

Husband: **Duncan CLARK** #1622

Born: 1777 in Muckairn, Argyllshire <sup>1</sup>  
 Father:  
 Mother:

**MILITARY SERVICE:**

Information found in PRO, Film WO97/885,886 Ref position 15 809 and supplied by Margaret Bower, 15 Woodland Rise, Silkstone Common, Barnsley, S75 4RP. Tel: 01226-790416

Duncan Clark, born Muckairn, Argyllshire - Enlisted 1794 - Discharged 1816, age 39. Served in the 78th Regiment of Foot (also called the 78th Regiment of Highlanders).

**Document:**

His Majesty's 2nd Battalion 78th Regiment of Foot, whereof Lieutenant General Sir J.Ander(ley,son) is Colonel.

This is to certify that Sergeant Major Duncan Clarke in the Castle Douglas Company in the 2nd Battalion 78th Regiment aforesaid born in the parish of Muckairn in or near the town of Inverary in the County of Argyle was enlisted at the age of 27 years and hath served in the said regiment for the space of 11 years 250 days as well as in other corps after the age of 18 according to the following statement that in consequence of rheumatism & broken constitution brought on in the course of a long and zealous service is rendered unfit. Duncan Clarke is about 5'6" in height, fair hair, grey eyes, fair complexion and by trade a Tailor.

25.06.1794 - 07.04.1800 Perthshire County (4 years 287 days as Private, 1 year as Corporal)

25.03.1800 - 24.05.1803 28th Light Dragoons (3 years 61 day as Corporal)

25.06.1800 - 01.03.1816 2nd Battalion 78th Regiment of Foot (1 year 7 days as Corporal, 9 years 87 days as Sergeant, 1 year 157 days as Sergeant Major)

**PERTHSHIRE COUNTY:**

(Information from Iain Kerr [iainkerr@clara.net])

This was either a Militia or a Fencible regiment - a part-time unit locally raised in Perthshire. There are almost no personnel records surviving for this type of unit.

**28th LIGHT DRAGOONS:**

(Information from Iain Kerr [iainkerr@clara.net])

This was the 28th (Duke of York's) Light Dragoons, raised in 1796. After serving at St.Domingo and the Cape Colony, the regiment was disbanded at the Peace of Amiens in 1802.

**78th REGIMENT OF HIGHLANDERS:**

(Information from Iain Kerr [iainkerr@clara.net])

This was the 78th Highland Foot or Ross-Shire Buffs, first raised in 1793, later The 78th Highlanders (Ross-Shire Buffs) Regiment of Foot, from Jul 1881 the 2nd Battalion, The Seaforth Highlanders, (Ross-Shire Buffs), from Nov 1881 The 2nd Battalion, The Seaforth Highlanders, (Ross-Shire Buffs, The Duke Of Albany's), from 1960 part of The Queen's Own

Highlanders, since 1994 part of The Highlanders.

The relevant part of the regiments's history is as follows:

In Dec 1804, for the second time, a 2nd Battalion of the 78th Highlanders was raised. 850

men, under Lieutenant Colonel Patrick MacLeod of Geanies, assembled at Fort George, and were inspected in Jan 1805 by Major General the Marquis of Huntly. Stewart of Garth says: "This being the fourth battalion embodied in that garrison under the influence of the family of Seaforth in the course of thirty years..... This corps and the 2nd Battalion of the 79th, raised the same year, were the last corps recruited in the north under the influence of any particular family, or by officers for commissions."

The 2nd Battalion, 78th Highlanders was then trained at Shorncliffe with the 43rd and 52nd Foot and the 60th Rifles, under Sir John Moore. The 2nd Battalion later was deployed to Sicily where it was employed in the attack on Calabria and the Battle of Maida in 1806. It was then employed in the disastrous expedition to Egypt in 1807. The battalion was maintained at stations in the Mediterranean until 1809, when the remaining effective men

were transferred to the 1st Battalion in India. The skeleton of the 2nd Battalion was returned home to Aberdeen where it remained for four years. The 2nd Battalion, restored to full strength, then joined the army under Sir Thomas Graham in Holland, co-operating with Bulow's Prussian force against Antwerp during the winter of 1813-14. It distinguished itself at Merxem, near Antwerp, and then remained in the garrison in the Low Countries after the peace of 1814. During this time it spent some months in Brussels where the authorities petitioned for it not to be relocated on account of the excellent conduct of the unit. The 2nd Battalion was in garrison at Nieupoort during the battle of Waterloo. Soon afterwards it returned from West Flanders to Scotland. There the majority of men were discharged and the remainder formed a depot to await the return of the 1st Battalion from India. In 1817, the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 78th Highlanders were amalgamated. The regiment then remained a single battalion corps until 1881.

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Wife: **Catharine** \_\_\_\_\_ #1623

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Born: circa 1780<sup>2</sup>

Father:

Mother:

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F Child 1: **Euphemia CLARK** #673

Born: 1805 in Lisbon, Portugal<sup>3</sup>

Baptized: 7 Nov 1805 in Lisbon, Portugal<sup>4</sup>

Husband: Peter COLVILLE #672 b. 1806

Married: 29 Jun 1828 in Glasgow, Lanarkshire<sup>5</sup>

NOTES:

Name on IGI baptism given as "Pheme".

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<sup>1</sup> Info from Margaret Bower (Barnsley, Yorkshire)

<sup>2</sup> Estimate.

<sup>3</sup> Age 40 years in 1851 Census.

<sup>4</sup> IGI - British Factory Chaplaincy, Lisbon, Portugal.

<sup>5</sup> IGI, IGI, IGI.