



The Names and Residences of all Persons between the Ages of Fifteen and Sixty Years (not engaged in any Military Capacity) within the Township of *Seaton Delaval* in the East Division of Cattle Ward, in the County of Northumberland, who are to be ready and obedient to the Commands of the Sheriff in case the *Posse Comitatus* should be raised to suppress any Riot or Infurrection, or to *repel Invaders*; also the Number of Waggon, Carts, and Cart Horses, with the Names of their Owners and Residences, which may be used for the Removal of *Dead Stock*, and conveying Soldiers or their Baggage, &c. distinguishing such as may voluntarily offer, and the Number.

John Casim Petty Constable.

Names.	Residences.	Number of Waggon, Carts and Cart Horses.			Names and Residences of Persons having Waggon, Carts, and Cart Horses.		Names and Residences of Persons making voluntary Offers.		Number of Waggon, Carts, and Cart Horses voluntarily offered.		
		Waggon.	Cart.	Cart Horse.	People's Names.	Residences.	People's Names.	Residences.	Waggon.	Cart.	Cart Horse.
<i>The Right Hon. the Lord Delaval</i>	<i>Seaton Delaval</i>	3	6		<i>Thos. Beaby</i>		<i>Jacob Wood</i>				
<i>Henry Ludlow & Co.</i>	<i>Loohault & Leah</i>	6	12		<i>John Korman</i>		<i>Thos. James</i>				
<i>Joseph Daley</i>	<i>Seaton Lodge</i>	2	4		<i>Robt. Spavin</i>		<i>Thos. Sanderson</i>	<i>Seaton</i>			
<i>Wm. Chicker</i>	<i>Seaton Village</i>	1	4		<i>James Spiverson</i>		<i>Wm. Coleclugh</i>	<i>bed-house</i>			
<i>Wm. Swan</i>	<i>Do. Do.</i>	2	4		<i>Richard Silbert</i>		<i>Alca. Cowley</i>				
<i>Jacob Wood</i>	<i>Seaton bed-house</i>	4	8		<i>Thos. Chichen</i>		<i>Andrew Shark</i>				
<i>John Korman</i>	<i>Seaton head</i>	3	6		<i>John Stanger</i>		<i>Robt. Staker</i>				
<i>Robt. Swan</i>	<i>Wheatridge</i>	3	12		<i>Richard Spavin</i>		<i>Thos. Nichol</i>				
<i>Henry Liddle</i>	<i>Syden</i>	2	4		<i>Anthony Smith</i>	<i>Seaton Delaval</i>	<i>James Lattie</i>	<i>Loohault</i>			
<i>John Casim</i>	<i>Do.</i>	2	6		<i>Andrew Jordan</i>		<i>John Bidley</i>				
					<i>Edward Hattoman</i>	<i>Seaton Village</i>	<i>William Thier</i>	<i>Sandy Island</i>			
					<i>Robt. Smith</i>		<i>Thos. Bell</i>				
					<i>William Sparr</i>		<i>John Mason</i>				
					<i>Thos. Batterman</i>		<i>John Foster</i>				
					<i>James Gill Madlow</i>		<i>John Casim</i>	<i>Seaton house</i>			
					<i>Wm. Sparrow</i>		<i>Ralph Liddle</i>				
					<i>John Litley</i>		<i>Wm. Smart bath</i>				
					<i>Nicholas Tomate</i>		<i>Robt. Swan</i>				
					<i>Wm. Smithers</i>		<i>William Head</i>				
					<i>John Swan</i>		<i>James Robson</i>	<i>Wheatridge</i>			
					<i>James Phillippe</i>		<i>Henry Halliwell</i>				
					<i>John Smith</i>		<i>Thos. Foster</i>				
					<i>Thos. Howey</i>	<i>Seaton Lodge</i>	<i>Wm. Rickaby</i>				
					<i>Richard Wilson</i>		<i>Joseph Liddle</i>	<i>Syden</i>			
					<i>William Daley</i>		<i>Thos. Liddle</i>				
					<i>John Blann</i>	<i>Seaton head</i>	<i>Wm. Liddle</i>				
					<i>Thos. Hagg</i>		<i>John Casim</i>	<i>Do.</i>			

RETURNS OF MEN AND CARTS, 1797

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RETURNS OF PERSONS, WAGGONS AND CARTS AND CART HORSES FOR CARRYING SOLDIERS AND BAGGAGE (POSSE COMITATUS), 1797

This series of records is found within the Northumberland Quarter Sessions records. Described as Returns of Persons, Waggon and Carts and Cart Horses for Carrying Soldiers and Baggage, the documents list all 'persons' aged between 15 and 60 'not engaged in any military capacity' by township.

The 'persons' are males with occasional references to females as owners of waggons, carts or cart horses. There are also occasional references to men exempted from service because of disability.

The document was drawn up under the posse comitatus (Latin for force of the county). This was an ancient right that allowed the sheriff of each county to raise a voluntary force to maintain public order. The printed header to the documents notes the purpose of the force to include 'to repel invaders'. This



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return was drawn up in 1797 when both government and the wider population were particularly concerned about revolutionary activity in France and feared a French invasion. It was envisaged that as well as repelling invaders the voluntary force might be used to evacuate the civilian population from coastal areas.

The returns are important records as they demonstrate the deep concern felt in Britain about the revolutionary activity in France. They also serve as a census of the male population between the given ages. The first national census of England, Scotland and Wales was recorded in 1801.

FURTHER READING

NAPOLEONIC WARS

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The Napoleonic Empire by Geoffrey Ellis (Bloomsbury Academic, 2003)

The Napoleonic Wars: A Global History by Alexander Mikaberidze (Oxford University Press, 2020)

INVASION OF FISHGUARD, WALES, 1797



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Learning and Educational Archive Resources from Northumberland

Britain's Last Invasion: The Battle of Fishguard, 1797 by Phil Carradice (Pen & Sword History, 2019)

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