

Birth, parentage, marriage and death of Alfred Charles John Ludlam

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

Those details are –

Born on 18th April 1875 at Marton, Warwickshire.

Born to parents Albert John Ludlam and Mary Ludlam nee Walker.

Married to Florence Evelyn Shanahan on 26th July 1899 at Holy Trinity Church, Orange, New South Wales.

Died on 2nd March 1944 at St George District Hospital, Kogarah, New South Wales.

Alfred emigrated to Australia in 1894. He arrived in Sydney on the RMS *Arcadia* on 13th September 1894.

Alfred is buried in Woronora Cemetery, Sydney.



Alfred's birth and parentage

Kath Palyga's records included a birth certificate for one Alfred Charles John Ludlam born on 18th April 1875 at Marton in the sub-district of Dunchurch in the County of Warwick.

Alfred's birth certificate confirms his parents were Albert John Ludlam and Mary Ludlam formerly Walker.

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH

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Application Number... *PAS...307457*

REGISTRATION DISTRICT *Rugby*

1875 BIRTH in the Sub-district of *Dunchurch* in the County of *Warwick*

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No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
<i>33</i>	<i>Eighteenth April 1875 Marton</i>	<i>Alfred Charles John</i>	<i>Boy</i>	<i>Albert John Ludlam</i>	<i>Mary Ludlam formerly Walker</i>	<i>Carriage Painter</i>	<i>Mary Ludlam nee Walker No. 5 Newark St. Leicester</i>	<i>Twelfth April 1875</i>	<i>W. H. Registrar</i>	

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.
Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the *10th* day of *October* 19*80*

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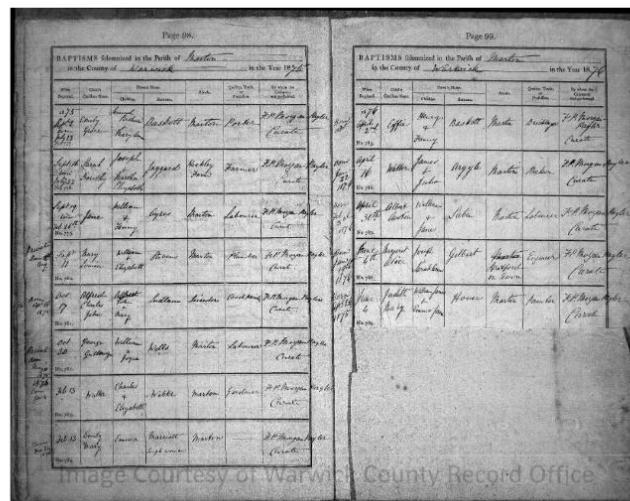
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*See note overleaf

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The certificate states that Albert was a Carriage Painter, and that Mary was providing the information for the certificate, and was then living at No. 5 Newark Street, Leicester.

Given the birth in Marton, its parish records were searched, and a record of Alfred's baptism there on 17th October 1875 was located, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-DRY3-NMQ?i=112&cc=1462403>,¹ image 113 of 113.



The Family Search extract from this record is at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XX5D-D9N>.

¹ URLs of Family Search records linked herein include "61903", presumably a specific member number, and likely need adapting to function.

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Alfred Charles John Ludlam

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Name **Alfred Charles John Ludlam**

Christening Date **17 Oct 1875**

Christening Place **Marton, Warwickshire, England**

Father's Name **Albert John Ludlam**

Mother's Name **Mary Ludlam**

Possible Family Tree Match

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Alfred Charles John Ludlam's Parents and Siblings OPEN ALL

Albert John Ludlam	Father	M
Mary Ludlam	Mother	F

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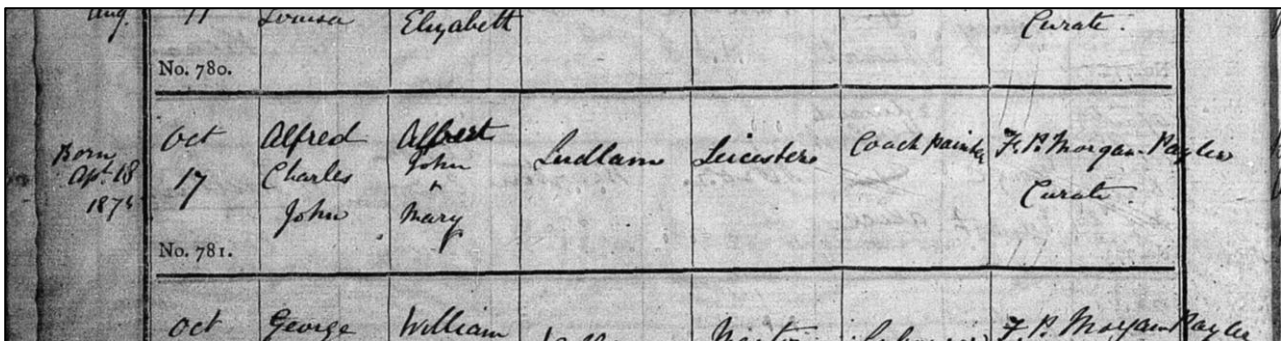
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Similar Records

Alfred Charles John Ludlam
England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1963

This is a close up of the relevant record on the above page from the Marton parish records.



