

# Wellington Soldier Settlers [Grant Holders NSA] by lot from Pockwock west toward Sherwood

Key:

Newf Fenc = Royal Newfoundland Fencibles

Cor = Corporal

m. = married

Ser = Sergeant

d. = daughter

Bat = Battalion

s. = son

NSA = Nova Scotia Archives

Pvt = Private

NS Vital Stats = Nova Scotia Vital Statistics

Name	Rank	Age 1822	Service In years	Recruitment & Regiment	Trade	Born [Family]	comments	Lot #	Daily Pension
Mara, John [Meara]  WO 25/548 f. 1	Ser	38?	14.2	98 <sup>th</sup> (1804-1818) Served in WI Enlisted Apr. 27, 1804. Disbanded at St. John 24 July 1818. "located"	labourer	Skirk, Leix, Ireland		2 N & S 200 acres  William Wright* on Grant Map East of Clay Lake. Lots 2N & S Sheet 55	5d Awarded 24 Oct. 1821  Not in pension payments 1845 WO 23/31
*Wright, William WO 97/1173/246	Pvt	46	17.6	NS Fenc (1804 - 1814) Nova Scotia Regiment (7yrs)	labourer	Annapolis, NS  John Wright (s.?) 1827 census Wellington Settlement. Anglican 1 male 3 females	1838 Census Hammonds Plains John Wright (s.?) Farmer 2 females under 6 2 males under 14 2 females under 14 1 male over 14 1 female over 14 Household of 8	[William Wright is not on the 1822 list of grant holders. He appears to have settled on John Mara's lot sometime between 1822-1827]	9d Pension awarded 16 Jan 1824 WO 120/35 p.321  Not in 1845 pension pay WO 23/31  {Wright family members on AF

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									Church map of Halifax County north of Wright's Lake}
Mara [Meara], William WO 25/548 f. 6	Ser	39?	16.5	98 <sup>th</sup> (1804-1818) Served in WI Enlisted 12 July 1804. Disbanded at Fredericton 24 June 1818. "located"	Weaver Labourer  Signed 1818 petition NSA	Killeigh, Geashill, Co. Offaly, Ireland  Refers to wife [Mary Whitty?] & young family in 1818 Petition requesting land in Wellington. RG 20 Series "A" vol. 84-86, NSA	"Elenor" Mara [daughter of William Mara & Mary Whitty] died 1820 age 5 months, buried at St. Peter's cemetery, Halifax	3 N & S 200 acres  Lots 3 N & S Sheet 55	7d Awarded 24 Oct. 1821  Paid as Meara in 1825 WO 121/210  Not in pension payments 1845 WO 23/31
Kennedy, John WO 97/1173/108	Ser	45	19.2	Newf Fenc (1803-1816) Royal Newf. Reg (c.1797-1802) Signed discharge	labourer	St. John's, Newfoundland		4 N & S 200 acres Lots 4 N & S Sheet 55 on Western shore of Wrights Lake in the middle of the Grant Map	5d
Clay, Richard WO 12/7088  Richard Clay, Grocer, died 1851 age 71 and buried at Holy Cross Cemetery, Halifax	Ser			60 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> Bat Sept-Dec 1815	?	Gloucester, England  d. Sarah died 1839 age 11 buried at St. Mary's Cemetery, Halifax	1838 census Halifax City Tavern Keeper 1 female under 14 2 in the family	5 N & S 200 acres  Clay Lake cuts through 5N Sheet 55	
Gordon, Hugh WO 97/860/58	Ser	36	11.11	74 <sup>th</sup> (1807-1819) Enlisted at	labourer	Heatherton, Dingwall, Ross, Scotland	"has served in six engagements with the regiment in the Pennisula"	6 N & S 200 acres	5d Pension awarded in Halifax 9 May 1823

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				Musselburgh, Midlothian for 7 years – re-enlisted for unlimited service 17 Oct 1814 Signed discharge			-discharged at Fredericton	Green Lake cuts through 6s. Clay Lake top of 6N. Sheet 55	Not in 1845 pension pay WO 23/31
MacPherson, Hugh WO 97/862/62  "Dead" written across discharge	Ser Cor	33	11.2	74 <sup>th</sup> (1808-1819) Enlisted at Fortrose, Inverness for unlimited service. Discharged in Fredericton, June 14, 1819 Signed discharge	Labourer	Laggan Inverness	"has served in six engagements with the regiment in the Peninsula"	7 N & S 200 acres  7 N&S Sheet 55	? Awarded at Nova Scotia 16 Aug 1825 WO 120/35 p.205
Malcolm, James	Pvt	28		74 <sup>th</sup> Joined at Thurso age 16 6 Oct 1810 Limited service WO 25/469 f.4 (p. 165-66)	labourer	Dunn, Caithness		8 N  8 N Sheet 55	
Little, George WO 97/861/59  George Little died at Hammonds Plains, 26 Dec 1858 age 77 Punch, p. 147	Cor	40	11	74 <sup>th</sup> (1808-1819) Enlisted at Clonshel?, Tipperary for unlimited service Signed discharge  -discharged at Fredericton	weaver farmer	Armagh, Armagh Anglican  1827 census 4 males 1 female	"has served in six engagements with the regiment in the Peninsula"  Hugh & John Little listed as farmers in Hammonds Plains 1838 Census	8 S 100 acres  Southern tip of Green Lake touches the grant. Sheet 55	5 d  6d 1845 Pension pay WO 23/31  {Little family members on 1864 AF Church map of Halifax County east of Rafter Lake}
Walsh, John	Pvt	29	7.2	74 <sup>th</sup> (-1819) Attested at Winchester 2 July 1812 age 19	Labourer Farmer agriculture	Wighill [Wighel – WO 25/468 f. 27 p. 57] Hereford, England	1838 Census 3 males above 14 1 female above 14 Household of 5	9 N 100 acres  Lot 9N between Clay	9 May 1823 *Rejected: Enlisted only for 7 years

