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## **SKIDMORE FAMILIES OF NETHERTON, DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE 1790-1900**

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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* at [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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**The Skidmore families described here are descendants of John Skidmore [38] of Kingswinford parish, Staffordshire - specifically, the known descendants of John's sons Daniel [75], William [77] and Thomas [78]<sup>1,2</sup>. These are families originating in the area one mile south-west of Dudley town known as Netherton.**

**This account covers moves away from the area to**

- **New Dock, Dudley in the 1860s,**
- **Erdington, Birmingham in the 1890s,**
- **Latchford, Warrington, Cheshire around 1905.**

The National Gazetteer of Great Britain and Ireland (1868) describes Netherton as

'a village and chapelry in the parish of Dudley St. Thomas, and Dudley St. Edmund, county Worcester, 1 mile S.W. of Dudley. It is situated on the Stourbridge canal, in the heart of an extensive mining and manufacturing district. There are extensive collieries and mines of ironstone. The inhabitants are mostly employed in the numerous furnaces for smelting iron ore, and in the manufacture of nails. The living is a perpetual curacy in the diocese of Worcester, value £300, in the patronage of the Vicar of Dudley. The church, dedicated to St. Andrew, was erected in 1831, by grant from the parliamentary commissioners. There are several places of worship belonging to the Baptists, Wesleyans, New Connexion and Primitive Methodists. There are National and other schools'.

The first school in Netherton was a Church of England establishment built in 1836 at the corner of Halesowen Road and Church Road, providing education for children aged 5 to 11 years. One of the earliest manufacturing firms established in Netherton was Samuel Lewis & Co Ltd which was set up in 1750. Other notable firms were: Danks, which made boilers; John Barnsley and Co., specialists in cranes and hoists; the Atlas Tubes Works (run by Henry Parkes Skidmore) and Grazebrook's, which had furnaces for iron-making. The latter firm was established at Netherton in 1800 by Michael Grazebrook.

The first Skidmore men to move from Kingswinford parish into Netherton in the early 19th century were coal miners. Mining in the Netherton area has taken place since at least the 14th century. According to the Rent Rolls of Lord Dudley and Ward, the income from coal mining on Knowle Hill (the former name for Netherton Hill) formed a large fraction of the total income of the Dudley Estate in 1701. In the 19th century, mining in the Netherton area was particularly extensive. Some of the collieries were: the Baptist End, Dudley Wood, Netherton, Netherton Old, Saltwell and Yew Tree Hill. Coal mining was still being carried out in the 1970s when coal was removed from Netherton Hill by the open cast method.

The early Skidmore families who lived in Netherton used St Thomas' church in Dudley - at least for their marriages and burials and the baptisms of their children. Netherton's parish church, St Andrew's, erected in 1831, is situated on Netherton Hill at the highest point in Netherton. It was originally just a chapel-at-ease to St Thomas' of Dudley, only becoming Netherton's parish church in 1844. The church is surrounded by the gravestones of not only many of the former residents of the area but its churchyard also contains the mass unmarked graves of the victims of cholera that struck Dudley in 1831 and 1832.

In the mid-19th century, the area was notorious for its bad sanitary conditions. In 1852 an inquiry into the sewerage, drainage and supply of water was carried out, reporting to the General Board of Health. Its conclusions were very damning for Netherton. A typical comment was: 'Old Netherton Town, Mr. Thomas Woodall's buildings.- Drainage very horrible, with privies and piggeries as usual, and no pavement. Procure water from a horse-pit nearly half a mile, and it has to be carried up hill, mostly by girls, in little pails of about three gallons, on their heads. This was a bad place for cholera'.

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<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> The descendants of John Skidmore's son John [76] can be found with his coal mining cousins in *Skidmore Families of Oldbury, Worcestershire 1790-1900* by Linda Moffatt at [www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com](http://www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com)

**75. DANIEL<sup>6</sup> SKIDMORE** was the son of John [38] and Sarah (Wheeler) Skidmore, baptised at St Mary's, Kingswinford on 9 March 1766. He married Nancy Bagley at St Mary's, Kingswinford on 28 May 1787. The witnesses were Thomas Foley and Jane Foley, a couple who had two children baptised at St Thomas', Dudley in 1787 and 1788. Nancy could be a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (?Burrows) Bagley, baptised at St Thomas', Dudley on 9 May 1770.

Daniel died about a year after the birth of his only child and was buried at St Mary's, Kingswinford on 29 March 1789, aged 27. His widow is probably the lady who married Thomas Porter on 29 October 1792 at St Peter's, Wolverhampton.

