# Dundons who served in the British Army prior to 1914

## Soldiers discharged to pension Prior to 1866 [[1]](#endnote-1)

**Edmond Dundon**

Born: St Paul’s, Cork (Computed year of birth: 1807)

97th Regiment of Foot

Enlisted: 3rd August 1824, aged 17

Served: 24 years 85 days total

Ceylon: 11 ½ years

Ionian Islands: 5 years 11 months

Malta: 1 ½ years

??? Island: 1 ½ years

Discharged: due to effects of climate and long service

Medals: 4 good conduct medals

Height: 5ft 4 ½in Hair: sandy

Eyes: grey Complexion: fair

**James Dunden**

Born: St Mary’s, Limerick (Computed year of birth: 1807)

61st Regiment of Foot, Private 352

Enlisted: 18th April 1825, Limerick, aged 18

Served: 20 years 354 days

Ceylon: 11 years and 4 months and the remainder at home

Discharged: 12th May 1848, at Chatham, unfit for service, aged 41 years and 6 months

Conduct: very BAD [sic]

Imprisoned: various dates between 1833 and 1848, but spent between 68 days and 4 ½ years as a soldier at a time before being imprisoned again

Medical: ‘This is to certify that Private James Dunden of 61st Regiment labours under chronic rheumatism dysphasia and declining activity caused by climate and military service and not the result of indulgence in the use of intoxicating liquor or other vices as far as known here in consequence of which he is indeed unfit for further military service’

Height: 5ft 6in Hair: dark

Eyes: grey Complexion: fresh and no marks

Usual occupation: trade labourer

**John Dundon**

Born: Clonakilty, Cork (Computed year of birth: 1805)

95th Regiment of Foot

Enlisted: 17th December 1823, Limerick, aged 18

Discharged: 16th May 1826 due to pulmonary disease contracted at Malta

Conduct: good

Height: 5ft 5in Hair: brown

Eyes: hazel Complexion: fair

Normal Occupation: servant

**John Dundon**

Born: Tulla, County Clare (Computed year of birth: 1790)

88th Regiment Infantry, Private

Enlisted: 25th August 1808, aged 18 years at Boyle, County Roscommon, for life

Served: 14 years 275 days

Discharged: 6th July 1823, in consequence of bruised testicle of 13 months standing, aged 32 years

Conduct: good

Medical: diseased testicle in consequence of a severe bruise he received by falling when on revenue duty at Enniskillen in April 1822. Slightly wounded head at…(?) and a slight wound to the belly at Toulouse.

Conduct: good

Height: 5ft 10¾in Hair: brown Eyes: grey Complexion: fresh

Usual occupation: labourer

**Michael Dundon**

Born: Ballingarry, Limerick (Computed year of birth: 1786)

55th Regiment of Foot

Enlisted: 15th February 1822, Up Park Camp, Jamaica, aged 36 (for unlimited service)

Served: 10 years, 356 days

Other service: 61st Regiment of Foot – 25th June 1816 – 14th February 1822

 33rd Regiment of Foot – 1st July 1822 – 19th June 1827

West Indies: 21st December 1816 – 10th October 1821

 23th October 1821 – 20th May 1827

Discharged: 29th March 1827, aged about 41, as a consequence of general disability and chronic dysentery and worn out from different attacks of fever

Conduct: very bad

Height: 5ft 7½in Hair: brown

Eyes: grey Complexion: sallow

Usual occupation: labourer

**Michael Dundon**

Born: Croom, Limerick (Computed year of birth: 1807)

85th Regiment of Light Infantry, Private 703

Enlisted: 3rd May 1827 at Limerick, aged 20

Served: 21 years 145 days

Overseas: 12½ years

Malta: 2½ years

North America: 7½ years West Indies: 2½ years

Discharged: unfit for service, aged 49 years, 2nd June 1849 from Waterford

Medical: ‘Private Michael Dundon complains of rheumatic pains but he does not seem to have any particular complaint – he is no longer strong enough nor active enough for military service. His disability is perhaps caused by age and service aggravated by intemperate habits.’

Conduct: in hospital good

Height: 5ft 6¼in Hair: dark brown

Eyes: hazel Complexion: fair and no marks

Usual occupation: trade labourer

Intended place of residence: Dublin

**Patrick Dundon**

Born: Stonehall, Pallas Kenry, Limerick (Computed year of birth: 1830)

21st Regiment of Royal Irish Brigade of Fusiliers, Private 2687

Enlisted: 25th April 1848 at Limerick, aged 18

Served: 2 years 190 days, none abroad

Discharged: unfit for further service, 18th October 1850 from Glasgow Barracks

Medical: ‘ Secondary syphilis and isophalosus constitution, disease aggravated by his own misconduct in not having reported himself when on detachment to the private practitioner in medical charge. Disqualified from military duty in consequence of syphilitic ulcers on his lower extremities and other parts of his body together with isophalosus constitution and slightly impaired intellect.’

