

Birth, parentage, marriage and death of Albert John Ludlam

This brief evidences the details of the birth, parentage, marriage and death of Albert John Ludlam.

Those details are –

Born in about 1836 at Leicester, Leicestershire.

Born to parents Charles Ludlam and Sophia Ludlam nee Blockley.

Married to Mary Walker on 24th May 1874 at St Esprit Church, Marton, Warwickshire.

Died on 30th March 1878 at Martin Street, Belgrave in the County of Leicester.

The research for this brief was conducted in early 2023 and April 2025.

Albert's death

In a letter to his daughter Dorothy Shields dated 2nd December 1942, Alfred Charles John Ludlam stated that his father's first name was Albert, and that he died suddenly when Alfred was four years of age. In talking of Albert's father's business in Leicester, and in stating that, after his father died, his "mother went home to her own people (the Walkers) at Marton, Warwickshire",¹ the letter implies that Albert's family was living in Leicester when he died. This is the full letter (Alfred had a habit of writing right up to the edge of the paper):

Dec 2nd 1942
27 Sarfield Street
Kogarah.
N.S.W.
My Dear Dolly & family
We have to apologise for missing Kate's birthday but am sending her a card to-day just to show we have not forgotten wishing her all the best of good luck and good health, and am very pleased to hear she is such a great help to her mother in the shop also Jessie too. I suppose we would hardly know any of them now they will have grown so much in the last ten years. We were glad to hear you were all getting on so well in the shop and hope someday to see you all again. I am still under the doctor but am progressing slowly. I can get about now and dress myself without any help, but it is a slow & painful ordeal. I have to go on to the doctor early in January 1943. When I hope to be very much better by then. Mother has her time taken up assisting Grace with the new baby. He is five months old now and is a fine kiddie his name Kenneth. Alf. wife also presented him with another daughter Robin. They are all getting on well. I was surprised to read of your interview with a Mr Ludlam. your Uncle Jack in Coventry has been for years trying to trace members of the Ludlam family, and met several of them.

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but was never successful in meeting relations. if you should ever meet this gentleman again. I can give you some enlightenment on our ancestors – My grandfather was Mr Charles Ludlam and carried on business as a Carriage trimmer and upholsterer in Leicester. Abbeygate Street. I think it was. My grandmother's maiden name was Blockley Ball, of Claybrook Leicestershire. but I was very young when they died, there were several sons: my father Albert died suddenly when I was four years of age, and the other sons (Uncles) we lost trace of them all. as my poor mother went home to her own people (the Walkers) at Marton, Warwickshire: where we lived all through our school days. It would be very interesting should you come across a lost relation, if only to know what became of the others.
Well I will close now with my best love to yourself and Kate and all the family hoping to hear from you again soon
your aff. Dad
Alf Ludlam

¹ Marton is 27 miles (by road) south-south-west of Leicester.

Kath Palyga's records included a death certificate for one Albert John Ludlam, as follows.

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH



GIVEN AT THE **GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE**

Application Number Y009133

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Barrow Upon Soar

1878 DEATH in the Sub-district of Rothley in the County of Leicester

Columns:-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of death	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar
	<u>30th March 1878</u> <u>226 Martin Street</u> <u>Belgrave in</u> <u>the County of</u> <u>Leicester</u>	<u>Albert</u> <u>John</u> <u>Ludlam</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>41</u> <u>years</u>	<u>Painter</u>	<u>Rupture of a</u> <u>blood vessel</u> <u>by Natural</u> <u>Causes.</u>	<u>Certificate received</u> <u>from Geo. F. Harrison</u> <u>Coroner for the Borough</u> <u>of Leicester</u> <u>Inquest held</u> <u>Widfield March 1878</u>	<u>30th</u> <u>March</u> <u>1878</u>	<u>Thomas</u> <u>Bullsey</u> <u>Registrar</u>

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Deaths in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, the 18th day of August 1911

DXZ 027789

See note overleaf

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This details the death of Albert John Ludlam, a painter aged 41, at Martin Street, Belgrave in the County of Leicester on 30th March 1878. It also states that the death was in the sub-district of "Ro..hley" (third letter indistinct), which could only be Rothley, which is 4 miles north of Belgrave, and 4 miles south of Barrow upon Soar (which is named as the Registration District in the certificate). Belgrave was a village one mile north of Leicester city centre.²

The occupation of painter correlates to Albert's occupation of "Carriage Painter" given in the 1875 birth certificate of his son Alfred (in which Albert's wife Mary is named as providing the information, and hence it is first-hand information, that is, personally seen, heard or experienced by the informant). It also correlates to his occupation of "Coach painter" given in the Marton parish record of Alfred's christening. The informant for that information would have been either Albert himself or his wife Mary, so that would also be first-hand information. (See the brief relating to Alfred Charles John Ludlam for Alfred's birth certificate and parish christening record).