**The child of Daniel and Nancy (Bagley) Skidmore, baptised at St Thomas', Dudley,**

149. i. **JOSEPH<sup>7</sup>**, baptised 2 March 1788. He married Elizabeth Wilcox (born about 1790 in Dudley) on 20 January 1818 at St Mary's, Oldswinford, though banns were first called on 14 July 1811 at St Mary's, Kingswinford, when both were said to be of that parish. The witnesses were Thomas Edwards (perhaps the parish clerk) and Nancy Wayne. Joseph was a collier of Cinder Bank, Netherton all his working life and died there in 1853Q3. His widow could be one of the two Elizabeth Skidmores whose deaths were registered in Dudley in 1858.

**The children of Joseph and Elizabeth (Wilcox) Skidmore, baptised at St Thomas', Dudley,**

287. i. **DANIEL<sup>8</sup>**, baptised 3 May 1818, **OF WHOM MORE BELOW.**

ii. Ann, baptised 19 March 1820, buried 3 December 1826 at St Thomas', Dudley, aged 7.

288. iii. **ELIJAH<sup>8</sup>**, baptised 4 November 1821, **OF WHOM MORE BELOW.**

iv. John, baptised 19 October 1823. He perhaps witnessed his brother Daniel's wedding in 1839 and was still at home in 1841. He appears to be the furnaceman who married Mary Ann Foster (born about 1821 in Dudley, daughter of John Foster, boatman of Constitution Hill, and his wife Ann) on 28 January 1851 at All Saints', Sedgley. They were living in 1851 at Mill Street in Dudley, with their niece Sarah Foster, aged 18, and Thomas Foster, aged 8 (called John's son-in-law and presumably his stepson), both born in Dudley.

At the time of the 1861 census Mrs Skidmore was living with her parents in Paradise, Dudley. John was widowed by the time of the 1871 census, when he was a coal miner living with his widowed sister Elizabeth Piper at 42 Cinder Bank. His death was apparently that registered at Dudley later that year aged 48.

v. Elizabeth, baptised Eliza on 25 December 1825 but called Elizabeth in censuses and elsewhere. She married William Piper on 11 February 1844 at All Saints', Sedgley. He was a miner of Coseley, son of William Piper, brother to Richard Piper who married her sister, cousin to Mary Ann Danks, who married Elizabeth Skidmore's brother Daniel, and cousin to Mary Danks who married Elizabeth's brother Elijah Skidmore. The witnesses were Elijah Skidmore and Elijah's sister-in-law Caroline Danks.

Mr Piper died in 1868Q2 aged 43 and his widow and children continued to live at 42 Cinder Bank, Netherton. By 1881 her niece Sarah Skidmore, daughter of Joseph, and her grandson John Moy aged 7 shared her home.

William and Elizabeth Piper were gt grandparents to Hazel Whittaker, who kindly supplied information on this family.

288a. vi. **JOSEPH<sup>8</sup>**, baptised 23 March 1828. He married firstly Mary Gutteridge (born about 1827, daughter of James Gutteridge) at All Saints', Sedgley on 18 November 1854 and was a labourer of Martin Hill Street, Dudley in 1855. She was one of the three Mary Skidmores whose deaths were registered at Dudley in 1857, 1858 and 1860.

Mr Skidmore then ran the Shakespeare Inn in New Mill Street, Dudley. He married secondly Sarah Willies (born about 1840, daughter of John Willies, engine fitter of Tipton, and his wife Elizabeth) on 23 January 1862 at All Saints', Sedgley. Sarah Skidmore died in 1864Q2<sup>3</sup>, her husband in 1879Q4 aged 52.

**A child of Joseph and Mary (Gutteridge) Skidmore,**

<sup>3</sup> The two registrations in 1865 of Sarah Skidmore were both infants.

- i. Sarah, born 6 September 1855 (baptised 23 September at St Thomas', Dudley. Despite the discrepancy in ages recorded, she appears to be the child who died aged 1 year 10 months (buried at St Thomas', Dudley 17 September 1857).

