

Birth, parentage, marriage and death of John Walker

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

Those details are –

Baptised on 29th September 1816 at Marton, Warwickshire.

Born to parents Joseph and Dorothy Walker.

Married on 2nd August 1842 to Sarah Wilkins at St Esprit Church,¹ Marton, Warwickshire.

Died on 9th June 1879 at Marton, Warwickshire.

(The research for this brief was conducted in early 2023).

John's death

If 1953, Alf Shields did a world tour of speedway and racing circuits. A Bristol, UK newspaper article of the time about his visit noted that “[i]n England he has bought himself a second-hand car and has visited seven speedways in 10 days”.

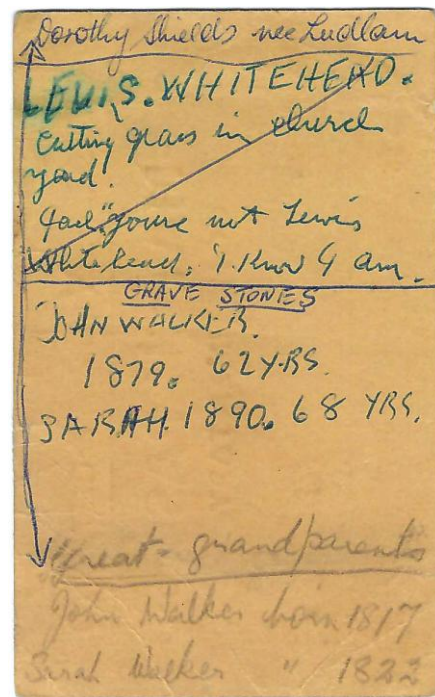
As is apparent from the card in Alf's souvenirs below, he had a complimentary pass to go to the Oxford Speedway on 16th July 1953. There are notes in his handwriting on the reverse of the card (see below).²

They indicate that Alf decided to visit Marton, which is 47 miles north of Oxford via the A34, M40 and the A423. And that he located the grave stone (or stones) of John and Sarah Walker in the “church yard”.

He noted details of their inscription as “John Walker. 1879. 62 yrs” and “Sarah. 1890. 68 yrs”.

¹ The history of the church is at http://martonvillage.com/?page_id=710.

² The three lines at the bottom are in his wife Dorothy's handwriting, and the line at the top is in K Palyga's handwriting, as is (probably) the words “GRAVE STONES”.



On 23rd January 2023, S Palyga emailed the Marton Local History Group³ to request that a volunteer check to see if the headstone (or headstones) are still standing, and to supply a picture if so.

On 26th January 2023, the Chair of the Local History Group, David Fry, emailed the following picture.



David Fry's accompanying email stated as follows.

After the second attempt at finding the John and Sarah's grave (singular - they were both buried in the same grave) I had some success today. ... it is possible to make out the inscription (when its transcription is at hand!):

³ At admin@martonvillage.com.

“In Affectionate Remembrance of John Walker, who died June 8th 1879, aged 62 years. Also of Sarah, wife of the above, who died September 21st 1890, aged 68 years.”

David Fry’s email also attached a Google aerial with the location of the grave in the Marton churchyard circled in blue.



A Family Search search confirms John’s date of death, as its Warwickshire parish registers database includes an extract of a parish record of a John Walker aged 62 being buried in Marton on 12th June 1879, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XXBS-RP5>.⁵

A screenshot of the FamilySearch website. The main heading is "John Walker". Below it, it says "Vital • England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1963". There are buttons for "SAVE", "EDIT", and "SHARE". On the left, there is a placeholder for an image that says "Image Unavailable". On the right, there is a "Family Tree" section with a button "ATTACH TO FAMILY TREE". Below the main heading, there is a "Document Information" section with a "Cite This Record" button. The citation text is: "England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1963," database with Images, FamilySearch (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XXBS-RP5 : 26 February 2019), John Walker, 12 Jun 1879; from parish registers of the Church of England, database and images, citing Burial, Marton, Warwickshire, England, Warwick County Record Office, England.

