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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* on the website www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com.

This account begins at Generation 6, denoted by superscript ⁶ 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

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 in the file Skidmore/Scudamore One-Name Study Probate.

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**The Skidmore men of Oldbury descend from children of Benjamin Skidmore [39].
The descendants of Benjamin [39]'s youngest son Harden Skidmore [82]
moved into West Bromwich, Staffordshire, and some later to Hoyland, West Yorkshire^{1,2}.**

82. HARDEN⁶ SKIDMORE, son of Benjamin [39] and Mary (Green) Skidmore, was baptised at St Michael's, Brierley Hill on 27 November 1787. He was raised in Brettell Lane and moved with his parents to Oldbury some time between 1784 and 1796. Like his older brothers, Harden was a miner. He married Lucy Williams on 1 September 1807 at All Saints, West Bromwich. The witnesses were Edward Owen (perhaps a relative of Harden's sister-in-law) and Ann Westwood. Lucy was born in West Bromwich, daughter of John and Molly Williams, and baptised at St John the Baptist, Halesowen on 6 March 1785.

Harden (recorded as Harding Skidmore), collier of Sams Lane, West Bromwich, died as a consequence of burns at Cutlers End (also called Lambeths End) on 3 September 1838, aged 52. He was buried two days later at Christ Church, West Bromwich. William Skidmore, presumably his eldest son, was present when he died. At the time of the 1841 census his widow Lucy was living at Newhall Street, West Bromwich, with sons Joseph and Benjamin Skidmore, and granddaughter Rebecca Mountain aged 5. Lucy (called Louisa) is found in Hoyland Village, Barnsley, in Yorkshire in the 1851 census in the home of her son Benjamin. By 1861 Benjamin had brought his family back to Tyndale Street in West Bromwich. His mother died of heart disease on 18 March 1863 at Winkle Street and was buried on 23 March at Christ Church, an inquest being held on that day by Edwin Hooper, coroner for Staffordshire.

The children of Harden and Lucy (Williams) Skidmore, baptised at Christ Church, Oldbury,

Note that Harden is recorded in the baptism register as Arden Skidmore.

162. i. **WILLIAM⁷**, baptised 18 June 1809, **OF WHOM MORE BELOW**.
 ii. Mary Ann, baptised 28 April 1811.
 iii. Ann, baptised 9 May 1813. She died in Greets Green aged 18 and was buried at Christ Church, West Bromwich on 3 April 1832.
 iv. Rebecca, baptised 3 December 1815. She married Samuel Mountain (perhaps baptised 27 March 1814 at St Mary's, Handsworth, son of John and Mary Mountain) at St Mary's, Handsworth on 16 November 1835. She died sometime before the time of the 1841 census, perhaps after the birth of their daughter Rebecca Mountain in 1836. Samuel married secondly Ann Stanley on 12 April 1841 at St Thomas', Dudley. He was a coal miner in Oldbury, later living in Oak Road, West Bromwich (died 1890Q4 aged 76).
163. v. **JOSEPH⁷**, baptised 3 May 1818, **OF WHOM MORE LATER, p.8**.
 vi. Sarah, baptised 30 July 1820. She was a servant in Newhall Street, Birmingham, when she married on 27 August 1838 at St Martin's, Birmingham. Her husband John Moore was an iron turner and moulder, also of Newhall Street (born about 1820 in West Bromwich, son of George Moore, iron turner). The witnesses were Joseph Skidmore, presumably her brother, and Ann Banner. The occurrence of Newhall Street, West Bromwich and Newhall Street, Birmingham, in the same family would appear to be a coincidence. This family were living at 60 Hoyle Street, Sheffield in 1841 and spent some time in Liverpool around 1843 (where their son George was born) but are otherwise found at various addresses in West Bromwich until the time of the 1871 census.
 Children, as known - Comfort, George, Patience, Noah, Ann.
164. vii. **BENJAMIN⁷**, baptised on 27 April 1823, **TO WHOM WE SHALL RETURN, p.14**.

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¹ The code numbers of the heads of household found in that publication 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.

² For the descendants of Benjamin [39]'s other sons, see *Skidmore Families of Oldbury, Worcestershire, 1790-1900* by Linda Moffatt at www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com.

The eldest son of Harden and Lucy (Williams) Skidmore,

162. WILLIAM⁷ SKIDMORE, baptised 18 June 1809. He married Mary Richards at St Thomas', Dudley, on 10 July 1831, witnessed by Daniel Smart. She was born about 1808 in Coseley and her brother John Richards is said to have been involved with Hamblets Brick Works and to have had dealings with an iron and steel works in Toledo in Spain.

By 1841 William was a job carter and coal dealer in West Bromwich, where his family lived at Lambeths End (also called Cutlers End). William Skidmore died in 1871Q3, said to be aged 60, his wife in 1875Q2 aged 68.

The children of William and Mary (Richards) Skidmore, baptised at All Saints', West Bromwich,

306a. i. **SAMUEL⁸**, baptised 9 September 1832. He was a shingler of West Bromwich who married Maria Harris (born 3 April 1834, baptised 27 April at Christ Church, West Bromwich, daughter of Joseph and Susannah Harris) at All Saints, West Bromwich in 1855Q4. His son Joseph, at the time of Joseph's wedding, described him as an iron master.

Samuel Skidmore died on 29 June 1860, leaving a will (not seen) proved at Lichfield of which the executors were his father William Skidmore of West Bromwich, coal dealer, and his brother William Skidmore the younger of West Bromwich, forgeman. The death of his wife Maria Skidmore was registered in West Bromwich later that year.

Children of Samuel and Maria (Harris) Skidmore,

i. Joseph, born 1858Q2 in West Bromwich. He was raised by his paternal grandparents in Braybrook Street. He married Mary Smith (daughter of Bayley Taylor Smith, a hinge maker of New Road, Tipton and his wife Hannah) on 4 April 1880 at St John's, Tipton and is found in later censuses living with his wife's family. In the 1890s they moved to Cannock, where they lived in Reservoir Road and where Joseph found work as a railway wagon examiner. No children.

ii. Mary, baptised 25 March 1860 at St Peter's, West Bromwich. She was raised by Sarah Massey, her mother's sister, who ran the Vulcan Inn in Oldbury Road, West Bromwich. (Sarah's first husband was iron moulder James Massey; she married secondly William Holland in 1861). Mary Skidmore died at the age of 17 in 1878 and was buried at St Peter's on 24 January.

ii. Mary Ann, baptised 9 February 1834. She married John Darby, a warehouseman and stocktaker (born about 1833 in West Bromwich) in 1854Q3 at All Saints, West Bromwich. They lived in Moor Street and later at 31 Braybrook Street, West Bromwich. Mr Darby died in 1891 aged 59, his wife in 1904 aged 70.

