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negroes; cattle, etc. Evidences: Deposition 31 Oct. 1788 London by Frances Graham, claimant's wife, that her husband settled Mulberry Plantation on her before he left Ga.; she claimed for it after the peace, to no avail. Claimant's negroes were taken to E. Fla. to be settled, but he has been obliged to remove them to W. I. (A013/35/132-206).

GRAHAM, THOMAS (X), Johnstown, Tryon Co., N. Y. Memorial, 1 Mar. 1786. Claim: House; eight acres in Kingsborough Patent. (A013/13/89).

GRAHAM, THOMAS, Tryon Co., N. Y. Served as soldier in 2nd Battalion of King's Royal Regt. of N. Y. Memorial, undated. Claim: 50 acres held on lease from Sir John Johnson; two cows, etc. (A013/13/90).

GRAHAM, WILLIAM, Va. Native of Scotland; went to Va. in 1763 and succeeded to a large legal practice on death of person by whom he was instructed. Built up his position and at beginning of war was H. M. Attorney for Middlesex Co., Va. Rebels dismissed him from this office and from bar of Gloucester Co. in 1780; having suffered disease, he took passage in American vessel to W. I. but was taken by a British privateer and landed in Bermuda, where he took asylum until the peace. While in Va. dysentery had brought him near to death; has since suffered badly from rheumatism. Arrived in England from Bermuda May 1783 and has remained since. Memorials 19 Feb. 1784 and 24 Mar. 1784 St. Marylebone, London. Claim: Loss of earnings. Evidences: Deposition 15 Mar. 1784 London by Thomas Corbin that claimant lived in deponent's father's family until 1778. Certificate 17 Mar. 1784 Bloomsbury by George Bruere, Gov. of Bermuda, that claimant arrived in Bermuda in 1780 and was Attorney-General there. (A013/29/701-711, 30/411-424).

GRANT, ALEXANDER, Portsmouth, Va. Built house at Portsmouth in 1781 next to William Hargraves' buildings with adjacent lumber yard. With Cornwallis' Army went to Little York, opened grocery store there and joined volunteer company of merchants. During the siege, his house at York Town was used for wounded officers; he put his goods in a locke cellar, but it was broken open and looted. When at N. Y. May 1783, was undecided whether to go to Britain or N. S., but has now settled in the latter. Memorial 5 Apr. 1786 Shelburne. Claim: Houses and stores. Evidences: Depositions 6 Apr. 1786 Shelburne by John Herbert and Joshua Wise that they knew claimant in Portsmouth; 7 Apr. 1786 Shelburne that they knew claimant and saw property taken from his cella: in York Town. Rejected. (A013/25/190-192).

GRANT, ALEXANDER (X), Tryon Co., N. Y. Memorial 1 Mar. 1786. Claim: Cow and clothing. (A013/13/91).

GRANT, ALEXANDER, Tryon Co. , N. Y. Served as Sgt. in 2nd Battalion of King's Royal Regt. of N. Y. Memorial 1 Mar. 1786. Claim: 100 acres held on lease from Sir John Johnson; house; horses; cattle, etc. (A013/13/92-93).

GRANT, ALEXANDER, Tryon Co. , N. Y. , deceased, by Duncan (X) Grant. Memorial, now of Quebec, 2 Mar. 1786. Claim: House; five acres, etc. (A013/13/94).

GRANT, ALEXANDER, Fredericksburg, Dutchess Co. , N. Y. , deceased, by widow Sarah Grant. Left his home in N. Y. when Boston was evacuated and joined Army at Halifax; was appointed Maj. in N. Y. Volunteers at Staten Island, but was afterwards killed in attack on Fort Montgomery. Claimant and her five children were stripped of everything by rebels; had not even a change of linen left to them when sent from N. Y. to N. S. , where they now live in great poverty. Memorial, undated. Claim: 600 acres on east side of Catskill Mountains, house and mills; 3400 acres on west side of mountains (both lying in Albany Co. , N. Y.). Evidences: Newspaper cutting with notice by Benjamin Coe to heirs of claimant that he is taking proceedings in consequence of Act of N. Y. State of 23 Apr. 1785 for relief of Benjamin Coe. Deposition 10 Jan. 1784 by Malcolm Morrison, formerly of Dutchess Co. , that he knew Maj. Alexander Grant, whose family is left without support: his farm has been stripped to pay fines and taxes. (A013/13/108-114).

GRANT, ALLAN (X), Tryon Co. , N. Y. Memorial 1 Mar. 1786. Claim: House; eight acres, etc. (A013/13/95).

GRANT, ANGUS (X), Johnson's Patent, Tryon Co. , N. Y. Memorial, now of Quebec, undated. Claim: 12 acres; house, etc. (A013/13/96).

GRANT, ARCHIBALD (X), Kingsborough Patent, Tryon Co. , N. Y. Memorial 2 Mar. 1786 Quebec. Claim: Six acres; house, etc. (A013/13/97).

GRANT, DONALD (X), Johnson's Patent, Tryon Co. , N. Y. Memorial 1 Mar. 1786 Quebec. Claim: 10 acres; house, etc. (A013/13/98).

GRANT, DONALD (X), Kingsborough Patent, Tryon Co. , N. Y. Memorial, now of Quebec, 28 Feb. 1786. Claim: 12 acres; cattle, etc. (A013/13/99-100).

GRANT, DUNCAN (X), Johnson's Patent, Tryon Co. , N. Y. Memorial 2 Mar. 1786. Claim: 12 acres; log house, etc. (A013/13/101-102).

