# The Coloured Corps and Corps of Artificers History and Muster Roll At the Time of the War of 1812

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On Oct. 13, 1812, the Coloured Company was among the last group to leave Fort George for Queenston (V pg. 179). The corps fought at Queenston Heights and was commanded by Captain Robert Runchey as part of the 1st Regiment of Lincoln Militia. The some of the sergeants and all of lower ranks were Coloured. Sgt. William Thompson and thirteen other men were transferred from the 3rd York (MC pg. 61)(NAH). The thirty-eight men of Coloured Company were on the western flank of General Sheaffe's force on the Heights (V pg. 186, 274). Captain Runchey was absent from the Battle of Queenston Heights and resigned his commission after the battle (Run).

Sometime in 1813, the corps was under the command of Lieut. James Robertson, formerly of the Provincial Artificers. Near the end of the war the corps was attached to the Quarter Master General's Department under the command of Captain George Fowler of the 41<sup>st</sup> Regiment. He was later a lieutenant (MC pg. 61)(NAH).

In 1813, the Corps helped defend Fort George and Newark from the American Landing at 2 Mile Creek (NAH).

On May 27, 1813, the Coloured Company was among the companies who tried to oppose the American landing at Captain James Crooks' farm (SF pg. 19).

On May 29<sup>th</sup>, there were thirty officers and men in Runchey's Corps of Artificers which were part Brigadier General Vincent's retreating army (SF pg. 52).

A June 3, 1813 statement of Troops in cantonments at the head of Burlington Bay reported the Corps consisted of one captain, three sergeants, twenty-nine rank and file fit for duty and one sick (NAH).

On June 4, 1813, after the Battle of Stoney Creek, Runchey's artificers were retained while most of the militia was sent home (SF pg. 70).

On June 13, 1813, the week after the Battle of Stoney Creek the Corps mustered two sergeants and twenty-seven rank and file (NAH).

During the blockade of Fort George, the unit was at St. David's on Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> with twenty-six rank and file (NAH).

On June 22, 1814, the "Abstract of Weekly Distribution Return of the Right Division, Major-General Raill, Headquarters, Fort George" reported that the Coloured Corps stationed at "Fort George and dependencies" consisted of "one officer, two sergeants, twenty rank and file – four sick" (DH1 pg. 28-29).

In July, 1814 all or part of the corps was stationed at Fort Mississauga (MC pg. 58).

On July 8, 1814, a distribution return for Fort Mississauga recorded that the Coloured Corps stationed there included one officer, two sergeants, one drummer, and twenty-two rank and file with four sick (DH1 pg. 51)(NAH). When General Riall retired to Twenty Mile Creek the Corps remained at the fort (NAH).

After the war, some of the men settled in Oro and Sunnidale Townships in Simcoe Co. Others received land grants but did not settle on them (MC pg. 59, 60).

Only one Coloured Corps payroll document has been found (CC2).

#### Officers

Captain George Fowler

He served as a superintendent from Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 (CC2).

Captain James Robertson (OBF pg. 76)

Captain Robert Reuben Runchey Sr. (c1756-c1819) @

Robert was born in Ireland where he married Eleanor de Bonnat (Run). Robert had been a lieutenant in Captain John McEwan's Flank Company in the 1<sup>st</sup> Lincoln Militia (V pg. 179). Robert Sr. was absent during the Battle of Queenston Heights and resigned about this time (Run). He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as dead and left a widow (CC1). Robert Runchy, of Grantham Twp. and a captain of the Coloured Corps, received 800 acres on Lots 32 and 33, Con. 1 and Lots 31 and 32, Con. 2, Dawn Twp. on November 19, 1826 (MG2867). Robert died in Louth Twp. (Run).

A Private Robert Runchey served in the Niagara Light Dragoons (OBF pg. 76). This was probably Robert's son, Robert Reuben Runchey Jr., who was born in 1787 in Quebec (Run).

