

**File 14 of 21 files on descendants out of Kingswinford, Staffordshire.**

## **SKIDMORE FURNACEMEN OF BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE, 1750-1915**

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This was originally part of the book *Skidmore Families of the Black Country and Birmingham 1600-1900* by Linda Moffatt, published in 2004. A first draft was published on this website in 2013.

For an Introduction to this branch of the family and an account of the first five generations of this branch, see *Skidmore Families of The Black Country, the first five generations* on the website [www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com](http://www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com).

This account begins at Generation 6, denoted by superscript <sup>6</sup> next to the name of the head of household.

### **DATES**

- Prior to 1752 the year began on 25 March (Lady Day). In order to avoid confusion, a date which in the modern calendar would be written 2 February 1714 is written 2 February 1713/4 - i.e. the baptism, marriage or burial occurred in the 3 months (January, February and the first 3 weeks of March) of 1713 which 'rolled over' into what in a modern calendar would be 1714.
- Civil registration was introduced in England and Wales in 1837 and records were archived quarterly; hence, for example, 'born in 1840Q1' the author here uses to mean that the birth took place in January, February or March of 1840. Where only a baptism date is given for an individual born after 1837, assume the birth was registered in the same quarter.

### **BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS**

Databases of all known Skidmore and Scudamore bmds can be found at [www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com](http://www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com)

### **PROBATE**

A list of all known Skidmore and Scudamore wills - many with full transcription or an abstract of its contents - can be found at [www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com](http://www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com) in the file Skidmore/Scudamore One-Name Study Probate.

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### **PRIVACY**

The Skidmore/ Scudamore One-Name Study does not, as a matter of course, publish any biographical detail from the last 100 years, unless with permission of descendants.

The Skidmore families described here are descendants of the eldest son of Benjamin Skidmore [27]<sup>1</sup>,  
Obadiah Skidmore [55] 1742-1793.

Obadiah Skidmore was a collier of Withymoor, Kingswinford parish, which is the area occupied by the modern housing area of that name south of Delph Road, built on the previous Plants Hollow and Gayfields Collieries.

Three of the sons of Obadiah Skidmore [55] had offspring.  
The descendants of Obadiah's youngest son, Frederick Skidmore [108], are described here.

For the descendants of Frederick's older brothers, George Skidmore [106] & Francis Skidmore [107],  
see *Skidmore Colliers and Innkeepers of Amblecote, Staffordshire, and Potmakers of Stourbridge, Worcestershire, 1750-1910*  
by Linda Moffatt<sup>2</sup>.

This account describes moves from Brierley Hill to:

Smethwick, Staffordshire	1870s	
Hucknall, Derbyshire	1880s	
Youngstown, Ohio	1887	
Finchley, London	1880s	
Cannock, Staffordshire	1880s	→ Hindley, Lancashire 1890s
St Helen's, Lancashire	1890s	
Stone Broom, Derbyshire	1870s	→ Hirst, Northumberland 1890s

**108. FREDERICK<sup>6</sup> SKIDMORE**, youngest son of Obadiah [55] and Rebecca (Shaw) Skidmore, was baptised on 24 December 1780 at Oldswinford. Like his brothers, he was a miner. On 6 February 1804 at St Mary's, Kingswinford he married Susannah Edge (perhaps the daughter of John and Sarah (Newman) Edge, baptised on 4 June 1786 at St Michael's, Brierley Hill). The wedding was witnessed by Mary Edge, not yet identified, and Thomas Ireland (?the clerk), who also witnessed the marriage of Frederick's sister Rebecca Skidmore to Thomas Perry on the same day.

Frederick and Susannah lived for much of their married life, and certainly from 1815, in Lower Brettell Lane. They were said to live at Crabmill Lane (not yet identified) when George was baptised in 1828. Fowler's map of 1822 shows that Frederick was a tenant of a house and garden on the SE side of the road, near to the point at which Church Street becomes Brettell Lane<sup>3</sup>.

Frederick Skidmore died shortly after the birth of his thirteenth child, and was buried on 8 January 1829 at St Michael's, Brierley Hill aged 48 of Lower Lane. Susannah died at the age of 55 and was buried at St Michael's, Brierley Hill on 4 March 1840. Their son Isaiah had married Sidonia Penn two months before his mother's death, and at the time of the 1841 census several months later, we find his younger brothers Daniel, Noah and George living with him and his wife at Rock Hill Street, off the upper end of Brettell Lane.

**The children of Frederick and Susannah (Edge) Skidmore, baptised at St Mary's, Oldswinford,**

214. i. **JEREMIAH<sup>7</sup>**, baptised 17 June 1804, **OF WHOM MORE LATER.**  
ii. Deborah, baptised 29 September 1805. She married David Newton, a forgerman, at Kingswinford on 1 January 1825, witnessed by Ann Rose. Their son Charles was baptised in 1826 in Brierley Hill but this family has not been found in censuses.

<sup>1</sup> The code numbers of the heads of household found in my 2004 book are retained here. There are modifications to the numbering in Generation 9, but changes are indicated, allowing readers who have the book to cross-reference.

<sup>2</sup> www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com.

<sup>3</sup> See Appendix 2 of *Skidmore Families of the Black Country, the first five generations* by Linda Moffatt at www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com.

- iii. Anna Maria, baptised 11 October 1807.
- iv. Obadiah, baptised 16 July 1809. He was buried on 29 November 1810 at Oldswinford, aged 1.
- 215. v. **FREDERICK<sup>7</sup>**, baptised 12 May 1811, **OF WHOM MORE LATER**.
- vi. Rebecca, baptised 25 September 1813. She probably married William Brace, a forgerman (born in Stourbridge, perhaps baptised at St Mary's, Oldswinford on 5 September 1813, son of John and Ann Brace). William and Rebecca Brace are found in Wordsley at the time of the 1841 census with their three children aged 6, 4 and 2, and with Rebecca's sister Susannah Skidmore. Note on 10 August 1834 at St John the Baptist, Halesowen the marriage of William Brace bachelor to Mary Skidmore, witnessed by William James and Ann (Bird) James. I strongly suspect this was, in fact, the marriage of Rebecca Skidmore to William Brace.  
Mrs Brace died in 1843Q2 and her husband married secondly Martha (?Davies, m.1845Q2).
- 216. vii. **JOSIAH *alias* ISAIAH<sup>7</sup>**, baptised 20 August 1815, **OF WHOM MORE LATER**.
- viii. Obadiah, baptised 6 April 1817. He died in Lower Brettell Lane at the age of 16 and was buried on 18 November 1832 at St Michael's, Brierley Hill.
- 216a. ix. **DANIEL<sup>7</sup>**, baptised 5 September 1819, **OF WHOM MORE LATER**.
- 217. x. **NOAH<sup>7</sup>**, baptised 15 April 1821, **TO WHOM WE WILL RETURN**.
- xi. Susannah, baptised 20 April 1823. She is found at the time of the 1841 census in Wordsley in the home of her sister Rebecca Brace. She perhaps died in 1850Q2.
- 218. xii. **JOHN<sup>7</sup>**, baptised 26 September 1824, **TO WHOM WILL RETURN**.
- 219. xiii. **GEORGE<sup>7</sup>**, baptised 2 March 1828 at St Michael's, Brierley Hill, **TO WHOM WE MUST ALSO RETURN**.

**The first son of Frederick and Susannah (Edge) Skidmore**

**214. JEREMIAH<sup>7</sup> SKIDMORE**, son of Frederick [108] and Susannah (Edge) Skidmore, was baptised at St Mary's, Oldswinford on 17 June 1804. He was raised in Lower Brettell Lane in Amblecote and became a miner. He married Mary Round (probably born in Lye and baptised 16 October 1808 at St Mary's, Oldswinford, daughter of Joseph Round, nailer, and his wife Phoebe (Welch)) on 21 July 1834 at St Mary's, Oldswinford. Enoch Evans and Hannah Phillips were witnesses. Jeremiah and Mary lived in Dudley, where they had two children before Jeremiah's death at the age of only 36 (buried 2 March 1841 at St Thomas', Dudley).

His widow Mary is found at the time of the 1841 census living in Flood Street in Dudley, with her parents and her son Isaiah, aged 3. There were two further members of the household, William Tinsly, a nailer in his early thirties and his son Samuel Tinsly aged 9. This would appear to be the man Mary Skidmore married later that year on 13 October, his correct name appearing in the register of St Thomas' in Dudley as William Hingley, a widower and nailer of Flood Street. He perhaps married firstly Lucy Harper in 1834 at St Thomas', Dudley. He was baptised on 7 August 1803 at Park Lane Presbyterian Chapel in Cradley, son of Samuel Hingley, nailer, and Mary. William Partridge and Jemima Partridge were witnesses to William's second marriage (apparently husband and wife; Jemima Bennitt married William Partridge on 22 March 1830 at St Thomas', Dudley). Mrs Hingley's son Isaiah Skidmore was recorded in the census of 1851 as an orphan.

**The children of Jeremiah and Mary (Round) Skidmore, baptised at St Thomas', Dudley,**

- i. Elizabeth, baptised 25 September 1836. Buried 22 December at St Thomas', Dudley.
- 400. ii. **ISAIAH<sup>8</sup>**, born 13 December 1837, baptised 31 December of that year. Elizabeth, the only other known child of Jeremiah and Mary Skidmore, was born in 1836 and died an infant; Isaiah, then, was an only child. His father died when he was only three years old and he was living with his widowed mother and her parents in Flood Street, Dudley, in 1841. His mother remarried in October of that year and Isaiah was presumably raised with his stepfather William Hingley and stepbrother Samuel Hingley. At the time of the 1851 census, aged 13, he was at the home of his maternal aunt Elizabeth Skidmore, wife of Benjamin [180] and called an orphan, though in the census of 1861 he was serving his apprenticeship as a vice maker with what appears to be his stepfather William Hingley. They were visitors in Price Street, Dudley, at the home of Mrs Elizabeth Davies, perhaps a relative of Isaiah's future wife. Furthermore, the Edwin Wilkinson, vicemaker, who was also a visitor in this household, lived next door to Isaiah Skidmore in Wollescote at the time of the 1871 census.



