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## ONSLOW REGIMENT OF MILITIA IN 1754

John Starkey, Colonel  
Edward Ward, Sr., Lt. Colonel  
Edward Ward, Jr., Major

### District Bounds

The White-Oak Company's district from the northern bounds of the County to Bear Creek consists of 75 men, 4 sergeants, 2 Corporals and 1 drummer. Stephen Lee, Captain.

The North-East Company's district, from Bear Creek to the north East Branch of New River, having 58 men, 1 corporal, 1 Drummer. Richard Ward, Captain.

The North-West Company's district, from the North-East of .,New River bound to the Southwest Branch, having 89 men, 3 sergeants, 2 corporals, 2 drummers. John Shackelford, Captain.

The South-West Company's district, from the South West of New River along the Sound to the South bounds of the County, having 94 men, 3 sergeants.  
Thomas Hicks, Captain.

### White Oak Company

List of Captain Stephen Lee's Company on White Oak River, belonging to Colonel John Starkey's Regiment in Onslow County:

Peter Starkey  
William Hadnot -  
William Howard  
James Bivens  
Henry Elliot  
Edward Wall  
Benjamin Stephens  
Richard Williamson  
William Herbert  
Richard Westbrook  
Thomas Knights  
Nathanael Hancock  
Phineas Stephens  
Richard Stephens  
John Parrot  
Thomas Owens  
Benjamin Owens  
Owen James  
Joseph Hill  
Samuel Green  
Emanuel Jones  
William Jones  
Thomas Collins  
John Burnap  
Matthias Johnston  
Stephen Hawkins

Joseph Hawkins  
Gideon Hawkins  
Anthony Mitchell  
John Spicer  
Thomas Perry  
Samuel Jones  
John Cahoon  
Henry Edens  
Edward Burke  
Samuel Pierson  
Richard Field  
Smith Field  
Thomas Morris  
Edmund Thurle  
William Cook  
Thomas Webb  
Alex. Grant  
Robert Wambeldy  
Ralph Eaves  
William Jamison  
David Dudley  
William Dudley  
John Wells  
Nathanael Wells  
Joseph Wells  
William Burnap  
Peter Arnold  
Isaac Burnap  
Isaac Evans  
George Bullock  
Samuel Simpson  
Jabes Ellis  
Robert Simpson  
Lewis Trott, Sr.  
Lewis Trott, Jr.  
Phillip Dunnabow  
Jacob Bedel  
Isaac Bedel  
William Gipson  
Isaac Gipson  
John Booth Hooten  
Richard Oldfields  
John Simpson  
John Warburton  
John Parkabile  
Theophilus Weeks, Sergeant  
Anthony Charlescraft, Sergeant  
Peter Badeock, Corporal  
James Rook, Drummer  
John Howell, Sergeant  
Richard Pitts, Sergeant  
Samuel Spearman, Corporal

At a muster on Tuesday, the 12th of March, Anno Domini 1754.

Present Capt. Stephen Lee, Lieutenant Solomon Grant, Ensign John Dudley. Then it was ordered by Capt. Stephen Lee that the company should meet at Jonathan Melton's on the No. Et. of New River on Tuesday, the second day of April next, in order to join the rest of the Companies belonging to Col. John Starkey's Reg't. at a general muster in order to improve them in their exercise.

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William Askins, I Wolf Thomas Roberts, I Cat

Mickle Russell, I Cat

South West Company

A muster roll of forces retaken at Henry Rhodes' on Friday, the 25th of October, 1754, to serve as Militia in a Regiment of foot commanded by the Honorable John Starkey, Esq., in Captain Thomas Hicks' own Company Viz.:

Samuel Alexander, Sergeant	George Cooper
Thomas Alberson, Sergeant	Daniel Rayner
Thomas Beasley, Sergeant	Nathanael Hedgeman
Daniel Hicks	William Loyd
James Henderson	George Jenkins
John Heidleburg	Thomas Butler
Joseph Loyd	Horatio James
Richard Thomson	John Gurganus
James Thomson	Adam Keeling
John Phillips	Richard Barber

Hugh Gray  
John Roberts  
Nicholas Ruark  
Daniel Marshburn  
Ambrose Hill  
James Padgett  
Thomas Nicholas  
Henry Fountain  
Jonathan Fountain  
Michael Williams  
James Waltham  
John Averild  
Thomas Rhodes  
Henry Jenkins  
John Haws  
Thomas Loyd  
James Crawford  
John King  
Jarvis Bump  
Anthony M6oe  
Sam'l Marshburn  
Benjamin Shepard  
Peter Poory  
Henry Bishop, Jr.  
John Gray  
Solomon Rhodes  
John Crawford  
Jacob Strout  
Lewis Jenkins  
William Fountain  
Peter Costin  
William King  
Thomas Evans  
Matthew James  
William Reynolds  
Stephen Costin  
William Moore  
Henry Bishop  
George Shepard  
William Marchmont  
Charles Williamson  
Nathanael Avirette

