

Birth, parentage, marriage and death of Joseph Walker senior

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

Those details are –

Joseph's birth and parentage could not be determined and are thus unknown.

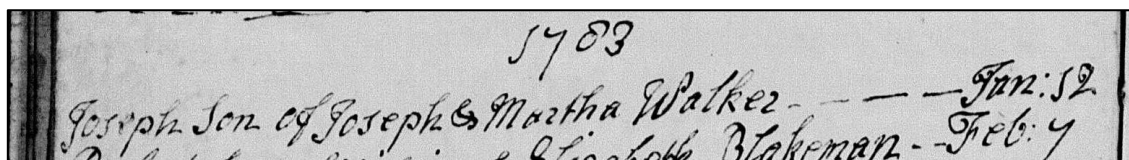
Joseph married Martha Miles on 17th October 1763 in Oxhill, Warwickshire.

He was buried at Oxhill, Warwickshire on 29th April 1789.

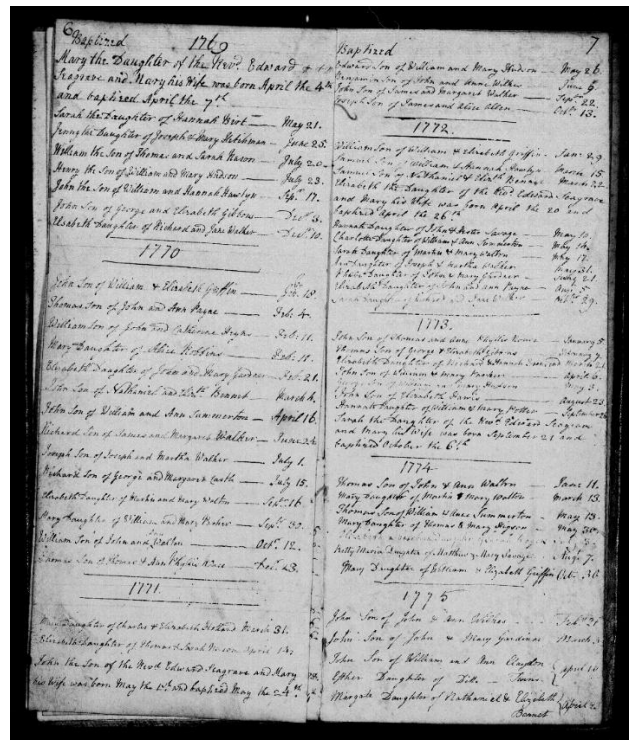
(The research for this brief was conducted in late 2025).

Joseph's marriage

In the brief relating to Joseph Walker junior, it is established that he was baptised on 12th January 1783 in Oxhill, Warwickshire, to Joseph and Martha Walker. The relevant page of the Oxhill parish baptisms register is to be found at <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FOXHILL%2FDR0024-02-00008>. This is a close up of the baptism entry:

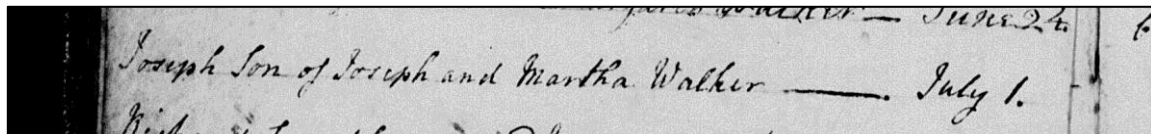


It is also concluded in the brief relating to Joseph Walker junior that Joseph and Martha Walker also had another son named Joseph baptised in 1770 in Oxhill, but he died the following year. This is the relevant page of the Oxhill parish baptisms register recording his baptism on 1st July 1770:



