

**Transcripts of Documents of the 5th Regiment of Lincoln Militia
During the War of 1812
With a Microfilm Index
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Introduction

This is a transcription of documents from Volumes 1, 16, 24, and 25, four of thirty-nine volumes of pay records and accounts of the Upper Canada Militia during the time of the War of 1812. In 2012, [Collections Canada](#) published digital copies of the microfilmed volumes on their website.

The transcribed documents included company and staff payrolls, muster rolls (Documents 237-242), and various Returns. Most documents had a stamped archival number but many documents appear to be missing from the set. Possibly these were documents that were no longer legible enough to microfilm. The documents were not always in numerical order on the microfilm. Documents were copied by hand during the war and there are multiple copies of some payrolls with different document numbers. Corrections and changes were made to the documents by the authors when this occurred. When there was more than one copy of the same document only one copy was transcribed here and any significant changes between copies were noted in the transcriber's comments, in square brackets.

The Document Index and the Document Transcripts have been sorted numerically by volumes and document numbers.

Some document titles included where the unit was stationed. Remarks on the documents may give insight as to what was happening in each company. The documents did not directly indicate that the men were at specific engagements with the Americans but the remarks may have suggested that they were. Examples of this type of remark beside a man's name were "wounded" and "taken prisoner". Officers were required to sign for receipt of their pay on separate payrolls. Most documents were certified as true and signed by an officer but not necessarily in the same year as the payroll period.

There were a number of problems encountered while transcribing these documents, the principal one being legibility. Spelling was phonetic at the time and it was not unusual to find a number of different spellings for many names.