Children, as known - Maria, Naomi, Clara, John, Alice, Mary Jane, Annie, Ernest.

307. iii. **WILLIAM⁸**, baptised 22 November 1835, **OF WHOM MORE BELOW.**

iv. Noah, baptised 17 September 1837. He was an iron puddler, unmarried in 1861 but recorded as a married man at the time of the 1871 census, when he lived at his parents' home. The marriage of a Noah Skidder appears in the GRO index in 1865Q4, the marriage having taken place in Walsall registration district. The name of his wife was perhaps Hannah Adar. Noah *Skidder* (an unmarried iron puddler born about 1841 in West Bromwich) appears in the census of 1881, a lodger at the home of Matthew and Mary Harris in Cross Street, West Bromwich. Noah Skidmore appears as married, not widowed, in the 1901 census, when he was a bricklayer's labourer, boarding with his brother-in-law Henry Jones at 5 Barton Street, West Bromwich. He is probably the Noah Skidmore aged 69 who died in the West Bromwich registration district in 1908Q1.

v. Ruth, born in 1839Q2 and baptised 24 May 1840. She married Benjamin Hall, an iron worker (born about 1840 in West Bromwich) in 1866Q1 at All Saints, West Bromwich. Mrs Hall was widowed in the 1870s and went to live with the family of her daughter Mary Ann Hickman. She died in 1893Q4 aged 55.

Children, as known - John, Mary Ann, Sarah Jane, Elijah.

vi. Rebecca, born 1840Q4, baptised 21 February 1841. She married Henry Jones, a maltster (born about 1847 in Leamington, Warwickshire) in 1870Q4 at All Saints, West Bromwich and they lived in Hall Street next to her sister Ruth.

Children, as known - Jeremiah, Henry, Mary, Noah, Alice, Betsy.

vii. Betsy, born in 1842Q2 (baptised 25 September). She was a house servant to Joseph Hale, publican of the Railway Inn, High Street in West Bromwich, in 1861. She married John Homer, an iron worker (born about 1836 in West Bromwich) in 1868Q3 at All Saints, West Bromwich. Mr Homer later became innkeeper at 1 Eagle Road, Tipton, though by 1891 he was back in Moor

Street, West Bromwich, an iron roller, his wife working for a grocer. Mr Homer's death at the age of 67 was probably that registered at West Bromwich in 1903, his wife in 1911 aged 69.

Children, as known - Eliza J., Isaac, Betsy J., William H., John S., Arthur, Mary A.

- viii. Eliza, presumably the Elizabeth Skidmore whose birth was registered in 1844Q1 at West Bromwich. She married Moses Smith, an iron moulder (born about 1848 in West Bromwich) at Holy Trinity, West Bromwich on 28 July 1872 and had five children before her death in 1890Q1 aged 46. Mr Smith married widow Mary Ann Peake later that year.
Children, as known - James, Joseph, William, Clara, John.
308. ix. **JEREMIAH⁸**, born in 1846Q4 in West Bromwich. He was a forgerman in 1861 and a stocktaker by 1871. He moved to Lancashire and shared 25 Gladstone Street, Warrington, with iron workers Abijah Holland from West Bromwich aged 29, and John Wood aged 20. He made Warrington his home and married Margaret Williams (born about 1856 in Bilston, daughter of William Williams) on 30 July 1883 at St James', Latchford, Cheshire. By the time of the 1891 census they were living at 11 Keen Street, together with his brother Noah, but by 1901 had settled at 35 Beswick Street. At the time of the 1911 census they had with them their grandson William Edward Skidmore, born 1907Q3.

Jeremiah Skidmore died in 1920 aged 74, his wife in 1937.

The children of Jeremiah and Margaret (Williams) Skidmore, born in Warrington,

580. i. **WILLIAM⁹**, born 1886Q1. He worked in the sheet mills and married Mary Cowen Hutcheson (born about 1889 in Coatbridge, Scotland) in a Register Office/Registrar Attended ceremony in Warrington in 1909Q4. They were living by 1911 with their son John at 20 Beswick Street, close to the home of his parents. William's wife died in 1915, followed in 1920 by their 10-year old son. William died in Warrington in 1944.

A child of William and Mary Cowen (Hutcheson) Skidmore,

- i. John H., born 1910Q4. He died in 1920.
- ii. Rebecca, born 1887Q2. She appears to have had a son before her marriage, who was living at the time of the 1911 census with Rebecca's parents. She married William Parker Weigh, a salt works labourer (born about 1884 at Fighting Cocks, Darlington) in 1909Q2 in Warrington. They were living in 1911 with their daughter Margaret Eliza at 109 Bostock Street, Warrington. 3 sons and 2 further daughters.
Rebecca's presumed son,
i. William Edward, born 9 August 1907. He died in 1988 aged 81.
- iii. Mary Ellen, born 1895Q2. She married Ernest Raymond in Warrington in 1917.

The second son of William and Mary (Richards) Skidmore,

307. WILLIAM⁸ SKIDMORE, baptised 22 November 1835. He pursued various occupations. In 1851, and again in 1860 when he was executor of his brother Samuel's will, he is described as a blacksmith or forgerman. At the time of the 1861 census he had become a coal dealer (with his father). In 1871, when he lived at 7 Baker Street, West Bromwich (which remained the family home), he was a boat loader, by 1881 a gardener's labourer and in 1891 a coal miner. He died in Harwood Street, West Bromwich on 30 October 1893 aged 58, leaving a will naming moulder Samuel Whitehouse (probably his brother-in-law) as executor.

He married Sarah Ann Harris, a dressmaker (born 13 December 1837 in West Bromwich, daughter of Richard Harris, engineer of Greets Green village, and his wife Sarah J. (?Whitehouse)), on 17 May 1863 at St Paul's, Tipton. She was living in 1901 with her daughter Alice and son Henry at 7 Baker Street, West Bromwich and next door to her son William. Mrs Skidmore died on 25 September 1924 at 110 Hallam Street at the age of 87.

The children of William and Sarah Ann (Harris) Skidmore, born in West Bromwich,

These dates of birth are as found in a family Bible in the possession of their great grandson Derek Skidmore, who kindly supplied this information. The Bible also records the marriages of their children (but unfortunately with no dates or spouses' names), in the following order; John, William, Lucy, Samuel, Hannah, Joseph, Henry.

575. i. **JOHN⁹**, [was 530.] born 3 July 1863. A coal miner of West Bromwich, he married Alice Timmins (born about 1867 in West Bromwich, perhaps the daughter of Simeon and Sophia Timmins of Mill Street) in 1886Q2 at St Andrew's, West Bromwich. They were living at 8 Richard Street in

West Bromwich in 1891 and at 109 Dartmouth Street in 1901. By 1911 they had moved to 36 Chapman Street.

