

= William Gabriel Davy =

General Sir William Gabriel Davy , KCH (1780 ? 25 January 1856) was a British Army officer who fought in the Peninsular War .

= = Life = =

William Gabriel Davy was born in 1780 in Kingsholm , Gloucestershire . He was the eldest son of Major William Davy , Persian Secretary to Warren Hastings , the first Governor @-@ General of Bengal . Educated at Eton College , Davy became a lieutenant in the 61st Foot of the British Army in 1797 . He transferred to the 5th battalion of the 60th Foot at the beginning of 1802 , and was made a captain . He was promoted to major and lieutenant @-@ colonel on 5 February 1807 and 28 December 1809 , respectively . After becoming the battalion 's commander in May 1808 , he led the battalion early in the Peninsular War .

The battalion departed from Cork on 12 July 1808 . On 1 August , they arrived at Mondego Bay in Portugal , where the first British troops to participate in the Peninsular War landed ; Davy 's battalion was the first to land . The Battle of Roleia was especially difficult , as Davy 's battalion was in the middle of the fighting . At one point , the troops ascended a mountain " so covered with brushwood that [their] legs were ready to sink under [them] . " In December 1809 , just after being promoted to lieutenant @-@ colonel , he moved to the regiment 's 7th battalion . However , he never participated in physical combat again . He married Mary Ann Carruthers in Adel , Yorkshire on 20 June 1814 . In July 1830 , Davy was made a major general . He remarried in 1840 , to the sister of Major @-@ General Sir Richard England , and was promoted to lieutenant @-@ general in November of the following year . In November 1842 , Davy became colonel of the 1st battalion of the 60th Foot . He was promoted to general in 1854 . From his purchase of the property in 1820 , Davy resided at Tracy Park , Gloucestershire . He died there on 25 January 1856 , aged 77 .

= = Honours = =

Davy was awarded the Field Officer 's Gold Medal , a clasp , and a gold ribbon buckle for his service in the battles of Roleia , Vimiera and Talavera during the Peninsular War . He was also praised by distinguished figures , such as Secretary of State Lord Castlereagh . Davy became a Companion of the Bath in June 1815 . King William IV knighted Davy and made him a Knight Commander of the Royal Guelphic Order in 1836 .