Lieut. James Cooper (2<sup>nd</sup> Lincoln Militia)

James took temporary command of the corps during the Battle of Queenston Heights because Captain Runchey was absent the morning of the battle (Run1).

Lieut. James Robertson/Robinson

James was Adjutant of the Militia in 1813 (NAH). On May 31, 1813, James had command of Captain Runchey's Corps of Artificers and was probably in charge of building the defensive works on Col. Richard Beasley's farm on Burlington Heights (SF pg. 55). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps (CC3). He was at Black Rock on July 11, 1813 with Colonel Bisshop (NAH). He commanded the Coloured Corps until the end of the war (NAH).

Lieut. George Runchey (c1788-) @

George was the son of Captain Robert Runchey and Eleanor de Bonnat (Run). He had been a sergeant in Captain McEwen's Company in the 1<sup>st</sup> Lincoln

(NAH). George served in the Coloured Company. On Oct. 13, 1812, he served at the Battle of Queenston Heights (V pg. 269). He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as a resident of the Grand River (CC1). He served Apr. 25 to May 28, 1813 but then became a prisoner on parole (CC2). About 1815, George married Margaret Anderson (Run). George Runchy of Louth Twp. and a lieutenant in the Coloured Corps, received 500 acres on Lots 23, 24, and half of 22, Con. 6 ..., Chatham Twp. on August 4, 1826 (MG2833).

## Sergeants, Corporals, and Privates

## James Baker

He served in Captain Stephen Howard's Detachment of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> York at the Capture of Detroit on August 16, 1812 and received prize money (KS). He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as dead and left a widow (CC1). James was sick in the hospital in 1813 (MC pg. 59). He served Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 with the remark that he was "Sick in hospital" (CC2). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps (CC3). He died before 1820 and left a widow (MC pg. 59).

#### Caleb Brown

He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as deserted (CC1). He served Apr. 25 to June 16, 1813 and deserted on the 16<sup>th</sup> (CC2).

## John Call/Coll (?-1852)

John was born in New Jersey, was the brother of Richard and Stephen, and arrived in Upper Canada in 1810. He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as a resident of York (CC1). He served Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 (CC2). By 1820, John had settled at York when he received his location ticket for Oro Twp. He received a patent to the land in 1831 (MC pg. 74). John Call, of Middlesex Co. and a private in the Coloured Corps, received 100 acres on 21 Wilberforce St. in Oro Twp. on November 11, 1831 (MG3113). He died in Oro Twp. (MC pg. 74).

#### Richard Call/Coll

Richard was the brother of John and Stephen (MC pg. 74). He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 (CC1). He served Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 (CC2). Richard was still living in 1842 (MC pg. 59). Richard Call, of Malahide Twp. and a private in the Coloured Corps, received 100-acres worth of scrip on May 11, 1842 (MG4318).

#### Stephen Call/Coll/Caul

Stephen was the brother of John and Richard (MC pg. 74). He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as dead (CC1).

His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps as dead (CC3). Stephen died before 1820 (MC pg. 59).

## Thomas Christler/Christley

Adam Crysler arrived in St. David's in 1784 and in 1792 purchased a thirty year old slave name Tom. Adam Crsyler and his slaves settled on Four Mile Creek where they built a main house and cabins. On May 3, 1800, John Crysler, Adam's son, emancipated a slave named Tom Blackman (TP pg. 33-35). Thomas served Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 (CC2). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps (CC3). Thomas Chrisler, of Niagara Twp. and a former private in the Coloured Corps, received 100 acres on March 5, 1851 (MG3739).

## Robert Chrysler/Christler/Crisland/Christley

Adam Crsyler and his slaves settled on Four Mile Creek where they built a main house and cabins (TP pg. 33). He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as a resident of the Head of the Lake (CC1). Robert served Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 (CC2). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps (CC3). Robert Chrisler, of Niagara Twp. and a former private in the Coloured Corps, received 100 acres (MG3740).

