William DRAKE (1791-1850)

Asiatic Journal 1828 Military Appointments, Promotions &c. Volume 26 page 471
May 13 – Captain William Drake, 21st N.I., to command depot of European pensioners at Cuddalore, vice Major Turner resigned.

Asiatic Journal 1828 Asiatic Intelligence - Madras Volume 26 page 472
June 3 – Lieut. H. E. C. O'Connor, 32nd N.I., to be staff officer to depot of European pensioners at Cuddalore, vice Drake

East India Directory and Register 1830 – 21st Regiment Native Infantry – page 50 – Station Kulladgee
Captain William Drake – Rank in the Regiment [Captain] 02 Jan 1826; Rank in the Army [Captain] 24 Apr 1824. Com. The depot of European pensioners, Cuddalore.

Asiatic Journal and Monthly Miscellany Volume 14 [1834] page 133 Military Appointments, Promotions &c.
Jan 7. Captain Drake commanding and Lieut. O'Connor, late staff-officer in depot of European pensioners at Cuddalore, censured for impropriety of conduct. Capt. Drake removed from command. The following removals ordered:- Capt. W. Drake, 21st N.I., Capt. R. H. Humffreys, 2d do., and Lieut. H. E. C. O'Conner, 32nd N.I., to join their respective corps forthwith.

Asiatic Journal and Monthly Miscellany Volume 14 [1834] page 203 Furloughs
To Europe – Jan 28… Capt. W. Drake, 21st N.I., for health…

Asiatic Journal and Monthly Miscellany Volume 14 [1834] page 310 Passengers Home
Per Orient, from Madras: Capt. W. Drake, 21st N.I.

Caledonian Mercury 31 Jul 1834 Shipping Intelligence
From Madras – Captain W. Drake, 21st Madras Native Infantry

Public Ledger and Daily Advertiser 10 May 1836 Duel Between Brigadier-General Evans and Captain Dickson – Captain Drake's Statement

At about half-past five o'clock on Saturday evening, the 7th instant, Mr Cooke waited on Brigadier-General Evans at Hake's hotel, and delivered to him a hostile message from Captain Dickson, in consequence of a decision of the committee of the Junior United Service Club, as follows:- Copy of a resolution passed by the committee of the Junior United Service Club, at a special meeting held on the 7th of May, 1836:- "The committee, having taken into their mature and deliberate consideration Captain Dickson's letter of the 26th of April, and Colonel Evans's statement of the 5th of May, together with all the letters and documents on the subject, are unanimously of opinion that the conduct of Captain Dickson throughout the transactions referred to there has been *without stain*, and that of an officer and a gentleman. (A true copy.) "Thomas Hatch, Secretary." Which General Evans had only been made acquainted with a few moments before Mr Cooke's arrival. General Evans replied to Mr Cooke that he should take into consideration the purport of the message, and send him a reply with as little delay as possible. At seven o'clock the same evening Captain Drake addressed the following letter to Mr Cooke:- "Oriental Club, Saturday, 7 o'clock, p.m. Sir, Having only this moment seen Brigadier-General Evans on the subject of the communication you made to him this evening, and it being impossible under any circumstances to meet your friend to-morrow (being Sunday), I beg to inform you that he defers giving you an answer till to-morrow afternoon. I have the honour to be, sir, your most obedient servant, W. Drake, Captain – To W. B. Cooke, Esq." At a quarter to nine the same evening Captain Drake delivered in person to Mr Cooke, at the Junior United Service Club, the following letter:- "Oriental Club, Quarter to 9 p.m., Saturday, May 7, 1836 Sir, I wish much to see you as soon as possible on the subject of your communication to General Evans. I have called with this note in the event of your absence. You will, however, find me at the Oriental Club till two in the morning. I am, &c., W. Drake." Mr Cooke and myself conversed for some time on the disputed question, but came to no satisfactory conclusion. Mr Cooke, on the part of Captain Dickson, demanded an apology from General Evans, which I would not admit of. A meeting being inevitable, I proceeded to procure pistols, which, from the lateness of the hour, I had much difficulty in doing. I waited on Mr Cooke at his lodgings at about eleven o'clock at night, when he agreed to meet at my lodgings at two o'clock next day (Sunday). The pistols having been sent home next morning, I anticipated my visit, and waited on Mr Cooke at eleven instead of two (the hour appointed), when I acquainted him that General Evans would grant Captain Dickson a meeting, and was ready to go to the ground whenever he pleased. At two in the afternoon Mr Cooke called on me at the Oriental Club, when he again urged an apology from General Evans, with as little success as on the former occasions; it was then agreed we should meet at Wormwood Scrub by five in the evening. The meeting took place, and the principals being placed, General Evans received Captain Dickson's fire; when, after an interval of a few seconds, General Evans brought down his pistol, and uncocked it, without having fired. Upon which I addressed myself to Mr Cooke and said, "I have now to say that in deference to the opinion of the committee of the Junior United Service Club I have brought my friend here; and having now paid that deference to the judgment of those gentlemen, I feel it my duty to withdraw General Evans from the ground." Mr Cooke then said, "I am not satisfied," and again made allusion to an apology. I persisted in withdrawing General Evans without further explanation; and leaving the ground, he then only informed me of his being wounded; and on his return to his hotel he was attended by Sir Stephen Hammick, who extracted the ball, and left his patient in as comfortable a state as, under such circumstances, could be expected. Oriental Club, May 8. William Drake.