Note the side note which confirms that Alfred was born on 18th April 1875.

The record also confirms that Alfred's father is Albert John Ludlam, a coach painter, and his mother is Mary Ludlam.

The family's "abode" as named in the parish record is Leicester. Obviously, the family travelled to Marton for the christening. Mary obviously travelled to Marton to be with family for the birth the previous April despite her residence being in Leicester. That fact is confirmed by Alfred's birth certificate, which states that the birth was at Marton, despite the family living at 5 Newark Street, Leicester.²

In confirmation of the above family history, in a letter to his daughter Dorothy Shields dated 2nd December 1942 Alfred himself confirmed –

1. his father was Albert, but he died suddenly when he was four
2. his mother's people were Walkers from Marton, Warwickshire
3. his mother went home to live with her family in Marton after his father died

² The 1881 census – see below – also records that Alfred's younger brother Albert Edward John (known as Jack) was born in Marton, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q27N-PVPB>. That further suggests that Mary went to Marton for Alfred's birth, although conversely the 1881 census records that Alfred's sister Dorothy was born in Leicester, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q27N-PVP7>.

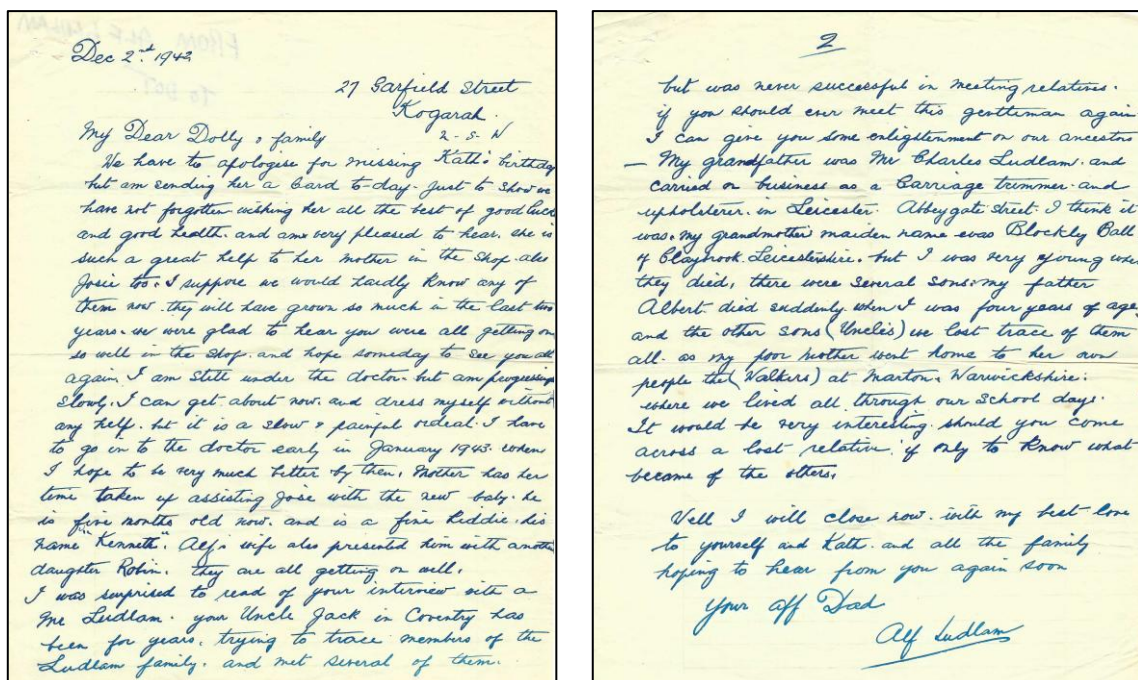
4. "we" (presumably he includes his siblings Dorothy and Albert Edward John, known as Jack) lived there all through "our" school days and
5. contact was lost with his father's brothers ("we lost trace of them all").

