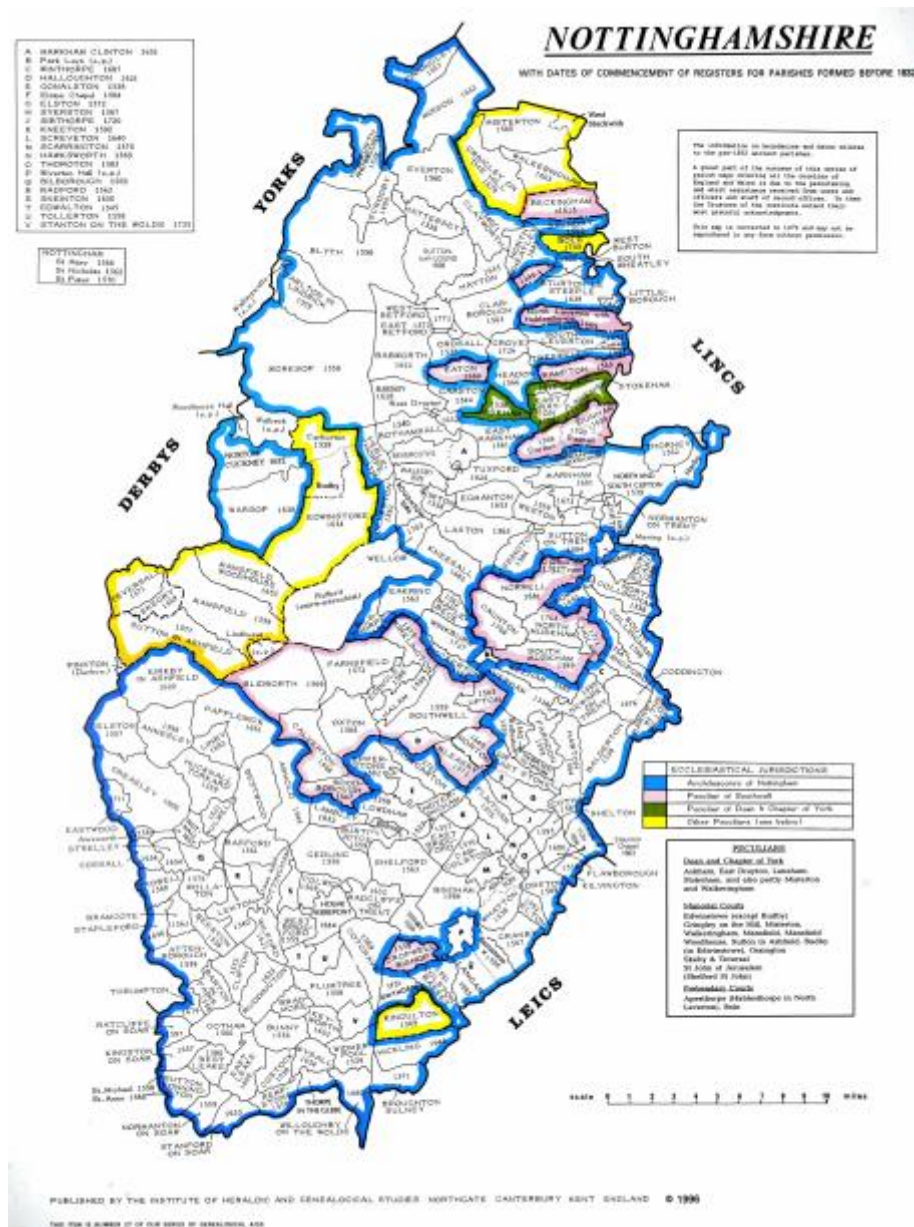


Christopher Sadler

There is a record of the Christening of Christopher Sadler in Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire on 19th July 1812. His parents are named as Samuel and Elizabeth Sadler. Sutton in Ashfield is in the Registration District of Mansfield so that is where his birth would have been registered.