John Coston  
Thomas Bacher  
Elias Eaden  
Job Hunter  
William Hill  
Simon Hobs  
John Jones  
Phillemon Morris  
Thomas Shelton  
Greyor Bishop  
William Devol  
John Eaden  
Matthew Brinson  
Aaron Prescott  
Joseph Briley  
William Jenkins  
Edward Wood  
Thomas Dickson  
James Albertson  
Charles Strout  
Daniel Fling  
Smith Shepard  
Richard Freeman  
William Bishop  
John Padgett  
Robert Simpson  
William Hunt  
William Burgis  
Jnoathan Everette  
John Hansley  
James Halford

The above forces were mustered, trained and exercised in arms. Ordered that said forces meet at said place on the first Friday in March next, equipped with arms and ammunition and all other accoutrements that the law directs to be, then and there mustered, trained and exercised in arms. Orders since that said forces meet at Jonathan Melton's on Tuesday, being the 26th inst. November in order for general muster. Number of the force deceased since 1753: six.

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John Hunt, Clerk

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#### **THE COMMONWEALTH OF ONSLOW**

North East Company

A list of Company of foot under command of Captain Richard Ward in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Starkey.

Richard Wallace, Lieutenant  
Enoch Ward, Ensign  
Jabez Ellett, Adjutant  
Benjamin Ward  
Frances Burns, Sergeant  
David Jones, Drummer  
Edmund Howard  
John Jarrett  
Andrew Arreekson  
John Huggins  
Moses Harding  
Joseph Thomas

George Nuton  
Aaron Barber  
William Barber  
John Cooper  
William Melton  
Thomas Roberts  
William Askins  
James Russell  
Richard Morton  
Peter Morton  
Peter Steal  
Joseph Morton

Shadr'k Hunter  
 Peter Russell  
 Mithell Russell  
 Henry Simmons  
 Edward Simmons  
 Nicklous King  
 Joseph French  
 Thomas Eadings  
 Joseph Morgain, Jr.  
 John Collins  
 Chris Runnills  
 James McGinnis  
 Jessie Ramsey  
 Dennis Aman  
 Phillip Aman.  
 Nath. Hancock  
 William Morgain

Thomas Roberson  
 Thomas Stephens  
 Joseph Barnes  
 Benjamin. Farnil  
 George Ward  
 Andrew Chambers  
 Elisha Hunter  
 Ezekiel Hunter  
 James Withrows  
 James Askins  
 William Ahear  
 George Steal  
 John Tammus  
 John Roberson  
 Richard Williamson  
 John Chambers  
 Endorsement Military List.

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North West Company,  
 Captain John Shackelford's Company.  
 Thomas Johnston,, Lieutenant  
 James Howard, Ensign  
 William Shackelford, Clerk  
 John Bradham, Drummer  
 Jesse Williams, Sergeant  
 John Humphrey, Sergeant  
 Lot Williams, Sergeant  
 Frances Gregory, Corporal  
 David Stone, Muster-  
 William Mills .  
 William Whaley  
 John Whaley  
 Thomas Mills

James Mills  
 John Galaway  
 James Denson  
 Abraham Lewis  
 Frances Godfrey  
 Luck Barfield  
 Nathanael Jones  
 ohn Howard  
 John Johnston  
 Richard Melton  
 Elmore Anderson  
 Abel Anderson  
 William Ambrous

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John Ambrous  
 Philip Bale  
 Moses Cox  
 David Parker  
 William Stone  
 Hugli Glan  
 Benja Steadham  
 Obed Williams  
 John Johnston  
 Thomas Oldsby  
 John Gregory  
 Amos Williams  
 Joseph Mumfo.rd  
 Robert Sanders  
 Charles Sanders.  
 Jacob Humphrey  
 Mark Ratlif  
 Arter Royal  
 Gibbons Jennings  
 William Williams  
 Stephen Williams  
 Thomas Farnil

James Eavens  
 William Lester  
 homas King  
 William Oldfields  
 William Lews  
 William Williams  
 Joseph Sanderford  
 Timmoth Merrill  
 Benjamin Johnston,  
 Benjamin Parnil  
 James Moulton, Jr.  
 Daniel Austin  
 Benjamin Hilliard  
 Joseph Berryman  
 Francis Sumner  
 oses Anderson,  
 Samuel -----  
 Joseph -----  
 Malborn Simmons  
 Robert Courtney  
 Anthony lewe  
 William Lewe

Richard Melton  
John Chapman  
Henry Burdecker  
Matthew Brinson  
Robert Nickson  
Nathanael Smith  
Solomon Parker  
Zachariah Heals  
Adam Brinson  
George Brinson  
John Eavens  
October ye 5th, 1954. (sic)

George Hare  
Eleizer Brock  
Richard Brock  
John Melton  
Richard Hare  
Titus Hare  
James Hare  
Thomas French  
Robert Melton  
David Bumpus