

Birth, parentage, marriage and death of Sophia Ludlam nee Blockley

This brief evidences the details of the birth, parentage, marriage and death of Sophia Ludlam nee Blockley.

Those details are –

Sophia was born in Ullesthorpe, Leicestershire on 9th April 1801. Her parents were John and Ann Blockley.

She was baptised in nearby Claybrooke on 5th July 1801.

Sophia married Charles Ludlam at St Mary de Castro, Leicester on 22nd October 1832.

She died on the 12th May 1875 at 5 The Newarke, Leicester.

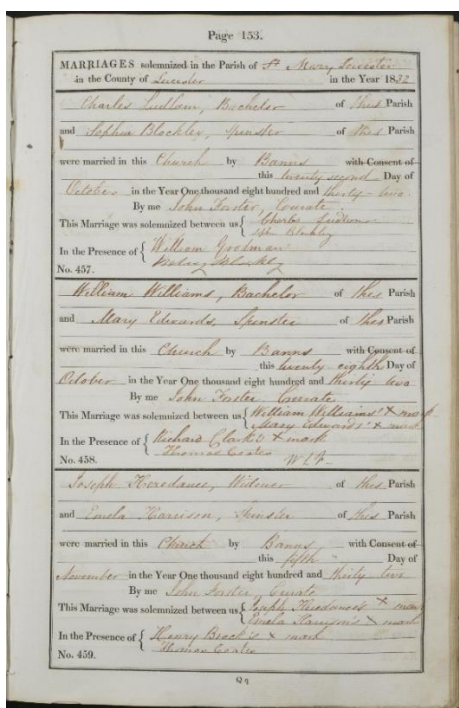
The research for this brief was conducted in early 2023 and mid-2026.

Sophia's marriage

Sophia married Charles Ludlam at St Mary de Castro church, Leicester on 22nd October 1832, see the brief relating to Charles Ludlam junior for verification of that fact.

The St Mary parish record of the marriage is at

<https://search.findmypast.com/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FLEICS%2F102027990%2F00161&parentid=GBPRS%2FLEICS%2FMAR%2F00062587%2F1>:



This is a close up of the relevant entry:

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MARRIAGES solemnized in the Parish of St Mary Leicester
in the County of Leicester in the Year 1832

Charles Ludlam, Bachelor of this Parish
and Sophia Blockley, Spinster of this Parish
were married in this Church by Banns with Consent of
this twenty second Day of
October in the Year One thousand eight hundred and thirty-two.
By me John Foster, Curate.
This Marriage was solemnized between us { Charles Ludlam
Sophia Blockley
In the Presence of { William Goodman
Betsy Blockley
No. 457.

Notably, one of the witnesses signs a name that appears to be Betsy Blockley.

Also, the Sophia Ludlam person record in Family Search attached to this marriage record suggests one source record for it is a newspaper announcement of it, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QLS4-VTC3?lang=en>.¹ That announcement, which appeared in a list of marriages in the *Leicester Herald* of 31st October 1832 (page 3), was located in FindMyPast, see <https://www.findmypast.com/image-viewer?issue=BL%2F0002151%2F18321031&page=3>, and notes that Sophia is the second daughter of Mr John Blockley, of Ullesthorpe. The notice is as follows:²

Hinckley.
On Monday, at St. Mary's, by the Rev. Mr. Foster, Mr.
Charles Ludlam, to Sophia, second daughter of Mr. John
Blockley, of Ullesthorpe.
At Lutterworth on Thursday, Mr. Cox, miller and baker.

In a letter to his daughter Dorothy Shields dated 2nd December 1942, Alfred Charles John Ludlam (the son of Albert John Ludlam, see the brief relating to Alfred Charles John Ludlam) stated that his grandmother's maiden name was Blockley Ball, and she was from Claybrook, Leicestershire.

As noted in the brief relating to Albert John Ludlam, Ullesthorpe in Leicestershire adjoins the twin villages of Claybrooke Magna and Claybrooke Parva. All three villages are less than a mile apart. The fact that Sophia was the daughter of John Blockley of Ullesthorpe, as noted above, thus correlates with Alfred's information in his 1942 letter that his grandmother came from Claybrook, Leicestershire.³

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

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

² The 31st October 1832 was in fact a Wednesday. The preceding Monday would have been the 29th, with the Monday before that the 22nd. The wedding date was plainly the 22nd, see the parish marriage record above.