GRANT, FINLAY (X), Kingsborough Patent, Tryon Co. , N. Y. Memorial 24 Dec. 1784. Claim: 12 acres; house, etc. (A013/13/103).

GRANT, JOHN, Charlotte Co. , N. Y. Memorial, now of Quebec, 2 Mar. 1786. Claim: House; three acres. (A013/13/104).

GRANT, JOHN, Long Island, N. Y. Served in 42nd Regt. from 1741 to 1758 and in last war obtained command of Co. in a Provincial Regt. Unfortunately, connected to disaffected family who used every means to persuade him into rebel army; this obliged him to retire to W. I. for 18 months. When he heard British Army had arrived on Staten Island, returned there and took command of a vanguard Co. 27 Aug. 1776. When N. Y. was taken by rebels, bad health prevented his remaining in service; he therefore remained on L. I. with family, acting as far as possible as loyal subject. Told it would be fatal to him to remain after the peace, abandoned his property and came with family of wife, nine children, and ten slaves to N. S. During last war, was Lt. in 42nd or Royal Highland Regt. in 1756, promoted to Capt. , and served in North America and W. I. until 1764. Was one of those who carried from field of battle the body of Lord Howe (who fell 5 July 1758 in front of Grenadiers of the 42nd); because of his exertions there, was soon afterwards seized by disease which caused him to spit blood. Soon after, 8 July 1758, carried the body of his own father (also in same Regt.), pierced by gunshot during bloody attack on French lines at Ticonderoga when 27 officers and more than 500 men of Regt. were killed or wounded. For more than 20 years, lived at L. I. on farm settled on wife by her father, Michael Berger.

Memorial 1 Dec. 1785 at Loyal Hill near Windsor, N. S. Claim: Farm at Springfield, Jamaica Twp. , L. I. ; 3000 acres between Fort Edward and Fort Anne on branch of South Bay, Lake Champlain. Evidences: Deposition 5 July 1783 Halifax by John Small as to claimant's Army service. Deposition 2 Aug. 1786 Windsor by Capt. Abel Michener that claimant was his next neighbor in 1784, and was then confined to bed. Certificate 20 July 1786 Halifax that when claimant arrived there in 1783 he appeared in bad health and incapable of business. Letter by claimant 30 July 1786 Loyal Hill that he has been reduced to beggary. (A013/26/146-157).

GRANT, PETER, Johnson's Patent, Tryon Co. , N. Y. Memorial, now of Quebec, 2 Mar. 1786. Claim: 100 acres on north side of Mohawk River four miles from Fort Johnson; house, etc. (A013/13/105-107).

GRANT, SAMUEL, Pitts Town, N. J. Clothier, weaver, and dyer; was with Army in Philadelphia; at the evacuation left with them for N. Y. , leaving many goods behind. At N. Y. was in service as conductor of waggons until he left for N. S. in 1783. Memorial 9 Jan. 1786 Manchester,

N. S. Claim: Cloth, shuttles, sweet oil, etc. left at Philadelphia. Rejected. (A013/25/193-194).

GRANT, WILLIAM, Balltown, Albany Co. , N. Y. Memorial 23 Oct. 1783 Montreal. Claim: Supplies furnished to 12 men on their way to join Burgoyne's Army; expenses while prisoner in Albany; house; cattle, etc. (A013/13/115-116).

GRASS, MICHAEL, Bowmans Creek, Conajoharee, Tryon Co. , N. Y. Saddler; left there in 1777 for N. Y. and was commissioned in 1783 to head a Militia Co. Aug. 1783, came to Quebec at head of party of 283 persons and went to Cataroqui to secure their lands; then returned to Sorel to family. Memorial 27 Sept. 1787. Claim: 125 acres and house; house built at N. Y.; cattle, etc. Evidences: Deposition 21 Jan. 1788 Kingston by George (X) Buck and John (X) Horning that claim is just. (A013/13/117-121).

GRAVES, JOHN, Fort Edward, Charlotte Co. , N. Y. Was taken prisoner but escaped after brief confinement; was in secret service, and in 1780 assisted men to reach lines in Canada and N. Y. Memorial 24 Feb. 1786 Sorel. Claim: Tanyard, leather; horses; 30 days' secret service, etc. Evidences: Deposition Sorel by Phineas Babcock and James Higson, both late of Fort Edward, that claimant's estimate is just. (A013/13/122-123).

GRAY, JOHN, Port Royal, Caroline Co. , Va. , deceased by Alexander McCaul of Glasgow. Deceased, native of Scotland, was merchant in Port Royal from 1748, for 29 years carrying on large business with warehouse, storehouse, granary, and salt house, all of which were confiscated in 1779. Was several times maltreated by mob; Nov. 1775, house was ransacked by an armed force. Remained in Va. as long as he could, but then paid for passage to Glasgow where he lived after Sept. 1777. At the peace, returned to Port Royal and died there, a single man, May 1787; his relations live in Glasgow. Memorial by deceased, now of Glasgow, 10 Nov. 1783. Claim: House and other property at Port Royal; debts. Evidences: Deposition Glasgow 15 Nov. 1783 by Thomas Lendrum and John Bankhead, natives of Va. , that property claimed for was sold Dec. 1779 to Robert Gilchrist. Pass 18 Apr. 1777 Caroline Co. for deceased and others to depart on the Albion now in James River. Examination 31 July 1788. James Parker says he well knew deceased in Va. , but does not know where he was at the peace; has been asked to enquire into claim on behalf of Alexander McCaul. Jack Power examined says he knew deceased in Va. (A013/30/398-424).

GRAY, JOHN, Boston, Mass. Native of America, was settled before war