

Birth, parentage, marriage and death of Mary Ludlam nee Walker

This brief evidences the details of the birth, parentage, marriage and death of Mary Ludlam (nee Walker).

Those details are –

Baptised on 27th November 1842 at Marton, Warwickshire.

Born to parents John and Sarah Walker.

Married Albert John Ludlam on 24th May 1874 at St Esprit Church, Marton, Warwickshire.

Died at 3 Russell Street, Leamington on 1st December 1900.

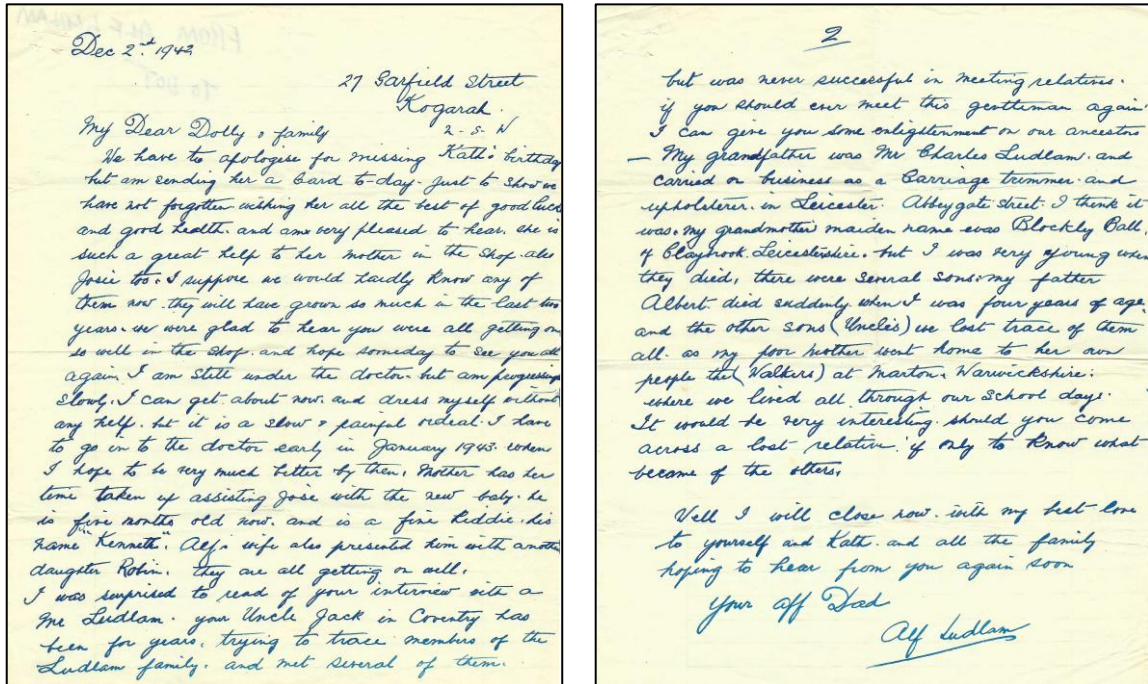
Buried at St Esprit churchyard, Marton, Warwickshire.



Mary's birth and parentage

In a letter to his daughter Dorothy Shields of 2nd December 1942, Alfred Charles John Ludlam stated that his mother's people were Walkers from Marton, Warwickshire. This evidence is first-hand knowledge (that is, personally seen, heard or experienced) as Alfred also states that "we" (that is, his mother and he) lived all through his school days in Marton.

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



Alfred does not state his mother's first name. However, in the brief relating to Albert John Ludlam, it is demonstrated that Alfred's father Albert John Ludlam in fact married "Mary Walker" on 24th May 1874 at Marton.

In his above letter to his daughter Dorothy Shields of 2nd December 1942, Alfred confirms his father was named Albert, and also states that after his father died (which occurred on 30th March 1878, see the brief relating to Albert John Ludlam), his mother "went home to her own people (the Walkers) at Marton".

The 1881 census in the village of Marton includes the following record, see

<https://search.findmypast.com/record?id=GBC%2F1881%2F4315417%2F00489&parentid=GBC%2F1881%2F013978542>:¹

¹ The record in the Family Search database of the Ludlam entries on the page shown of the 1881 census is at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q27N-PVL2>. URLs of Family Search records linked herein include "61903", presumably a specific member number, and likely need adapting to function.

