

**Irish Officers: Muster Rolls and related Military Data
From the LDS Microfilms called “Irish Muster Rolls”
Part I: Scottish Families and Scottish-related Families**

First these rolls were mostly about officers, and often only indicated those being reduced to half pay as forces were downsized, or as officers were allowed to retire due to illness and age. Other than the half pay officers and chaplains, a few units of dragoons, and a few grenadiers were listed. The LDS Irish Muster Rolls are not a complete list of even officers for active units, and have no common foot soldiers named in them. These rolls also include a variety of mostly non-military records by surname and by county. There are 54 rolls in the collection, but only one has been found, thus far to actually be any kind of lists of military officers. The following extracts are from that one roll. The data was in segments and found in the Public Records Office of Northern Ireland, manuscripts in Trinity College, Dublin, and “other places.”

The period covered by the rolls was roughly 1693-1798. I extracted the Scottish names for this tranche, and some Irish and Anglo-Irish names known to be intermarried with these same Scottish families in the 18th and early 19th centuries in the U.S.. I stopped writing names down just before 1745, as most Scottish and Scots-Irish emigrants to the U.S. had left by this time. There were some Norman Irish officers, but almost no Catholic Irish families in these rolls. They were not trusted by the mostly English Lt. Colonels and Major Generals that were designated heads of most regiments as the Catholic Irish had been in rebellion three times in the preceding century and a half. The second tranche of extracts will include all the Anglo/Norman-Irish names and Catholic Irish names found in the rolls. The Anglo/Norman-Irish names will be names that have been found in other records to enable researchers to create family time-lines for their families who lived in Ireland for at least one generation before emigrating.

There were lists of officers made every two years and there are some gaps in these records, notably during the first years of the Duke of Marlborough’s campaigns on the European continent during the War of Spanish Succession.

Lastly, officers during this time frame, at least down through Lieutenant were almost always listed in their private residential and civil records as “gentlemen,” or above, in rank. Ensigns could be “yeomen” but often were also younger “gentlemen.”

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Regiments Broken in 1698 and their officers reduced to half pay; service mostly performed from 1692-1697:

Colonel Richard Mitchellburn’s Regiment:

Lt. Col. John Hamilton

Captains: James McCormick, Joseph Campbell

Lieut. Patrick Murray
Ensign: Hugh Campbell, Andrew Hamilton

Colonel George O'Hoyt's Regiment
Major William Hamilton

Colonel Thomas St. John's Regiment
Captains: Philip Dunbar, Joseph Dunbar, William Stewart, William Browne, Alexander Stewart
Lieutenant: John Armstrong
Ensign: David Dunbar

Col. John Mitchellburn's Regiment (replaced his kinsman, William; mostly the same regiment)
Lt. Colonel John Hamilton
Captains: Francis Boyd, James McCormick, Joseph Campbell
Lieuts: Patrick Murray, Samuel Ferguson
Ensigns: Daniel Gilaspy, Hugh Campbell, Andrew Hamilton

Col. Creighton's Regiment of Foot
Captains: Malch (Malachi? Michael?) Hamilton
Lieuts: Robert Montgomery, George Graham
Ensigns: Mau (Maurice?) Buchanan, William Hamilton

Col. Thomas St. John's Regiment: half-pay, 1698
Captains: Alexander Stewart, Philip Dunbar, Joseph Dunbar, James Blair, William Stewart, William Hamilton
Lieutenants: William Browne, James Forbes, Lewis Stewart, John Armstrong
Ensigns: Henry Stewart, David Dunbar

Earl of Donegal's Regiment:
Colonel, Lord Donegal
Lieutenants: John Reynolds, George Holmes

Lord Charlemont's Regiment:
Captain: William Campbell
Ensign: John Montgomery
Quarter Master: Robert Walker