The date of death also correlates to Alfred Ludlam's information in his above December 1942 letter to his daughter Dorothy that his father died suddenly when Alfred was four (actually, he was 3 weeks from turning 3, see the brief relating to Alfred Charles John Ludlam for evidence as to his birth date).

The death in Belgrave one mile north of Leicester also correlates with the family's abode being given as "No. 5 Newark St, Leicester" in Alfred's birth certificate, and as "Leicester" in Alfred's parish christening record.³ It also correlates with Albert's parents living in Leicester, as stated by Alfred in his above December 1942 letter to his daughter Dorothy.

Accordingly, it can be confirmed that the above death certificate relating to Albert John Ludlam is that of the father of Alfred Charles John Ludlam.

² It is now a northern suburb of the city, having been subsumed into the Corporation of Leicester in 1891. See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belgrave,_Leicester.

³ Newark Street is ¼ mile south of Leicester city centre.

This is further confirmed in that, from the commencement of civil registration of births, deaths and marriages on 1st July 1837⁴ until 31st December 1899, a FreeBMD search⁵ returns one English record only relating to the death of an “Albert John Ludlam”, being a death in the March quarter of 1878. The relevant record is –

LUDLAM, Albert John, 41.Barrow S. 7a. 113

The other data given, apart from the name, denotes aged 41 at death, the registration district of Barrow upon Soar,⁶ and Volume 7A, page 113 of the GRO registers.

The relevant page of the index recording the location in the GRO registers of the death registration is as follows.

The record in the index confirms that Albert John Ludlam died in the March quarter, 1878, and that his death was recorded in the Barrow upon Soar registration district.

The related Family Search extract⁷ from the GRO registration index for this record of a death is at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:2JLS-8BK>.⁸

Accordingly, Albert John Ludlam died on 30th March 1878 at Martin Street, Belgrave in the County of Leicester.

⁴ Prior to 1837, baptisms, marriages and burials were generally only recorded in parish registers maintained by Church of England clergy. In 1836, legislation was passed that established the General Register Office (UK), and required that births, marriages and deaths in England and Wales be registered under a national system. This took effect on 1st July 1837. See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/General_Register_Office_for_England_and_Wales. Until 1875, there was no penalty for failure to register, and not all births, marriages and deaths were therefore registered – see <https://www.familyheritage.co.uk/2011/07/1-july-1837-civil-registration-started-in-england-wales/>.

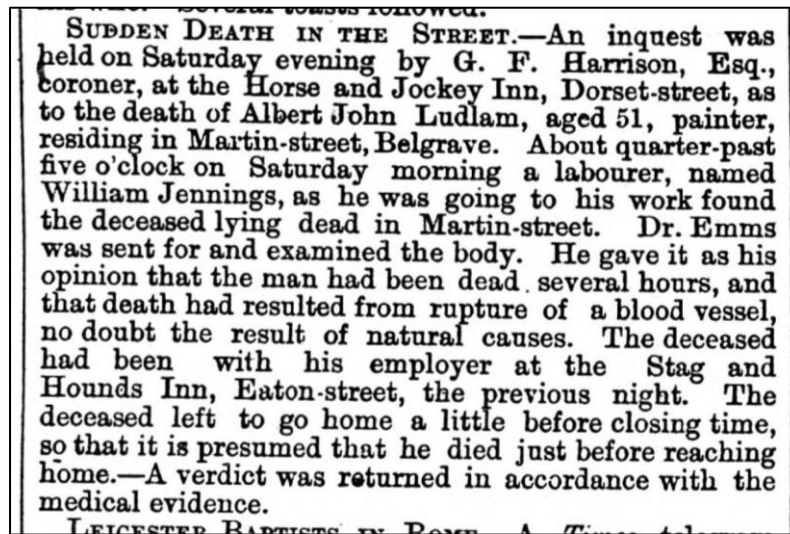
⁵ See <https://www.freebmd.org.uk/cgi/information.pl?cite=%2BrHwQ2%2BqwpO0UeeP%2Flzzjw&scan=1>. FreeBMD volunteers have digitised the indices to the registers of the GRO, and an image of the relevant page in the index is linked to each digital record. See <https://www.freebmd.org.uk/>. Accordingly, FreeBMD information only goes back as far as the GRO registers, that is, to 1st July 1837.

⁶ “The district Barrow S. is an alternative name for Barrow upon Soar and it is in the county of Leicestershire.” See the FreeBMD note which is hyperlinked to “Barrow S” in the FreeBMD search for a record of Albert’s death (the note is at https://www.freebmd.org.uk/cgi/districts.pl?r=61236123:1861&d=bmd_1672866285).

