

**OSWESTRY & BORDER COUNTIES PRE-WW1 VETERANS (NOT INCLUDING CRIMEAN WAR VETERANS
1853-1856)**

NAME	RANK	BORN	DIED	REGIMENT/COMPANY	PAGE
01 - ALDRIT THOMAS	Troop Sgt Major	1821	1891	15 th Hussars	3
02 - AUGERAUD PIERRE JACQUES	Captain	1887	1869	Chevalier aux des Legion D'Honneur	4
03 - AUGERAUD WILLIAM	Captin	1822	1869	61 st Regiment of the French Army	5
04 - BALDWIN JOHN	Sgt Major	1857	1943	Royal Artillery	6
05 - BARKER CHARLES RANDOLPH		1789	1874	64 th Regiment of Foot	7
06 – BECK RICHARD EDWARD	Captain	1834	1887	89 th Regiment of Foot	8
07 – BILLIGS WILLIAM	Corporal Major	1806	1862	Royal Horse Guards (Blues) and 5 th Troop of North Shropshire Yeomanry	9
08 – BURKE PATRICK	Quartermaster Sergeant	1814	1883	30 th Regiment of Foot and Sgt Major in the Shropshire Militia	10
09 – BUTTERY OWEN	Private	1775	1858	82 nd Regiment of Foot and Royal Engineers	11
10 – CUST HENRY Francis Cockayne	Major	1819	1896	8 th Hussars and Shropshire Yeomanry Cavalry	12
11 – DAVIES EDWARD Phineas	Captain	1782	1855	36 and 82 nd Regiment of Foot	13
12 – DAVIES JOHN, LITTLE NESS	Private	1817	1896	53 rd Regiment KSLI and 85 th Regiment of Foot	14
13 – DAVIES JOHN, RYTON X1	Private	1834	1909	53 rd Regiment of Foot	15
14 – DAVIES THOMAS	Colour Sgt	1775	1828	23 rd Regiment of Foot	16
15 – DOLBEY EDWARD	Trooper	1822	1873	1 st Regiment of Life Guards	17
16 – EDWARDS GEORGE ROLAND	Colonel	1811	1894	2 nd Regiment Madras Light Cavalry	18
17 – EDWARDS JOHN B 1775	Private	1775	1858	86 th Regiment of Foot	19
18 – EVANS SAM, RN	Royal Navy	1766	1866	Served aboard HMS Victory at Trafalgar	20
19 – FAUNCE EDMUND	Lt Colonel	1767	1837	2 nd Battalion Royal Artillery Peninsular wars incl Battle of Corunna	21
20 – GARDINER ALEXANDER	Troop Sgt Major	1794	1848	2 nd Dragoons “ Scots Greys	22
21 – GERRARD WILLIAM	Private	1783	1855	“Waterloo”	23
22 – GILL THOMAS WILLIAM	Lieutenant	1844	1899	15 th Hussars and Montgomeryshire Yeomanry Cavalry	24
23 – GOUGH GEORGE	Private	1821	1899	15 th Light Dragoons	25
24 – GRIFFITHS WILLIAM	Private			43 rd Regiment of Foot Peninsular War	26
25 – HOWELLS EDWARD	Private	1778	1862	6 th Regiment of Foot	27
26 – HUMPHREYS HENRY	Corporal	1840	1880	9 th Lancers	28
27 – HUNT CHARLES JOHN	Lieutenant	1838	1857	Malwa Cavalry Bengal Army	29
28 – HUNTER RICHARD		1774	1857	6 th Reg of Dragoon Guards (Carabineers) Napoleonic War	30
29 – JAMES JOHN	Colour Sergeant	1774	1875	Montgomery Militia/ enlisted 63 rd Regiment of Foot 1799	31
30 – JONES HUGH, CPL	Corporal	1791	1815	23 rd Regiment of Foot RWF died of wounds suffered at Waterloo	32

31 – JONES HUGH	Private	1791		Shropshire Volunteers then 23 rd Regiment of Foot at Waterloo	33
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33 – JONES JOHN	Lance Corporal	1856	1881		35
34 – JONES RICHARD, GOBOWEN	Private	1783	1855	2 nd , 46 th , 57 th , Regiment of Foot at battle of Corunna	36
35 – JONES RICHARD,		1785		23 rd regiment of Foot RWF	37
36 – JONES RICHARD, RYTON X1	Sergeant	1773	1862	43 rd Regiment of Foot Peninsular war	38
37 – JONES SAMUEL		1787		Royal Artillery at Waterloo	39
38 – LEWIS RICHARD	Sergeant	1792	1875	23 rd Regiment of Foot at Waterloo	40
39 – LOVETT HUBERT RICHARD	Major	1854	1908	60 th Regiment of Foot Kings Royal Rifles Afghan, Boer and Egyptian wars	41
40 – LOVETT THOMAS HEATON	Colonel	1817	1892	98 th Regiment of Foot	42
41 – PARRY JAMES		1790		88 th Regiment of Foot Connaught Rangers 'The Devils Own'	43
42 – PAY PHILLIP	Sergeant	1805	1890	53 rd (Shropshire) Regiment of Foot	44
43 – ROBERTS ROBERTS	Private	1785	1859	1 st Foot Guards Grenadier Guards, Peninsular war and Waterloo	45
44 – RODENHURST WILLIAM P	Trooper	1839	1917	2 nd Dragoon guards Indian Mutiny	46
45 – ROGERS JOHN		1825	1912	23 rd Regiment of Foot RWF	47
46 – SALWEY/SOLWAY EDWARD	Lieutenant	1833	1857	Bengal Horse Artillery Siege of Delhi	48
47 – SMITH JACOB	Sgt Quartermaster	1783	1854	3 rd Battalion 1 st regiment of Foot Grenadier Guards Peninsular and Waterloo	49
48 – STEVENS THOMAS PRIMITT	Captain	1827	1887	32 nd Punjab Native Infantry	50
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50 – WAITE JOSEPH	Corporal Major	1795	1866	Royal Horse Guards 'The Blues'	52
51 – WALKER ROBERT	Colour Sergeant	1852	1934	1 st Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, Afghan and Egyptian wars	53
52 – WHITTINGHAM WILLIAM	Drummer	1795		23 rd Regiment of Foot at Waterloo	54
53 – WILLIAMS THOMAS		1838	1900	19 th Hussars and Northumberland Fusiliers Indian Mutiny and Afghan war	56
54 – WILSON GEORGE	Corporal	1836	1861	Died of smallpox India	57