*Isaiah Skidmore, 1837-1915*

He married Sylvia Davies (born about 1848 in Lye) in 1865Q2 at St John's, Dudley, though the marriage certificate needs to be seen to confirm this man is the son of Jeremiah Skidmore. The censuses of 1871 and 1881 are somewhat contradictory but it appears that they moved from Dudley to Wollescote in 1868 or 1869, and were living in Brook Street there in 1871, in Talbot Street in 1881, and in Park Street. Their home in 1911 was 36 King Street, Wollescote. Isaiah was a vice maker, though when his son Daniel was married in 1887 the marriage certificate tells us that Isaiah had become a victualler. It is likely that he pursued both occupations since one year later at the marriage of son Jeremiah he was said to be a vice maker. The 1914 Ordnance Survey map of Lye shows the Anvil Works occupying land bordered by Brook Street, Talbot Street and Park Street.

Isaiah Skidmore died in 1915Q2 aged 77. Sylvia Skidmore died on 29 May 1922 at 16 Pearson Street, Wollescote, aged 77, leaving a will which named her son Walter Skidmore, die sinker, as executor.

**The children of Isaiah and Sylvia (Davies) Skidmore, born in Dudley,**

*Mrs Skidmore reported in 1911 that 12 of her 15 children were still living.*

746. i. **JEREMIAH**<sup>9</sup>, [was 590.] birth registered as Jeremiah Skidmore Davies in 1864Q3. This was about six months before the marriage of his mother to Isaiah Skidmore and we must assume that she was too young to marry at the time. Jeremiah was a vice maker of Park Street, Lye, at the time of his marriage to Amelia Clews on 24 January 1886 at Lye. The witnesses were Albert Taylor and Jane Chance. Amelia Clews was born in 1868Q1 in Lye, the daughter of Joseph of Dudley Road, a brick maker, and his wife Jane Clews. Her birth was registered and she was married with the name Amelia though her name is recorded variously in censuses as Permelia, Pemmy and Pemmelia. Jeremiah Skidmore, who belonged to the Plymouth Brethren, lived with his family in Bromley Road, Lye. Amelia Skidmore died in 1955 aged 87.

**Children of Jeremiah and Amelia (Clews) Skidmore, born in Lye,**

- i. John, born 1886Q3. He died in 1897Q1 aged 10.
  - ii. Amy, born 1889Q3. She married Joseph Edward Moore, a 'bucket, pails & can maker', in 1911Q1 at St Peter's, Cradley. They were living at the time of the census that year at Colley Orchard, Colley Gate, Cradley Heath, Staffordshire.
  - iii. Annie, born 1891Q2. A tin polisher in 1911.
  - iv. Mary, born 1893Q1.
  - v. Maria, born 1894Q4.
  - vi. Jeremiah, born 1896Q4. A blacksmith's assistant in 1911.
  - vii. Jane, born 1899Q1.
  - viii. Arthur, registered 1901Q1, perhaps born December 1900.
  - ix. William, born 1903Q2.
  - x. Albert, born 1905Q3.
747. ii. **DANIEL**<sup>9</sup>, [was 591.] born 1865Q4, probably in Dudley. He was a galvaniser living at Baldwins Green in Lye at the time of his marriage and later lived with his family in Union Street, Lye. A number of Galvanising Works are shown in Lye on the 1914 Ordnance Survey map.
- Daniel married Jemima Bashford (born in Wollescote, daughter of Henry Bashford of Baldwins Green, coal miner, and his wife Ann (Poole)) on 22 May 1887 at St Mark's, Stambermill. (Note that on the birth certificate of their son Joseph, Jemima's former name is recorded as Poole).

**The children of Daniel and Jemima (Bashford) Skidmore, born in Wollescote,**

- i. Thomas Henry, born 1888Q3.
- ii. Alice, born 1890Q1.

**born in Lye,**

- iii. Joseph, born 18 February 1892 in Union Street, Lye.
  - iv. Bertie, born 1894Q1. He died on 27 October 1918 serving as a Private in the 1st/8th Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment. He is buried in Cologne Southern Cemetery in Germany.
  - v. Mary Ann, one of two girls of this name registered in Stourbridge, one in 1898Q3, the other in 1898Q4.  
See also Mary Ann daughter of James [494].
  - vi. Flora M., registered Florence May in 1900Q4.
  - vii. Daniel, born 1903Q2.
  - viii. Lily, born 1905Q2.
  - ix. Amy, born 1907Q3.
- iii. Eliza Jane, born 1868Q1. A brickmaker in 1891. She married William Southall, a chain maker (born about 1868 in Wollescote), in 1893Q3 in a civil ceremony registered at Stourbridge. William and Jane Southall lived in Summer Street, Lye. Children, as known - Thomas, Beatrice Mary, Florence Jane, William Isaiah.

**born in Wollescote, Lye,**

- iv. Isaiah, born 1869Q4. Called Josiah in the census of 1871. He died in Lye at the age of 3 and was buried at St Mary's, Oldswinford on 2 March 1873.
748. v. **NOAH**<sup>9</sup>, born 1871Q2. He married Elizabeth Aston in 1903Q3 in a civil ceremony registered at Stourbridge. The census of 1911 shows that although they were living at 70 Bromley Street, Lye, Noah was working as a chain striker in Brettell Lane, Brierley Hill and Elizabeth was a clay sorter in Cradley. He died in 1947.

**Children of Noah and Elizabeth (Aston) Skidmore, born in Lye,**

- i. **HARTLEY**<sup>10</sup>, born 1901Q3 and registered as Hartley *Aston*. Hartley Skidmore married in 1927 and had a son.
  - ii. **NOAH**<sup>10</sup>, born 1904Q1. He appears to be the Noah Skidmore who married in 1934 and had a daughter.
- vi. Mary Ann, born 1873Q1. I have not been able to find this lady after the census of 1891.
749. vii. **THOMAS**<sup>9</sup>, born 1874Q3. A coal miner, he married Frances Mary Willey (born in Kidderminster) in 1906Q1 in Kidderminster. In 1911 they were living at 5 Bank Street, Wollescote. Mr Skidmore died in 1950.

**Children of Thomas and Frances Mary (Willey) Skidmore,**

- i. Florence Mary, born 1906Q1 and registered as *Willey*.
  - ii. Nellie, born 1909Q4.
  - iii. Gertrude E., born 1917Q3.
  - iv. A son.
- viii. Emily, born 1876Q4. A polisher in 1901. She married William Griffiths in 1902Q4 at Christ Church, Lye.
- ix. Florence, born 1878Q2. It appears she married Eli Dawes, an iron bar weigher (born about 1879 in Quarry Bank) in 1899Q1 in a civil ceremony registered at Stourbridge. They were living in 1901 at 10 West Street, Quarry Bank with their daughter Florrie.
- x. Sylvia, born 1880Q1. She married Harry Hall in 1903Q2 in a civil ceremony registered at Stourbridge. They had three daughters - Beatrice May, Doris and Minnie Emily.
- xi. Lily, born 1882Q1. She worked in a bucket making factory. She is probably the Lily Skidmore who married Samuel Jones in 1912.
- xii. Isaiah, born 1883Q4. A coal miner, he married Lilly Southall in 1914. No children known.
750. xiii. **HERBERT**<sup>9</sup>, born 1885Q3. A coal miner. He married Prudence M. Evans in 1917 and had 3 sons and a daughter. He died in 1948.
- xiv. Prudence, born August 1887. She died an infant.
- xv. Walter Hill, born 1889Q4. A general engineer in a cart gear works. He died in 1956.

**The second son of Frederick and Susannah (Edge) Skidmore**

**215. FREDERICK<sup>7</sup> SKIDMORE**, furnace engineer of Brierley Hill, was the son of Frederick [108] and Susannah (Edge) Skidmore, baptised on 12 May 1811 at St Mary's, Oldswinford. He was raised in Lower Brettell Lane but did not follow in the footsteps of his father and older brother, becoming instead a blast furnace man and in 1836 he was described as an engineer. He married firstly Sarah Guest (born about 1812) on 1 July 1835 at St Mary's, Oldswinford. William Brace and Rebecca Brace were witnesses, his sister and brother-in-law. Fred and Sarah lived in Brierley Hill, specifically in Level Street in 1836, Brettell Lane in 1838 and in Delph Lane at the time of the 1841 census. This census describes the area as 'All the Turnpike Road from Old Engine House, bottom Brierley Hill to corner of road to Rocks Hill and Brierley Hill Chapel comprising road to Delph opposite Whimsey to Geo. Cardoe's homes and road back of Whimsey to and including Siddens houses back Brierley Hill Chapel and Chapel Hill'. This seems to describe the lower end of Church Street and the area around its cross-roads with North Street and South Street. Chapel Hill was the area on the south-west side of North Street (Higharc area). The Whimsey Inn was on the corner of North Street and Church Street below Chapel Hill. The 'road to Delph' was presumably South Street. In their household in 1841 were Frederick's younger brother John Skidmore, a miner, and Josiah Allport, a miner in his early twenties. Next door lived Thomas Bache, and his wife Ann whose first husband was Charles [213].

At the time of the 1851 census the family were still in Brettell Lane, called in the census the South Turnpike. It is interesting to note that their two eldest children, then aged 14 and 12, were still receiving education, suggesting that Frederick was a man of modest means. Sarah Skidmore died two years later aged 41 and was buried at St Michael's, Brierley Hill on 22 March 1853.

Frederick remarried only five months later, on 7 August 1853 at St Mary's, Oldswinford. His second wife Elizabeth Bow was born about 1825 at Great Shelsley, Worcestershire, daughter of George Bow, a bricklayer. George Chance and Mary Harvey were witnesses. Over the next twenty or so years, until Frederick's death, they appear to have moved home several times, though always around Church Street in Brierley Hill. Their address is given variously as Rocks Hill in 1854, Level Street in 1861, Chapel Street in 1863, Moor Street in 1866 and Church Street, Virgins End in 1871. Frederick Skidmore died in 1873Q4 aged 63, his widow in 1881Q4 aged 57.

