

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

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### **86th Regiment of Foot**

Secondary Title: Shropshire Volunteers (until 1806); thence Leinster (until 1812); thence Royal County Down

#### **Regimental History, 86th Regiment of Foot**

1793: October - raised as Sir Cornelius Cuyler's Shropshire Volunteers at Shrewsbury from men of Yorkshire, Lancashire and Cheshire as a volunteer corps

1794: Numbered as 86th (the Shropshire Volunteers) Regiment of Foot

1806: 86th (The Leinster) Regiment of Foot

1812: 86th (Royal County Down) Regiment of Foot

1813: 2nd Battalion formed at Hythe

1814: 2nd Battalion disbanded at Deal

1881: The Royal Irish Rifles on amalgamation with the 83rd (County of Dublin) Regiment of Foot

1921: The Royal Ulster Rifles

1947: Grouped with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and Royal Irish Fusiliers into the North Irish Brigade

1968: The Royal Irish Rangers (27th (Inniskilling) 83rd and 87th) on amalgamation with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and Royal Irish Fusiliers

1991: The Royal Irish Regiment (27th (Inniskilling) 83rd and 87th and Ulster Defence Regiment) on amalgamation with the Ulster Defence Regiment

### **Service History and Demographics, 1st Battalion 86th Regiment of Foot**

1793: October - raised at Shrewbury using men principally from Yorkshire, Lancashire and Cheshire

1794: Shrewbury; April - Parkgate; to Ireland; Cork; Kilkenny; Cork; September - to England; Frome; Isle of Wight

1795: January - aboard fleet serving as marines, headquarters at Newport; October - absorbed personnel from disbanded 118th and 121st Foot; December - Portsmouth & Hilsea

1796: Hilsea; April - Guildford; June - Isle of Wight; to Cape of Good Hope; September - Cape Town

1797: Cape of Good Hope

1798: Cape of Good Hope

1799: Cape of Good Hope; February - to India; May - Madras; July - Bombay; detachments to Tannah and Surat

1800: Bombay; November - 3 companies to Isle de France, recalled to Ceylon

1801: Bombay; January - 3 companies to Egypt; Suez; June - 3 companies on desert march across Egypt; Cairo; Fort Ibrahim; 3 companies from Ceylon at Cosseir; to Cairo; seige of Alexandria; 6 companies reunited at Rhonda, 4 companies in Bombay; October - 6 companies at El Hamed; Giza

1802: 4 companies in Bombay, with detachments at Surat and Dieu; March - Kareah; Tarrapore; June - Surat; May - 6 companies in Egypt at Giza; received volunteers from 20th, 35th, 48th & 63rd Foot in Egypt; suffered from plague; to India; July - Bombay; November - battalion reunited at Bombay; to Gujerat; December - Baroda

1803: Baroda; Kirrella; March - 3 companies to Conojie's Camp; Gujerat; Brodera; May - Keira; Nerriade; Baroda; August - Baroach; September - Powanghur; November - Lunawarra; Dhowd

1804: Dhowd; Godera; Jerode; June - Dhowd; August - Indore; retreat to Ongein; October - Inglehur

1805: March to Bhurtpore; February - storm of Bhurtpore; Dhoolpore; May - Tonk; march to Bombay

1806: March to Bombay; March - Bombay; Goa; received 213 volunteers from 77th Foot; secondary title changed to Leinster

1807: Goa

1808: Goa

1809: Goa; September - Bellary; Goa | *71% English/Welsh, 3% Scots, 19% Irish, 7% Foreign*

1810: Goa; March - to Madras; April - Madras; to Bourbon; July - capture of Rodriguez; capture of Bourbon

1811: Bourbon; March - Isle de France | *69% English/Welsh, 3% Scots, 22% Irish, 6% Foreign*

1812: Isle de France; January - to India; February - Madras; Fort St George; May - secondary title changed to Royal County Down

1813: Madras; January - march to Goa; Vellore; October - Musilapatam

1814: Musilapatam

1815: Musilapatam; January - 5 companies to Hyderabad; Secunderabad; September - received 230 men from 2/86th

1818: Ordered home - arrived Gravesend October 1819 (after 23 years away - only two survivors from original battalion).