⁷ Note that this Family Search record links to a person record at <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/changelog/G4BQ-619>, which person record gives the location of death as “226” Martin Street. However, as can be seen from the above death certificate, 226 is actually the folio number of the entry.

⁸ URLs of Family Search records linked herein include “61903”, presumably a specific member number, and likely need adapting to function.

As the death certificate notes, there was a coronial inquest. There is a report of the same in the *Leicester Chronicle* of 6th April 1878, page 10, see <https://www.findmypast.com/image-viewer?issue=BL%2F0000173%2F18780406&page=10&article=044>.⁹



Albert's birth and parentage

In his above letter to his daughter Dorothy Shields dated 2nd December 1942, Alfred Charles John Ludlam stated –

1. his grandfather was Charles Ludlam
2. Charles carried on business as a carriage trimmer and upholsterer in Leicester
3. he (Alfred) thinks that the business was located in Abbeygate Street, Leicester¹⁰
4. his grandmother's maiden name was Blockley Ball
5. she was from Claybrook, Leicestershire
6. he was very young when his grandparents died
7. his grandparents had several sons, Alfred's uncles, but contact was lost with them after Albert died and Alfred's mother moved the family to Marton.

So far as concerns Albert's birth and parentage, the letter evidences that Albert's father was Charles Ludlam, a carriage trimmer and upholsterer of Leicester (which indicates that, most likely, Albert was born in Leicester), and that Albert's mother's maiden name was Blockley Ball, and her family came from Claybrook.¹¹

Albert's above death certificate says Albert John Ludlam was 41 at his death on 30th March 1878. If that age at death is correct, he was born between 31st March 1836 and 30th March 1837.

⁹ Similar reports were in the *Leicester Advertiser* of 6th April 1878, page 8, see <https://www.findmypast.com/image-viewer?issue=BL%2F0004960%2F18780406&page=8&article=008>, the *Leicester Journal* of 5th April 1878, see <https://www.findmypast.com/image-viewer?issue=BL%2F0000205%2F18780405&page=8&article=056>, and the *Leicester Weekly Post* of 6th April 1878, page 2, see <https://www.findmypast.com/image-viewer?issue=BL%2F0002148%2F18780406&page=2&article=021>.

¹⁰ In an oral family history provided by Dorothy Shields to Stephen Palyga in the 1970s, she gave the street name as Aldgate Street. There is an Aldgate Avenue in Evington, now an outer eastern suburb of Leicester, but no Aldgate Street. Abbey Gate is a street in the inner north area of Leicester. The area is now a bulky goods retail and industrial area.

¹¹ Given that Alfred was still 3 weeks from turning 3 when his father died on 30th March 1878, this information would not be first-hand. However, the evidence remains probative as received family history, as it was likely received by Alfred from his mother, who would have had first-hand knowledge of it.

A search for the baptism of an Albert Ludlam (also "Ludlum" and "Ludland"¹²) around 1836-1837 in the Leicestershire Parish Records database of Family Search was unsuccessful.¹³

The like search in FindMyPast,¹⁴ and also a search of the England Births and Christenings database of Family Search, were also unsuccessful. The like search of FreeREG (which allows free internet searches of parish baptism, marriage, and burial records)¹⁵ was also unsuccessful.

However, the searches did return an Albert Ludlam, aged 24, and the son of a Charles Ludlam, Coach Painter of Leicester, in the 1861 England Census, see

<https://search.findmypast.com/record?id=GBC%2F1861%2F2295%2F00560A&parentid=GBC%2F1861%2F0012308143>:

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the									
Parish (or Township) of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town of	Hamlet or Tything, &c., of	Ecclésiastical District of	[Page 5]		
No. of Schedule	Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House	HOUSES in which the persons are found	Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf, or Dumb
24	7 Newgate	114	Charles Ludlam	Head	Mar	54	Coach Painter	Leicester, Leicestershire	
24	5 do.	1	Sophia Ludlam	Wife	Mar	54		Leicestershire, Ullesthorpe	
			Albert J. Ludlam	Son	Un	24	Coach Painter	Leicester, Leicestershire	
25	3 do.	1	Thomas D. Potter	Head	Mar	44	Station Housekeeper	Leicester	
			Thomas Potter	Wife	Mar	44		Leicester	
			Malcolm R. Potter	Son		17	School	do	
			Stephen Potter	Son		11	do	do	
			Harry R. Potter	Son		9	do	do	
			Isabel A. Potter	Son		8	do	do	
			Edmund Potter	Son		3	do	do	
			Ann Clark	Servant	Un	16	General Servant	Leicestershire, Mablethorpe	
26	1 do.	1	William Briggs	Head	Mar	56	Magistrate, Alderman	Leicester	
			Henry B. Briggs	Wife	Mar	47	Manufacturer, Wife	do	
			Mary M. Briggs	Son	Un	23	do daughter	do	
			William M. Briggs	Son	Un	21	Manufacturer	do	
			Thomas M. Briggs	Son	Un	19	do son	do	
			Rupert M. Briggs	Son	Un	17	Student	do	
			Arthur M. Briggs	Son	Un	15	School	do	
			Arthur E. Dean	Servant	Un	30	House Servant	Nottingham	
			Emma Phillips	do	Un	29	do do	Nottingham, Old St. Mary	
			Harry Weeks	do	Un	24	do do	Leicestershire, Ashby Pagnall	
3	Total of Houses...	3	114	Total of Males and Females...					
				10 11					