**A child of Joseph and Sarah (Willies) Skidmore,**

- ii. Sarah Ann, born 1864Q1. She was living at the time of the 1871 census with the family of her uncle John Willies at 19 Coppice Street in Tipton. She later lived with her aunt Elizabeth (Skidmore) Piper at 42 Cinder Bank, Dudley.
- vii. Sarah Ann, baptised 16 May 1830. She married Richard Piper, coal miner of Brockmoor (born in Netherton about 1824, son of William Piper, miner, and his wife Sarah) at Holy Trinity, Wordsley, on 12 August 1849, witnessed by William Piper and Jane Piper, probably brother and sister of the groom. Richard and Sarah Ann lived in Cinder Bank adjacent to her parents. Children, as known, Matilda, Joseph, Daniel and Sarah Ann.  
She died in 1862Q3 and Richard Piper married secondly Sarah (born about 1836 in Moseley, Warwickshire) and lived for a time in Corngreaves Road, Rowley, moving in the later 1870s to Little Hulton in Lancashire.

The first son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Wilcox) Skidmore.

**287. DANIEL<sup>8</sup> SKIDMORE**, baptised 3 May 1818 at St Thomas', Dudley. A stone miner of Cinder Bank, Netherton, he married Mary Ann Danks (born about 1818, the daughter of Samuel Danks, miner of Cinder Bank, and his wife Hannah) on 17 November 1839 at St Mary's, Oldswinford. The witnesses were John Skidmore, presumably his brother, and Elizabeth Heathcock. Mary Ann was a dress maker of Hay Green, Lye, at the time of their marriage.

Mary Ann Skidmore died in 1873Q3 aged 54. Daniel remained at 48 Cinder Bank until at least 1881, when he was a labourer in the boiler works and living with his children Phoebe, Samuel, and Mary, and grandchildren Freddie, Beatrice and Miriam Skidmore (Samuel's children). Visiting the home were his married daughter Sarah Ann Perks and her seven-month baby Melinda Perks (born in Lye). Mr Skidmore died in 1893Q3 aged 75.

**The children of Daniel and Mary Ann (Danks) Skidmore, baptised at St Thomas', Dudley,**

- i. Elijah, born 17 March (baptised 19 April) 1840. A miner aged 11 in 1851. He married Mary Ann Rollason (born about 1840, daughter of William Rollason, cabinet maker) on 1 April 1866 at All Saints', Sedgley. He died in 1874Q1 aged 33 and his widow married, on 25 December 1876 at St Thomas', Dudley, widower John Round, an iron stocktaker (born about 1838, son of Samuel Round moulder, deceased). The witnesses were William Round and Ellen Shilton.
530. ii. **JOSEPH<sup>9</sup>**, [was 500.] born 9 March 1842 and baptised at St Thomas', Dudley on 15 May of that year. He married Mary Ann Crew (born 1841Q1 in Netherton, daughter of William Crew, coal miner of Sweet Turf, Dudley, and his wife Ann) on 23 July 1866 at St Edmund's, Dudley and they were living at the time of the 1871 census with her widowed mother and her brothers, all coal miners, in St John's Street, Netherton.

Joseph Skidmore died in 1878Q4 aged 36 (for some reason, his death was registered at Upton on Severn, Worcestershire, not Dudley) and his widow is found in 1881 living at Spittles Fold in Netherton, with her children and her brother Edward Crew, a coal miner. She remained there with her brother until at least 1901, at which time her children Joseph and Mary Ann were still at home. Mrs Skidmore died in 1904Q1 aged 62.

**The children of Joseph and Mary Ann (Crew) Skidmore, born in Netherton,**

- i. **WILLIAM<sup>10</sup>**, born 1868Q4, maker and trader of iron fences. He married Diana Cox (born early in 1871 in Quarry Bank, daughter of Daniel Cox, miner, and his wife Sarah) on 16 August 1891 at Christ Church, Quarry Bank. The witnesses were Daniel Cox and Catherine Cox. They lived at 16 Hampton Street, Netherton. Mrs Skidmore died in 1938 aged 67, her husband in 1940 aged 71.

**Children of William and Diana (Cox) Skidmore,**

- i. Gladys, born in Netherton in 1896Q3. She perhaps married in 1918.
- ii?. A child who did not survive to 1911.
- ii. Ann, born 1871Q3. She married John Thomas Hollies (born 1870Q1 in Dudley, son

of Edward and Martha C. Hollies of High Street, Dudley) in 1900Q1 at St Andrew's, Netherton and they were living at the time of the 1901 census at 6F Old Meeting Street, West Bromwich, where Mr Hollies was cashier and accountant to a brick manufacturing firm.

