



William Grant - Waterloo Veteran Dies

Death of Waterloo Veteran

Sergeant William Grant, nearly the last Waterloo veteran in this neighbourhood, has died since our last. He was born at Westbury, in the county of Wilts in 1787. He joined the 1st of Dragoons in 1803, at the early age of 15. He went through the greater part of the Peninsular War, and took part in the five following general engagements – namely, Fuentes, 5th May 1811; Vitoria, 21st June, 1813; Pyrenees, 25th July; Toulouse, 10th April 1814; and Waterloo, June 1815, besides numerous other skirmishes. On his discharge from army, he was many years warder in Devizes Prison, and was in the receipt of two pensions. He died on Sunday last, the 5th January, at age of 81, and was highly respected by all he was known. He was buried with military honours at St Mary's.

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OPC Note:

In the 1841 census he was recorded as a warder in Devizes prison. In 1851 he was recorded as being a Chelsea Pensioner living at Bath Road, Rowde. In 1861 he was living at Farliegh Place, Devizes St. James (Southbroom)