The details in the record line up with Alfred's information about his grandparents in his above December 1942 letter to his daughter Dorothy, specifically that his grandfather's name was Charles, and his grandmother was from Claybrook, Leicestershire. Her birthplace is given as "Ullesthorpe" in Leicestershire. That town adjoins the twin villages of Claybrooke Magna and Claybrooke Parva. All three villages are less than a mile apart.

¹² A Sue Hope Family Group Sheet in Kath Palyga's files has a note stating that "Uncle Len's notes state sometime known as Ludland". Susan Mary Hope nee Ludlam is the daughter of Harold Ludlam, the fifth child of Alfred's younger brother Albert Edward John Ludlam (known as Jack). "Len" is Leonard John Ludlam, Jack's fourth child.

¹³ See, for example,

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/record/results?f.collectionId=2840172&q.anyDate.from=1836&q.givenName=Albert&q.surname=Ludlam>.

¹⁴ See

https://www.findmypast.com/search/results?firstname=albert&firstname_variants=true&lastname=ludlam&lastname_variants=true&eventyear=1836&eventyear_offset=5&keywordsplace=leicester%2c%20leicestershire%2c%20england&keywordsplace_proximity=5&sourcecountry=england&sid=999.

¹⁵ "The aim of FreeREG is to provide free internet searches of baptism, marriage, and burial records. We are transcribing records from parish registers, non-conformist records and other relevant sources in the UK": see <https://www.freereg.org.uk/cms/about>. The recording of baptisms, marriages and burials in parish registers began in England and Wales in 1538: see <https://www.freereg.org.uk/cms/about>.

Further, the fact that at age 24 Albert was still living with his parents lines up with his marriage later in life (see below). An age of 24 also correlates with Albert dying at 41 seventeen years later in 1878.

Accordingly, this census record relates to Albert's family, and verifies that his mother's name was Sophia.

The 1861 census¹⁶ was taken on the 7th April,¹⁷ and, in recording Albert's age as 24, the census implies a date range for his birth of 6th April 1836 to 7th April 1837. The record also names Albert's birthplace as "Leicester St Marys". This would be a reference to the parish of St Mary de Castro, which parish area is part of the "ancient borough"¹⁸ of Leicester.¹⁹ (The 1851 and 1871 census records for Albert, see below, also name his birthplace as Leicester).

Searches for the family in other censuses were conducted. The 1851 census record for the family, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:SG1D-Z8Z>, gives Albert's age as 14, and names an older brother "Lordine", aged 18. The census was taken on 30th March,²⁰ and hence the census record implies a date range for Albert's birth of between 31st March 1836 and 30th March 1837, coincidentally the same date range as implied by Albert's death certificate (as he also died on a 30th March).

The 1851 census record, which actually records Albert's older brother as "Loraine", not "Lordine", and as a "trimmer of hosiery", is at

<https://search.findmypast.com/record?id=GBC%2F1851%2F4355387%2F00758&parentid=GBC%2F1851%2F0012457268>:

Parish or Township of		Ecclesiastical District of		City or Borough of		Town of		Village of	
The Newark		The Newark		Leicester					
House No.	Name of Street, Place, or Road, and Name or No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1851	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf-and-Dumb
					Males	Females			
1	The Newark	Elizabeth Bennett	Head	Mar	43		Domestic	Leicester	
		George Bennett	Son	Mar	17		Gen Serv	Leicester	
		Elizabeth Bennett	Son	Mar	38		Household Serv	Leicester	
		Charles Bennett	Son	Mar	30		Labourer	Leicester	
		Emma Bennett	Son	Mar	14		House Serv	Leicester	
2	The Newark	Arthur J. Bennett	Head	Mar	31		Household Serv	Leicester	
		Elizabeth Bennett	Wife	Mar	34		Wife of a	Leicester	
		Arthur J. Bennett	Son	Mar	5		Scholar	Leicester	
		Thomas Bennett	Son	Mar	1			Leicester	
		May, Sharp	Son	Mar	15		Gen Serv	Leicester	
3	The Newark	Charles Ludlam	Head	Mar	43		House painter	Leicester	
		Elizabeth Ludlam	Wife	Mar	45		Wife of a	Leicester	
		Charles Ludlam	Son	Mar	14		Painter's Son	Leicester	
4	The Newark	Ann Boughton	Head	Mar	65		Widow of a	Leicester	
		Elizabeth Boughton	Wife	Mar	50		Widow of a	Leicester	
		James Boughton	Son	Mar	16		Scholar in Leicester	Leicester	
		Emily W. Boughton	Son	Mar	15		do	Leicester	
		John W. Boughton	Son	Mar	13		do	Leicester	
		Thomas Boughton	Son	Mar	10		Gen Serv	Leicester	

Total of Persons... 74

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¹⁶ See also <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M7YQ-7VC>.