The letter evidences that Alfred's father was Albert Ludlam, and that his mother's maiden name was Walker. However, Alfred doesn't name his mother as "Mary" in the letter.

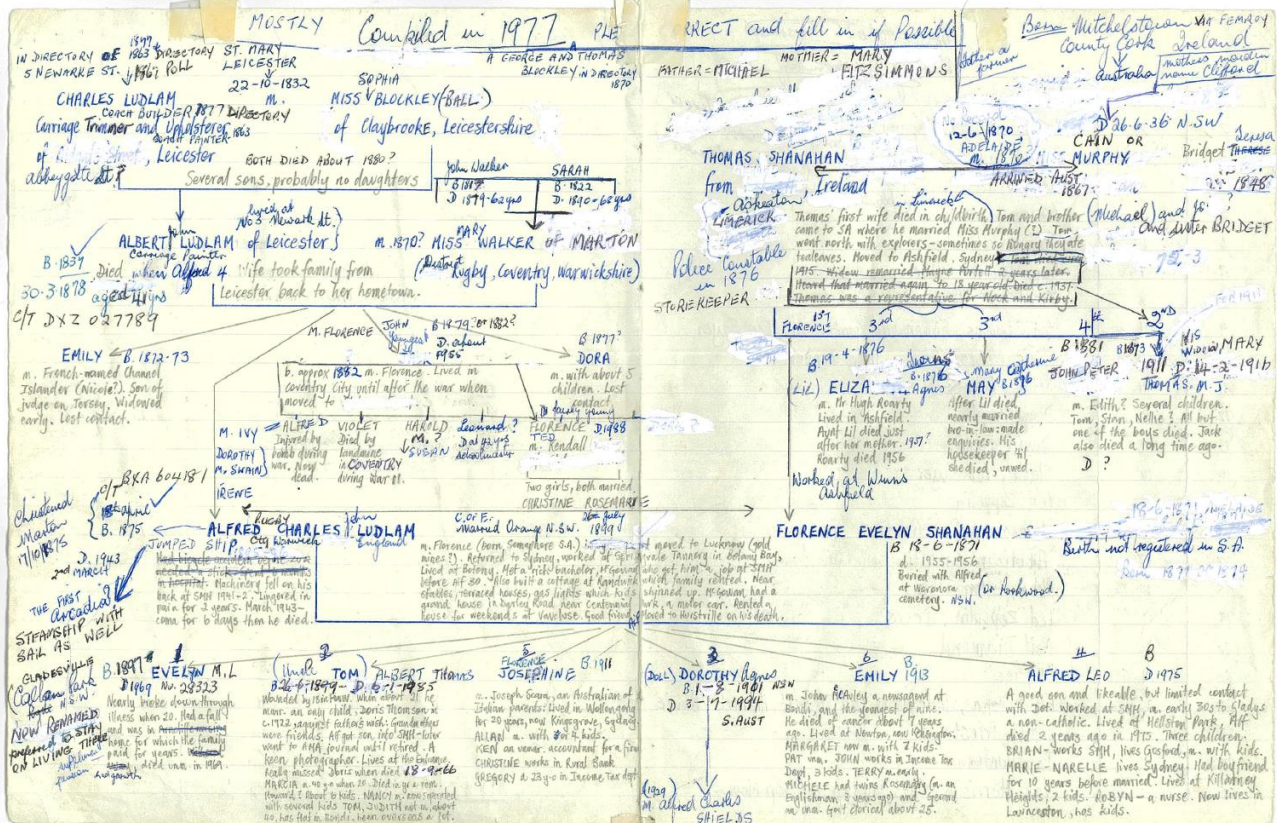
The letter talks of Alfred's grandfather Charles Ludlam carrying on business as a carriage trimmer and upholsterer in Leicester. That fact about Albert's father, and the fact of Alfred's mother going "home to her own people", the Walkers at Marton, upon Albert's death, corroborates that Albert was from Leicester.

So far as concerns his mother, the facts in the letter are first-hand knowledge (that is, personally seen, heard or experienced by Alfred) as he states that he lived with her all through his school days in Marton, Warwickshire.

This is the full letter (Alf had a habit of writing right up to the edge of the paper).

