

British Infantry Regiments and the Men Who Led Them 1793-1815

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48th Regiment of Foot

Secondary Title: Northamptonshire

Regimental History, 48th Regiment of Foot

1741: Raised as James Cholmondeley's Regiment of Foot in Norwich

1743: Beauclerk's Regiment of Foot

1745: Ligonier's Regiment of Foot

1746: Conway's Regiment of Foot

1749: Torrington's Regiment of Foot

1751: Numbered as 48th Regiment of Foot

1782: Secondary title - Northamptonshire

1803: July - 2nd Battalion formed at Manchester

1814: October - 2nd Battalion disbanded at Chelmsford

1881: Amalgamated with the 58th Regiment of Foot to become 1st Battalion, the Northamptonshire Regiment

1960: 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire) on amalgamation with The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment

1964: 2nd Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment on amalgamation with the 1st and 3rd East Anglian Regiments and the Royal Leicestershire Regiment

Service History and Demographics, 1st Battalion 48th Regiment of Foot

1793: West Indies; Barbados, Grenada & St Vincent; June - flank companies to Martinique; September - drafted; to England; Southampton

1794: October - Harwich; enlisted 300 men from North Lincolnshire and Bedfordshire Militia

1795: March - Poole; June - Plymouth; August - Southampton; October - Portsmouth; December - 2 companies to West Indies, rest detained by storms

1796: February - remainder to West Indies; Barbados; April - St Lucia; May - Castries; Vigie; Morne Fortune; St Lucia garrison

1797: St Lucia; May - drafted fit men into 87th Foot on St Lucia, cadre returned home; August - Portsmouth

1798: Chelmsford; Dover; February - enlisted men from Supplementary Militia in south-west England and Wales; June - Worcester; Lewes; August - Poole; to Mediterranean; Gibraltar

1799: Gibraltar

1800: Gibraltar; May - Minorca; June - Leghorn; to Malta; July - Gudja; September - capture of Fort St Angelo; Fort St Elmo

1801: Malta, Fort St Elmo

1802: Malta, Fort St Elmo

1803: Malta; May - to England; August - Portsmouth; September - Manchester; November - Horsham; December - Eastbourne

1804: Eastbourne; September - Hailsham; November - Isle of Wight

1805: Isle of Wight; February - Winchester; March - Portsmouth; April - to Gibraltar

1806: Gibraltar

1807: Gibraltar | *91% English/Welsh, 2% Scots, 7% Irish*

1808: Gibraltar

1809: Gibraltar; June - to Portugal; Lisbon; TALAVERA; Abrantes | *83% English/Welsh, 1% Scots, 16% Irish*

1810: Punhete; Sarcedes; Busaco; Torres Vedras

1811: Chamusca; Elvas; Badajoz; May - ALBUERA; absorbed fit men from 2/48th; Campo Major; Torre de Macera; Ribeira de Mores; Villa Real

1812: Villa Real; Ciudad Rodrigo; BADAJOZ; SALAMANCA; Madrid; Escorial; Villa del Ciervo

1813: Cedavim; Matta de Lobos; VITTORIA; Sorauren; November - NIVELLE; Nive; Arrauntz

1814: Arrauntz; ORTHEZ; TOULOUSE; June - Bordeaux; to Ireland; Monkstown; Cork

1815: Cork.

Service History and Demographics, 2nd Battalion 48th Regiment of Foot

1803: 9 July - formed at Manchester from Army of Reserve volunteers; November - Horsham

1804: Hailsham; February - Portsmouth; to Ireland; Cork

1805: Limerick; Mallow

1806: Dublin

1807: January - Dublin; to England; Liverpool; Northampton; September - Chelmsford; November - Liverpool; to Ireland; December - Dublin

1808: Clooney; Curragh of Kildare

1809: Dublin; March - Monkstown; to Portugal; April - Lisbon; DOURO; TALAVERA; Guadiana (lost many men due to fever)

1810: Alemtejo frontier; Busaco; Lines of Torres Vedras

1811: Campo Mayor; May - ALBUERA; fit men absorbed into 1st Battalion; July - Lisbon; to England; Portsmouth; September - Northampton; December - Weedon

1812: Weedon; March - Maldon; April - Danbury; July - Chelmsford

1813: Chelmsford

1814: Chelmsford; 24 October - disbanded at Chelmsford.