- iii. Joseph, born 1873Q4. A coal miner, he was living alone at 12 Spittles Fold, Netherton in 1911. Nothing further known.
  - iv. Mary Ann, born 1877Q1. A boot fitter, she married William Parsons (born about 1882, son of Henry Parsons, a greengrocer, and his wife Susannah) on 19 October 1902 at St Thomas', Dudley<sup>4</sup>.
- iii. Phoebe Elizabeth, born 14 August 1844, baptised 14 September 1845. A tailoress at first (perhaps working with her mother) and then a domestic servant to the Gorton family in The Parade, Dudley, she returned to her widowed father's home, presumably to help care for him and for the children of her widowed brother Samuel. She seems to be the Phoebe Skidmore who married William Garratt in 1883Q2 at St John's, Dudley. He was a caretaker at Dudley School of Art and Library, born about 1851 in Belper, Derbyshire, son of Samuel and Eliza Garratt who moved to Netherton in the late 1850s. They lived in Parsons Street and later Imperial Terrace, Dudley with their niece Grace Garratt.
531. iv. **SAMUEL**<sup>9</sup>, [was 501.] collier, was born 22 December 1846 in Netherton and baptised at St Thomas', Dudley on 25 December 1853. More checking of original marriage registers is needed but it seems he married three times. He probably married firstly Sarah Ann Danks (born about 1848 in Netherton, perhaps the daughter of Richard Danks, butty collier of Simms Lane, and his wife Ann) in 1868Q4 at St John's, Dudley. She died in 1872Q3 aged 24. He appears to have married secondly at St James', Dudley in 1873Q3 Eliza Smith, who died in 1879Q4 aged 23. Samuel Skidmore was a widower by the time of the 1881 census, when he was living in the home of his widowed father Daniel. Samuel married in 1883Q1, probably for the third time, Sarah Ann Evans (born about 1861 in Feckenham, Redditch, Worcestershire, daughter of Henry Evans, farm labourer, and his wife Emma). They moved from Pear Tree Lane, Woodside, Dudley to Erdington, Birmingham around 1896 and were living at 153 High Street there at the time of the 1901 census. Mr Skidmore was a labourer for the Urban District Council.

**A child of Samuel Skidmore, perhaps by his first wife Sarah Ann (Danks),**

- i. Frederick James (Freddie), born in 1869Q1 in Netherton. He was at first a coal miner and went to Eldon, Durham to find work. Later he became a blacksmith's striker, boarding in King Street, Whittingdon, Derbyshire, at the time of the 1901 census. Not yet found in the British census of 1911.

**Children of Samuel and Eliza (Smith) Skidmore, born in Netherton,**

- ii. Beatrice, born in 1874Q1. She married James Henry Round, a blacksmith making gates and railings (born in Hart's Hill, Dudley in 1871 or 1872, son of Isaiah Round, colliery labourer, and his wife Martha) at St Luke's, Dudley, on 6 August 1894. They were living at the time of the 1901 census at 7 The Hurst, Dudley, next to Mr Round's parents. They moved sometime after 1903 to Liverpool, where Mr Round was foreman blacksmith in bridge and construction work and their home in 1911 was at 20 Hartington Road, Garston. Mrs Round's death at the age of 75 was probably that registered in Liverpool South in 1949. Children, as known, Ada M., Alice Doris and Henry Archibald.
- iii. Miriam, born in 1875Q4. Apparently living in 1891 with her stepmother's father Henry Evans at Hagley Hill, Worcestershire. Other granddaughters there were Harriet Badham (aged 14) and Emily Badham (aged 8), daughters of Sarah Ann's sister Elizabeth (Evans) and her husband Benjamin Badham (both recorded also at their home in Hawn, Halesowen). Miriam Skidmore was a domestic servant to Misses Burke and Trinder, both school teachers, at 84 Himley Road, Dudley in 1901. She married Timothy Reed, a park keeper (born about 1879 in Newcastle on Tyne) and they were living by 1911 with their son Arthur Cyril Reed at Brook Vale Park,

<sup>4</sup> Louisa the daughter of Henry Parsons, and sister to William Parsons, married David Skidmore [431] in 1900. See *The Skidmore Family of Stamford House, Amblecote, Staffordshire, and their Descendants 1780-1915* at [www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com](http://www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com).

Erdington.