John Skidmore died in 1920 aged 56, his wife in 1930 aged 63.

The children of John and Alice (Timmins) Skidmore, born in West Bromwich,

- i. Edith Lilla, born 1889Q4. She was a servant in Handsworth at the time of the 1911 census. Edith L. Skidmore married George F. Morris at Christ Church, West Bromwich in 1914.
- ii. Joseph, born 22 May 1891. An iron worker, he joined the Royal Navy In World War I as a stoker and served from February to July 1915 aboard the *H.M.S. Victory I*. He transferred to the light cruiser *H.M.S. Calliope* which was at the Battle of Jutland on 31 May 1916. The ship suffered four shell hits and Joseph was one of seven killed on that day. Three more seamen died of their injuries in the days that followed³. His name appears on the Naval Memorial in Portsmouth, Hampshire.⁴



Edith Lilla Skidmore

- iii. Harold, born 1893Q3. He is perhaps the Harold Skidmore who married in 1920. He died in 1960 in West Bromwich, aged 66.
 - iv. Alice Mabel, born 1897Q4. She married in 1922 and had, as known, 3 sons and a daughter.
 - v. Florence May, born 1899Q2.
 - vi. Lucy, born 1902Q1.
 - vii. Frank, born 1904Q4.
576. ii. **WILLIAM**⁹, [was 531.] born 12 November 1864 and baptised at Christ Church on 8 January 1865, son of William Skidmore, coal dealer of Baker Street, and his wife Annie. A self-employed roof slater of West Bromwich, he married Sarah Ann Smith (born about 1866 in West Bromwich) in 1887Q2 at St Andrew's, West Bromwich and they were living in 1891 with their son William at 7 Brook Street. By 1901 they had moved to 5 Baker Street, where they lived next door to William's widowed mother. William was a lay preacher and church organist at the Baptist Church in High Street, West Bromwich⁵. He died in 1945 aged 81, his wife two years later aged 84.

The children of William and Sarah Ann (Smith) Skidmore, born in West Bromwich, baptised at the Baptist Church,

- i. William Henry, born 1888Q4. Called Harry, he was a porter for the Great Western Railway at the time of the 1911 census. A descendant reports that he and his brothers Horace and Herbert were in the Army in WWI. There were six men called William Henry Skidmore who served in the Great War, three of whom are known only from their medal cards. Unfortunately, these medal cards give no detail such

³ <http://www.naval-history.net/WW1Battle1605Jutland3.htm>

⁴ A collection of photos of some of the sailors and Royal Marines who lost their lives have been donated to the Royal Naval Reserve Unit. They were mysteriously left at HMS Calliope's gatehouse in Gateshead by an unknown person. In total, around 20 pictures were donated but only seven of the sailors and marines were named. <http://www.chroniclive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/appeal-trace-families-hms-calliope-10083473>

⁵ A church was built in High Street in 1886-7. Designed by Ingall & Sons of Birmingham in a mixed Gothic style, it was of brick with Bath stone dressings. There was a tower, but the top was removed in 1967 because the stonework was in a dangerous state. The church was closed in 1971 and demolished in 1972; a new church in a modern style was opened in Tantany Lane in 1974. <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/staffs/vol17/pp61-70>.

as date or place of birth, so at present it is not possible to say in which regiment he served.

His was perhaps the death registered at West Bromwich in 1961, aged 73.

- ii. **HORACE ALBERT**¹⁰, born 1893Q4. He and his brother Herbert made weighing machines for Avery & Co. Ltd. A medal card exists for Private Horace A. Skidmore of the 9th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, soldier number 12597. He served in the Balkans in 1915.

He married Harriet Jordan in 1921Q4 and had, as known, two daughters and a son. His son is said to have led the flypast at the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth in 1953. Horace Skidmore died in 1942 aged 48.

- iii. **HERBERT ARTHUR**¹⁰, born 20 June 1896. He is presumably the Herbert A. Skidmore whose medal card reveals that he served in France with the Royal Field Artillery from February 1915. He was a slater at the time he married in 1924.

Mr Skidmore died in 1970 aged 74.

- iv. **FREDERICK ERNEST**¹⁰, born 7 November 1897. A turner by trade, he joined the Royal Navy as a stoker on 26 November 1917. He was aboard the *Victory II* until March 1918, when he was transferred to the *Leviathan*. After the war he re-entered the Navy on 16 February 1921. Frederick married Jane Hinton (1904-78) in 1923 and they lived in Portsmouth for the first few years of their married life.

Mr Skidmore died in 1975 aged 77.

Children of Frederick Ernest and Jane Skidmore,

- i. Pauline Sylvia, married Walter, a glass blower at Chance's. She died in 2000.
 - ii. **JOHN FRANCIS**¹¹, married Pamela. Mr and Mrs Skidmore kindly supplied information on the descendants of Fred and Jane Skidmore. A son Steven John and daughters Jacqueline Pamela and Tracey Helen.
 - iii. **WILLIAM THOMAS**¹⁰, married Ann. A son Jonathan and daughter Penelope.
 - iv. Frederick Richard. He did not marry and died in 1993.
 - v. Christine Janice, married Vincent. A daughter Jane.
- v. Alice Hilda, born 1900Q1. She married in 1930.
- vi. Dorothy, born 1906Q4. She married, perhaps in 1937 in West Bromwich.
- vii?. A further child who did not survive.
577. iii. **SAMUEL**⁹, [was 532.] born 3 March 1867, of West Bromwich and Oldbury. He was a coal miner in 1891 but by the time of the 1901 census had become a bricklayer's labourer. He married Annie Eliza Tanner (born 1869Q1 in Oldbury, daughter of Joseph Tanner, carpenter of Birmingham Road, and his wife Mary Ann) in 1892Q2 at St Michael and All Angels, Oldbury and they lived with their son Frederick at the back of 109 Birmingham Road, Oldbury. In 1911 Mr Skidmore was working at a tram depot.



Samuel and Annie Skidmore

The son of Samuel and Annie Eliza (Tanner) Skidmore,

- i. **FREDERICK WILLIAM**¹⁰, 1892-1987. He was an electrician at a chemical works at the time of the 1911 census. Frederick W. Skidmore married Annie Moffatt

(daughter of John Moffitt, a warehouseman, and his wife Alice) on 23 June 1917. My thanks to their son Ray Skidmore for this photograph taken on the occasion of their wedding.

LEFT TO RIGHT:

unknown; ?Joseph E. Clemson, husband of Nellie (Moffitt); (seated) Annie Eliza (Tanner) Skidmore; Samuel Skidmore (1867-); groom Frederick Skidmore (1892-1987); bride Annie Moffitt; unknown; Nellie Moffitt, bride's sister, John and Alice Moffitt, bride's parents; Alice Moffitt, bride's sister.



