

John Roberts

Born 25/09/1820 Carneddeu, Trefonen, Oswestry (1881 Census)

Baptised John s/o Richard & Elizabeth – labourer of Llanforda born 25 September 1820 baptism 23 April 1821 St. Oswald's Oswestry

Death John Roberts of Ellesmere aged 62 late of Cambrian Railway died at Bicton 11 November 1882. BCA 15 November 1882 & Salopian & Montgomeryshire Post 22 November 1882 (later online)

Attested in to the Royal Marines Shrewsbury 29/12/1842

Information on record at the time he was attested :- Height 5ft 8,1/2 inches
Fresh complexion
Hazel eyes
Dark brown hair

Service in Portsmouth Division Service number 3696 Co. 81

Private	29/12/1842 - 31/08/1848
Corporal	01/09/1848 - 20/07/1851
Sergeant	21/07/1851 - 30/09/1857
Colour Sergeant	01/10/1857 - 04/02/1864

Service Afloat

HMS Collingwood	10/08/1844 - 20/07/1848
HMS Dauntless	21/08/1851 - 19/05/1853
HMS Gladiator	10/04/1854 - 23/05/1857
HMS Bulldog	05/06/1860 - 20/07/1862

Crimea Service

Baltic 1854 Crimea 1855 Aboard HMS Gladiator Presented with Baltic, Turkish and Crimea medals.

When the British Army quitted The Crimea 12/07/1856 the dockyard at Sebastopol was held by a guard of Marines from HMS Gladiator until given into Russian possession.

Discharged from service 04/02/1864 at his own request and length of service. Noted on his service record that his conduct and character was “ Exemplarily”

After service life he moved to live in Ellesmere with His wife and Daughter and worked as a clerk to the railway.

He appears in both the 1871 and 1881 census still living in Ellesmere but have no record of his death.

He married MaryAnn Warren at Alvestoke Hampshire on the 15th August 1848 and had one son and two daughters.

The photograph is of John ROBERTS in his Colour Sergeants Uniform with his daughter Hannah ROBERTS c1863.

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