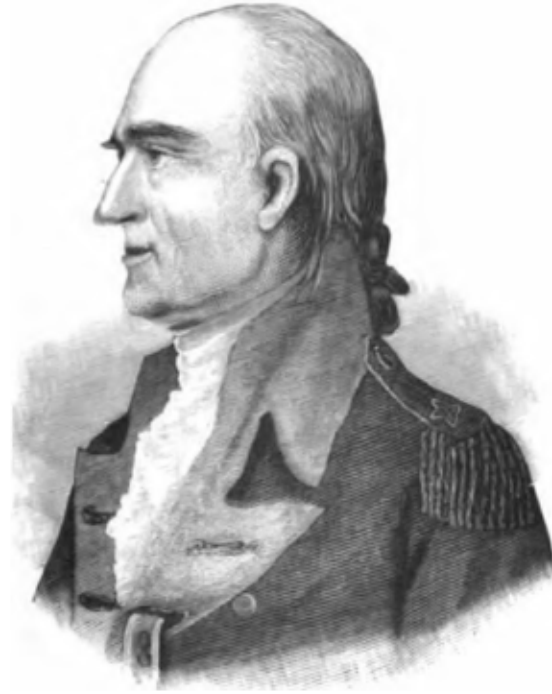


GEN. EDWARD HAND was born at Elzduff, Kings County, province of Leinster, Ireland, Dec. 31, 1744 and died at his farm, "Rockford," near Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 3, 1802. In 1767 he was appointed by George III. surgeon of the Eighteenth Royal Irish Regiment of foot, and sailed with the regiment from Cork on May 20th of the same year, arriving in Philadelphia July 11th. He was ensign of the same regiment, his commission bearing date 1772. He went with his regiment to Fort Pitt, and returned to Philadelphia in 1774, resigning his commission, and receiving a regular discharge from the British service. The same year he came to Lancaster, with recommendations, in order to practice his profession, and the following year married Catharine (1751-1805), daughter of Capt. John Ewing (1727-1754) and Sarah Yates



*Edw. Hand, Gen. Sur.*

(1731-1823), a sister of Judge Yates, of Lancaster. In 1775 he entered the Continental service, and left Lancaster as lieutenant-colonel First Battalion Pennsylvania Rifemen, with his commission dated June 25th of that year. He was on Prospect Hill on August 20th, when the battalion distinguished itself. He was raised to the rank of brigadier-general in 1777, subsequently to adjutant-general, and held this rank at the battle of Yorktown, marching back with the troops to Philadelphia, where they were dismissed. In 1785, Gen. Hand was elected to the lower branch of the Pennsylvania Legislature, and in 1789 he was a delegate from Lancaster County to the convention that amended the first State Constitution. He was a member of the Continental Congress in 1784 and 1785, as a Federalist. In 1798 he was appointed major-general in the Provisional army. Gen. Hand was an intimate friend of Gen. Washington, and had his full confidence during the entire struggle of the colonies for independence, as the following letter attests, and he was one of the original members of the "Order of Cincinnati:"

"MOUNT VERNON, JAN. 14th, 1784.

"DEAR SIR,—When I left Philadelphia I hoped to have had the pleasure of seeing you at Annapolis before my departure from thence, and to have had an opportunity (previous to my resignation) of expressing to you personally, amongst the last acts of my Official life, my entire approbation of your public conduct, particularly in the execution of the important duties of Adjutant General.

"Notwithstanding I have been disappointed in that expectation, and have it now in my power only as a private character to make known my sentiments and feelings respecting my military friends, yet I cannot decline making use of the first occasion after my retirement of informing you, my dear Sir, how much reason I have had to be satisfied with the great zeal, attention, and ability manifested by you in conducting the business of your Department, and how happy I should be for an opportunity of demonstrating my sincere regard and esteem for you. It is unnecessary, I hope, to add with what pleasure I should see you at this place, being, with great truth,

"My dear Sir,

"Y<sup>r</sup> real friend &

"Most Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

"G<sup>o</sup> WASHINGTON.

"THE HON<sup>ble</sup>

"GEN<sup>l</sup> HAND."