A son,

- i. Raymond F. Skidmore, born 1924.
- iv. Lucy, born 4 December 1868. She married Thomas Bailey (born about 1869 in West Bromwich) in a Register Office/ Registrar Attended ceremony in West Bromwich district in 1890Q3. He was a clerk for a manufacturer of nuts and bolts. They had four children, of which three sons survived, and lived in Arthur Street and later and later Lodge Road, West Bromwich.



Tom and Lucy (Skidmore) Bailey with children thought to be Thomas, Francis, and the youngest William born near the end of 1898.

- v. Hannah (known as Nancy), born 4 February 1871 at 7 Baker Street, West Bromwich. She married John William Standing, a lithographic printer of nearby Railway Street (son of Edwin Standing, publican) in 1893Q1 and the family were members of the West Bromwich Baptist Chapel. There were six children from this marriage, including Olive Standing who married Albert Wilkes, coal miner and later professional footballer (Walsall, Aston Villa, England 1901-03 and Fulham). They are the parents of Brian Wilkes who kindly supplied information on this family. John Standing used to go running with John Fereday whose sister Lydia Fereday married Albert Wilkes, grandfather of Brian Wilkes mentioned above. John Fereday married a member of a local but not closely related Skidmore family - Mary Jane Skidmore, daughter of John [428]⁶.



Children - Alice, Frederick, Ernest, Olive, Albert, Joan M.

John William and Hannah (Skidmore) Standing

578. vi. **JOSEPH**⁹, [was 533.] born 26 April 1873. He was a brick manufacturer and married Rachel Copson (born 1874Q1 in West Bromwich, daughter of Samuel Copson, puddler and carter, and his wife Elizabeth of Bull Lane, West Bromwich) in a Register Office/ Registrar Attended ceremony in 1894Q4. Their home at the time of the 1901 census was at 75 Harwood Street, West Bromwich but by 1911 the family moved to Wrexham, Denbighshire, where Mr Skidmore again had a brick manufacturing business. Mrs Skidmore died there in 1940 aged 66, her husband in 1954 aged 80.
- Children of Joseph and Rachel (Copson) Skidmore, born in West Bromwich,**
- i. Joseph, born 1895. A clerk in 1911, he appears to have married in Wrexham in 1926 and died there in 1951 aged 54.
 - ii. Ethel May, born 1899Q2.
- vii. Richard, born 31 May 1875. He died on 2 November 1880.
- viii. Alice, born 11 May 1877. Not yet found after 1901.
579. viii. **HENRY**⁹, [was 534.] born 26 May 1880 in West Bromwich. For at least the first 20 years of his life, Henry Skidmore lived at 7 Baker Street, West Bromwich. He married Lizzie Ford (1879-1961) in 1907Q2 and they lived at 110 Hallam Street, where his mother died in 1924. He spent all of his working life at W. H. Keys Limited, a local company owned by Major Wilson Hall Keys. Henry described himself as a commercial clerk at the time of the 1901 census. On his children's birth certificates, Henry (sometimes Harry) is called a paint and varnish maker.



Henry and Lizzie (Ford) Skidmore

⁶ See *Skidmore Families of Stamford House, Amblecote* at www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com.

In 1924, he purchased a piece of land fronting onto Tenscore Street, West Bromwich, paying his employer by instalments. The bill from solicitors Sharpe, Darby and Millichip for conveyancing etc. was £5-12-6, but Henry Skidmore explained that he felt this excessive, since he was 'only an ordinary working man' and offered £3-10-6. He finally paid £4-11-6. He had a house built on the land and this was completed in 1926 at a cost of £602. The house remains in the family to this day. Mr Skidmore died in 1962 aged 81.

The children of Henry and Lizzie (Ford) Skidmore, born in West Bromwich,

- i. Hilda Lucy, born 1908Q3, died 1964. She married William. A daughter Barbara Mary and a son Robert Frederick.
- ii. **JOHN**¹⁰, born 1910Q1, died in 1983. He married Winifred. A son Derek John and a daughter Gillian Kathleen.
- iii. Dorothy Edna, born 1912Q4. She died an infant in 1913.
- iv. **WILLIAM HENRY**¹⁰, born 1915, died 1996. He married Mabel. A son John Michael (1942-48) and a daughter Elizabeth Ann.
- v. **FREDERICK**¹⁰, born 1918. He married Alice. A son Paul.

Returning now to the second son of Harden and Lucy (Williams) Skidmore,

163. JOSEPH⁷ **SKIDMORE**, baptised 3 May 1818. An iron forger of West Bromwich and Hoyland, he married Elizabeth Payne at St Mary's, Handsworth on 26 December 1842. She was born in Oswestry, Shropshire, and baptised 7 April 1822 at Kinnerley, daughter of Robert Payne, labourer of Mount Pleasant, West Bromwich, and his wife Mary. The witnesses were the groom's brother-in-law Samuel Mountain, and Ann Mountain.

Joseph and Elizabeth were living in Newhall Street, West Bromwich, in 1843 when their son John was baptised. Around 1850 they moved to Elsecar, Stubbin, South Yorkshire, where they are found at the time of the 1851 census. A memorial in Elsecar graveyard records the deaths of four of their children in the 1850s. Joseph Skidmore died of chronic bronchitis at Milton Ironworks, where he was stocktaker, on 25 December 1874 aged 56. His widow, named as executor of his will (proved at Wakefield 29 April 1875) was living in Milton in Hoyland in 1881 with her son William and daughter Lucy. She died at the age of 61 and was buried at Elsecar on 5 December 1883. Son William, and his sister Lucy returned to live in Smethwick.

The children of Joseph and Elizabeth (Payne) Skidmore, born in West Bromwich,

309. i. **JOHN**⁸, born 9 March 1843 in New Hall Street and baptised at Christ Church on 14 May. (He was baptised again on 22 December 1844, with his cousin Ann, daughter of Benjamin [164], when his date of birth was given erroneously as 22 October 1843).

An iron worker of Hoyland, Yorkshire, he married in 1865Q3 Eunice Ward who was born in 1844Q4 in Sedgley, daughter of James Ward, a carpenter and builder from Upper Gornal. James Ward, with his wife Mary Ann and children, moved in the mid 1850s to Hoyland. Eunice's name appears in the GRO marriage index as Emma Ward (actual marriage record not seen).

John and Eunice Skidmore lived in Stubbin Lane, Hoyland where he was a labourer in the iron works. By 1891, when their home was in King Street, John and his sons had become colliery labourers. Laura, Thomas and Madora were living with their parents at 68 Elm Street, Hoyland at the time of the 1901 census. Eunice Skidmore died at the age of 75 at 8 Booth Street in Hoyland in 1920Q1 (buried in Hemmingfield Cemetery). John Skidmore died in 1932 aged 89.