Oswestry & Border
Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Thomas Aldritt

Rank: Troop Sergeant Major

(Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1820

Date of Baptism: 7th January 1821

Date of Death: 20th April 1891

Date of Burial: 24th April 1891

Place of Burial: Oswestry Cemetery, Grave K51

Military Service:

Shropshire Yeomanry Cavalry

15th Kings Hussars

Other:

Born in Tamworth, Staffordshire

Parents: Joseph and Mary

Wife: Sarah Ann (1837 – 1915)

Known to have lived at Lower Brook Street, Oswestry, Shropshire

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Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Pierre Jacques Augeraud

Rank: Captain (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1787 Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 9th April 1869 Date of Burial

Place of Burial: Loches, France

Military Service:

Army of the First Empire (France)

Holder of Legion d'Honneur (rank: Chevallier)

Other:

Prisoner of War, Oswestry, Shropshire

Married: 1816 - Mary Williams, daughter of Rev William Williams of Dolanog (Rector of Llangadfan at time of daughter's marriage)

Children: William Pierre Jacques Augeraud

Euphasie Therese Maria Augeraud

On return to France became the Governor of Loches.

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Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: William Pierre Jacques Augeraud

Rank: Captain (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1821 Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 1869 Date of Burial

Place of Burial: Loches, France

Military Service:

61st Regiment of French Army

Other:

Son of Captain Pierre Jacques Augeraud and Mary (nee Williams)

Married: Julia Hedges of London

Oswestry & Border
Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: John Baldwin

Rank: Sergeant Major (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 6th April 1857 Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 29th July 1943 Date of Burial

Place of Burial

Military Service:

Enlisted on the 7th March 1876 and posted to the 25th Field Brigade at Ipswich.

Served for 14 years in India and saw service in Africa during the Zulu Wars.

Presented with the Zulu Medal & clasp, Long Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Served with the Royal Artillery until discharged on 8th March 1907 at Blackburn, Lancashire.

Years of Service on discharge stated as 31.

On the 5th October 1914 he re-enlisted in the Royal Artillery for service in World War 1 and was posted as a training officer.

Total Years of military service was 36.

Other:

Born in Great Wenham, Suffolk.

Married Martha Jones on 26th September 1906 at St Edmunds, Manchester

Oswestry & Border
Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Charles Randolph Barker

Rank: Private (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 25th June 1874 Date of Burial: 30th June 1874

**Place of Burial: Oswestry Town Cemetery,
Oswestry, Grave B 21**

Military Service:

64th Regiment of Foot

Served as a Drummer for 21 years.

Marched to the field at Waterloo, but the battle was over by the time he arrived.

Other:

Resided at Willow Street, Oswestry at the time of his death.

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Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Richard Edward Beck

Rank: Captain

(Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1834

Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 26th October 1887

Date of Burial: 29th October 1887

Place of Burial: Guilsfield, Powys

Military Service:

89th Regiment of Foot

Other:

Born in Welshpool, Montgomeryshire, Wales

Lived at Weston-Super-Mare (on 1871 & 1881 UK census)



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Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: William Billings

Rank: Corporal Major (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1806 Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 22nd October 1862 Date of Burial: 27th October 1862

Place of Burial: St Oswalds, Oswestry, Shropshire

Military Service:

Served in the Royal Horse Guards and 5th Troop of the North Shropshire Yeomanry Cavalry

Other:

Born in Blackburn, Lancashire

Birth record for his son Emma proves he was stationed at Windsor.

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Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Patrick Burke

Rank: Quartermaster Sergeant (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1814 Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 27th June 1883 Date of Burial

Place of Burial: Llandidloes, Montgomeryshire

Military Service:

Served in the 30th Regiment of Foot for 22 years and then a further 10 years in the Shropshire Militia

In 1801 the 30th moved to Egypt to repel the French invasion. They returned to England in 1802 and formed a second battalion in the following year. The 1st Battalion sailed for India where they remained until 1829. The 2nd Battalion embarked for Portugal in 1808 taking part in the Peninsular War and fighting at the battles of Badajoz and Salamanca.^[4]

They subsequently landed in Holland, and fought at the Battle of Waterloo in 1815.^[4]

By the beginning of 1816 the 2nd Battalion were once more in Ireland.^[6]

Other:



Shropshire Militia

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Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Owen Buttery

Rank: Private (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1775 Date of Baptism: 7th May 1775

Date of Death: 1st November 1858 Date of Burial: 4th November 1858

Place of Burial: Ellesmere, Shropshire

Military Service:

Enlisted for a period of 5 years military service in 1821 and discharged 17th February 1826.