**The children of Frederick and Sarah (Guest) Skidmore, baptisms and burials at St Michael's, Brierley Hill,**

- i. Joseph Arimathea, baptised 29 May 1836. He married three times, but is not known to have had any children. He was an engineer in 1866 when he married for the first time. Charlotte Evesham was born about 1828 in Sutton, Herefordshire, daughter of Thomas Evesham, labourer. They were married at St Michael's, Brierley Hill on 27 May 1866 and the wedding was witnessed by John Bullas and Charlotte Wright. Joseph and Charlotte Skidmore ran the Lamp Tavern pub at the end of Fenton Street in Brierley Hill, which, judging from its position in the 1881 census, was at the northern end of Fenton Street at its junction with William Street. The tavern had accommodation since a scenic artist and a theatre performer were boarding there at the time of the 1881 census.  
Charlotte Skidmore died on 29 August 1889 aged 61 (buried 3 September). A stone in Brierley Hill churchyard commemorates Joseph and his three wives.  
At the age of 53 Joseph married secondly Sarah Jane Evesham (born about 1844, daughter of Joseph Evesham, contractor, and Caroline) on 13 February 1890 at St Michael's, Brierley Hill. Witnesses were George Hale and Florence Minnie Averill. She is found a dressmaker's assistant in the 1881 census with her sisters Louisa and Mary E. (all born in Birmingham) at 102 Latimer Street South in central Birmingham. Sarah Jane died on 26 July 1897 aged 52 or 53.  
Joseph had retired at the time of the 1901 census. The two people in his household, Edward and Jane Price, appear to be his sister and her husband. He married his third wife Clara Scriven (born about 1860, daughter of Benjamin Scriven butcher and glassmaker, and Caroline) and who lived nearby in William Street) in 1902Q3. They retired to Myrtle Villas in Williams Street, Brierley Hill. Joseph died on 2 February 1924 aged 87, Clara on 24 April 1938 aged 78.
- ii. Mary Ann, born 17 September (baptised 7 October) 1838. She married Samuel Pearson, a coal miner of Stonegravels (born about 1835 in Brockmoor, son of Henry Pearson) on 10 February 1861 in Chesterfield, Derbyshire. The witnesses were Josiah Whitehouse and Alice Bowden. They

spent time in Sutton-in-Ashfield and Bestwood, Nottinghamshire and by 1881 were living at 12 Nightingale Row, Upper Pleasley, Derbyshire. Mrs Pearson died *perhaps* late in 1881 (though in Shardlow registration district, not Mansfield, which contained Pleasley).

Children, as known - Joseph, Fanny, Sarah A., Henry.

- iii. William, born 25 February (baptised 28 March) 1841. Buried on 6 May of that year.
- iv. Sidonia, born 12 May (baptised 5 June) 1842. She married, her name recorded as Theodowna Skidmore, on 10 December 1867 at St Thomas' in Stourbridge. Henry Webb and Lavinia Noble were witnesses. She is found in the 1881 census at 70 Enville Street in Stourbridge, with her husband Richard Whorton, a sweep (born about 1842 in Stourbridge, son of Joseph Wharton, spade maker).
- v. Sarah, born 27 June (baptised 20 July) 1845. Buried on 3 October 1849.
- vi. Fanny, born 16 April (baptised 7 May) 1848. Buried on 16 March 1853.
- 401. vii. **MARK WILLIAM<sup>8</sup>**, born 4 January 1851 and baptised on 2 February at St Michael's, Brierley Hill. His mother died shortly after his second birthday and his father remarried in August 1853. Frederick and his second wife, Elizabeth Bow, raised their large family in the central part of Brierley Hill and in 1871 Frederick and his son Mark were both labourers in an ironworks. Mark Skidmore married Esther Hartshorn (born about 1853 in Smethwick) in 1872Q3 at St Andrew's, Netherton. Their first child Frederick William was born in 1874Q3 in Birmingham. Mark Skidmore was a steam engine fitter and mechanic in a bolt works in Smethwick. The family had various addresses - Price Street in 1881, Brook Street in 1891 and, by 1901, Sabell Road. His daughter Lilian, at the time she travelled to the US in 1914, gave the family home as 78 Marshall Street, Smethwick.

**The children of Mark William and Esther (Hartshorn) Skidmore, born in Smethwick,**  
*3 further children who had died by the time of the 1911 census.*

752. i. **FREDERICK WILLIAM<sup>9</sup>**, [was 592.] born in 1874Q3 in Birmingham. Fred Skidmore was an iron turner of Smethwick. He married Ada Lilian Onions (born about 1875 in Dudley Port) in 1898Q2 and is found with his wife and children at 2 Little Moor Hill, Smethwick at the time of the 1901 census and 10 Oldbury Road in 1911.

**Children of Frederick William and Ada Lilian (Onions) Skidmore, born in Smethwick,**

- i.
  - i. William, born about 1899 and so-called in the census of 1901. He was perhaps the George William H. Skidmore whose birth was registered at Kings Norton in 1899Q2. William Skidmore had died before the 1911 census and is perhaps the George William Skidmore who died in 1902Q2 aged 3 years.
  - ii. Lilian Ada, born 1900, 5 months old at the time of the April 1901 census. She married in 1920.
  - iii. Gladys, born 1903Q4.
  - iv. Madge, presumably the Marjorie Skidmore whose birth was registered in 1906Q4.
- ii. Annie, born 1877Q4. She married Ernest William Smith, a coach builder (born 1876Q3 in Abenhall, Gloucestershire) in 1898Q4 at St Michael and All Angels, Smethwick and, like her parents, they were living in Sabell Road, Smethwick at the time of the 1901 census. Mr Smith died in 1910 when his wife was carrying their sixth child.  
 Children, as known - Christina Lily, William Ernest, Dorothy Kate, Thomas Henry, Florence Elizabeth Joyce (born 1911).
- iii. Thomas Henry, born around February or March of 1881. A pattern maker's assistant.
- iv. Lilian Rhoda, born 1887Q3. A draper's assistant. Apparently the 28-year old Lilian Skidmore, born in Smethwick, on a list of passenger arrivals in Ellis Island on 31 July 1914.
- v. Arthur Alexander, born 1889Q2. A clerk in an iron merchant's office in 1911. He served in Egypt in 1915. He married Lilian Harper Johnson in Birmingham in 1917 and had, perhaps, two daughters. He died on 27 July 1961 in Bournemouth.
- vi. Clara Eunice M., born 1893Q2. A paper ruler in 1911. She married Frank Kendrick (born 1891 in Bromsgrove) in York in 1915. Her husband is said to have died in

France on 6 June 1918 aged 27.

**The children of Frederick and Elizabeth (Bow) Skidmore,**

- viii. Elizabeth, born 21 December 1854, baptised 21 January 1855. A brick maker. She married James Parsons, an ironworker (born about 1855) in 1877Q3 at a civil ceremony registered at Stourbridge. They were living in 1881 at 4 South Street, Brierley Hill. Mr Parsons died in 1887Q2 aged 31 and his widow and daughters Esther and Sarah Jane Parsons, all of whom worked in the glass making factory, lodged for a time with Elizabeth's sister Jane Price, before moving to a home in South Street.
- ix. Jane, born 14 February (baptised 9 March) 1856. A brick maker in 1871, a pottery girl in 1881. She married Edward Price, a firer at the brick works (born about 1863 in Lye, son of Reuben and Mercy Price), in 1884Q4 in a civil ceremony registered at Stourbridge. They were living in South Street in 1911. No children.
- 402. x. **FREDERICK<sup>8</sup>**, born 9 February 1859 and baptised on 6 March of that year. He began his working life in the iron trade and was a moulder in 1881. He married, in 1883Q4 in Nottinghamshire, Laura Richards (born 1863Q2 in Hucknall under Huthwaite, Nottinghamshire). They are found at the time of the 1891 census in Main Street in Hucknall, when Frederick was a coal miner. There was an influx into this coal mining area as the pits of the West Midlands were closing. In fact, in 1881 in Hucknall there were four Skidmore families, seemingly unconnected with each other. By 1901 the family was at 8 Clerkson Street, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, where Frederick was a herbalist and the town crier (?carrier). At the time of the 1911 census he had become assistant superintendent in an assurance firm and the family had moved to 113 Bould Street, Mansfield. Their daughters worked in a local cotton mill. Laura Skidmore died in Mansfield in 1933 aged 69.

**The children of Frederick and Laura (Richards) Skidmore, born in Hucknall under Huthwaite,**  
*A further child who did not survive to 1911.*

- i. Mary Ann, born 1884Q4.
- ii. Frederick William, born 1888Q4. A 'stocker', out of work in 1911. He enlisted at Derby on 6 April 1916 with the Sherwood Foresters but was transferred soon after to the Scottish Rifles. He was discharged on medical grounds in March 1918. Mr Skidmore died in Mansfield in 1956.
- iii. Laura Emma, born 1891Q1. She married Frank Foster in 1911Q3 and had two sons and three daughters.
- iv. Lily Deborah, born 1893Q2. She died unmarried in 1974.
- xi. Isaiah, born 12 December 1860, baptised 6 January 1861. He died in Chapel Street at 2 years of age and was buried on 29 November 1863.
- 402a. xii. **GEORGE<sup>8</sup>**, privately baptised on 28 June 1864. A labourer in 1881, I have been unable to find him in British censuses after this date. A George Skidmore (born in June 1864 in England) was a puddler in a steel mill in 1900, living in Youngstown, Mahoning County, Ohio, with his wife Sarah J. (born April 1869 in Scotland). He arrived in the US in 1887, she in 1885 but I have not yet found their marriage there. They were still in Youngstown in 1910 and 1920. This George Skidmore died on 14 June 1930 aged 66 and is buried in the Belmont Cemetery, Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio. There are no fewer than five men called George Skidmore in the British 1891 census aged 36 to 38. Until other evidence points to the contrary, I have assumed that George of Youngstown was Frederick's son.