¹⁷ See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1861_United_Kingdom_census.

¹⁸ See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient_borough.

¹⁹ See <https://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/leics/vol4/pp369-380>.

²⁰ See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1851_United_Kingdom_census.

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Will Perish (or Township) of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town of	Village or Hamlet, &c., of	Local Board, or (Improvements Commissioners Districts) of	Ecological Districts of		
South Mumps	Leicester	West South Mumps	Leicester	Leicester		Leicester	South Mumps		
No. of Schedule	ROAD STREET, &c., and No. or NAME OF HOUSE	HOUSES Tenanted (1, 2, or 3) Un-tenanted (4, 5, or 6)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON- DITION	AGE Years	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	Whether 1. Deaf and Dumb 2. Blind 3. Imbecile or Idiot 4. Lunatic
10	7. Newark	1	P. A. Jackson	Head	Widow	79	Surgeon Leicestershire militia	Leicester	
			Jacob Jackson	Servant	do	63		Leicestershire Leicester	
			James Smith	Servant	do	26		Warrington Lancashire	
			Henry Allen	Servant	do	28		Leicester Leicestershire	
20	5. South Gate	1	Page Goodman	Servant	do	13		Leicester Leicestershire	
			Charles Liddle	Head	Married	63	Carriage Builder	Leicestershire Leicester	
			John do	Wife	Married	64		Leicestershire Leicester	
			Albert do	Son	Widow	33	Painter &c	Leicestershire Leicester	
30	7. Newark	1	George Bellamy	Head	Widow	54	As occupation	do Stamford	
			George Charles do	Son	Widow	7	Scholar	do Leicester	
			Henry Walker	Servant	do	27	Domestic	Warrington Lancashire	
			James Goodman	do	do	33	do	Leicestershire Leicester	
			Rebecca Lambourn	do	do	28	do	do Derbyshire	
40	1. South Gate	1	Henry St. John	Head	Married	38	Green Power	do Leicester	
			William do	Wife	Married	36		do Leicester	
			Elizabeth do	Daughter	do	8	Scholar	Leicestershire Leicester	
			James Ann do	do	do	7	do	do do	
			John do	Son	do	3	do	do do	
			Henry do	do	do	1	do	do do	
			Robert do	Father	Widow	74	As occupation	do do	
44	South Gate		James Ann Cox	Head	Married	22	Spinster	do do	
			Eliza do	Servant	do	14		do do	
45	do do		Henry Lane	Servant	Married	27	Machine worker	do do	
6	Total of Houses..	4	Total of Males and Females..			10	13		

* Draw the pen through such of the words as are inappropriate.

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Reference -
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The 1871 census information is not in line with the age information in the other three censuses, nor in line with the age given in Albert's death certificate. Further, no record of an "Albert Ludlam" birth in any English county after the commencement of civil registration on 1st July 1837 was found in a FreeBMD search, which strongly suggests he was not born after 1st July 1837. (FreeBMD information only goes back as far as the GRO registers). The search result is as follows.

FreeBMD

New Query

Save Search

Revise Query

Sorry, we found no matches.

Search for

Type: Births

Surname: Ludlam

First name(s): Albert

Start date: Sep 1837

End date: Dec 1850

County: all

As stated, Albert's age as noted in the 1841, 1851 and 1861 censuses suggest Albert was born in about the June quarter of 1836.²⁴

The baptism register for St Mary de Castro²⁵ covering the 1830s was therefore manually inspected for Albert's baptism, starting from the commencement of civil registration of births on 1st July 1837, and working backwards through the register from that date (which is at image number 300, page 290, see <https://search.findmypast.com/record/browse?id=S2/GBPRS/LEICS/102228574/00300>).

At image number 261, page 251, the baptism on 26th June 1837 of another child to Charles and Sophia, Isabella, was located, see <https://search.findmypast.com/record/browse?id=S2/GBPRS/LEICS/102228574/00261>). This is a close up of the entry:²⁶

²⁴ For transcripts of the 1841, 1851, 1861 and 1871 census records in Family Search, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MQYP-F5R> and <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:SG1D-Z8Z> and <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M7YQ-7VC> and <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VFTK-VJ4>.