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The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

Civil Parish (or Township) of Marton Municipal Borough of South Warwickshire Parliamentary Borough of Marton Village or Hamlet of Marton Urban Sanitary District of Marton Rural Sanitary District of Rugby Ecclesiastical Parish of Marton

No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES In- habited (1) Total (2)	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	1) Deaf-and-Dumb 2) Blind 3) Imbecile or Idiot 4) Lunatic
14	Leeds		Albert J. Chickhead	Son	x	10	Scholar	Narwhal Marton	
			Eliza S.A. Do	Daughter	x	7	Do	Do	
			Robert H. Do	Son	x	2	Do	Do	
			Edna M. Do	Daughter	x	7 m	Do	Do	
15	Garage House	1	William Sinclair	Head	Mar	50	Owner of 363 acres Employing 40 men & 1 boy	Leoford, Warwick	
			Agnes S. Do	Wife	Mar	45	Garment Maker	Do	
			Eliza Do	Daughter	Unm	21	Do	Do	
			Mary Do	Daughter	Unm	17	Do	Do	
			George Do	Son	Unm	16	Do	Do	
			William Do	Son	Unm	14	Do	Do	
			Rene Do	Daughter	x	11	Do	Do	
			Agnes Do	Daughter	x	9	Scholar	Do	
			Edmund Do	Son	x	6	Do	Do	
16	Manor House	1	Richard Briggs	Head	Mar	61	Retired Ironmonger	Do	
			Harriet Do	Wife	Mar	58	Do	Do	
			Edna Perkins	Serv	Unm	28	General Domestic Serv	Leoford, Warwick	
			Arthur Barker	Serv	Unm	17	Groom Porter	Do	
17		1	Mary Ludlam	Head	x	38	Char woman	Do	
			Alfred E.J. Do	Son	x	5	Scholar	Do	
			Dorothy S.C. Do	Daughter	x	4	Do	Do	
			Albert J. Do	Son	x	3	Do	Do	
18		1	Samuel E. Carroll	Head	Mar	30	Bricklayer	Narwhal Marton	
			Jane Do	Wife	Mar	31	Do	Do	
			Edward Do	Son	x	5	Scholar	Do	
4	Total of Houses...	4	Total of Males and Females...			12/12			

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Mary Ludlam and her children are listed. Mary is described as a “char woman”, that is, a casual cleaner.²

The above census record relates to Alfred Ludlam’s family, as it lists the names of his mother and his two siblings Dorothy and Albert, as well as Alfred himself (although he is given middle name initials of “E.J.” rather than “C.J.”). Also, Alfred is said to be 5, which he was, given the 1881 census was taken on 3rd April 1881,³ and given that he was born on 18th April 1875.

The record lists Mary Ludlam’s age as 38.⁴ As the census date was 3rd April, the census record suggests a birth date for Mary between 4th April 1842 and 3rd April 1843.

The census also records that Mary was born in Marton. That fact is corroborated by Alfred in his letter to his daughter Dorothy Shields dated 2nd December 1942 when he states that his mother went “home” to Marton, where “her own people” lived.

The Marton parish records of baptisms from 1813 to 1876 are available through Family Search as a set of images.⁵ Given that the 1881 census indicates that Mary was born in 1842 or 1843, and allowing a significant margin for error in, or her own concealment of, her true age, the images from September 1836 to February 1851 were manually searched, and a record for a Mary Walker baptised in Marton on 27th November 1842 to John and Sarah Walker was located.

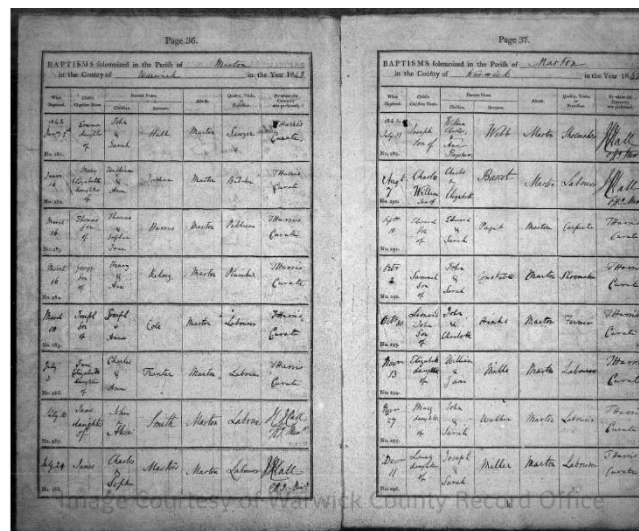
² See <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charwoman>.

³ See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1881_United_Kingdom_census.

⁴ The Family Search record gives her an estimated birth year of 1843. No birth date or year is in the census record, so it is apparent that the Family Search database software simply deducted her given age from the census year.

⁵ See <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3SHT-DRY3-NJR?i=22&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AXX5H-SPX>.

See image 23 of 113 at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-DRY3-NJR?personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AXX5H-SPX>.



This is a close up of the relevant record.

No. 294.						
Nov 27	Mary daughter of	John & Sarah	Walker	Martin	Labourer	T Harris Curate
No. 295.						

The manual search of the images for Marton baptisms from September 1836 through to February 1851 verified that no other Mary Walker was baptised in Marton in that period.⁶

The relevant Family Search extract from this source record is at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XX5H-SPX>.

