



Uniforms

In January of 1813, the Crown ordered uniforms for the Upper Canadian militia, and the Commissariat department in Montreal procured the materials for a green coatee with red facings and dark blue gunmouth trousers and felt regulation shakos. It is quite possible that these uniforms never reached most of the militia prior to the end of the war, but it is these uniforms that Thompson's Company will be honouring.

Colours

The 2nd Regiment of York Militia never received formal colours during the War of 1812. Of the three (3) regiments of York Militia, only the 3rd York received colours. In 2012 Heritage Mississauga, in consultation with Museum Services for the City of Toronto, graphically reproduced the Regimental Colours of the 3rd York.



Regimental Colours of the 3rd Regiment of York Militia

The 3rd York Regimental Colours inspired the creation of the Colours for Thompson's Company of the 2nd Regiment of York Militia.



Colours for Thompson's Company of the 2nd Regiment of York Militia

The design for Thompson's Company Colours connects with historical motifs that associated with historic Mississauga. The Colours feature a blue field with a green verge trim - the blue identifies with the historic colours of Toronto Township (Mississauga) and the green with Trafalgar Township (Oakville), connecting with those who served alongside Captain William Thompson from Toronto and Trafalgar townships. A version of the Royal Cipher of King George III (George Rex), surrounded by a wreath and surmounted by the Royal Crown, is in the centre field. The motto below the cipher is taken from Toronto Township's historical motto: *Fiat Justitia* or "Let Justice Be Done". The upper right corner depicts the Great Seal of Upper Canada. The lower left depicts the scales of justice and are taken from Toronto Township's historic Coat-of-arms from 1841. In the lower right corner is a stylized Oak Tree ("Stand fast the oak") which represents strength of resolve and vast forests and is taken from the historic Coat-of-arms of Trafalgar Township.

The flag concept was researched and designed by Matthew Wilkinson, Historian with Heritage Mississauga, and graphically designed by Mike Tran.

The Regimental Colours are the Regiments' most highly valued and honoured possession. They represent the whole embodiment of the Regiments' traditions, and honour those Regimental comrades that gave their lives for King and Country and are also thus emblazoned with the Regiments' Battle Honours. The Regimental Colours are to be defended to the last man standing or disgrace besets the Regiment whose Colours have been defiled or captured. The Regimental Colours and King's Colours are only carried (on their staff) by Officers of the Regiment or those assigned by the commanding officer and are never referred to or flown as a flag.