³ The three villages are each just over 11 miles south-south-west of the centre of Leicester.

Dec 2nd 1944

27 Sayfield Street
Kogarah
N.S.W.

My Dear Dolly & family

We have to apologise for missing Kath's birthday but am sending her a card to-day just to show we have not forgotten wishing her all the best of good luck and good health, and am very pleased to hear she is such a great help to her mother in the shop, also Josie too. I suppose we would hardly know any of them now, they will have grown so much in the last two years, we were glad to hear you were all getting on so well in the shop, and hope someday to see you all again. I am still under the doctor, but am progressing slowly. I can get about now, and dress myself without any help, but it is a slow & painful ordeal I have to go in to the doctor early in January 1945, when I hope to be very much better by then. Mother has her time taken up assisting Josie with the new baby, he is five months old now, and is a fine kiddie, his name Kenneth. Alf's wife also presented him with another daughter Robin. They are all getting on well. I was surprised to read of your interest with a Mr Ludlam, your Uncle Jack in Country has been for years, trying to trace members of the Ludlam family, and met several of them.

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but was never successful in meeting relatives, if you should ever meet this gentleman again, I can give you some enlightenment on our ancestor - My grandfather was Mr Charles Ludlam, and carried on business as a Carriage trimmer and upholsterer in Leicester, Abbeygate Street. I think it was my grandmother's maiden name was Blackly Ball, of Blagbrook Leicestershire, but I was very young when they died, there were several sons, my father Albert died suddenly when I was four years of age, and the other sons (Uncles) we lost trace of them all, as my poor mother went home to her own people the Walkers at Manton, Warwickshire, where we lived all through our school days. It would be very interesting should you come across a lost relative, if only to know what became of the others.

Well I will close now, with my best love to yourself and Kath, and all the family, hoping to hear from you again soon.

your aff. Dad
Alf Ludlam

Sophia's birth

The following four census records are demonstrated in the brief relating to Charles Ludlam junior to be for Charles and Sophia's family.

The 1841 England Census has Sophia aged 35, and born in Leicestershire, see

<https://search.findmypast.com/record?id=GBC%2F1841%2F0605%2F0495&parentid=GBC%2F1841%2F0010506564>:

PLACE	HOUSES Number of Inhabited	NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night	AGE SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or INDEPENDENT MEANS	Where Born	
			Male	Female		Whether Born in same County	Whether Born in same Country or Foreign
1	1	Robert Elliott	35		Bookkeeper	Y	
2	1	John Cooper	20			Y	
3	1	John Wright	40		Bookkeeper	Y	
4	1	John de	40			Y	
5	1	Emma de	40			Y	
6	1	John de	40			Y	
7	1	John de	40			Y	
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9	1	John de	40			Y	
10	1	John de	40			Y	
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100	1	John de	40			Y	
TOTAL in	100		11	14			

The 1841 census was taken on the 6th June,⁴ and hence the census record implies a date range for Sophia's birth of between 7th June 1805 and 6th June 1806. However, the ages in 40 of the 50 entries on the above two pages appear to have been rounded up or down to the nearest "5" or "0", and hence Sophia's recorded age is likely to be imprecise.

The 1851 England Census has Sophia aged 45, and born at Ullesthorpe, see

<https://search.findmypast.com/record?id=GBC%2F1851%2F4355387%2F00758&parentid=GBC%2F1851%2F012457268>:

Parish or Township of <i>St. Nicholas</i>		Ecclesiastical District of <i>St. Nicholas</i>		City or Borough of <i>Leicester</i>		Town of <i>Leicester</i>		Village of <i>Leicester</i>	
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				
1. <i>The Minster</i>	<i>Elizabeth Pearson</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>43</i>		<i>Domestic</i>	<i>Leicester</i>	☒	
	<i>George Henry</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>17</i>		<i>Gen. Serv.</i>	<i>Leicester</i>	☒	
	<i>William Henry</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>38</i>		<i>Household Serv.</i>	<i>Leicester</i>	☒	
	<i>Isaac Gifford</i>	<i>Widow</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>30</i>		<i>Servant</i>	<i>Leicester</i>	☒	
	<i>Emma Fisher</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>11</i>		<i>Nurse Serv.</i>	<i>Leicester</i>	☒	
2. <i>St. Nicholas</i>	<i>Stephen J. Arlton</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>31</i>		<i>Household Serv.</i>	<i>Leicester</i>	☒	
	<i>William Arlton</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>31</i>		<i>Widow of a</i>	<i>Leicester</i>	☒	
	<i>John Arlton</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>5</i>		<i>Scholar</i>	<i>Leicester</i>	☒	
	<i>William Arlton</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>Servant</i>	<i>Leicester</i>	☒	
	<i>May Sharp</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>15</i>		<i>Gen. Serv.</i>	<i>Leicester</i>	☒	
3. <i>St. Nicholas</i>	<i>Charles Ludlam</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>43</i>		<i>House painter</i>	<i>Leicester</i>	☒	
	<i>Sophia Ludlam</i>	<i>Widow</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>45</i>		<i>Household Serv.</i>	<i>Leicester</i>	☒	
	<i>William Ludlam</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>18</i>		<i>Painter</i>	<i>Leicester</i>	☒	
	<i>Albert Ludlam</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>14</i>		<i>Painter</i>	<i>Leicester</i>	☒	
	<i>Ann Reception</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>65</i>		<i>Widow of a</i>	<i>Leicester</i>	☒	
4. <i>St. Nicholas</i>	<i>William Reception</i>	<i>Widow</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>50</i>		<i>Widow of a</i>	<i>Leicester</i>	☒	
	<i>James W. Reception</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>40</i>		<i>Scholar in Establishment</i>	<i>Leicester</i>	☒	
	<i>Emily W. Reception</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>15</i>		<i>Servant</i>	<i>Leicester</i>	☒	
	<i>John W. Reception</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>13</i>		<i>Servant</i>	<i>Leicester</i>	☒	
	<i>William Reception</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>10</i>		<i>General Teacher</i>	<i>Leicester</i>	☒	
Total Persons				<i>7</i>	<i>44</i>				

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Reference: —

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The 1851 census was taken on 30th March,⁵ and hence the census record implies a date range for Sophia's birth of between 31st March 1805 and 30th March 1806.

The 1861 England Census has Sophia aged 54, and born at Ullesthorpe, see

<https://search.findmypast.com/record?id=GBC%2F1861%2F2295%2F00560A&parentid=GBC%2F1861%2F0012308143>:

⁴ See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1841_United_Kingdom_census.

⁵ See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1851_United_Kingdom_census.

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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	Ecological District of			
Sutton	Sutton	St. Mary	Sutton	Sutton		Sutton			
No. of Schedule	Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House	HOUSES In the Parish (or Township)	Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf, or Crazy
24	7 Newarke	1	Charles Ludlam	Head	Mar	54	Coach Painter	Sutton Sutton	
24	5 do	1	Sophia Ludlam	Wife	Mar	54		Sutton Sutton	
25	13 do	1	Robert D. Rother	Head	Mar	44	Coach Painter	Sutton Sutton	
			Catherine Rother	Wife	Mar	44		Sutton Sutton	
			Thomas Rother	Son	Mar	12	Scholar	do	
			Stephen Rother	Son	Mar	11	do	do	
			Mary R. Rother	Daughter	Mar	9	do	do	
			Sarah Rother	Daughter	Mar	5	do	do	
			Andrew Rother	Son	Mar	3	do	do	
26	1 do	1	William Bygg	Head	Mar	56	General Servant	Sutton Sutton	
			Mary A. Bygg	Wife	Mar	47	Manufacture	do	
			Mary M. Bygg	Daughter	Mar	33	do	do	
			William M. Bygg	Son	Mar	21	Manufacture	do	
			John M. Bygg	Son	Mar	19	do	do	
			Robert M. Bygg	Son	Mar	17	Student	do	
			Arthur M. Bygg	Son	Mar	15	Scholar	do	
			Arthur E. Bygg	Son	Mar	10	House Servant	do	
			Emma Bulliffe	do	Mar	70	do	do	
			Mary Wick	do	Mar	74	do	do	
3	Total of Houses...	3							
			Total of Males and Females...			10	11		

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The 1861 census was taken on the 7th April,⁶ and hence the census record implies a date range for Sophia's birth of between 6th April 1806 and 7th April 1807.