⁶ The Marton baptism images also reveal further children baptised in Marton to John and Sarah Walker, namely twins Joseph and Charles, baptised on 18th July 1843 (image 24), Alfred, baptised on 3rd November 1844 (image 26), Thomas, baptised on 11th February 1847 (image 28), Charlotte, baptised on 1st April 1849 (image 31) and William, baptised on 8th June 1851 (image 33). The twins being baptised less than 8 months after Mary suggests a delay between her birth and baptism, or perhaps that the twins were premature or that their parents were another John and Sarah Walker in Marton at the time. They do not appear in the Family Search extract of the 1851 census record for the family, and neither does Thomas. See <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:SGZ2-12N>. That may be due to the high mortality rate of children under 5 at the time, which exceeded 1 in 4, see <https://www.statista.com/statistics/1041714/united-kingdom-all-time-child-mortality-rate/>. Mary's siblings Alfred and Charlotte, as listed in the 1851 census, were also not in the household by the time of the 1861 census, when they would have been 16 and 12 respectively. See <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M7G3-ND1>. And the household now included Martha, aged 6, and Frank, aged 1. Ultimately, the oddity of the 8 month time gap between Mary's baptism and that of the twins is better explained as suggested above (i.e. a delayed baptism), rather than affect the conclusion that the correct Mary Walker has been identified, given that she was the only Mary Walker born in Marton between September 1836 and February 1851.

Mary Walker
Vital • England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1963

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Name Mary Walker
Sex Female
Christening Date 27 Nov 1842
Christening Place Marton, Warwickshire, England
Father's Name John Walker
Father's Sex Male
Mother's Name Sarah Walker
Mother's Sex Female
Event Type Christening

Attached in Family Tree to
Mary Walker
1842-Deceased • MNTH-PSJ

Similar Records
Mary Walker
England Births and Christenings, 1538-1975
Attached To:
Mary Walker
1842-Deceased • MNTH-PSJ
Mary Walker
England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1963
Attached To:
Mary Walker
1842-Deceased • MNTH-PSJ
Mary Walker
England and Wales Census, 1851
Attached To:
Mary Walker
1842-Deceased • MNTH-PSJ

Document Information
Collection Information
England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1963
Cite This Record
"England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1963," database with images, FamilySearch

Mary Walker's Parents and Siblings
John Walker Father M
Sarah Walker Mother F

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Accordingly, Mary Ludlam was baptised Mary Walker in Marton on 27th November 1842, and her parents were John and Sarah Walker.

Mary's marriage

Mary married Albert John Ludlam on 24th May 1874 at St Esprit Church, Marton, Warwickshire. See the brief relating to Albert John Ludlam for verification of those details.

Mary's death

As noted above, in his letter to his daughter Dorothy Shields dated 2nd December 1942, Alfred Charles John Ludlam stated that after his father died, his mother "went home to her own people (the Walkers) at Marton", where "we lived all through our school days". Also, as established above, his mother Mary Ludlam was living in Marton on the 3rd April 1881 when the 1881 census was taken.

However, by the 1891 census, taken on 5th April that year,⁷ Mary was a "Civilian Cook" in the Officers Mess at Budbrooke Barracks⁸ in Budbrooke, Warwickshire, a village about 2½ miles west of Warwick, and about 9 miles west-south-west of Marton. See <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:WGJB-22M>.

This is verifiably Mary, despite her age being listed in the census record as 46 and not 48, not just due to her proximity to Marton, but also because the census record notes that she was born in Marton, and was widowed, and it also lists her son John (he was christened Albert Edward John Ludlam, but he dropped the Albert, and in any event always went by his third name John, eventually becoming "Jack"). The census record also notes that John was 12 (which correlates with the fact that he was listed as aged 2 in the 1881 census above), and also born in Marton,⁹ see

<https://search.findmypast.com/record?id=GBC%2F1891%2F2469%2F0236&parentid=GBC%2F1891%2F0016958079>.

⁷ See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1891_United_Kingdom_census.

⁸ The barracks were operational from 1877 to 1960. See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Budbrooke_Barracks. A monument at what is now the corner of Old Budbrooke Road and Blandford Way, Hampton Magna, records that the barracks was sited there. See https://www.ourwarwickshire.org.uk/content/catalogue_wow/budbrook-barracks-monument.

⁹ See <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:WGJB-GT2> for a separate extract of the census record for him. That record notes that the census record is at registration number RG12, folio 2469/117, page 13.

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RETURN of all the PERSONS who SLEPT or ABODE in this INSTITUTION on the NIGHT of SUNDAY, APRIL 6th, 1891.