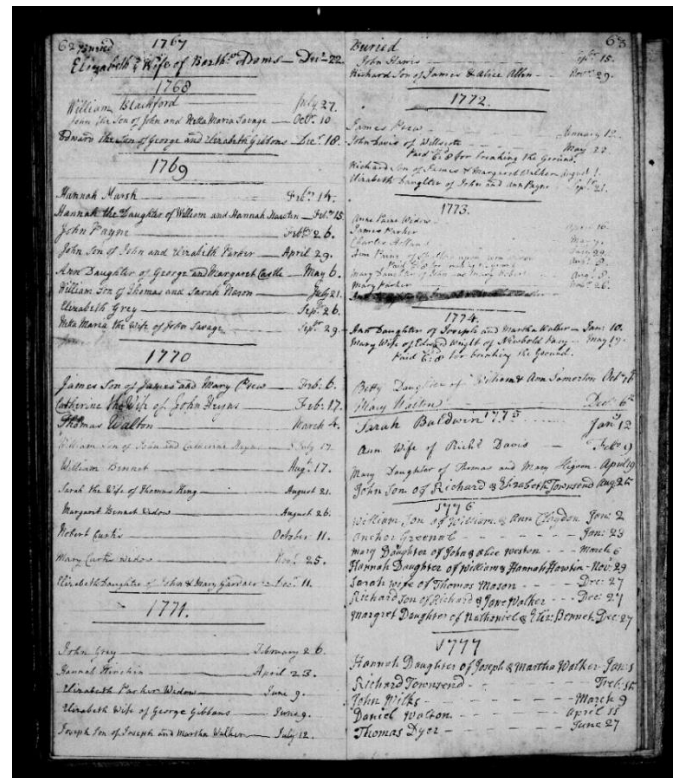
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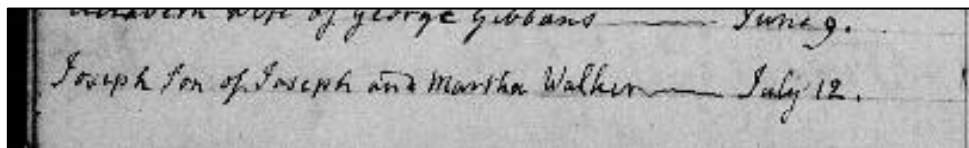


And this is the relevant page of the Oxhill parish burials register of the infant's burial on 12th July 1771, see

<https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBUR%2F000827435&tab=this>:



This is a close up of the record of burial:



This earlier birth indicates that Joseph and Martha Walker probably married sometime prior to 1770, and probably in Oxhill. A Family Search search located a “marriage” of a Joseph Walker to a Martha Miles in Oxhill on 9th October 1763, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHXL-NP3?lang=en>.¹

Joseph Walker

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Person Information

Name Joseph Walker
 Sex Male
 Residence Place Oxhill, Warwickshire, England
 Marital Status Single
 Spouse's Name [Martha Miles](#)
 Spouse's Sex Female
 Spouse's Residence Place Oxhill, Warwickshire, England
 Spouse's Marital Status Single
 Event Type Marriage
 Event Date 09 Oct 1763
 Event Place Oxhill, Warwickshire, England
 Event Place (Original) Oxhill, Warwickshire, England