Lord Mountjoy's Regiment:
Major Archibald Hamilton
Captains: Arthur Stewart, John Murray
Lieutenants: James Stewart, John Fleming, William Stewart
Ensigns: James Fleming, Charles Stewart

Lord Jedborough's Dragoons:
Captains: John Stewart, Mark Kerr
Lieutenants: John Blane, Gustavus Balfour
Quarter Masters: George Stewart, Andrew Agnew
Chaplain: William Cunningham

Earl of Essex's Dragoons (2 Troops)
Lieutenant James Hamilton; Ensign John "Grovenor" (Grosvenor)

1698: Additional Regiments of Horse and Foot:

Colonel Harvey's Regiment of Horse:
Lieut. Edward Cochran; Cornet John Harvey; Quartermasters: John Dark, Adam Blair

Colonel Richard Coote's Regiment of Foot: (these families are intermarried with known other Anglo-Scots families and descendants went to the U.S.)
Captains: William Adair Loftus, Dudley Loftus, Perkins Vaughan
Ensign: Thomas Bourden (Borden)

Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Frecke's Regiment of Foot:
Lieutenant: Edward Hastings (Hastings can be Scottish or English)

Colonel Thomas Farrington's Regiment of Foot: (intermarried with known Scots-Irish families; descendants in the U.S.)
Major Christopher Wray; Lieutenants: Francis Lewis, Charles Drake

Colonel John Buchan's Regiment of Foot:
Major William Reid; Captains: Robert Hamilton, Thomas Hay, William Bruce; Lieutenant-Captain: Charles Dalziel; Lieutenants: Alexander Carmichael, John Reid, Alexander Ferguson, James Urquhart, John Livingston; Ensigns: John Grant, John MacQueen, George Hay, George Gordon, Thomas Boyd.

12 Regiments: A List of Officers Reduced in Ireland in 1701

Orkney's Foot Regiment (1st)
Captains: James Lindsay, Archibald Hamilton, Robert Hamilton
Lieutenant: William Murray
Ensigns: Alexander Hamilton, Alexander Gordon

Stuart's Foot Regiment (9th)
Captain: John Campbell

Col. Francis Hamilton's Foot (18th)

Ingoldsby's Foot (23rd)

Captain John Hayes.

In 1703, October 27th, reduced pay, discharge (discontinued), etc.; some of the men had been in reduced units before, were called up again and reduced again, apparently something like the U.S. uses its "reserves" and the states' "national guard units."

Colonel Mitchelburn's Regiment of Foot:

Captain James McCormick, half pay; Lieut. Samuel Ferguson, same; Ensign Andrew Hamilton discontinued 27 January, 1703, by H.M. order.

Col. Thomas St. John's Regiment of Foot:

Captain William Stewart, dead 10 Sept., 1702

Captains: (all half pay) Joseph Dunbar, William Hamilton, James Blair

Lieutenants: (all half pay) William Browne, James Forbes

Colonel Creighton's Regiment of Foot:

Lieutenant George Graham, half pay

Earl of Donegal's Regiment of Foot:

Lieutenant George Holmes sent into Lord Mountjoy's Regiment on 29th January 1702/3

Ensign Nicholas Holmes, discontinued

Lord Mountjoy's Regiment of Foot:

Captain John Murray, discontinued as of 29 January, 1702/3

Colonel Tidecombe's Regiment of Foot:

Captain Thomas Alexander into a regiment in Holland.

Army in Ireland, April, 1707 (mostly reduced to half pay):

2nd Foot: Lieutenants: Robert Montgomery, Richard Hamilton

3rd Foot: Lieutenants: Thomas Harrison, "Ken" (?) Harrison; Ensigns: Alexander Hays, Hugh Boyd

4th Foot: Captains: Frederick Hamilton, Thomas St. Clair (Sinclair), John Fitzpatrick (one of the few Irish); Lieutenants: William Brown, Arthur Maxwell; Ensign Robert Hamilton

5th Foot: Lieutenant Colonel William Harrison; Captain Richard Lewis; Lieutenant Edward Ball; Ensign John Harrison, Adjutant: Nicholas Comyns (listed also under Ensign as Cummins).