Significant Militia/Volunteer Intakes:

(militia units unless noted otherwise)

1803: Received Army of Reserve men from Cumberland, Westmoreland and Lancashire

1806: 1st West Yorks

1807: Hertfordshire; East Middlesex; West Suffolk; Londonderry

1808: South Cork; Dublin; King's County; County Limerick

1809: 3rd West Yorks

1812: West Essex

1813: 2nd Lancashire; South Mayo

Colonels

Patrick TONYN

Born: Berwick-upon-Tweed 1725

Relations: Son of Colonel Charles William Tonyn

Regimental Service: Lieutenant-Colonel in 104th Foot 12 August 1761; to half-pay 1763; Colonel of 48th Foot 23 May 1787

Early Service: Served in Germany 1758-59; Governor of East Florida 1774 to 1783

Service 1793-1815: On staff in Eastern District 1793

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 29 August 1777; Major-General 9 October 1781; Lieutenant-General 12 October 1793; General 1 January 1798

Died: London 30 December 1804.

Lord Charles FITZROY

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 71

Born: Suffolk 1764

Relations: Second son of Augustus, 3rd Duke of Grafton

Regimental Service: Captain & Lieutenant-Colonel in 1st Foot Guards 21 February 1794; commanded 3/1st Foot Guards 1803; Colonel-Commandant of 4/60th Foot 15 June 1804; Colonel of 48th Foot 1 January 1805

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1793-1794; ADC to King George III 1795; served in Irish Rebellion 1798

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 26 February 1795; Major-General 1 January 1798; Lieutenant-General 1 January 1805; General 4 June 1814

Awards & Honours: MP 1787-1796 and again 1802-1818

Died: London December 1829.

Lieutenant-Colonels

AGC = Army Gold Cross (clasps in brackets)

LAGM = Large Army Gold Medal (clasps in brackets)

SAGM = Small Army Gold Medal (clasps in brackets)

MGSM = Military General Service Medal (Silver Medal) (clasps in brackets)

Benjamin GORDON

Born: Scotland 1719

Relations: Son of James Gordon of Balbithan

Regimental Service: Major in 48th Foot 2 September 1762; Lieutenant-Colonel 4 March 1769

Early Service: Commanded 48th Foot 1769 to 1803

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 19 February 1779; Major-General 20 November 1782;

Lieutenant-General 3 May 1796; General 1 January 1801

Died: Scotland November 1803.

Archibald CAMPBELL

Born: Scotland 1751

Regimental Service: Major in 69th Foot 31 July 1792; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 March 1794; to

Lieutenant-Colonel in 48th Foot 19 September 1795

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 48th Foot in West Indies 1795 to 1796

Died: St Lucia 23 October 1796.

William HORNE

Regimental Service: Major in 48th Foot 2 September 1795; Lieutenant-Colonel in 48th Foot 24 October 1796 (vice Campbell); Lieutenant-Colonel in 27th Foot 17 November 1796; Lieutenant-Colonel 48th Foot 18 January 1797

Retired: December 1797

Died: Bath 8 January 1798.

Sir Martin HUNTER

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 177

Born: County Durham 1757

Regimental Service: Major in 91st Foot 2 November 1793; Lieutenant-Colonel in 91st Foot 19 July 1794;

Lieutenant-Colonel in 60th Foot 12 January 1796; Lieutenant-Colonel in 48th Foot 13 December 1797

(vice Horne); Colonel of New Brunswick Fencibles (later 104th Foot) 9 July 1803

Early Service: Served in American War of Independence; served in India 1785 to 1792

Service 1793-1815: Served in West Indies 1797; commanded 48th Foot on Malta; commander-in-Chief Nova Scotia 1803; acting Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick 1809 to 1811

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1800; Brigadier-General in Nova Scotia 2 January 1803; Major-General 30 October 1805; Lieutenant-General 1 January 1812; General 27 May 1825

Later Service: Governor of Stirling Castle 1833

Awards & Honours: GCH; GCMG; knighted 1832

Died: Scotland December 1846 - reputedly the last survivor of Lexington and Concord, and the last surviving officer from Bunker's Hill.

William SINCLAIR-WEMYSS

Born: Scotland c.1759

Relations: Took additional surname Sinclair- at marriage in 1784

Regimental Service: Major in 48th Foot 24 October 1796 (vice Horne); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 29 April 1802; Lieutenant-Colonel 9 July 1803; exchanged to 1st West India Regiment 16 June 1808 (vice Duckworth)

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 48th Foot 1803 to 1808

Retired: July 1810

Died: Scotland July 1834.