Served with 82nd Regiment of Foot (Royal Engineers)

Other:

Son of John and Mary Buttery

Trade: Smith

Oswestry & Border
Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Henry Francis CockayneCust

Rank: Major (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 15th September 1819 Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 5th April 1884 Date of Burial

**Place of Burial: St John the Baptist,
Cockayne Hartley, Bedfordshire**

Military Service:

8TH Hussars and The Shropshire Yeomanry Cavalry.

Other:

Wife was Sarah Jane Cookson (1820 – 1867)

1874 – 1880 MP for Grantham

1861 to 1881 recorded on the UK census at Ellesmere House

Served as JP for Shropshire

Grandson of Francis Needham, 1st Earl of Kilmorey.

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Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Edward Phineas Davies

Rank: Captain (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 19th January 1782 Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 1855 Date of Burial:

Place of Burial

Military Service:

Initially joined the 36th Regiment of Foot, but left when unable to purchase a commission.

1801 joined the Royal Denbigh Militia and was then accepted by the 82nd Regiment of Foot (The Prince of Wales Volunteers)

Promoted to Lieutenant in 1808 and Captain on 8th April 1825.

Saw action on the River Douro and the battle of Talavera in 1809. Also fought at Vittoria, Maya, Pamplona, Lavaca and Nivelle.

Wounded in shoulder by shrapnel from a cannonball.

Further periods of service in North America, France and Mauritius.

Awarded Military Service Medal with 3 clasps.

Other:

Wife: Ann Llewellyn. Married 1801 at Llanymynech.

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Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: John Davies

Rank: Private (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1817 **Date of Baptism:**

Date of Death: 17th November 1896 **Date of Burial:**

Place of Burial:

Military Service:

Served with 53rd KSLI and 85th regiment of Foot

Attested on 2nd December 1840

Discharged from Army in 1856 having been judged to have poor eyesight due to an illness contracted in India in 1852.

Served for 15 years 317 days

Other:

Born at Little Ness, Shropshire

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Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: John Davies

Rank: Private

(Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1834

Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 10th June 1909

Date of Burial

Place of Burial: Ryton XI Towns

Military Service:

53rd Regiment of Foot

Served in the Indian Mutiny of 1857.

Other:

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Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Thomas Davies

Rank: Colour Sergeant (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1775 Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 18th August 1828 Date of Burial: 21st August 1828

Place of Burial: Shrewsbury

Military Service:

Enlisted on 10th April 1801 and joined the 23rd Regiment of Foot.

Served in North America, Portugal, Spain, Netherlands and France.

Saw action during the Peninsular Wars at Albuera, Salamanca, Vittoria, Pyrenees, Ortles, Toulouse and the sieges of Ciudad Rodrigo & Badajoz. He was wounded at Badajoz, but recovered.

Saw action at Waterloo.

Other:

Born at St Martin, Shropshire

Buried with full military honours at Shrewsbury Abbey in recognition of his role as the first Column Keeper (Lord's Hill Monument) in Shrewsbury.

When discharged from the Army he was given the role of Keeper for his service along with a cottage which stood adjacent the column.

The family bible from the cottage is stored at the Abbey Church.

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Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Edward Dolbey

Rank: Trooper (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1822 Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 8th May 1873 Date of Burial

Place of Burial

Military Service:

Served with 1st Regiment of Lifeguards

1861 he was stationed at the Regent Park Barracks.

Other:

Wife: Sarah Frances Dolbey (1831 – 1904)

His wife and children are listed on the Oswestry Parish Burials Register, but he does not appear to be listed.

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Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: George Roland Edwards

Rank: Colonel (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1811 Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 3rd March 1894 Date of Burial

Place of Burial: Great Ness Churchyard

Military Service:

Enlisted 8th January 1826, aged 15 into the 2nd Regiment Madras Light Cavalry

Other:

Wife: Catherine Jane Armstrong, born 1829 in East Indies.

Lived at The Hall, Great Ness

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Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: John Edwards

Rank: Private

(Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 10th July 1775

Date of Baptism: 14th July 1775

Date of Death: 16th December 1858

Date of Burial: 18th December 1858

Place of Burial: St Oswalds Churchyard, Oswestry

Military Service:

86th Regiment of Foot

Served in India

Receive Injury through being shot in leg at Bhurtpoor in 1803. Discharged due to this injury.

Received a "shilling-a-day" pension through the Chelsea pensioners fund.

Other:

Son of John Edwards and his wife Mary.

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(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Sam Evans

Rank: Sailor (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1766 Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 1st January 1866 Date of Burial

Place of Burial

Military Service:

Served aboard HMS Victory at Trafalgar.

HMS *Victory* is a 104-gun first-rate ship of the line of the Royal Navy, ordered in 1758, laid down in 1759 and launched in 1765. She is best known as Lord Nelson's flagship at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805.

Other:

Died at Ellesmere Union Workhouse



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(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Edmund Faunce

Rank: Lt Colonel (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1767 Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 29th September 1837 Date of Burial

Place of Burial: St Oswalds Churchyard, Oswestry

Military Service:

4th Regiment of Foot

Saw action at Walcheren and the Peninsular 1808 – 1809

Present at the Battle of Corunna in 1809.

Promoted in 1811 and placed in charge of the 2nd Battalion of the 4th Regiment of Foot.

