

Birth, parentage, marriage and death of Sarah Walker nee Wilkins

This brief evidences the details of the birth, parentage, marriage and death of Sarah Walker nee Wilkins.

Those details are –

Baptised on 29th September 1822 at Marton, Warwickshire.

Born to mother Mary Wilkins (father unknown).

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

Died on 21st September 1890 at Marton.

Buried at St Esprit churchyard, Marton, Warwickshire.

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

Sarah'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”.

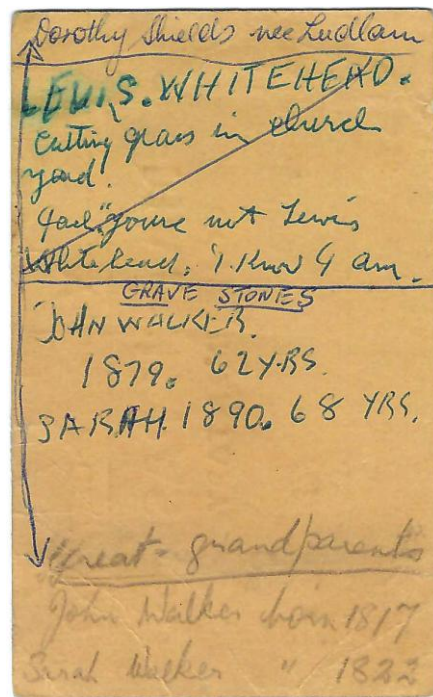
As is apparent from the card below, he had a complimentary pass to go to the Oxford Speedway on 16th July 1953. There are notes in his handwriting on the reverse of the card (see below).²

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.

³ At admin@martonvillage.com.

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!):

"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 also attached a Google aerial with the location of the grave in the Marton churchyard circled in blue.



A Family Search search confirms Sarah's date of death, as its Warwickshire parish registers database includes an extract of a parish record of a Sarah Walker aged 68 being buried in Marton on 26th September 1890, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XXBS-T66>.⁵

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links like Family Tree, Search, Memories, Get Involved, and Activities. Below that, a search bar and user profile (Stephen Palyga) are visible. The main content area displays the record for Sarah Walker, with a dark header bar containing her name and vital information: England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1963. Below this, there are buttons for SAVE, EDIT, and SHARE. The record details include Name (Sarah Walker), Age (68y), Death or Burial Date (26 Sep 1890), Death or Burial Place (Marton, Warwickshire, England), and Event Type (Burial). A Family Tree section on the right has an 'ATTACH TO FAMILY TREE' button. Below the record details, there's a 'Document Information' section with a 'Collection Information' link to 'England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1963'. A 'Cite This Record' section provides a detailed citation: "England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1963," database with images, FamilySearch (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XXBS-T66 : 13 September 2022), Sarah Walker, 26 Sep 1890; Burial; citing , p. , Warwick County Record Office, England; FHL microfilm 1,067,489. A 'Copy Citation' button is at the bottom of this section.

In order to verify Sarah'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. 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.

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH



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Application Number 13518114-1

REGISTRATION DISTRICT					RUGBY			
1890 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
240	Twenty First September 1890 Marton N. L. S.	Sarah Walker	F	68	Widow of John Walker a Journeyman	Endocarditis 6 years Central embolism 2 days certified by Dr. Lloyd Jones M.D.	Mary Ludlam Daughter Present at the Death Marton	Fifteenth September 1890	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

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See note overleaf

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The certificate confirms Sarah's date of death as 21st September 1890.

The certificate also identifies the place of death as Marton, and confirms that Sarah was the widow of John Walker. Also, that Mary Ludlam was Sarah's daughter.

Accordingly, Sarah Walker died on 21st September 1890 at Marton.

Sarah's marriage

Sarah married John Walker on 2nd August 1842 at St Esprit Church, Marton, Warwickshire. See the brief relating to John Walker for verification of those details.

Sarah's birth and parentage

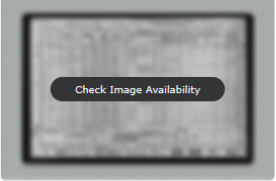
Sarah died on 21st September 1890, and her death certificate (and her headstone) says that she was then 68. If that is correct, she would have been born between 22nd September 1821 and 21st September 1822.

A Family Search extract from the 1851 England and Wales census records provides the details of John Walker's household in Marton in 1851, 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

Attached in Family Tree to

John Walker
1816-1879 • G4BQ-NQR

Similar Records

John Walker
England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1963
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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	▾

The 1851 census was taken on 30th March that year.⁶ It records Sarah as aged 28. If that age is correct, she would have been born between 31st March 1822 and 30th March 1823.