Hon. David LESLIE-MELVILLE

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 201

Born: Scotland c.1754

Relations: Son of David, 6th Earl of Leven; brother of Hon. John Leslie-Melville, 1st Foot Guards

Regimental Service: Lieutenant-Colonel in Loyal Tay Fencibles 25 October 1795; Lieutenant-Colonel in 48th Foot 9 July 1803

Early Service: Served in Gibraltar 1782 to 1791

Service 1793-1815: Served in Ireland 1796 to 1801

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1801; Brigadier-General on Irish staff 29 February 1804; Major-General 25 April 1808; Lieutenant-General 4 June 1813; General 22 July 1830

Died: Roxboroughshire October 1838.

Charles DONNELLAN

Regimental Service: Major in 62nd Foot 26 November 1799; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 28 September 1804; Major in York Rangers 12 October 1804; Lieutenant-Colonel in 48th Foot 14 November 1804

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 1/48th Foot in Peninsula May to September 1809

Awards & Honours: SAGM (Tal)

Died: Mortally wounded at Talavera and died 1 August 1809.

George Henry DUCKWORTH

Born: Devonshire 1782

Relations: Son of Admiral Sir John Thomas Duckworth

Regimental Service: Major in 67th Foot 2 October 1806; Lieutenant-Colonel in 1st West India Regiment 14 January 1808; exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 48th Foot 16 June 1808 (vice Wemyss)

Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula April to September 1809; commanded brigade in 2nd Division December 1809 to July 1810; commanded 1/48th Foot in Peninsula July 1810 to May 1811

Awards & Honours: SAGM (Tal Alb)

Died: Killed in action at Albuera 16 May 1811.

George MIDDLEMORE

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 845

Born: Lincolnshire c.1768

Regimental Service: Major in 48th Foot 14 September 1804; Lieutenant-Colonel 2 November 1809 (vice Donnellan); to Lieutenant-Colonel in 8th Garrison Battalion 28 June 1810; to half pay of 12th Garrison Battalion 1811; Colonel of 76th Foot 2 January 1843; Colonel of 48th Foot 31 May 1843

Service 1793-1815: Served in India 1799; served in Egypt 1801; served in India 1803; served on Malta 1804; served at Gibraltar 1804 to 1809; served in Peninsula July 1809 to April 1810; commanded 1/48th Foot August 1809 to April 1810; Assistant Quartermaster-General in Severn District 1814; Inspecting Field Officer in Nottingham 1814

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 12 August 1819; Major-General 22 July 1830; Lieutenant-General 23 November 1841

Later Service: Lieutenant-Governor of Grenada 1833 to 1835; Governor of St Helena 1836 to 1841 - oversaw repatriation of Napoleon's remains to France in 1840; Governor of Windward & Leeward Islands 1843

Awards & Honours: CB; SAGM (Tal); MGSM (Egt)

Died: Tunbridge Wells November 1850.

Sir Patrick ROSS

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 714

Born: Perthshire January 1778

Relations: Son of General Patrick Ross of Innerneathie

Regimental Service: Major in 26th Foot c.1805; Major in 23rd Light Dragoons 27 March 1806; Lieutenant-Colonel in 23rd Light Dragoons 9 April 1807; exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 10th Foot 6 April 1809; to half-pay of 8th Garrison Battalion 18 February 1810; exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 48th Foot 28 June 1810 (vice Middlemore); Colonel of 1st Portuguese Cavalry Regiment 22 September 1810; to half-pay of 8th Garrison Battalion March 1811; Lieutenant-Colonel in 75th Foot 12 October 1815
Service 1793-1815: Served in Ireland 1794-1795; served in India 1799 to 1805; commanded 2/48th Foot in Peninsula June to September 1810; served with Portuguese forces September 1810 to February 1811; Assistant Adjutant-General on Home staff 1813 to 1814; served in Ionian Islands 1815 to 1822
Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 4 June 1814; Major-General 19 July 1821
Later Service: Governor of Antigua and Barbuda 1826 to 1832; Governor of St Helena 1846 to 1850
Awards & Honours: KCMG; KCH; GCMG
Died: St Helena 28 August 1850.