Other:

Lived at Trafalgar Cottage, Pentreshannel, near Oswestry

In 1818 his daughter Frances Christina married Lieutenant Daniel Thorndyke, Royal Artillery.

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Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Alexander Gardiner

Rank: Troop Sergeant Major (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1794 Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 19th June 1848 Date of Burial: 24th June 1848

Place of Burial: St Oswalds Churchyard, Oswestry

Military Service:

2nd Dragoons (Scots Greys)

Enlisted at the age of 15 years on 25th January 1809.

Total Service was 28 years 109 days.

Other:

His funeral was one of the most spectacular in Oswestry. He was buried with full military honours, his procession led by a Grey Charger in full regimental "dress", saddle empty.



The regiment's history began in 1678, when three independent troops of Scots Dragoons were raised. In 1681, these troops were regimented to form The Royal Regiment of Scots Dragoons, numbered the 4th Dragoons in 1694. They were already mounted on grey horses by this stage and were already being referred to as the *Grey Dragoons*. In 1707, they were renamed The Royal North British Dragoon, but were already being referred to as the *Scots Greys*.

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Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: William Gerrard

Rank: Private

(Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1783

Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 21st April 1855

Date of Burial: 24th April 1855

Place of Burial: St Oswalds Churchyard, Oswestry

Military Service:

Enlisted 3rd December 1803.

Saw action at Waterloo in 1815.

Other:

Worked as a hairdresser following discharge from the military.

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Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Thomas William Gill

Rank: Lieutenant (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1st July 1844 Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 27th January 1899 Date of Burial

Place of Burial: Frankton Churchyard

Military Service:

15th Hussars

Montgomery Yeomanry Cavalry

Discharges on 16th July 1887

Other:

Born: Towyn, Merionethshire, Wales

Wife was Annabelle Jane Napier daughter of Sir Charles Napier.

Last Known Address: Trewern Hall, Twmpath, Selattyn, Oswestry, Shropshire, England

Local Magistrate

Oswestry & Border
Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: George Gough

Rank: Private

(Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: April 1821

Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 14th March 1889

Date of Burial: 17th March 1899

Place of Burial: Oswestry Town Cemetery,

Grave: A310

Military Service:

Joined 14th Light Dragoons.

Served through the Anglo Sikh Wars, 11th December 1845 to 9th March 1846

The Anglo–Sikh wars were a series of 1840s conflicts between the British East India Trading Company and the Sikh Empire.

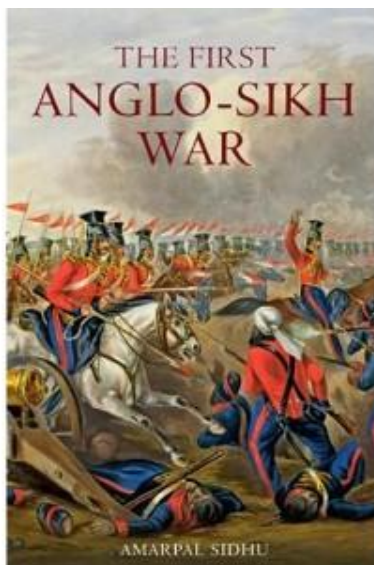
Saw action on the Punjab.

Other:

Born in Brosely, Shropshire

On return to England he moved to Oswestry and became police officer, retiring with the rank of Deputy Chief Constable.

Lived in Park Street, Oswestry



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Name: William Griffiths

Rank: Private (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: Date of Baptism

Date of Death: Date of Burial

Place of Burial

Military Service:

43rd Regiment of Foot

Enlisted in 1795

Saw action in 10 major action in the Peninsular War, including Vimiero, Corunna, Brasco, Fuentes, Vittoria and Nivelles.

In August 1808, during the Peninsular War, the 43rd fought in the Battle of Vimeiro which drove Napoleon's forces from Portugal. The campaign against the French then moved to Spain where in January 1809 the regiment took part in the retreat to Vigo and Corunna; achieving fame as part of the rearguard to the army before returning to England. In May 1809 the 1st battalion of the 43rd, as part of Sir Robert Craufurd's Light Brigade, sailed for Portugal to join Sir Arthur Wellesley's army. On landing at Lisbon the 43rd moved to Spain to support Wellesley's forces there. The battalion's march of 250 miles from Lisbon to Talavera included a march of fifty-two miles in twenty-six hours in the hottest season of the year.

The battle of Talavera had been won before the battalion arrived however a company of the 43rd which had been at Lisbon from December 1808 fought in the battle as part of General Richard Stewart's brigade. William Griffiths was one of these as it is recorded that he received wounds to his left leg.

In 1810 the 43rd formed part of the Light Division under the command of Sir Robert Craufurd.

The 43rd fought in the battles of the crossing of the Côa, Sabugal and Bussaco. The 43rd took part in the assault on the fortress of Ciudad Rodrigo in January 1812 and at the Siege of Badajoz in April 1812 when storming the breach the 43rd lost 20 officers and 335 men. Following the end of the Peninsular War in 1814 the Light Division was disbanded and the 43rd returned to England.

The 2nd battalion of the 43rd was part of the expedition to Walcheren in 1809 where many troops lost their lives to fever in the Scheldt marshes, it then took part in the War of 1812

Other:

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Name: Edward Howells

Rank: Private (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1778 Date of Baptism

Date of Death: October 1862 Date of Burial

Place of Burial

Military Service:

6th Regiment of Foot

Enlisted in 1809 and served until 1823.

