



# Chelsea Pensioner Registers

## Dinton

Until the 17th century the state made no specific provision for old and injured soldiers.

During the reign of Queen Elizabeth I it was recognised that provision needed to be made for poor, sick and disabled soldiers. This led to an Act of Parliament, passed in 1593, that levied a weekly tax on parishes for the relief of soldiers and sailors.

By 1673 it was becoming increasingly apparent that some soldiers were no longer fit for service. In 1681, King Charles issued a Royal Warrant authorising the building of the Royal Hospital Chelsea to care for those 'broken by age or war'.

Sir Christopher Wren was commissioned to design and erect the building. Sir Stephen Fox was commissioned to secure the funds necessary to progress the build.

The chosen site, set adjacent to the River Thames in the countryside of Chelsea contained the uncompleted building of the former 'Chelsey College'.

In 1692 work was finally completed and the first Chelsea Pensioners were admitted in February 1692 and by the end of March the full complement of 476 were in residence.

Not all pensioners were housed in the Hospital, many more were left in their parishes and received a pension for being "Out" pensioners.

(Chelsea Pensioners – [Origins and History](#))

<b>Name</b>	James BUNGAY
<b>Birth Place</b>	Dinton, Wiltshire
<b>Regiment</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Dragoons
<b>Admission Date</b>	
<b>Age</b>	Discharged aged 45
<b>Years of Service</b>	
<b>Records Held</b>	Soldiers Service Documents - Discharge Papers Held by National Archives (Date Range 1792 – 1818)

<b>Name</b>	Thomas DAY
<b>Birth Place</b>	Dinton, Wiltshire
<b>Regiment</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Foot Guards
<b>Admission Date</b>	
<b>Age</b>	Discharged aged 27
<b>Years of Service</b>	
<b>Records Held</b>	Soldiers Service Documents - Discharge Papers Held by National Archives (Date Range 1838-1846)

<b>Name</b>	George FRY
<b>Birth Place</b>	Dinton, Wiltshire
<b>Regiment</b>	53 <sup>rd</sup> Foot Regiment
<b>Admission Date</b>	
<b>Age</b>	Discharged aged 41
<b>Years of Service</b>	
<b>Records Held</b>	Soldiers Service Documents - Discharge Papers Held by National Archives (Date Range 1831 – 1853)

<b>Name</b>	Francis KING
<b>Birth Place</b>	Dinton, Wiltshire
<b>Regiment</b>	62 <sup>nd</sup> Foot Regiment; 1 <sup>st</sup> Royal Veteran Battalion
<b>Admission Date</b>	
<b>Age</b>	Discharged aged 49
<b>Years of Service</b>	
<b>Records Held</b>	Soldiers Service Documents - Discharge Papers Held by National Archives (Date Range 1806-1816)

<b>Name</b>	James VINEY
<b>Birth Place</b>	Dinton, Wiltshire
<b>Regiment</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> Foot Regiment
<b>Admission Date</b>	
<b>Age</b>	Discharged aged 26
<b>Years of Service</b>	
<b>Records Held</b>	Soldiers Service Documents - Discharge Papers Held by National Archives (Date Range 1841-1845)