**Children of Samuel and Sarah Ann (Evans) Skidmore, born in Woodside, Dudley,**

- iv. Cassy Emily, born 1883Q3. She married firstly Joseph Read in 1903Q4 and secondly Arthur G. Wells (a bricklayer's labourer (born about 1885 in Erdington) in 1910Q4. Mr & Mrs Wells were living in 1911 at 34 Gravelly Lane, Erdington.
  - v. Samuel, born 1885Q4. He died in 1891Q3 aged 6.
  - vi. Ada, born 1890Q2.
  - vii. **BASIL**<sup>10</sup>, born 1893Q1. He served in the Rifle Brigade and the Machine Gun Corps during World War 1. He married in 1919 and had, as known, one daughter.
  - viii. **ERNEST**<sup>10</sup>, born 1895Q3. He enlisted with the Royal Engineers on 28 February 1916, as William Ernest Skidmore of 204 Gravelly Lane, Erdington, a wireman for an electrician. He is presumably the man whose marriage was registered in Birmingham North district in 1926 and who had, as known, a daughter and a son.
  - ix. Freda Lilian, born 1898Q1 in Aston. She married in 1920 and had, as known, 3 daughters and a son.
  - x?. A further child who did not survive.
  - xi. Clifford, born 1910 in Erdington.
- v. Hannah, born 9 August 1849 and baptised 25 December 1853 along with her brother Samuel and sister Sarah Ann. At the time of the 1871 census she was a cook to the family of banker's cashier Joseph Naylor in Packwood, Warwickshire. Nothing further known.
  - vi. Sarah Ann, born 19 May 1852. She married Thomas Perks in 1878Q1 at St James', Dudley and was widowed by 1891 when she was living with her children Melinda, Percy and Ethel in Cinder Bank, Netherton.
  - vii. Ann, born either 1854Q2 or 1855Q1. She appears to be the young lady, who said she was aged 19, in service in Wesley Street, Brierley village, Coseley at the time of the 1871 census. Further, she could be the housemaid Annie Skidmore, aged 24 and born in Netherton, living in 1881 with other servants at Birch Tree Cottage, Cofton Hackett, Worcestershire. She married William Henry Edwards, an anchor maker (born about 1859 in Netherton) in 1888Q2 at St James', Dudley and they shared their home at 22 Swan Street, Baptist End, Dudley, with her widowed father, presumably until his death in 1893.
  - viii. Mary Jane, born 1857Q1. She married John Garratt, agent and examiner to a chain maker, (born about 1855 in Belper, Derbyshire, brother to William who married her sister Phoebe) in 1884Q4 at St John's, Dudley and they lived in a house belonging to the Board Schools in Halesowen Road, Netherton. Mrs Garratt had three children - Frank, May and Sydney - before her death in 1893Q1 aged only 36. Her husband married secondly Florence Elizabeth Sidaway in 1894.
  - ix. Cordelia, born 1861Q3. Remarkably, she appears in the 1881 census as Cordelia *Scudamore*, aged 19, born in Netherton, *Warwickshire*. She was then a kitchen maid in the home of retired draper George Cruickshank at Belmont House, Monkton Combe, Somerset. She married Samuel Monkton, a loader of canal coal boats (born about 1864 in Round Oak, Brierley Hill, son of Henry and Mary Monkton) in 1887Q3 at St John's, Dudley, and lived in Cinder Bank and later Round Street, Netherton. Mrs Monkton died in 1941 aged 80.  
Children, as known - Harry, Cordelia, Sydney, Samuel and William Ewart Monkton.

The second son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Wilcox) Skidmore.

**288. ELIJAH**<sup>8</sup> **SKIDMORE**, baptised 4 November 1821 at St Thomas', Dudley. He began his working life as a scythesmith but by 1861 had become a clerk in the warehouse belonging to the scythe factory. He was said to live in Stourbridge at the time of his marriage, though this is perhaps unlikely. He married, on 7 February 1841 at St Mary's, Oldswinford, a Stourbridge girl, Mary Danks (baptised at St Thomas', Dudley 4 February 1821, daughter of William Danks, a stone miner, and his wife Priscilla (Nock)). Joseph Chance and Charlotte Bason were witnesses. Thereafter Elijah's residence is always Cinder Bank in Netherton.

Mary Skidmore died in 1854Q4 and Elijah is found with his children Ann, Elijah and Thomas in 1861 at Dudley Road, Netherton. He and his son Samuel later worked in the warehouse of a nail factory.

Elijah Skidmore is thought to be the executor of the will (proved at Worcester on 8 January 1869) of Nancy Skidmore of Cinder Bank, widow of James Skidmore. Elijah was bequeathed not only her clock but four houses at Cinder Bank, two in the occupation of James Turner, coal miner, and two by Thomas Piper and Nancy herself.