James ERSKINE

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 886

Born: c.1765

Regimental Service: Major in 48th Foot 14 February 1805; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 25 July 1810; Lieutenant-Colonel 20 June 1811 (vice Duckworth)
Service 1793-1815: Served in West Indies 1791 to 1797; served in Irish Rebellion 1798; served in Peninsula May 1809; commanded 1/48th in Peninsula December 1811 to May 1812; again in Peninsula July to December 1813
Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 12 August 1819
Later Service: Commanded 48th Foot in New South Wales 1817 to 1823
Awards & Honours: CB; SAGM (Bad)
Died: Madras 7 June 1825.

Sir William HUTCHINSON

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 447

Regimental Service: Major in 2nd West India Regiment 20 May 1795; Major in 49th Foot 11 July 1798; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 January 1800; to half-pay 1802; Lieutenant-Colonel in 83rd Foot 9 June 1803; to half-pay 6 May 1805; Half-pay of 12th Garrison Battalion; Lieutenant-Colonel in 48th Foot 24 October 1811 (vice Ross); Colonel of 75th Foot 26 October 1841
Service 1793-1815: Served in West Indies 1793-1794; served at Helder 1799, wounded at Egmont-op-Zee; served at Copenhagen 1801; Inspecting Field Officer of Volunteers 1805; served on staff in Peninsula 1812; on staff in Malta
Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 25 July 1810; Major-General 4 June 1813; Lieutenant-General 27 May 1825; General 23 November 1841
Later Service: Governor of Carrickfergus 1830
Awards & Honours: KCH
Died: Cheltenham 27 August 1845.

William BROOKE

Regimental Service: Major in 48th Foot 2 November 1809 (vice Middlemore); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 20 June; Lieutenant-Colonel 4 June 1813
Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula July 1809 to May 1811; commanded 2/48th Foot, wounded and taken POW at Albuera; exchanged August 1811; badly wounded at Badajoz whilst acting as Assistant Quartermaster-General
Awards & Honours: SAGM (Alb)
Retired: December 1813.

William WAUCHOPE

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 1521

Born: Niddrie Scotland 1780

Regimental Service: Major in Meuron's Regiment 14 January 1813; to Lieutenant-Colonel in 48th Foot 8 December 1813 (vice Brooke); to half-pay 24 October 1814; Lieutenant-Colonel in 31st Foot 25 May 1815; exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 26th Foot 8 June 1815; to half-pay of Watteville's Regiment 23 October 1817

Died: Genoa April 1825.

Majors

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John SKERRETT

Born: Nantwich Cheshire 1744

Relations: Father of John Byne Skerrett

Regimental Service: Major in 48th Foot 30 November 1791; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 March 1794; Lieutenant-Colonel-Commandant of 1st West India Regiment 15 September 1795; to half-pay 1 March 1798; Colonel of Loyal Durham Fencibles 1798; Colonel of Royal Newfoundland Fencibles 9 July 1803

Service 1793-1815: Served in West Indies; served in Irish Rebellion 1798; Commander-in-Chief Newfoundland 1799; on staff in Jamaica 1807; served in Sicily

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1798; Brigadier-General in Ireland 1798; Major-General 1 January 1805; Lieutenant-General 4 June 1811

Died: Devonshire 18 August 1813.

James CAMPBELL

Regimental Service: Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 March 1794; Major in 48th Foot 1 September 1795 (vice Skerrett)

Retired: December 1796.

Nathaniel Levett PEACOCKE Bt.

Born: Ireland October 1769

Relations: Son of Sir Joseph Peacocke Bt.

Regimental Service: Major in 48th Foot 14 December 1796 (vice Campbell) on transfer from 50th Foot; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 29 April 1802; to half-pay of Limerick Fencibles 24 May 1804; Major in 71st Foot 25 June 1807; Lieutenant-Colonel in 71st Foot 4 June 1811

Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula with 1/71st Foot September to November 1810; commanded 2/71st Foot 1810 to 1813; commanded 1/71st Foot in Peninsula June 1813 to March 1814; wounded at Nive at sent home 'quietly' afterwards

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 4 June 1811

Awards & Honours: Baronet Peacocke of Barntic 24 December 1802

Retired: December 1814

Died: London 1 November 1847.

William PEARCE

Regimental Service: Half-pay 123rd Foot; Major in 48th Foot 9 July 1803 (vice Wemyss); Lieutenant-Colonel in 15th Foot 1 August 1804

Retired: January 1807.