7th Foot: Lieutenant Thomas Stewart, Thomas Lewis; Chaplain: George Lewis

8th Foot: Captains: Peter Kerr, John Armstrong

9th Foot: under Colonel Sir Roger Bradshaw; Captain Robert Wallis (could be English or Scottish); Ensign Sir William Parsons (Anglo-Irish)

11th Foot: Lieutenant Peter Bruce

12th Foot: Lieutenants: James Holmes, Nathaniel Sandford

13th Foot: Grenadier Robert Maxwell

15th Foot: Captain Robert Wallis (he could be either Scottish or English); Lieutenant John Walker; Ensign James Hayes

16th Foot: Captains: Richard Stewart, George Murray, Patrick Lyon (could be Norman-Irish or Scottish); Lieutenants: Charles Stewart, John Harvey (Norman-Irish)

Army in Ireland in 1707 Horse Units:

1st Horse: Captain Arthur Hebburne (Hepburn); Quartermaster John Aldridge; Surgeon James Hamilton

2nd Dragoons: Lieutenant Richard Hamilton; Quartermaster James Montgomery

List of Irish Establishment Officers at half pay, 28 July, 1711

Brigadier Conyngham's (Cunningham) Regiment, no Scottish officers reduced.

Colonel John Mitchelburn's Regiment of Foot:

Lieutenant Colonel: John Hamilton

Captain: Michael Cuningham

Lieutenant: Patrick Murray

Lord Strathnaven's Foote:

Captain: Arthur Stewart; Lieutenant Alexander Murray; Ensign: John Gordon; Quarter Master Alexander Brodie

Colonel George Hamilton's Foote:

Captain: John Harris; Ensign Daniel MacIntosh; Quarter Master: Robert Seton

Sir David Collyear's Foote:

Captain: James Bruce

Earl of Donegal's Regiment:

Lt. John Reynolds, dead (date unreadable) but between 1709-1711; probably 1711; was at half-pay when he died.

Lord Charlemont's Regiment:
Quarter master Robert Walker

Colonel Frederick Hamilton's Regiment:
Additional officer in the lists: George Graham

List of (Military) Pensioners in 1711, as of 25th July

Christopher, Lord Slane (no rank listed; family surname not given)
____Alexander, Earl of Menstrie (first name not given)
Lieutenant General Stewart (no first name given);
Major General Gustavus Hamilton
Captain Adam Blair

Pensioners as of Sept. 27th, 1717

Earl of Menstrie, ____Alexander (first name not given) now dead
Captain Adam Blair
Widow Margaret Fleming (husband not named, nor rank)
Note: in 1727, Captain Adam Blair and Margaret Fleming were still pensioners.

1716-1720: (Colonel) Sir John Wynne's Dragoons:

Colonel Sir John Wynne, dead by 1720
Lieutenant Captain Henry Crawford, dead by 20 July, 1715
Ensign John Muirhead (later variant spelling Moorhead), dead by 20 July, 1715
Quartermaster Charles Armstrong, dead by 31 December, 1717
Major Dunbar was attached to this unit during this time
Captain Knox was attached to this unit during this time
Lieutenant Owen Wynne was in this unit of Dragoons; was made Major General in the 1730's.

Last item: (The Woods family in the Rolls)

From "An Account of the Increase of Decrease of Half Pay Officers for 2 Years Ending 31st of March, 1743" was **Lieutenant Thomas Woods**, deceased. He had been put on half pay by the end of March, 1741 and thus died between April 1, 1741 and 31st of March, 1743. There was no unit given, making it hard to discern where in Ireland he'd lived before enlisting. This was the only Wood or Woods found listed in the microfilm muster roll of the half-pay officers for the period the roll covered.