In order to verify John’s date of death, a certificate relating to it was ordered from the UK General Register Office on 28th January 2023. The certificate subsequently provided is as follows.

⁴ The inscription actually says “June 8”.

⁵ An image of the Marton parish record was not available through Family Search, unlike most other Warwickshire parish records. Coincidentally, the available burial register images end at 7th June 1879. See <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-DRY3-N9P?i=324&cc=1462403>, image 35. URLs of Family Search records linked herein include “61903”, presumably a specific member number, and likely need adapting to function. Note that many Warwickshire record images accessed on Family Search in 2023 have since become inaccessible on that platform.

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH



GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE

Application Number 13518114-2

REGISTRATION DISTRICT						RUGBY		
1879 DEATH in the Sub-district of Dunchurch						in the County of Warwick		

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
294	9th June 1879 Marton	John Walker	Male	62 Years	Farm Labourer	Pleuro-pneumonia Contracted by J. R. Robertson M.D. C. & C.	Mary Ludlam Daughter Present at the Death Marton	Eleventh June 1879	Alfred Post Registrar

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 2nd day of February 2023

DYE 632971

See note overleaf

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The certificate states the date of death as 9th June 1879, rather than the 8th June as recorded on the headstone. The death certificate is to be preferred. As is apparent from the certificate, the death was immediately reported to the authorities on 11th June 1872. The headstone no doubt was inscribed later, even if it was done in Sarah's lifetime.

The certificate also identifies the place of death as Marton, and confirms that Mary Ludlam was John's daughter. Accordingly, John Walker died on 9th June 1879 at Marton, Warwickshire.

John's birth and parentage

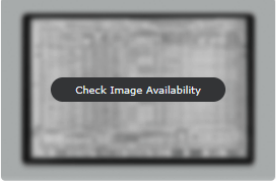
From the above information, John is known to have died on 9th June 1879, and was then said to be 62. If that age at death was correct, he would have been born between 10th June 1816 and 9th June 1817.

A Family Search extract from the 1851 England and Wales Census records provides the details of John Walker's household in Marton, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:SGZ2-12N>.

John Walker

Census • England and Wales Census, 1851

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"England and Wales Census, 1851," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:SGZ2-12N : 8 November 2019>), John Walker, Marton, Warwickshire, England; citing Marton, Warwickshire, England, p. 8, from "1851 England, Scotland and Wales census," database and images, *findmypast* (<http://www.findmypast.com : n.d.>); citing PRO HO 107, The National Archives of the UK, Kew, Surrey.

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Name	John Walker
Sex	Male
Age	34
Event Date	1851
Event Place	Marton, Warwickshire, England
Registration District	Rugby
Event Type	Census
Residence Note	Village
Birth Year (Estimated)	1817
Birthplace	Marton, Warwickshire
Marital Status	Married
Occupation	Ag Labr
Relationship to Head of Household	Head
Page Number	8
Piece/Folio	2070 / 314
Registration Number	HO107

John Walker's Spouses and Children OPEN ALL

Sarah Walker	Wife	F	28	Marton, Warwickshire	▾
Mary Walker	Daughter	F	8	Marton, Warwickshire	▾
Alfred Walker	Son	M	6	Marton, Warwickshire	▾
Charlotte Walker	Daughter	F	2	Marton, Warwickshire	▾
William Josh Walker	Son	M	0	Marton, Warwickshire	▾
Susan Mary Wilkins	Daughter	F	21	Marton,	▾

Other People on This Record OPEN ALL

Mary Wilkins		F	54	Frankton, Warwickshire	▾
George Woodland		M	22	Woburnsands, Bedfordshire	▾
William Quarry		M	15	Woburnsands, Bedfordshire	▾

Attached in Family Tree to

John Walker
1816-1879 • G4BQ-NQR

Similar Records

John Walker
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 John Walker
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John Walker
England and Wales Census, 1861
Attached To:
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The 1851 census was taken on 30th March that year.⁶ It records John as aged 34. If that age on that date was correct, he would have been born between 31st March 1816 and 30th March 1817.