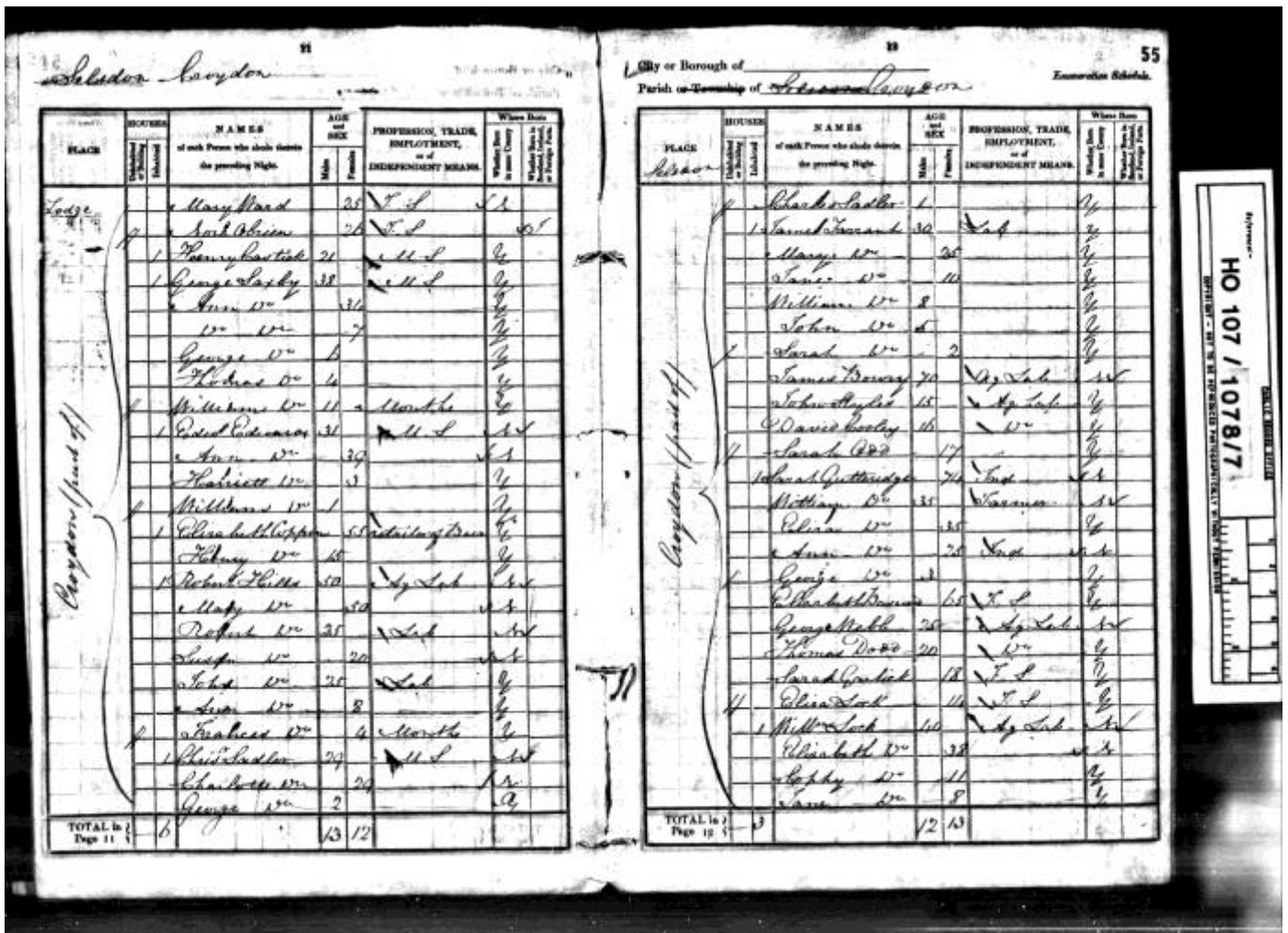
By the time of the 1841 census, Christopher was married to Charlotte, with 2 children and living in Selsdon. 1841 was the date of the first full census of England and the data collected was less detailed than in later censuses. There is no full detail of place of birth, just a Y/N as to whether the person was born in the same county as s/he now lives. Both children were born in the same county (ie Surrey) which suggests that Christopher and his wife moved to Selsdon soon after their marriage and before they started their family.



Most 1841 records do show a full address under PLACE but this one has no detail listing several pages of names (approximately 100 people) under the place name ‘Lodge’ or ‘Selsdon’ or “Croydon (Parish of)’. All those listed on these pages were ‘Agricultural Labourers’, ‘Farmers’, or Male or Female Servants. This suggests that the cottages inhabited by all those who worked for the estate did not have proper addresses at that time.

1841 CENSUS - SELSDON, CROYDON				
PLACE	NAME	AGE	EMPLOYMENT	Whether Born in Same County
Croydon (part of)	Christopher Sadler	29	Male Servant	N
	Charlotte Sadler	29		N
	George Sadler	2		Y
	Charles Sadler	1		Y

The Sadler record is at the bottom of the first page and breaks over the page with young Charles listed at the top of the next column.