Joseph Walker's Spouses and Children

Name	Relationship	Sex
Martha Miles	Wife	F

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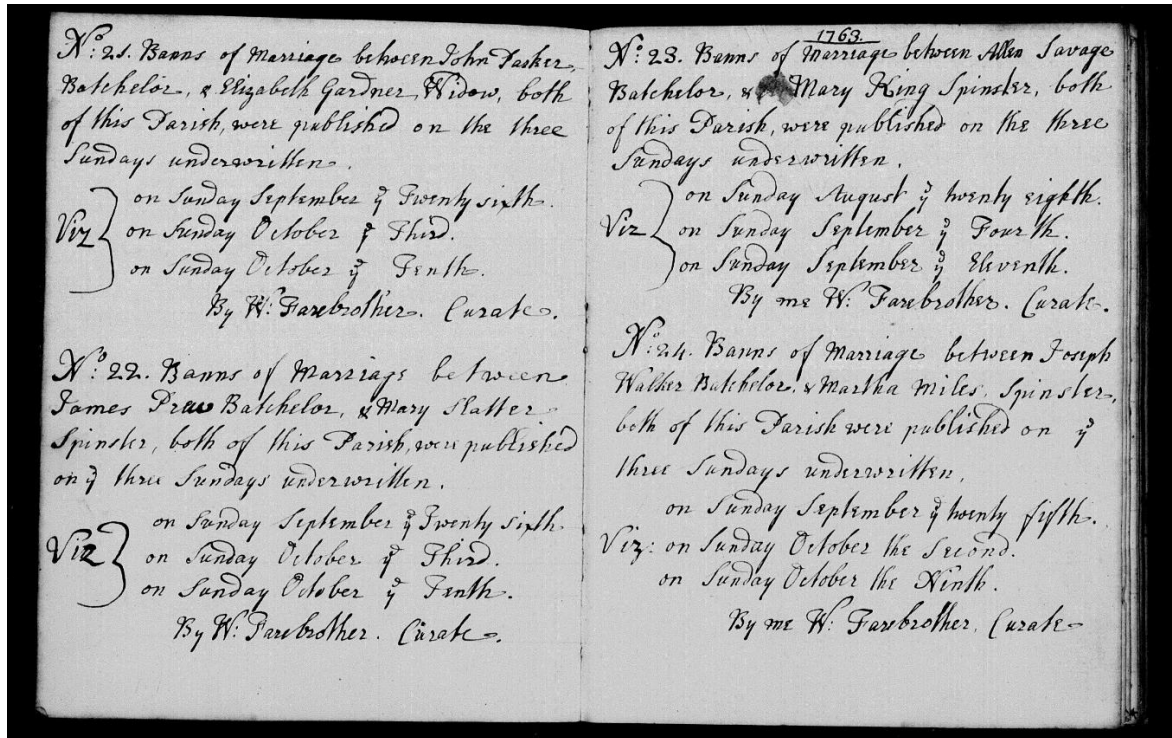
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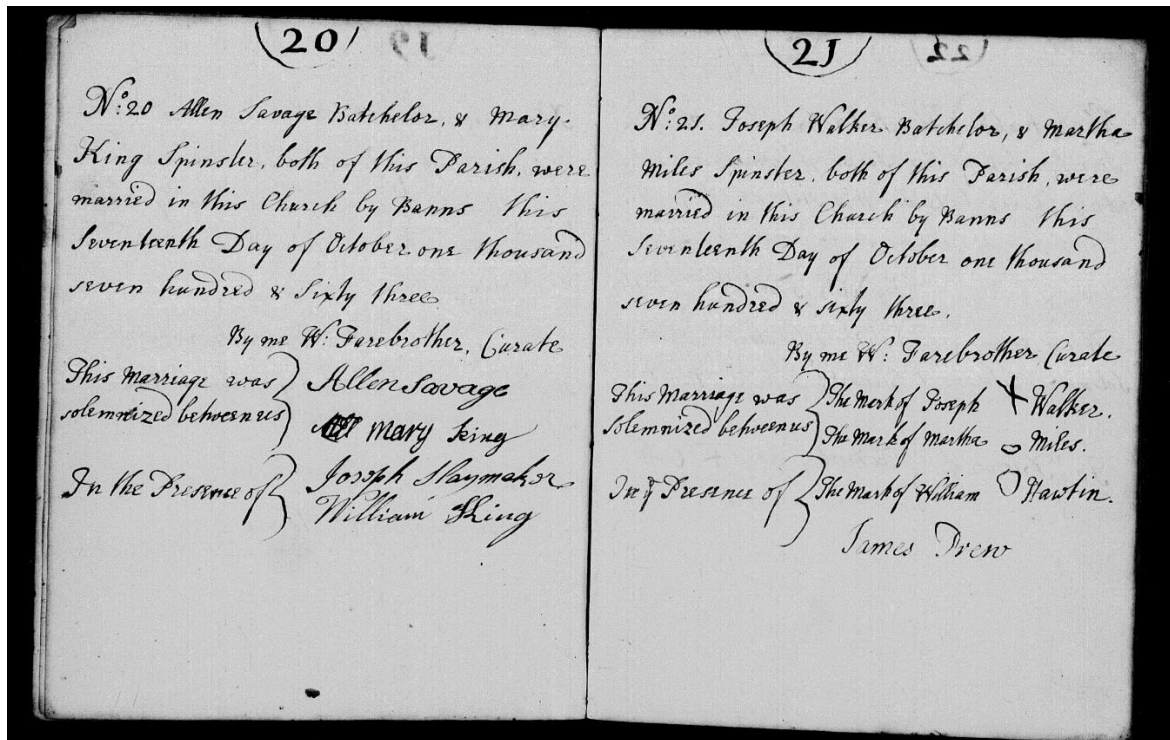
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¹ URLs of Family Search records linked herein include “61903”, presumably a specific member number, and likely need adapting to function.

