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Who was Snodgrass

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The non-existent village of Snodgrass was named after Kenneth Snodgrass. In 1830 when the village was so named, he was a Brigade Major in charge of the Mounted Police. He was born in Paisley Scotland in 1784 and at the age of eighteen became an ensign in 90th regiment in 1802 and by age twentyfour had reached the rank of Captain.

He fought in the Peninsular war at the battle of the Nive in December 1813, where he suffered a severe head wound, the effects of which were to remain with him for the rest of life. He spent time in the Portuguese army until 1822. Ruled unfit for service in the East or West Indies he accepted an appointment of Major of Brigade in Sydney hoping to settle with his large family in Australia. Denied a land grant as a serving officer he gave up command of the mounted police to hold various unpaid rolls. He was Acting Governor of Tasmania between the departure of Colonel Arthur and the arrival of Sir John Franklin. In 1839 aged fifty five he sold his commission and retired to his estate near Raymond Terrace dying there in 1853 aged sixty nine years. A member of the Legislative Council, Kenneth Snodgrass was a good soldier but achieved little outside the army. His third son Peter was a squatter in Victoria and a Member of Parliament there in its various forms from 1851 to when he died in 1867.



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