Later censuses show that Christopher's wife Charlotte also came from Nottingham. We cannot know why they would leave the area to come to Croydon. However, there is a probable record of their marriage in Marylebone in June 1838. The Free BMD record listing gives only the names of all those married in the June quarter (ie April-June) of 1838 – without showing who married whom. To get this information it is necessary to send for a full marriage certificate which costs £10. However, there is a Charlotte on this list and it seems likely that Christopher was married to Charlotte Stocks.

Surname	First name(s)	District	Vol	Page
Marriages Jun 1838 (>99%)				
BRUMELL	George Archer	Marylebone	1	225
FURLEY	Harriett	Marylebone	1	225
GOODERHAM	Francis	Marylebone	1	225
HARDING	Sophia	Marylebone	1	225
MAKEPEACE	Benjamin	Marylebone	1	225
SADLER	Christopher	Marylebone	1	225
STOCKS	Charlotte	Marylebone	1	225
WAIT	Ann	Marylebone	1	225

Indeed, a record can be found in the 'London, England Church of England Marriages and Banns' of a marriage between Christopher and Charlotte on April 3rd 1838 in St Mary's Church, Marylebone, Middlesex. At the time of their marriage Christopher was recorded as living in Portman Square and Charlotte in Croydon. It is notable that both bride and groom 'made their mark' on the register (as opposed to signing) which suggests that both were illiterate, as were most people at that time.

Charlotte was living in Croydon at the time of the marriage. Perhaps her family had come here first and Christopher came south to join her.

1832. Marriage solemnized at St. Mary's Church in the Parish of S. Marybone in the County of Middlesex.

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.
128	April 3	Christopher Sadler Charlotte Stocks	40 23	Bachelor Spinster	Groom	Portland Square Croydon	Samuel Sadler John Stocks	Laborer

Married in the above Church, according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by me, W. Charlton Curate

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Christopher Sadler & his Wife in the Presence of us, Thomas Stockham & Mary Hartog

By the 1851 census the Sadler family had grown. Again, there is no proper address on the record – this is simply stated as 'Cottage.'

Census 1851 – Croydon - Selsdon						
Name of Street and Name or No of House	Name and Surname of each person	Rel to Head of Family	Condition	Age	Rank, Profession or Occupation	Where Born
Cottage	Christopher Sadler	Head	Married	39	Groom	Notts, Mansfield
	Charlotte	Wife	Married	38		Notts Sutton-on-Trent
	George	Son		11	Scholar	Surrey Croydon
	Charles	Son		10	Scholar	Surrey Croydon
	Eliza	Daughter		8	Scholar	Surrey Croydon
	James	Son		6	Scholar	Surrey Croydon
	Emma	Daughter		4	Scholar	Surrey Croydon
	John	Son		1	Scholar	Surrey Croydon

By 1861 George, Charles and Elizabeth had left home, James was working as a Garden Boy and a further daughter, Anne, had been born. However, John, who would have been 11 years old, is not shown on the record. Although the age is not given on this record it seems a probable death of baby John during the September quarter (July, Aug, Sept) of his second year. (The 1851 census was conducted in March.) The loss of a child was not uncommon at that time but would have been felt just as deeply.

Surname First name(s) Age District Vol Page

Deaths Sep 1851 (>99%)

SADLER John [Croydon](#) 4 [82](#)

Census 1861 – Croydon - Selsdon						
Name of Street and Name or No of House	Name and Surname of each person	Rel to Head of Family	Condition	Age	Rank, Profession or Occupation	Where Born
High Rd, S Addington, Selsdon Cottages	Christopher Sadler	Head	Married	49	Stableman	Notts, Mansfield
	Charlotte	Wife	Married	38		Notts Sutton-on-Trent
	James	Son		16	Garden Boy	Surrey Selsdon Croydon
	Emma	Daughter		14	Scholar	Surrey Selsdon Croydon
	Anne	Daughter		8	Scholar	Surrey Selsdon Croydon

By 1871 all the children had flown the nest but Christopher and Charlotte were still living in the cottages. These were now numbered and they lived at no. 4. The Lover family were close neighbours at no. 1 (see below).

Census 1871 – Croydon - Selsdon						
Name of Street and Name or No of House	Name and Surname of each person	Rel to Head of Family	Condition	Age	Rank, Profession or Occupation	Where Born
Lower Selsdon Cottages 4	Christopher Sadler	Head	Married	60	General Servant	Notts, Mansfield
	Charlotte	Wife	Married	60		Notts Sutton-on-Trent

The 1881 record is virtually identical although again the cottages are not numbered. This suggest that the numbering in 1871 was given by the census enumerator rather than representing a true address.

