

John BENFIELD (BANFORD)

Maternal 5th Great Grandfather



Enlisted in the Kings army as John Banford, he then changed his name to Benfield.

John enlisted in the army 22nd May 1815, recruited from the Gloucestershire area. He joined the Battalion 39th Regiment of Foot at Winchester on 24th May 1815.

The 39th Regiment received orders on 10th July 1825 for embarkment via Chatham to NSW colony to perform the duty of guarding the convicts. The companies went out to Australia in 18 detachments. They did not all go at once. The first left on 6 Dec 1825 and the last not until Apr 1827. John Benfield went out with a detachment on 7th Apr 1826 and arrived in Sydney, NSW colony on 7th Apr 1826. John was stationed (detached) to Parramatta on 3rd Nov 1826 (WO12/5263) .

[Society of Australian Genealogists Soldiers and Mariners \(1787-1830\) database :](#)

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John BANFORD

Rank: Private

Regiment: 39th Regiment of Foot

Pay List/Muster Roll: 1830 Pay List

Notes: At Norfolk Island

[Date Discharged Army :](#) 30th June 1832

[Rank on Discharge:](#) Private

The 39th Regiment was sent to India in 1832, so this is most likely why John BENFIELD was discharged from the British Army.