### **Service History and Demographics, 2nd Battalion 86th Regiment of Foot**

1813: 25 December - formed at Hythe

1814: Hythe; March - Colchester; October - Hythe; 24 October - disbanded at Deal, fit men to 1/86th.

### **Significant Militia/Volunteer Intakes:**

(militia units unless noted otherwise)

1809: County Tyrone

1812: South Down; Limerick City

1813: 3rd West Yorks; Anglesea; North Down; South Down; County Limerick

1814: Anglesea; Glamorgan; County Donegal; North Down; Limerick City

## Colonels

### **Sir Cornelius CUYLER, Bt.**

Born: Albany, New York c.1740

Regimental Service: Major in 55th Foot 15 January 1776; Lieutenant-Colonel in 55th Foot 16 November 1777; Colonel of 86th Foot 30 October 1793; Colonel of 69th Foot 20 June 1794

Early Service: Quartermaster-General in India 1787

Service 1793-1815: Commander-in-Chief West Indies 5 May 1797; Commander-in-Chief in Portugal 9 January 1799; Governor of Kinsale 4 May 1806

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 20 November 1782; Major-General 12 October 1793;

Lieutenant-General in West Indies 15 June 1797; Lieutenant-General 1 January 1798; General 25 September 1803

Awards & Honours: Baronet 29 October 1814

Died: Hertfordshire 8 March 1818.

### **Russell MANNERS**

Born: 1736

Relations: Illegitimate son of Lord William Manners

Regimental Service: Lieutenant-Colonel in 2nd Dragoon Guards 20 May 1763; Colonel of 86th Foot 20 June 1794 (vice Cuyler); Colonel of 25th Light Dragoons 25 March 1795

Early Service: Served in Seven Years' War; served in American Revolution

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 25 May 1772; Major-General 29 August 1777; Lieutenant-General 20 November 1782; General 3 May 1796

Died: Essex 11 September 1800.

### **William GRINFIELD**

Regimental Service: Captain & Lieutenant-Colonel in 3rd Foot Guards 3 February 1776; Colonel of 86th Foot 25 March 1795 (vice Manners)

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1793; Commander-in-Chief in Leeward Islands May 1802

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 20 November 1782; Major-General 12 October 1793;

Lieutenant-General 1 January 1798; General 25 September 1803

Died: Barbados 19 October 1803.

### **Sir James Henry CRAIG**

Born: Gibraltar 1748

Regimental Service: Lieutenant-Colonel in 82nd Foot 31 December 1781; Lieutenant-Colonel in 16th Foot 30 June 1783; Colonel of 46th Foot 1 August 1795; Colonel of 86th Foot 5 January 1804; Colonel of 22nd Foot 1806

Early Service: Served in American Revolution, wounded at Bunker's Hill

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1793; served at Cape of Good Hope 1795 to 1797; Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean 25 March 1805; Governor of Blackness Castle 29 September 1806; Governor of Upper & Lower Canada 21 August 1807 to 1811

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 18 November 1790; Major-General 3 October 1794; Lieutenant-General 1 January 1801; General in Mediterranean March 1805; General 1 January 1812

Awards & Honours: KB

Died: London 12 January 1812.

### **Sir Charles Lockhart ROSS, Bt.**

Born: Scotland 1763

Relations: Son of Vice-Admiral John Lockhart Ross, 5th Baronet of Balnagowan

Regimental Service: Major in 37th Foot 13 June 1787; Lieutenant-Colonel 16 March 1791; Lieutenant-Colonel in 116th Foot 1 September 1795; to half-pay 1 March 1798; Colonel of 86th Foot 1806 (vice Craig); Colonel of 37th Foot 25 June 1810

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 37th Foot 1791 to 1795

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 21 August 1795; Major-General 18 June 1798; Lieutenant-General 30 October 1805

Awards & Honours: MP 1786-1807

Died: Balnagowan Castle 8 February 1814.