Census 1881 – Croydon - Selsdon						
Name of Street and Name or No of House	Name and Surname of each person	Rel to Head of Family	Condition	Age	Rank, Profession or Occupation	Where Born
Cottage	Christopher Sadler	Head	Married	68	Retired Groom	Notts, Mansfield
	Charlotte	Wife	Married	68		Notts Sutton-on-Trent

By 1891 Christopher was a widower, living with his housekeeper Lucy Cooper. Charlotte had died, aged 75, in the second quarter of 1888.

Surname First name(s) Age District Vol Page

Deaths Jun 1888 (>99%)

SADLER Charlotte 75 [Croydon](#) 2a [155](#)

Census 1891 – Croydon - Sanderstead						
Name of Street and Name or No of House	Name and Surname of each person	Rel to Head of Family	Condition	Age	Rank, Profession or Occupation	Where Born
Cottage	Christopher Sadler	Head	Widower	78	Retired Stableman	Notts, Mansfield
	Lucy Cooper	Housekeeper	Spinster	70	Domestic	Surrey, Beddington

Christopher died in the third quarter of 1892 at the age of 79.

Surname First name(s) Age District Vol Page

Deaths Sep 1892 (>99%)

Sadler Christopher 79 [Croydon](#) 2a [118](#)

James Lover

Unlike Christopher Sadler, James Lover was a local boy born and bred.

His Baptism is recorded in the Parish of Farley on 17th January 1813.

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <u>Farley</u> in the County of <u>Surrey</u> in the Year 1813.						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1813. January 17 th No. 1.	Thomas son of	John & Sarah	Lover	Croydon Crook	Husbandman	Phlegm's father

In the 1841 census he was listed as an Agricultural Labourer on the Selsdon estate. His listing is on the page adjacent to the one where Christopher Sadler is shown and also lacks any detailed address.

1841 CENSUS - CROYDON				
PLACE	NAME	AGE	EMPLOYMENT	Whether Born in Same County
Selsdon Lodge Croydon (part of)	James Lover	26	Agricultural Labourer	Y

Unlike Christopher, James is not listed with any family members but amongst a group of other single males so he was probably unmarried at that time.

However by 1851 he was married with 4 children. Again he is recorded on an adjacent page to the Sadlers. They were close neighbours and they, and their children, must have known each other well

Census 1851 – Parish of Croydon						
Name of Street and Name or No of House	Name and Surname of each person	Rel to Head of Family	Condition	Age	Rank, Profession or Occupation	Where Born
Cottage	James Lover	Head	Married	35	Garden Labourer	Surrey, Farleigh
	Sophie	Wife	Married	28		Surrey, Warlingham
	William	Son		7	Scholar	Surrey, Warlingham
	James	Son		5	Scholar	Surrey, Warlingham
	Thomas	Son		2	Scholar	Surrey, Warlingham
	William Burnel	Nephew			10 mths	

One wonders why baby William is living with the Lovers.

As he is listed as nephew to James, his surname gives a clue to Sophia's maiden name and enables us to find the marriage with confidence. James married Sophia Burnel in Bromley in the third quarter of 1844.

Surname	First name(s)	District	Vol	Page
Marriages Sep 1844 (>99%)				
BURNEL	Sophia	Bromley	5	78
EDDESS	Daniel	Bromley	5	78
GAINER	Mary	Bromley	5	78
HOLLAND	Timothy	Bromley	5	78
LOVER	James	Bromley	5	78
MURPHY	Daniel	Bromley	5	78
O'BRYAN	Mary	Bromley	5	78
YOUNG	Catharine	Bromley	5	78

By 1861 the eldest son William has left home and nephew William Burnel is no longer with the family – suggesting that his stay in 1851 may have been temporary. Perhaps Sophie was babysitting for her brother.

There are 3 more children, two sons and a daughter.

The Sadler family appears on the same page – only 4 households away from the Lovers.

Census 1861 – Parish of Croydon						
Name of Street and Name or No of House	Name and Surname of each person	Rel to Head of Family	Condition	Age	Rank, Profession or Occupation	Where Born
High Rd, S Addington, Selsdon Cottages	James Lover	Head	Married	45	Garden Labourer	Surrey, Farleigh
	Sophie	Wife	Married	39		Surrey, Warlingham
	James	Son		15	Garden Labourer	Surrey, Warlingham
	Thomas	Son		12	Carter Agricultural	Surrey, Selsdon, Croydon
	Henry Richard	Son		6	Scholar	Surrey, Selsdon, Croydon
	Walter	Son		3		Surrey, Selsdon, Croydon
	Emily	Daughter		1		Surrey, Selsdon, Croydon

In the 1871 record there are some confusing changes of name. James' name is now given as William and Thomas' as George. These two birth records confuse matters still further. If George and Thomas are different children where was George in 1861.