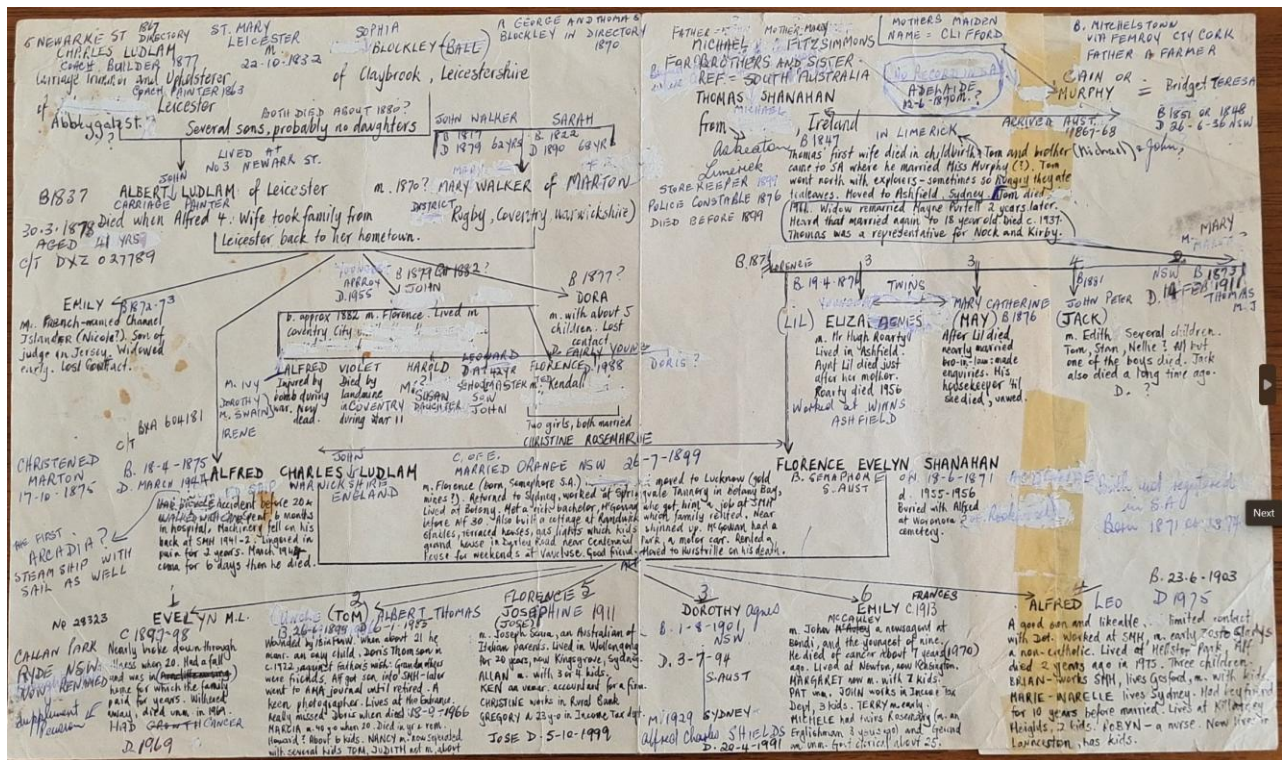


Stephen Palyga took an oral history from his grandmother Dorothy Shields in the 1970s, and compiled a family tree from her information, as follows.



Notations have been added by Kath Palyga to the original document in Stephen Palyga's handwriting.

Additionally, some of his handwriting has been whited out or over-written. Another copy of the document exists where some information it has not been whited out or over-written. This is the other copy.



Referring to both copies, but only to the information which actually came from Dorothy, which is that recorded in Stephen Palyga's handwriting, it can be said that this oral history provided by Dorothy in the 1970s confirmed that –

1. Dorothy's patrilineal grandfather was Albert Ludlam of Leicester and
2. her patrilineal grandmother was Miss Walker "of Marton"³ "near"⁴ "Rugby, Coventry, Warwickshire" and
3. she took her family "from Leicester" back to her hometown after Albert died when Alfred was four.

This information of Dorothy's is almost certainly based on the information Alfred gave Dorothy in his 1942 letter above, so it is not first-hand, and we have no information that Dorothy separately verified it. Given that, this evidence does not corroborate Alfred's information, but it does remain probative as received family history.

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 Rochdale in the County of Leicester

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
1	30 th March 1878 226 Martin Street Belgrave in the County of Leicester	Albert John Ludlam	Male	41 years	Painter	Rupture of a blood vessel of Natural Causes.	Certificate received from Geo. F. Harrison Groomer for the Borough of Leicester Inquest held Hicketh March 1878	Thirty first March 1878	Thomas Butler Registrar

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

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DXZ 027789 See note overleaf

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This certificate details the death on 30th March 1878 at Martin Street, Belgrave in the County of Leicester of Albert John Ludlam, a 41 year old painter.

The occupation of painter correlates to the information Alfred provided for his marriage certificate.

