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British Infantry Regiments and the Men Who Led Them 1793-1815
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47th Regiment of Foot
Secondary Title: Lancashire

Regimental History, 47th Regiment of Foot
1741: Raised in Scotland as Colonel John Mordaunt's Regiment of Foot
1743: Lascelles Regiment of Foot
1751: Numbered as 47th Regiment of Foot
1782: Secondary title - Lancashire
1803: 9 July - 2nd Battalion formed at Colchester
1815: 24 October - 2nd Battalion disbanded at Liverpool
1831: 47th (Duke of Lancaster's Own) Regiment of Foot
1881: 1st Battalion, The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment
1921: The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire)
2006: The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (King's, Lancashire & Border), on amalgamation with The King's Own Royal Border Regiment and The King's Regiment

Service History and Demographics, 1st Battalion 47th Regiment of Foot
1793: Bermuda
1794: Bermuda
1795: Bermuda
1796: Bermuda
1797: Bermuda
1798: Bermuda
1799: Bermuda
1800: Bermuda
1801: Bermuda
1802: Bermuda; November - to England
1803: February - Gosport; June - Battle; September - Colchester; Woodbridge; Liverpool; to Ireland; Dublin
1804: Dublin; February - Kilkenny; August - Curragh; September - Kilkenny
1805: Kilkenny; September - Cork
1806: Cork; April - Portsmouth; May - to East Indies; Cape of Good Hope; August - to South America; October - Rio de la Plata; Monte

Service History and Demographics, 2nd Battalion 47th Regiment of Foot
1803: July - formed at Colchester; Woodbridge; December - Liverpool; to Ireland; Dublin
1804: Dublin; February - Clonmel; August - Curragh; Kilkenny
1805: Kilkenny; Cork; Cahir; Belfast
1806: Belfast; Emniskillen
1807: Emniskillen; March - Omagh; May to England; Liverpool; Preston; Chelmsford | 38% English/Welsh, 4% Scots, 58% Irish
1808: Chelmsford; May - Jersey
1809: Jersey; October - to Gibraltar
1810: Gibraltar
1811: Gibraltar; February - flank companies to Tarifa; flank companies at Barrosa; June - battalion companies at Tarragona; Cadiz; Isla de Leon; October - battalion reunited at Tarifa | 58% English/Welsh, 2% Scots, 40% Irish
1812: Seige of TARIFA; Cadiz; October - Truxillo; Talavera de la Reyna; Puerto Largo; Lamego
1813: Lamego; into Spain; VITTORIA; Salvatierra; siege of San Sebastian; August - ST SEBASTIAN; Ermani; crossing of the Bidassoa; Bidart; Nivelle; Nive; River Adour
1814: February - Urdains; sortie from Bayonne; Borbeaux; August - to England; Portsmouth; Chichester; October - Liverpool; 24 October - disbanded at Liverpool.
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**Significant Militia/Volunteer Intakes:**
(militia units unless noted otherwise)
1803: Received Army of Reserve men from Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk
1805: County Cork; County Mayo; County Monaghan; County Wexford
1807: Draft from 45th Foot; North Devon; 1st Lancashire; 3rd Lancashire; County Tipperary
1809: 2nd Lancashire; North Lincolnshire; County Galway
1810: Dumfriesshire; County Meath
1811: County Louth
1812: County Galway

**Colonels**

**Adam WILLIAMSON**
Born: 1736
Relations: Son of Lieutenant-General George Williamson
Regimental Service: Colonel of 47th Foot 16 July 1790; Colonel of 72nd Foot 19 March 1794
Early Service: Served in North America 1755-1760; served in West Indies 1762; served in North America 1775-1776; Deputy Adjutant-General in South Britain 23 September 1778; Commander-in-Chief Jamaica 1790; Governor of Jamaica 1791
Service 1793-1815: Governor of San Domingo 18 November 1794-1795
Brevets & Staff Service: Major-General 28 April 1790; Lieutenant-General in West Indies 12 October 1793; Lieutenant-General 26 January 1797
Awards & Honours: KB
Died: After a fall at home, Avebury 21 October 1798.