Births Dec 1848 (>99%)		
Lover	George	Croydon 4 119
Births Jun 1849 (>99%)		
LOVER	Thomas	Croydon 4 115

Census 1871 – Croydon Selsdon						
Name of Street and Name or No of House	Name and Surname of each person	Rel to Head of Family	Condition	Age	Rank, Profession or Occupation	Where Born
Lower Selsdon Cottages 1	James Lover	Head	Married	56	Under Gardener	Surrey, Farleigh
	Sophie	Wife	Married	48		Surrey, Warlingham
	William	Son		26	Farm Labourer	Surrey, Warlingham
	George	Son		19	Garden Labourer	Surrey, Croydon
	Henry	Son		16	Garden Labourer	Surrey, Croydon
	Walter	Son		14	Garden Labourer	Surrey, Croydon
	Emily	Daughter		11	Scholar	Surrey, Croydon
	Charles	Son		8	Scholar	Surrey, Croydon

By 1881 only Emily and Charles are still at home. No occupation is given for Emily so she is probably sharing housekeeping duties with her mother.

Census 1881 – Croydon Selsdon						
Name of Street and Name or No of House	Name and Surname of each person	Rel to Head of Family	Condition	Age	Rank, Profession or Occupation	Where Born
Cottage	James Lover	Head	Married	66	Agricultural Labourer Cowman	Surrey, Farleigh
	Sophie	Wife	Married	58		Surrey, Warlingham
	Emily	Daughter		21		Surrey, Selsdon, Croydon
	Charles	Son		18	Agricultural Labourer Cowman	Surrey, Selsdon, Croydon

In 1891, George seems to have returned to the family home. Where was he in 1881 and why did he return? Emily has moved away (probably married) but there is now a 9 year old 'boarder' called Thomas Holloways. Who is he and why is he living with the Lovers?

Census 1891 – Croydon Selsdon						
Name of Street and Name or No of House	Name and Surname of each person	Rel to Head of Family	Condition	Age	Rank, Profession or Occupation	Where Born
Cottage	James Lover	Head	Married	77	Garden Labourer	Surrey
	Sophie	Wife	Married	68		Surrey
	George	Son		39	Gardener (domestic)	Surrey
	Charles	Son		35	General Labourer	Surrey
	Thomas Holloways	Boarder		9		

James Lover did not make the next census. He died in the second quarter of 1898 aged 85. His burial is recorded in the Parish of Addington on 13th May.

His wife survived him for only 3 years – her burial is recorded on March 23rd 1900. Although she is buried in Addington with her husband, her address is given as South Norwood – she may well have gone to live with one of her children after her husband died.

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BURIALS in the Parish of <u>Addington</u> in the				
County of <u>Surrey</u> in the year One thousand				
eight hundred and <u>Amity Eight</u>				
Name.	Abode.	When buried.	Age.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
<i>Ellen Perkins</i>	<i>Addington</i>	<i>Feb 15th</i>	<i>10 months</i>	<i>J. McKenna</i>
No. 281				
<i>Henry Wells</i>	<i>South Norwood</i>	<i>March 10</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>Marr. Vicar.</i>
No. 282		<i>1898</i>		
<i>Caroline Overton</i>	<i>Addington</i>	<i>March 16th</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>S. F. Vickers</i>
No. 283		<i>1898</i>		<i>Officiating Minister</i>
<i>Jane Stent</i>	<i>Addington Hill</i>	<i>April 30</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>Marr. Vicar.</i>
No. 284				
<i>James Lover</i>	<i>Selsdon</i>	<i>May 13th</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>Chas Woolley</i>
No. 285	<i>"</i>	<i>1898</i>	<i>years</i>	<i>Curate</i>

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BURIALS in the Parish of <u>Addington</u> in the				
County of <u>Surrey</u> in the year One thousand				
<i>nine</i> eight hundred and <u> </u>				
Name.	Abode.	When buried.	Age.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
<i>Ruth Ann Ellis</i>	<i>Addington</i>	<i>Jan^y 30</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>R. M. Willis.</i>
No. 313		<i>1900</i>	<i>years</i>	<i>Curate.</i>
<i>Sophia Lover</i>	<i>South Norwood</i>	<i>March 23.</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>R. M. Willis.</i>
No. 314		<i>1900</i>	<i>years</i>	<i>Curate.</i>