The date of death also correlates to Alfred's information that his father died young, when Alfred was 4 (actually, he was 3 weeks from turning 3).

The death in Leicester also correlates with the family's abode being given as Leicester in Alfred's christening record.

It also correlates with Albert's parents being located there, as stated by Alfred in his December 1942 letter.

³ The word "of" has not been whited out in the second copy, and it does appear on close inspection of the first copy, which is the original, that the next word whited out is, or may well be, "MARTON".

⁴ "Near" is most probably the word, but there is some uncertainty.

Accordingly, this certificate relates to the Albert John Ludlam who was Alfred's father, it confirms the identity of his father, and it corroborates the related facts in the family history given by Alfred in his December 1942 letter to Dorothy.

As stated above, Alfred didn't name his mother as "Mary" in his December 1942 letter, and neither did Dorothy Shields in her 1970s oral history given to S Palyga.

However, in the brief relating to Albert John Ludlam, it is demonstrated that Alfred's father in fact married "Mary Walker" on 24th May 1874 at St Esprit Church in Marton, see the brief relating to Albert John Ludlam.

Accordingly, it can be further confirmed that Albert John Ludlam and Mary Ludlam nee Walker were the parents of Alfred Charles John Ludlam.

The 1881 census in the village of Marton includes the following record.

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The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

Civil Parish (or Township) of Marton Municipal Ward of South Warwick Parliamentary Borough of Marton Rural Sanitary District of Rugby Ecclesiastical Parish of Marton [Page 3]

No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES Inhabited or Partly Inhabited	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON- DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	II 1) Dead-Dead 2) Blind 3) Imbecile or Idiot 4) Lunatic
14	<u>Leeds</u>		<u>Albert J. Whitbread</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>Scholar</u>	<u>Harwick Marton</u>	
			<u>Eliza S. do</u>	<u>Daughter</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>do do</u>	
			<u>Louis H. do</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>do do</u>	
			<u>Lisa M. do</u>	<u>Daughter</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>7 m</u>		<u>do do</u>	
15	<u>Garage House</u>	1	<u>William Lindclay</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>Farmer, of 363 acres Employing 4 men & 1 boy</u>	<u>Leofland, Warwick</u>	
			<u>Agnes S. do</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>Farmer's Wife</u>	<u>do do</u>	
			<u>Eliza do</u>	<u>Daughter</u>	<u>Unm</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>do do</u>	<u>do do</u>	
			<u>Mary do</u>	<u>Daughter</u>	<u>Unm</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>do do</u>	<u>do do</u>	
			<u>George do</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>Unm</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>do do</u>	<u>do do</u>	
			<u>William do</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>Unm</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>do do</u>	<u>do do</u>	
			<u>Ramie do</u>	<u>Daughter</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>do do</u>	<u>do do</u>	
			<u>Agnes do</u>	<u>Daughter</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>Scholar</u>	<u>do do</u>	
			<u>Elizabeth do</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>do do</u>	
16	<u>Manor House</u>	1	<u>Richard Briggs</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>Retired Ironmonger</u>	<u>do do</u>	
			<u>Marrieth do</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>58</u>		<u>do do</u>	
			<u>Edwin Howkins</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>Unm</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>General Domestic Serv</u>	<u>Leofland, Warwick</u>	
			<u>Albert Walker</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>Unm</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>General Domestic Serv</u>	<u>Harwick, Warwick</u>	
17		1	<u>Mary Ludlam</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>Char woman</u>	<u>do do</u>	
			<u>Alfred E. do</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Scholar</u>	<u>do do</u>	
			<u>Dorothy S. do</u>	<u>Daughter</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>do do</u>	
			<u>Albert J. do</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>do do</u>	
18		1	<u>Samuel E. Parrell</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>Bricklayer</u>	<u>Harwick Marton</u>	
			<u>Jane do</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>do do</u>	
			<u>Edward do</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Scholar</u>	<u>do do</u>	
4	Total of Houses...	4	Total of Males and Females...			12 1/2			

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The record of the Ludlam entries in the 1881 census is in the Family Search database, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q27N-PVL2>.

The census record lists Mary Ludlam as a charwoman, and as "head" of a household comprising herself (aged 38), Alfred (aged 5, and a "scholar"), Dorothy (aged 4, and also a "scholar") and Albert (aged 2).

The record confirms that Alfred's mother was born in Marton, and had the Christian name of Mary, and it corroborates relevant facts in the family history given by Alfred in his December 1942 letter to his daughter Dorothy Shields, namely that Alfred's father Albert died when Alfred was young (Albert is absent from the household, and Alfred's age at the census-taking is given as 5), and that Mary and her children then went to Marton to live.