Height: 5ft 7in Hair: red

Eyes: grey Complexion: fresh and no scars

Usual occupation: trade labourer

**Richard Dundon**

Born: Buttevant, Cork (Computed year of birth: 1807)

54th Regiment of Foot

Enlisted: 18th August 1825, Cork, aged 18 years

Served: 15 years, 7 months total

Overseas: 13 years in India

Discharged: 9th February 1842, Chatham

Medical: unfit for service as a result of very varicose veins in his left leg, and shortage of breath and general debility, as a result of long army service.

Conduct: Irregular character as a result of drinking, but a good duty soldier who was seldom in hospital.

Height: 5ft 4½in Hair: light brown

Eyes: hazel Complexion: fresh on enlistment, dark on discharge

Pension: 6d, paid to Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, Wales

Note: A full genealogy of Richard Dundon can be found on the home page.

**Thomas Dundon**

Born: Castletownroche, Cork (Computed year of birth: 1805)

28th Regiment of Foot

Enlisted: 13th November 1825, Cork City

Discharged: 14th July 1845, Chatham

Medical: In hospital 87 days since October 1843 due to fever. Thomas became too debilitated to function as a soldier, so was employed in the orderly room for four months prior to his discharge.

Height: 5ft 6 3/4 in Hair: brown

Eyes: grey Complexion: pale

## Claremen who served with the Royal Navy

**Martin Dundon**, born 20 September, 1879, Parteen, Co. Clare, Official No. 292329.[[2]](#endnote-2)

# **Soldiers Discharged To Pension 1883-1900** [[3]](#endnote-3)

**John Dundon**

Royal Munster Fusiliers

Born: Parish of Paraise/Paradise (???), near Ennis, County Clare

Enlisted: 7th March 1898 at Tralee, (reputedly) aged 18 years and 1 month

Discharged: 30th March 1898, due to mis-statement regarding age on enlistment

Usual Occupation: labourer

Features: Scar below right eye

Complexion: Fresh

Eyes: grey

Hair: brown

Height: 5ft 4 ¾ in.

Weight: 124 lb

Mother: Bridget Dundon

Brothers: Thomas, Patrick, James and Michael

**Michael Dundon**

17th Lancers

Born: St Stephen’s, Dublin

Enlisted: 20th March 1876 at Dublin, aged 20 years

Discharged: 14th August 1883, due to secondary syphilis

Usual Occupation: striker

Imprisoned: 8th March 1879 to 8th March 1879 (sic)

Medical: suffered from syphilis, gonorrhoea, orchitis, ulcers and fever

Complexion: Dark

Eyes: Blue

Hair: Dark brown

Height: 5ft 7 3/8 in

Next of Kin: John Dundon

Notes: Served in Africa, received medal and clasp in 1879. Held third class certificate of education

**Thomas Dundon**

5th Royal Irish Lancers

Born: St Peter & Paul, Cork

Enlisted: 1st March 1877 at Aldershot, Hampshire, aged 21 years

Discharged to the Army Reserve: 31st December1883

Medical: Suffered convulsions when trod on by a horse; ulcerated throat due to cold; tonsillitis; orchitis; primary syphilis three times; secondary syphilis; diarrhoea; sprained knee; bronchitis; impetigo

Usual Occupation: Carpenter

Address on Enlistment: 9 Rawling Street, Chelsea

Address on Discharge: 41 Dieppe Street, West Kensington

Habits: Regular

Conduct: Good – received two good conduct badges

Passed 4th Class Certificate of Education, 29th August 1877

Next of Kin: John Dundon

Complexion: Fresh

Eyes: brown

Hair: Dark brown

Height: 5 ft 9 ¾ in

**John Dundon**

Royal Artillery

Enlisted: 22 October, 1907

Age: 18 years

Job: Labourer

Born: Limerick, Ireland

Father: Deceased

Mother: Lizzie Dundon, 1 Clare Street, Limerick

Older brother: Ned Dundon, I Clare Street, Limerick

**John Dundon**

1st Regiment, Dublin Fusiliers

Age: 20 years

Job: Labourer

Born: St. Anne’s, County Cork, Ireland

Father: Deceased

Mother: Lizzie Dundon, 1 Clare Street, Limerick

Older brother: Ned Dundon, I Clare Street, Limerick

**John Dundon**

Enlisted: 1914

Age: 34 years

Job: French polisher

Wife: Ellen Dundon, (formerly Ellen Gibbons, spinster)

Daughter: Ellen Florence Dundon, born 2 January, 1906

Son: William Joseph Dundon, born 20 January, 1908

Son: John William Dundon, born 20 September, 1900

Address: Shoreditch, Middlesex

**Philip Dundon**

Enlisted: 3 July, 1872

Age: 20 years

Born: Buttevant, County Cork

# Ireland's Royal Garrison Artillery, 1872-1915 [[4]](#endnote-4)

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| Edward | DUNDON | St. Johns, Limerick, Co. Limerick | WO96/1316 |  |
| John | DUNDON | Drumcliffe, Co. Clare | WO96/1316 |  |
| Patrick | DUNDON | New Castle West, Co. Limerick | WO96/1316 |  |

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ROYAL HOSPITAL KILMAINHAM FILES[[5]](#endnote-5)

Committee 15th. Day of June, 1804

No. 5458 Pensioner’s name: **Edward Dunden**

Age when disch.: 42 Discharged from: 12th. VB As: Private

Services as Returned: Corps: 1st. 45 h, 12 VB; Drummer: 10 yrs 143 days, 1 yr.

