Limerick and Clare Officers of the Bengal Army 1758-1834.

The following list was compiled in July 2015 by Brian Hodkinson, as a by-product of his own researches. It is abstracted from Major V.C.P. Hodson’s, *List of the Officers of the Bengal Army, 1758-1834* which itself is based on a much earlier list by Dodwell and Miles. Hodson’s work, in four volumes published between 1926 and 1947, gives the full service record (where known) of individuals who joined the service up to 1834. Each entry comprises, where known, of date and place of birth, father and mother’s name, date and place of death, date(s) of marriage(s), promotions, regiment and changes thereof, and a list of active service, with medals won.

This list is intended as a search aid and the reader will have to consult the work to get full information. While giving (I hope) all Co. Limerick and Co. Clare references, there is a strong possibility that other Limerick and Clare people are in the list. In some cases place of birth is given just as Ireland, while the origin of those who joined within India is often not given. I have included individuals whose father married into Limerick/Clare families and who themselves married into such families.

N.I. = Native Infantry.

**Archdeacon, Captain John**, (d. 1792) 14th Bn. Sepoys. Brother of James, of Limerick and son of Edmund of Keldrummin, Co. Limerick. Died at the storming of Seringapatam.


**Carleton, Lt. Charles William**, (1789-1834) 1st N.I. 3rd son of Rev. Peter Carleton, Dean of Killaloe, and Mary Griffin, his wife.

**Carleton, Major Frederick Augustus**, (1808-1860). 36th N.I. 5th son of Rev. Peter Carleton, Dean of Killaloe, and Mary Griffin, his wife. Died unmarried.

**Carleton, Major Henry Peter**, (1814-1900) Bengal European Regt. 2nd son of Rev. Peter Carleton, Dean of Killaloe, and Mary Griffin, his wife. Married Eliza Cossart.

**Carleton, Capt. William Cossart**, (1803-1841) 36th N.I. 4th son of Rev. Peter Carleton, Dean of Killaloe, and Mary Griffin, his wife. Married Catherine Louisa Tritton.


Craigie, Patrick Bt. Major, (1799-1843) 38th N.I. Married Eliza (nee Oliver), mother of Lola Montez and widow of Ensign Edward Gilbert of Limerick H.M. 44th. 1st Afghan war, Ghazni.

Cuninghame, Major George, (1783-1838). 7th N.I. Married to Ann Helen, dau. of Sir Joseph O’Halloran (see below).


Downes, Capt. Dennis, (1804-1844) 30th N.I. Born Atterbury, Kilfinaghty, Co. Clare. Son of John, surveyor of excise.


Hickman, Major George William Jones, (1797-1871). 70th N.I. Born Cawnpore son of Gregory (see below), brother of J.P (see below) M. Miss Mary Anne Judah.


Hickman, Capt. John Palliser, (1794-1853) Invalid Establishment, 69th N.I.


McMahon, Ensign Henry, (1812-36). 1st N.I. Born Limerick, son of Mathew, of Dublin, and Frances, dau.of John Tierney, of Ballyscandlend, Co. Limerick, brother of Thomas. (below)


Waller, Col. Robert, (1808-1877). Artillery. Born Dublin, 3rd son of George, of Prior Park, Co. Tipperary and 2nd wife, Elizabeth, dau. of George Studdert, of Kilkishen Co. Clare. M. Anne Caroline, dau. of Charles Griffiths. 1st Afghan War, he and his wife were taken prisoner by Mohamed Akbar. Their daughter Frances Tazeena was born in captivity and gets her name from a valley in Afghanistan.

Wheeler, Major Gen. Sir Hugh Massy, (1789-1857). 48th N.I. Born Clonbeg, Co. Tipperary, son of Capt, Hugh and his wife Margaret, 2nd dau of Hugh 1st Lord Massy (Clarina Co. Limerick). M. Frances Matilda, widow of Thomas Samuel Oliver. He was commander at Cawnpore during the Mutiny, and was killed there with his wife. 1st Afghan War.


Woodward, Capt. Henry. Infantry. No birth or death dated in India 1764-5 suggested he is Henry Woodward of Kilmackanlow, Co. Limerick whose will was proved in Dublin 1797.