The 1851 census also records that John was born in Marton. This is the actual census record:

⁶ See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1851_United_Kingdom_census.

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Parish or Township of <i>Marton</i>		Ecclesiastical District of		City or Borough of		Town of		Village of <i>Marton</i>		314
No. of House	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				
32	Village	John Walker	Head	Mar	34	-	Ag Lab ^r	Warwickshire Marton		
		Sarah Walker	Wife	Mar	28	-	do Wife	do	do	
		Mary Walker	Dau ^r	U	8	-	Scholar	do	do	
		Alfred Walker	Son	U	6	-	Scholar	do	do	
		Charlotte Walker	Dau ^r	U	2	-		do	do	
		Miss Joh Walker	Son	U	1	-		do	do	
		Mary Wilkins	Wife	Mar	34	-	Landw ^r	do	do	
		Susan Mary Wilkins	Dau ^r	U	21	-	Home Kept	do	do	
		George Woodland	Lodger	Mar	22	-	Rail Lab ^r	Welford, Notts	do	
		Wm Quarry	do	U	15	-	do	do	do	
33		Edna Quate	Head	Mar	41	-	Parish Relief	Warwickshire Marton		
		Samy Quate	Wife	Mar	19	-	do	do	do	
		Edwin Cox	Visitor	U	4	-	Scholar	do	do	
34		Mary Belcher	Head	U	6	-	Parish Relief	do	do	
		John Belcher	Son	U	39	-	Ag Lab ^r	do	do	
35		Richard King	Head	U	52	-	Ag Lab ^r	do	do	
36		John Edge	Head	Wid ^r	55	-	Ag Lab ^r	do	do	
		Ann Edge	Dau ^r	U	12	-	at home	do	do	
		William Edge	Son	U	10	-	Scholar	do	do	
Total of Houses		I S U - B -		Total of Persons..		109		v		

The Marton parish records of baptisms from 1813 to 1876 are available through Family Search as a set of images,⁷ and records of Marton baptisms prior to 1813 as another set of images.⁸ Given that John was likely born in 1816 or 1817, the images for that period were manually searched, and a record for a John Walker baptised in Marton on 29th September 1816 to Joseph and Dorothy Walker was located. See <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-DRY3-F3W?i=64&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AXX5C-5XR>, image 65 of 113.

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BAPTISMS administered in the Parish of Marton in the County of Lincoln in the Year 1816

No.	Date	Name	Parents	Age	Sex	By whom
1	Sept 29	John Walker	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	M	Rev. Mr. Walker
2	Sept 29	Sarah Walker	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	F	Rev. Mr. Walker
3	Sept 29	Mary Walker	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	F	Rev. Mr. Walker
4	Sept 29	Alfred Walker	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	M	Rev. Mr. Walker
5	Sept 29	Charlotte Walker	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	F	Rev. Mr. Walker
6	Sept 29	Miss Joh Walker	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	F	Rev. Mr. Walker
7	Sept 29	Mary Wilkins	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	F	Rev. Mr. Walker
8	Sept 29	Susan Mary Wilkins	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	F	Rev. Mr. Walker
9	Sept 29	George Woodland	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	M	Rev. Mr. Walker
10	Sept 29	Wm Quarry	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	M	Rev. Mr. Walker
11	Sept 29	Edna Quate	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	F	Rev. Mr. Walker
12	Sept 29	Samy Quate	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	F	Rev. Mr. Walker
13	Sept 29	Edwin Cox	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	M	Rev. Mr. Walker
14	Sept 29	Mary Belcher	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	F	Rev. Mr. Walker
15	Sept 29	John Belcher	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	M	Rev. Mr. Walker
16	Sept 29	Richard King	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	M	Rev. Mr. Walker
17	Sept 29	John Edge	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	M	Rev. Mr. Walker
18	Sept 29	Ann Edge	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	F	Rev. Mr. Walker
19	Sept 29	William Edge	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	M	Rev. Mr. Walker