The children of John and Eunice (Ward) Skidmore, born in Hoyland, baptised at Hoyland Wesleyan Methodist,

581. i. **HARDEN/ HARDING**⁹, [was 535.] born 8 April 1866 and baptised in Hoyland on 1 May 1866. A coal miner, he married Harriet Todd (who was born 1878Q1 in Wombwell, perhaps daughter of David Todd, coal miner, and his wife Selina) in 1899Q1 and the family home was at 8 Saville Square, Hoyland in 1901. By 1905 they had moved to Jump, Yorkshire and in 1911 were living at 10 Ethel Street, Rotherham. Mr Skidmore died in 1945 in Staincross registration district, West Yorkshire.

Children of Harding and Harriet (Todd) Skidmore,

- i. Frank, born 27 October 1899, baptised 19 November at Tankerley, Yorkshire. He died in 1977.

- ii. Annie, born 1904Q3 in Jump.
- ii. Rebecca, born 4 February (baptised 4 March) 1868. She and her sister were domestic servants in two households in Gaythorne Road, Bowling, Bradford in 1891. She married William Ellin, a coal miner (born about 1851 in Pontefract, who was perhaps married previously to Ann ?Wainwright, died 1894) in 1896Q3 and they moved with their children around 1900 to West View, Hemsworth, Yorkshire. Mr Ellin gave up the pits and had become by 1911 a pork butcher in Hemsworth. Children, as known - Hilda, Norman, Clarence A., Ronald.
- iii. Mary, born 19 March (baptised 26 April) 1870, called Polly. She was a general domestic servant to the Rushforth family at 10 Blenheim Road, Manningham, Bradford in 1891. Polly Skidmore married Joseph Drake, a butcher (born about 1870 in Allerton) in 1892Q3 and they lived until at least 1911 in Lilycroft Road, Manningham, Bradford. A daughter Emily and a son Frank.
- iv. Emily, born 26 May (baptised 5 November) 1872. A domestic servant in Gaythorne Road, Bradford in 1891 and a servant to draper John Arrad Boak in Billbrough, Yorkshire in 1901. She moved with the Boak family to Blackpool when Mr Boak retired.
- 582. v. **WILLIAM**⁹, [was 536.] born 17 March 1874 and baptised at the Hoyland Wesleyan Methodist Church on 7 April. A coal miner of Worsbrough, Barnsley, Yorkshire, he married Elizabeth Ellen Radcliffe (born 1878Q3 in Barnsley, daughter of Thomas Radcliffe) at St Peter's, Hoyland, on 22 May 1899 and they were living at the time of the 1901 census at 5 Wentworth Road, Worsbrough. They moved to Jump about 1908 and were at 12 Windmill Road, Wombwell in 1911⁷.
Children of William and Elizabeth Ellen (Radcliffe) Skidmore,
 - i. Thomas, born 1899Q4 in Blacker Hill.
 - ii. Hilda, born 1901Q3 in Blacker Hill.
 - iii. Albert, born 1903Q1 in Blacker Hill.
 - iv. Emily, born 1905Q3 in Blacker Hill.
 - v. William, born 1907Q4 in Jump.
 - vi. Mabel, born 1910Q4 in Wombwell.
- vi. Thomas, born 28 November 1875, baptised 11 January 1876. A coal miner, he died in 1908Q1 in Jump, Barnsley aged 32. He left a will naming John Skidmore, coal miner, as executor.
- vii. Laura, born 26 August (baptised 19 September) 1878. She married John William Vaines, a colliery lamp examiner (born about 1878 in Hoyland) in 1903. They were living in 1911 with their daughters Thermusis and Alfreda at 10 Hunt Street, Hoyland Common, Barnsley.
- viii. Frank Ward, born and baptised 9 October 1881. He died⁸ in 1885Q1 aged 3.
- ix. Madora, born 17 December 1884, baptised 27 January 1885. She married Robert Henry Boyd, a house painter (born about 1879 in Hull) in 1904Q3⁹. They were living by 1911 at 4 Booth Street, Hoyland with children Granville, Winifred Olga and Ronald. She died in 1924 aged 39 in the registration district of Fylde, Lancashire, her husband in 1938 in the Blackpool area, aged 58.
- x. Elizabeth, born 15 June (baptised 20 August) 1886. She died shortly afterwards.
- 310. ii. **JOSEPH**⁸, born 2 September 1844 in Newhall Street, West Bromwich. He was a stocktaker at the ironworks in Milton, Hoyland, Yorkshire and lived in the houses associated with the ironworks. He married Ann Selman on 18 March 1865 at St Peter's, Hoyland. She was born about 1847 in West Bromwich, daughter of William Selman, a forge hammer man, and his wife Maria, who moved from West Bromwich to Milton, Hoyland around 1858. Joseph died of rheumatic fever on 11 October 1875 aged 31 and a memorial exists in the graveyard of St Peter's Church in Hoyland. His widow was a dressmaker in 1881, living with her six children in Hoyland, next door to William Selman and his family, apparently her brother. Her sons were all in the grocery trade.

⁷ In the 2004 edition I suggested, in error, that this man died in 1907,

⁸ Indexed by the GRO as Frank Wild Skidmore. In the 2004 edition I suggested, in error, that this child died in 1881.

⁹ Indexed by the GRO as Theodora Skidmore.

Ann Skidmore married secondly in 1900Q3 carriage proprietor George Marsh of Puley Green, Tankersley, Yorkshire. Also recorded on Joseph Skidmore's gravestone is the death of Ann Marsh on 13 February 1926 aged 79.

The children of Joseph and Ann (Selman) Skidmore, born in Hoyland, baptised at Hoyland Wesleyan Methodist,

- i. Elizabeth, born 28 March (baptised 17 April) 1866 at Milton Ironworks in Hoyland. A dressmaker before her marriage to Henry Lewis, a colliery deputy (born 4 November 1864 at High Green, Yorkshire, son of Joseph Lewis, miner, and Eliza (Elliott)), on 16 November 1891 at Wath [up]on Dearne, Yorkshire. The witnesses were Elizabeth's brother George Skidmore and Henry's sister Millicent Lewis. Mr & Mrs Lewis moved around 1898 from Hoyland to live in Halfpenny Lane, Featherstone, Yorkshire. Ronald Lewis, grandson of Henry and Elizabeth Lewis, kindly supplied information on the family.
Seven children, as known - Joseph Norman E., Dorothy, Hilda Rosalind, Robert, Norah.
- 583. ii. **HENRY**⁹, [was 537.] born 15 September 1867 and baptised at the Wesleyan Methodist Church there on 29 October. A grocer and shopkeeper of Workington, Cumberland, he married in 1890Q2 Elizabeth Mary A. Rowe (born 1869Q4 in Middlesbrough, Yorkshire) and they lived in Pearson Street in 1891, at which time Henry was still an iron moulder but he had acquired by 1901 his grocer's shop at 353 Wood's Terrace, Mossbay Road.
His son Joseph's WW1 army service record gives his father Henry's address as 141 Barnsley Road, Wombwell.
Mrs Skidmore died in mid-1911 aged 42, her husband in 1949, aged 82.

