

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Cary H. Hansford ¹ R14850

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[p 2: Power of attorney dated September 21, 1847 executed in New York, New York by Maria T Hansford and William P Hansford authorizing their attorney Felix Richards of Richmond Virginia to pursue the claims due from the state of Virginia and the United States on account of the revolutionary services of "Surgeons Mate of Navy Cary H Hansford"

Maria T Hansford

Wm P Hansford

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[p 4: Power of attorney dated April 25, 1849 given in Norfolk, Virginia by William B Lamb Sergeant of the City of Norfolk and administrator of the estate of Cary H Hansford deceased, authorizing Felix Richards of Richmond Virginia as his attorney to pursue the claims against the state of Virginia and the United States on account of the revolutionary services of "Surgeon's Mate Cary H Hansford Virginia state line"

given day of april 1849.
William B. Lamb
Sergeant of the city of Norfolk
& adm^r of the Estate of Cary H. Hansford



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Virginia: – City of Norfolk 24th of April 1849

I hereby certify that the following announcement: – "Died on Thursday last, Dr. Cary H Hansford, and eminent physician; and one of the Alderman of this Borough, of a short and painful illness –" is published in the Norfolk Herald on the date of Saturday the 31st of October, of the year 1801, which paper is now in the possession of Thomas G Broughton & son, of this city.

S/ R. G. Broughton

¹ Va. Half Pay

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State of Virginia: Norfolk Borough

At a Hustings Court held the 25th day of January 1802

On the motion of Judith Hansford who made oath and together with Robert Taylor and Philip Barrand her Securities entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of thirty thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs; Certificate for obtaining letters of administration on the Estate of Cary H Hansford deceased is granted to the said Judith Hansford in due form.

A copy

Test

S/ John Williams, CC

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I Elizabeth Martin of Norfolk aged seventy-five years and upwards, do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Doctors Cary Hansford and Jonathan Calvert. They were both students of medicine with Doctors Taylor and Ramsay, and afterwards entered the Land or Naval service of Virginia during the Revolutionary war, as Surgeon's mates Affiant is quite confident as early as 1778; She knows nothing of their service, nor how long they continued in the Army or Navy, but she is certain they were actively employed after the siege of York Town in 1781. After the war Doctor Hansford resided in Norfolk, and was a position of high eminence, he died many years ago, and left an only son who is also deceased.

S/ Elizabeth Martin

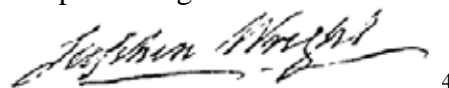
Handwritten signature of Elizabeth Martin in cursive script, with a small number '2' at the end.

[Attested in Norfolk Virginia August 2, 1832]

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I Stephen Wright³ do hereby certify and make known that I was an officer of militia during the War of the Revolution; That immediately after the siege of York in the year 1782, I marched with a detachment of state troops and militia from Portsmouth in Virginia, to the County of Princess Anne, which detachment was sent there under the command of Major Dick of Colonel Dabney's Regiment then quartered in the said town of Portsmouth; after scouring the country in quest of Tory deserters, we at length came up with a person of this description, and in endeavoring to make his escape, he was fired upon by an advanced platoon, and the man fell badly wounded. There was no surgeon attending the detachment, but Major Dick sent off an express to head quarters, and in a short time Doctor Cary Hansford appeared and dressed up the wounds of the person who was shot. Doctor Hansford after the war established himself at Norfolk, as a physician of high eminence, and continued to reside in Norfolk until his death.

S/ Stephen Wright

Handwritten signature of Stephen Wright in cursive script, with a small number '4' at the end.

² Signature taken from the original which appears in the file indexed "Cary Hansford" in the Virginia State Library of Virginia online collection at [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)

³ [Stephen Wright R11907](#)

⁴ Signature taken from the original which appears in the file indexed "Cary Hansford" in the Virginia State Library

[Attested in Norfolk August 23, 1832]

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This is to certify that it appears from a list in this office of such officers and soldiers of the Virginia State line during the Revolutionary War as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November session 1781, that a certificate issued on the 2nd day of November 1784, in the name of Cary Hansford as a surgeon's mate for £25.8.0 which certificate appears to have been delivered to himself.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's office, Richmond, this 3rd day of December 1832
S/ Jas. E. Heath, Auditor

This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such officers and soldiers of the Virginia State line during the Revolutionary War as settled their accounts, and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of Assembly passed the November Session 1781, that a certificate issued on the 9th day of May 1783, in the name of Cary H Hansford as a surgeon's mate for £113.4.0 which certificate appears to have been delivered to himself.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office Richmond, this 3rd day of December 1832
S/ Jas. E. Heath, Auditor

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Virginia

At a Court held for Norfolk County on the 17th day of December 1832

The Court doth certify upon satisfactory evidence, that Maria T Hansford and William P Hansford are the only heirs at law of Cary H Hansford who was a surgeon's mate in the Revolutionary War and entitled to his land bounty in the proportion of one fourth thereof to the said Maria and three fourths to the said William P Hansford.

Copy

Test S/ William H Wilson, CC

A copy of a paper on file in the Virginia Land Office, by virtue of which warrant No. 7302 for 4000 acres issued to the said Maria T and William P Hansford, which said warrant was delivered to James E Heath, Esquire.

Test S/ S H Parker, Reg. L. Office

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 6-page file, but its contents are transcribed above. This file contains images of the originals of the affidavits of Elizabeth Martin and Stephen Wright.