No.	NAME and SURNAME.	RELATION to Head of Family, or Position in the Institution.	CONDITION as to Marriage.	AGE Last Birthday.		PROFESSION or OCCUPATION.	Employed.	Employed.	WOMEN BORN.	If (1) Deaf and Dumb, (2) Blind, (3) Lame, Imbecile or Idiot.
				Males.	Females.					
1	Edith Landeshooten	Daughter				Scholar			Wants Aldershot	
2	Gertrude Landeshooten	"							Warwickshire Budbrooke	
3	William Slack	Head	Married	42		Book Bndr / Penworker / A.S.C.			Wants Saffron Walden	
4	Mary Slack	Wife	"		33				Wants Saffron Walden	
5	Mary Slack	Daughter	"		27	Scholar			Wants Aldershot	
6	Rosie Slack	"			16	"			Wants Aldershot	
7	Emily Slack	"			14	"			Wants Aldershot	
8	Gertrude Slack	"			12	"			Wants Aldershot	
9	Frederick Slack	Son			10	"			Wants Aldershot	
10	Mary Ludlam	Head	Widow	46		Curian / Officer's mess			Warwickshire Budbrooke	
11	John Ludlam	Son		17		Scholar			Warwickshire Marton	
12	Samuel Cardall		single	74		Curian / Officer's mess			Warwickshire Marton	
13	John William Rosier			20		Curian / Officer's mess			Warwickshire Marton	
14	John William Davis			18		Curian / Officer's mess			Warwickshire Marton	
15	Robert Street			18		Curian / Officer's mess			Warwickshire Marton	
16	George Hellyer			18		Curian / Officer's mess			Warwickshire Marton	
17	George Bulth			18		Curian / Officer's mess			Warwickshire Marton	
18	Alfred John Davies			18		Curian / Officer's mess			Warwickshire Marton	
19	John William Thompson			18		Curian / Officer's mess			Warwickshire Marton	
20	John Staine			19		Curian / Officer's mess			Warwickshire Marton	
21	Thomas Benjamin Lewis			18		Curian / Officer's mess			Warwickshire Marton	
22	John Rogers			18		Curian / Officer's mess			Warwickshire Marton	
23	Arthur Mills			18		Curian / Officer's mess			Warwickshire Marton	
24	Arthur Cooke			22		Sergt Army Pay Dept			Wants Aldershot	
25	John Hamilton Clements		Widower	52		Staff Sergt			Wants Aldershot	
Total of Males and Females.....				17	8					

Reference: RG12/2469

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Given Mary was living in Warwickshire in 1881 and 1891, a FreeBMD search for a Mary Ludlam dying in Warwickshire from then until 1945 was conducted. It yielded only two records.

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An entry in Bold	means it has	been confirmed
by double keying		
A district in <i>Italic</i>	means it is	suspect (click on it for details)

Search for Type: Deaths Surname: Ludlam First name(s): Mary
Start date: Mar 1881 End date: Dec 1945 County: Warwickshire

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Surname First name(s) Age District Vol Page

Deaths Dec 1900 (>99%)

Ludlam	Mary	58	Warwick	6d	390		
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Surname First name(s) Age District Vol Page

Deaths Jun 1931 (>99%)

Ludlam	Mary J	75	W.Bromwich	6b	772		
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Given Mary's baptism on 27th November 1842, she would have been about 58 in the December quarter of 1900. In the June quarter of 1931, she would have been about 88, not 75. Warwick is the registration district for

Budbrooke,¹⁰ whereas West Bromwich's registration district spans 3 other counties as well as Warwickshire,¹¹ and covers 11 parishes, none of which have any known connection to Mary. The Mary who died in 1900 is thus much more likely to be Mary Ludlam nee Walker.

Given Mary's former residence in Leicestershire, a FreeBMD search for a Mary Ludlam dying in that county between 1881 and 1945 was also conducted. It yielded five records.

Search for

Type: Deaths

Surname: Ludlam

First name(s): Mary

Start date: Mar 1881

End date: Dec 1945

County: Leicestershire

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Surname

First name(s)

Age

District

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Deaths Mar 1896

(~99%)

Ludlam

Mary Jane

26

Blaby

7a

16





Surname

First name(s)

Age

District

Vol

Page

Deaths Sep 1912

(~99%)

Ludlam

Mary

71

Blaby

7a

43





Deaths Mar 1920

(~99%)

LUDLAM

Mary J

9

Blaby

7a

54





Deaths Jun 1925

(~99%)

LUDLAM

Mary A

87

Leicester

7a

236





Deaths Dec 1932

(~99%)

Ludlam

Mary

85

Leicester

7a

333





The age at death in the first record does not match with a baptism on 27th November 1842. In the March quarter of 1896, Mary would have been about 53 not 26.

As to the second record, that of a death at age 71 in the September quarter of 1912, Mary would have been 69 or 70 in that quarter. However, Mary has no known connection to any of the 32 parishes forming part of the Blaby registration district,¹² except for their proximity to Leicester. Blaby itself is a large village about five miles south of Leicester city centre, and about 20 miles north-north-east of Marton.

The third record is that of the death of a 9 year old.

As to the fourth record, that of a Leicester death at age 87 in the June quarter of 1925, Mary would have been about 82 in that quarter. There is thus an age mismatch, but not so as to wholly discount this record as that of the correct Mary.

There is also a location issue in that we know from Alfred's letter to his daughter Dorothy Shields dated 2nd December 1942 that Mary left Leicester about 1878, and moved to Marton in Warwickshire, where she originally hailed from. That makes it more likely that Mary died in Warwickshire than Leicestershire, and more likely in the Warwick district than the Leicester district, given that Warwick is 8 miles west-south-west of Marton, and Leicester is 24½ miles north-west. (Budbrooke is also just 2 miles west of Warwick).

As to the fifth record, that of a Leicester death at age 85 in the December quarter of 1932, Mary would have been about 90 in that quarter. Again, there is an age mismatch, but not so as to wholly discount this record as that of the correct Mary. There is also the same location issue as for the fourth record above.