The above census record image was provided to Stephen Palyga by the Chair of the Marton Local History Group, David Fry, by email of 26th January 2023. Noting that it records the family living at the “Manor House” in Marton, David Fry also provided the following photo of the Manor House, said to be from a 1910 postcard.



Alfred's emigration to Australia in 1894

Kath Palyga's records included shipping documents, as follows.

Date <u>Sept 5</u> 1894																	
Inward & A Outward Report of <u>Miss Arcadia</u>																	
Bound by <u>from London</u> <u>to Adelaide</u> <u>Captain V</u>																	
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SEAFARERS' NAMES.	STATION.	AGE.	OF WHAT NATION.	NAMES OF PASSENGERS.	DISTINCTION.	REMARKS.
C. Chief				M. C. White		
B. Gough				M. R. O. O'Connor		
J. J. Hylar						
G. Kirby						
A. Schraab						
M. Amos						
A. Colquhoun						
C. E. Edgell						
King & Patti						
J. J. Fennell						
J. Farming						
A. Galloway						
L. Egge						
H. Chapman						
S. P. Cummer						
A. Connelly						
C. Lippitt						
J. G. Smith						
J. E. Gill						
W. Moore						
J. Strand						
M. T. Gray						
J. V. Mason						
W. A. Cox						
W. A. Simpson						
R. Crump						
J. G. Barker						
H. G. King						
A. Laidlaw						
W. Gladman						
M. J. Nichols						
J. G. Jones						
J. W. Harrison						
A. Thompson						
M. J. Cummings						
W. S. Hericoff						
E. B. Harrison						
G. Richardson						
H. C. Frost						
J. F. Little						
J. Knight						

This list of crew and passengers on the RMS *Arcadia* who arrived in Sydney on 13th September 1894 included an “A Ludlam” from Rugby, aged 19. Alfred was indeed aged 19 on that date, and from the Rugby registration district, which until 2005 included Marton.⁵ It is also known that he was in New South Wales by the mid-1890s at the latest, as he married Florence in Orange in 1899, see below, and by that time he had already had two children with her (Evelyn and Thomas),⁶ see the above family tree based on the oral history taken from Dorothy Shields in the 1970s. Accordingly, this ship’s manifest almost certainly records Alfred’s arrival in Sydney.

The manifest notes that Alfred embarked on the RMS *Arcadia* in London on 31st July 1994. His occupation (“station”) was listed in the crew and passenger list as “General Servant”.⁷

The ship appears to have also docked at Perth and Adelaide en route.

Alfred’s marriage

Kath Palyga’s records included a marriage certificate for Alfred Charles John Ludlam, as follows.

MARRIAGE REGISTERED IN NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.				CERTIFIED COPY FURNISHED UNDER PART V OF THE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT, 1973.					
No.	Date and place of marriage	Names and surnames of parties	Conjugal status	Birthplace	Usual occupation	Age	Usual place of residence	Father's name, mother's name and maiden surname	Father's occupation
✓ 6383	1899 26 th July Orange.	Alfred Charles John Ludlam Florence Evelyn Shanahan	Bachelor Spinster	Marton, England Adelaide, S.A.	Painter Private life	35 35	Locknow Locknow	Albert John Ludlam (decd) Mary Walker Thomas Shanahan (decd) Bridget Murphy	Painter Stonekeeper
Married in the at Orange in Holy Trinity Church According to the rites of the Church of England.				The Consent of _____ of the Bridegroom, was given in writing to the Minister of the said _____ being under the age of twenty-one years. The Consent of _____ of the Bride, was given in writing to the Minister of the said _____ being under the age of twenty-one years. This Marriage was solemnized between us <u>Alfred C. J. Ludlam</u> and <u>Florence E. Shanahan</u> In the presence of us <u>W. G. Gentles</u> <u>W. Taylor</u> By (or before) me <u>J. Lintell Taylor</u> Officiating Minister of Religion.					
I, JOHN BRETTELL HOLLIDAY, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE COPY OF PARTICULARS RECORDED IN A REGISTER KEPT BY ME. ISSUED AT SYDNEY, 23RD APRIL, 1980. <u>J. B. Holliday</u> PRINCIPAL REGISTRAR.									

According to the certificate, Alfred married Florence Evelyn Shanahan on 26th July 1899 at Holy Trinity Church, Orange, New South Wales.

The certificate provides full names for Alfred’s parents, namely Albert John Ludlam, and Mary Walker. It states that Albert was a painter, and is deceased.

