

George Edwin MEWIS (1825-1907)

British Army Service Record – Reference WO 97 / 93 / 89

George Edwin Mewis born Edgbaston, Birmingham, Warwickshire. Private 16th (Queen's Lancers).

The Board having examined and compared the Regimental Records, the Soldier's Book, and such other Documents as appeared to them to be necessary, report that George Edwin Mewis by Trade a clerk was born in the Parish of Edgbaston in or near the Town of Birmingham in the County of Warwick and was attested for the 14th Regiment of Light Dragoons at London in the County of Middlesex on the 21 Sept 1842 at the Age of 18 years 6 months that after making every Deduction required by Her Majesty's Regulations, the Service up to this day, which he is entitled to reckon, amounts to 3 years, 182 days, as shewn by the detailed Statement on the 2nd page; during all which period he served at home and further, that his discharge is proposed in consequence of his being found unfit for further service. With regard to character and conduct George Edwin Mewis the Board have to report, that upon reference to the Defaulter's Book, and by the Parole testimony that has been given, it appears they are good.

George Edwin Mewis being asked to what date he has been paid, answered that his Account is balanced up to the latest period required by the Regulations; and being further asked whether he has any claim on the Regiment for Arrears of Pay, Allowances, or Clothing, answered that he has received all just demands, from his entry into the Service up to the 21 March 1846 and in confirmation therefore, affixes his signature hereto.

Detailed Statement of the Services of George Edwin Mewis.

14th Light Dragoons, Rank Private, from 21 Sep 1842 to 31 Oct 1842, a period of 41 days

16th Lancers, Rank Private, from 1 Nov 1842 to 21 Mar 1846, a period of 3 years and 141 days

And further service from 22 May 1846 to 23 Jun 1846, a period of 33 days

Total service 3 years 215 days

Medical Report... Private George Edwin Mewis, 16 Lancers... This is a case of more or less permanent weakness of right knee, the consequence of inflammation, with frequent relapse upon exertion – originally caused, he states, by a kick from a horse while on detached duty at Canterbury about 2½ years since – Being a young soldier, scarcely more than three years in the service and who has been very inefficient for two years and a half; the prospect of future usefulness as a Dragoon is very doubtful and he has therefore been proposed for discharge from the Service.

Physical Description: Height - 5 feet 7 ¾ inches; Hair - Brown; Eyes - Grey; Complexion - Fresh; Trade - Clerk.

1851 Census 126 Sherlock Street, Birmingham

Hannah FLETCHER Head 43yrs

Annuitant [widow]

b Shifnal, Shropshire

Eliza H. FLETCHER Dau 19yrs

[unmarried]

b Kings Norton, Worcestershire

George E. MEWIS Visitor 27yrs

Commercial Traveller [widower]

b Birmingham, Warwickshire

Baptisms Saint George, Birmingham, Warwickshire

Helen Agnes MEWIS born 09 Feb 1853, baptised 31 Mar 1853

Parents: George Edwin Mewis / Elizabeth

1861 Census 46 St Paul's Square, Birmingham, Warwickshire

George Edwin MEWIS	Head	36yrs	Rope & Twine Manufacturer employing 6 men & 1 female	b Birmingham, Warwickshire
Elizabeth MEWIS	Wife	44yrs		b Manchester
Helen Agnes MEWIS	Dau	8yrs		b Birmingham, Warwickshire
Amelia F. MEWIS	Dau	6yrs		b Birmingham, Warwickshire
Carolone COLLON	Servt	26yrs		b Leamington, Warwickshire
Maria WHITEHEAD	Servt	25yrs		b Nuneaton, Warwickshire

Birmingham Daily Post 5 Mar 1862 Advertisement

To Builders, Contractors, and Others. Save Life, Time, and Money by Purchasing your Fall Ropes, Drag Ropes, Scaffold Ropes, Marline Bolt Rope, Side Strings, Sash Lines, &c., from the Midland Ropery, St. Paul's Square, Birmingham, where none but the finest Brands of Hemp are used. Geo. Edwin Mewis, Proprietor. Works – Spring Hill.

Birmingham Daily Post 29 Jul 1862 Advertisement

George Edwin Mewis, Rope and Twine Manufacturer, is in want of good twine hands. Also, a Dresser – Apply Midland Ropery, St Paul's Square.

Birmingham Daily Post 22 Aug 1862 Advertisement

George Edwin Mewis, Rope and Twine Manufacturer, is in want of a good Twister – Apply Midland Ropery, St Paul's Square.

Birmingham Daily Post 24 Oct 1862 Advertisement

George Edwin Mewis, Midland Ropery, is in want of a good twister. Constant employment for a first-class MAR. – Apply, 35, St. Paul's Square.