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20	Sept 29	John Walker	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	M	Rev. Mr. Walker
21	Sept 29	Sarah Walker	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	F	Rev. Mr. Walker
22	Sept 29	Mary Walker	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	F	Rev. Mr. Walker
23	Sept 29	Alfred Walker	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	M	Rev. Mr. Walker
24	Sept 29	Charlotte Walker	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	F	Rev. Mr. Walker
25	Sept 29	Miss Joh Walker	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	F	Rev. Mr. Walker
26	Sept 29	Mary Wilkins	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	F	Rev. Mr. Walker
27	Sept 29	Susan Mary Wilkins	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	F	Rev. Mr. Walker
28	Sept 29	George Woodland	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	M	Rev. Mr. Walker
29	Sept 29	Wm Quarry	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	M	Rev. Mr. Walker
30	Sept 29	Edna Quate	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	F	Rev. Mr. Walker
31	Sept 29	Samy Quate	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	F	Rev. Mr. Walker
32	Sept 29	Edwin Cox	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	M	Rev. Mr. Walker
33	Sept 29	Mary Belcher	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	F	Rev. Mr. Walker
34	Sept 29	John Belcher	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	M	Rev. Mr. Walker
35	Sept 29	Richard King	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	M	Rev. Mr. Walker
36	Sept 29	John Edge	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	M	Rev. Mr. Walker
37	Sept 29	Ann Edge	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	F	Rev. Mr. Walker
38	Sept 29	William Edge	Joseph & Dorothy Walker	1	M	Rev. Mr. Walker

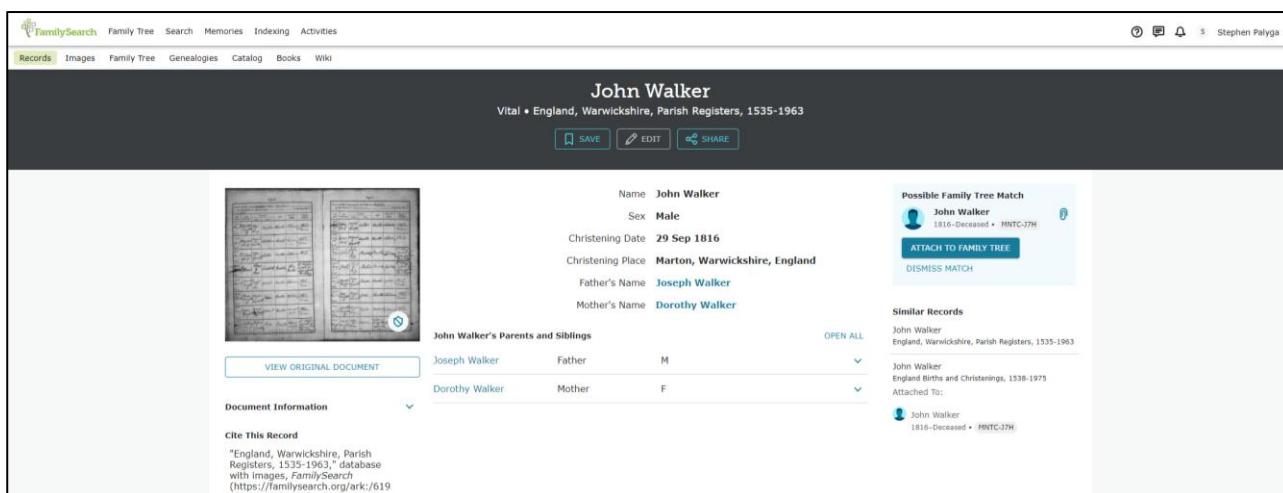
This is a close up.⁹

⁷ See <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-DRY3-NJR?i=22&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AXX5H-SPX>.