Public Ledger and Daily Advertiser 10 May 1836 Duel Between Brigadier-General Evans and Captain Dickson – Mr Cooke's Statement
A meeting took place this afternoon at Wormwood Scrubs between Brigadier-General Evans, of the British Auxiliary Legion, and Captain Lothian Dickson, of the British army. At the word "Fire" being given the Brigadier-General purposely withheld his fire, and was withdrawn by his second, Captain Drake, of the Madras army, he having previously given me the following reasons for so doing, reading a paper he held in his hand:- "I have now to say, that in deference to the opinion of the committee of the Junior United Service Club I have brought my friend here; and having now paid that deference to the judgment of those gentlemen, I feel it my duty to withdraw General Evans from the ground." To which determination I distinctly repeated several times that "I was not satisfied" on the part of my friend Captain Dickson without having either an apology from the Brigadier-General, or a further exchange of shots, or words to that effect. However, Captain Drake persisted in withdrawing his principal, and I therefore conceived my friend Captain Dickson had not received the satisfaction to which he was entitled. I have subsequently heard, on my return to town, from Captain Drake, that Brigadier-General Evans was wounded, which was not known to Captain Drake previous to the parties leaving the ground. May 8. W. B. Cooke.

Parbury's Oriental Herald and Colonial Intelligencer (c1837) - Asiatic Register - Madras p462
Capt W. Drake, 21st N. I., to be Major, v. Butler, ret. 31st Dec

Parbury's Oriental Herald and Colonial Intelligencer (c1837) - Asiatic Register - Madras p490
Appointments, &c. Military – Feb 02 – Capt. J. Yaldwyn, 21s N.I., to be Maj v. Drake, retired

Parbury's Oriental Herald and Colonial Intelligencer (c1837) - Asiatic Register - Madras p576
Military - Jan 31 - Major W. Drake, 21st N. I., retired from the service, from 31st Jan., on pension of his rank

List of Members of the Madras Military Fund – British India Office Pension Register – References L-AG-23-10-1 and L-AG-23-10-2
No.928 / 746 / 21 W. Drake - Date of Admission: 07 Jun 1812
Appointed as Cadet: 1808; Cornet, Ensign, 2nd Lieutenant: 01 May 1810; Lieutenant: 22 Jun 1814; Captain: 02 Jan 1826; Major: 31 Dec 1837
Retired: 31 Jan 1838; Died: 30 Sep 1850.
Note: Columns relating to birth and marriage details were blank and no information was entered with regard to a widow or children.

Asiatic Journal and Monthly Miscellany Volume 25 (1838) p40
Register – Madras – Returned to duty from Europe – Aug 25 – Capt. W. Drake, 21st N.I.