Accordingly, of the 7 Warwickshire and Leicestershire records, the best age and location match for Mary is the death in the December quarter of 1900 in the Warwick registration district.

That Mary was also said to be the correct Mary in a Sue Hope email to Ken Scarra and David Palyga of 8th April 2009, where Sue says that she has "found the death certificate for Mary Ludlam nee Walker – she died in 1900 in

¹⁰ See <https://www.ukbmd.org.uk/reg/districts/warwick.html>.

¹¹ See <https://www.ukbmd.org.uk/reg/districts/west%20bromwich.html>.

¹² See <https://www.ukbmd.org.uk/reg/districts/blaby.html>.

Leamington Spa". (Leamington is also in the Warwick registration district).¹³ Susan Mary Hope nee Ludlam is the daughter of Harold Ludlam, the fifth child of Alfred's younger brother Albert Edward John Ludlam (Jack).

The page of the GRO death registration index linked to the 1900 death returned on the FreeBMD search is as follows.

This close up confirms the relevant record is on page 390 of Volume 6D of the GRO registers.¹⁴

— Joseph. 2	Stepney	1c.	243
— LUDLAM, Elizabeth. 70	Sheffield	9c.	362
— Henry. 61	Sheffield	9c.	411
— Joe. 46	Oldham	8d.	505
— Mary. 79	Belper	7b.	372
— Mary. 58	Warwick	6d.	390
— LUDLOW, Arthur L. 16	Stroud	6a.	227

A Family Search search of Warwickshire's parish records was then conducted for an event occurring in 1900 for a Mary Ludlam. It yielded one record for 1900, for a "Mary Sudlam", and it was for a burial which occurred in Marton. This is the Family Search extract from the parish records, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XXBS-Y2L>.

¹³ See <https://www.ukbmd.org.uk/reg/districts/warwick.html>.

¹⁴ The relevant Family Search extract from the GRO death registration index is at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:2JRC-63Q>.

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Mary Sudlam

Vital • England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1963

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Name: Mary Sudlam
Death or Burial Date: 05 Dec 1900
Death or Burial Place: Marton, Warwickshire, England

Family Tree
ATTACH TO FAMILY TREE

Similar Records
No similar records were found.

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Given the record relates to a 1900 burial in Marton, it seems almost certain that the original parish record is actually for the Mary Ludlam who died in 1900. It seems likely that the software reading the parish record for the database has read the “L” as an “S”, perhaps because the capital letter was written in flowery cursive. Unfortunately, no image of the actual parish record is available through Family Search.¹⁵

Accordingly, if that transposition theory is correct, a Mary Ludlam was buried on 5th December 1900 at Marton. That would almost certainly be Mary Ludlam nee Walker given her connection to Marton.

In order to see if it confirmed that the 1900 death was that of Mary Ludlam nee Walker, on 10th February 2023, application was made to the General Register Office (UK) for a certificate relating to the death of Mary Ludlam recorded in Volume 6D, page 390, of the GRO registers for the December 1900 quarter (being the GRO register details returned for the 1900 death on the FreeBMD search referred to above). This is the certificate provided:

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE

Application Number 13561997-1

REGISTRATION DISTRICT		WARWICK	
1900	DEATH in the Sub-district of Leamington	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
1175	5 th Dec 1900 St. Andrew's Church Leamington	Mary Sudlam	Female	58 years	Widow of John Sudlam Barrage Painter Tourneman	Diabetes Cerebral verified by A. C. Bullock M.D.	A Walker Brother 41 Blarendon Square Leamington	5 th Dec 1900	G. J. S. S. 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 15th day of February 2023

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¹⁵ The Marton images for burials are said to range from 1813 to 1915, but they stop at 1879. See <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QHT-DRY3-N9P?i=34&wc=X6M6-DP8%3A42645501%2C1583867710%2C1583867712&cc=1462403>.

This is no doubt a record relating to Mary Ludlam, nee Walker. The informant is named as her brother, a Walker. She is named as the widow of “John Ludlam”, a carriage painter. The age at death given of 58 years is an exact match to Mary’s birth on 27th November 1842.

It is noted that, if the handwritten part of the certificate is an extract from or a copy of the parish record, which no doubt it is, Mary’s surname as written is obviously confusable with “Sudlam” given the flowery cursive capital “L”, which is written likewise for what is obviously “Leamington”, not “Seamington”. There is also a Clarendon Square in Leamington, see <https://www.google.com.au/maps/place/Clarendon+Square,+Leamington+Spa>.¹⁶

Accordingly, Mary Ludlam died at 3 Russell Street, Leamington on 1st December 1900, and is buried at Marton.

¹⁶ There is no Seamington in England, according to Google AI Overview. It responds that one must mean a town spelled Semington.

APPENDIX

ALFRED LUDLAM'S MATERNAL HALF-SISTER EMILY

This is a note about Dorothy Shields' Aunt Emily, who lost contact with the Ludlam family.



Stephen Palyga took an oral history from Dorothy Shields in the 1970s, and compiled the following family tree from her information.