The 1861 census in the village of Marton includes the following record.⁷

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

⁷ Provided to S Palyga by David Fry, Chair of the Marton Local History Group, by email dated 28th January 2023.

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

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Parish, (or Township) of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town of	Hamlet or Tything, &c., of	Ecclesiastical District of			
<i>Marton</i>									
No. of Schedule	Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House	HOUSES in the Schedule	Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf and Dumb
12	<i>Village</i>	1	<i>Josiah Walker</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Mar.</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>Ap. Lab.</i>	<i>Warwickshire Marton</i>	
			<i>Mary Ann Do</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Mar.</i>	<i>22</i>		<i>Warwickshire Marton</i>	
			<i>Robert Do</i>	<i>Son</i>		<i>7</i>		<i>Warwickshire Marton</i>	
13		1	<i>John Hodge</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Mar.</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>Ap. Lab.</i>	<i>Warwickshire Marton</i>	
14		1	<i>Mary Walker</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Mar.</i>	<i>71</i>		<i>Warwickshire Marton</i>	
15		1	<i>Mary Walker</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Mar.</i>	<i>71</i>		<i>Warwickshire Marton</i>	
16		1	<i>Edward Givitt</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Mar.</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>Ap. Lab.</i>	<i>Warwickshire Marton</i>	
17		1	<i>John Walker</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Mar.</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>Ap. Lab.</i>	<i>Warwickshire Marton</i>	
			<i>Mary Do</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Mar.</i>	<i>32</i>		<i>Warwickshire Marton</i>	
			<i>William Do</i>	<i>Son</i>		<i>10</i>	<i>Scholar</i>	<i>Warwickshire Marton</i>	
			<i>Frank Do</i>	<i>Son</i>		<i>1</i>		<i>Warwickshire Marton</i>	
			<i>Mary Wilkins</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Mar.</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>Needlewoman</i>	<i>Warwickshire Marton</i>	
			<i>Susan M. Do</i>	<i>Sister-in-law</i>	<i>Mar.</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>Schoolmistress</i>	<i>Warwickshire Marton</i>	
18		1	<i>Josiah Walker</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Mar.</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Warwickshire Marton</i>	
19		1	<i>William Walker</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Mar.</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>Carpenter</i>	<i>Warwickshire Marton</i>	
20		1	<i>Mary Walker</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Mar.</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>Carpenter</i>	<i>Warwickshire Marton</i>	
			<i>John Do</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Mar.</i>	<i>20</i>		<i>Warwickshire Marton</i>	
			<i>Charles Do</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Mar.</i>	<i>17</i>		<i>Warwickshire Marton</i>	
9	Total of Houses...	8	Total of Males and Females... 13 11						

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The corresponding Family Search record is at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M7G3-ND1>.

The 1861 census was taken on 7th April that year.⁸ It records Sarah as aged 38. If that age is correct, she would have been born between 6th April 1822 and 7th April 1823.

The census record also lists Mary Wilkins (aged 66, and a needlewoman born in Frankton, Warwickshire) and Susan Wilkins (aged 31, and a schoolmistress born in Marton) as living in John Walker's household, and states that they are the mother-in-law and sister-in-law respectively of John as the "head" of the household.

Accordingly, Sarah Walker's mother was Mary Wilkins.

Sarah's familial connection with Mary and Susan is confirmed in that the record for John Walker's household in the previous census in 1851 (see above) likewise indicates that Mary Wilkins and Susan Wilkins were living with John and Sarah in 1851, as they were 10 years later.⁹

The fact that Mary Wilkins was Sarah Walker's mother is further confirmed in that the actual 1851 census record has the extra information recorded under "Relation to Head of Family" that she is the "Wifes Mother". This is the original record obtained through FindMyPast:

⁸ See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1861_United_Kingdom_census.

⁹ 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.

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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				
		Mary Walker	Dau ^r	U	8	Scholar	do				
		Alfred Walker	Son		6	Scholar	do				
		Charlotte Walker	Dau ^r		2		do				
		Miss Joh Walker	Serv		16		do				
		Mary Wilkins	Wife	Mar	34	Sundress	do				
		Susan Mary Wilkins	Dau ^r	U	21	Home Health	do				
		George Woodland	Lodger	Mar	22	Rail Lab ^r	Welford, Wiltshire				
		Wm Quarry	do	U	15	do	do				
33		Edna Quate	Head	Mar	41	Parish Relief	Warwickshire Marton				
		Samy Quate	Wife	Mar	19	do	do				
		Edwin Cox	Visitor		4	Scholar	do				
34		Mary Belcher	Head	U	6	Parish Relief	do				
		John Belcher	Son	U	39	Ag Lab ^r	do				
35		Richard King	Head	U	50	Ag Lab ^r	do				
36		John Edge	Head	Wid ^r	55	Ag Lab ^r	do				
		Ann Edge	Dau ^r		12	at home	do				
		William Edge	Son		10	Scholar	do				
Total of Houses		I 5 U - B -		Total of Persons..		109					

The 1851 and 1861 censuses both record that Sarah was born in Marton.