**William DALRYMPLE**
Born: Glasgow 1736
Relations: Son of Hon. George Dalrymple, brother of John Dalrymple, 5th Earl of Stair
Regimental Service: Colonel of 47th Foot 19 March 1794
Early Service: Served in Portugal 1762; served in North America 1766-1772; Quartermaster-General in North America 1779-1783
Brevets & Staff Service: Major-General 1782; Lieutenant-General 12 October 1793; General 1 January 1798
Awards & Honours: MP 1784-1790, 1796-1797
Died: 16 February 1807.

**Hon. Richard FITZPATRICK**
Born: Ireland 1748
Relations: Younger son of John FitzPatrick, 1st Earl of Upper Ossory
Regimental Service: Colonel of 11th Foot 20 April 1806; Colonel of 47th Foot 25 February 1807 (vice Dalrymple)
Early Service: Chief Secretary for Ireland 1782; Secretary at War 1783; Secretary at War 1806-1807
Service 1793-1815: Principally in politics rather than military
Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 20 November 1782; Major-General 12 October 1793; Lieutenant-General 1 January 1798; General 25 September 1803
Awards & Honours: MP 1770-1813
Died: London 25 April 1813.

**Hon. Sir Alexander HOPE**
*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 186*
Born: Scotland 1769
Relations: Second son of General John Hope, Earl of Hopetoun
Regimental Service: Colonel of 5th West India Regiment 30 October 1806; Colonel of 74th Foot 29 December 1809; Colonel of 47th Foot 26 April 1813 (vice FitzPatrick); Colonel of 14th Foot 25 March 1835
Service 1793-1815: Commanded 14th Foot in Flanders 1794-1795; Governor of Tynemouth 1797; Lieutenant-Governor of Edinburgh Castle 1798; Deputy Adjutant-General at Helder 1799
Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1800; Major-General April 1808; Lieutenant-General 4 June 1813; General 22 July 1830
Awards & Honours: KB
Died: Chelsea Hospital 19 May 1837.
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)

Sir Paulus Aemilius Irving, Bt.
Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 34
Born: Waterford 1751
Regimental Service: Lieutenant-Colonel in 47th Foot 3 August 1781; Colonel of 2nd Royal Veteran Battalion 25 December 1802
Early Service: Served in North America 1775-1781, POW at Saratoga
Service 1793-1815: Commanded 47th Foot 1793 to 1795; served in West Indies 1790-1795
Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 18 November 1799; Major-General 1 January 1801; Lieutenant-General 1 January 1812
Awards & Honours: 1st Baronet of Woodhouse and Robgill Tower 1809
Died: Carlisle 31 January 1828.

Robert Douglas
Born: c.1744
Regimental Service: Major in 47th Foot 31 May 1778; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 22 August 1783; Lieutenant-Colonel in 47th Foot 1 September 1795
Service 1793-1815: Commanded 47th Foot 1795 to 1798
Brevets & Staff Service: Colonel in North America 1 March 1794; Major-General 3 May 1796
Died: Bermuda 7 June 1798.

Thomas Joseph Backhouse
Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 387
Born: Manila, Philippines, 1764
Regimental Service: Major in 47th Foot 26 January 1797 (vice Alcock); Lieutenant-Colonel 6 June 1798 (vice Douglas)
Early Service: Served in West Indies 1781
Service 1793-1815: Commanded 47th Foot 1798 to 1807; served at Montevideo 1807; commanded garrison at Bombay 1808-1811; on staff at Bombay 1811-1813
Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 25 April 1808; Major-General 4 June 1811; Lieutenant-General 19 June 1821
Died: London 22 May 1828.

Fielder King
Born: Sussex 1755
Regimental Service: Major in 98th Foot May 1796 (on transfer from 84th Foot); Lieutenant-Colonel in 98th Foot 4 March 1797; Lieutenant-Colonel-commandant of Cape Regiment 25 June 1801; Lieutenant-Colonel in 47th Foot 9 July 1803 (exchanged from Cape Regiment, vice Irving); Lieutenant-Colonel in 7th Foot 21 January 1804; Inspecting Field Officer of Yeomanry September 1804
Retired: September 1804
Died: Sussex 22 April 1834.

