady & Chil'n at Liverpool till ye End of ye year Pleast tell Mr Tar[?] I sent him a Watch some time since, I hope he has rec'd it. I should be glad to know

I John Tankard [S48512] of the County of Northampton Virg'a, being called on to ascertain, as accurately as I can, the time when & how long, Doctor P. Barrand of Norfolk, rendered servicis, during the Revolution, in the medical line, do hereby certify & solemnly vouch, that the following circumstances, to the best of my knowledge, are just & true, viz, that I the said Tankard began the study of Medicine, in the city of Wmsburg [Williamsburg VA], under John M. Galt [John Minson Galt R14353] about 2 months, before the declaration of Independence, and that Philip Barrand, entered into the same shop, about the same time, also as a student – that the s'd Jno M Galt was then, or soon after appointed a surgeon in the state, military, hospital, and that the said P Barrand, acted as one of his mates; it may not be superfluous, to add, that Dr Jas McClurg [James McClurg] was the Director Gen'l of all the State military hospitals, & had the power of appointing, both Galt & Barrand, and moreover, I the s'd Tankard, am firmly convinced that the s'd Barrand was in the service of the Public as above stated, because he was allowed to draw goods from the public stors a prevelled [privilege], which I had not, as I was only a private student. That the said Tankard cannot with any degree of precision ascertain, how long the said Barrand officiated as above stated, but is under the impression that he certainly did so, till he and Cary H. Hansford, left this Country to prosecute their studies in Europe. That as to the transactions of said P. Barrand, after his return I can say but little about them. I can only say with certainty that I met with him at the siege of York [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]—but being stationed 8[?] miles from that place at a Hospital, I had no opportunity, of learning the servicis he might have rendered there by inoculating &c. But it now strikes my mind that he assisted Dr McClurg, in attend'g some soldiers with the small-pox, at Hampton before he went to Europe—Not long after the siege of York, I left Virginia went to the West Indies & was there when peace took place – In witness whereof the said Tankard doth hereunto set his hand & seal, this 21st of August 1832.

Aged 73

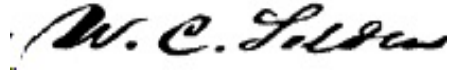
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J. Tankard

I fear it will be difficult to read the above, my vision being impaired, and I cant obtain [several illegible words]

Leesburg April 17th 1833

Sir [D. C. Barrand, Esq.] Your letter of the 10th Inst. has just been received. I am sorry that it is not in my power to give you such additional facts as will strengthen your military claim. I think your father & Dr Hansford went to Europe in the summer of 79. but I was wholly unacquainted with the period at which he entered the Army. I am induced however from circumstances to conclude that his appointment must have been in '80, when I was with the Army in Carolina. I will examine some old papers long since laid by, & if I find any thing to aid your claim, you shall immediately hear from me.

Respectfully/ Y'r fr. & serv't
W. C. Selden
[Wilson Cary Selden S4815]



Questions propounded to Jno Tankard of Northampton C'y Virg respecting the services of Doc'r P. Barrand & Cary H. Hansford during the Revolutionary War

Quest'n 1st When you say , in the 1st line of your deposition (dated on 31 1833) in the 1st Page that the said Philip Barrand, acted as one of his Mates what do you mean? Do you mean to say that he was the official mate, of Doctor Galt; or only performed the duties of one.

Answer to Quest 1st—When I said that Philip Barrand, acted as his mate & the mate of s'd Dr Galt, I meant that the s'd words, should be understood accord'g to the common or usual, acceptation of the words, at that time, viz, that the s'd Barrand, was put into office, as an Official Mate, or Assistant to the Surgeon Galt. It never entered into my head, that that he was perform'g the duties of an Official Mate, during several years, when at the same time, he was not one in every sense of the word. I believe that neither he nor Galt was entitled to a commission. They belonged I think to what is called in the British service the warrant of staff Department

Question the 2^d

Can you state with any degree of precision when the Dr. P. Barrand & Cary H. Hansford embarked for Europe?

Answer the 2^d I suppose the s Doc'r Barrand & Hansford, left Wmsburg sometime in the year 1779 & that I was then absent – for I have no recollection of the time when the, certainly did so nor can I say precisely when they afterwards, departed for Europe.

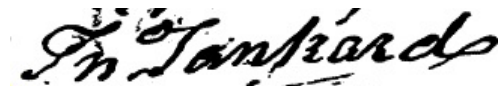
But if due weight be given to the testimony, which may be obtained from the London Letters, I think it will fully compensate for what I lack with respect to length of time, & fully justify, the claim for 3 years service, which is your main desideration.

Question the 3^d— When you say Page the 1st 4 lines from the bottom, that you can only say with certainty that I met Doct'r Barrand, at the seige of York &c, do you not mean to convey the idea, that the Doctor was there, engaged in medical service, though you know not, in what exact capacity.

Answer the 3^d to Quest'n 3^d

The meetin of Doctor Barrand took place in Wmsburg & was entirely accidental. Our conversation was short and I cannot remember the topic – but I can very well remember, that soon afterwards, I was attacked by a violent fever, & my death was expected, for several weeks – When I recovered he was gone & I cannot say now whether he proceeded to the army before york & acted as a surgeon there or only went as many did, to witness the important surrender.

as to your Fathers name being cacterd[?] from the books I do not wonder at it because they were at that time generally loose in doing business & therefore thought it of little importance, whither or not yours Father name was contained in the [undeciphered word] rendered. I myself towards the close of the war, received several payments, by the hand of Doctor Pope the Director, & nevertheless, Mr Mays tells me that my name cannot be found more than one, in the Paymasters books – Giving under my hand & seal, this 11 of Jan'y 1834



Washington January the 29th 1834

Dear Sir Your letter has been before me for several days without my being able to give it that attention, which it deserves, and which I shall ever be disposed to bestow on any subject that interests yourself and family.