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It will be noted that Dorothy Shields reported to Stephen Palyga in the 1970s that Alfred had an older sister Emily, who married a French-named Channel Islander, possibly named Nicole, and the son of a judge on Jersey, but Emily was widowed early, and the family lost contact with her.¹⁷

A search for John Walker of Marton in the Family Search database for the 1871 census returned this result.

John Walker
England and Wales Census, 1871

Event Type:	Census
Name:	John Walker
Sex:	Male
Age:	54
Event Date:	1871
Event Place:	Marton, Warwickshire, England, United Kingdom
Event Place (Original):	Marton, Marton, Warwickshire, England
Sub-District:	Dunchurch
Enumeration District:	7
Birth Year (Estimated):	1817
Birthplace:	Marton, Warwickshire
Marital Status:	Married
Occupation:	Agricultural Labourer
Relationship to Head of Household:	Head

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England and Wales Census, 1871

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Household	Role	Sex	Age	Birthplace
John Walker	Head	Male	54	Marton, Warwickshire
Sarah Walker	Wife	Female	48	Marton, Warwickshire
Frank Walker	Son	Male	11	Marton, Warwickshire
Albert J Walker	Son	Male	7	Marton, Warwickshire
Emily S Walker	Granddaughter	Female	8	Marton, Warwickshire

Family Search no longer provides access to the image which informs the above extract,¹⁸ but a FreeCEN search confirms the data in it.¹⁹

Census	County	District	Civil Parish	Ecclesiastical Parish	Piece	Enumeration District	Folio	Page	Schedule	House Number	House or Street Name
1871	Warwickshire (WAR)	Dunchurch	Marton	Marton	3187	7	83	3	18		Cottage

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Surname	Forenames	Relationship	Marital Status	Sex	Age	Occupation	Birth County	Birth Place	Disability	Notes
WALKER	John	Head	M	M	54	Ag Labourer	Warwickshire	Marton		
WALKER	Sarah	Wife	M	F	48		Warwickshire	Marton		
WALKER	Frank	Son	-	M	11	Scholar	Warwickshire	Marton		
WALKER	Albert J	Son	-	M	7	Scholar	Warwickshire	Marton		
WALKER	Emily S	Grndau	-	F	8	Scholar	Warwickshire	Marton		

¹⁷ Information has been subsequently added to the original oral history document by Kath Palyga, but all of the stated information about Emily is in Stephen Palyga's handwriting, and was thus all obtained from Dorothy Shields in the 1970s.

¹⁸ The Family Search image previously was at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V5YB-8JM>.

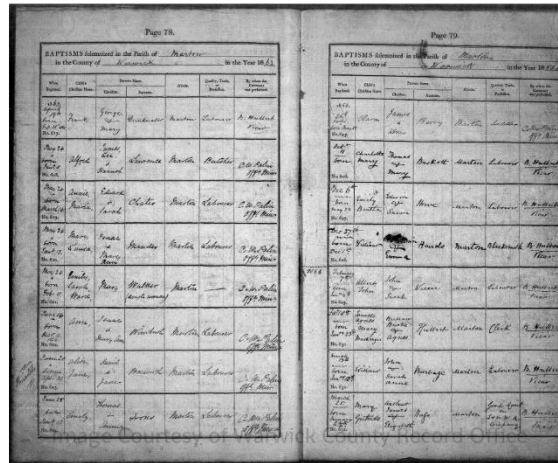
¹⁹ See https://www.freecen.org.uk/search_records/5c87b438f4040bce77b0923b/john-walker-1871-warwickshire-dunchurch-1817-?locale=en. FreeCEN provides free internet searches of the 19th century UK census returns: see <https://www.freecen.org.uk/cms/about>.

The household no longer includes Mary,²⁰ but it does include Emily S Walker, said to be the “granddaughter” of the head of the household John Walker, and said to be aged 8 and born in Marton.

If Emily was 8 on 2nd April 1871, when the census was taken,²¹ she would have been born between 3rd April 1862 and 2nd April 1863.

With that information, Emily’s baptism record was located in Marton’s parish records. See <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3SHT-DRY3-XSG?i=44&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AXX5C-QY5>, image 45 of 113.

The record reveals that her full name was Emily Sarah Ward Walker, and that she was baptised on 24th May 1863 but born on 11th February 1863, and that her mother was Mary Walker, a “single woman”.



This is a close up of the record.

Jan 13. No. 620.	Mary Ann					C. W. Palin off. Min.
May 24 born Feb. 11 No. 621.	Emily, Sarah, Ward,	Mary	Walker (single woman)	Martin	—	C. W. Palin off. Min.
June 14 No. 622.	Ann, Isaac					

Accordingly, Emily was Mary’s illegitimate child, and the stigma of that fact, or possibly the need to work in order to provide for Emily, perhaps explains Mary getting married to Albert John Ludlam later in life, at about the age of 31. Notably, her husband Albert would have been even older at about 38 on 24th May 1874 when they married in Marton, see the brief relating to Albert John Ludlam.