The children of Henry and Elizabeth Mary A (Rowe) Skidmore, born in Workington,

- i. Rhoda Elizabeth, born 1891Q2.
- ii. **OSWALD ROWE**¹⁰, born 1893Q1. He was an electrician in a coal mine, boarding at the time of the 1911 census in Brierley, near Barnsley. He married Annie Deighton in 1916. Mr Skidmore died in 1972.
Children, as posted online at Ancestry.com,
 - i. Walter, 1916-2006.
 - ii. Kenneth William, 1917-2005.
 - iii. Gerald, 1921-2004.
 - iv. A daughter.
- iii. Joseph Harold, born 1894Q4. By 1911, at the age of 16, he was a cowman at The High Farm, Moresby, Whitehaven, Cumberland but soon became a miner at Mitchells Main Colliery near Barnsley, Yorkshire. He enlisted with the Royal Regiment of Artillery on 3 September 1914 at Wath-on-Deerne. He was transferred to the 8th Battalion, York and Lancaster Regiment and left for France in August 1915 and served there until February 1917. Lance Corporal Skidmore suffered a gun shot wound which fractured his left femur and was sent. In October he wrote from Jellicoe Ward at Benfield Hall, Sutton, Surrey, enquiring about the Military Medal which he won at Le Sars (Somme) in October 1916. he was discharged from the army in November 1917 and returned to his father's home in Wombwell.
- iv. Clara Honora, born 1896Q4. She married Percy Benson and had a daughter and three sons.
- v. William Henry, born 1898Q4.
- vi. Florence Jane, called Jane, born 1900Q1.
- vii. John Arnold, born 1903Q1. He died in 1960.
- viii. Thomas Osborne, born 1904Q4. He emigrated to Australia in 1923, where he married in Sydney.
- ix. George Reginald, born 1907Q1.
- x. Edna Constance, born 1908Q2.

- xi?. A further child who did not survive.
584. iii. **GEORGE**⁹, [was 538.] born 28 December 1869 and baptised on 18 January 1870 at Hoyland Wesleyan Methodist Church. He was a grocer's assistant in Hoyland in 1891 and by 1901 had become manager of a branch of the Co-operative Stores in Royston, Yorkshire. He married Mary Jane Grant of Barnsley (born there in 1872Q4, daughter of Henry Grant, a miner) at St Peter's, Hoyland, on 23 May 1894. They lived in 1901 in Midland Road, Royston, together with Mary Jane's sister Elizabeth Barker (thought to be the widow of Robert Barker) and 3-year old niece Gladys May Barker.
- Mary Jane Skidmore's death was presumably that registered at Barnsley in 1935 (aged 62).

Children of George and Mary Jane (Grant) Skidmore,

- i. Harold, born 1895Q1 and baptised 10 April at St George's, Barnsley. In 1911, at the age of 16, he was a train recorder for the railway but described himself as a grocer at the time he joined the army reserve. He joined the 15th (Reserve) Battalion of the York and Lancaster Regiment on 1 December 1915. He had two periods of duty in France, from June to September 1916 and from January to June 1917. He had received a gunshot wound to the chest though his army service records do not specify a date for this. Mr Skidmore died in 1954 aged 59.
- ii. George Eric, born baptised 3 June 1902 at St John the Baptist, Royston. He appears to have married in 1922 in the Barnsley area. He died in 1951 aged 49.
- iv. Mary, born 14 September 1871, baptised 5 November 1872. She married Jonathan Dickinson (born 1868, son of John Dickinson, miner) on 21 September 1893 at St Peter's, Hoyland. At the time of the 1901 census, when they lived in Abbeydale Road, Sheffield, he was described as a cutlery manufacturer's clerk and a musician. By 1911 the family had moved to 16 South View Road, Sheffield and Mr Dickinson was pianist for the Sheffield and District Cinematograph Theatres Ltd. Children, as known - Doris Muriel, Gladys Maud, Ida, Norah, Patricia, John H.
585. v. **JOSEPH**⁹, born 19 March 1873, baptised 7 April 1874. He became manager of the Cooperative grocery stores in Thurlstone, Yorkshire and lived with his wife and children at the store premises. He married in 1900Q4 Agnes Mary Adams (born 1881Q1 in Dronfield, Derbyshire, daughter of George Adams, steel worker, and his wife Harriet). They later moved from Thurlstone to the Southport area of Merseyside.
- Mrs Skidmore died in 1951 aged 70.

Children of Joseph and Agnes Mary (Adams) Skidmore, born in Thurlstone,

- i. Freda Mary, born 1901Q4. She married in 1939.
- ii. Rhoda, born 1903Q4.
- iii. George, born 1905Q3.
- iv. Muriel, born 1908Q2.
586. vi. **WILLIAM**⁹, [was 539.] grocer's assistant of Wombwell, Yorkshire, was born 14 October 1875 and baptised at Hoyland Wesleyan Methodist Church on 14 November. He married firstly Emily Tate (born 1879Q1 in Wombwell) in 1895Q4 and they were living in 1901 at 42 Blythe Street, Wombwell. Emily Skidmore died at the age of 24 in 1902Q3.

William married secondly in 1903Q1 Elizabeth Barker, widow of Robert Barker and the sister of his sister-in-law Mary Jane Grant, wife of George [584]. She was born about 1874 in Hoyle Mill, Barnsley, daughter of miner Henry Grant.

Children of William and Emily (Tate) Skidmore, born and baptised in Wombwell,

- i. Florence, born 1896Q1, baptised 5 April of that year.
- ii. Elsie, baptised 1 August 1897.
- iii. Horace, born 1899Q2. He died in 1902Q2 aged 3.

Children of William and Elizabeth (Grant) Skidmore,

- iv. Frank, born 1903Q3.