That information as to Alfred’s parents could only have come from Alfred at the time. For the reasons given above, the details in the certificate concerning his mother would have been personally known by Alfred.

⁵ See <https://www.ukbmd.org.uk/reg/districts/rugby.html>. The town of Rugby is 7 miles north-east of the village of Marton.

⁶ Evelyn Mary Ludlam Shanahan was born on 5th October 1897 in Sydney, and Thomas Albert Ludlam on 26th June 1899. There is a birth certificate for Evelyn in Kath Palyga’s papers. No father is named, and the birth was reported by Florence Evelyn Shanahan as mother, but there is no doubt the father was Alfred given Evelyn’s third forename, as well as Alfred’s lifelong acknowledgement of her as his daughter. There is no birth certificate for Thomas, but Kath Palyga’s family data sheets record his birth date as above, and logically, the couple waited until after his birth before marrying in July 1899.

⁷ See <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/abbreviations-merchant-seamens-records/>.

The certificate also informs that Alfred was a 25 year old miner born in Marton, England. If he was 25 on 26th July 1899, Alfred was born between 27th July 1873 and 26th July 1874. However, as noted above, he was actually born on 18th April 1875, and was 24 at the time of his marriage.⁸

(The birth certificate relating to Dorothy Ludlam's birth on 1st August 1901 similarly overstates Alfred's age at 27, thus positing that Alfred was born between 2nd August 1873 and 1st August 1874. That birth certificate also notes that Alfred was born in "Warwickshire, England", although the certificate names the informant as "Florence E. Ludlam").

A "Family history search" through the New South Wales Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages (at https://onlineforms.bdm.nsw.gov.au/application/marriage_details) confirms the marriage recorded in the above certificate, as follows.

Marriages Search Results						
Registration Number	Groom's Family Name	Groom's Given Name(s)	Bride's Family Name(s)	Bride's Given Name(s)	District	PDF availability
☐ 6383/1899	LUDLAM	ALFRED C J	SHANAHAN	FLORENCE E	ORANGE	Unavailable
« PAGE 1 »						

In further confirmation of their marriage, a search of grave positions at Woronora Cemetery (<https://www.smcnsw.org.au/woronora/find-a-loved-one>) verifies that Alfred and Florence are buried together in the same location, being the "Roman Catholic Monumental, Section X, position 0009". This is the search for Alfred Ludlam:

https://www.smcnsw.org.au/woronora/find-a-loved-one					
SMCNSW have a number of measures and precautions in place in response to COVID-19. Find out more					
 Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries NSW	Funeral Schedule	Planning a Funeral	Find a loved one	Memorialisation	More (02) 9545 4677
Search results for <i>Alfred Ludlam deceased between 1944 to</i>					
Filter by name	View Memorial park map				
NAME	DATE OF DEATH	INTERMENT	TYPE	LOCATION	
Alfred C J LUDLAM	02/03/1944	07/03/1944	Buried	Roman Catholic Monumental, SECTION X, Position 0009	

And this is the search for Florence Ludlam:

⁸ The discrepancy may be explained by Alfred being told he was 4 when his father died on 30th March 1878 when, in fact, his father died when he was just shy of 3 years old. See his 1942 letter to his daughter Dorothy Shields above.

https://www.smcnsw.org.au/woronora/find-a-loved-one

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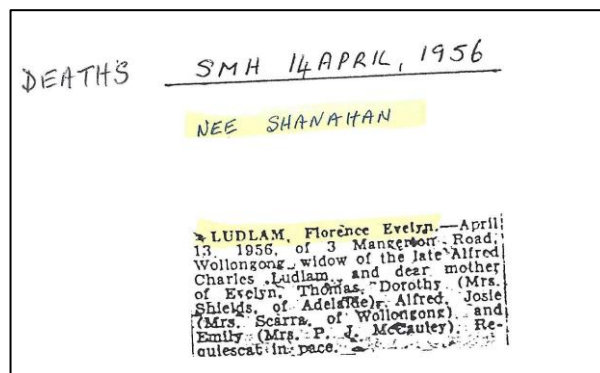
Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries NSW Funeral Schedule Planning a Funeral Find a loved one Memorialisation More (02) 9545 4677