Presumably, Albert took Emily in, although no census was taken for the duration of Mary and Albert’s marriage, and which would allow one to identify where she was living at that time. Or perhaps Albert didn’t take Emily in, and she was a reason Mary returned to Marton after Albert died, as is noted above.

²⁰ In fact, she appears to have left home by the time of the 1861 census, as that census record lists John Walker and his household, but Mary is absent. See <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSK3-M?i=100&cc=3>. The 1861 census was taken on 7th April, see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1861_United_Kingdom_census. Mary would have been about 18 then.

²¹ See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1871_United_Kingdom_census.

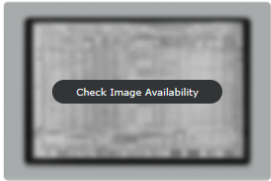
FreeBMD does not cover the Channel Islands.²² However, England and Wales censuses do include them.

Given Dorothy Shields suggested in information given for the above 1970s family tree that Emily may have married a “Nicole”, a search of the Family Search database for the 1891 census was made for an “Emily Nicole”, and it returned the following record of an “Emily Nicolle” of “St Helier, Jersey”, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:4B3B-FZM>.

Emily W Nicolle

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Name	Emily W Nicolle
Sex	Female
Age	28
Event Date	1891
Event Place	Saint Helier, Jersey
Event Place	St Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands
Enumeration District	48
Registration District	Jersey
Event Type	Census
Birth Year (Estimated)	1863
Birthplace	Warwickshire, England
Marital Status	Married
Relationship to Head of Household	Wife
Event Place Note	St Johns Main Road
Page Number	1
Piece/Folio	4696/ 110
Registration Number	RG12

Emily W Nicolle's Spouses and Children CLOSE ALL

John F Nicolle	Husband	M	37	Jersey, Channel Islands	⌵
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Name	John F Nicolle
Sex	Male
Age	37
Event Date	1891
Event Place	Saint Helier, Jersey
Event Place	St Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands
Enumeration District	48
Registration District	Jersey
Event Type	Census
Birth Year (Estimated)	1854
Birthplace	Jersey, Channel Islands
Marital Status	Married
Occupation	Farmer & Hand Owner
Relationship to Head of Household	Head
Event Place Note	St Johns Main Road
Page Number	1
Piece/Folio	4696/ 110
Registration Number	RG12

Other People on This Record OPEN ALL

Frederick Cauvin	M	16	France	⌵
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Attached in Family Tree to

[Emily Sarah Ward Walker](#)

1863-Deceased • GMSC-VB3

Similar Records

No similar records were found.

The 1891 census was taken on 5th April that year.²³ The Emily Walker born in Marton, Warwickshire on 11th February 1863 would then have been 28, as was Emily Nicolle, and it is also noted that Emily Walker likewise had a middle name initial of “W” (for “Ward”). It is further noted that Jersey is the Channel Island that Dorothy Shields suggested that Emily had gone to in information given for the above 1970s family tree. The census

²² See https://www.freebmd.org.uk/Civil_Regis.html.

²³ See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1891_United_Kingdom_census.

record also confirms that Emily Nicolle was born in Warwickshire. Accordingly, this record almost certainly relates to Emily Walker.²⁴

As to the French connection identified by Dorothy Shields, it is noted that “Nicolle” is indeed a French name.²⁵ The Frederick Cauvin in the record, a “farmer’s servant”,²⁶ is listed as born in France. Further, “John F Nicolle” in the above Family Search record is linked to the person record for “John Frederick Nicolle”, whose father is said to be “Jean Nicolle”, see <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/M3ST-MSX>. Jean is a French forename and in fact the French equivalent of John.²⁷

Dorothy Shields also suggested in information given for the above 1970s family tree that Emily married the son of a judge. Jean Nicolle is listed as a “Farmer Proprietor” on Jersey in the 1861 census, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M75G-V89?treeref=M33Z-PK8>, and also as a “Farmer” in his son’s 1888 marriage record, see below.²⁸ Emily’s husband was listed as a “Farmer & Land Owner”²⁹ in the above 1891 census record, and it is safe to assume that his father was also a land owning farmer.

In England, Justices of the Peace of the time were usually drafted from the land owning class.³⁰ On Jersey in the late 19th century, there were no Justices of the Peace, rather elected lay Judges known as “jurats”.³¹ It seems likely these were also often members of the landed gentry, although various searches to locate any record of a Jean Nicolle as a jurat on Jersey were fruitless.

Notably, a Family Search contributor has specifically attached Emily Sarah Ward Walker to the record of Emily W Nicolle (see the upper right hand side in the above 1891 census record in Family Search). Normally, such information is to be treated cautiously, as it is often guesswork by Family Search contributors.

However, in this case, the attached family tree records that John Frederick Nicolle married Emily Sarah Ward Walker on 22nd December 1888 in “Rugby”, and although no images are available of the parish records of marriages in Marton, Rugby or Rugby St Andrews for 1888,³² the fact of such a marriage is provable through FreeBMD, in that both of them are recorded as having married in the December quarter of 1888 in the Rugby district, and the registration index lists the record of marriage for each of them as being on the exact same page of the same volume of the GRO registers, namely Volume 6D page 858.