**Children of George and Sarah J. Skidmore, born in Ohio,**  
*A further child not living in 1920.*

- i. Mary J., born June 1890.
- 754. ii. **CLARENCE<sup>9</sup>**, born 13 March 1901 according to the US Social Security Death Index. He married around 1824 and had, as known, a daughter and a son. He died in Youngstown in December 1969.
- 402b. xiii. **DANIEL<sup>8</sup>**, born 27 March (baptised 22 April) 1866. An iron worker in 1881 at the age of 15. If correctly identified, he had by 1891 become a glass cutter at a flint glass works and was living with his wife and first child at Belle Vue, Wordsley. He married a Wordsley girl, Emily Payton, at Dudley in 1884Q2. She was born about 1866, perhaps the daughter of Thomas Payton, a pattern maker from Cradley, and his wife Frances.

**Children of Daniel and Emily (Payton) Skidmore, born in Wordsley,**



4 further children who did not survive to 1911.

755. i. **THOMAS WILFRED**<sup>9</sup>, born 1889Q2. A glass blower at the flint glass works. He married Martha May V. Maiden in 1915Q3. Thomas Skidmore died in Wordsley in 1956, survived by his wife.  
A daughter,  
i. Eileen M., born 1916Q3.
- ii. Samuel Frederick, born 1891Q2. Horse keeper for the London and North Western Railway at Brierley Hill. He was killed in action on 26 December 1915, serving with the 4th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment.
- iii. Joseph, born 1896Q3. A moulder in an iron foundry.
757. iv. **ALBERT EDWARD**<sup>9</sup>, born 1902Q2. He married in 1925 and had a son.

<p><b>The third son of Frederick and Susannah (Edge) Skidmore</b></p>
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**216. ISAIAH<sup>7</sup> SKIDMORE**, son of Frederick [108] and Susannah (Edge) Skidmore, was born in Brettell Lane, Brierley Hill and baptised Josiah on 20 August 1815 at St Mary's, Oldswinford, though he is always called Isaiah. He became a miner like his father who died when Isaiah was 13. He married Sidonia Penn, seamstress of Amblecote (born in Brockmoor and baptised 21 October 1821 at St Michael's, Brierley Hill, daughter of Richard Penn, a miner, and his wife Phoebe (Turner)) on 7 June 1840 at St Mary's, Oldswinford. Samuel Southall and Elizabeth Adams were witnesses. In 1841 Isaiah and Sidonia lived in Rock Hill Street in Brierley Hill with their two-week old baby Daniel. Isaiah's mother had died the year before and his brothers Daniel, Noah and George, all miners, lived with them.

Isaiah moved, probably before 1843, with his family to Dudley Road, the road leading north out of Brierley Hill towards the edge of Dudley parish. Living next door at the time of the 1851 census was Isaiah's cousin Richard Skidmore [207]. Richard was a successful butty miner and it is possible that he and Isaiah were in partnership. Around 1855 Isaiah and Sidonia moved to King Street in Dudley and a few years later to Kate's Hill in the eastern part of Dudley parish, where he was a chartermaster at the Firs Estate in Dudley. However, his business affairs faltered and *The Times* of 28 November 1868 reported his bankruptcy.

By 1871 the family were living in the Dock area of Dudley - in Wellington Road at the time of the 1871 census and Turner Street in 1881. Isaiah Skidmore seems to have retired to South Street (said to be in Stourbridge), where he died at the age of 73 and was buried on 4 August 1889 at Stourbridge cemetery. His widow lived with her daughters Mary and Charlotte in the home of her daughter Kate Stanley, until her death in Islington in 1895Q1 aged 73.

**The children of Isaiah and Sidonia (Penn) Skidmore, born in Brierley Hill,**

- i. Daniel, born in Rocks Hill and baptised on 11 April 1841 at St Michael's, Brierley Hill. A coal miner, he married dressmaker Rebecca Warwick (born about 1833 in Dudley, daughter of Enoch Warwick, steel lapidary of Brewery Street, and his wife Ann) in a civil ceremony registered at Dudley in 1883Q4. By 1891, when they were living in Chapel Street, Pensnett, Daniel had risen to coal mine manager. He died in 1898Q4 aged 57 and his widow lived in Shaw Road, Dudley before her death in 1905Q1.
- ii. Mary, born 29 October (baptised 31 December) 1843 at St Michael's, Brierley Hill. With her sister Alice she moved to London to live in the home of her sister Caroline Stanley. She was an artificial florist in Islington in 1881 and a 'lady's nurse' by 1891. Miss Skidmore died in Islington aged 71 and was buried at Islington Cemetery on 25 February 1915.
- iii. Caroline, (Kate) born 1846Q4. She married in 1867Q3 at Dudley Register Office, John Henry Stanley (born 1842Q2 in Falmouth, Cornwall, son of John Henry and Sarah Stanley), a commercial traveller and clerk to a confectioner. They lived in Portland Street, Ratcliffe, Stepney and later in Marriott Road, Islington. By 1881 they had four sons born in Stepney and Holloway, and shared their home with Caroline's sisters Mary and Charlotte and brother Isaiah Skidmore. Mrs Stanley died in 1912Q1 aged 66.  
Children, as known - John Henry S., Edgar Isaiah, Charles Penbarthy, Arthur M.
- iv. Eleanor Jane (also called Ellen Jane), born 1849Q2. She died unmarried in Islington in 1932 aged 82.
- v. Harriet, born 1851Q2. A milliner in 1871. She is probably the lady who married George Lunn, a

railway guard (born about 1853 in Dudley) in 1874Q2 at St James', Dudley. They moved from Wollaston to Wolverhampton around 1880 and were living in Beacon Street there in 1881, but it appears Mr Lunn's work took him back to Wollaston by the mid-1880s. He died in 1906 and Harriet Lunn and her youngest daughter Elsie May went to live with her married daughter Florence Adams in Ivanhoe Street, Dudley. Harriet died in 1925 aged 74.

Children, as known - Charlotte, George H., Florence Mary, John, Maud, Elsie May.

- vi. Phoebe Ann, born 1853Q3. She married in 1877Q1 at St James', Dudley, James Love, a shoe finisher (born 1853Q1 in Netherton) and lived in Hill Street, Netherton before moving to Wolverhampton around 1887, where Mr Love had a boot repair busines at 21 Sedgley Street. Mrs Love died in 1931 aged 77.

Children, as known (of 8) - Florence E., Edgar James, Charlotte Alice, Arthur Barnes, Clara Jane, Frederick E.

#### and born in Dudley,

403. vii. **ISAIAH**<sup>8</sup>, born 21 February 1856 in King Street, Dudley, baptised at St Thomas', Dudley on 16 March of that year. With his sisters Caroline, Mary and Alice he moved to Islington in London where he became a commercial clerk, certainly by 1881. He married Agnes Amelia Lee (born 1857Q1 in Regents Park, London) in 1885Q3 in Barnet registration district, Middlesex. They suffered the tragedy of losing two of their children in 1894. He was a clerk to a stockbroker and lived with his family in Durham Road, East Finchley, Middlesex.

Isaiah Skidmore died in 1932 aged 75, his wife in 1946 aged 89.

#### Children of Isaiah and Agnes Amelia (Lee) Skidmore,

- i. Edith Lilian, born 1887Q3 in Holloway, died 1894Q3.
  - ii. Amy Gertrude, born 1889Q2 in Holloway, died 1894Q3.
  - iii. Herbert Stanley, born 1891Q4 in East Finchley. A bank clerk, he married in 1918. Mr Skidmore died in 1969 in Sussex.
  - iv. Elsie Beatrice, born 1894Q1 in Islington. A kindergarten teacher in 1911. Miss Skidmore died in 1923 aged 29.
- viii. Florence Edith, born 26 August 1859 (baptised 18 September at St Thomas', Dudley). She died in 1860Q4.
- ix. Charlotte Alice, born 1863Q1 in Kate's Hill, Dudley. Called Alice in censuses, she was an artificial florist in Islington by 1881 and a 'jet maker' at the time of the 1891 census. She married Ben Lemmon Fowler, a pastry cook (born 1861Q4 in St Pancras, London) in 1898Q1 in Islington and was living at the time of the 1901 census in Hazellville Road, Islington. Mrs Fowler died in 1926 aged 63, her husband in 1939 aged 76.
- Children, as known - Lilian, Ben Lemmon

#### The fourth son of Frederick and Susannah (Edge) Skidmore

**216a. DANIEL**<sup>7</sup> **SKIDMORE**, baptised 5 September 1819 at St Mary's, Oldswinford. He was a coal miner of Rocks Hill in Brierley Hill and married Maria Skidmore (daughter of Benjamin [103]<sup>4</sup>) on 16 May 1847 at All Saints', Sedgley. They were living at the time of the 1851 census with Maria's widowed mother and continued to live only a few doors away from her in Hill Street until at least 1861. At some time in the 1860s Daniel and Maria moved to 16, Grove Street, Dudley, which became the home of his daughter Maria after her marriage. Mrs Skidmore died in 1881Q2 aged 57. Daniel Skidmore appears to be the man of that name who died on 18 May 1887 aged 68, buried 22 May at St Thomas' (?), Dudley.

#### The children of Daniel and Maria (Skidmore) Skidmore, baptised at St Michael's, Brierley Hill,

- i. Mary, born 18 September (baptised 3 December) 1848. She appears to be the 22-year-old Mary Skidmore, born in Rocks Hill, who was in domestic service at the time of the 1871 census, with the family of tailor William Sadler in Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield. Nothing known of her after 1871.
- ii. Jane Elizabeth, born 23 December 1850, baptised 23 February 1851. At the time of the 1871 census, she was a servant to Thomas Hughes and family in Canal Wharf, Amblecote. She married John Fox, a railway engine driver (born 1856Q4 in Rushall, Staffordshire, son of miner Thomas

<sup>4</sup> See *Skidmore Colliers of Amblecote Bank and The Delph, Kingswinford Parish, Staffordshire 1750-1910* by Linda Moffatt at [www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com](http://www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com).