**Hon. Francis John NEEDHAM**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 52*

Born: Ireland 1748

Relations: Third son of John Needham, 10th Viscount Kilmorey

Regimental Service: Captain & Lieutenant-Colonel in 1st Foot Guards 2 April 1783; 3rd Major 11 October 1797; 2nd Major 31 August 1798; 1st Major 25 November 1799; Lieutenant-Colonel 21 August 1801; Colonel of 5th Garrison Battalion 16 April 1804; Colonel of 86th Foot 25 June 1810 (vice Ross)

Early Service: Served in North America 1781

Service 1793-1815: Commanded British troops at Battle of Arklow 1798; commanded brigade at Vinegar Hill 1798

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 20 December 1793; Major-General 26 February 1795;

Lieutenant-General 29 April 1802; General 1 January 1812

Awards & Honours: MP 1806-1818; Viscount Kilmorey 1818; Earl of Kilmorey 1822

Retired: 10 December 1812

Died: Ireland 21 November 1832.

**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)*

**George SLADDEN**

Regimental Service: Major in 67th Foot 19 March 1783; Lieutenant-Colonel in 86th Foot 30 October 1793; retired 29 December 1794; Inspecting Field Officer of Militia in 1803

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 86th Foot 1793 to 1794

Died: Somerset 1819.

**Richard Mark DICKENS**

Born: Durham 1764

Regimental Service: Major in 86th Foot 30 October 1793 (on transfer from 44th Foot); Lieutenant-Colonel 7 June 1794; to Lieutenant-Colonel in 34th Foot 22 October 1794

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 34th Foot in West Indies 1794-1796; Adjutant-General in West Indies 15 June 1797; served in India 1804 to 1808

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1800; Major-General 30 October 1805

Died: India 29 April 1808.

**Edward ROBINSON**

Regimental Service: Major in 86th Foot 7 June 1794 (vice Dickens); Lieutenant-Colonel 22 October 1794 (vice Dickens)

Died: India January 1801.

**Alexander CAMPBELL**

Regimental Service: Major in 86th Foot 22 October 1794 (vice Robinson); Lieutenant-Colonel 29 December 1794 (vice Sladden)

Retired: June 1796.

**James Phillips LLOYD**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 660*

Regimental Service: Major in 46th Foot 1 September 1795; Lieutenant-Colonel in 86th Foot 8 June 1796 (vice Campbell); exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 10th Foot 18 April 1805; to half-pay

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 86th Foot in Egypt 1801

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1805

Later Service: Governor of Fishguard Fort 31 May 1821

**Robert BELL**

Regimental Service: Major in 86th Foot 10 December 1794; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 January 1800; Lieutenant-Colonel 15 January 1801 (vice Robinson)

Service 1793-1815: ADC to General Sir William Howe in 1794

Retired: February 1802.

**Robert CRAUFURD**

Born: Ayrshire May 1764

Relations: Third son of Sir Alexander Craufurd

Regimental Service: Major in 60th Foot 30 December 1797; Lieutenant-Colonel in Hompesch Hussars c1797; Lieutenant-Colonel in 60th Foot 30 December 1797; Lieutenant-Colonel in 86th Foot 11 February 1802 (vice Bell); to half-pay of 60th Foot 24 February 1803

Early Service: Served in India 1790 to 1792

Service 1793-1815: Attached to Austrian staff 1793 to 1797 as former captain in 75th Foot; commanded 4/60 Foot 1797 to 1799; Deputy Quartermaster-General in Ireland 1798; liaison officer with Russo-Austrian forces in Switzerland 1799 and at Helder; commanded a brigade in South America 1807; commanded Light Brigade in Peninsula October 1808 to January 1809; again in Peninsula July 1809 to January 1810; commanded Light Division January 1810 to January 1811; and again April 1811 to January 1812

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 30 October 1805; Brigadier-General in South America 16 September 1806; Major-General 4 June 1811

Died: Died of wounds after Ciudad Rodrigo 24 January 1812.

**William DOWDESWELL**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 129*

Born: Worcestershire 1760

Relations: Third son of William Dowdeswell, Chancellor of the Exchequer

Regimental Service: Captain & Lieutenant-Colonel in 1st Foot Guards 8 February 1795; Major in 60th Foot 18 January 1798; Lieutenant-Colonel in 86th Foot 24 February 1803 (vice Craufurd); exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 60th Foot 18 January 1798

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1793; Governor of Bahamas 1797 to 1801; on staff of army in Bengal 1804; commanded division in India 1805; Commander-in-Chief in India 1807 to 1808

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 26 January 1797; Major-General 25 September 1803; Lieutenant-General 25 July 1810

Awards & Honours: MP 1792 to 1797

Died: Worcestershire 1 December 1828.