But, actually, it was on the 9th October 1763 that the last of the couple's banns of marriage was called, see the bottom right quadrant of the relevant page of the Oxhill parish banns register at <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FOXHILL%2FDR0024-03-00038>:



Joseph Walker and Martha Miles were actually married in Oxhill a few days later on 17th October 1763, see the relevant page 21 of the Oxhill parish marriages register at <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FOXHILL%2FDR0024-03-00013>:



As well as the two Josephs born 1770 and 1783, Joseph and Martha christened (all in Oxhill) a Mary on 9th September 1764, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHXL-D9P?lang=en>, a William on 25th October 1767, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHXL-WL7?lang=en>, an Ann on 31st May 1772, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NGBR-3VK?lang=en>, and a Hannah on 22nd October 1775, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J3WV-NXB?lang=en>. Together with the baptism of the first Joseph on 1st July 1770, and the second Joseph on 12th January 1783, this provides a sequence of children which well fits with a marriage in October 1763.

A Family Search search for a marriage of a Joseph Walker to a Martha in Oxhill between 1750 and 1780 returned no other marriage except the October 1763 marriage,² as did the like FindMyPast search.³

Accordingly, Joseph Walker senior married Martha Miles on 17th October 1763 in Oxhill, Warwickshire.

Joseph's birth

Having married in Oxhill in 1763, Joseph Walker senior was likely born there some 20 or so years earlier.

However, Family Search searches for a Joseph Walker baptism between 1710 and 1750 in Oxhill, Whatcote and Marton all returned no records.⁴

(Whatcote is just over a mile south-west of Oxhill, and is where Martha Miles hailed from, see the brief relating to her. Marton is 15½ miles north-north-east of Oxhill, and is where Joseph's son Joseph Walker junior spent most of his life from at least 1807, see the brief relating to him).

² See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.from=1750&q.anyDate.to=1780&q.anyPlace=Oxhill%2C%20Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.anyPlace.exact=on&q.givenName=Joseph&q.spouseGivenName=Martha&q.surname=Walker>.

³ See

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?sid=100&firstname=joseph&firstname_variants=true&lastname=walker&eventyear=1765&eventyear_offset=20&keywordsplace=oxhill%2c+warwickshire%2c+england&keywords=martha&keywordsplace_proximity=10&sourcecountry=england.

⁴ See, for example,

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.exact=on&q.anyDate.from=1710&q.anyDate.to=1750&q.anyPlace=Oxhill%2C%20Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.anyPlace.exact=on&q.givenName=Joseph&q.surname=Walker>.

Widening the search for a baptism anywhere in Warwickshire between 1710 and 1750⁵ returned a number of potential candidates baptised between 1722 (although that Joseph would most likely have been too old to marry in 1763) and 1746 (although that Joseph would most likely have been too young to marry in 1763). The baptisms were in Stratford on Avon [sic] in 1722, Coughton in 1724, Monks Kirby in 1729, Birmingham in 1724, 1726, 1729, 1730 and 1733, Coventry in 1732, Long Compton in 1733, Wolvey in 1740, Baddesley-Clinton in 1742, and Shustoke in 1746.

Stratford-upon-Avon is 9 miles north-west of Oxhill, Coughton is 17 miles north-west of Oxhill, Monks Kirby is 25 miles north-north-east of Oxhill, Birmingham is 30 miles north-north-west of Oxhill, Coventry is 20 miles north of Oxhill, Long Compton is 8½ miles south of Oxhill, Wolvey is 27 miles north-north-east of Oxhill, Baddesley-Clinton is 17½ miles north-north-west of Oxhill, and Shustoke is 28½ miles north of Oxhill. None of these locations is sufficiently close to be preferred, and no other information in these various baptism records indicated any connection of Joseph Walker senior to any of them.

The fact that Joseph Walker senior himself named a child Joseph in 1770, and that, when that Joseph died in 1771, he named a second child Joseph in 1783, see above, may indicate a family tradition of naming sons after fathers, but five of the above 13 baptisms between 1722 and 1746 were to Joseph Walkers, so it was not possible to narrow the search on that basis (and it is questionable to do so solely on that basis in any event).

The 1740 and 1742 baptisms are the best age matches to a marriage in 1763. The 1732 and 1733 baptisms are next best, with the remainder being poor or unlikely age matches. However, there is no evidence pointing to which of the better age matches might be Joseph Walker senior in any case. Specifically, as stated above, there was no other information that indicated any connection Joseph may have had with the places of those baptisms.