He also received her house at Sweet Turf in Netherton in the occupation of William Moy. (James Turner and David Raybould, also a coal miner, received the residue of her estate and effects). Elijah was at 10 Cinder Bank in 1881 with his son Elijah and died in 1883Q2 aged 62.

**The children of Elijah and Mary (Danks) Skidmore,**

532. i. **JOB<sup>9</sup>**, [was 502.] born in Netherton in 1841Q2 and baptised on 19 March 1848 at St Thomas', Dudley. He married Myra Collett (born about 1845 in Dudley, perhaps the daughter of Richard Collett, bricklayer of New Dock, and his wife Sarah) in 1863Q4 at West Bromwich. He was a whitesmith and fire iron polisher of the New Dock in Dudley in the 1860s and 1870s, specifically at 33 Himley Street in 1877 and, by 1881, in Furnace Row where they remained until at least 1911. Mr Skidmore died in 1914Q2 aged 73, his wife in 1919Q3 aged 75.

**The children of Job and Myra (Collett) Skidmore,**

- i. Mary, born 28 February 1866 (baptised 20 May at St Thomas', Dudley). She was a tailoring apprentice before she married James Turner, an iron moulder (born perhaps 1859Q4, in Coalbrookdale, Shropshire) in 1888Q2 at Dudley. They lived close to her parents in Furnace Row and had one child, Alice Maud Turner.
- ii. Elijah, registered 1869Q1 and baptised at St Thomas' with his brother Thomas on 6 August 1871. An iron fender moulder, he lived with his sister Mary's family. Mr Skidmore died in 1940 aged 70.
- iii. **THOMAS<sup>10</sup>**, born 23 July 1871 (apparently not registered until December quarter). An iron fender moulder, he married Martha Ellen Northwood (born about 1878 in Dudley) in 1902Q1 at St Augustine's, Dudley.

**Children of Thomas and Martha Ellen (Northwood) Skidmore, born in Dudley,**

- i. Thomas, registered as *Northwood* and called Skidmore, born 1894Q1. Thomas Northwood was living with his grandparents Job and Myra Skidmore in 1911.
  - ii. Job, born 1900Q2.
  - iii.? A further child who did not survive.
  - iv. Eliza, born 1874Q4 and baptised at St Luke's, Dudley, on 25 April 1877. A dress-maker, she married Joseph Wright, a moulder (born about 1877 in Dudley) in 1899Q2 at Dudley and they too lived in Furnace Row close to her parents. A son William.
  - v?. A further child who did not survive.
- ii. Ann, born 1842Q3. She was living with her son John Skidmore aged 3, at 1 Cinder Bank at the time of the 1871 census. Later that year she married Edward Hamlet, a shoemaker (born about 1838 in Dudley, son of Matthew *Hamblett*, shoemaker of Cromwell Street, Dudley, and his wife Margaret) on 26 September 1871 at All Saints', Sedgley. She became a fish dealer and lived in Kates Hill, Dudley, latterly with her daughter Mary who married Leonard Hale. Mrs Hamblett died in 1921 aged 78.

**A son,**

- i. John, born perhaps 1867Q3 in Netherton. He died in 1873Q1 aged 6.
- iii. Samuel Danks, born 1849Q1, died 1872Q1 aged 23.
- iv. Elijah, born 1851Q1. At the time of the 1881 census, he was living at his father's home, a blacksmith's striker. He later boarded with his brother Thomas and, by 1901 with Ann E. Little in Blowers Green Road, Dudley. He died aged 55 in 1907Q3.
533. v. **THOMAS<sup>9</sup>**, [was 504.] born 17 December 1853 in Netherton and baptised at St Thomas', Dudley on 14 February 1864. He was a scythesmith and later a boiler maker in Netherton and married Elizabeth Cutler (perhaps born 1853Q3, in Netherton) in 1874Q2 at St Edmund's, Dudley. Their home was at 33 St Thomas Street, Netherton until at least 1901 but by 1911 they had moved with their son Benjamin to Latchford, Warrington, Cheshire. Mrs Skidmore died in 1935 aged 81, her husband in 1938 aged 85.

**Children of Thomas and Elizabeth (Cutler) Skidmore,**

- i. **BENJAMIN CUTLER<sup>10</sup>**, born on 1 December 1876 (registered for some reason in Birmingham), baptised at St Thomas', Dudley on 18 February 1877. A maker of gas tubes, he married Catherine Maria Shaw (born 1870Q3 in Netherton, daughter of Adam and Sarah Shaw of Halesowen Road) in 1897Q4 at Dudley and they were living in 1901 at 67 St John's Street, Netherton. He perhaps worked for Atlas Tube Works in Netherton, which was owned and run by Henry Parkes Skidmore

(numbered [176] who can be found in *Skidmore Families of the Black Country, the first five generations* by Linda Moffatt).

