

EDWARD HAYLING COLEMAN.
M.R.C.S.Eng. 1815, L.S.A.Lond. 1817.

Mr. Edward Hayling Coleman, born 1794, was the eldest son of the Rev. Francis Coleman, vicar of Leominster. He gained the MRCS Eng. 1815 and the LSA Lond. 1817. After a period serving in the navy of the East India Co. he came to Wolverhampton and was actively involved in the treatment of cholera victims for which he received a vote of thanks. He served as house surgeon to the Wolverhampton Dispensary, later the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire General Hospital, at which he also served, being appointed honorary surgeon in 1852 until 1870. Whilst at the Dispensary he performed, on 1st January 1847, the midlands first and possibly the 3rd in England, operation using anaesthetic. The operation, an amputation, was successful with the patient insisting that her leg had not been removed.

He entered into practice with his surgical colleague, George Edwardes, and later with his son Dr. John Major Coleman at Salop St., Wolverhampton. Mr. Coleman's grandson and namesake served as honorary physician to the General Hospital and his great grandson, Francis Hayling Coleman, as medical registrar, there.

Mr. Coleman died at Wolverhampton on 26th April 1871.