Fox) on 19 October 1878 at St Paul's, Walsall. They lived at 127A Stafford Street, Walsall. Mrs Fox died in 1934 aged 83.

Children, as known - Mary Ann, Caroline, Maria, Matilda, James.

- iii. Maria, born 26 March 1854, baptised 16 April 1854. A dressmaker before her marriage to Abraham Williams, schoolmaster of Dudley (born 1857Q2 in Dudley), apparently in 1878Q1 in Birmingham registration district. In 1881 they were living at 16 Grove Street in Dudley, with their six-month old son Arthur Abraham Williams and Maria's father. By 1891 Mr Williams was the teacher at the elementary school at The Bridges, Ratlinghope village, Shropshire. He died in 1892Q3 aged only 34 and his widow and children went to live in Wolverhampton.  
Children, as known - Charles A., Edith M., Annie, Emily Gertrude.
- iv. [perhaps] Phoebe, born 1858Q2, died in Rocks Hill aged 12 months and buried at Brierley Hill on 19 June 1859.
- iv. Hannah, born 31 August (baptised 25 September) 1859. Buried at St Michael's, Brierley Hill on 23 February 1860.

#### The fifth son of Frederick and Susannah (Edge) Skidmore

**217. NOAH<sup>7</sup> SKIDMORE**, coal miner of the Delph, Brierley Hill, and later Dudley, baptised 15 April 1821 at St Mary's, Oldswinford. At the time Noah married on 26 February 1843 at St Mary's, Kingswinford, the name of his deceased father was not recorded in the marriage register. However, his move from Brierley Hill to Dudley (although temporary) and his proximity to the home of George [219] in 1861 make me confident that he is Frederick's son. Noah's wife Esther Plant, a pipe maker, was born in Dudley and baptised on 30 December 1821 at St Michael's, Brierley Hill, daughter of Daniel and Priscilla (Fradgley) Plant. The witnesses were Sarah Long and Josiah Allport (who was living in 1841 in the home of Noah's brother Frederick).

At the time of the 1861 census the family were in Dudley, in Cromwell Street close to Noah's brother George [219]. The birth and death of their presumed son Noah points to a move at the end of 1858 or beginning of 1859. By 1865 (when Daniel was born) they had returned to Brierley Hill and were living in 1871 in Chapel Hill Street with all their children except Maria, who had married in 1864. Esther Skidmore died there in 1880 aged 58 and was buried at St Michael's, Brierley Hill on 18 August. Mr Skidmore moved to Whimsey Road in Brierley Hill before 1881 and appears to be the man buried at St Michael's, Brierley Hill on 10 April 1889, said to be aged 61.

#### **The children of Noah and Esther (Plant) Skidmore, born and baptised in Brierley Hill,**

- i. Rebecca, born 9 November 1844, baptised 2 March 1845. A clay pipe maker, she married Thomas Griffiths, a blacksmith of Buckpool (born about 1844 in Brierley Hill, son of John Griffiths, puddler), on 23 September 1877 at Holy Trinity, Wordsley, witnessed by Leah (?difficult to read) Geary. They lived in Whimsey Road, near her father, in 1881, later moving to Derry Street. Mrs Griffiths was widowed by 1901 and married secondly in 1907 Isaiah Geary (previously married to her sister Sarah Ann).  
Griffiths children, as known - Noah, Ellen (married Mr Kendrick), Thomas, John,  
**She had a son before her marriage,**
    - i. Samuel D., born 1866Q3. He was born in Chapel Hill and baptised Samuel *Skidmore*, son of Rebecca Skidmore, at St Michael's, Brierley Hill on 7 January 1872. He appears to have been the Samuel called a son of Noah Skidmore [217] at the time of the 1871 census (aged 5) and a grandson in 1881 (aged 15).  
He was a shoemaker's apprentice in 1881 and died at the age of 24 (buried at St Michael's, Brierley Hill on 9 November 1889).
  - ii. Maria, born 18 February (baptised 14 March) 1847. She married Charles Gordon, collier of Buckpool (born about 1843, son of Adonibezech Gordon, collier of Chapel Hill, Brierley Hill, and his wife Eliza), on 27 June 1864 at Holy Trinity, Wordsley. Rowland Gordon, the groom's brother, and Maria's sister Rebecca were witnesses. Charles and Maria Gordon were living in Chapel Street in 1881. Mrs Gordon died in 1897Q3 aged 50.  
Children, as known - Charles, Magor or Major, Cecilia.
404. iii. **ISAIAH<sup>8</sup>**, born 29 June 1849 in North Street, Brierley Hill and baptised on 15 July at St Michael's, Brierley Hill. He married Adeline Davies of Audnam (born 1853 in Mangotsfield, Gloucestershire, registered as Adelaide Davies, daughter of Moses Davies, miner, and Susan) on 22 September

1872 at Holy Trinity, Wordsley. The witnesses were the groom's sister Rebecca Skidmore and Isaiah Geary, his brother-in-law.

At the time of his marriage Noah was a coal miner of Buckpool, but by 1881 he was living with his family at 17 Derry Street in Brierley Hill. They then appear to have settled at 38 Mill Street, where Adelaide Skidmore died aged 48 in 1900Q3. Isaiah was living with his married daughter Matilda Loach at the time of the 1911 census. He died in 1913 aged 64.

**The children of Isaiah and Adelaide (Davies) Skidmore, born in Brierley Hill,**

758. i. **JOSEPH ARIMATEA<sup>9</sup>**, born 1873Q2. A coal miner of Brierley Hill, he was living in Mill Street at the time he married Mary Elizabeth Oldnall on 24 September 1894 at St Michael's, Brierley Hill. She was born in Brettell Lane in 1875Q4, daughter of Edward/ Edwin William Oldnall, bundler at the ironworks, and his wife Mary. Sarah Edwards was a witness to the marriage.

They were living in 1901 at 12 Oakfield Avenue, Brierley Hill with Mary's widowed mother Mary Oldnall (born about 1858 in Brierley Hill), Mary's younger brothers and sisters, and her widowed maternal grandmother Fanny Lowe (born about 1838 in Hartlebury, Worcestershire). They later moved to 4 Virgins End, Brierley Hill.

Joseph Skidmore died in 1921 aged 48.

**Children of Joseph Arimathea and Mary Elizabeth (Oldnall) Skidmore, born in Brierley Hill,**

*A further child who did not survive to 1911.*

- i. Isaiah, born about 1898. He was a collier of 20 Pew Street, Brierley Hill at the time he enlisted with the South Staffordshire Regiment on 22 January 1915, claiming to be aged 19 years 258 days old. He was discharged a month later under Kings Regulations para 392 (VI) (b), which I understand to apply to a soldier between 17 and 18 years of age at date of application for discharge. I am unaware that he tried to reenlist later in the war. Nothing further presently known of this man.
- ii. Matilda, born about 1900.
- iii. Martha Alice, born 1906Q4.
- ii. Matilda, born 1874Q4. In 1903Q4 she married Frederick Loach at St Michael's, Brierley Hill. He was born in 1870Q4 in Moor Lane, Brockmoor, son of John Loach, a grocer and fruiterer, and his wife Emily. He married firstly Mary Elizabeth Cooper and kept a greengrocery at 22 High Street, Wordsley. His first wife died in 1901. Frederick and Matilda kept the Glasscutters Public House in Barnett Street, Wordsley for many years. Mrs Loach died in 1959 aged 85. My thanks to their great grandson Bob Loach for this information.  
Children, as known - Edith Hodgkiss; John and Alice Loach.  
Matilda appears to have had a daughter,
  - i. Edith Jane, born 1893Q1 and registered as *Skidmore*. She is called Matilda's sister in the census of 1901, but is called Miss Edith Skidmore *Hodgkiss* in 1911. Edith married Archibald Weaver in 1913, as Edith *Loach* daughter of Frederick Loach, publican of Wordsley.
- iii. Sarah Ann, born 1876Q3. She married Andrew Thomas Homer, a blast furnaceman of Amblecote Lane (born about 1878, son of Joseph Homer, ironworks labourer, and Maria), on 28 January 1900 at Holy Trinity, Amblecote. The witnesses were her uncle Isaiah Geary and her sister Matilda. Andrew and Sarah Ann were living in Chapel Street, Brierley Hill in 1901. She kept a small general store in Mill Street.  
Children, as known - Joseph Arimathea, Sarah Ann, Andrew Thomas.
- iv. Isaiah, born 1878Q3, died 1879Q4 aged 1.
- v. Clara, born 1880Q3 (called Eliza in the census of 1891). She was a general domestic servant to the family of publican Francis Harley at 17 Brick Kiln Street, Dudley at the time of the 1901 census. She appears to have married Charles William James, a coal miner, in 1903Q1 at St Michael's, Brierley Hill. They were living in 1911 at 27 Blewitt Street, Commonside, Pensnett with their children Charles and David.
- vi. Adelaide, born 1882Q4. She married William Williams, a coal miner, at St Michael's, Brierley Hill in 1908Q3. They lived, at least in the early years of their marriage, at 38