The Marton parish records of baptisms from 1813 to 1876 are available through Family Search as a set of images.¹⁰

Given that Sarah was likely born in 1821, 1822 or 1823, the Marton images for that period were manually searched, and a record for a Sarah Wilkins baptised in Marton on 29th September 1822 to Mary Wilkins was located. See <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-DRY3-NBT?i=8&cc=1462403&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AXX54-HHB>, image 9 of 113.

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BAPTISMS Registered in the Parish of <i>Marton</i> in the County of <i>Warwick</i> in the Year 1822									
No.	Name	Parents	Age	Sex	Godfather	Godmother	Signature	Signature	Signature
100	John Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	M	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
101	Sarah Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	F	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
102	John Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	M	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
103	Sarah Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	F	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
104	John Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	M	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
105	Sarah Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	F	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
106	John Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	M	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
107	Sarah Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	F	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
108	John Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	M	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
109	Sarah Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	F	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
110	John Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	M	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
111	Sarah Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	F	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
112	John Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	M	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
113	Sarah Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	F	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
114	John Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	M	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
115	Sarah Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	F	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
116	John Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	M	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
117	Sarah Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	F	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
118	John Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	M	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
119	Sarah Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	F	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
120	John Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	M	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			

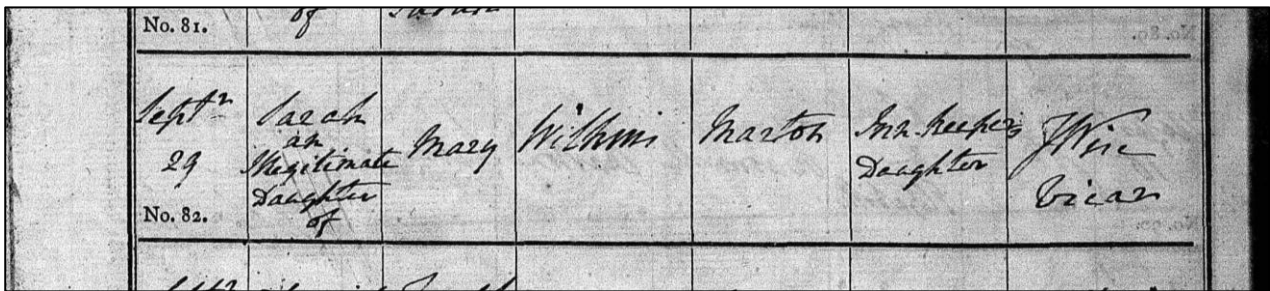
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121	John Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	M	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
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123	John Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	M	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
124	Sarah Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	F	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
125	John Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	M	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
126	Sarah Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	F	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
127	John Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	M	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
128	Sarah Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	F	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
129	John Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	M	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
130	Sarah Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	F	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
131	John Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	M	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
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139	John Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	M	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			
140	Sarah Wilkins	John Wilkins & Mary Wilkins	1	F	John Wilkins	Mary Wilkins			

Image Courtesy of Warwick County Record Office

This is a close-up of the relevant entry.

¹⁰ See <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-DRY3-NJR?i=22&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AXX5H-SPX>.



A manual search of all the images for Marton baptisms from February 1813 through to November 1829 verified that no other Sarah Wilkins was baptised in Marton in that period.

Sarah's death on 21st September 1890 was 8 days short of 68 years after her christening, but as her christening might follow her birth by some time, her death age of 68 correlates.

No father is recorded for Sarah. In fact, the parish register expressly confirms that Sarah was illegitimate.

The record of the baptism of Sarah's sister Susan Mary Wilkins on 29th November 1829 in Marton¹¹ does not assist in identifying any partner relationship that Mary Wilkins was in, and which may have been ongoing, and thus identifying a potential father for Sarah, as no father is named in Susan's baptism record either.

Indeed, it is likely that Mary Wilkins never married (see the brief relating to her).

Accordingly, Sarah was baptised in Marton on 29th September 1822.

Her mother was Mary Wilkins, and her father, who was not named in the christening record, is now unknown.

What became of Sarah after John Walker died in 1879?

A search of Family Search's 1871 census database did not locate the John Walker household,¹² nor did a FreeCEN search.¹³

However, the 1881 census returns a Sarah Walker, born in Marton, and now a widow and living in the Marton household of one William Hands, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q27N-PVSP>.