⁸ See <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-DZP7-VH8?cc=1462403&wcc=X6Q7-6TL%3A42645501%2C1583867710%2C1583869325>.

⁹ Despite the crossing out or smudging of "Sept", the dates of the previous and subsequent records make it clear the date is 29th September.

The Family Search Warwickshire parish registers database has an extract from the Marton parish record of John's baptism at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XX5C-5XR>:



There being no other John Walker baptised in Marton between March 1810 and March 1825, then, accordingly, John Walker was baptised in Marton on 29th September 1816, and his parents were Joseph and Dorothy Walker.

The 1861 England Census includes the following record relating to the village of Marton.¹¹

¹¹ Provided to S Palyga by David Fry, Chair of the Marton Local History Group, by email dated 28th January 2023.

The census record lists John Walker as an agricultural labourer born in Marton, and as “head” of a household comprising himself (aged 44), his wife Sarah Walker (aged 38, and also born in Marton), his son William (aged 10, and a “scholar”), his daughter Martha (aged 6, and also a “scholar”), his son Frank (aged 1), his mother-in-law Mary Wilkins (aged 66, and a needlewoman born in Frankton, Warwickshire), and his sister-in-law Susan Wilkins (aged 31, and a schoolmistress born in Marton).

The 1851 census record for John Walker's household (set out above) likewise indicates that Mary Wilkins and Susan Wilkins were living with John and Sarah in 1851, as they were 10 years later.¹² As they are named as the mother-in-law and sister-in-law respectively to John as the head of the household, Sarah's maiden name was obviously Wilkins, and consequently John Walker married Sarah Wilkins.

As to the place of the marriage, very likely it would have been in Marton,¹³ as both John and Sarah were born there as noted in both the 1851 and 1861 census records above, and, also, all their children identified in those two census records were noted therein as born there. However, the Marton parish images for marriages available on Family Search end at 1835.¹⁴

A manual search backwards from 1835 in the parish images for marriages until John and Sarah were quite clearly too young to marry did not locate a record for their marriage.¹⁵

However, a FreeBMD search returns this marriage record.

¹² Susan's relationship to John Walker as the head of the household in the 1851 census record is said to be as a "daughter", but obviously at her age, which is given as 21, that is close to impossible for the 34 year old John Walker. The 1861 census record listing her as his sister-in-law is obviously correct.

¹³ Frankton, as Mary Wilkins' birthplace (see the 1851 and 1861 census records above), seems the only other possible, although unlikely, location of the marriage. The Frankton parish images for marriages available on Family Search end at 1836. See <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-6XSS-ZSJ?i=16&wc=X64R-T38%3A42645501%2C1583866136%2C1583866204&cc=1462403>. Frankton is 1½ miles north-east of Marton.

¹⁴ See <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-DRY3-NW1?cc=1462403&wc=X6M6-829%3A42645501%2C1583867710%2C1583867711>.

¹⁵ Sarah was most unlikely to have married in 1835 or earlier in any case. Being 38 at the 1861 census, she would have been about 12 in 1835. Even allowing that she may have been a few years older because she didn't know her true age, or later concealed it, as was common in those times, a marriage in mid-teenage years would still be most unlikely. Not one case of such was seen in the course of extensive family history research into English marriage records.

Type:	Marriages	Surname:	Walker	First name(s):	John
Search for	Start date:	Sep 1837	End date:	Dec 1850	Spouse/Mother's surname:
	Spouse's first name(s):	Sarah	County:	Warwickshire	

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Surname	First name(s)	District	Vol	Page
Marriages Sep 1842 (99%)				
WALKER	John	Rugby	16	419  

Note from the search parameters in the FreeBMD record that the search was for a marriage in Warwickshire in the period 1837 to 1850 in Warwickshire, and for a marriage of a John Walker to a Sarah Wilkins, and only one such marriage in Warwickshire is returned for that 13 year period.

