**John Hope, 4th Earl of Hopetoun**

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| [John Hope, 4th Earl of Hopetoun.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun.jpg)  John Hope, 4th Earl of Hopetoun | |
| **Born** | 17 August 1765 [Abercorn](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abercorn), [West Lothian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Lothian) |
| **Died** | 27 August 1823 (1823-08-28) (aged 58) [Paris](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paris), [France](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/France) |
| **Buried at** | [Abercorn](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abercorn), [West Lothian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Lothian) |
| **Allegiance** | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/a/ae/Flag_of_the_United_Kingdom.svg/23px-Flag_of_the_United_Kingdom.svg.png [United Kingdom](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Kingdom) |
| **Service/branch** | [Flag of the British Army.svg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Flag_of_the_British_Army.svg)[British Army](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Army) |
| **Rank** | [General](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/General_(United_Kingdom)) |
| **Commands held** | [Ireland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ireland) |
| **Battles/wars** | [French Revolutionary Wars](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French_Revolutionary_Wars) [Napoleonic Wars](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Napoleonic_Wars)   * [Peninsular War](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peninsular_War) * [Battle of Corunna](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Corunna) * [Walcheren Campaign](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walcheren_Campaign) * [Battle of Nivelle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Nivelle) * [Battle of the Nive](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_the_Nive) |
| **Awards** | [Knight of the Order of the Bath](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Knight_of_the_Order_of_the_Bath)  Captain-General of the [Royal Company of Archers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal_Company_of_Archers) |

[General](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/General_(United_Kingdom)) **John Hope, 4th Earl of Hopetoun** [PC](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Privy_Council_of_Ireland) [KB](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Order_of_the_Bath) (17 August 1765 – 27 August 1823), known as the Honourable **John Hope** from 1781 to 1814 and as the **Lord Niddry** from 1814 to 1816, was a [Scottish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scotland) politician and [British Army](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Army) officer.

**Military career**

Hopetoun was the only son of [John Hope, 2nd Earl of Hopetoun](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_2nd_Earl_of_Hopetoun), by his second wife Jane Oliphant.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_note-odnb-1) His mother died when he was one-year-old.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_note-odnb-1) He was [commissioned](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commissioned_officer) into the [10th Light Dragoons](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/10th_Light_Dragoons) in 1784.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_note-odnb-1) He sat as [Member of Parliament](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Member_of_Parliament) for [Linlithgowshire](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Linlithgowshire_(UK_Parliament_constituency)) from 1790 to 1800.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_note-odnb-1)

He took part in the capture of the [French West Indies](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French_West_Indies) and [Spanish West Indies](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish_West_Indies) in 1796 and 1797.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_note-odnb-1) In 1799 he was sent to [Den Helder](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Den_Helder) as Deputy Adjutant-General and was present at the [Battle of Bergen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Bergen_(1799)) and the [Battle of Castricum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Castricum).[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_note-odnb-1) In 1801 he was sent to [Cairo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cairo) and then to [Alexandria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexandria) to take the surrender of the French [garrisons](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Garrison) there.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_note-odnb-1) He became [Lieutenant-Governor of Portsmouth](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Governors_of_Portsmouth) and General Officer Commanding [South-West District](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southern_Command_(United_Kingdom)) in June 1805.[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_note-2)[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_note-3)

He commanded a Division during the advance into [Spain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spain) and commanded the British left at the [Battle of Corunna](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Corunna) in 1809, succeeding to overall command when Sir [John Moore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Moore_(British_Army_officer)) was killed.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_note-odnb-1) Later that year he commanded the reserve army during the [Walcheren Campaign](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walcheren_Campaign).[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_note-odnb-1) He was appointed [Commander-in-Chief, Ireland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commander-in-Chief,_Ireland) and was admitted to the [Irish Privy Council](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irish_Privy_Council) in 1812.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_note-odnb-1) He then commanded the First Division under [The Duke of Wellington](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Duke_of_Wellington) at the [Battle of Nivelle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Nivelle) and at the [Battle of the Nive](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_the_Nive) in 1813.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_note-odnb-1) He was captured fighting the French sortie at the [Battle of Bayonne](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Bayonne) in 1814.[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_note-4)

He served as [Lord-Lieutenant of Linlithgowshire](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lord-Lieutenant_of_Linlithgowshire) from 1816 to 1823. On 17 May 1814, two years before he succeeded in the earldom, he was raised to the peerage in his own right as **Baron Niddry**, of Niddry Castle in the County of Linlithgow, with remainder to the male issue of his father. In 1816 he succeeded his elder half-brother as fourth Earl of Hopetoun.

[](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:John_Hope_the_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun_statue,_Edinburgh.jpg)

Statue near St Andrew Square in Edinburgh

**Family**

Lord Hopetoun married firstly Elizabeth, daughter of [Charles Hope-Weir](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Hope-Weir), in 1798. After her death he married secondly Louisa Dorothea Wedderburn. He died in August 1823, aged 58, and was succeeded in his titles by his eldest son from his second marriage, [John](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=John_Hope,_5th_Earl_of_Hopetoun&action=edit&redlink=1). Lady Hopetoun died in 1836.

**Monuments**

Following Lord Hopetoun's death, the [Hopetoun Monument](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hopetoun_Monument) was erected on Byres Hill, [East Lothian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Lothian), in 1824.[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_note-5) This was followed in 1826 by a similar monument on [Mount Hill](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Hill) in [Fife](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fife).[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_note-6) In 1824 the city of Edinburgh commissioned a bronze statue of Lord Hopetoun, by [Thomas Campbell](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Campbell_(sculptor)), and originally designed as a centrepiece for [Charlotte Square](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charlotte_Square) in 1829, but which was eventually placed in [St Andrew Square](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Andrew_Square,_Edinburgh) in 1834, in front of [Dundas House](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dundas_House) where he had acted as vice governor of the bank.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_note-odnb-1)[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_note-7)

A boarding house at [Wellington College, Berkshire](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wellington_College,_Berkshire), has been named after him. It has recently been turned into a girls house.

**Notes**

* 1. ^ [Jump up to: ***a***](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_ref-odnb_1-0) [***b***](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_ref-odnb_1-1) [***c***](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_ref-odnb_1-2) [***d***](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_ref-odnb_1-3) [***e***](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_ref-odnb_1-4) [***f***](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_ref-odnb_1-5) [***g***](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_ref-odnb_1-6) [***h***](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_ref-odnb_1-7) [***i***](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_ref-odnb_1-8) [***j***](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_ref-odnb_1-9) [***k***](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_ref-odnb_1-10) [***l***](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope,_4th_Earl_of_Hopetoun#cite_ref-odnb_1-11) [Earl of Hopetoun at Oxford Dictionary of National Biography](http://www.oxforddnb.com/view/article/13731?docPos=2)
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