

MORE DETAILS OF SLOPER STAFF

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In bulletins 333 (page 13) and 335 (page 9), I listed details of Sloper staff which I had found on the Censuses of England from 1871-1901. The list of names had been found on pages I had photocopied from the first Workshop Impression Book, and in a list sent to me by **Roy Gault** from the back of Sloper ledger 'A' (May 1862 – October 1874).

Now, the 1861 England Census is available on the Internet, and it provides more information about Sloper staff as summarized in the table below. In particular, it

- Gives some detail of Henry Harborow prior to the time when he probably left the employ of Joseph Sloper to set up his own business,
- Gives possible first details of F. Collins and J. Jameson,
- Possibly identifies the family of Annie Keen
- Identifies Mary Ann Blacklock and Rosa Ellen Tebbutt (from their addresses in Ledger 'A'), and
- Confirms the identifications of John Scott and George Culmer by relevant occupation descriptions.

Name in Workbook	Year (approx)	Census entry/Possible Identity
FOR THE LIST IN BULLETIN 333		
H. Harborow	1866	1871 – 22y, unmarried, b. Waltham Cross, Essex, engineer. At 64 Herbert Street, Shoreditch, London 1871 – 32y, b. Waltham, Hertfordshire, chain machinist. At Bexley, Kent. (left Sloper's employ?)
F. Collins	1870	1861 – Francis Collins, 15y, b. Frome, Somerset, apprentice to printer compositor. At 55 Red Lion St., Clerkenwell, London.
J. Jameson	1870s	1861 – James Jameson, 12y, b. St Pancras, London. At 15 High St, St Pancras
T. Bell	1877	1861 – Thomas Bell, 25y, b. Poplar, Middlesex, smith. At 5 Acorn Street, Bishopsgate, London.
Miss Keen	1878	1861 – Annie Keen? 8y, b. Oxford, scholar. At Forton, Lancs. (Age agrees with death of Annie Walker in 1891)
Eyles	1888	1861 – Ralph Eyles, 11y, b. Whitechapel, London, scholar. At St James' Buildings, Pancras
Gibert	1889	1861 – John Gilbert, 29y, b. Soho, Middlesex, engraver. At 38 Trevor Sq., Westminster, London

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H. Vaughan	1861 – Henry Vaughan, 18y, b. Deptford, Kent, brassfinisher. At Moore St., Deptford, Kent
Miss M A Blacklock	1861 – Mary Ann Blacklock, 20y, b. Pancras, Middlesex. At 10 Melton Place, St. Pancras. (not listed with her mother and siblings at 1871 Census)
John Illidge	1861 – 8y, b. Lambeth Surrey. At 14 Cottage Place, Lambeth.
John W. Scott	1861 – 26y, b. Marylebone, Middlesex, engraver. At 6 Selforde St., Clerkenwell.
George Culmer	1861 – 14y, b. Newington, Surrey, maths instrument maker. At 3 Wellington Yard, Kennington.
Miss R. Tebbett	1861 – Rosa Ellen Tebbutt (note spelling), 17y, b. Cambs., At 24 Portsdown Road, Paddington. 1871 – 27y, b. Cambs., governess. At 9 Westbury Terrace, Paddington. (She was born in the 3 rd quarter of 1843)
Miss Edlin(...)	1861 – not at 145 Gray's Inn Road (or 32 Upper North Place, as it is known then). Residents there were Thomas Moger and his family, Henry Hinton and his wife, and Thomas Allwright.

Joseph Sloper and his family were listed at the 1861 Census as follows;

At 215 Oxford Street

Joseph Sloper, married, 48y, Decorator & Builder, b. Bath, Somerset!
Joseph L.L. Sloper, unmar, 21 y, assistant, born Hampstead, Middlesex
Fanny J. Sloper, unmar, 18y, (no occupation), b. Hampstead, Middlesex

At Crossbrook St, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire

Sarah Lavell Sloper, married, 45 years old, house decorator wife,
b. Stoke Newington, Middlesex
Ellen Sloper, unmarried, 14 years old, scholar, b. Oxford St.
Alice Sloper, unmarried, 14 years old, scholar, b. Oxford St
Kate Sloper, unmarried, 6 years old, scholar, b. Oxford St
Eustace Sloper, unmarried, 1 year old, b. Oxford St

Joseph Chaplin, married, 49 years old, Schoolmaster
Horace Sloper, unmarried, 16 yrs, scholar (boarder), b. Marylebone.
Frank Sloper, unmarried, 8 yrs old, scholar (boarder), b. Oxford St.
Percy Sloper, unmarried, 4 years old, scholar (visitor), b. Oxford St.

The “school” was two doors up from Sarah’s residence. Considering how the family was split up in different locations at various Censuses, it is amazing they had so many children...!!