- Mill Street, Brierley Hill and had sons Tom and Sidney.
759. vii. **FREDERICK JAMES**<sup>9</sup>, born 1885Q1. He is always found in documents as Frederick, never seeming to use his second given name. He married Alice Meese in 1908Q3 at St Michael's, Brierley Hill and they were living in 1911 at 5 Silver Street, Brettle Lane, Brierley Hill. Mr Skidmore was a horse driver underground in a coal pit.
- Children of Frederick and Alice (Meese) Skidmore,**
- i. Adelaide Maud, born 1909Q4.
  - ii. Eunice L., born 1913Q3. She married in 1935.
- iv. Sarah Ann, born 1852Q1. She married Isaiah Geary, miner of Buckpool, on 26 November 1871 at Holy Trinity, Wordsley. The witnesses were Sarah Ann's brother Isaiah Skidmore and the groom's mother Mrs Leah Geary. Isaiah Geary was born on 28 October 1850, son of Benjamin and Leah (Plant) Geary. Isaiah and Sarah Ann were lodging with her father in Whimsey Road in 1881, when Sarah Ann was a clay pipe maker. Mrs Geary died in 1901Q4. Their great granddaughter Miss Joy Cooper of Brierley Hill kindly supplied information on Sarah Ann's family.  
A son Isaiah.
- v. Obadiah, born 1854Q1. The Coal Mining Accidents and Deaths Index<sup>5</sup> lists an O. Skidmore, a pikeman at Lord Dudley's Wallows Colliery, who was killed on 13 March 1869 aged 22 as the result of a 'fall of a slipper in thick coal'. This age would appear to be in error; Obadiah Skidmore aged 15 was buried at St Michael's, Brierley Hill on 18 March 1869.
405. vi. **ELIJAH**<sup>8</sup>, born 1856Q2 In Brierley Hill. A coal miner, he married firstly Matilda Attwood of Wordsley (born about 1855, daughter of Moses Attwood, labourer) on 18 July 1875 at Holy Trinity, Wordsley. Charles Goring and Elijah's sister Rebecca Skidmore were witnesses. Matilda died only days after their marriage and was buried on 25 July 1875 at Christ Church, Quarry Bank. Elijah's second wife was Sarah Penny of Buckpool (born about 1852, the daughter of William Penny, a mechanic). They were married at Holy Trinity, Wordsley, on 24 December 1876. Tragically, Elijah lost his second wife at the age of only 28. She died in Chapel Hill and was buried at St Michael's, Brierley Hill on 16 March 1879.  
He married Ann Wheeler (born about 1853 in Pensnett) at Wordsley in 1880Q1. They left the area to work in County Durham, where he is found with his wife and son Obadiah in Low Spennymoor in 1881. At some point before 1886 he returned with his family to live at 10 Virgins End, Brierley Hill. He died in 1911Q1 aged 55, his wife in 1916Q1 aged 62.
- Children of Elijah and Ann (Wheeler) Skidmore,**
760. i. **OBADIAH**<sup>9</sup>, born 1880Q4 in Mount Pleasant, Spennymoor, Durham. He married Florence Rushton in 1908Q2 at St Michael's, Brierley Hill and was a packer at a wrought iron holloware factory in 1911, living with his wife at 13 New Street, Brierley Hill.
- Children of Obadiah and Florence (Rushton) Skidmore,**
- i. Florence Mabel, born 5 August 1911. She married, according to a pedigree posted at Ancestry.co.uk, Stanley Bernard Barber. She died in 1993 in Kidderminster.
  - ii. William Edward, born 17 February 1915. He married Lucy May Potter and had two sons. Mr Skidmore died in 1988.
  - iii. Harry, born 1917Q1. He married Lilian Oxborough.
- ii. Annie, born 1883Q2 in Spennymoor and baptised with her brother Elijah on 25 April 1888 at St Michael's, Brierley Hill.
  - iii. Elijah, born in 1886Q2 in Brierley Hill. He died at the age of 4 and was buried at Brierley Hill on 27 January 1890.
  - iv. Samuel, born 1894Q3 in Brierley Hill.
- vii. [probably] Noah, birth registered in 1858Q3 in Stourbridge district, died at 11 months in Dudley, buried at St Michael's, Brierley Hill on 6 July 1859.
- viii. Esther, born in Dudley in 1860Q2. A clay pipe maker in 1881. She is perhaps the young woman, said to be aged 22 and of Fenton Street, who was buried at St Michael's, Brierley Hill on 14 September 1885.
- ix. [probably] William, born 1863-64, died aged 5 in Chapel Hill, buried at Brierley Hill on 5 December 1869. This death seems for some reason to have been registered in Birmingham.

<sup>5</sup> UK, Coal Mining Accidents and Deaths Index, 1700-1950, www.cmhrc.co.uk.

406. x. **DANIEL**<sup>8</sup>, born 1865Q2. He was a coal miner of South Street when he married Augusta Skelding on 21 April 1889 at St Michael's, Brierley Hill. The witnesses were Moses Davies (father or perhaps brother of Adelaide, wife of his brother Isaiah) and Fanny Norris. Augusta was born 1867Q2, daughter of David Skelding, a miner, and Maria.

They were living by 1901 in Chapel Street, Brierley Hill and Augusta's mother shared their home until at least 1911. Augusta Skidmore died on 5 June 1924 at 37 Chapel Street, Brierley Hill, leaving a will (not seen). She was survived by her husband.

**Children of Daniel and Augusta (Skelding) Skidmore, born in Brierley Hill,**

761. i. **ARTHUR**<sup>9</sup>, born 25 April 1890. He emigrated in 1910 to the US (landing 28 September in New York and called a stoneworker) and is found in the 1920 census at 231 High Street, Warren, Trumbull County, Ohio, where he was a roller in a steel mill. The Ellis Island passenger records and later his marriage bond both state that he was born in Brierley Hill. He married Minnie, born in Ohio, daughter of Joseph J. Robinson who was living in 1920 at 603 N.Sixth Street, New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas County. By 1930 Arthur, his wife and only child Mary (born in Ohio about 1918) had moved to Granite City, Madison County, Illinois.
- ii. Walter, born 1894Q4.
- iii. Isaiah, born 1896Q4.
- iv. Harry, born 1899Q4.

**The sixth surviving son of Frederick and Susannah (Edge) Skidmore,**

**218. JOHN**<sup>7</sup> **SKIDMORE**, baptised on 26 September 1824 at St Mary's, Oldswinford. He was a coal miner of the Delph, Brierley Hill. He married firstly, on 11 May 1845 at St Mary's, Kingswinford, Amelia Askins. She was baptised Emily, daughter of Henry and Sarah *Haskins* of Commonsides, on 3 October 1824 at St Michael's, Brierley Hill. Charles Haskins, a witness, was born about 1827, son of George, collier and Martha Haskins of Bottle House Lane, Brierley Hill.

In 1861 the address of John and Emily Skidmore is given as Rock Street, perhaps Rocks Hill. In addition to six children, a visitor Maria Skidmore aged 23 was at their home. She like Fanny Skidmore and Susan Skidmore, was a labourer at the brickworks. It seems highly unlikely that she is Maria the daughter of Benjamin [157] of Oldbury and was perhaps recorded with the surname Skidmore in error.

Emily Skidmore died in Brettell Lane and was buried at St Michael's, Brierley Hill on 18 February 1867, aged 42 or 43. John married his second wife Sarah Ann in 1869Q1 at St Andrew's, Netherton and adopted her children Sarah Wall and Hannah Wall<sup>6</sup>. She was the sister of his first wife and the widow of Thomas Wall. According to a post on Ancestry.co.uk (original not checked) "A marriage is recorded as having taken place between John Skidmore, widower, and Sarah Ann Ward [*this appears to be an error*], widow, on the 28th February, 1869 at St. Andrew's, Dudley. The groom's father's name is given as Frederick Skidmore and the bride's father as Henry Askins. The witnesses were Henry Askins and Susannah Lane".

John and Sarah Ann lived close to John's brother Fred since John's address in 1868 is Brettell Lane and in 1871 Church Street. John Skidmore died in 1879Q2 aged 54. His widow Sarah Ann lived in 1881 at Virgins End, Brettell Lane, near to John's son William and to his married daughter Fanny Williams. She died in 1905Q4 aged 75.

**The children of John and Emily (Haskins) Skidmore,**

- i. Fanny Eliza, born 28 March 1846, baptised 5 July at St Michael's, Brierley Hill. She was a labourer in the brickworks before her marriage and is always recorded in censuses, and indeed at the time of her marriage, as Fanny Skidmore. She married Richard Williams, a miner of Rock Street (born about 1845, son of Edward Williams, a miner, and Elizabeth), on 20 May 1866 at Holy Trinity, Amblecote. James Williams was a witness.
- By 1881 Richard had become a painter's labourer, and they were living in Virgins End, near

<sup>6</sup> Thomas Wall married Sarah Ann Askins in 1857Q3. Sarah Wall, born about 1857, married James Barber, a bricklayer, and they lived in her stepmother's home in Virgin's End in 1881 with their two small children. Hannah Wall was born about 1860.

Fanny's stepmother. She had 13 children and died in 1894 aged 48 in South Street, Brierley Hill. Mr Williams married secondly Mrs Ann Maria Shore on 12 November 1896 at a civil ceremony registered at Stourbridge.

Children, as known - Susannah, William H., Mary Ann, John, George H., Isaiah, Sarah, Edward, Samuel, James, Fanny, Richard, Mary H.

- ii. Susannah, born 1848Q1, baptised 23 April 1848 at St Mary's, Oldswinford. She was a labourer in the brickworks at the age of 13. She married Henry Evans, furnaceman of Wordsley (born about 1851, son of Edward Evans, labourer), at Holy Trinity, Wordsley, on 26 October 1873. Thomas Sheldon and Mahelah Ryder were witnesses. I have not been able to find Henry and Susannah in the 1881 British census or later.
407. iii. **WILLIAM HENRY**<sup>8</sup>, born 29 October 1850. A coal miner of Brierley Hill, he married Sarah Pratt in 1873Q2 at St Andrew's, Netherton and they were living in Virgins End, Brierley Hill in 1881. She appears to have been a daughter of George Pratt, a coal miner of Virgins End, and his wife Elizabeth, born in 1852Q2.

Sarah died aged 41 in 1893Q2 and by the time of the 1901 census William was living at 30 Bull Street, Brettell Lane, Brierley Hill with his children John and Fanny. He retired early from coal mining owing to heart disease and died in 1911Q3 aged 61.