Search results for *Florence Ludlam* deceased between 1956 to

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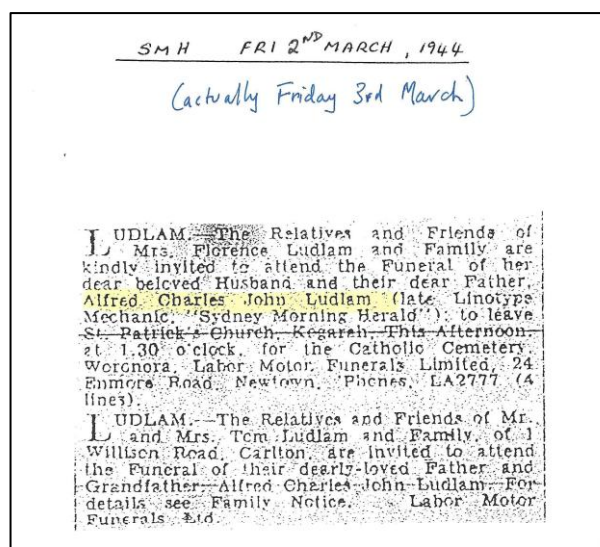
NAME	DATE OF DEATH	INTERMENT	TYPE	LOCATION
Florence Evelyn LUDLAM	13/04/1956	18/04/1956	Buried	Roman Catholic Monumental, SECTION X, Position 0009

Florence's funeral notice, which was placed in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on Saturday 14th April 1956,⁹ also confirms that Florence is Alfred Charles Ludlam's wife.



Alfred's death

In her oral family history provided to Stephen Palyga in the 1970s, Dorothy Shields stated that her father Alfred died in March 1943. However, the Woronora Cemetery search above states that he died on 2nd March 1944. Additionally, Kath's Palyga's papers included the following copy of a newspaper clipping:¹⁰



⁹ At the time of writing, there were no digitised copies of the *Sydney Morning Herald* on Trove after 31st December 1954.

¹⁰ See page 10 of the *Sydney Morning Herald* for Friday 3rd March 1944 at <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/17871912>.

It is noted that the first notice confirms that Alfred was Florence's husband.

A search with the New South Wales Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages confirmed that the death was in 1944, and a death certificate was then obtained, as follows.

NEW SOUTH WALES			REGISTRATION NUMBER		
			2938/1944		
BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION ACT 1995					
DEATH CERTIFICATE					
Date and place of death	Name and occupation	Sex and age	Cause of Death Duration of last illness; medical attendant; when he last saw deceased	Name and occupation of father. Name and maiden surname of mother	Informant
1944. 2nd March 783 ST. GEORGE DISTRICT HOSPITAL Kogarah Municipality Late of Kogarah Municipality	Alfred Charles Ludlam	Male 69 years	(a) Chr. Nephritis (b) Arteriosclerosis (c) Hypertension (2) 1 (a) 2 years (2) 2 years (2) 3 years (3) Edward B. H. Brothie (registered) (4) 2nd March, 1944	(1) Albert Ludlam (2) Coach Builder (3) Unknown	A. C. Ludlam Son 65 Acton Street Hurlstone Park
Particulars of Registration	When and where buried; name of undertaker	Name and religion of Minister and names of witnesses of burial	Where born and how long in the Australasian Colonies or States	Place of marriage, age, and to whom	Children of marriage
(1) 1944 (2) 7th March 1944 (8) KOGARAH	1944 (1) 3rd March Roman Catholic (2) Cemetery Woronora Charles Neave employed by Labor Motor Funerals Ltd	(1) J. Dunlea (2) Roman Catholic (3) J. J. Elyand W. Adamson	Rugby Warwick-shire England 47 years in N.S.W.	(1) Orange N.S.W. (2) 22 years (3) Florence Shanahan	years. Lucy 46 Thomas A. 44 Dorothy 42 Alfred L. 40 Josephine 32 Emily 30 Living none deceased

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REGISTRY OF BIRTHS
DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
SYDNEY 16 January 2023

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Registrar

The information in the death certificate was provided by Alfred's son, and it states that –

1. Alfred was born in Rugby, Warwickshire
2. his father was Albert Ludlam, coach builder
3. he had been in New South Wales for 47 years (actually, 49½ years)
4. he married Florence Shanahan in Orange, New South Wales at age 22 (actually, 24)
5. his occupation was Lino Type Mechanic
6. he died on 2nd March 1944 at age 69 (in fact, he died a few weeks short of his 69th birthday)
7. he died at St George District Hospital, Kogarah, New South Wales¹¹
8. he was buried on 3rd March 1944 at the Roman Catholic cemetery, Woronora.

Burial

As noted above, Alfred is buried at Woronora Cemetery in position 0009 of Section X of the Roman Catholic Monumental area.

(Woronora Cemetery is in Sutherland Shire on the southern outskirts of Sydney).

¹¹ Now St George Hospital, see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_George_Hospital_\(Sydney\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_George_Hospital_(Sydney)).