Arthur AYLMER

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 430

Born: Donadea Ireland 1772

Relations: Son of Sir Fitzgerald Aylmer, 6th Bt.

Regimental Service: Major in 108th Foot 21 June 1794; Major in Manx Fencibles 1 July 1798; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 January 1800; to half-pay 1802; Major in 48th Foot 9 July 1803; Lieutenant-Colonel in 25th Foot 16 August 1804; on half-pay 68th Foot by May 1807

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 25 July 1810; Major-General 4 June 1813; Lieutenant-General 27 May 1825

Died: County Durham 5 February 1831.

William FROME

Regimental Service: Major in Royal Garrison Battalion 1 September 1795; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 January 1805; Major in 48th Foot 24 May 1804; to Major in 22nd Foot 14 February 1805

Died: 1807.

Robert SEWELL

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 586

Born: c.1773

Regimental Service: Major in 60th Foot 16 June 1803; Major in 48th Foot 24 November 1804; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 26 October 1804; Lieutenant-Colonel in 89th Foot 3 May 1810

Service 1793-1815: Served on Corsica 1796; served on Elba and in Portugal 1797; on staff on Corfu 1799; served in Egypt 1801; ADC to Sir John Moore 1803; Deputy Adjutant-General in Malta 26 October 1804 until 1809; served in Gibraltar 1810 to 1812; commanded a brigade in India 1812 to 1819; on staff in India 1819 to 1826

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 4 June 1813; Major-General 12 August 1819

Died: Sussex 20 October 1835.

George MORRISON

Regimental Service: Major in 48th Foot 12 January 1805

Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula April to July 1809

Retired: November 1809.

William Grove WHITE

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 1300

Born: c.1778

Regimental Service: Major in 48th Foot 25 November 1809 (vice Morrison); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 26 August 1813; to half-pay 24 October 1814; Lieutenant-Colonel in 94th Foot 1823

Service 1793-1815: Served in West Indies 1795 to 1797; served in Gibraltar 1798 to 1800; served on Malta 1800 to 1802; served in Gibraltar 1805 to 1809; served in Peninsula April to July 1810; again in Peninsula May to August 1811; and again July 1812 to December 1813; commanded 1/48th at Vittoria and Pyrenees, wounded 28 July 1813

Awards & Honours: CB; SAGM (Vitt Pyr)

Retired: 1826

Died: Dorset 3 March 1844.

Molyneux MARSTON

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 1078

Regimental Service: Major in 48th Foot 9 May 1810 (vice Sewell); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 January 1812; to half-pay 37th Foot 25 May 1817

Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula July 1809 to November 1811; Deputy Assistant-Quartermaster-General in Peninsula 8 May 1810 to November 1811; also March 1812 to April 1814

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 22 July 1830

Died: London 15 May 1834.

Sir James WILSON

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 1153

Born: 1780

Regimental Service: Major in 48th Foot 20 June 1811 (vice Erskine); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 27 April 1812; to half-pay 25 September 1814

Service 1793-1815: Served at Helder 1799; served at Ferrol and Cadiz 1800; served in Egypt 1801; served in Peninsula July 1809 to April 1814, wounded at Albuera, Badajoz and Pyrenees; commanded 1/48th after Albuera, at Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, Salamanca, Pyrenees and Toulouse

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 22 July 1830; Major-General 28 June 1838

Awards & Honours: KCB; AGC (Alb Bad Sal Vit Toul)

Retired: No active military service after 1814 due to wounds

Died: Bath February 1847.

Sir Stephen Arthur GOODMAN

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 1350

Born: January 1780

Regimental Service: Major in 48th Foot 4 June 1813 (vice Brooke); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 6 December 1813; to half-pay 25 October 1814

Service 1793-1815: Served on Minorca 1800; served in Peninsula May 1809 to April 1814; Deputy Assistant-Adjutant-General 25 August 1809; Deputy Judge-Advocate September 1809 to April 1814; Acting Deputy Adjutant-General 1812; Deputy Judge-Advocate in Waterloo Campaign

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 22 July 1830; Major-General 23 November 1841

Later Service: Colonial Secretary at Berbice 1819; Vendue-Master of Demerara and Esequibo 1821; Inspector-General of Militia in British Guiana

Awards & Honours: CB; KH

Died: British Guiana 2 January 1844.

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