Other:

Born in Whittington

Oswestry & Border
Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Henry Humphreys

Rank: Corporal (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1840 **Date of Baptism**

Date of Death: 27th June 1880 **Date of Burial**

Place of Burial

Military Service:

9th Lancers

Other:

Lived at Croxton Square, Oswestry, Shropshire



The 9th Queen's Royal Lancers, or the Delhi Spearmen, were a cavalry regiment of the British Army. They are best known for their roles in the Indian mutiny of 1857 and for their part in the North African Campaign during World War II including their retreat to and the battle of El Alamein in 1942.

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Name: Charles John Hunt

Rank: Lieutenant

(Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 24th September 1838

Date of Baptism: 23rd October 1838

Date of Death: 12th June 1857

Date of Burial

Place of Burial: India

Military Service:

Malwa Cavalry, part of the Bengal Army

Died aged 28 years in a skirmish with mutineers at Mulharghur.

Other:

Son of the Reverend Thomas Hunt of West Felton, Shropshire and his wife Jane.



Flag of the Bengal Army

Prior to 1857, and despite the name, the actual ethnic Bengali presence was minimal to non-existent. The Bengal Army of the East India Company was mainly recruited from high castes living in Bihar and the Awadh. Especially Bihari Rajputs and Bhumihars who were referred to as *Purbiyas*".

Both prior to and following 1857, the Bengal Army included some of the most famous units in India: Skinner's Horse from Bengal, the Gurkhas from the Himalayas and the Corps of Guides on the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa.

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Name: Richard Hunter

Rank: (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1774 **Date of Baptism**

Date of Death: 24th January 1857 **Date of Burial**

Place of Burial

Military Service:

6th Regiment of Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers)

Enlisted 18th August 1800

Saw action during the Napoleonic War

Other:

On discharge from the army he settled in the Ellesmere area.

Wife was Eleanor. They had a daughter Sarah, who married John Owen of Ellesmere.



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Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
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Name: John James

Rank: Colour Sergeant (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1774 Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 2nd June 1875 Date of Burial

Place of Burial: Welshpool

Military Service:

Originally he enlisted in the Montgomery Militia in 1798 and then into the 63rs Regiment of Foot in 1799.

Joined the 50th Regiment of Foot in 1801 and served in Egypt followed by Copenhagen in 1807. He was at the battle of Corunna in 1809

He was wounded by being shot through both thighs at Mayo around July 1813.

Discharged due to his injuries and pensioned with “a shilling-a-day” pension.

Other:

John wife accompanied him as a “Camp Follower” - Camp follower is a term used to identify civilians and their children who follow armies. There are two common types of camp followers; first, the wives and children of soldiers, who follow their spouse or parent's army from place to place; the second type of camp followers have historically been informal army service providers, servicing the needs of encamped soldiers, in particular selling goods or services that the military does not supply—these have included cooking, laundering, liquor, nursing, sexual services and sutlery.

During the Napoleonic Wars, the regiment saw action in Egypt, in Denmark, and in the Peninsular War, including the Battle of Corunna. A second battalion was raised, serving from 1804 to 1814; it saw action at Walcheren, as did the first battalion.

After a battle in the Peninsular War, the regiment was nicknamed the Dirty Half-Hundred; the regiment had worn uniforms with black facings, and when they wiped sweat away with their cuffs the dye stained their faces. (Half-hundred is a play on "fifty")

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Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
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Name: Hugh Jones

Rank: Corporal (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1791 **Date of Baptism**

Date of Death: 19th July 1815 **Date of Burial**

Place of Burial

Military Service:

23rd Regiment of Foot, Royal Welch Fusiliers

Enlisted on 4th April 1809.

Severely wounded during the battle of Waterloo, dying about a month later.

During the Napoleonic Wars, the fusiliers served from 1810 to 1814 in the Peninsular War; fighting at Albuera, Badajoz, Salamanca, the Pyrenees, Nivelles and Toulouse and took part in the Battle of Waterloo^[8] where they fought in the 4th Brigade

Other:

Born at St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire



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(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Hugh Jones

Rank: Private (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1791 **Date of Baptism**

Date of Death: **Date of Burial**

Place of Burial

Military Service:

Joined the Shropshire Volunteers

23rd Regiment of Foot, Royal Welch Fusiliers

Enlisted on 2nd April 1814

Saw action at Battle of Waterloo

Other:

Born at Oswestry, Shropshire

1841 lived in Queens Head Yard, Oswestry, Shropshire

Trade: Blacksmith



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Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: John Jones

Rank: Private (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1800 Date of Baptism

Date of Death: Date of Burial

Place of Burial

Military Service:

23rd Regiment of Foot, Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Saw action at Waterloo

Served in Calcutta for several years, at Fort William, after recovering from wounds received at Waterloo

Returned to England from Calcutta in 1838.

