



WELCH v. WELSH

The term **WELSH** is the term in general use today. The term **WELCH** is the Old English version, the use of which declined from the mid-19th Century onwards.

In a letter from the Adjutant General dated 19th December 1831, the Commanding Officer of the 41st Foot was informed that the Regiment had been authorised by the King to be territorialised as a Welsh Regiment being described as **The 41st or Welsh Regiment of Infantry**. That document is now held by the Public Records Office.

The COPY letter delivered to the Regiment, that was then serving in India, used the Old English version **WELCH**, and this became the form accepted by the Officers of the Regiment !

From 1831 through to 1920, the War Office in all its documentation and correspondence used the form **WELSH**. The Regiment stubbornly resisted and maintained they were The **WELCH** !

Army Order No 56/1920 and War Office letter dated 27th January 1920 informed both Regiments (The Royal Welch Fusiliers and The Welch Regiment) of the decision that the term **WELCH** could be used.