Birmingham Daily Post 27 Jan 1863 Advertisement

George Edwin Mewis, Midland Ropery, is in immediate want of several good hands. Steady workmen may meet with constant employment. Good character indispensable.

Birmingham Daily Post 09 Apr 1863 Advertisement

George Edwin Mewis, Midland Ropery, is in want of a Dresser. Also, good Yard Finishers. None but able workmen need apply – 35, St Paul's square.

Birmingham Daily Post 22 May 1863 Advertisement

George Edwin Mewis, Midland Ropery, is in immediate want of several good steady workmen – Apply, before ten a.m., 35, St Paul's square, Birmingham.

Birmingham Daily Post 17 Sep 1863 Advertisement

George Edwin Mewis, Rope and Twine Manufacturer, 35, St Paul's Square, Birmingham, is in immediate want of good spinners and twisters. None other need apply.

Birmingham Daily Post 22 Oct 1863 Advertisement

George Edwin Mewis, Midland Ropery, is in want of good spinners and twisters. Constant work for steady men. Apply, 35, St Paul's square, Birmingham.

London Gazette 23 Oct 1874 p4895

No. 3481 To George Edwin Mewis, of Birmingham, in the county of Warwick, Rope and Twine Manufacturer, for the invention of "improvements in the manufacture of sash lines, and other lines, cords, and ropes."

National Probate Calendar 1875

22 December. The Will of Alfred Mewis late of Wheeleys-lane Birmingham in the County of Warwick Gun Maker who died 2 October 1875 at Wheeleys-lane was proved at Birmingham by George Edwin Mewis of St Paul's-square Birmingham Rope Manufacturer the Brother the sole Executor.

London Gazette 24 Nov 1876 p6489

No. 3703 George Edwin Mewis, of Birmingham, in the county of Warwick, Rope and Twine Manufacturer, for an invention of "improvements in fastenings for connecting sash cords to window sashes, which improvements are also applicable to the connecting of cords for other purposes." Dated 14th November 1873.

National Archives –Design Register – Board of Trade – Reference BT 51 / 6

No.9695 Class 1: Metal Goods. Registered 11 Jul 1884 by George Edwin Mewis, Rope and Twine Manufacturer of 35 Saint Paul's Square, Birmingham. Item: Picture Nail – The novelty is the shape of the grooved head for receiving the picture cord or wire.

1891 Census 15 Chad Road, Edgbaston, Warwickshire

George E. MEWIS	Head	61yrs	Manufacturer	b Birmingham, Warwickshire
Elizabeth MEWIS	Wife	74yrs		b Manchester
Emela F. MEWIS	Dau	35yrs	[single]	b Birmingham, Warwickshire
Isabella WEAVER	Visitor	59yrs	[single]	b Birmingham, Warwickshire
Mary A. PAXTON	Servt	39yrs	Domestic servant [single]	b Wadeley, Shropshire
Elizabeth DOVEY	Servt	32yrs	Domestic servant [single]	b Birmingham, Warwickshire

Birmingham Daily Post 8 Sep 1891 Death
 On the 7th inst., at 15, Chad Road, Edgbaston, Elizabeth, the beloved wife of George Edwin Mewis.

1901 Census 15 Chad Road, Edgbaston, Warwickshire

George E. MEWIS	Head	76yrs	Rope Manufacturer [widower]	b Birmingham, Warwickshire
Florence MEWIS	Dau	46yrs	[single]	b Birmingham, Warwickshire
Bernard G. WAREING	Gdson	23yrs	Manager Manufacturer [single]	b Birmingham, Warwickshire
Harriet JACKSON	Servt	39yrs	Domestic Cook [single]	b Whitacre, Warwickshire
Ann BRAIN	Servt	24yrs	Domestic Housemaid [single]	b Newnham, Northamptonshire

National Probate Calendar 1908
 George Edwin Mewis of 47 Frederick-road Birmingham died 17 December 1907 Probate Birmingham 25 January to Emela Florence Mewis spinster and Arthur David Brooks solicitor. Effects £7818 1s 10d.

1911 Census 47 Frederick Road, Edgbaston, Warwickshire (11 rooms)

Emela Florence MEWIS	Head	56yrs	Private Means [single]	b Warwickshire
Sarah F. HEWLETT	Servt	48yrs	Domestic servant [single]	b Huddington, Worcestershire

National Probate Calendar 1919
 Emela Florence Mewis of 17 York-road Edgbaston Birmingham spinster died 1 December 1918 Probate Birmingham 4 April to Bernard George Wareing manufacturer and sir Arthur David Brooks knight solicitor. Effects £5,058 11s 8d.

National Probate Calendar 1934
 Bernard Wareing of 34 Victoria-road Sutton Coldfield Warwickshire died 21 July 1932 Probate Birmingham 12 February to Bernard George Wareing manufacturer. Effects £27 1s 4d.