

Notes for Roots Chat, Jan.2016. Re.1. Major James Brand, 2. Brigadier James Edward Brand, 3. Lt/Dr. James Brand.

1. Major James Brand, 1718-1746.

[Not James *Edward* Brand]. He was the son of Robert Brand, wright, in Brocklaw, Mearns, Kincardineshire. Ref. Baps, Bervie 27 March 1718, 254/00/0010/0042

Taken on as apprentice by Alexander Brand, watchmaker in Edinburgh, [1685-1760], on 19 July 1732. Refs. 'Old Scottish Clockmakers.'....Donald Whyte, 2005, Minutes of Edr. Hammermen, City Archives, ED8, 5 Aug.1732, Edinburgh Apprentices 1701-1755.

Not known if he completed his apprenticeship, or whether he left to join the Army, and became a Major in Bagot's Hussars, [who were largely recruited from farmers' sons in Kincardine.] before the 1745 rebellion.

Captured after Culloden [1746], tried for treason and executed at Gallowhill, Carlisle, 18 October 1746.

2. Major James *Edward* Brand.

Died in India in 1757. Date and/ or place of birth not known, but given in other researchers' notes as 1699 or 1702. However this could not be verified in 'Scotland's People' therefore parentage not yet defined.

Thought possibly a son of Alexander Brand [watchmaker, 1685 - 1760] maybe by an earlier liason in his late teens, before his later marriage to Margaret Tarbet in 1711 and subsequent well – documented family up to last daughter b.1723. Ref. OPR's, Edinburgh Baptisms.

The Testament Dative of James Edward Brand can be seen at the Scottish National Archives and is dated 3 Jan. 1772, Ref. CC 8/8/122, or is available 'on-line' via Scotland's people. This was given up by Williamina Clidsdale [nee Brand], the eldest daughter of Alexander Brand, [b. 30 July 1713], who is interestingly described as the '*sister germane*' to James Edward Brand. [? Why so described.....hence theory in above paragraph.]

He was sometime Commander of the German Brigade in his own name, under M. de Bussy in the French E. India company. He died in 1757, in the Province of Chicocol, at a place called St. Auriut.

Therefore *not* the Major James Brand , executed at Carlisle, 1746.

This addition of the name 'Edward' appears to have arisen in an erroneous obituary written in America after the death of Dr./Lt. James Brand in 1795, Ref. McdonaldBrand, p.c. 2012.

3. Lt/Dr. James Brand, 1722-1795.

The son of Alexander Brand, watchmaker, by his wife Margaret Tarbet, who he married 23 Nov. 1711, ref. Edinburgh Marriages. He was baptised 3 March 1722, ref. OPR Edinburgh, 685/01 0170 0050. Apprenticed to his father about 1737.

Espoused the Jacobite cause, perhaps influenced by his older 'cousin' James from Kincardine, [who had been pprenticed in 1732], and who later became a Major in Bagot's Hussars, was found guilty of Treason and came to a very sticky end on October 18th, 1746 at Carlisle.

Lt. James Brand achieved this rank in Lord Kilmarnock's Squadron, and was captured near Moffat in 1745. Taken to Carlisle he was interrogated by General Wade, then imprisoned at Newgate, London.

Later deported from Liverpool in April 1747 on the ship 'Gildart', he arrived at Potomack, Virginia, on the 5th August. He was sold to a Plantation Owner, William Samuel Hunter, on a ten-year bond, but managed to return to Scotland, qualify as a Doctor, and return to Virginia, where he married Mary Ann Hunter. He founded a new dynasty there and died in 1795, aet.73.

Ref. Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia, Google e-book, p.206, 26, January 1795 . Also p.c. from mcdonaldbrand, 2012, who is a direct-line descendant of Lt/Dr . James Brand, presently living in U.S.A.