Observations

Description

 Height Hair Eyes Complexion Trade

 5’ 6 ½” Dark brown Grey Fresh Labourer

Gunshot wound in the right arm.

Total Service Allowed: 11 yrs. 143 days. Rates of Pension: 0s 9d.[[6]](#endnote-6)

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Soldiers Admitted 14 May, 1817.

No. 12563 Name: **Geo. Dundon**

Discharged: From: 49th. Foot As: Prive.

Services as returned

 Corps From To As Yrs. Days

 Limerick 1 Nov. 1799 13 Aug, 1800 Pte. - 286

49th. Foot 14 Aug. 1800 28 Apl. 1817 “ 16 258

Services allowed:17 yrs. 179 days.

Description Height Hair Eyes Complexion Trade

 5’ 4” Brown Grey Fair Weaver

Cause of Discharge Being worn out. Committed 30/4/32?

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Examination of Invalid Soldiers on Tuesday, the 8th. July, 1823.

Regiment: Off. Commuted 6098.

Name: **John Dundon** Age: 32 India Service: 14 10/12 years.

Service not allowed to reckon for Pension: 14 10/12 years. Rate per day: 9d.

Complaint: Diseased testicle in consequence of a severe bruise from a fall on Revenue duty at Enniskillen in 1822. Slightly wounded in the head while at Toulouse.

Certificate correct both testicles diseased; able to do very little for himself.

Where born: Tulla, Clare. Trade: Labourer.

Remarks

 Height Hair Eyes Complexion

5’ 10¾” Brown Grey Fresh

Soldiers examined for Pension at Kilmainham Hospital on the 30th. day of July, 1849.

Name and residence: **Michael Dundon**, Limerick.

Reg.: 85 Foot. Rank: Pt. Age: 42. Service: 4 yrs. 103 days.

Cause of Discharge as stated in the Discharge: Impaired strength and activity from age and service aggravated by intemperate habits. Malta, N. America, W. Indies 12 7/12 yrs.

Cause of Discharge as appearing on Examination: Croom, Limerick, 5/6 ¼ d

Hair Eyes Complexion

Brown Hazel Fair

Labourer. Disallow @ 224/12 Rate of Pension 1s 0d

 8/12 Remarks: Bad.

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Soldiers Examined for Pension at Kilmainham Hospital, on the 25th. day of June 1823.[[7]](#endnote-7)

Name: **John Dundon**, Ennis.

Regt.: 88ft.

Rank: Pv.

Age: 32.

Service: As Pv. 14 yrs. 275 days.

Cause of Discharge:

 As stated in Discharge: Diseased testicles, is unfit.

As appearing on Examination: Certificate correct, both testicles diseased (?) able to do very little for himself.

Rate of Pension:

 Recommended: 0s 9d

 Allowed: 0s 9d

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Soldiers Examined for Pension at Kilmainham Hospital, on the 20th. day of September 1841.[[8]](#endnote-8)

Name and residence: 1179 **Robert Duorden** (Dundon in the Index. No. 1.)

Regiment: 90th. Foot.

Rank: Pv.

Age: 22.

Service: 2yrs. 145 days. Service forfeited by Desertion.

Cause of Discharge, as stated in the Discharge: Chronic pulmonary disease.

Remarks: Conduct with the exception of the Desertion, good.

1. These records are from the Public Record Office in Kew, London (Ref: WO97) [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. Clare Library:
 <http://www.clarelibrary.ie/eolas/coclare/genealogy/don_tran/mil_rec/claremen_royal_navy.htm> [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. These Dundon records were compiled from the original documents held at the Public Record Office in
 London under reference WO 97/2714; http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/d/u/n/Paul-Scott-
 Dundon/FILE/0015page.html [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
4. From Index in Public Records Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Surrey, Class WO96; originals provide more
 information than the index. <http://www.failteromhat.com/military/clarerga.php> [↑](#endnote-ref-4)
5. References in Soldiers Blotters, NA, to a Michael Dundon, 79 th. Foot (Index No. 8, pg. 96) and to Rich.
 Dundon, 16 th. Foot (Index No. 12, pg. 285) could not be found. [↑](#endnote-ref-5)
6. NA, RHK, MFA 40, 1. [↑](#endnote-ref-6)
7. NA, R. H. K., Soldiers Blotters, No. 1, pg. 230. [↑](#endnote-ref-7)
8. NA, R. H. K., Soldiers Blotters, No. 7, pg. 19. [↑](#endnote-ref-8)