



Survivors of the Charge of the Light Brigade, in 1855, photo by Roger Fenton

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News was received in Melksham at the end of last week of the death, which occurred in Chelsea Hospital, of ex Sergeant Elijah James. Mr. James, who was drawing very close to the advanced age of 90 years, was one of the very few left who went through the Crimean war. He was present at the Battle of Alma, and during the siege of Sebastopol; took part, indeed during the whole campaign. For very many years he lived in Folly Lane, and on the occasion of the visit of the King and Queen to Melksham during the war, he was a prominent figure decked in the various medals he had received. He had the honour of an introduction to his Majesty, who conversed and shook hands with the veteran. His wife died some years ago at Folly Lane, her remains being interred in Shaw Churchyard. Recently, the deceased had been under treatment at Chelsea Hospital. He leaves one daughter and a grandson, the only near relations. As an old soldier and resident he was well-known, and will be remembered by many in Melksham and district. He was buried in London.

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