

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL 1995

FOR

THE MASONIC TRUST FOR GIRLS AND BOYS



1810
MILITARY
LODGE



1820
CIVIL
LODGE



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THE MILITARY ROOTS

OF

THE SALOPIAN LODGE OF CHARITY. No. 117.

- IN.1762 - THE EARL OF BATH raised the
SHROPSHIRE REGIMENT OF REGULAR MILITIA.
- IN.1798 - The force was supplemented by the
2nd. REGIMENT OF SHROPSHIRE MILITIA.
- IN.1805 - the 2nd. REGIMENT was incorporated into the
1st. REGIMENT, which eventually in 1881, became
THE KINGS SHROPSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY.

(from 1763 onwards - THE SHROPSHIRE MILITIA - served in all
major campaigns World Wide - EUROPE. INDIA. N. AMERICA.
SOUTH AFRICA.).

Masonic minutes exist which prove that during the Napoleonic Wars, Masonic Brethren serving in the Militia met regularly to practise their craft, though lacking a Warrant they could not initiate candidates.

In 1809 while deployed on Coast Defence at Eastbourne they applied to Antient Grand Lodge for a Warrant. The "ATHOLL" MILITARY WARRANT was issued in 1810, after the Regiment had moved to GOSPORT, where the first regular Lodge was held.

During the remainder of the Napoleonic Wars the Regiment was on Coastal Defence in S. IRELAND, and finally in 1815 arrived back in SHREWSBURY via DUBLIN and LIVERPOOL - to be disembodied.

THE MILITARY WARRANT was amended in 1820 to regularize the initiation of Civilian Candidates.