- 310a. iii. **WILLIAM⁸**, born 28 January 1846 in Mount Pleasant, West Bromwich and baptised 19 April at Christ Church. An iron forge stocktaker, he was unmarried and living with his mother and sister Lucy in Hoyland in 1881. It appears he returned to the Midlands to settle in Smethwick, where he became a milk seller. He married Clara Loach (born 1861Q1 in West Bromwich, daughter of John Loach of Sams Lane, a grinder in the holloware trade, and his wife Comfort) in 1886Q4 in a Register Office/ Registrar-Attended ceremony in West Bromwich. They owned their own cows and ran their milk sales business from their home at 16 Regent Street, Smethwick.
- Children of William and Clara (Loach) Skidmore, born in Smethwick,**
- i. John, born 1888Q4.
 - ii. William, born 1890Q3.
 - iii. Clara, born 1900Q3.
311. iv. **HENRY⁸**, born 1847Q3 in West Bromwich. He married firstly Elizabeth Thompson (born about 1848 in Hoyland, Yorkshire) in 1869Q1 and they lived in Sebastopol, Hoyland, where Elizabeth Skidmore died in late October 1884 aged 36.
- He married secondly Mrs Hannah Carnelly (born about 1847 in Hoyland, widow of William Carnelley/ Connelly, labourer of Sebastopol) in 1886Q4 and they continued to live in Sebastopol with Henry's sons and five children from Hannah's first marriage - Emma (born 1870), Charles William, George, Daniel and Gertrude Carnelly (born 1886). Mrs Skidmore died aged 51 in 1895Q4 and Henry and his son Joseph continued as brick setters at the brick works in Hoyland until Henry's death at the age of 57 in 1905Q3.
- The children of Henry and Elizabeth (Thompson) Skidmore, born in Hoyland,**
589. i. **JOSEPH⁹**, born 1871Q3. He was a brick setter, lodging for a time in Dodworth, Yorkshire, returning later to live with his father in Hoyland. He married Margaret Scott (born about 1856 in Rotherham, daughter of Irish parents John and Catherine Scott of Masbrough) on 14 February 1898. Joseph was her third husband; she married firstly Edwin Birch Thomas in 1873 and secondly in 1890 George Abel, an ironworker of Masbrough who died in 1891.
- Joseph and Margaret Skidmore lived in Albert Street, Masbrough. He attested in June 1916 and two years later joined the Army Service Corps as a driver, at the age of nearly 47. He was stationed at Willesden Camp then at No. 9 Derrington Camp on Salisbury Plain.
- Children of Joseph and Margaret (Scott) Skidmore, born in Masbrough,**
- i. **HORACE¹⁰**, born 13 April 1898. He joined the Royal Navy in June 1917. This man said he was born in *Sheffield* on 13 April 1898. He served as a stoker on HMS Victory and HMS Hercules during the war and remained with the service until invalided out suffering with tuberculosis in February 1922.

Further checking is needed but he appears to have married in Rotherham in 1919 and had three daughters. He died in Rotherham in 1969 aged 71.
 - ii. **HARRY¹⁰**, born 8 November 1900. A pit pony driver, he joined the Royal Navy on 9 November 1917 and served as a stoker aboard HMS Victory II and Achilles, remaining with the service after the war until 1921. (Like his brother, his navy service records shows his birthplace as Sheffield, not Rotherham).

He married in 1923 and had six sons and three daughters. He died in Rotherham in 1977 and was buried at Masbrough Cemetery on 20 June.
590. ii. **GEORGE⁹**, [was 540.] born 1873Q4. A coal miner of Hoyland, he married Nellie Hobson (born around 1876, daughter of John Hobson, coal miner of Sebastopol, Hoyland, and his wife Ellen) in 1894Q4 and they lived in Bethel Street, Hoyland until at least 1911.
- Mrs Nellie Skidmore died at 54 Fernley Road, Hoyland, in July 1931, George at 8 Goodyear Crescent, Wombwell, Yorkshire, in April 1934 aged 60.
- The children of George and Ellen (Hobson) Skidmore, born in Hoyland,**
- i. Gladys, born 1895Q1. She married Garnett Laycock and had, as known, a son and 3 daughters.

- ii. George, born 1899Q1. He married Emily May Hoe and they had, as known, 3 daughters and 2 sons.
- iii. Mary Ellen, born 25 May 1901, died 26 May 1979. She married Seth Micklethwaite and had, as known, 3 sons and 2 daughters. They are great grandparents to Louise Briggs, who kindly supplied information on this family.
- iv. Lucy, born 10 October 1903, died in April 1980. She married Edward Nuttall in 1924.
- v. Charles, born 1906Q1.
- vi. Mabel, born 27 July 1910, died in June 1933.
- vii. Annie, born about 1913, died 1915. This child's birth and death registrations have not been found.
- viii. Joseph, born 1913Q3, died February 1973.
- ix. Frank, born 1915Q4.
- iii. Ann Elizabeth, born 1878Q1, baptised 11 March 1878 in Hoyland. She died later that year.
- v. Elizabeth, born 1849Q3. She was a housemaid at 55 North Parade, Bradford at the time of the 1871 census. She married Thomas Waterton, boiler maker (born about 1849 in Hoyland) in 1871Q4 and lived in Brightside Bierlow, later moving, after Thomas' promotion to foreman boilermaker, to Talbot Street, Sheffield. Mr Waterton became a member of the Boilermakers and Shipbuilders trade union and had moved by the time of the 1901 census to Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Mrs Waterton died there in 1915Q2 aged 65.
Children, as known - Anne L., Mary E., William W., Emily, Clara, Eva, Hilda.

and born in Hoyland, Yorkshire,

- vi. Thomas, born around September 1851, buried 12 February 1854.
- 312. vii. **GEORGE⁸**, born 1853Q1 in Stubbin in Hoyland. A blacksmith's striker of Hoyland, he married Sarah Eliza Warrender (born 1857Q3 in Hoyland, daughter of Francis Warrender, coal miner, and his wife Eliza) on 5 March 1877 at Brampton Bierlow, Sheffield and they were living in Stubbin Lane, Hoyland, in 1881.
By the time of the 1891 census their home was at 2 New Brick Row in Hoyland. George died somewhat later that year in 1891Q2 aged 38 and Sarah married secondly widower William Edwin Baker, a colliery blacksmith, in 1897Q4 and they lived in Milton Road, Hoyland.

Children of George and Sarah Eliza (Warrender) Skidmore,

- i. Ann Eliza¹⁰, born 1880Q1 in Hoyland. She was by 1901 running a dressmaking business from her home at 162 Milton Road, Hoyland, with her sister Gertrude and stepsister Annie Barlow Baker. Annie Eliza Skidmore married Herbert Ibbotson, a coal miner (born about 1878 in Elsecar, Yorkshire) in 1904Q2. They were living by 1911 with their daughter Sarah Eliza at 32 Gill Street, Hoyland.
- ii. Gertrude Elizabeth, born 1886Q1.
- 591. iii. **GEORGE FRANK⁹**, born 1887Q3. An iron moulder, he married Ada Walton in 1913Q3. They were to have two children before his untimely death in 1922 aged 34.

