

X<sup>1</sup> 62 \* A.F.W. 3188 North of England  
+ Memoirs of our late S<sup>r</sup>. Jacob Borck who  
departed at Bedford Oct. 24. 1792.

Our late Bro. having left no written account  
of his life, we can only say the following:  
He was born at Arendal in Norway Oct. 13. 1727  
He lost his Father when very young, the pray-  
ers & admonitions of his Mother who was a  
pious Woman & sought to educate him in the  
scriptural admonition of the Lord were a great  
blessing to him, as a child; & when at 14 Years of  
age he went to Copenhagen & there became ser-  
geant Major in the Danish Army, having been  
brought up in that line of life; In 1756 he entered  
into the Service of the Prussian army as Surgeon.  
Being in Prussia, he was noticed by several  
Persons of the highest Rank, both on Account  
of his engaging manners, & Skilfulness in his  
profession, especially by the Viceroy of Ukraine  
who greatly favored him, & with whom he  
travelled thro' various parts of Prussia, but tho'  
these conexions he was led into bad company, &  
sinful habits, by which means he lost those  
impressions of our Saviour's grace, which he  
had received in his younger years when he  
had been solidly awakened, & obtained a view  
in spirit of our Sav<sup>r</sup> Sufferings, which remain-  
ed unforgetta[n]d by him. He however felt  
great uneasiness of mind, amidst the gaieties  
& pleasures of the world, which he once disclosed

to a person of Rank in Russia acquainted with  
the 13<sup>th</sup> especially with Count Linnendorff, who  
spoke to him in an encouraging manner, &  
whose conversation was greatly blessed to him.  
The above mentioned Person at the same time  
related to him several particulars concerning  
the Long<sup>r</sup> of the 13<sup>th</sup> which created a wish in him  
to become more nearly acquainted with them.  
Accordingly in 1759 when he quitted Prussia, he  
resolved to pay a visit to the Long<sup>r</sup> at Leest, intend-  
ing to go from thence to England, to enter into his  
Majestys Service on board a West India Ship. The first  
meeting he attended at Leest was a singing meeting  
during which he was so overpowered with a feeling of  
divine grace, that it was immediately made clear  
to him that this was the people he belonged to, having  
always from his infancy had a desire to live among  
Children of God; Here he also got acquainted with Count  
Linnendorff, who received him very cordially. Never-  
theless he for the present pursued his intentions  
of proceeding to England, where he engaged as Sur-  
geon on board the Monarque in which Station he  
remained about a year, during the whole of which  
time the Vessel lay in the harbour. He kept up in  
the mean time an acquaintance with the 13<sup>th</sup> in  
London. But the great wickedness & abandoned  
life of the Ships crew, to which he was witness was  
so disgusting to him, that he was glad to obtain  
his Dismission. After this he lodged for a short time  
with a 13<sup>th</sup> in London, & being desirous of coming  
into still closer connection with the Long<sup>r</sup> of the 13<sup>th</sup>  
went

went in Oct. 1760 according to their advice to Bedford  
where he moved into the single 13<sup>th</sup> House.

Tho he had it at first very hard in externals yet he  
never despaired, but was always thankful to our  
Sav for having brought him thither, & used to express  
himself to that effect, that he should esteem it the  
greatest favor to live with Children of God, were he even  
despatched to live on Bread & Water. He first engaged  
with the late Dr. Vowell as a partner in business, but  
after some time this Partnership was dissolved, &  
he set up for himself as Surgeon & Apothecary.

He was received in the Long-April 20. 1761 admitted  
to the holy Communion 1st. 26 in the same year.

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. 1766. he was married to the S. Fisher Hannah  
Scorfield of the Choir House at Fulne, his present  
widow, by whom he has had one Daughter, now a  
member of the Long at Bedford, he was very success-  
full in his profession, whereby he also provided  
ing to many of his patients in their dying mom-  
ents, was respected in the Town & neighbourhood,  
always a steady Friend to the poor even to his own  
disadvantage. Tho his warm & positive temper-  
& disposition sometimes caused him trouble,  
yet his upright sincere generous mind pro-  
cured him many Friends by whom he was much  
esteemed. The affliction on his part unfaithful-  
ness to our Saviors Grace, & the powerful sensa-  
tions he had of his great depravity, caused him  
indeed many heavy hours, but amidst all this he  
cleaved as a poor forsaken sinner to his redeemer.

I experienced rich comforts from him, which was  
more especially perceptible in the last years of his  
life, when he grew more cheerful & happy & resigned  
his constitution which was naturally strong,  
had been much impaired by fatigue of body &  
mind, about 5 years ago he got a paralytic stroke  
which greatly disabled him, since this time he  
suffered greatly from increasing weakness, which  
at last brought on a total decay of strength. His  
present widow our dear Sister Borek, has shewn  
great unremitting tenderness in faithfully nur-  
sing him during this long period of illness, Amidst  
his sufferings which was very great, his patience  
was exemplary, & he always expressed himself  
thankful for the least services done him.

When visited his favorite topic was the loved  
forbearance of our Saviour so constantly display'd  
in the mercy shewn to him, being plucked as  
a brand out of the fire. Several weeks before  
his departure it was evident, that he would not  
continue long here below, from which time  
forward, his mind seemed wholly disengaged  
from all earthly cares, Occupied in converse  
with our Saviour, he frequently prayed fervently  
to him, entreating our Saviour to strengthen him &  
support him in his trouble, especially to be  
near him in his last hours, he once told a  
Brother who visited him that altho' he had the  
most close communion with him

full

were

full assurance that he should go to our Sav.<sup>r</sup>  
as an absolved sinner, yet he could not deny  
that he felt some dread at the thoughts of the  
separation of Soul & Body, but some days  
after he intimated to the same Brother, that  
he could now say with thanks to our Sav.<sup>r</sup>  
that this dread had been entirely removed.  
A Day or two before his departure, he expressed  
in a very emphatical manner, his thankful  
ness for having brought him to his ransom'd  
congregation & sealed his salvation.

Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 1791 he was no longer able to speak.  
& from that time lay still in sweet expectati-  
on of that blessed moment when his redeemed  
Soul should be translated into the mansions  
of bliss. This favor was granted him about  
nine o'clock the same Evening when he  
departed softly & happily aged 64 years. 11 days

Blessed are the dead, which die in the  
Lord, from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit,  
that they may rest from their labour, &  
their works do follow them. Rev. 14. 13 —