

The Craven Muster Roll 1803

The threat of invasion by Napoleon made it necessary to prepare the whole of the active male population of the country for military training.

All men between the ages of 17 and 55 were entered in one of four classes.

Class 1 - unmarried, under 30 with no child living under 10 years of age.

Class 2 - unmarried, between 30 and 49 with no child living under 10 years of age.

Class 3 - married, between 17 and 29 with not more than two children living under the age of 10.

Class 4 - Those not entered in the above classes.

Some men such as judges, clergymen, Quakers, constables, peace officers, those already in military service and infirm persons were to be distinguished in the rolls because they were exempt from call up under this act. Volunteers were also to be distinguished.

Interestingly even though there would be Quaker families in Rimington at this time, not one man has described himself as such. Nor does anyone describe themselves as a constable, bye law man, or peace officer.

Over 8000 men are listed on the original muster roll parchments that make up the roll. 103 were in Rimington and Middop.

RIMINGTON TOWNSHIP

Name	Description	Class	Remarks
George Alston	Weaver	1	Volunteer Infantry
Thomas Bilsborough	-do-	1	-do-
William Bilsborough	-do-	1	-do-
Joseph Bouthman	-do-	1	-do-
William Bouthman	-do-	1	-do-
Joseph Brearley	-do-	1	-do-
James Briggs	-do-	1	-do-
John Briggs	-do-	1	-do-
William Chester	-do-	1	-do-
Thomas Cook	-do-	1	-do-
Henry Dean	-do-	1	-do-
Richard Dean	-do-	1	-do-
William Dean	-do-	1	-do-
John Dewhirst	-do-	1	-do-
Edmund Duckworth	-do-	1	-do-
William Grey	-do-	1	-do-
Thomas Harrison	-do-	1	[no entry]
Richard Hirst	-do-	1	-do-
William Hirst	-do-	1	-do-
Robert Holgate	-do-	1	-do-
Henry Parker	-do-	1	-do-
William Parker	-do-	1	-do-
James Parkinson	-do-	1	-do-
Thomas Platt	-do-	1	-do-
John Porter	-do-	1	-do-
Robert Porter	-do-	1	-do-
Thomas Porter	-do-	1	-do-
Richard Smithies	-do-	1	-do-

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Bennet Tours	-do-	1	-do-
William Wilkinson	-do-	1	-do-
Henry Wilson	Blacksmith	1	-do-
William Jackson	Carpenter	1	-do-
Thomas Dean	Husbandman	1	-do-
William Dean	Servant	1	-do- Cavalry
Thomas Platt	Husbandman	1	Volunteer Infantry
Thomas Banks	Miller	1	-do-
James Parker	Clogger	1	Volunteer Cavalry
Christopher Taylor	Husbandman	1	Volunteer Infantry
John Brearley	Weaver	2	Volunteer Infantry
John Dean	Farmer	2	-do-
John Holden	Weaver	2	-do-
Thomas Oddy	-do-	2	-do-
Thomas Oddy	Fisher	2	-do-
William Oddy	Weaver	2	-do-
Thomas Taylor	Farmer	2	Volunteer Cavalry
James Wilson	Blacksmith	2	Volunteer Infantry
William Windle	Farmer	2	-do-
William Hartley	Labourer	3	-do-
John Nutter	Carter	3	-do-
John Blackburn	Spinner	4	-do-
Abraham Chester	Servant	4	-do-
William Holgate	Rover	4	-do-
Robert Jackson	Carpenter	4	-do-
Henry Western[<i>Westerman?</i>]	Book-keeper	4	-do-
Samuel Westerman	Cotton Spinner	4	Volunteer Cavalry
John Howarth	-do-	4	Volunteer Infantry
John Dean	Farmer	4	-do- Cavalry
Joseph Cook	Weaver	4	-do- Infantry
Robert Pickles	Cotton Spinner	4	-do-
Thomas Fletcher	-do-	4	-do-
John Duckworth	Cotton Weaver	4	-do-
John Boothman	Weaver	4	-do-
John Watson	Farmer	4	-do-
William Heaton	Carpenter	4	-do-
John Oddie	Weaver	4	-do-
William Grey	Farmer	4	-do-
William Bilsborough	Weaver	4	-do-
Thomas Speak	Farmer	4	Volunteer Cavalry
William Bank	Labourer	4	-do- Infantry
John Banks	Farmer	4	Volunteer Service Infantry
Matthew Duckworth	Weaver	4	-do-
Robt Duckworth	-do-	4	-do-
Thomas Fort	Farmer	4	-do-
Ambrose Frankland	Weaver	4	-do-
Hanson Green	-do-	4	-do-
John Green	-do-	4	-do-

Richard Holden	-do-	4	-do-
Frank Lawson	-do-	4	-do-
James Oddie	-do-	4	-do-
William Robinson	Shoemaker	4	-do-
James Wilkinson	Weaver	4	-do-
William Wilkinson	Weaver	4	-do-

MIDDOP TOWNSHIP

Name	Description	Class	Remarks
William Aitkin	Weaver	1	Volunteer Infantry
Johnathan Boothman	-do-	1	-do-
William Boothman	-do-	1	-do-
John Busby	-do-	1	-do-
Henry Dean	-do-	1	-do-
James Blackburn	Servant	1	-do-
William Dean	-do-	1	Voluntary Service
Richard Bulcock	Farmer	2	Volunteer Infantry
John Hartley	Weaver	3	-do-
Alexander Hartley	- do-	3	-do-
Jonas Boothman	-do-	4	-do-
John Boothman	-do-	4	-do-
John Hargreaves	-do-	4	Voluntary Service
James Busby	-do-	4	Volunteer Infantry
James Pollard	-do-	4	-do-
John Winell	-do-	4	-do-
Thomas Lancaster	Farmer	4	-do-
William Midgley	-do-	4	-do-
James Aiken	-do-	4	Infirm