They moved around 1905 to Latchford and were living by 1911 at 119 Thelwall Lane. Mrs Skidmore died in 1933 aged 62, her husband in 1944 aged 67.

**Children of Benjamin Cutler and Catherine Maria (Shaw) Skidmore,**

- i. Thomas Henry, born 1899Q3. He married in 1923.
  - ii. Benjamin Cutler, born 1903Q1. He married in 1925 and had, as known, a son and a daughter.
  - iii. Sarah Elizabeth, born 1903Q1.
  - iv. Catherine Mary (Katie), born 1906Q1 in Latchford.
- ii. **THOMAS<sup>10</sup>**, born 1881Q3. A boiler maker, he married Sarah Ann Hodgetts (born about 1879 in Rowley) in 1901Q1 at Holy Trinity, Cradley Heath and they were living with his parents at the time of the census a little later that year. They too moved to Latchford, Warrington and were living in 1911 at 9 Radon Place. Mr Skidmore was a labourer in the soap works.

**Children of Thomas and Sarah Ann (Hodgetts) Skidmore, born in Netherton,**

- i. Joseph, born 1901Q3. He died in 1926 aged 24.
  - ii. Thomas, born 1904Q4.
- iii. Cecile, born 1890Q4. Cissie Skidmore died in 1955 aged 64.

**77. WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> SKIDMORE**, probably the son of John [38] and Elizabeth (Sperry) Skidmore, was born about 1771 and baptised at St Mary's, Kingswinford on 3 April 1774. He married Ann Lloyd (perhaps the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Lloyd, baptised at St Thomas', Dudley on 21 November 1773) on 10 October 1791 at St Thomas', Dudley, witnessed by Sarah Pearson. Only one of their nine known children survived; three children were lost in six months in the year 1812. A stone exists in St Thomas' cemetery, Dudley, to the memory of their children John, Sarah, Nancy and James.

William was a coal miner and probably spent most of his life in Dudley. At the time of the 1841 census he lived at Dixons Green with his wife and was apparently still working. They lived with the family of their only surviving child Esther Potter. By 1851 William was retired and living at 47 Brewery Street, Dudley, with his wife, daughter Esther and her husband. He died aged 87 and was buried on 10 October 1857 at St Thomas', Dudley. His wife's burial has not been found. She is perhaps the Ann Skidmore whose death was registered in the Dudley registration district as late as 1860Q1.

**The children of William and Ann (Lloyd) Skidmore, baptisms and burials at St Thomas', Dudley,**

- i. John, baptised 8 April 1792 and died 21 February 1808.
- ii. Sarah, baptised 26 January (buried 12 October) 1794.
- iii. William, baptised 13 September 1795, buried 25 October 1803.
- iv. Sarah, baptised 18 March (buried 19 April) 1798.
- v. Nancy, baptised 7 July 1799, died 6 January (buried 9 January) 1812.
- vi. Joseph, baptised 21 February 1802. He died aged 16 and was buried on 30 April 1818.
- vii. Esther, baptised 26 August 1804. She married Joseph Potter, coal miner (baptised 25 December 1804, son of William and Lydia Potter of Dudley), on 22 August 1825 at St Mary's, Kingswinford (witness William Edwards). Six children were baptised at St Thomas', Dudley between 1826 and 1844; William, Joseph, Ann, John, Edward, Lydia. The family had various addresses in Dudley - Springs Mire in 1826, Dixons Green in 1835 and 1841, Pensnett in 1844 and 47 Brewery Street at the time of the 1851 census. Sarah Ann Skidmore Potter, aged 2 - perhaps a child of Joseph and Esther Potter - was buried at St Thomas', Dudley on 11 June 1850. By the time of the 1861 census Joseph Potter was a chartermaster employing 15 men and 13 boys and Joseph and Esther were living by 1871 in Bell Street, Pensnett. Mrs Potter appears to have died in 1871Q2 aged 66, her husband a year later aged 68.
- viii. Sarah, baptised 15 February 1807, died 30 December 1811, buried 5 January 1812.
- ix. James, baptised 22 April 1810, died 13 (buried 16) June 1812.



