

NAME	BORN	WHERE	DIED	WHERE		
<b>COLTART, James McMeekin</b>	<b>c1826</b>	<b>Barony, Scotland</b>	<b>11 January 1890</b>	<b>Sheffield.</b>		
<b>Royal Horse Artillery</b>			<b>Aged 52</b>	<b>Buried General Cemetery</b>		

c1840 James McMeechin enlisted in Royal Horse Artillery, added Coltart to his name.

Census Year: 1841	Address	166 Burnside, Glasgow, Scotland				Ref.
Name	Title	Status	Age	Occupation	Where Born	Comments
John McMeekin			34	Gardener	Scotland	
Catherine McMeekin			35		Scotland	?Nee Benzie
<b>James McMeekin</b>			<b>3</b>		<b>Scotland</b>	
3 siblings						

Census Year: 1851	Address	Eldon Street, Barony, Lanarkshire, Scotland				Ref.
Name	Title	Status	Age	Occupation	Where Born	Comments
Catherine McMeekin	Head	?Widow	43		Barony, Lanarkshire	
<b>James McMeekin</b>	<b>Son</b>	<b>Unm</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Blacksmith's Apprentice</b>	<b>Barony, Lanarkshire</b>	
6 Siblings, 1 lodgers						

Census Year: 1861	Address	Royal Artillery, Sheerness, Kent				Ref.
Name	Title	Status	Age	Occupation	Where Born	Comments
<b>J McMeekin</b>	<b>Head</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Corporal in Royal Artillery</b>	<b>Scotland</b>	
J McMeekin	Wife	Mar	26		Scotland	
J H McMeekin	Son	Unm	1		Woolwich, Kent	

Captain Sir Edward Walter (1823-1904), a retired officer of the 8th Hussars, founded the Corps of Commissionaires in 1859 as a way to provide gainful employment for ex-servicemen on return from the Crimean War. By 1880 the Corps of Commissionaires was operating in London, Belfast, and Liverpool, with over 1,000 members.

5 June 1866, Bomber James C McMeekin married Mary Anne Prescot, St James the Apostle, Dover, Kent.

S1866, Catherine S McMeechin's birth registered, Dover

S1869, Anne Jane McMeekins's birth registered, Dover

Census Year: 1871	Address	District Military Hospital, Stoke Demerel, Devon				Ref. RG10/2137. Folio 98. p7
Name	Title	Status	Age	Occupation	Where Born	Comments
<b>James Coltart</b>	<b>Hospital Serjeant</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>Hospital Serjeant, Royal Artillery</b>	<b>Scotland</b>	
Annie Coltart	Wife	Mar	33		Dover, Kent	
<b>Catherine Coltart</b>	<b>Daug</b>	<b>Unm</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Scholar</b>	<b>Dover, Kent</b>	
Annie Coltart	Daug	Unm	1		"	

c1874, Bengal, India, son Frank H J born there.  
 S1877, James George McMeekin's birth registered, Dover, Kent  
 c1880, Belfast, Ireland

<b>Census Year:</b> 1881	<b>Address</b>	<b>55 Wicker, Sheffield</b>				<b>Ref. RG11/4656. Folio 42. p2</b>
<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Where Born</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>James Coltart</b>	<b>Boarder</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>Sergeant Major</b>	<b>Scotland</b>	
<b>Wife &amp; family see below</b>						

Timekeeper, Samuel Osborn & Co.

<b>Census Year:</b> 1881	<b>Address</b>	<b>6 Stanley Street, Poulton cum Seacombe, Cheshire</b>				<b>Ref. RG11/3592, folio 16. p25</b>
<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>					<b>Comments</b>
Annie Coltart	Head	Mar	36	Wife of Sergeant Major	Dover, Kent	
Katie Coltart	Daug	Unm	14		Dover, Kent	
Annie Coltart	Daug	Unm	11	Scholar	"	
Frank H J Coltart	Son	Unm	7	Scholar	Bengal, East Indies	
James Coltart	Son	Unm	4	"	Dover, Kent	
Harry Coltart	Son	Unm	1		Ireland	
Kate Lehore	Niece	Unm	18		Scotland	

James McMeekin Coltart died 11 January 1890, aged 52.

<b>Census Year:</b> 1891	<b>Address</b>	<b>44 The Wicker, Sheffield.</b>				<b>Ref. RG12/3828, folio 5. p2</b>
<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>					<b>Comments</b>
Annie Coltart	Head	Wid	52	Caretaker	Dover, Kent	
Katie Coltart	Daug	Unm	24		Dover, Kent	
Annie Coltart	Daug	Unm	21		"	
Frank Coltart	Son	Unm	17	Draughtsman	Bengal, India	
James Coltart	Son	Unm	14	Type Engineer	Dover, Kent	
Harry Coltart	Son	Unm	11	Scholar	Belfast, Ireland	
1 servant						

James M'Meekin Coltart II 109 Anglican James M'Meekin, like Charles Partington, ran away with a friend in his youth to enlist. He added his friend's name, Coltart, to his own so that they would appear to be brothers to help avoid detection and when the friend was rejected, James kept the name. He enlisted in the Royal Horse Artillery and whilst still a teenager, was wounded twice in the Crimea. He was then involved in the suppression of the Indian Mutiny and later, returning to India with his regiment, 'nursed a station through an attack of cholera being the only European not down with it' (Sheffield Independent Jan 13 1890) By the time he left after 20 years' service he was a Sergeant Major and had a number of medals for gallantry and good conduct. He was then involved in forming the Commissionaires Corps in London (1859), which found work for ex servicemen, and was well known in Belfast and Liverpool for organising corps there. He had been in Sheffield for eight years when he died, working as timekeeper for Messrs Samuel Osborn & Co. Active in temperance work, he lectured on his experiences, was also drum major in the local corps of the Engineer Volunteers for three years, and was clearly well respected. His funeral in January 1890 was, at his request, quite private, with only relatives and friends attending. He died suddenly at the age of 52 after a 10 day illness which started with a cold. He left a widow and 5 children. In 1891 they were still in Sheffield, one son a draughtsman and one a type engineer but there is so far no trace of them after that.

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