

NAME	BORN	WHERE	DIED	WHERE
<b>MYERS, George</b>	<b>1824</b>	<b>Rotherham/Wath, Yorkshire</b>	<b>1889, 3 March</b>	<b>Sheffield, Yorks.</b>
<b>Royal Artillery, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, Gunner, Driver</b>	<b>Bp. 10 Oct 1824 Wath</b>			<b>Bd. General Cemetery, Grave R1 146</b>

George Myers' gravestone, moved by the council in the 1970s, is now lying flat on top of the catacombs, and is distinguished by a relief sculpture of a cannon. He died in 1899 having served with the Royal Artillery. A tailor by trade, George was engaged in the battles of Sebastopol and Inkerman and gained three medals. One of the letters he wrote to his wife while he was serving in the Crimea – address: 'Camp before Sebastopol' - was published in the Sheffield Daily Telegraph 13 September 1855 less than three weeks after he wrote it, demonstrating the speed of communications. It was not just that newspapers had their correspondents on the front line, but ordinary soldiers could send news themselves. George plays down the horrors of battle although he briefly describes a shocking accident when one of the soldiers accidentally exploded a Russian shell and refers to a 'dreadful engagement on the 15th' but adds 'most likely you will see it in the papers'. The letter accompanies a souvenir: 'With this I forward to you the beads taken from the neck of a dead Russian soldier. 'Betsey (his 7 year old daughter) must wear them with great care: I value them much, from the peculiar circumstances under which they came into my possession.' What these circumstances were is not explained. He finishes the letter, written 24th August, with the words: 'We are expecting a dreadful engagement every hour, for this afternoon all the troops got under arms, and marched down to the trenches; and we are expecting nothing else but to storm the place. I expect it will be a hot gale, but it will be a good gale when it is over; for there is not a man in the Crimea who is not heartily sick of it, and would volunteer in the storming party so as to get it over.' The inscription on his tombstone ends with the words 'Erected by his surviving sons and daughters as a mark of respect and esteem.' Sheffield General Cemetery.

Census Year: 1841	Address	West Street, Sheffield, Yorks.				Ref. HO107/1338. folio 8. p9
	Title	Status	Age	Occupation	Where Born	Comments
	Thomas Badger		40	Tailor	Born in county	
	Mary Badger		39		"	
	<b>George Myers</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>Apprentice</b>	"	
	William Slack		16	"	"	

c. 1845, Enlisted Royal Artillery  
 Marriage reg. S1845, Mary Ann Ridal, Rotherham, Yorks.  
 1845-49, stationed at Woolwich  
 1850, Stationed in Birmingham

Census Year: 1851	Address	Military Barracks, Weedon Beck, Northamptonshire				Ref. HO107/1741. folio 116. p5
	Title	Status	Age	Occupation	Where Born	Comments
	<b>George Myers</b>	<b>Soldier</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Gunner, Driver, RA. Army</b>	<b>Rotherham, Yorks.</b>
	Mary A Myers	Wife	Mar	29		Sheffield, Yorks.
	George Myers	Son	Unm	5		"
	Betsey Myers	Daug	Unm	2		Woolwich, Kent
	Charles Myers	Son	Unm	8mth		Weedon, Northants.

Births, twins Mary Ann & Sarah Ann Myers, 16 April 1857, Alderney, Channel Islands  
 Birth, son John, born 1859, Alderney  
 1857-66 Alderney, Channel Islands

Census Year: 1861	Address	?Alderney, Channel Islands				Ref.
	Title	Status	Age	Occupation	Where Born	Comments

His wife Mary Ann died in 1863, Alderney.  
Discharged 1866

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Census Year: 1871	Address	Court 15, no 4, Shambles Street, Barnsley, Yorks.				Ref. RG10/4645. folio 33. p16
	Title	Status	Age	Occupation	Where Born	Comments
George Myers	Lodger	Unm?	46	Tailor journeyman	Ardsey, Yorks.	

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Census Year: 1871	Address	Green Hill Soldiers' Daughters Home, Hampstead, London, Mx				Ref. RG10/191. folio 60. p25
	Title	Status	Age	Occupation	Where Born	Comments
Sarah A Myers	Pupil	Unm	14	Scholar	Alderney	?Twin of Mary A Myers

Census Year: 1881	Address	19 Marples Street, Sheffield, Yorks.				Ref. RG11/4637. folio 144. p27
	Title	Status	Age	Occupation	Where Born	Comments
Alonzo Hemsworth	Head	Mar	24	Coach Body Maker	Gainsborough, Lincs.	
Mary A Hemsworth	Wife	Mar	23		Alderney, British Island	?Twin of Sarah A Myers
Thirza Hemsworth	Daug	Unm	1		Sheffield, Yorks.	
George Myers	Father in law	Wid	58	Tailor	Wath, Yorks.	

Died 3 March 1889, aged 65, living at 58 Sherrington Road, Sheffield  
Buried 5 March 1889, General Cemetery, Sheffield, Yorks.  
Grave R1 146 with cannon carved at top