

**A BIOGRAPHY OF SAMUEL PLATTS  
SENIOR b. c.1815 IN WORTHINGTON &  
SAMUEL PLATTS JUNIOR b.1842 IN  
GRIFFYDAM**



**c.1901.**

**Looking down Main Street Griffydam**

**Samuel and Mary Platts and their large family are thought to have lived in a property to the right on the road which later became known as the Tentas but was referred to as Griffy Hill in the 1841 census**

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Samuel Platts senior was born around 1815 in Worthington, and baptised there on 26 March 1815. He died in 1885. He was the son of Sarah Platts, a spinster. Sarah Platts was born in about 1794 and baptised on 10 Aug 1794 at Worthington. She was the daughter of Thomas Platts and his wife Frances Haywood. This Samuel Platts married Mary Bonser on 2nd December 1833 in Breedon on the Hill, parish church.

In the 1841 Griffydam census, Samuel Platts senior, aged 25, was recorded as an agricultural labourer, and living with his wife Mary Platts (nee. Bonser), aged 25, on Griffy Hill, Griffydam. Mary's relative, Ann Bonser, aged 20, was also in the household and Joseph Bonser aged 60, hawker, was living next door on his own.

In 1851, Samuel Platts senior (36), a labourer, was living with his wife, Mary (35) who was now a lace worker, in Griffydam with their son Samuel junior (9), Sarah (6), Clementine (4), Mary (2) and Harriet (3m). Joseph Bonser (68) who previously lived next door is now lodging with them and recorded as an Earthenware Dealer.

By the 1861 census, Samuel senior (45) was now a colliery labourer. He and Mary (45) had seven daughters, as well as their son, Samuel junior (19), now a colliery labourer living with them in Griffydam. Their daughters were - Sarah (16), seamstress; Clementine (13), seamstress; Mary (11), seamstress; Harriet (9), seamstress; Selina (9); Clara (6); and Louisa (3). Joseph Bonser (80) is still lodging with them and is given as a Hawker.

**Samuel Platts junior was married to Sarah Ann Sabina Jeffcoat in the 2nd qtr of 1867, but more about that later**

In 1871, Samuel senior (56), a Colliery Labourer and Mary (55) only had three daughters living at home - Clementina (22), Louisa (13) and Selina (10) plus two grandchildren, Sarah A Platts (4) and William Platts (2) living with them in Griffydam,

In 1881, Samuel senior (65), a miners' labourer and Mary (65) had a married daughter, Selina Bird (20), son in law, William Bird (23), a miners' labourer, and infant, William (10 months) living with them in Griffydam.

Samuel Platts senior died in 1885, age 67 years.

There is no further record of this family in Griffydam .

**CONTINUATION OF THE BIOGRAPHY OF SAMUEL PLATTS JUNIOR, b 1841 IN GRIFFYDAM**

Samuel Platts junior was married to Sarah Ann Sabina Jeffcoat in the 2nd qtr of 1867. Sabina was born in 1845 and died in 1925 at about 75 years of age in the Ashby de la Zouch district.

In 1871, Samuel Platts junior (28), a railway guard, and his wife, Sabina A S (24) were living in North Street, Whitwick. They had one child, Bertha (2), born in Coalville.

In 1881, Samuel Platts junior (34), a weighing clerk at the colliery, and his wife, Sabina S Platts (35) were living in Talbot Street, Whitwick, with two children - a daughter, Annis (9) and a son, Harry (2).

In 1891 Samuel Platts junior (48), a stationary engine driver, and his wife, Sarah A S Platts (45) were living in South Street, Whitwick, along with their two daughters, Sarah A (19) and Hilda M (8); two sons, Charles H (12) and Samuel W (7) plus two granddaughters, Nelly (4) and Ida (4).

In 1901 and 1911 the family are living in South Street, Whitwick, Leicestershire.

The 1911 census tells us they had been married 44 years and had had 12 children but six had died. (8?)

Samuel Platts junior, of North Street, Whitwick died age 70 years. He was buried in Whitwick on 21st September 1912. Samuel's wife Sabina died in 1920.

#### **Children of Samuel and Sabina**

[Agnes Bertha Platts](#), Agnes Bertha (Platts) Orridge, [Samuel Jeffcoat Platts](#), Sarah Annis (Platts) Cooke, [Thomas Lager Platts](#), [John William Platts](#), [Mary Edith Platts](#), [Charles Harry Platts](#), [Oliver Percy Platts](#), Hilda May (Platts) Berkin, [Samuel Wallace Platts](#) and Ida (Platts) Batho

Those highlighted in blue died in infancy.