## Daniel Cokely/Coughley/Cauhley

Daniel arrived in Upper Canada about 1805 and married about 1810 (MC pg. 75, 76). He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as a resident of York (CC1). Daniel settled at York and later in Oro Twp. about 1831 (MC pg. 59, 76). Daniel Coughley, of Oro Twp. and a private in the Coloured Corps, received 100 acres on Lot 14, Con. 2, Oro Twp. on September 22, 1837 (MG3856).

# Sgt. Mjr. John Colley (see Joseph) [Unconfirmed]

John served in the Coloured Corps but may have been white (MC pg. 58).

## Sgt. Mjr. Joseph Colley

He served Apr. 25 to May 30, 1813 with the remark "Sergt 8 Regt addet pay" (CC2).

#### Richard Collins

He served in Captain Stephen Howard's Detachment of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> York at the Capture of Detroit on August 16, 1812 and received prize money (KS). He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as a resident of the Bay of Quinte (CC1). He served Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 (CC2).

## Sgt. John Delay/Deloy/Dalley

John settled at Niagara and later in Oro Twp. (MC pg. 59, 86). He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as a resident of Niagara (CC1). He served Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 (CC2). His name was

recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps as a private (CC3). John Delay of Niagara Twp. certified Peter Lee's war loss claim (t-1132, pages 1062-1070). John Delay, a labourer of Niagara Twp. and a former sergeant in the Coloured Corps, received 200 acres on Lot E on Wilberforce St., [Oro Twp.] on March 5, 1821 (MG2191).

## Nathaniel Dooley/Darby/Darbey

He served Apr. 25 to June 16, 1813 and deserted on the 16<sup>th</sup> (CC2). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps as deserted (CC3).

## Samuel Edmonds/Edmunds

Samuel was born in the US (MC pg. 90). He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as a resident of York (CC1). He served Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 (CC2). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps (CC3). In 1819, he petitioned for land from York and received a grant in Oro Twp. but may not have settled there (MC pg. 90-91).

## George Flemming

His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps as dead (CC3).

## George Freeman

He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as dead (CC1). He served Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 (CC2). George died before 1820 (MC pg. 59).

#### James Garrison

His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps as dead (CC3).

#### Sgt. Edward Gough/Gaugh

Edward was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as dead (CC1). He served Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 (CC2). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps as dead (CC3). After the war, he made a land claim as a former member of the Coloured Corps (ILC). Edward died before 1820 (MC pg. 59).

#### John Green/Greene

John was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as dead (CC1). He served Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 (CC2). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps as dead (CC3). John died before 1820 (MC pg. 59).

#### Simon Grote

Simon later resided in Middlesex Co. (MC pg. 59).

Michael Groat (c1777-1846), William Groat Sr. (c1783-), and Ebenezer Guire

(c1778-), Michael's son-in-law served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> York Militia.

## Henry Hagan/Hager/Hagar

He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as dead (CC1). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps as deserted to the enemy (CC3). Henry died before 1820 (MC pg. 59).

## George Hamilton

He served Apr. 25 to June 10, 1813 and deserted on the 10<sup>th</sup> (CC2). George deserted on June 10, 1813 (MC pg. 59).

## Prince Henry

He served Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 (CC2). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps (CC3).

#### John Haras/Harris

He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as dead (CC1). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps as deserted (CC3). John died before 1820 (MC pg. 59). John C. Harris helped escaped slaves in the 1820s and designed a stump removal machines (Whe).

#### Anthony Hulls/Hults/Hutts

He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as died while a prisoner of the enemy and left and widow (CC1). He served Apr. 25 to May 27, 1813 but was taken prisoner on the 27<sup>th</sup> at the Capture of Fort George (CC2). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps deserted (CC3).

#### Francis Hunt

His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps (CC3). Francis Hunt, of Barton Twp. and a former private in a Coloured Corps from April 16, 1814 to March 24, 1815, claimed a land grant on December 22, 1843 but did not receive a location (MG5097).