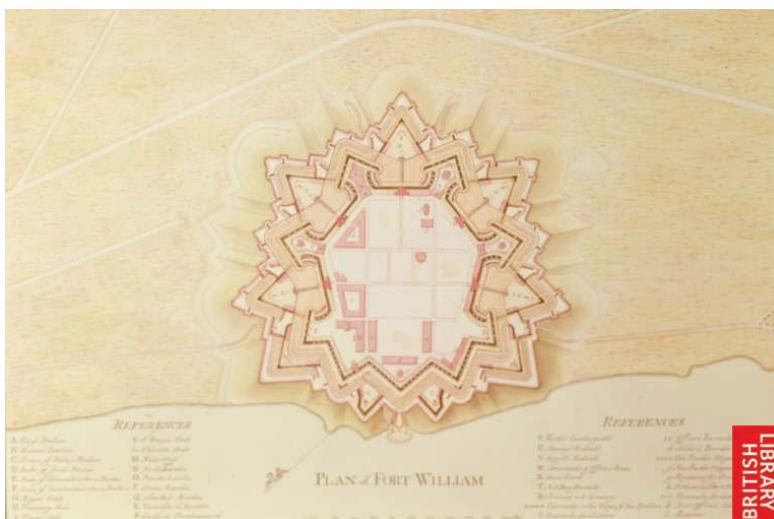
Other:

First visited Oswestry around 1839 when travelling the area as a regimental recruiter.

Father served in the Shropshire Regiment

Article in Border Counties Advertiser on 2nd April 1890 relates to his 90th Birthday.

Resident at The Lodge, Chirk



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Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: John Jones

Rank: Lance Corporal

(Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1856

Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 27th July 1881

Date of Burial

Place of Burial: Madras, India

Military Service:

Other:

Oswestry & Border
Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Richard Jones

Rank: Private (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1783 Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 23rd May 1855 Date of Burial

Place of Burial

Military Service:

Served with the 2nd Regiment of Foot, 46th Regiment of Foot and 57th Regiment of Foot

Total service was 34 years.

Having lost an arm at the Battle of Corunna in 1809 he was returned to England, but stayed with the 8th Royal Veterans Battalion and later the Invalids & Supernumery Battalion.

8th Royal Veterans was made up of “out-pensioners” from the Royal Chelsea Hospital. They were considered “fit” for non-combat duties.

Other:

Died as a result of being hit by a train whilst walking the tracks from Gobowen to Whittington.

Inquest held at the Cross Foxes, Gobowen – recorded a verdict of Accident

He had been drinking at the Heart & Trumpet that evening, but was not drunk when he died.



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Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Richard Jones

Rank: Sergeant (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1785 Date of Baptism

Date of Death: Date of Burial

Place of Burial

Military Service:

23rd Regiment of Foot, Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Enlisted on 19th April 1805

Promoted to Sergeant in 1817

Saw action at the battle of Waterloo

Other:

Prior to enlistment Richard was a miner from St Martins

Oswestry & Border
Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Richard Jones

Rank: Sergeant (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1773 Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 22nd March 1862 Date of Burial: 26th March 1862

Place of Burial

Military Service:

43rd Regiment of Foot

In August 1808, during the Peninsular War, the 43rd fought in the Battle of Vimeiro which drove Napoleon's forces from Portugal. The campaign against the French then moved to Spain where in January 1809 the regiment took part in the retreat to Vigo and Corunna; achieving fame as part of the rearguard to the army before returning to England.

In May 1809 the 1st battalion of the 43rd, as part of Sir Robert Craufurd's Light Brigade, sailed for Portugal to join Sir Arthur Wellesley's army. On landing at Lisbon the 43rd moved to Spain to support Wellesley's forces there. The battalion's march of 250 miles from Lisbon to Talavera included a march of fifty-two miles in twenty-six hours in the hottest season of the year.

The battle of Talavera had been won before the battalion arrived however a company of the 43rd which had been at Lisbon from December 1808 fought in the battle as part of General Richard Stewart's brigade. In 1810 the 43rd formed part of the Light Division under the command of Sir Robert Craufurd. The 43rd fought in the battles of the crossing of the Côa, Sabugal and Bussaco. The 43rd took part in the assault on the fortress of Ciudad Rodrigo in January 1812 and at the Siege of Badajoz in April 1812 when storming the breach the 43rd lost 20 officers and 335 men.

Other:

On returning from the military he worked as a Tailor

Lived at Ryton-XI-Towns

Oswestry & Border
Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Samuel Jones

Rank: Shoe Smith

(Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1787

Date of Baptism

Date of Death:

Date of Burial

Place of Burial

Military Service:

Royal Artillery

Saw action at the Battle of Waterloo as one of Captain Humphrey's Troop of Royal Artillery Drivers.

Discharged from army in 1819.

Other:



**Cypher of the
Royal Horse Artillery**



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Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Richard Lewis

Rank: Sergeant

(Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1792

Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 5th June 1875

Date of Burial: 8th June 1875

Place of Burial: Baschurch Churchyard

Military Service:

23rd Regiment of Foot

Saw service at Waterloo

Discharged 24th November 1829

Other:

Having been discharged from the army he worked for the Reverend W Jones at Baschurch.

Oswestry & Border
Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Hubert Richard Lovett

Rank: Major

(Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 30th March 1854

Date of Baptism: 2nd May 1854

Date of Death: November 1908

Date of Burial

Place of Burial: Whittington, Shropshire

Military Service:

60th Regiment of Foot, King's Royal Rifles

Served in the Afghan Wars at Ahmed Kheyl and Urzoo.

Saw action in the Boer War with the Natal Field Force and in the Egyptian War of 1882 at Kassasin and Tel-el-Kebir.

Other:

Major Hubert Richard Lovett was born circa 1854.

He was the son of Colonel Thomas Heaton Lovett and Cecil Elizabeth Jones

He married Lina Mary Maitland, daughter of Lauderdale Maitland, on 14 July 1892

He gained the rank of Major in the service of the King's Royal Rifle Corps

Child of Major Hubert Richard Lovett and Lina Mary Maitland

Lt.-Col. Thomas Maitland Lovett² b. 29 May 1893, d. 1946

Lived at Henelle Hall, Whittington.