The 1871 England Census has Sophia aged 64, and born in Ullesthorpe, see

<https://search.findmypast.com/record?id=GBC%2F1871%2F3285%2F0140&parentid=GBC%2F1871%2F0017490642>:

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Parish (or Township) of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town of	Village or Hamlet, &c., of	Local Board, or (Incorporated) Commissioners (District) of	Ecological District of		
<i>Saint Marys</i>	<i>Leicester</i>	<i>West Saint Marys</i>	<i>Leicester</i>	<i>Leicester</i>		<i>Leicester</i>	<i>Saint Marys</i>		
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES In the Parish (or Township)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON- DITION	AGE of Male (Male)	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	Whether 1. Deaf-Blind 2. Blind 3. Imbecile or Lame 4. Insane
1	7 Newarke	1	P. A. Jackson Sarah Jackson David East George Miller	Head Wife Sons	Mar do do	74 63 26 20	Surgeon <i>Leicester</i> <i>Leicester</i> <i>Leicester</i>	<i>Leicester</i> <i>Leicester</i> <i>Leicester</i> <i>Leicester</i>	
2	5 South Gate	1	Page Goodman Charles Ludlam John Ludlam Robert Ludlam	Son Head Wife Sons	Mar Mar Mar Mar	12 63 60 33	<i>Leicester</i> Carriage Builder <i>Leicester</i> Painter	<i>Leicester</i> <i>Leicester</i> <i>Leicester</i> <i>Leicester</i>	
3	7 Newarke	1	George Bellairs George Charles Mary Walker Thomas Goodman Robert Goodman	Head Sons Sons do do	Mar Mar Mar do do	74 70 27 23 20	No occupation Scholar Singer do do	<i>Leicester</i> <i>Leicester</i> <i>Leicester</i> <i>Leicester</i> <i>Leicester</i>	
4	1 South Gate	1	Henry Lane John Lane Elizabeth Lane Sarah Ann Lane John Lane Henry Lane Robert Lane	Head Wife do do do do do	Mar Mar Mar Mar Mar Mar Mar	36 36 8 7 3 1 1	Green River do Scholar do do do do	<i>Leicester</i> <i>Leicester</i> <i>Leicester</i> <i>Leicester</i> <i>Leicester</i> <i>Leicester</i> <i>Leicester</i>	
4	South Gate	1	Sarah Ann Lane Oliver Lane Mary Lane	Son Sons Sons	Mar Mar Mar	22 14 27	No occupation Spinster Machine worker	<i>Leicester</i> <i>Leicester</i> <i>Leicester</i>	
6	Total of Houses...	4	Total of Males and Females...			10	13		

* Draw the pen through such of the words as are inappropriate.

Eng. Sheet C.

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⁶ See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1861_United_Kingdom_census.

The 1871 census was taken on the 2nd April,⁷ and hence the census record implies a date range for Sophia's birth of between 3rd April 1806 to 2nd April 1807.

The censuses thus suggest Sophia was born between early 1805 and early 1807. Further, having married in 1832, and with Charles born on 24th April 1807 (see the brief relating to him), one may expect that Sophia also was born in the first decade of the 1800s or thereabouts.

A Family Search search for a Sophia Blockley record in Leicestershire about 1805⁸ produced one record only, of a baptism to John and Ann Blockley in Claybrooke on 5th July 1801 after a birth on 9th April 1801, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QP49-L7Q3>:

The screenshot shows a FamilySearch record for Sophia Blockley. The record is titled "Sophia Blockley" and is from the "Vital • England, Leicestershire Parish Registers, 1533-1991". It includes a "Check Image Availability" button and a "Cite This Record" section. The baptism details are as follows:

Field	Value
Event Type	Baptism
Name	Sophia Blockley
Baptism Date	5 Jul 1801
Baptism Place	Claybrooke, Leicestershire, England, United Kingdom
Baptism Place (Original)	Leicestershire, England, Claybrooke
Birth Date	9 Apr 1801
Religion	Anglican
Father's Name	John
Mother's Name	Ann
Record Number	GBPRS/LEICS/BAP/00527763

Below the baptism details, there is a section for "Sophia Blockley's Parents and Siblings" with a table:

Name	Relationship	Gender
John	Father	M
Ann	Mother	F

On the right side, there is a "Possible Family Tree Match" for Sophia Blockley (1801-Deceased) and a "Similar Records" section.

The father's name, John, matches Sophia's father's name given in her above marriage notice, and the baptism in Claybrooke matches her stated birthplace in census records of the adjacent Ullesthorpe, and also matches Alfred's statement in his 1942 letter to his daughter Dorothy Shields as to where his paternal grandmother hailed from.

This record links through to John Blockley's person record at <https://www.familysearch.org/en/tree/person/details/MNGZ-YKW>, which gives Sophia as his third (not second) daughter, and also gives Sophia a sister named Betsy.