#### John Jackson (-1813)

In June, 1794 he and 17 other free Negroes made a land petition that was not granted (GRO2). He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as dead (CC1). On Feb. 13, 1813, he died of an illness. His widow, Margaret, received a militia pension (MC pg. 60)(WP2).

John Jackson (c1779-1848)

John was born in New Jersey (MC pg. 99). He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as a resident of St. David's (CC1). He served Apr. 25 to May 24, 1813 but was then absent without leave after the 24<sup>th</sup> (CC2). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps as dead (CC3). He settled in St. Davids and later in Oro Twp. (MC pg. 60). On June 7, 1819, he made a land claim as a member of the Coloured Corps from Niagara Twp. (ILC). John Jackson, a yeoman of Niagara Twp. and a private in the Coloured Corps, received 100 acres on Lot 4 on Wilberforce Street, Oro Twp. on March 26, 1838 (MG1899). John died in Oro Twp. and left a widow, Jane (MC pg. 100).

## Michael Jackson/Johnston/Johnstone

He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as a resident of St. David's (CC1). He served Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 (CC2). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps (CC3).

#### Thomas Jackson

He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as dead (CC1). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps as dead (CC3). Thomas died before 1820 (MC pg. 60).

## William Jones

He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as a resident of York (CC1). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps as deserted to the enemy (CC3).

## Corporal Robert Jupiter

Robert had been a slave of the Servos family. In 1804, he married Mary Ann Arrishaw in Niagara. He later settled in Chippawa (MC pg. 60). He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as a private and a resident of Chippawa (CC1). He served Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 (CC2). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps as a corporal (CC3). He had a location in Garafraxa (MC pg. 60). He made a war loss claim for losses to the enemy in 1813. He lost a pair of horses which were taken from Mary Jupiter, a double horse harness set, 3 hogs, bedding and furniture, and a large sleigh which was used to haul timber. Clarissa Waters, the wife of James Waters, certified the claim (t-1129, pages 1410-1413). He was awarded a lot in Wellington Co. (NAH). Robert Jupiter, of Niagara Twp. and a private in the Coloured Corps, 100 acres-worth of scrip on January 24, 1843 (MG2608). Robert was buried in the Servos burial ground (MC pg. 60).

## Corp. Isaac Lee

He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as a private and dead (CC1). He served Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 (CC2). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps as dead (CC3). Isaac later served as a corporal (MC pg. 60). Isaac Lee, deceased, of Niagara

Twp. and a former private in the Coloured Corps, received 100 acres on the east half of Lot 18, Con. 2, Luther Twp. on August 25, 1837 (MG4378).

#### Peter Lee (-1817)

He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as dead (CC1). He served Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 (CC2). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps (CC3). On Sept. 30, 1813, Peter Lee, a resident of the Town of Niagara, made a war loss claim for losses to the enemy in May, 1813 and to the allies. The Americans took 14 grown hogs and some of his household furniture. While he was serving in the Coloured Corps over 7 bushels of wheat in the field was destroyed as well as 40 bushels of potatoes. He implied that the British were also responsible for his loss of a twoyear old heifer and 16 sheep. William Thompson and John Delay, of the same township, certified the loss to the enemy. Mary Livingston was administering his estate in 1824. On March 3, 1824, James, Humphrey, and Clarissa Waters certified the claim (t-1132, pages 1062-1070). The widow Lee of St. David's, Niagara Twp. made a war loss claim for losses on July 16, 1814. She lost 2 bed spreads, a blanket, 3 shirts, 2 coats, 2 jackets, a brass candlestick, a bed tick, crockeryware, a tea kettle, and an iron pot. She did not declare which military force was responsible for the loss (t-1126, pages 668-669). After the war, he made a land claim as a member of the Coloured Corps (ILC). On Jan. 1, 1817, Peter died. His widow, Mary, received a militia pension (WP2). Peter Lee, of Niagara Twp. and a private in the Coloured Corps, received 100 acres but did not locate on it (MG3696).

