

PORTMAN SQUARE

Portman Square is east of Oxford Street in central London. Built for the wealthy, the square began its development around 1765 and became a center for upper class living. The still private gardens remain intact and shady.

Not much can be found regarding the owner of this key. However, mention is made in an 1825 edition of "The Gentleman's Magazine" of the marriage of a daughter of Lt. Colonel R. Bull in March of that year. In addition, a Captain Robert Bull is noted in several histories of Waterloo. One such book even references "Letters of Colonel Robert Bull in the Peninsula and Waterloo." Whether this is the same R. Bull who owned this key is debatable, but of keen interest.

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