**Hastings FRASER**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 581*

Born: Vellore India 1771

Relations: Son of Captain Charles Fraser HEIC

Regimental Service: Major in 46th Foot July 1802; Lieutenant-Colonel in 10th Foot 15 September 1804; exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 86th Foot 18 April 1805 (vice Lloyd); Colonel of 83rd Foot 30 September 1835; Colonel of 61st Foot 1 September 1848

Early Service: Served in India 1788 to 1793

Service 1793-1815: Served at Penang 1797; served in India 1799 to 1804; again in India; served at Bourbon 1810

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 4 June 1813; Major-General 12 August 1819; Lieutenant-General 10 January 1837

Awards & Honours: CB

Died: London 29 September 1852.

**Edward DRUMMOND**

Regimental Service: Major in 60th Foot 11 June 1801; Lieutenant-Colonel in 60th Foot 29 December 1804; exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 86th Foot 2 June 1808 (vice Dowdeswell)

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 6/60th Foot 1806 to 1808; commanded a brigade at taking of Bourbon 1810; Acting Lieutenant-Governor of Mauritius 1811

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 4 June 1813

Retired: November 1813.

**John JOHNSON**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 1188*

Regimental Service: Major in 86th Foot 18 July 1811 (on transfer from 77th Foot, vice Carey); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 25 October 1812; Lieutenant-Colonel 18 November 1813 (vice Johnson); to half-pay; reinstated 12 August 1819

Service 1793-1815: Deputy Adjutant-General in India 1812

Retired: Exchanged to half-pay unattached 6 July 1826.

**Majors**

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*SAGM = Small Army Gold Medal (clasps in brackets)*

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

**Hugh Duncan BAILLIE**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 667*

Born: 1777

Regimental Service: Major in 86th Foot 29 December 1794; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 January 1800; to Major in Surrey Rangers 4 February 1802; to half-pay 1802; Major in 53rd Foot 6 June 1805; to half-pay of Surrey Rangers 22 August 1805

Service 1793-1815: Served at Cape of Good Hope 1796 to 1802

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 25 July 1810

Awards & Honours: MP 1830 to 1847

Retired: 1825

Died: 21 June 1866.

**Lachlan MacQUARIE**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 486*

Born: Mull January 1762

Regimental Service: Major in 86th Foot 12 March 1801 (on transfer from 77th Foot, vice Bell); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 7 November 1801; to Lieutenant-Colonel in 73rd Foot 30 May 1805

Early Service: Served in North America and Jamaica; served in India 1787 to 1801

Service 1793-1815: Assistant Adjutant-General on London staff 1803; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in New South Wales 1809 to 1821

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

Died: London 1 July 1824.

**Sir Henry TORRENS**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 560*

Born: Londonderry 1779

Relations: Fourth son of Reverend Thomas Torrens

Regimental Service: Major in Surrey Rangers 3 November 1799; exchanged to Major in 86th Foot 4 February 1802 (vice Baillie); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 January 1805; to Major in 89th Foot 19 February 1807; Captain & Lieutenant-Colonel in 3rd Foot Guards 13 June 1811; Colonel of 2nd Garrison Battalion 5 April 1815; Colonel of Royal African Corps 22 November 1815; Colonel of 2nd Foot 26 July 1822

Service 1793-1815: Served in West Indies 1795; served in Portugal 1798; served at Helder 1799, wounded at Egmont-op-Zee; served in Egypt 1801; served in India 1802 to 1805; military secretary to General Whitelocke at Buenos Aires 1807; served in Peninsula as military secretary to Wellesley August 1808; ADC to Prince Regent 1813

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 20 February 1812; Major-General 4 June 1814

Later Service: Adjutant-General 25 March 1820

Awards & Honours: KCB; SAGM (Rol Vim)

Died: Hertfordshire 23 August 1828.