His children were: Sarah (1775-1850), wife of Samuel Bethel, of Columbia; Dorothy (1777-1862), wife of Edward Brien (1769-1816), a native of Ireland, County Tyrone, and an iron-master at the Martie Iron-Works in Lancaster County; Mary (1786-1880), died unmarried, at New Haven, Conn.; Edward, born in 1792, died at Havana; Jasper, born in 1784; and John (1782-1807).

The children of Edward Brien are: Edward, died

in Lancaster in 1834; Harriet; Sarah Bethel, born in 1810, is the widow of Henry Rogers (1803-1868), a lawyer of Lancaster, and brother of Judge Rogers of the same city; Henry, died in Madeira at the age of twenty-one; and Catharine.

The children of Henry Rogers and Sarah Bethel Brien are: Anna Russum, wife of Edward Reilly, of New York; Sarah Hand, died; Catharine Brien, wife of Dr. John L. Atlee, Jr., of Lancaster; Mary Hand, died; Harriet Dorothea, wife of Washington W. Hopkins, a lawyer at Port Deposit, Md.; and Edward Brien Rogers, deceased.

One of Col. Hand's aides-de-camp was Jasper Ewing, nephew of Hon. Jasper Yeates, of Lancaster. The adjutant of the regiment was David Zeigler, of Lancaster County, severely wounded at the battle of Long Island, Aug. 27, 1776; retired from the army Jan. 1, 1783; died at Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 24, 1811, aged sixty-three. Frederick Hubley, of Lancaster borough, was appointed quartermaster.

Among the list of company commanders are found the following of Lancaster County, viz.: Capt. Matthew Smith, Capt. James Ross, Capt. James Hamilton (taken prisoner Nov. 2, 1777; promoted to major Second Pennsylvania Dec. 10, 1778), and Capt. (afterwards major) Henry Miller. Capt. Ross was promoted to major of the regiment, Sept. 25, 1776, and to lieutenant-colonel March 12, 1777, and transferred to the Eighth Pennsylvania. Ross' promotion to major over the heads of senior officers caused Capt. Smith to resign Dec. 5, 1776. Capt. Cluggage, of Bedford County, also resigned for the same reason. The only rolls found of any of the above-named companies are the following incomplete ones of the companies of Capt. Ross and Miller, viz.:

CAPT. JAMES ROSS' COMPANY.

*Captains.*

Ross, James, promoted major Sept. 25, 1776.

Holliday, John, from first lieutenant of Cluggage's company Sept. 25, 1776.

*First Lieutenant.*

Zanck, Jacob, resigned Oct. 1, 1776, resided in Lancaster County in 1814.

*Second Lieutenant.*

Hubley, Frederick, promoted first lieutenant and quartermaster.

*Sergeants.*

Francy, James.

Ward, John.

*Privates.*

Anderson, Adam, May 1, 1776.

Allsworth, Ludwig, July 16, 1778.

Allison, Thomas, July 23, 1776.

Barnett, Joseph, May 1, 1778.

Bellor, George, re-enlisted May 1, 1776, for three years; wounded at Paul in the shoulder; residing at Marietta in 1835, aged eighty seven.

Cameron, Angus, Feb. 14, 1777.

Gairbaird, Hugh, Feb. 12, 1777.

Carrill, John, March 4, 1777.

Gamble, Michael, Feb. 15, 1777.

Collins, Robert, May 4, 1776.

Gorman, James, March 4, 1777.

Connelly, John, May 6, 1776.

Gritsen, James, May 1, 1778.

Decker, Henry, May 1, 1776.

Grimes, William, May 8, 1776.

Delwich, Costner, May 1, 1776.

Hagen, William, March 4, 1777.

Dillner, William, May 5, 1776.

Hagerty, Henry, July 16, 1776.

Dorsh, Frederick, July 11, 1776.

Hartnes, James, Feb. 1, 1777.

Dugan, Michael, May 9, 1776.

Hoover, Albright, May 10, 1776.

Foulke, Solomon, July 17, 1776.

Hoover, Felix, March 4, 1777.

Francy, John, May 8, 1776.

Keller, Andrew, March 4, 1777.