Asiatic Journal and Monthly Miscellany Volume 25 (1838) p47
Permitted to Retire from the Service – Jan 26 – Maj. W. Drake, 21st N.I., from 31st Jan. on pension of his rank.

Asiatic Journal and Monthly Miscellany Volume 25 (1838) p57
Home Intelligence – Per Barretto Junior, from Madras: Mrs Ellis, Mrs Norman, Mrs Daniell, Mrs Pitcairn, Mrs Saunders, Major Butler, Major Bevan, Major Drake, Capt. Ellis, George Adams Esq., J. C. Shubrick Esq., W. Crewe Esq.

Burial Register All Souls London 1850
No.16336 Major William Drake, 44 Walbeck Street, St Marylebone, was buried 08 October 1850 aged 59 years.

London Evening Standard 14 Oct 1850
On the 30th ult., in Welbeck-street, Cavendish-square, Major William Drake, of the Hon. East India Company's Madras Military Establishment, aged 59.

Public Record Office – Will of Major William Drake dated 06 October 1849 – PROB 11/2122
This is the last Will and Testament of me Major William Drake late Madras Army and of Oriental Club Hanover Square London. First I direct the payment of all my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses and subject thereto I give devise and bequeath unto Miss Anna Maria Green occasionally called Mrs Davis of Wharton Street London all and every my household furniture linen wearing apparel books plate pictures china horses carriages carts and also all and every sum and sums of money which may be in my house or about my person or which may be due to me at the time of my decease and also all other my monies invested in stocks funds and securities for money book debts money on Bonds Bills Notes or other securities and all and every other my Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever both real and personal whether in possession reversion remainder or expectancy unto the said Miss Anna Maria Green to and for her own use and benefit absolutely and I nominate constitute and appoint the said Miss Anna Maria Green to be sole Executrix to this my Will and hereby revoking all former or other Wills by me at any time heretofore made do declare this only to be my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I the said __ have to this last Will and Testament (and to a Duplicate hereof) contained in this single sheet of paper set my hand the sixth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine signed by the said Major William Drake the Testator in the presence of us present at the same time who have attested and subscribed our names as witnesses to the above Will in the presence of the said Testator and of each other – Henry Wheatley Tymms, 13 Maddox St, Hanover Square, Gentleman, George Buche, 14 Maddox Street, Hanover Square, London. Proved at London 16th November 1850 before the Worshipful Thomas Spinks Doctor of Laws and Surrogate by the oath of Anna Maria Green Spinster the sole Executrix to whom administration was granted having been first sworn duly to administer.

1851 Census 34 Wharton Street, Clerkenwell, Middlesex

Anna M. DAVIS	Head	30yrs	Lodging House Keeper (unmarried)	b Over, Cambridgeshire
George GREEN	Visitor	15yrs	Scholar	b Huntingdonshire
Emma BAYS	Servt	24yrs	General servant (unmarried)	b Huntingdonshire

1861 Census 34 Wharton Street, Clerkenwell, Middlesex

Anna M. DAVIS	Head	39yrs	Lodging House (unmarried)	b Over, Cambridgeshire
Maria ERREDGE	Sister	42yrs	Servant (unmarried)	b Over, Cambridgeshire
Elizabeth M. ERREDGE	Niece	10yrs	Scholar	b Middlesex
Alfred Thomas REES	Lodger	19yrs	Stationers Clerk (unmarried)	b Reigate, Surrey
William Thomas SAUNDERS	Lodger	20yrs	Bankers Clerk	b Devonport, Devon

National Probate Calendar 1869

9 February. The Will of Anna Maria Green late of 34 Wharton-street Clerkenwell in the County of Middlesex Spinster deceased who died 26 May 1866 at 34 Wharton-street aforesaid was proved at the Principal Registry by the oaths of William Green of 1 Derby-terrace Peterborough in the County of Northampton Commercial Traveller and George Green of 20 Andover-road Holloway in the County of Middlesex Gentlemen the Nephews the Executors. Effects under £1500.