This is John’s record.

Search for	Type: Marriages	Surname: Nicolle	First name(s): John
	Start date: Dec 1888	End date: Dec 1888	Spouse/Mother's surname: Walker
	Spouse's first name(s): Emily	District: Rugby	County: Warwickshire
Whilst FreeBMD makes every effort to ensure accurate transcription, errors exist in both the original index and the transcription. You are advised to verify transcription was made in order to verify the reference. Click on the  symbol to view the scan.			
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Surname	First name(s)	District	Vol Page
Marriages Dec 1888 (-9999)			
Nicolle	John Frederick	Rugby	6d 858  

And this is Emily’s record.

²⁴ Especially allowing that Jersey only had a population of 29,553 females in 1891, so the risk of an amazing coincidence is close to nil. See page 25 of the *1891 Census report (Isle of Man, Jersey, Guernsey and the Adjacent Islands)* at <https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Government%20and%20administration/R%201891%20Census%2020220928%20SI.pdf>.

²⁵ See <https://en.geneanet.org/surnames/NICOLLE>.

²⁶ See <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:4B3B-KT2>.

²⁷ See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_\(given_name\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_(given_name)).

²⁸ That marriage record also says John was a resident of Marton, notwithstanding his Jersey residence given in the 1861 census record. According to his person record at <https://www.familysearch.org/en/tree/person/details/M3ST-MSX>, he lived and died on Jersey. The parish record does not accord with these facts, or Dorothy Shields’ information.

²⁹ Actually, Emily’s husband is listed as a “farmer and hand owner”, but that makes no sense, so the software reading the census record has almost certainly mistaken an “L” for an “h”. The illegitimate Emily appears to have definitely landed on her feet.

³⁰ See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Justice_of_the_peace: “Being an unpaid office, ... the justice was typically a member of the gentry. The justices of the peace conducted arraignments in all criminal cases, and tried misdemeanours and infractions of local ordinances and by laws.”

³¹ See <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jurat#Jersey>.

³² See <https://www.familysearch.org/search/image/index?owc=X8N9-829%3A42645501%3Fcc%3D1462403>.

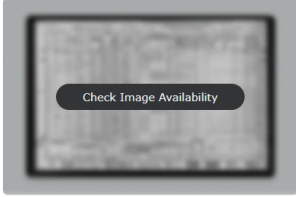
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The person record linked at that Family Search extract for John says that he and Emily married on 22nd December 1888, and also lists 9 “name” sources, the fifth of which is <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QGJ7-KZWZ>, which purports to be an extract from the Warwickshire parish records of a marriage in “Worcestershire”, and not in the Rugby district.

John Fredk Nicolle

Marriage • England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1963

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Sex Male

Spouse's Name Emily Sarah Ward Walker

Spouse's Sex Female

Marriage Date 22 Dec 1888

Marriage Place Worcestershire, England, United Kingdom

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John Frederick Nicolle
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John Fredk Nicolle's Spouses and Children

Name	Relationship	Sex
Emily Sarah Ward Walker	Wife	F

Further searches in FindMyPast located the marriage record, and it proved to have occurred in Marton, and thus in the Rugby district of Warwickshire, although the correct date was 24th December 1888, not the 22nd, see <https://search.findmypast.com/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-EXCLUS%2FMARTON%2FDR0930-02-00054>:

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1888. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Marton in the County of Warwick

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.
103	Dec 24 th	John Fredrick Nicolle	full	Bachelor	Farmer	Marton	John Nicolle	Farmer
		Emily Sarah Ward Walker	full	Spinster	-	Marton	-	-

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by me, *Clarence Smith* near.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, *John Fredrick Nicolle* in the Presence of us, *Albert John Walker* and *Clarence Smith*.

1889. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Marton in the County of Warwick

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.
104	Jan 6 th	William Goodenon	28	Bachelor	Iron	Church Loughton	-	-
		Beulah Ann Thompson	19	Spinster	-	Marton	-	-

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by me, *Clarence Smith* near.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, *William Goodenon* in the Presence of us, *Charles Rees* and *Charlotte Pearson*.

Accordingly, Emily Sarah Ward Walker did marry John Frederick Nicolle on 24th December 1888 in Marton.

A search for an “Emily Nicolle” in Jersey in the Family Search database for the England and Wales 1901 census records returned no result. A search for a “John Frederick Nicolle” in Jersey in the same database returned a man of the right age (by now 47) and birthplace (Jersey), but now living, apparently, in the house of his nephew Ernest Nicolle together with a number of other Nicolles. He is said to be married, but Emily is not in the household. See <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:X91X-28H>.

It may be Emily’s husband, in which case it seems it was Emily who died young, not her husband.³³

³³ The last of the 9 “name” sources linked to John Nicolle’s name, as referred to above, is an extract from the 1911 census of a John Nicolle of the correct age (57) and birthplace (Jersey), but now listed as a “retired law clerk”, and as a boarder with the family of Francis Carrel. He is said to be “widowed”. See <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:X7J4-KLG>.