¹¹ See <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-DRY3-FDX?cc=1462403&wc=XDM1-ZNL%3A42645501%2C1583867710%2C1583867709>, image 13 of 113. The relevant Family Search extract from its England Births and Christenings database is at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NGB2-2BT>.

¹² See the unsuccessful search at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyPlace=Marton%2C%20Warwickshire%2C%20England%2C%20United%20Kingdom&q.givenName=John&q.otherGivenName=Sarah&q.otherSurname=Walker&q.surname=Walker&f.collectionId=1538354>.

¹³ Only a fraction of Warwickshire's 1871 census records have as at the time of writing this brief (2023) been added to the FreeCEN database. See https://www.freecen.org.uk/freecen_coverage_graph/pct/WAR/1871.

Sarah Walker

Census • England and Wales Census, 1881

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Name **Sarah Walker**
Sex **Female**
Age **57**
Event Date **1881**
Event Place **Marton, Warwickshire, England**
Registration District **Rugby**
Event Type **Census**
Birth Year (Estimated) **1824**
Birthplace **Marton, Warwickshire, England**
Marital Status **Widow**
Occupation **Monthly Nurse**
Relationship to Head of Household **Mother**
Page Number **14**
Piece/Folio **3081/81**
Registration Number **RG11**

Family Tree

ATTACH TO FAMILY TREE

Similar Records

No similar records were found.

Sarah Walker's Spouses and Children

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William Hands Son M 48 Eathorpe Wapenbury, Warwickshire, England

Name **William Hands**
Sex **Male**
Age **48**
Event Date **1881**
Event Place **Marton, Warwickshire, England**
Registration District **Rugby**
Event Type **Census**
Birth Year (Estimated) **1833**
Birthplace **Eathorpe Wapenbury, Warwickshire, England**
Marital Status **Married**
Occupation **Blacksmith**
Relationship to Head of Household **Head**
Page Number **14**
Piece/Folio **3081/81**
Registration Number **RG11**

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Charlotte Hands F 32 Marton, Warwickshire, England

Name **Charlotte Hands**
Sex **Female**
Age **32**
Event Date **1881**
Event Place **Marton, Warwickshire, England**
Registration District **Rugby**
Event Type **Census**
Birth Year (Estimated) **1849**
Birthplace **Marton, Warwickshire, England**
Marital Status **Married**
Relationship to Head of Household **Wife**
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Registration Number **RG11**

Susan E M Hands F 6 Marton, Warwickshire, England

Frank Walker M 21 Marton, Warwickshire, England

Name **Frank Walker**
Sex **Male**
Age **21**
Event Date **1881**
Event Place **Marton, Warwickshire, England**
Registration District **Rugby**
Event Type **Census**
Birth Year (Estimated) **1860**
Birthplace **Marton, Warwickshire, England**
Marital Status **Single**
Occupation **Blacksmith (Journeyman)**
Relationship to Head of Household **Brother In Law**
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William Hands, a blacksmith aged 48, is the head of the house. The 57 year old Sarah is said to be his mother, but that of course is impossible given his age, and, as becomes obvious, see below, she is in fact his mother-in-law.

This 1881 census record states that Charlotte Hands is the wife of the head of the household William Hands. Charlotte is said to be 32 and born in Marton, and Sarah's daughter Charlotte was 2 at the time of the 1851 census (see above) 30 years previous, and also was noted in that census as born in Marton.

The record also states that Frank Walker is the brother-in-law of the head of the household William Hands. Frank is said to be 21 and born in Marton, and Sarah's son Frank was 1 at the time of the 1861 census (see above) 20 years previous, and also was noted in that census as born in Marton.

The overwhelming inference from these facts is that these persons are Sarah, formerly married to John Walker, and her children Charlotte and Frank. By 1881 John Walker was dead according to his headstone (see above), and the three persons named in the 1881 census not only live together, their ages and birthplaces are exact matches to previous census records (except for Sarah's age, which is one year out, but that is unremarkable for the times).¹⁴

Given that Frank is Sarah and John's son, it follows from his naming as William Hands' brother-in-law in the 1881 census, that Frank's mother Sarah is William Hand's mother-in-law.

It thus can be concluded confidently that Sarah, formerly married to John Walker, and now widowed, and also her son Frank, were by 1881 living with her daughter Charlotte's family.

¹⁴ Sarah is said to be 57 in the 1881 census record. She was baptised in Marton on 29th September 1822 (see above). The 1881 census was conducted on 3rd April 1881, see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1881_United_Kingdom_census, so by then Sarah almost certainly would have been 58.