²⁵ St Mary de Castro features in a significant number of baptism, marriage and burial records for Ludlam ancestors.

²⁶ The Family Search record of the baptism is at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QP4S-JWDW>.

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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of St Mary Leicester
in the County of Leicester in the Year 18 37

When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
18 June 26 No. 2001.	Isabella	Charles	Ludlam	Park Street	Couch Painter	Henry Dowd Curate

Isabella (of Park Street, Leicester) was buried at "Saint Mary Leicester" the next day by the same curate, see <https://search.findmypast.com/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FLEICS%2F102228436%2F00268&parentid=GBPRS%2FLEICS%2FBUR%2F00376647>. This is a close up of the relevant record, which notes that she was aged 2:

No. 102.	Isabella Ludlam	Park Street	June 27	2	Henry Dowd Curate
No. 103.					

That suggests that Isabella was baptised the previous day (26th June 1837) because she was gravely ill, rather than that her baptism was part of the late June 1837 rush to baptise before the start of civil registration.²⁷

The St Mary baptism records were manually inspected all the way back to October 1832 (image 167, page 157), when Albert's parents Charles and Sophia married, see the brief relating to Charles Ludlam. No baptism of an Albert Ludlam was recorded.

In case he was born prior to the commencement of civil registration, but baptised afterwards, the St Mary de Castro baptism register was also inspected from 1st July 1837 to the end of 1838 (image 328, page 17), which should cover that possibility given Albert was said to be 5 years old at the census in June 1841, see above, and although it is noted that many entries on the page appear to round ages to a number ending in "0" or "5".

That rounding also suggests that the 1851 and 1861 census records, which list Albert's age without rounding, and as 14 and 24 respectively, are more accurate, or at least endeavour to be, and, as noted above, taken together they imply a birth between 31st March 1836 and 7th April 1837. The 1851 census record also lists Loraine as aged 18, that is, 4 years older than Albert.

²⁷ There are 40 pages (pages 261-300) of St Mary baptisms on 29th and 30th June 1837 alone, including, obviously, groups of siblings, making a late June 1837 baptism date an unreliable indicator of birth date for most of those baptised. As to the surge in baptisms immediately prior to the new civil registration system commencing, see http://www.localpopulationstudies.org.uk/PDF/LPS19/LPS19_1977_50-57.pdf and http://www.localpopulationstudies.org.uk/PDF/LPS39/LPS39_1987_24-31.pdf. The reason for the phenomenon is suggested to be a parental desire for their children's births to be officially documented.

Albert's Family Search person record at <https://www.familysearch.org/en/tree/person/details/G4BQ-619> links a baptism record for Loraine at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QP4S-G2S5?lang=en>:

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Name	Loraine Blockley Ludlam
Birth Date	1834
Religion	Anglican
Event Type	Baptism
Event Date	1834
Event Place	Leicester, Leicestershire, England, United Kingdom
Event Place (Original)	Leicester, St George, Leicestershire, England
Record Number	GBPRS/LEICS/BAP/00598182
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Charles	Father	M	▼
Sophia	Mother	F	▼

(Notably, Loraine's middle name of "Blockley" corroborates that that was the family name of Albert's mother as stated by Alfred in his above December 1942 letter to his daughter Dorothy).²⁸

According to the above Family Search record, Loraine was baptised in 1834 at a different place in Leicester from St Mary's, namely St George. The FindMyPast transcript of the baptism record is at <https://www.findmypast.com/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FLEICS%2FBAP%2F00598182&tab=this>:

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Loraine Blockley Ludlam in 1834

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First name(s)	Loraine Blockley	Mother's first name(s)	Sophia
Last name	Ludlam	Event type	Parish Registers
Birth year	1834	Archive	Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester & Rutland
Baptism year	1834	Archive reference	3D71/17
Baptism date	06 Aug 1834	Page	212
Baptism place	Leicester, St George	Record set	Leicestershire Baptisms
Denomination	Anglican	Category	Birth, Marriage & Death (Parish Registers)
County	Leicestershire	Subcategory	Parish Baptisms
Country	England	Collections from	England, Great Britain
Father's first name(s)	Charles		

²⁸ In an oral family history provided by Dorothy Shields to Stephen Palyga in the 1970s, she gave her patrilineal great-grandmother's surname as Blockley, rather than Blockley Ball, as Alfred had done in his 1942 letter.

The image of the relevant register page is at

<https://search.findmypast.com/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FLEICS%2F102228563%2F00223&parentid=GBPRS%2FLEICS%2FBAP%2F00598182>:

Page 212.