## William Mandgo/Mandigo/Mundigo/Mandijo/Martin

He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as dead (CC1). He served Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 (CC2). William was sick in the hospital in 1813 (MC pg. 60). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps (CC3). On Sept. 27, 1815, William Mandigo made a war loss claim. In 1812, The British had taken 4 of his hogs and in 1813 the Americans had taken a horse (t-1143-1230). He died before 1820 (MC pg. 60).

## George Martin

Peter Martin petitioned for the land owed his deceased brother who had been a Loyalist. Peter wished to sell the land in order to purchase the freedom of his son, George Martin, from Peter's employer, Thomas Butler (TP pg. 55-56). He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as a resident of Niagara (CC1). He served Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 (CC2). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps (CC3). George Martin, of the Town of Niagara and a former private of the Coloured Corps, received 100 acres on the west half of Lot 7, Con. 2 EHR, Mono Twp. on October 25, 1825 (MG2756). George received a land grant in Mono Twp., Dufferin County but did not move there (TP pg. 56). In 1831, he sold his Mono Twp. land to David Thorburn (TP pg. 56).

#### John Montgomery

John joined the corps on May 25, 1813 (MC pg. 60). He served May 25 to July 24, 1813 (CC2). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps (CC3).

## Richard Pierpoint (1744-c1837)

Richard was born in Bundu, Senegal, Africa, was taken at 16, arrived in America about 1760, and became the slave of a British officer named Pierpoint. Richard later served in Butler's Rangers and arrived in Upper Canada as a Loyalist about 1780. In June, 1794, he and 17 other free Negroes made a land petition that was not granted. In 1812 he proposed the raising of a corps of coloured men. His offer was refused but a corps was raised by Captain Robert Runchey. Richard may have served in 1812 at the Battle of Queenston Heights and 1814 at the blockade of Fort George and the Battle of Lundy's Lane. He may also have helped construct Fort Mississauga (PIE). He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as a resident of St. Catherine's (CC1). One surviving payroll recorded that he served from Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 (CC2). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps (CC3). He was entitled to a 100-acres land grant but petitioned in 1821 for passage back to Senegal instead but his petition was denied (PIE). Richard Peerpoint, a resident of Grantham Twp. and a private in the Coloured Corps, received 100 acres on the east half of Lot 6, Con. 1, Garrafraxa Twp. on July 30, 1822 and the patent on September 22, 1826 (MG2335). He still held title to this land at the time of his death (PIE).

## Robert Pooley [Not confirmed]

He married Sophia, Samuel Hatt's former slave (SFT).

#### Peter Randolph

He served Apr. 25 to June 16, 1813 and deserted on the 16<sup>th</sup> (CC2).

## John Sanders/Sanderson/Saunderson/Saunders

He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as a resident of Niagara (CC1). John Saunders was recorded as a carpenter with the Provincial Artificers on May 15, 1813. He served Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 (CC2). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps (CC3). John Sanders, a labourer of Niagara Twp. and a private in the Coloured Corps, received 100 acres-worth of scrip on July 22, 1825 (MG2153). He was still living in 1843 (MC pg. 60).

#### Robert Sandan/Sanderson/Saunderson

He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as a resident of Chippawa (CC1). He served Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 (CC2). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps (CC3).

#### Robert Scott (-1813)

He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 (CC1). On Jan. 15, 1813, he died in Niagara (BR). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps as deserted (CC3).

## Richard Shepherds/Shepard/Shepperd/Shipperd/Stephen

He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as dead (CC1). He served Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 (CC2). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps as deserted to the enemy (CC3). Richard was sick in the hospital in 1813. He deserted (MC pg. 60).

## Baptiste/Battice Shevall/Shevale

His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps (CC3).