**George CUYLER**

Born: c.1772

Regimental Service: Major in 86th Foot 30 May 1805 (vice MacQuarie); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel and Inspecting Field Officer of Militia in Nova Scotia 28 January 1808; Lieutenant-Colonel in 11th Foot 16 November 1809

Service 1793-1815: Served in West Indies 1793; served at Quiberon Bay 1795; served in India 1799; served in Egypt 1801; served in India 1802 to 1807; served in Nova Scotia 1808; commanded 11th Foot in Peninsula July 1812 to July 1813, wounded at Salamanca; ADC to General Picton in Peninsula August to December 1813; commanded 11th Foot in Peninsula January to April 1814

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 4 June 1814

Awards & Honours: CB; SAGM (Sal Ort Toul)

Died: Portsmouth 12 November 1818.

**Sir Frederick Philipse ROBINSON**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 423*

Born: New York September 1763

Relations: Fourth son of Colonel Beverley Robinson

Regimental Service: Major in 127th Foot 1 September 1794; Major in 32nd Foot 1 September 1795; Major in 134th Foot 29 July 1796; half-pay 13th Foot 1 March 1798; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 January 1800; Major in 86th Foot 10 February 1807 (vice Torrens); exchanged to 28th Foot 26 March 1807; Colonel of 59th Foot 1 December 1827; Colonel of 39th Foot 15 June 1840

Early Service: Served in American Revolution 1777 to 1783, taken POW

Service 1793-1815: Served in West Indies 1794; Inspecting Field Officer of Militia 1796; commander of London Recruiting District 1809; commanded a brigade in 5th Division in Peninsula March 1813 to April 1814, wounded at San Sebastian and Nive; commanded a brigade in Canada 1814

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 25 July 1810; Major-General 4 June 1813; Lieutenant-General 27 May 1825; General 23 November 1841

Later Service: Provisional Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada 1815; Governor of Tobago 1816 to 1828

Awards & Honours: GCB; LAGM (Vitt SS Nive)

Died: Brighton 1 January 1852.

**Peter CAREY**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 570*

Born: Guernsey March 1774

Relations: Brother-in-law of General John Gaspard le Marchant

Regimental Service: Major in 28th Foot 9 July 1803; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 29 June 1804; exchanged to Major in 86th Foot 26 March 1807 (vice Robinson); to Lieutenant-Colonel in 84th Foot 18 July 1811

Service 1793-1815: Served in Irish Rebellion 1798; Deputy Inspector-General of Army of Reserve 1804; Deputy Barrackmaster-General in India; Assistant Adjutant-General in Ireland 30 July 1812; military secretary to Commander-in-Chief Ireland 1813

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 4 June 1813; Major-General 12 August 1819; Lieutenant-General 10 January 1837

Died: 20 June 1852.

**Charles CRIGAN**

Regimental Service: Major in 86th Foot 28 January 1808 (on transfer from 6th Garrison Battalion, vice Cuyler); exchanged to Major in 81st Foot 12 May 1808

Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula August 1808 to January 1809, wounded at Corunna

Died: Of wounds at Plymouth 1 February 1809.

**Wilbraham Tollemarche EDWARDS**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 894*

Born: 1770

Regimental Service: 9th Garrison Battalion; Major in 81st Foot 28 January 1808; exchanged to Major in 86th Foot 12 May 1808 (vice Cuyler); to Lieutenant-Colonel in Bourbon Regiment 25 January 1812; Lieutenant-Colonel in 73rd Foot 30 April 1818; Lieutenant-Colonel in 17th Foot 12 August 1819; Lieutenant-Colonel in 14th Foot 4 November 1822

Service 1793-1815: Served on Mauritius 1810

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 12 August 1819; Brigadier-General in India 1825

Died: Killed in action at Bhurtpore 18 January 1826.

**Robert Otho TRAVERS**

Regimental Service: Major in 86th Foot 5 March 1812 (vice Edwards)

Retired: December 1813.

**Daniel MARSTON**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 2096*

Regimental Service: Major in 86th Foot 18 November 1813 (vice Johnson)

Service 1793-1815: Served in India; military secretary on staff in Bombay 1809.

**William BAIRD**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 2113*

Regimental Service: Major in 86th Foot 25 December 1813

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 2/86th Foot 1813 to 1814.

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