Manager of Oswestry Savings Bank.

Magistrate and Parish Councillor.

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Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Thomas Heaton Lovatt

Rank: Colonel (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 4th May 1817 Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 21st November 1892 Date of Burial

Place of Burial: Whittington Churchyard

Military Service:

98th Regiment of Foot

Enlisted on 5th June 1835

Served in China

Retired from the regular army in 1860 and joined 2nd Shropshire Volunteers.

Other:

**Colonel Thomas Heaton Lovett was born on 4 May 1817.
He was baptised on 5 May 1817 at Whittington, Shropshire, England.
He was the son of Joseph Venables Lovett and Margaret Heaton
He married Cecil Elizabeth Jones in December 1851.
He held the office of Justice of the Peace (J.P.)**



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Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: James Parry

Rank: Private (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1790 Date of Baptism

Date of Death: Date of Burial

Place of Burial: St Martins Churchyard

Military Service:

88th Regiment of Foot, Connaught Rangers (The Devils Own)

Enlisted into the 88th at the start of the Peninsular Wars, seeing action at Busaco, Fuentes D'Onor, Ciudad Rodrigo, Salamanca, Vittoria and Toulouse. He also has a medal clasp for the Pyrenees.

James was discharged on the 21st August 1817, returning to St Martins

Other:



Oswestry & Border
Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Philip Pay

Rank: Sergeant

(Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth:

Date of Baptism: 2nd April 1805

Date of Death: 22nd February 1890

Date of Burial

Place of Burial

Military Service:

Attested 27th May 1823

53rd (Shropshire) Regiment of Foot

The regiment would be in India to serve in the First Anglo-Sikh War, Second Anglo-Sikh War and the Indian Mutiny where it took part in the relief of Lucknow. The regiment earned five Victoria Crosses during the Mutiny

Discharged on heath ground – rheumatism.

Other:

Son of Richard Pay and his wife Ann, members of the Independent Chapel, Wem

Upon discharge Phillip returned to England and settled in Ifton Heath with his wife, Sarah.



Oswestry & Border
Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Robert Roberts

Rank: Private (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1785 **Date of Baptism: 24th June 1785**

Date of Death: 2nd March 1859 **Date of Burial**

Place of Burial

Military Service:

1st Foot Guards, Grenadier Guards

Served from 1800 until 1817.

Saw action during the Peninsular Wars and at Waterloo.

He had been wounded before Waterloo and it was the condition of this leg that led to his discharge.

Other:

Born in the parish of Whittington

Son of Robert and Margaret

Upon discharge he married and settled in Welsh Frankton.



The Grenadier Guards (GREN GDS) is an infantry regiment of the British Army. It is the most senior regiment of the Guards Division and, as such, is the most senior regiment of infantry. It is not, however, the most senior regiment of the Army, this position being attributed to The Life Guards.

Oswestry & Border
Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: William Parry Rodenhurst

Rank: Trooper

(Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1839

Date of Baptism: 24th May 1839

Date of Death: 5th March 1917

Date of Burial: 8th March 1917

**Place of Burial: Oswestry Town Cemetery,
Grave N36**

Military Service:

2nd Dragoon Guards (Scots Greys)

12 years service that included the Indian Mutiny

The Indian Rebellion of 1857 refers to a rebellion in India against the rule of the British East India Company that ran from May 1857 to June 1858.

Other:

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Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: John Rogers

Rank: (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 6th February 1825 Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 10th January 1912 Date of Burial

Place of Burial: Weston Rhyn Churchyard

Military Service:

23rd Regiment of Foot, Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Saw service in the West Indies, North & South America, Channel Islands, Isle of Wight and Isle of Man.

Other:

Born at Streton Heath, Westbury

Upon discharge from the army John worked as a Police Constable and a Water Rate Collector

Wife was Elizabeth Roger

Oswestry & Border
Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Edward Salwey (Solway)

Rank: Lieutenant

(Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 22nd January 1833

Date of Baptism: 23rd January 1833

Date of Death: 29th October 1857

Date of Burial

Place of Burial: Simla, India

Military Service:

Bengal Horse Artillery

Grave in Simla - "Sacred to the memory of Edward Salwey Lieut BI H. Arty. Eldest son of the Revd Thos Salwey B.D. Vicar of Oswestry, Salop, who died at Simla, October 29th 1857, in the 25th year of his age, cut off by disease contracted through exposure and incessant fatigue at the siege of Delhi. He died trusting only in the merits of his Redeemer."

A memorial plaque in St Oswald's Church, Oswestry bears a similar inscription.

Edward Salwey is mention 3 times in the book "Lahore to Lucknor, The Indian Mutiny Journal" by Arthur Moffat Lang.

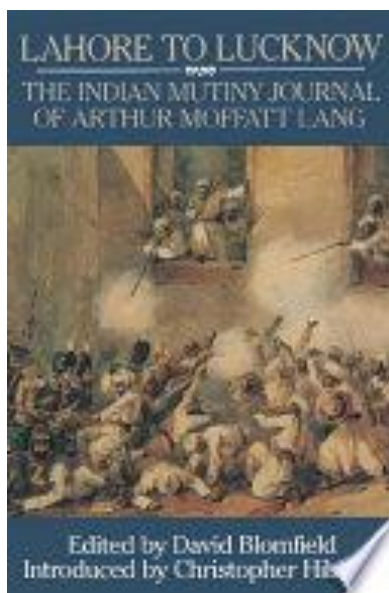
Other:

Son of Reverend Thomas and Frances Maria Salwey

*** Note: the spelling of this surname appears differently in two places:-**

Solway on his memorial in St Oswald's church, Oswestry

Salwey on his baptism and census documents.



