



1808 - MILITIA ACT

Mandated the formation of Militia Regiments

1st Regt. Northumberland Militia.
Eight Companies were raised -
one from each Sub-District:

Hope	Haldimand	Murray
Hamilton	Percy	Cramahe
Alnwick	Seymour	



REGIMENT REFORMED IN 1810

List of the officers of the 1st Regiment of Northumberland Militia, with the dates of their commissions or appointments.

John Peters, Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding, Commissioned 20th June 1810

Elias Jones, Major, Commissioned 20th June 1810

Captains

1. John Spencer, 20th June 1810
2. Timothy Porter, 20th June 1810
3. Richard Hare, 20th June 1810
4. Robert C. Wilkins, 20th June 1810
5. Zacheus Burnham, 23th June 1810
6. Thomas Ward, 25th May 1812
7. John Vaughn, Not commissioned in Militia
General Order 15th February 1813
8. Roger Woolcut, Recommended 24th June 1813, not commissioned or in orders

WHAT THE 1ST REGIMENT NORTHUMBERLAND MILITIA DID IN THE WAR

Had to be available for thirty day periods to:

- Work as labourers: building fortifications, one detail went to Kingston
- Guard installations: Mills and supplies
- Transport prisoners: to York and Kingston, sometimes Burlington

Each member of the Militia was called to serve a maximum of six months in any year and in periods of thirty days. Once a period was served one did not serve again until all members of the Battalion had been called to serve, by lot.

This Regiment was part of the "Sedentary Militia"

The Sedentary Militia stayed within the District and supplied men for the jobs listed above. The fighting was done by the "Incorporated Militia of Upper Canada". Some of the 1st Regiment volunteered for the IMUC.

First Regt. Northumberland Militia
Annual Return of the Flank Companies of the First Regiment Northumberland Militia on Service in the year 1812.

<i>Rt. Rank</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>Captain John Spencer</i>	<i>Capt. Wilkins took command of the company in 1812</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>Robert C. Wilkins</i>	
<i>3</i>	<i>Zacheus Burnham</i>	<i>Died in March 1813</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>Lieut. Roger Woolcut</i>	
<i>2</i>	<i>James Norris</i>	<i>Left the Province since the war</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>Ens. Joseph A. Keeler</i>	