**The children of William Henry and Sarah (Pratt) Skidmore, born in Kingswinford parish,**

765. i. **GEORGE HENRY**<sup>9</sup>, born 1875Q1. He was living in 1881 with his grandmother Elizabeth Pratt in Whimsey Road, Brierley Hill. He married Phoebe Ann Pearson (born about 1876 in Quarry Bank) in 1894Q4 at Christ Church, Quarry Bank, and they were living with their sons and with George's sister Susannah Skidmore at 22 Turk Street, Brierley Hill in 1901. By 1911 the family had moved to 46 Bower Lane, Quarry Bank.

**Children of George Henry and Phoebe Ann (Pearson) Skidmore, born in Quarry Bank,**

*A further child who did not survive to 1911.*

- i. George Henry, born 1897Q3.  
 ii. Joseph Howard, born 1900Q1.  
 iii. Horace, born 1904Q1.  
 iv. William Henry, born 1905Q4.
- ii. Alice, born 1877Q2. She married Samuel Barnsley (born Samuel Barnsley Nock in 1874, son of Sarah Stevens), a chain maker of Amblecote Road, at Holy Trinity, Amblecote on 28 May 1898. He was born about 1876, son of Josiah Barnsley, also a chain maker. The witnesses were Benjamin Stevens and Polly Cox. Mr Barnsley died on 28 January 1962.

Two daughters Elsie Evelyn Barnsley and Gladys Irene Barnsley.

I am grateful to Erica Williams, great-granddaughter of Samuel and Alice, for information on this family.

*Alice (Skidmore) Barnsley with her grandchildren Victor Watson and Jean Perkins.*

*Samuel Barnsley*



- iii. Harriet, born 1879Q4. She died at the age of 4 early in 1884.
- iv. Susannah, born 1882Q1. She appears to have married Charles Pearson, a loader at a colliery (born about 1880 in Netherton), in 1902Q3 at Christ Church, Quarry Bank. They were living by the time of the 1911 census at 51 St Thomas Street, Netherton, Dudley.  
 Children, as known - Lily May, Mary E., Annie, Charles William, John Henry.

766. v. **JOHN HENRY**<sup>9</sup>, born 1888Q3. He married Edith Carter in 1910Q1 at St Michael's, Brierley Hill. He was a horse driver underground in a colliery.  
**Children of John Henry and Edith (Carter) Skidmore,**  
 i. Gladys, born 1910Q4.  
 2 further daughters.  
 vi. Fanny, born 1890Q4. Servant to a family in Wollaston in 1911.
408. iv. **GEORGE**<sup>8</sup>, born 1853Q2. George was a coal miner and appears to have moved around the major coalfields of Derbyshire and Yorkshire in search of work. It is possible George worked from his teens in Yorkshire for at the age of 20 or 21 he married at the parish Church of Mexborough on 8 June 1874. His wife Ann Geary, known as Annie, was born about 1855, daughter of miner Benjamin Geary. The marriage was witnessed by William John Askins and Mary Ann Pearson. In the late 1860s there was a long dispute in at least one Yorkshire colliery in the Barnsley area - at Denaby Main Colliery between the towns of Conisbrough and Mexborough. The point at issue was the right of workers to join a trade union. Trade union members who lived in company houses were evicted and over 350 miners lost their jobs. In March 1869 the owners had begun importing non-union colliers, mostly from Staffordshire<sup>7</sup>.  
 Although George and Annie's first child was baptised in Brierley Hill in 1874, the baptism register states that George was then a miner in Stone Broom, Derbyshire and Emily consistently reported at census times that she was born in Seymour, Derbyshire. Stonebroom was a new village built to house miners working at nearby Morton Colliery. The influx was mainly in the 1860s and early 1870s. By the 1880s a slump had occurred and large numbers were moving out of the area. George's third child was born in Low Valley near Barnsley in 1878 and his family appears in Mount Pleasant, Clowne, Derbyshire, in 1881.  
 By the time of the 1891 census they were living in one of the houses associated with Pegswood Colliery, Northumberland, specifically 196 Longhirst Terrace. They moved around 1893 to Severn Street, Hirst, Ashington, Northumberland. Annie Skidmore died in 1912Q4 aged 58 and her husband's was perhaps the death registered in Durham in 1927, aged 74.  
**The children of George and Ann (Geary) Skidmore**<sup>8</sup>,  
 i. Emily, born in Seymour, Staveley, Derbyshire, in 1874Q4. Baptised at St Michael's, Brierley Hill on 16 May 1875. She married Thomas Wardle, a coal miner, in 1894Q2 in Northumberland and they were living, as were her parents, in Longhirst Terrace, Pegswood in 1901. The 1911 census shows that in the following ten years they moved twice more, to Ashington around 1904 and then around 1908-10 to Kimblesworth, Chester le Street, Durham. Mr Wardle became deputy overman at Kimblesworth Colliery. His wife's death was perhaps that registered at Durham in 1941, aged 66.  
 Children, as known - George, Jane Ann, Thomas, Alexander, Emily, Florence, Stanley.
767. ii. **JAMES**<sup>9</sup>, [was 593.] born in Brierley Hill and perhaps registered as James Parsons Skidmore in 1876Q4 at Stourbridge<sup>9</sup>. A coal miner, he married Elizabeth Jane Gorman in 1897Q2 and was living with his children in Hirst, Northumberland at the time of the 1901 census.  
 James Skidmore died in 1914Q1 aged 37.  
**Children of James and Elizabeth Jane (Gorman) Skidmore,**  
 2 further children who did not survive to 1911.  
 i. **GEORGE HENRY**<sup>10</sup>, born in Northumberland in 1897Q4. He appears to have married Lily Rickaby in 1918 and had two daughters and a son.  
 ii. Elizabeth Jane, born early in 1901. She appears to have married Ronald H. Donaldson in 1918 and had two daughters and a son.

<sup>7</sup> Benson, J. & Neville R.G., *Studies in the Yorkshire Coal Industry*, Manchester U.P. 1976, Ch.6 Denaby Main: A South Yorkshire Mining Village, p.111.

<sup>8</sup> Ann Skidmore reported at the time of the 1911 census that she had had 9 children, of whom 8 were then living. The following two children were registered in the Morpeth registration district, but it is not possible to say without further evidence which was the child of George and Ann Skidmore. Susannah Skidmore, born 1896Q2, died 1897Q4 aged 1 and Isabella Binning or Benning, born 1899Q3, died an infant in 1900Q1.

<sup>9</sup> Note also James Skidmore registered in 1876Q2.



- iii. Annie, born 1903Q4.
  - iv. [perhaps] James, born 1905Q3, died 1907Q3 aged 2.
  - v. John, born 1907Q2.
  - vi. James, born 1908Q4.
  - vii. Ethel, born at the end of March 1911. She or her cousin Ethel died in 1915Q1 aged 3.
- iii. Fanny, born in 1878Q3 in Low Valley, Yorkshire. *Frances* Skidmore married Henry Robinson, a coal miner, in 1897Q1 in Northumberland. They lived at 253 Titchfield Terrace, Pegswood.  
Children, as known - Annie, George, Elizabeth, Henry, Mary, Edward.
- iv. Mary, born in 1880Q4 in Clowne, Derbyshire<sup>10</sup>. She married Goodman Williams in 1900Q2 and lived at 9 Wood Street, houses associated with Kimblesworth Colliery, Chester le Street, Co. Durham.  
Children, as known - William, Edith Ann, George.
768. v. **GEORGE**<sup>9</sup>, born 1882Q4 in Clowne, Derbyshire. A coal miner, he married Isabella Wright in 1909Q2 in Northumberland and at the time of the 1911 census, together with his wife and daughter, was sharing 23 Katherine Street, Hirst with the family of his brother James. They were to have two sons before he went to war. He died on 27 March 1916 serving as a Private in the 1st Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers. His name appears on the Menin Gate at Ypres, one of four memorials to the missing in Belgian Flanders.  
**Children of George and Isabella (Wright) Skidmore,**
- i. Margaret Annie, born 1910Q1.
  - ii. James, born 1912Q2.
  - iii. George, born 1914Q2.
- born in Pegswood, Northumberland,**
769. vi. **JOHN**<sup>9</sup>, born 20 December 1885, baptised at a Primitive Methodist Church of the Ashington and Newbiggin Circuit in Northumberland on 10 January 1886. A coal miner, he married Sarah Jane Morse in 1907Q3 in Northumberland and lived at 70 Myrtle Street, Hirst. He died on 1 July 1916 in France serving with 23rd Btn. (Tyneside Scottish) Northumberland Fusiliers; his name appears on the Thiepval Memorial. Sarah J. Skidmore, perhaps his widow, married James Ogilvie in 1920.  
**Children of John and Sarah Jane (Morse) Skidmore,**
- i. Sarah Jane, born and died in 1907Q3.
  - ii. George Henry, born 1908Q3.
  - iii. Isaiah, born early in 1911 and died later that year.
  - iv. Ethel, born 1912Q1. She or her cousin Ethel died in 1915Q1 aged 3.
  - v. John, born 1914Q1. Died 1915Q1.
770. vii. **ISAIAH**<sup>9</sup>, born 1889Q2. He married Sarah A. Strong in 1918 and they had two daughters. Isaiah Skidmore died in 1947 aged 58.
- viii. Annie, born 1893Q1. She appears to have married George R. Strong in 1914.
  - ix. Susannah, born 1896, died 1897.
- v. John Henry, born in 1856Q1. His family lived in Brettell Lane when he died at the age of 13 and was buried at St Michael's, Brierley Hill on 15 March 1868.
- vi. Isaiah, born 1858Q3. He died in 1863Q3.
409. vii. **DAVID**<sup>8</sup>, born 1862Q1. He was a glass bottle finisher of Brierley Hill and married Jane Jukes (born about 1862 in Oldbury) in 1885Q3 at St Edmund's, Dudley. She was perhaps the daughter of Davies Jukes and his wife Ruth of Tabernacle Street, Oldbury.  
Shortly after their marriage they moved to St Helens, Lancashire, where their first child was born in 1886. David was a bottle maker at Nuttals and the family were living at the time of the 1911 census at 108 Albion Street.  
**Children of David and Jane (Jukes) Skidmore, born in St Helens, baptised at St Thomas', Eccleston,**
771. i. **JOHN JAMES**<sup>9</sup>, born 1886Q3, baptised 24 May 1887. With his brother Harry, a glass bottle blower at Nuttals. He married Mary Jackson (who died in 1918 aged 30) in

<sup>10</sup> Not Mary Ethel as I stated in error in my 2004 book.