Oswestry & Border
Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Jacob Smith

Rank: Sergeant / Quartermaster (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1783 Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 21st January 1854 Date of Burial: 27th January 1854

Place of Burial: St Oswalds Churchyard, Oswestry

Military Service:

3rd Battalion, 1st Regiment of Foot (Grenadier Guards)

Saw action at both the retreat from and subsequent battle of Corunna (1809)

Was a Quartermaster at the Battle of Waterloo (1815)

Other:

Superintendent in the Police, resided next to Oswestry Gaol from 1831 to 1854.



1st Regiment of Foot Guards
"Grenadier Guards"

Note: The Bearskin for which the regiment is famed was not worn until the end of Waterloo conflict.

Oswestry & Border
Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Thomas Primit Stevens

Rank: Captain

(Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1827

Date of Baptism: 13th February 1827

Date of Death: 12th June 1887

Date of Burial: 15th June 1887

**Place of Burial: Oswestry Town Cemetery,
Oswestry, Grave: A 176**

Military Service:

32nd Punjab Native Infantry

Copy of brief biography of Gunner (later Lt) Thomas Primit Stevens (1827-87), Bengal Horse Artillery 1843-58, Punjab Native Infantry 1859-69, by his great granddaughter Mrs K M Stevens, including his record of service and details of his children and grandchildren, is held at the British Library. (Not the National Archives)

Other:

Son of John Henry and Susan Stevens, born Beccles, Suffolk

Oswestry & Border
Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: James Thompson

Rank: (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: Date of Baptism

Date of Death: Date of Burial

Place of Burial

Military Service:

Other:

Oswestry Courts – 13th November 1896.

An old soldier, James Thompson was charged with obtaining money by false pretences. He has fallen on hard times and could not work as he was suffering from Pulmonary Disease.

Oswestry & Border
Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Joseph Waite

Rank: Corporal Major (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1795 Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 21st March 1866 Date of Burial

Place of Burial: Ellesmere

Military Service:

The Royal Horse Guard (The Blues)

Served for over 20 years

On discharged he joined the North Shropshire Yeomanry Cavalry, 8th Troop where he was a drill instructor.

Together with the 1st and 2nd Regiments of Life Guards and the K.D.G., The Blues formed the Heavy Cavalry Brigade in the Waterloo campaign. At the commencement of the famous charge of this Brigade, the Regiment was in support, but as the charge developed, got into the first line.

Other:

Born in Rigton, Yorkshire, England

This regiment survived Charles II restoration in 1660, and became the Earl of Oxford's Regiment. This makes them the only parliamentary cavalry unit still in the British Army, but puts them second in precedence to The Life Guards, who were founded as a Royalist unit in 1658.

A favourite regiment of King George III. George's son the Prince Regent promoted the unit to household cavalry status in 1813, late in the Napoleonic Wars. At the same time the Duke of Wellington was made its colonel and it served under him at Vitoria later in 1813 as well as at Waterloo in 1815.



Royal Horse Guards Blue's circa 15 September 1820

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Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Robert Walker

Rank: Colour Sergeant (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1852 Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 1834 Date of Burial

Place of Burial

Military Service:

1st Battalion, Seaforth Highlander

Enlisted in the Highlanders in 1869.

Served in Afghanistan and Egypt

Saw action at the Battle of Tel el-Kebir or el-Tal el-Kebir was fought between the Egyptian army led by Ahmed Urabi and the British military near Tel-el-Kebir. After discontented Egyptian officers under Urabi rebelled in 1882, the United Kingdom reacted to protect its financial and expansionist interests in the country, and in particular the Suez Canal. 13th September 1882.

Other:

Born in Kendal, Westmorland

Newspaper article and photograph marks the celebration of his 90th Birthday.



Oswestry & Border
Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: William Whittingham

Rank: Drummer (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 26th February 1795 Date of Baptism: 15th March 1795

Date of Death: Date of Burial

Place of Burial

Military Service:

23rd Regiment of Foot, The Royal Welch Fusiliers

Enlisted on 4th April 1814

Was one of two regimental drummers who served at Waterloo.

Discharged on 6th April 1821.

Other:

Son of John Whittingham and his wife Margaret.

Before joining the military he was a Cordwainer's apprentice.



A drummer's duties were to relay orders by means of various drum beats. They could also be used to bring up extra ammunition and stretcher the wounded.

Oswestry & Border
Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: Thomas Williams

Rank: (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1838

Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 25th February 1900

Date of Burial: 27th February 1900

**Place of Burial: Oswestry Town Cemetery,
Oswestry. Grave N 96**

Military Service:

19th Hussars and Northumberland Fusiliers

Saw action during the Indian Mutiny and the Afghan War.

Other:

Prior to joining the military he worked for the Cambrian Railway Company as a lampman.

Last known address: 19 Gate Street, Oswestry, Shropshire



Oswestry & Border
Pre-World War 1 - War Veterans
(not including Crimean Campaign)

Name: George Wilson

Rank: Corporal (Most senior achieved)

Date of Birth: 1836 Date of Baptism

Date of Death: 24th July 1861 Date of Burial

Place of Burial: India

Military Service:

Other:

Born in Ellesmere, Shropshire

Died of Smallpox in Bengal, aged 25 years.