John Byne Skerrett
Born: Cheshire 1777
Relations: Son of Lieutenant-General John Nicholas Skerrett
Regimental Service: Major in 83rd Foot 29 March 1798; Lieutenant-Colonel in 83rd Foot 23 October 1800; to half-pay 1803; Lieutenant-Colonel in 10th Battalion of Reserve 1803; Lieutenant-Colonel in 47th Foot 16 January 1804 (vice King)
Service 1793-1815: Served in West Indies 1794; served at Cape of Good Hope 1806; served in India 1807-1811; served in Peninsula January 1811-April 1811; commanded a brigade May 1811 to July 1812; commanded a brigade in 4th Division November 1812 to June 1813; commanded a brigade in Light Division July to October 1813; commanded brigade in Belgium 1813-1814
Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 25 July 1810; Major-General 4 June 1813
Awards & Honours: LAGM (Vitt)
Died: Killed in action at Bergen-op-Zoom 10 March 1814.

William Wardrobe
Regimental Service: Major in 52nd Foot 23 September 1800; Lieutenant-Colonel 1 February 1803; to half-pay of York Hussars; Lieutenant-Colonel in 47th Foot 8 May 1806
Retired: May 1810
Died: Glynn County, Georgia USA October 1812.

Humphrey Dalrymple Bland
Born: County Laois, Ireland
Relations: Son of Captain Neville Bland
Regimental Service: Major in 47th Foot 28 August 1804 (vice Burroughs); Lieutenant-Colonel 3 May 1810 (vice Wardrobe)
Service 1793-1815: Commanded 2/47th in Peninsula (Cadiz) November 1809 to April 1811
Died: June 1816.
James CUMING
Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 553
Born: Scotland 1768
Regimental Service: Major in 47th Foot 16 June 1798; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 25 September 1803; Lieutenant-Colonel 13 June 1811
Service 1793-1815: Served in West Indies 1793-1802; served at Cape of Good Hope 1806; served in South America 1807; commanded 1/47th in India 1808-1813
Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1812; Major-General 4 June 1814; Lieutenant-General 22 July 1830
Died: Isle of Man 16 August 1839.

Richard Goodall ELRINGTON
Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 1264
Born: Worcester 1776
Regimental Service: Major in 47th Foot 3 May 1810 (vice Bland); Lieutenant-Colonel 4 June 1813
Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders and wounded 1793-1794; wounded in West Indies 1796; served in South America 1807; served in India 1808-1826, commanded anti-pirate operations in 1809; commanded 1/47th in India 1813-1815
Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 22 July 1830; Major-General 23 November 1841
Later Service: Commanded a force in Pindari War 1817; commanded a brigade in the Persian Gulf 1819; commanded a brigade in the Burmese War 1824-1825; court-martialled in 1833 for neglect of duty and acquitted
Awards & Honours: CB
Died: Worcester 2 August 1845.

William Edmondstone CHEYNE
Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 1633
Born: Scotland 1774
Regimental Service: Major in 47th Foot 9 August 1810 (vice Yates); Lieutenant-Colonel 4 July 1816 (vice Bland)
Service 1793-1815: Served in India 1808-1815
Died: Edinburgh January 1843.

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John Dormer ALCOCK
Born: Ireland 1750
Relations: Son of Reverend John Alcock
Regimental Service: Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 12 October 1793; Major in 47th Foot 1 September 1795 (vice Douglas)
Died: Ireland 20 January 1797.

John IRVING
Born: County Donegal 1756
Regimental Service: Major in 47th Foot 2 September 1795; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 January 1798; to Lieutenant-Colonel in 8th Battalion of Reserve 9 July 1803
Died: 1818.

Henry David FRASER
Regimental Service: Major in 47th Foot 1 July 1803 (vice Irving)
Retired: April 1804.