**78. THOMAS<sup>6</sup> SKIDMORE** was a collier of Netherton. I believe him to be the man with this name who died aged 48 and was buried on 27 May 1832 in Dudley, which places his birth around 1784. He is, therefore, probably the son of John [38] and Elizabeth (Sparry) Skidmore, baptised on 17 April 1785 at St Mary's, Kingswinford.

He married Sarah (born about 1778 in Netherton, according to censuses) in 1803. She appears to be Sarah Pearsall, baptised on 26 December 1779 at St Thomas', Dudley, daughter of Emanuel and Mary Pearsall, and the widow of Joseph Dowler. Mrs Sarah Dowler married Thomas Skidmore on 26 December 1803 at St Thomas', Dudley. Joseph Biggs was a witness. Sarah Skidmore is found a widow at Northfield Road, Netherton, in 1841, with daughters Sarah Skidmore and Susannah Skidmore. She later lived with the family of her daughter Esther Little in Netherton Hill. Sarah Skidmore's death was probably that registered at Dudley in 1868Q4, aged 94.

**The children of Thomas and Sarah (Pearsall) Skidmore, baptised at St Thomas', Dudley,**

152. i. **JOSEPH<sup>7</sup>**, baptised 16 September 1804. I believe he married Ann Green (born between 1797 and 1801) at St Mary's, Kingswinford on 31 December 1826, witnessed by William Symmonds. Joseph Skidmore was a miner of Netherton in the mid-1830s but by 1841 had moved to Five Ways, Rowley Regis, where he was a stone miner: James Green (born between 1822 and 1826) shared their household.

Two Skidmore children of Dudley who died in the 1830s (and whose baptisms I have not found) - Thomas (1830-38) and Fanny (1834-37) - do not seem to belong to any other families using St Thomas', Dudley at this time, and could be children of Joseph and Ann. Nothing is yet known of this family in Britain after the census of 1841, though he is mentioned in July 1856 in a letter from his mother to the family of his sister Emma Hudson in Canada.

**The children of Joseph and Ann (Green) Skidmore,**

- i. [perhaps] Mary, born about 1828. Part of a household at Five Ways, Rowley Regis in 1841, apparently a servant.
- ii. [perhaps] Thomas, born late 1830, buried at St Thomas', Dudley 24 May 1838 aged 7 years 7 months.
- iii. Sarah, born about 1833 and found with her parents in the 1841 census.
- iv. [perhaps] Fanny, born early 1834, buried at St Thomas', Dudley 28 July 1837.
- iii. Joseph, baptised with his sister Ann at St Thomas', Dudley on 21 February 1836. They were perhaps twins since she was born around September 1835.
- iv. Ann, born September 1835, baptised at St Thomas', Dudley on 21 February 1836. She was buried on 10 June 1838 at St Thomas', Dudley aged 2 years 9 months, of Netherton.
- ii. Elizabeth, baptised 15 February 1807. She married David Hudson, a miner (born about 1804 in Northfield) at St John the Baptist, Halesowen on 24 September 1826, witnessed by Joseph Skidmore and Ann Skidmore. The family lived in Sweet Turf, Netherton and seven children of this marriage were baptised at St Thomas', Dudley to 1844 - Sarah, Thomas, William, Elizabeth, Emma, Mary Ann and Mary Ann Mason Hudson 1843. They emigrated, arriving in May 1855 in Picton, Nova Scotia. See passenger ticket and letter on the next page.
- iii. Sarah, baptised 25 June 1809, buried 7 January 1811 at St Thomas', Dudley.
- iv. Priscilla, baptised 16 June 1811.
- v. Esther, baptised 3 April 1814. She married firstly John Smith, engineer, on 17 May 1835 at All Saints', Sedgley. The marriage was witnessed by Joseph Pearson and Mary Pearson. The family lived in Sweet Turf, Netherton, and four children were baptised at St Thomas', Dudley between 1837 and 1845 - Selina, Benjamin, Mary Ann and Esther. The baptism entry for their last child is adjacent to that of Phoebe Elizabeth Skidmore, daughter of Daniel Skidmore [287]. (Daniel's father Joseph [149] was Esther's second cousin but she was much closer in age to Daniel - they were both raised in Netherton).  
Esther married secondly in 1850Q2 widower Thomas Little, a nailer (born about 1811 in Netherton) and they lived in Netherton Hill, sharing their home with Esther's mother until at least 1861. By 1871 Esther was widowed and in Hill Street, Netherton, where she remained until at least 1881. Mrs Little died in 1886Q2 aged 72.
- vi. Mary Ann, baptised 16 February 1817.