1908Q3. They lived at 169 Albion Street, St Helens.

**Children of John James and Mary (Jackson) Skidmore,**

- i. John, (Jack), born 1909Q1.
  - ii. Clifford, born 1914Q4.
  - iii. Edna M., born 1918Q3.
772. ii. **HENRY HERBERT<sup>9</sup>** (Harry), born 1888Q1. He married Sarah Littler in 1912Q3.
- Children of Henry Herbert and Sarah (Littler) Skidmore,**
- i. David, born 1913Q1.
  - ii. Alice, born 1914Q4.
  - iii. William, born 1916Q1.
  - iv. Ruth, born 1917Q4.
- iii. Frederick, born 1889Q3, baptised 29 October that year. A glass bottle blower at Shaws in 1911.
  - iv. Emily, baptised 17 February 1891. She died in 1892 before her first birthday.
  - v. Maud, baptised 26 April 1892.
  - vi. Fanny Maria, baptised 27 February 1894. A dressmaker at Lawsons in 1911.
  - vii. William, born 1895Q2. Apprenticed at Shaws by 1911.
  - viii. Jennie, born 1897Q4.
  - ix. David, born 1900Q1. He died in 1901Q4 aged 2.
  - x. Ruth, born 1901Q4.

**A son of John and Sarah Ann (Haskins) Skidmore,**

410. viii. **JAMES HENRY<sup>8</sup>**, born 1869Q4. A blast furnaceman of Brierley Hill, he married Alice Hudson (born 1873Q2 in Quarry Bank) in 1890Q4 at St Andrew's, Netherton. They were living in 1901 at 54 Hill Street, Brierley Hill, later moving to 23 Level Street.

**Children of James Henry and Alice (Hudson) Skidmore, born in Brierley Hill,**

774. i. **DAVID ALBERT<sup>9</sup>**, born 1892Q3. He married Maud M. Westwood in 1914Q4. *Albert* Skidmore died in 1956 aged 63.
- A daughter of David Albert and Maud Skidmore,**
- i. Irene M., born 1915Q1.
775. ii. **ERNEST HARRY<sup>9</sup>**, born 1894Q4. He married Nellie \_\_\_\_\_ and had a daughter Vera. Harry Skidmore died in 1977.
- iii. Nellie, born 1898Q2. She married Sydney H. Boilstone and lived in West Bromwich. They had a daughter Peggy and a son Howard. She died in 1986 aged 88.
  - iv. Irene Maud, born 25 February 1905. She married William Benjamin Richards (whose family lived in Chepstow), at the time serving in the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards. Their only child R.R. (Bob) Richards kindly supplied information on James Henry's family. Mrs Skidmore died on 26 May 1976.
  - v. James Clifford, born 1906Q4. He married Doris E. Tromans in 1931 and had no children. Mrs Skidmore died in 1965 aged 60, her husband in 1992 aged 86.

**The seventh surviving son of Frederick and Susannah (Edge) Skidmore**

**219. GEORGE<sup>7</sup> SKIDMORE**, coal miner of Brierley Hill and later Dudley, was a son of Frederick [108] and Susannah (Edge) Skidmore, baptised on 2 March 1828 at St Michael's, Brierley Hill. He married Jane Fowke (born about 1836 in Wolverhampton, daughter of James Fowke, a miner, and his wife Jane) on 12 March 1854 at St Edmund's, Dudley. Their son Frederick said in the 1881 census that he was born in Old Hill in 1855. The family lived in Rocks Hill and Moor Lane in Brierley Hill at the end of the 1850s and by the time of the 1861 census had moved to Dudley, having addresses in Cromwell Street and later East Street. They lost their daughter Harriet in 1871Q3 at the age of 6, followed by George Skidmore himself in 1871Q4 aged 44.

His widow Jane married secondly, on 28 May 1873 at Holy Trinity, Wordsley, widower Benjamin Cooper, a colliery weighclerk of Wordsley (born about 1846 in Brierley Hill, son of Benjamin Cooper, boot and shoemaker). They lived in the early years of their marriage in Pensnett but moved to High Town in Cannock in the late 1870s and were living in 1881 a few doors from Jane's son Frederick [411].

**The children of George and Jane (Fowke) Skidmore, baptisms and burials at St Michael's, Brierley Hill,**

411. i. **FREDERICK<sup>8</sup>**, born 1855Q1. A coal miner, he married Eliza Norwood of Wordsley (born about

1858 in Princes End, daughter of Joseph Norwood, iron worker and his wife Charlotte (Gray)), on 1 December 1878 at Holy Trinity, Wordsley. John Goodman and Rachel Goodman were witnesses. Frederick and Elizabeth moved from Brierley Hill to High Town, Cannock, around 1879-80 and by 1881 were living near to Frederick's mother Jane Cooper.

By the time of the 1891 census his family were boarding with John Harrison in Wigan Road, Hindley, Lancashire. The recorded birthplaces of their children in this and the 1901 censuses reveal that they moved from Hednesford, Staffordshire, to Hindley in the late 1880s. They later lived at 60 Ward Street there.

Fred Skidmore died in Leigh, Lancashire on 14 June 1935, Eliza on 8 January 1941.



*Fred Skidmore, 1855-1935,  
Eliza (Norwood) Skidmore,  
1858-1941.*

**Children of Frederick and Eliza (Norwood) Skidmore, born in Hednesford, Staffordshire,  
2 further children who did not survive to 1911.**

- i. Lilian, born 1879Q1 in Brierley Hill. She died in Cannock in 1881Q3 aged 2.
- ii. Charlotte Jane (Lotte), born 5 September 1881. A cotton card room hand. She married Samuel Moss at All Saints', Hindley in 1912 and had, as known, a son and a daughter. She died in 1970.



*Charlotte Jane Skidmore*



*Mary Skidmore*

- iii. Mary (Polly), born 6 November 1883. A calico weaver, she married James Oldham, a coal miner, at All Saints', Hindley in 1905Q3 and had a son and two daughters. They were living in 1911 at 81 Danes Avenue, Hindley. She died in 1971.
776. iv. **GEORGE**<sup>9</sup>, born 1886Q1. A coal mine labourer in 1901. He married Annie Tootill at All Saints', Hindley in 1910Q1. They were living at the time of the 1911 census with their daughter Lilian at 21 Deansgate, Hindley. Gunner Skidmore of 'C' Battery 149th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, died on 3 August 1919 and is buried in Hindley Cemetery.



*George Skidmore, 1886-1919*

**Children of George and Annie (Tootill) Skidmore,**

- i. Lilian, born 1911Q1.
- ii. James, born 1912Q4.
- iii. Sarah, born 1914Q3.

**born in Hindley,**

777. v.

**JOSEPH<sup>9</sup>**, born 19 November 1889. He married Ellen Hope on 9 January 1915 at All Saints', Hindley and had two sons. Mr Skidmore served with the Royal Field Artillery 1916-18. He died in 1981.



*Joseph and Ellen  
(Hope) Skidmore and  
sons*

vi.

Lois, born September 1891. A cotton weaver, she married John Morris, a coal dealer, at All Saints', Hindley in 1920 and had one son. Mrs Morris died 7 May 1967 in Wigan. I am grateful to Lois Best, her granddaughter, for information on the family of Frederick and Eliza Skidmore.



*Lois Skidmore*

vii.

Frederick, born 1893Q2. He joined the 1st/7th Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment and died on 26 October 1918. He is buried in the Tournai Communal Cemetery Allied Extension, Hainaut, Belgium.



*Fred Skidmore, junior, 1893-1918*

- viii. Sarah (Sally), born 23 April 1895. She married Samuel Dunckley in 1919. They had two sons and a daughter and returned to Hednesford, where she died on 4 January 1983.



*Sarah Skidmore*

778. ix. **JOHN<sup>9</sup>**, (Jack) born 1897Q2. Twin to Benjamin. He served in the Royal Field Artillery in WW1. He married Eliza Green in 1921. They had a daughter and five sons.  
 x. Benjamin, born 1897Q2. He served with the Army Service Corps in northern France from October 1915. He died in 1920 at 2 Rigby Street, Hindley of cardiac valvular disease - dropsy.



*Twins John and Benjamin Skidmore*

- xi. Mark, born 9 June 1899. He married Sarah A. Cassidy in 1922. No children. Mr Skidmore died in Leigh on 2 March 1978.



- ii. George Henry, according to the 1861 census born in Brierley Hill in 1856-57 and perhaps registered in 1856Q3. He died in 1873Q4 aged 17.  
 iii. Ann Maria, born 27 February (baptised 16 March) 1858. She died in Rocks Hill, said to be aged 1 (?one month), and was buried on 28 March 1858.  
 iv. Ellen Jane, born 20 March (baptised same day) 1859. She died in Moor Lane aged 2 months and was buried on 22 May.  
 v. Caroline, born in Dudley in 1860Q1. She died in 1862Q3.  
 vi. Mary, born 1862Q3. Not found in the census of 1881.  
 vii. Harriet, born 1865Q1. She died in 1871Q3 aged 6.  
 viii. Sarah, born 1870Q4 in Dudley. She appears to be the Sarah aged 25, daughter of George Skidmore, who married John Mould (born about 1872 in Penkrudge, son of Arthur Mould, a quarryman of Mill Street, and his wife Louisa) at St John's, Walsall on 4 January 1896.

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