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				Discharged at Halifax Oct. 14, 1819 "redirection of the establishment"		Anglican 1827 census 1 male 1 female  wife Susanna Costello [Catholic]	John Walsh & Susanna Costello had a daughter Susanna baptized 29 June 1822 – buried 14 Dec 1823 (Halifax Catholic Records) Punch, p.152	and Rafter Lakes Sheet 55  d. Susanna buried at St. Mary's Cemetery. Halifax	
Hall, Thomas	Pvt	35		1 <sup>st</sup> Royal Vet. Bat. Enlisted at Peterboro 5 Apr 1809 Limited service age 22 Served 34 <sup>th</sup> (1812-1814) 1809-1812 – absent WO 25/605 f.54 (p.80)	dyer	Beauford, York		9 S 100 acres  Lot 9s Sheet 55	
Love, Patrick MaGra	Ser			3 <sup>rd</sup> Dragoon Guards Not in pay lists WO 12				11 N & S 200 acres Grant cut in half by Sandy and Rafter Lakes. Includes eastern shore & islands. Sheet 55	

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<p>Bright, John WO 69/645/377</p>	<p>Pvt</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>4.8</p>	<p>Royal Artillery Drivers (1812-1816) Enlisted 26 Mar 1812 for limited service Served in Peninsula and America "but was never wounded" Discharged 30 Nov 1816 "discharge burnt"  Was at Lisbon, St. Sebastian (1813-14), Vittoria, Pamplona, Nive, Ortes, Toulouse, Bordeaux, Northfleet, Halifax, NS</p>	<p>Farm-labourer Farmer</p>	<p>Laidlaw, Hereford (1794)  m. Mary Ann Green, 22 Mar 1819, Halifax, St. Paul's Anglican. <i>NS Vital Stat.</i>  s. William Bright(30) [cooper] married Mary Fudge 2 Sept. 1868, Halifax, Baptist <i>NS Vital Stat.</i>  d. Mary Ann Bright b. Hammonds Plain 2 Mar. 1822 – d. 1911  d. Ann Jane Bright b. Hammonds Plain 25 Dec. 1829 - ? <i>NS Vital Stat.</i></p>	<p>1838 census Hammonds Plains 2 females under 6 2 males under 14 2 females under 14 14 1 male over 14 1 female over 14 Household of 8  1851 census 1 house 2 stores, barns, or outhouses 2 males under 10 2 males 10-20 1 female 10-20 1 female 40 to 50 1 male above 50 Household of 7  1861 census district 16 no. 1 4 males 2 females</p>	<p>12 S 100 acres  Lot 12 S on the eastern shore of Sandy &amp; Rafter Lakes Sheet 55  Petitioned for lot 12S on 7 May 1821. RG 20 series "A" vol. 84-86, NSA. Marked [x] petition  {on the 1864 AF Church map on Halifax County west of Rafter Lake}</p>	<p>1s/6d Received pension age 81, 23 Feb 1875  "He has a small clearing in an out of the way place about 22 miles from Halifax..."  "Medical Report shows he is a hale man but must get weaker and is just able to live on his clearing and in bad weather, as now, it is a hard struggle for him."  "Being now very old - almost too feeble to work - having a small piece of land he has cleared near Wellington Settlement and is taken care of by his children - applies for a pension." 8 Feb 1875</p>
<p>Smith, William WO 97/1262/279</p>	<p>Pvt</p>	<p>42</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>Royal Sappers &amp; Miners (1804-1818) All service in the West Indies Unfit for further service asthma</p>	<p>miner</p>	<p>Achan, German States</p>		<p>13 N 100 acres</p>	<p>1 s Awarded 1 May 1818</p>

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Sturlun [Sturlan], Gotlib [Gottlub]	Pvt	37		Royal Sappers & Miners [Enlisted in Halifax 29 Aug 1805] Served 60 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> Batt (3 yrs) WO 54/380	carpenter	Elbinger, Germany		14 N 100 acres  Lot 14 N west of Rafter Lake Sheet 55	

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