The marriage is in the correct registration district for Marton, namely Rugby, and John, having been baptised on 29th September 1816, would have been about 26 in the September 1842 quarter, and thus of marriageable age.

Also, although the relevant GRO registration index record does not include a spouse's name, a FreeBMD search for a marriage anywhere in England of a Sarah Wilkins to a John Walker in the September 1842 quarter returns only one GRO registration index record listing such a marriage, and in the exact same registration district, and recorded in the exact same GRO register volume and on the same page number, as John Walker's marriage i.e. Rugby, Volume 16, page 419.

Type:	Marriages	Surname:	Wilkins	First name(s):	Sarah	
Search for	Start date:	Sep 1842	End date:	Sep 1842	Spouse/Mother's surname:	Walker
	Spouse's first name(s):	John	County:	all		

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Surname	First name(s)	District	Vol	Page
Marriages Sep 1842 (~9996)				
WILKINS	Sarah	Rugby	16	419  

These are the two GRO registration index pages linked at the two FreeBMD searches respectively.

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MARITIME ARRIVALS IN JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER -1962

	NAME	SHIP OR AIRCRAFT	NO. PASS		NAME	SHIP OR AIRCRAFT	NO. PASS
WILD	John	Sittingbourne	14 677	WILKINS	Joan	Donnetts	2 146
	John	Manchester	20 551		Joan	Donnetts	5 147
	Mary	Chaslay	10 28		John	Donnetts	2 148
	Arach	Chorlton	20 30		John Christopher	Longdon	2 149
	Thomas	Sidmouth	10 28		Barrie Louise	Longdon	2 150
	Thomas	Longdon	20 426		Mary	Longdon	2 151
	Voltaire	Longdon	20 426		Mary	Longdon	2 152
	Francis	Waltonstone	20 576		Mary	Longdon	2 153
	Ann	Adrian	19 19		Gerald	Longdon	2 154
	Elizabeth	Waltonstone	20 576		Stephen	Longdon	2 155
WILBY	Elizabeth	Adrian	19 19	WILKINSON	John	Longdon	2 156
	Henry	Adrian	20 207		William	Longdon	2 157
	John	Adrian	20 207		William	Longdon	2 158
WILDER	George	Kings Norton	14 175		William Henry	Longdon	2 159
	John	Kings Norton	14 175		Ann	Longdon	2 160
WILDER	John	Kings Norton	14 175		Ann	Longdon	2 161
	John	Kings Norton	14 175		Ann	Longdon	2 162
WILDOOSE	John	Belger	14 177		Ann	Longdon	2 163
	John	Belger	14 177		Ann	Longdon	2 164
WILDRING	John	Belger	14 177		Ann	Longdon	2 165
	Mary	Belger	14 177		Ann	Longdon	2 166
	Frances	Belger	14 177		Ann	Longdon	2 167
	Frances	Belger	14 177		Ann	Longdon	2 168
	John	Belger	14 177		Ann	Longdon	2 169
	Margaret	Belger	14 177		Ann	Longdon	2 170
	Mary	Belger	14 177		Ann	Longdon	2 171
	John	Belger	14 177		Ann	Longdon	2 172
	John	Belger	14 177		Ann	Longdon	2 173
	John	Belger	14 177		Ann	Longdon	2 174
WILKES	John	Belger	14 177		Ann	Longdon	2 175
	John	Belger	14 177		Ann	Longdon	2 176
WILKINSON	John	Belger	14 177		Ann	Longdon	2 177
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WILKINSON	John	Belger	14 177	Ann	Longdon	2 201	
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	John	Belger	14 177	Ann	Longdon	2 210	
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Searching the Family Search England and Wales Marriage Registration Index database, no record was returned for the marriage of a John Walker and a Sarah Wilkins in either Rugby or Marton, and in 1842 or thereabouts. However, a search for an exact match for “John Walker”, marrying in “Rugby” in “1842”, resulted in one record only, as follows, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:2D4J-5KC>.