A similar FindMyPast search for a baptism anywhere in Warwickshire between 1725 and 1745⁶ yielded one additional candidate to those listed above, namely a Joseph Walker baptised in Brailes, Warwickshire on 3rd October 1736. Brailes is 3½ miles south of Oxhill, which makes this Joseph the preferred candidate from a nearest location perspective, and he also would have been of marriageable age if he married on 17th October 1763, having just turned 27.

This is the relevant page of the Brailes parish register, see

<https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FBRAILES%2FDR0308-03-00036>:

⁵ See

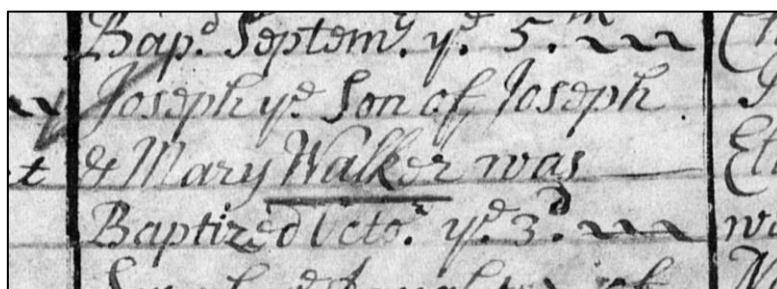
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⁶ See

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?firstname=joseph&firstname_variants=true&lastname=walker&yearofbirth=1735&yearofbirth_offset=10&keywordsplace=warwickshire%2c%20england&keywordsplace_proximity=5&datasetname=warwickshire%20baptisms&sourcecountry=england&sid=999.

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Thomas Kelly Buried Aug. y ^e 26. John Freeman Buried Sept. y ^e 26. Benard Clark Buried Sept. y ^e 26. William Carr Buried Oct. y ^e 9. Ann y ^e Wife of John Buried Oct. y ^e 26. Morty Daughter of Edward and Rebecca Buried Oct. y ^e 26. William Henning Gent. Buried Novem. y ^e 10. Mary y ^e Daughter of Wm Pratt Buried Novem. y ^e 15. Richard Hays Buried Dec. y ^e 1. Joseph y ^e Son of Thomas and Mary Buried Decem. y ^e 9. Major Hunt Buried Decem. y ^e 18. Stephen y ^e Son of John and Elizabeth Buried Decem. y ^e 18. Agnes y ^e Daughter of Francis Cox Buried Decem. y ^e 20. John Son of William & Sarah Buried Decem. y ^e 20. Thomas Buried Decem. y ^e 20. Sarah y ^e Wife of George Buried Decem. y ^e 20. Thomas Galt y ^e was Buried March y ^e 4. Ann the Daughter of Edward & Susannah Cox Buried March y ^e 7.	Frances y ^e Daughter of William & Francis Wrench was Buried March y ^e 7. Frances the Wife of William Wrench Buried March y ^e 10. Ann y ^e Daughter of John & Rebecca Wadde Buried March y ^e 19. Richard y ^e Son of John & Ann Cockhill was Buried March y ^e 21. Burials. 1736. John y ^e Son of Thomas and Ann Buried March y ^e 23. Elizabeth Eden Wadde was Buried May y ^e 21. Elizabeth y ^e Daughter of John & Ann Walker Buried May y ^e 23. John Davids Buried July 2. William y ^e Son of Thomas and Ann Sarge Buried Octem. y ^e 22. Morty y ^e Wife of Francis Hall was Buried Novem. y ^e 20.	Elizabeth the Daughter of John & Alice Watkins Buried Decem. y ^e 27. Ann y ^e Daughter of Wm & Ann Hunt Bapt. Jan. y ^e 1. Alice y ^e Daughter of Thomas & Mary Voth Bapt. Jan. y ^e 9. Ann y ^e Daughter of John & Mary Weth Bapt. April y ^e 11. Ann y ^e Daughter of Thomas & Margaret Tennant was Baptized April y ^e 13. Thomas y ^e Son of George & Sarah Tennant Bapt. Feb. y ^e 6. Catherine the Daughter of John & Mary Humphreys was Baptized Feb. y ^e 9. Baptisms. 1736. Stephen y ^e Son of Jacobus & Mary Richardson was Baptized April y ^e 4. Samuel y ^e Son of Richard & Mary Weth Bapt. April y ^e 11. Ann y ^e Daughter of Thomas & Margaret Tennant was Baptized April y ^e 13. Francis y ^e Daughter of Robert & Maryann Richard was Baptized May y ^e 23. Thomas y ^e Son of John & Sarah Castle was Baptized June y ^e 6. William y ^e Son of Edward & Sarah Hobbs Bapt. June y ^e 14. John y ^e Son of John and Elizabeth Wadde was Baptized June y ^e 20.	Ann y ^e Daughter of John & Katherine Savage was Baptized July y ^e 11. Elizabeth y ^e Daughter of Mr. Edwards & Mrs. Mableton Baptized July y ^e 23. William y ^e Son of James & Ann Sargin was Bapt. August y ^e 8. Ann y ^e Daughter of Andrew & Mary Savage Baptized August y ^e 13. Elizabeth y ^e Daughter of John & Thomas Widdons Bapt. Septem. y ^e 3. Samuel y ^e Son of Richard & Mary Weth Bapt. Septem. y ^e 5. Joseph y ^e Son of Joseph & Mary Walker was Baptized Oct. y ^e 3. Sarah y ^e Daughter of John & Sarah Walker Bapt. Oct. y ^e 3. William y ^e Son of Thomas & Ann Seave Baptized October y ^e 21.	Robert Garner of Winceton and Mary Stoll of Oxhill were Married Septem. y ^e 20. The Banns being published in the Church. William Morris & Hannah Proghet were Married Octob. y ^e 1. The Banns being published in the Church. John Dinho and Alice Allen were Married Octob. the 14. The Banns being published in the Church. John Hays and Elizabeth Bromage were Married Novem. y ^e first. The Banns being published in the Church.	