Sophia's above baptism record was located in FindMyPast, see <https://search.findmypast.com/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FLEICS%2F102197542%2F00043&parentid=GBPRS%2FLEICS%2FBAP%2F00527763>:

⁷ See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1871_United_Kingdom_census.

⁸ See <https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.birthLikeDate.from=1805&q.birthLikePlace=Leicestershire%2C%20England%2C%20United%20Kingdom&q.birthLikePlace.exact=on&q.givenName=Sophia&q.givenName.exact=on&q.surname=Blockley>.

This is a close up of the relevant entry:

The last column is headed “Residence”, so although John and Ann baptised Sophia in the church at nearby Claybrooke, they were from Ullesthorpe, so Sophia was highly likely born in Ullesthorpe.

A FindMyPast search for any Sophia Blockley birth in Leicestershire between 1795 and 1815⁹ produced no additional births or baptisms in that period.

Accordingly, Sophia Blockley was born in Ullesthorpe on 9th April 1801, baptised in Claybrooke on 5th July 1801, and her parents were John and Ann Blockley.

(Notably, Sophia was just over 6 years older than Charles, and by 1840 she was approaching 40, which tends to explain why only 3 children of Charles and Sophia, who married in 1832, see above, were located. They were born in 1834, 1836 and 1837).

Sophia's death

Sophia was still alive and living with Charles at 5 The Newarke, Leicester in the 1871 census, see above.

A FreeBMD search was done for any Sophia Ludlam death in Leicestershire between 1871 and 1910, and it returned one record only, as follows:

⁹ See https://search.findmypast.com/search-england-records?firstname=sophia&lastname=blockley&yearofbirth=1805&yearofbirth_offset=10&keywordsplace=leicestershireutf002c%20england&keywordsplace_proximity=5.

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 Start date: Mar 1871 End date: Dec 1910 County: Leicestershire

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Deaths Jun 1875 (-1894)					
Ludlam	Sophia	73	Leicester 7a	156	

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However, the additional record, of an 84 year old dying in Belper in 1875, is not of Sophia the mother of Albert as it would have her born about 1791, not 1801, and in any case Belper is 30 miles north-north-west of Leicester in Derbyshire.

The image of the index to the GRO death register which is linked to the Leicester result of the FreeBMD search is as follows:¹⁰

¹⁰ The Family Search transcript of the index entry is at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:2JKH-R3Q>.

LUDEIN, Rupert.	0.....	Bethnal Green	1 c.	151
LUDLAM, Grace.	58.....	Hunslet	9 b.	194
— Sophia.	73.....	Leicester	7 a.	156
— William.	62.....	Leicester	7 a.	166

As to the above Leicester death in the June quarter of 1875, as located through a FreeBMD search, the location obviously matches, and the birth date matches – being born on 9th April 1801, Sophia would have been 73 at the start of the June 1875 quarter.

Accordingly, Sophia Ludlam died April-June 1875 in Leicester. Using that information, and the known volume and page number of Sophia's GRO death registration as set out in the GRO index above, on 9th July 2026, a copy of the relevant registered death details was ordered from the General Register Office (UK), and this is what was supplied:¹¹

¹¹ The headings above the document are as per the search as it is viewable online.

No.	When and Where Died.	Name and Surname.	Sex.	Age.	Rank or Profession.	Cause of Death.	Signature, Description and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.
5	Twelfth May 1875 5 The Newarke Leicester	Sophia Ludlam	Female	48 years	Wife of Charles Ludlam Coach Builder	Old Age Certified by R.A. Jackson M.R.C.S.	Charles Ludlam Informant of Deceased Present at the Death 5 The Newarke Leicester	Twelfth May 1875	J.M. Alister Registrar
	Twelfth					Natural	Certificate preserved		

Sophia is specifically named in the record as the wife of a Charles Ludlam. Charles is named as the informant, and as a coach builder. At the time, Charles' occupation was indeed that of a coach builder, see the 1871 England Census record above.

Further, Sophia died at 5 The Newarke, and that address is also specified in the record as Charles' residence. That address was indeed occupied by Charles and Sophia, the parents of Albert John Ludlam, see the 1851, 1861 and 1871 England Census records above. That was also the then business address of Charles Ludlam junior, see the Appendix to the brief relating to him.

Accordingly, Sophia Ludlam died on 12th May 1875 at 5 The Newarke, Leicester.