#### Abraham Sloane/Sloan

He served Apr. 25 to May 27, 1813 and deserted on the 27<sup>th</sup> during the American Capture of Fort George (CC2). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps as deserted (CC3).

## William Spencer

He served Apr. 25 to May 27, 1813 and deserted on the 27<sup>th</sup> during the American Capture of Fort George (CC2). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps as deserted to the enemy (CC3).

James Steinburg/Stainburg/Starnsberg/Steinsbury/Starnsbury/Stonesbury
He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as
dead (CC1). He served Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 doing the King's work (CC2).
His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps (CC3).
James was at the King's works in 1813. He died before 1820 (MC pg. 60).

#### Samuel Thomas @

Samuel was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as a resident of the Head of the Lake with Secord (CC1). He served Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 (CC2). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps. He had served from October 17, 1813 to March 25, 1815 (CC3). Samuel Thomas, of the Grand River and a private in the Coloured Corps, received 100 acres on the west half of Lot 16, Con. 13, Zorra Twp. on March 26, 1825 (MG2678). He settled in Oro Township (Tho).

## Sgt. William Thompson/Thomas

William was transferred from the 3rd York (MC pg. 58). He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as a private and a resident of the Bay of Quinte (CC1). He served Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 as a corporal (CC2). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps (CC3). William Thompson, of Hope Twp., Northumberland Co. and a sergeant in

the Coloured Corps, received 200 acres on Lot 22, Con. 1 ERS, Mono Twp. on May 30, 1825 and the patent on April 1, 1826 (MG2408).

## John Van Patten/Vanpattan

He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as a resident of the Head of the Lake with Secord (CC1). He served Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 (CC2). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps (CC3). John Vanpatter, of Haldimand Co. and a corporal in the Coloured Corps, received 100 acres on the east half of Lot 4, Con. 1, Garrafraxa Twp. on April 19, 1822 (MG2292).

## **Corporal Henry Waters**

He served in the Coloured Corps (BCH). Could this have been Humphrey Waters?

## **Corporal Humphrey Waters**

He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as a resident of Niagara (CC1). Humphrey settled at Niagara and later had a location in Oro Twp. but did not settle there (MC pg. 59). On October 23, 1821, Humphrey Waters, a farmer of the Town of Niagara and a corporal in the Coloured Corps, received 100 acres on Lot F on Wilberforce St., Oro Twp. (MG2113). He certified the war loss claim of Robert Jupiter (t-1129, pages 1410-1413). On March 3, 1824, Humphrey Waters certified the was loss claim of Peter Lee (t-1132, pages 1062-1070).

## Sqt. James Waters/Watters/Walters

James married Clarissa Sorell in 1811 at Niagara (MC pg. 59). He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as a resident of Niagara (CC1). He served Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 in the Coloured Corps (CC2). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps (CC3). Clarissa Waters, the wife of James Waters, certified the war loss claim of Robert Jupiter, as did James (t-1129, pages 1410-1413). On March 3, 1824, James and Clarissa Waters certified the was loss claim of Peter Lee (t-1132, pages 1062-1070). On May 4, 1839, James Waters, a coloured man of Niagara Twp. and a sergeant in the Artificers Corps, received 200 acres on Lot 6, Con. 5, Beeley Twp. (MG2323).

#### Antrim/Antoine Willis

He served Apr. 25 to July 24, 1813 (CC2). His name was recorded on an undated muster roll for the Artificers Corps (CC3).

## Corporal Francis Wilson

In 1809, Francis married Nancy Philips at Niagara (MC pg. 59). He was recorded an 1820 Return for Corps for the last quarter of 1812 as a resident of Niagara (CC1). Francis settled at Niagara and later had a location in Sunnidale Twp. (MC pg. 59). Francis Wilson, of Grantham Twp. and a corporal in the

Coloured Corps, received 100 acres on the east half of Lot 13, Con. 11, Sunnidale Twp. on November 20, 1838 (MG4400).

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