This is a close up of the relevant record of the baptism to Joseph and Mary Walker on 3rd October 1736:



Notably, the father was also named Joseph.⁷ Notably also, Joseph Walker senior named his first born daughter Mary, see above, possibly after his mother.⁸ Given those facts, and the proximity of Brailes to Oxhill, there are indications that this is the record of Joseph Walker senior's baptism.

But, unfortunately, it is not possible to be reasonably definitive as to the matter –

1. firstly, because there are other candidates, as listed above, which cannot be excluded, and
2. secondly, because a Joseph Walker was buried in Brailes on 1st November 1784,⁹ raising the possibility that he was the Joseph Walker baptised in Brailes in 1736, and hence that there was another, separate Joseph Walker who lived his life in Brailes at the time. See the 1784 Brailes burial record at <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR->

⁷ A FindMyPast search for Joseph and Mary Walker Brailes records, see

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?sid=100&firstname=joseph&firstname_variants=true&lastname=walker&keywordsplace=brailes&keywords=mary, returned no other likely Brailes candidate for the father of the 1736 Joseph except a Joseph Walker who was baptised in Brailes on 14th November 1703 to (parenthetically) a Joseph and Mary Walker, see <https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBAP%2F001265923&tab=this>, as well as no other likely marriage for the parents of the 1736 Joseph except that of a Joseph Walker who married a Mary Heming in Brailes on 30th January 1726, see <https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FMAR%2F000163115%2F1&tab=this>.

⁸ Joseph Walker junior also named a daughter Mary, see the brief relating to him.

⁹ The burial was returned by one of the FindMyPast searches carried out for Joseph Walker deaths/burials between 1780 and 1820 as referred to below.