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <i>District of St George</i> in the County of <i>Leicester</i> in the Year 1834						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1834. July 3 rd No. 1689.	Charlotte Elizabeth Daughter of Emma	William	Richards	New Hall	House	Ministry Min.
August 4 th No. 1690.	John Son of Maria	Thomas	Macaulay	Belgrave	Surgeon	Ministry Min.
6 th No. 1691.	Robert William Son of Frances	Robert	Redden	Covent St. Leicester		Ministry Min.
6 th No. 1692.	Robert Son of Elizabeth	Robert	Leitch	Belgrave	Lawyer	Ministry Min.
6 th No. 1693.	Ann Jane Thomas Daughter of Ann	William	Belgrave	Belgrave	Second Painter	Ministry Min.
6 th No. 1694.	Lorraine Charles Son of Sophia	Charles	Ludlam	London Road	Care Painter	Ministry Min.
6 th No. 1695.	Henry Son of Charlotte	Henry	Porter	Belgrave	House Master	Ministry Min.
6 th No. 1696.	William William Son of Mary Ann	William	Warr	Northampton	Sailor	Ministry Min.

Note that the reference to a “parish” baptism is crossed out at the top. Nevertheless, Leicester St George is an Ecclesiastical Parish, created in 1829 from Leicester St Margaret Ancient Parish.²⁹

This is a close up of the relevant entry:

No. 1693.	2 nd 7 th	Ann				Min.
6 th	Lorraine Charles	Ludlam	London Road	Care Painter	Ministry	Min.
No. 1694.	Son of Sophia					

Given Lorraine's baptism on 6th August 1834, if Albert was 4 years younger than him, that may suggest a later birth date for Albert, possibly in 1838. Conversely, the fact that Charles and Sophia waited until Isabella was 2 before

²⁹ See https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Leicester_St_George,_Leicestershire,_England_Genealogy. Until quite recently, the church served as an Anglican church. It was then acquired by the Serbian Orthodox Church, which commenced to hold services there in 1973, see <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1299776?section=official-list-entry>.

baptising her suggest they were unhurried about baptising. That may mean Loraine was baptised some time after he was born.

Given Charles and Sophia baptised Loraine at “Leicester, St George”, a FindMyPast search was also conducted for any other Ludlam baptism at Leicester St George from 1829 to 1839, but it did not return a baptism for an Albert.³⁰ The like FindMyPast search was also conducted for any Ludlam baptism at its antecedent church Leicester St Margaret from 1829 to 1839, but, again, it did not return a baptism for an Albert.³¹

A wider FindMyPast search of all Leicester parish baptism records from 1829 to 1839 could not locate a baptism for an Albert (or similar) Ludlam.³² Finally, in case Albert was born prior to Sophia Blockley’s marriage to Charles in 1832 (see below), a search was conducted for an Albert Blockley baptism in Leicester between 1829 and 1839, but it returned no relevant record.³³

Accordingly, Albert’s birth or baptism record could not be located. He was likely born about 1836.

The 1851³⁴ and 1871³⁵ census records for Albert name his birthplace as Leicester (see above). The 1861 census records his birthplace as “Leicester St Marys” (see above). Also, at that time, Albert’s parents were almost certainly residents of Leicester, having married there in October 1832, see below, and having baptised Loraine there on 6th August 1834, and Isabella there on 26th June 1837, see above.

Accordingly, it may be concluded that Albert was born in Leicester.

Albert’s marriage

In his letter to his daughter Dorothy Shields dated 2nd December 1942 (see above), Alfred Charles John Ludlam stated that his mother was a Walker from Marton, Warwickshire.

The information as to Alfred’s mother’s maiden name is first-hand (that is, personally seen, heard or experienced), as Alfred also states that he and his mother went to live with her family of Walkers in Marton all through his school days.

A FreeBMD search for any marriage of an “Albert Ludlam” to a “Walker” anywhere in England and anytime since 1837 returned only one record in the index to the GRO registers, that of a marriage in the June quarter of 1874 of an “Albert John Ludlam”, and which was registered in the Rugby registration district.

The record is –

LUDLAM, Albert John Rugby 6d. 729

(Given the headings in the index to the GRO registers, the numbers given refer to Volume 6D, page 729).

The relevant page of the index to the GRO registers is as follows.

³⁰ See

https://www.findmypast.com/search/results?datasetname=leicestershire+baptisms&sid=103&lastname=ludlam&lastname_variants=true&yearofbirth=1834&yearofbirth_offset=5&parish=leicester%2c+st+george.

³¹ See

https://www.findmypast.com/search/results?datasetname=leicestershire+baptisms&sid=103&lastname=ludlam&lastname_variants=true&yearofbirth=1834&yearofbirth_offset=5&parish=leicester%2c+st+margaret%27s.