Sir Edward BLAKENEY
Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 776
Born: Newcastle-upon-Tyne 1778
Relations: Fourth son of Colonel William Blakeney
Regimental Service: Major in 47th Foot 9 July 1803; exchanged to Major in 7th Foot 24 March 1804; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 25 April 1808; Lieutenant-Colonel in 7th Foot 20 June 1811; Colonel of 7th Foot 20 September 1832; Colonel of 1st Foot 21 December 1854; Colonel-in-Chief of Rifle Brigade 28 August 1865
Service 1793-1815: Served in Copenhagen 1807; served in Martinique 1808; served in Peninsula August 1810 to June 1811; wounded at Albuera 1811; again in Peninsula July 1811 to May 1812; severely wounded at Badajoz; again in Peninsula January 1813 to January 1814; served in North America and France 1814-1815
Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 4 June 1814; Major-General 27 May 1825; Lieutenant-General 26 August 1836; General 20 June 1854; Field-Marshal 9 November 1862
Later Service: Commander-in-Chief Ireland 1836; Lord Justice of Ireland 7 May 1836; Lieutenant-Governor of Chelsea Hospital 6 February 1855; Governor 25 September 1856
Awards & Honours: GCB; GCH; AGC (Mart Alb Bad Vitt Pyr); MGSM (Bad CR Nivelle Nive)
Retired: 1855
Died: Chelsea Hospital 2 August 1868.
William JOHNSON  
Regimental Service: Major in 47th Foot 9 July 1803; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 25 October 1809  
Service 1793-1815: Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec 1811  
Retired: February 1811.

James BURROES  
Regimental Service: Major in 7th Foot 16 April 1795; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 January 1798; exchanged to Major in 47th Foot 24 March 1804 (vice Blakeney)  
Retired: August 1804.

John Burgess HAFFEY  
Born: Essex 1773  
Regimental Service: Major in 47th Foot 7 April 1804 (vice Fraser); exchanged to Major in 18th Foot 5 November 1807; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 4 June 1811  
Service 1793-1815: Served on Jamaica 1808-1814  
Died: Jamaica 6 July 1814.

Jonathan YATES  
Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 864  
Born: Lancashire 1780  
Regimental Service: Major in 18th Foot 18 December 1806; exchanged to Major in 47th Foot 5 November 1807 (vice Haffey); to Lieutenant-Colonel in 1st West India Regiment 19 July 1810; Lieutenant-Colonel in 49th Foot 13 May 1813  
Service 1793-1815: Served in West Indies 1803-1807 and 1810-1813  
Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 12 August 1819; Major-General 22 July 1840; Lieutenant-General 23 November 1841; General 20 June 1854  
Died: Hampshire 3 October 1854.

Richard BROAD  
Regimental Service: Major in 10th Foot 17 January 1811; exchanged to Major in 47th Foot 7 February 1811  
Service 1793-1815: Commanded 2/47th in Peninsula June 1811 to October 1812  
Died: Of fever at Truxillo October 1813.

Robert KELLY  
Born: County Armagh  
Regimental Service: Major in 47th Foot 13 June 1811 (vice Cuming)  
Service 1793-1815: Commanded 2/47th in Peninsula April to August 1813  
Awards & Honours: SAGM (Vitt SanSeb)  
Died: Killed in action at San Sebastian 31 August 1813.

Richard CHETHAM  
Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 1908  
Regimental Service: Major in 47th Foot 14 January 1813 (vice Broad); to half-pay 1814  
Service 1793-1815: Commanded 2/47th in Peninsula September 1813 to April 1814  
Awards & Honours: SAGM (Nive)

Charles HAYNES  
Regimental Service: Major in 47th Foot 4 June 1813 (vice Elrington)  
Service 1793-1815: Served in India 1808-1817  
Died: Of the effects of fatigue at Bombay 25 November 1817.

Byssie Cole MOLESWORTH  
Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 2088  
Born: Dublin c.1779  
Regimental Service: Major in 47th Foot 29 September 1813 (vice Kelly); to half-pay March 1815; reinstated 27 November 1816  
Service 1793-1815: Served in India  
Later Service: Served in Pindari War 1817-1819  
Died: Killed in action at Ras-el-Kimah 4 December 1819.
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