As it relates to the revolutionary service of your father, I can only say that of my own personal observation I knew but little, but from the frequency of our intercourse and repeated conversations which past between us, I am under the impression, that he was engaged as a surgeons mate until he went to europe, that his going there was sanctioned by the government, or he never could have been received with the army on his return and that he was so received I am confident, for I saw him in smithfield before the siege of york,

He went from smithfield to St Eustacia and from thence to St Kitts where he saw a british 50 gun ship burnt by accident in the evening of his arrival, and from that he went to Antigua when embarked for england.

If this testimony can be of any service to you, let me know and I will put in the form of an affidavit and send it as you direct.

With Respect and Esteem/ I am you friend & servant

James Barron [W12264]

[several undeciphered words]



This is to certify, that the Impressions of my mind at this moment are, that Dr. Barrand, late of the Boro of Norfolk, Va. was a Surgeon, or Surgeons Mate in the Continatal Revolutionary Army. I was in the same service as a Soldier and frequently heard of Dr Barrand, but do not know to what Regiment he was attached, or what his first name was. Indeed, I knew many of the Officers and Soldiers of that Day, though their names are lost to me; yet many of the circumstances realative to them are fresh in my memory.

Witness my Hand, this 30th Day of Jan. 1834 at Portsmouth Virginia

Jesse Nicholson [S5832]



Dear Sir [Gov. John Floyd] Mr Otway Barrand tells me, he is prosecuting a claim for Land Bounty on behalf of the heirs of his late Father Dr Philip Barrand, and thinks that a statement of some circumstances, from me, would advance it. Without presuming to judge what influence such a statement as I can give, should have on the claim, I do not think myself at liberty to withhold it, and I must therefore put you to the trouble of reading this communication.

Personally, I have no knowledge of the services of Dr Barrand in the revolutionary army, or of the incidents to which I am about to refer. My age is not such as would carry memory back to those events. But Dr P Barrand was my maternal uncle; there existed between us from my college days, the greatest intimacy, and from him and other members of our family, I have often heard the circumstances I am about to relate.

Dr Philip Barrand, and my paternal uncle Cary H. Hansford, I have always understood were students of Medicine in Williamsburg, under Dr John Galt. They were also under him, engaged in some medical service in the Army or Hospitals – but at what time they were then engaged, and how long the engagement continued, or in what character it was performed, or whether they commenced or terminated their services at the same time, I am entirely uninformed.

I have always understood that these two gentlemen afterwards, and during the war sailed from Virginia for the West Indies, with a view of getting to England to pursue their medical studies; that they were captured, went to Antigua, from thence to England, and remained in England a year or two prosecuting their Medical Studies; and that they returned together to the United States during the War. I know the dates of none of these events.

I have seen five small volumes, purporting to be a journal, commencing 20th March 1779 from Smithfield Virginia towards the West India Islands, which purports to contain a diary of events from that

time, till the return of the writer to Smithfield. I have no doubt that these are the original Journals kept by Cary H Hansford. From this it appears that they leaned, on their return, on the 16th July 1781.

I have thrown these statements into a letter, instead of an affidavit, because I am confined by indisposition, and cannot conveniently swear to it. I hope you will excuse it. If it be needful I will attest it in due form.

I am, Dear Sir,/ Very Respectfully,/ Your Obed't St
Robert Taylor

To the Governor & Council of Virginia

In again calling your attention to the claim of my late father Dr Philip Barrand of Norfolk I beg leave to submit a very few remarks. The only affidavit originally filed was that of Dr Jno Tankard of the E. Shore my father's early & intimate friend to the day of his death some three years since. That affidavit was indorsed by a very short & hasty confirmation of Com'e. [Commodore] James Barron. Finding this evidence deemed insufficient I obtained a Copy of it from the Executive Office & transmitted it to Dr Tankard to receive his own explanation which is herewith submitted. Commodore Barron has also favoured me with a fuller & more satisfactory statement of what was intended by his endorsement of Dr Tankard's Affidavit which is also submitted. In addition to which I submit an affidavit of Mr Jesse Nicholson an old Revolutionary soldier & now the Post Master in Portsmouth and a statement of Judge Robert B. Taylor of Norfolk, accompanying a Diary of my maternal uncle Dr Cary H. Hansford [not in file] to whom you have awarded Land Bounty as a Mate.

I also submit an extract from the [undeciphered word] Journal [not transcribed] shewing that Dr Hansford received a warrant for pay as late as 10th Feb'y 1779 & other extracts shewing payments to Dr. John Galt & his mate – The first extract going to shew the time of my father's service in connection[?] with Dr Tankard affidavit & the last confirming his evidence that my father was Dr Galts mate since the record proves he had a mate & Tankard affirming my father to have been that mate

All which is Respectfully submitted/ Otway R. Barrand
Richmond Feb'y 8th 1834

This claim is again rejected

L. W T. [Gov. Littleton Waller Tazewell]
July 22 1834