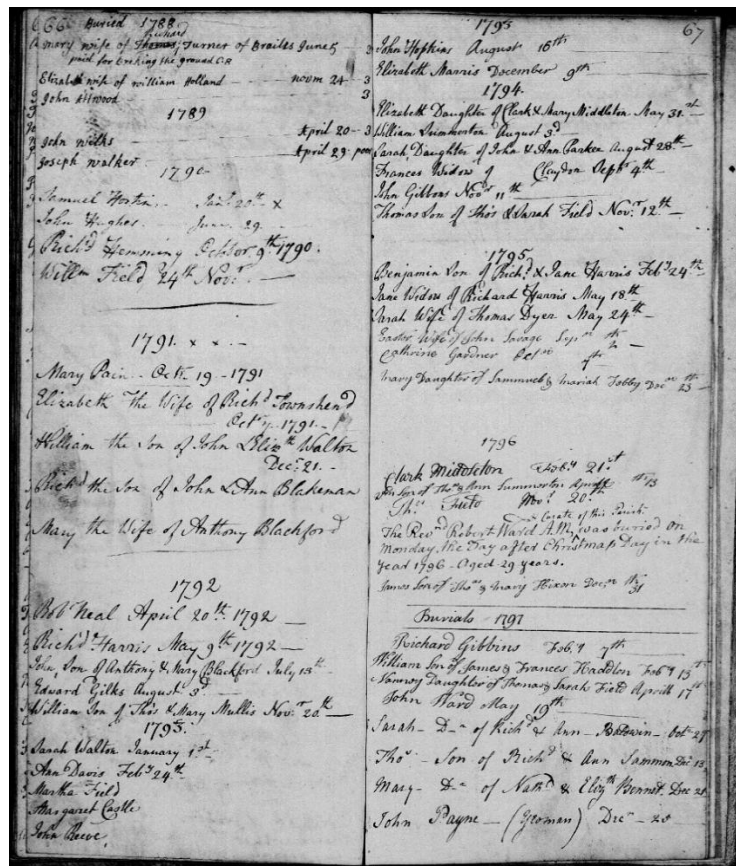
[NONEXC%2FBRAILES%2FDR0308-03-00093](#), and the FindMyPast transcript of it at <https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=BMD%2FNBI%2F01262819&tab=this>.

Accordingly, despite extensive searching, Joseph Walker senior's birth and parentage could not be confidently identified.

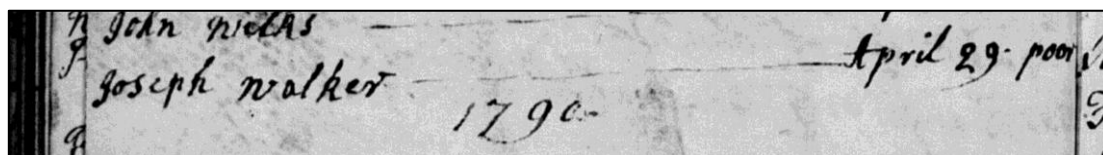
Joseph's death

Having married in Oxhill, Warwickshire in 1763, see above, and having baptised six children there between 1764 and 1783, see above, it seems very likely that Joseph Walker senior continued to live his life out in Oxhill.

A Joseph Walker was buried in Oxhill on 29th April 1789. The relevant page of the Oxhill parish burials register is at <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FOXHILL%2FDR0024-02-00019>:



This is a close up:



Being designated as "poor", and also given that no parents are named, as seems common at the time in parish records for a child's burial, this person was obviously an adult.

A Family Search search for any other burials of a Joseph Walker in Oxhill, Whatcote or Marton between 1783 and 1825 returned no other such burial.¹⁰ As did FindMyPast searches for Joseph Walker deaths/burials in those locations between 1780 and 1820.¹¹

For the reasons noted above, it is very likely that Joseph Walker died in Oxhill. It therefore seems reasonably certain that he was buried in Oxhill on 29th April 1789, given that is the only candidate burial found on the seraches.

One query is raised, however, by his designation in the Oxhill parish burials register as “poor”. That seems a little strange for a working man with a family, including at least one adult male child, William aged 21. From the start of 1784 through to the end of 1789, the curate designated each person buried with either a “3” or as “poor”, see page 66 of the register above, as well as the previous page 65 at

<https://search.findmypast.com.au/record/browse?id=S2/GBPRS/WARWICKSHIRE/PR-NONEXC/OXHILL/DR0024-02-00018>:

