

NAME	BORN	WHERE	DIED	WHERE
PARTINGTON, Charles Robert	c. 1837	Preston, Lancs.	1902, 13 March	Sheffield, Yorks.
1st Royal Dragoons, Heavy Brigade			Killed in pony & trap accident	Buried General Cemetery

Secretary of Sheffield Crimean & Indian Mutiny Association

From *The Crimean War* by Shirley Baxter - Volunteer Burial Researcher 11

Charles Robert Partington Burial Plot B1 18 Anglican

One of the most dramatic and attractive memorials in Sheffield General Cemetery was that erected in 1903 by Lt Colonel Bingham and the Veterans' Association to the memory of Charles Robert Partington, secretary of the Association and formerly sergeant of the 1st Royal Dragoons. A stone replica of his helmet rested on top of a rough hewn stone, and against each side leaned a bronze carbine and sword. A plaque beneath the helmet explained that 'he charged with General Scarle's Brigade at Balaclava, twice cutting through the Russians, on October 25th, 1854 and was the same day severely wounded while covering the retirement from the Charge of the Light brigade'. At the time, Charles was only 17, having run away from his boarding school the year before with 2 friends, in order to enlist. According to newspaper accounts, Charles also fought at the siege of Sevastopol (1854-5). A portrait, perhaps commissioned by his parents, shows him as a very young man in a red uniform jacket displaying his medals. It is not known when Charles left the army but he was a civilian by the time of his marriage to Emily Methley of Rotherham in 1866, and for many years he was employed by the timber merchants, Messrs Sale and Feather. As Secretary of Sheffield Crimean and Indian Veterans Association he 'gave freely...of his ability and his timeto assist old soldiers in distressed circumstances'. He was a 'true, noble hearted and generous man who had loved his fellow men.' (Sheffield Independent March 18, 1902) When he died in 1902, he was buried with full military honours. According to the newspaper account, the procession was led by a detachment of mounted police, followed by a 12 man firing party, then a band, drums draped in black, playing the funeral march. The coffin, covered by a Union Jack, with his helmet resting on top, was carried on a gun carriage drawn by 6 horses. Hundreds of people lined the streets to watch. Ironically, having survived great danger in his youth, Charles was killed, as the inscription acidly explained, 'through his horse falling twice upon badly kept slippery granite on Attercliffe Road.' He was thrown from his trap and died in the Royal Hospital following severe head injuries. The monument no longer exists in its original form. The bronze carbine and sword, and the plaque, were stolen long ago. Later the stone helmet was also taken, but rediscovered in 2003. A resin replica is kept in the cemetery office which can be seen on request. See Issue 4 of Undertakings. Extract from letter from grandson, J R Partington.

Census Year: 1841	Address					Ref.
	Title	Status	Age	Occupation	Where Born	Comments

Census Year: 1851	Address					Ref.
	Title	Status	Age	Occupation	Where Born	Comments

Enlisted Aldershot, 1st Royal Dragoons, Part of Heavy Brigade

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Census Year: 1861	Address					Ref.
	Title	Status	Age	Occupation	Where Born	Comments

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Marriage at St Philip's Shalesmoor 3 August 1866 to Emily Methley, Sheffield, Yorks.

Census Year: 1871	Address	Claxby, Caistor, Lincs.			Ref. RG10/3421. folio 26. p17
	Title	Status	Age	Occupation	Where Born
Charles Partington	Head	Mar	35	Book Keeper	Preston, Lancs.
Emily Partington	Wife	Mar	29		Sheffield, Yorks.
Emily Partington	Daug	Unm	2	Teacher, Elementary School	Wakefield, Yorks.
Kate Partington	Daug	Unm	1mth		Claxby, Lincs.

Census Year: 1881	Address	77 Watery Street, Sheffield, Yorks.			Ref. RG11/4645. folio 117. p44
	Title	Status	Age	Occupation	Where Born
Charles Partington	Head	Mar	44	Traveller, Timber Trade	Preston, Lancs.
Emily Partington	Wife	Mar	39	Milliner	Sheffield, Yorks.
Emily Partington	Daug	Unm	12	Scholar	Lofthouse, Yorks.
Kate Partington	Daug	Unm	10	"	Claxby, Lincs.
Charles Frederick Partington	Son	Unm	2	"	Sheffield, Yorks.

Census Year: 1891	Address	53 Montgomery Terrace Road, Sheffield, Yorks.			Ref. RG12/3817. folio 60. p30
	Title	Status	Age	Occupation	Where Born
Charles Partington	Head	Mar	54	Timber Traveller	Preston, Lancs.
Emily Partington	Wife	Mar	49		Sheffield, Yorks.
Emily Partington	Daug	Unm	22	Teacher, Elementary School	Wakefield, Yorks.
Kate Partington	Daug	Unm	20	At home	Claxby, Lincs.
Charles F Partington	Son	Unm	12	Scholar	Sheffield, Yorks.

Census Year: 1901	Address	484 Ecclesall Road [Richmond Villas], Sheffield, Yorks.			Ref. RG13/4351. folio 133. p10
	Title	Status	Age	Occupation	Where Born
Charles Partington	Head	Mar	64	Timber Traveller, CT	Preston, Lancs.
Emily Partington	Wife	Mar	59		Sheffield, Yorks.
Kate Partington	Daug	Unm	30		Claxby, Lincs.
Charles Partington	Son	Unm	22	Book Keeper, Steel Works	Sheffield, Yorks.

Died 13 March 1902, lived at Richmond Villas, 484 Ecclesall Road, Sheffield, Yorks.

Fell from Horse & Trap in Attercliffe, Sheffield.

Buried Monday 17 March 1902, Sheffield General Cemetery. Full military honours.