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch record for John Walker. The record is titled "John Walker" and is from the "Marriage • England and Wales Marriage Registration Index, 1837-2005". The record includes fields for Name, Marriage Date, Marriage Place, Event Type, Registration District, Page, Volume, Affiliate Line Number, Registration Quarter, Registration Year, Possible Spouse, and Possible Spouse. The record also includes a "Cite This Record" section with a citation for the record.

Field	Value
Name	John Walker
Marriage Date	1842
Marriage Place	Rugby, Warwickshire, England
Event Type	Marriage
Registration District	Rugby
Page	419
Volume	16
Affiliate Line Number	118
Registration Quarter	Jul-Aug-Sep
Registration Year	1842
Possible Spouse	Sarah Goode
Possible Spouse	Isaac Pearson
Possible Spouse	Sarah Wilkins

Cite This Record
 "England and Wales Marriage Registration Index, 1837-2005," database, FamilySearch (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:2D4J-5KC : 13 December 2014), John Walker, 1842; from "England & Wales Marriages, 1837-2005," database, findmypast (http://www.findmypast.com : 2012); citing 1842, quarter 3, vol.

The database software has identified three possible spouses. The named John Walker obviously didn't marry an Isaac, and given we know from the 1861 census data that John's mother-in-law was Mary Wilkins and his sister-in-law was Susan Wilkins, his spouse almost certainly had their surname, and not the surname of Goode.

Accordingly, the Family Search database identified Sarah Wilkins as John's spouse, no doubt by linking marriages in the same quarter and registration district, and recorded on the same register book page.

Additionally, the fact that John and Sarah's eldest child Mary Walker was baptised in Marton on 27th November 1842 in the following quarter provides a correlation which further corroborates that this search has returned the GRO record of the marriage of John Walker and Sarah Wilkins. (See the brief relating to Mary Ludlam nee Walker for verification of her baptism date and parentage).

In order to verify the exact date of marriage, a certificate relating to this marriage was ordered from the UK General Register Office on 31st January 2023. The certificate subsequently provided is as follows.¹⁶

¹⁶ The body of the certificate reproduces a handwritten copy of the parish record subsequently located at <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record/browse?id=S2/GBPRS/WARWICKSHIRE/PR-EXCLUS/MARTON/DR0930-02-00006>.



CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE **GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE**

Application Number 13522852/1

1842. Marriage solemnized in the Parish of <u>Marton</u> in the County of <u>Worcester</u>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
8	Augt 2	John Walker Sarah Wilkins	24 21	Bachelor Spinster	Labourer	Marton	Joseph Walker Unknown	Labourer
Married in the Parish of <u>Marton</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by me, <u>Henry Bell HPS</u>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<u>John Walker</u> & <u>Sarah Wilkins</u>			in the Presence of us,		<u>William Walker</u> <u>Matth. Bartlett</u>	

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a register of Marriages in the Registration District of Rugby
 Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, the 3rd day of February 2023

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The certificate specifies the date of marriage as 2nd August 1842. The certificate also records that Joseph Walker, Labourer, was John's father, thus confirming that this is the marriage of the John Walker whose birth and parentage were verified above. A "William Walker" is also recorded as a witness.

The certificate also identifies the exact place of marriage as the "Church in the Parish of Marton", further corroborating that this certificate records the marriage of the John Walker identified above, given it was his expected place of marriage for the reasons above. The reference to the marriage rites being those of the Church of England confirms that the church in question is Marton's St Esprit Church.¹⁷

Accordingly, John Walker married Sarah Wilkins on 2nd August 1842 at St Esprit Church in Marton.

¹⁷ St Esprit being a church of the Church of England. See <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/13121/>, a Church of England website.