

**Colonel Joseph Winton Morrison**

Was the son of an officer in the British army, who was stationed in New York during the period before the war of Independence. He was born in 1773. On the family returning to England he was educated there, and, while still a stripling, got a commission in the army. He was moved about a great deal, seeing some service in the field, and rose to be Lieut.-Colonel. On the war of 1812 breaking out, he was sent with his battalion of the 89th regt. to Halifax, and the following summer was ordered to Upper Canada. While in garrison at Kingston he was detached, as told in the foregoing narrative, to follow the flotilla of Wilkinson. For his victory of Crysler he received no official recognition, beyond being awarded, with the other officers who fought with him, a medal. The summer of 1814 he and his battalion served on the Niagara frontier. At Lundy's Lane he was so severely wounded that his life was despaired of. He was sent to England, making a slow recovery. In 1822 he was ordered to India, and in the wars with the natives greatly distinguished himself. Exposure to an unhealthy climate broke down his constitution, compelling him to return homeward. While the ship was making her way to England he died, aged 57 years. Efforts to secure a portrait of him for this monograph were futile. The following is the official despatch in which he reported the battle of Crysler—

The enemy's force, consisting of two brigades of infantry and a regiment of cavalry, amounting to between three and four thousand men, moved forward about two o'clock in the afternoon, from Cook's Point, and attacked our advance, which gradually fell back to the position selected for the detachment to occupy, the right resting on the river and the left on a pine-wood, exhibiting about seven hundred yards. The ground being open, the troops were thus disposed—

The flank companies of the 49th regiment, and the detachment of the Canadian regiment, with a field-piece, on the right; under Lieut.-Colonel Pearson. A little advanced up the road, three companies of the 89th regiment, formed in echelon, with a gun; under Captain Barnes, with the advance on its left, supporting it. The 49th and 89th, thrown more to the rear, with a gun, formed the main body and reserve, extending to the woods on the left; which were occupied by the Voltigeurs, under Major Herriot, and the Indians under Lieut. Anderson.—At about half-past two the action became general, when the enemy endeavored, by moving forward a brigade from his right, to turn our left, but was repulsed by the 89th regiment forming en potence with the 49th regiment, and by moving forward, occasionally firing by platoons. His efforts were next directed against our right, and to repulse this movement, the 49th regiment took ground in that direction, in echelon, followed by the 89th. When within half musket shot, the