³² See

https://www.findmypast.com/search/results?lastname=ludlam&yearofbirth=1834&yearofbirth_offset=5&keywordsplace=leicester%2c%20leicestershire%2c%20england&keywordsplace_proximity=5&datasetname=leicestershire%20baptisms&sourcecountry=england&sid=100.

³³ See

https://www.findmypast.com/search/results?firstname=albert&firstname_variants=true&lastname=blockley&lastname_variants=true&yearofbirth=1834&yearofbirth_offset=5&keywordsplace=leicester%2c%20leicestershire%2c%20england&keywordsplace_proximity=5&sourcecountry=england&sid=999. The hypothesis is most unlikely in any case, given Albert’s age was recorded as 5 at the 1841 census, and given that Loraine, baptised in 1834, was stated as older than Albert in both the 1841 and 1851 censuses.

³⁴ See <https://search.findmypast.com/record?id=GBC%2F1851%2F4355387%2F00758&parentid=GBC%2F1851%2F0012457268>.

³⁵ See <https://search.findmypast.com/record?id=GBC%2F1871%2F3285%2F0140&parentid=GBC%2F1871%2F0017490642>.



A close up of the relevant record is as follows.

LÜDKE, Rudolph Eduard K.	Strand	1 b.	930
LUDLAM, Albert John.....	Rugby	6 d.	729
— George	Leicester	7 a.	413
— Thomas.	Burnley	8 e.	356
LUDLOW, Charlotte.	Dartford	2 a.	567

As the sole GRO record of a marriage of an Albert Ludlam to a Walker in England since 1837, this record almost certainly relates to Albert the father of Alfred Charles John Ludlam. Also, given the registration district was Rugby, he was not married in Leicester, but, presumably, at the Walkers' family church in Marton, given that Marton is within the boundaries of Rugby Borough Council,³⁶ and also was (until 2005) within the Rugby registration district.³⁷

A search of FreeBMD information for any marriage of a "Walker" registered in Rugby registration district, and in the June quarter of 1874, returned only one marriage, for a "Mary Walker", and it is recorded on the same page of the same volume of the GRO registers as Albert's marriage i.e. Volume 6D, page 729.

The relevant page of the index to the GRO registers is as follows.

³⁶ See <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Marton,+Rugby,+UK/@52.3195392,-1.4316782,10.85z/data=!4m1!3m1!3m6!1s0x48774703d5d5d10d:0x40e1ca8bbc2e5f012sRugby+District,+UK!3b1!8m2!3d52.3965191!4d-1.3249959!3m4!1s0x487737a1268d7b8f:0x3099614031fd42ba!8m2!3d52.3165332!4d-1.4018941>.

³⁷ See <https://www.ukbmd.org.uk/reg/districts/rugby.html>. The town of Rugby is 7 miles north-east of the village of Marton.

— Mary.		Kingston	8 d.	761
— Mary.		Rugby	6 d.	729
— Mary.		Manchester	8 d.	768

³⁹ See <https://www.familysearch.org/search/image/index?owc=X6M6-ZNL%3A42645501%2C1583867710%3Fcc%3D1462403>. The original parish registers for the relevant period therefore appear to be missing. There are banns records for Marton parish for 1874, but none for a Ludlam-Walker marriage in the period leading up to June 1874.



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Application Number 13476374/1

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No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.
71	24 th May 1874	Albert John Ludlam	33	Bachelor	Carriage maker	Holy Trinity Leicester	Charles Ludlam
		Mary Walker	31	Spinster	—	Marton	John Walker
Married in the <u>Parish Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by <u>Bennet</u> or after <u>Bennet</u> by me, <u>Bennet Hubbert Pears</u>							
This Marriage was solemnized between us, <u>Albert John Ludlam</u>				in the Presence of us, <u>J Walker</u>			
<u>Mary Walker</u>				<u>A Walker</u>			

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Accordingly, Albert John Ludlam married Mary Walker on 24th May 1874 at Marton parish church.⁴⁰

The certificate also confirms that Albert was a carriage maker residing at “Holy Trinity Leicester”, and that his father was Charles Ludlam, and that he was also a carriage maker.

It also confirms that Mary was residing at Marton, and her father was John Walker, labourer.

Burial

An undated note written by Sue Hope⁴¹ in Kath Palyga’s files states that Albert is buried in “Welford Cemetery” in Leicester.

FindaGrave has over 38,000 records for Welford Road Cemetery, 82% of which have been photographed.

A search returned 9 Ludlams, as follows, but no Albert, see below:

⁴⁰ Albert’s age is given in the certificate as 33, suggesting he was born in 1841, but that cannot be right given his age was recorded in the 1841 census as 5.

⁴¹ As footnoted above, Susan Mary Hope nee Ludlam is the daughter of Harold Ludlam, the fifth child of Alfred’s younger brother Albert Edward John Ludlam (known as Jack).

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