64 Buried 1777 <i>Richard & wife of George Vincent of Pidderton</i> <i>paid 6 d for breaking the ground - Aug 29</i> 1778 Thomas King Jan: 8 John son of John & Elizabeth Parker Jan: 20 William son of Thomas & Mary Hickson Feb: 7 William Do don March 16 Richard Do don March 22 <i>paid 6 d for breaking the ground</i> Robert son of Richard & Jane Harris June 4 John Do don Oct: 14 1779 George son of George & Elizabeth Gibbons April 6 Charles Walton May 26 Ann wife of John Paine June 23 Thomas Walton Nov: 14 1780 Sarah daughter of William & Elizabeth Blakeman Jan: 25 Bartholomew Adams Dec: 4 1781 Ann daughter of John & Elizabeth Basket of Hemington Jan: 24 <i>paid 6 d for breaking the ground</i> Thomas Savage Jan: 30 Betty wife of Richard Hemmens May 6 Ann daughter of Richard & Jane Walker July 15 Elizabeth Nation Widow Aug: 27 Alice daughter of James & Alice Allen Nov: 4 <i>daughter from Whatcote, paid 6 d for breaking the ground</i> 1782 Ann wife of William Summerton Jan: 16 Thomas son of Anthony & Mary Blackford April 4 Ann wife of James Basket July 1 Elizabeth wife of William Middleton Nov: 12 1783 Mary wife of John Savage Jan: 30 Sarah wife of James Nield Jan: 31 Charles Walton March 2 Robert son of William & Elizabeth Blakeman March 30 Sarah daughter of James & Sarah Nield April 30 2 Oct: 1783 <i>This Register is not attested because not stamped</i> <i>not may by Licence</i> John son of Thomas & Hannah Martin Nov: 10	Buried 1784 Mary Gibbons poor Jan: 15 William Blakeman May 22 William son of William & Elizabeth Blakeman June 7 Sarah wife of John Ward June 10 Mary daughter of Richard & Elizabeth Blakeman Aug: 17 Benjamin White Oct: 6 Mary daughter of Richard & Ann Lane Oct: 6 1785 John Savage Sept 4 William son of John & Ann Blakeman Oct: 16 1786 Ann wife of John Walton Oct: 23 John Walton Nov: 22 Elizabeth wife of Thomas Nicholas of Whatcote Dec: 11 <i>paid 6 d for breaking the ground</i> George son of George & Elizabeth Gibbons Dec: 22 1786 Mary wife of William Street of Whatcote Aug: 22 <i>paid 6 d for breaking the ground</i> William Summerton Sept: 10 Joseph Walton Sept: 14 Elizabeth daughter of John & Sarah Blakeman Nov: 10 John Harris Nov: 23 1787 Joseph son of John & Ann Walton Jan: 16 <i>paid 4</i> Martin Walton April 19 John son of John & Mary Ward April 19 James Nation son of Hemington Oct: 12 Elizabeth daughter of John & Sarah Blakeman Oct: 30 John son of John & Ann Blakeman Nov: 21 William son of John & Ann Blakeman Dec: 22 <i>paid 2 d</i> Charles Clapton 1788 Elizabeth wife of John Gibbons Jan: 10 Richard Walker April 3 Ann Ormiston widow April 22
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¹⁰ See, for example,

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.from=1783&q.anyDate.to=1820&q.anyPlace=Oxhill%2C%20Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.anyPlace.exact=on&q.givenName=Joseph&q.givenName.exact=on&q.surname=Walker&q.surname.exact=on>. (Note that two searches were required for each location as Warwickshire parish records are divided into two subsets, “Unknown – 1801” and “1801 – present”).

¹¹ See

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?sid=100&firstname=joseph&firstname_variants=true&lastname=walker&yearofdeath=1800&yearofdeath_offset=20&keywordsplace=oxhill%2c+warwickshire%2c+england&keywordsplace_proximity=5&sourcecountry=england (Oxhill plus a 5 mile radius capturing Whatcote and Brailes) and https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?firstname=joseph&firstname_variants=true&lastname=walker&yearofdeath=1800&yearofdeath_offset=20&keywordsplace=marton%2c%20warwickshire%2c%20england&keywordsplace_proximity=5&sourcecountry=england&sid=999.

Presumably the “3” refers to a fee charged for the burial, likely three shillings, and “poor” refers to a waiver of that fee. As noted above, Joseph Walker senior married in 1763, and he baptised at least six children between 1764 and 1783 (although at least one, the first Joseph baptised in 1770, had died by 1789). Assuming Joseph was in about his mid-twenties when he married in 1763, if he did die in 1789, he would have died at about age 50. That is, he died reasonably young, leaving a widow and probably at least three children still at home (in 1789, his son Joseph Walker junior would have been aged 6, and his daughters Hannah and Ann would have been aged 13 and 16 respectively, see their baptism details above). In those circumstances, one would think it likely that the curate would have waived the burial fee.

Accordingly, Joseph Walker senior was buried in Oxhill, Warwickshire on 29th April 1789.