

Thomas Valentine Blomfield

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Thomas Valentine Blomfield (14th February 1793 - 19th May 1857) was a British soldier, pioneer N.S.W. pastoralist, Magistrate, Justice of the Peace, and Liverpool District Council member. He was born at Dagworth Farm Suffolk England.

MILITARY CAREER –

On 8TH June 1809 [aged 16] he enlisted as an ensign in the 2nd Battalion of the 48th [North Hampshire] Regiment of Foot in the British Army . On 17th June 1911 he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant. He served in the peninsular War, and was awarded the Military General Service Medal with clasps for Busaco [1810], Albuera [1811] Ciudad Rodrigo [1812], Badajoz [1812] Salamanca [1812], Vittoria [1813], Orthes [1814, and Toulouse [1814].

SETTLEMENT IN N.S.W. –

Thomas arrived in Australia on 3rd August 1817 on the ship “Dick” with a detachment of his regiment. He married Christiana Jane Brooks at St. Phillip’s Church Sydney on 3rd August 1830. Thomas & Christiana had 12 children, plus they also bought up three of Christiana’s sister’s children after their parents passed away.

Thomas died at “Denham Court” on 19th May 1857, and was buried in the small churchyard at the Church of Mary the Virgin Near Denham Court. Christiana had died 5 years earlier on 31st October 1852 at Denham Court, and was buried in the same Churchyard.