Children of George Frank and Ada (Walton) Skidmore,

- i. Frank W., born 1914Q2.
- ii. Gertrude V., born 1917Q4.
- viii. Mary, born around July 1855, buried 22 February 1860.
- ix. Sarah, born around February 1857, died at 14 months and was buried 28 April 1858.
- x. Hardin, baptised 7 May 1859 at St Peter's, Hoyland. Buried on 15 May 1859.
- xi. Ann, born 1862Q4. Annie Skidmore was in 1881 a nurse to the Fleming family at 63 South Grove, Halifax, Yorkshire. These two youngest daughters appear to have married in the West Midlands and remained there with their families. Annie is perhaps the lady who married Richard Burley, a coal miner (born about 1855? 1860 in West Smethwick) in 1890Q4 at St Peter's, West Bromwich. They were living in 1901 in Summer Street, West Bromwich but moved before 1911 with their son John to 57 Oxford Road, Smethwick.
- xii. Lucy, baptised 26 June 1866 at Hoyland Wesleyan Methodist, South Yorkshire. She

¹⁰ Not Ann Emma, as I stated in error in the 2004 edition.

was a screw sorter, visiting at the time of the 1891 census the family of Arthur Loach (presumably a relative of her sister-in-law) at 1 Baker Street, Sparkhill, Worcestershire. She married John Edwin Cartwright, a manufacturer's clerk (born about 1868 in Wolverhampton) in 1892Q4 at St Matthew's, Smethwick. They were living by 1901 at 105 Salisbury Road, Smethwick with their only child Arthur Leslie Cartwright. Both father and son were by 1911 clerks to a screw manufacturer in Birmingham. They were living then at 30 Southfield Road, Rotton Park.

Finally, we return to the third son of Harden and Lucy (Williams) Skidmore,

164. BENJAMIN⁷ SKIDMORE, born in West Bromwich and baptised on 27 April 1823 at Christ Church, Oldbury. He married Phoebe Smith (born in West Bromwich and baptised at Walsall on 3 October 1823, daughter of John Smith, caster, and Elizabeth) on 18 February 1843 at All Saints, West Bromwich. The witnesses were John Smith and Sarah Sanders. Benjamin was a puddler of Newhall Street, West Bromwich in 1843, but by 1851 had moved with his wife and family and widowed mother to Hoyland Village in the parish of Hoyland Nether, Yorkshire. The family were still in Hoyland in 1859 but had returned to Tyndale Street, West Bromwich by the time of the 1861 census.

By 1871 Benjamin and Phoebe were in Handsworth, where they lived in Hampton Court and later in Chapel Street. Mrs Skidmore died in 1885Q1 in West Bromwich aged 61. Her husband's death registration has not been found but he does not appear in either the 1891 or 1901 British censuses.

The children of Benjamin and Phoebe (Smith) Skidmore,

- i. Ann, born 22 September 1843 in Newhall Street, West Bromwich and baptised, along with her cousin John, on 22 December 1844 at Christ Church. Ann Skidmore was house servant to Joseph Whitehouse, farmer of Church Lane, West Bromwich, in 1861. She married John Turton, a moulder (born 13 March 1846 in Greets Green, West Bromwich son of Benjamin Turton, miner, and his wife Eliza (Green)) on 18 November 1866 at St Thomas', Dudley. The witnesses were Ephraim Green, probably Eliza's father, and Hannah Green. John and Ann Turton lived with their children at 13 Richard Street South in West Bromwich, moving in the 1880s to 15 Newhall Street, West Bromwich where Mrs Turton died on 17 September 1914, her husband on 12 February 1915. My thanks to Margaret Allen for information on this family.
Children, as known - John, Phoebe, Eliza, Thomas, Elizabeth, Mary Ann, Florence, Ann.
- ii. Benjamin, born 15 June 1845 in Lyng, West Bromwich and baptised 9 June 1850 at Christ Church. He was an iron puddler whose death was probably that registered at Kings Norton in 1890Q2, aged 45.
313. iii. **JOSEPH⁸**, born in Barnsley, Yorkshire and apparently registered there in 1851Q2 as Joseph *Skidmer*. He was a sawyer and married Elizabeth Pickering (born in Handsworth, probably in 1847Q3, daughter of George and Elizabeth Pickering), in 1875Q3. Mrs Skidmore died shortly after the birth of their first child and by 1881 Joseph was in Handsworth in the household of his mother-in-law Elizabeth Pickering.
Like his father Benjamin Skidmore, he has not been found later than the 1881 British census. His daughter was living by 1891 with her uncle; it is just possible that her father was the 37-year old Joseph Skidmore who died in Preston registration district, Lancashire in 1890.

A possible daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Pickering) Skidmore,

- i. Mary Ann, born in Handsworth perhaps in 1876Q3 (Handsworth was in West Bromwich registration district at this time). She was living in the home of her uncle George Pickering in Brearley Street, Handsworth in 1891 and appears to have died aged 17 in 1894Q2.
- iv. Sarah, born 1853Q2. She had a mental disability and died in Winkle Street in 1869 aged 15 (buried at Christ Church on 15 March).
- v. Rebecca, born 1855Q2 and baptised at Christ Church, West Bromwich on 27 February 1856, daughter of Benjamin Skidmore, shearer of Heyland [sic], Yorkshire, and his wife Phoebe. She was a servant at the time of the 1871 census at the Great Western Tavern, Rabone Lane, in the (then) hamlet of Smethwick. I have so far been unable to find reference to her after the census of 1871.
- vi. [perhaps] Comfort, birth and death registered in Barnsley in 1857Q4.

- vii. Mary Ann, born 12 November 1859 in Hoyland and apparently baptised at West Bromwich on 13 February 1868. She was living in 1881 (called Pickering) - along with her brother Joseph - in the household of his mother-in-law Elizabeth Pickering in Handsworth. She married Thomas Benham, a rivetter, on 18 September 1882 in Handsworth. He was born in 1855 in Aston, son of Henry Benham, pearl button turner (born 1824 in Dublin, Ireland, of Birmingham parents), and his wife Hannah (Jones)). They lived at Oakfield Terrace in Handsworth with their four children Alfred, Sophia, May, and Charles Sydney. Charles Benham's daughter Ada May married and emigrated to Australia. Information on this family was supplied by their great granddaughters Gillian Smith of Worcestershire, and Mary Ada Carthew of Australia.



Mary Ann (Skidmore) Benham

- viii. [perhaps] Job, registered in 1861Q4. He died aged 2 in Winkle Street in 1863 and was buried at Christ Church on 20 September.
- ix. Harding, born 1862Q4. Not found after the census of 1871.
- x. Job, born 1865Q2, baptised 16 August 1866 at All Saints, West Bromwich. An iron puddler, he perhaps had a hearing impairment since he was recorded in the column marked 'handicap' in the 1881 census as being 'dumb'. He died in 1890Q2 aged 24.
- xi. [perhaps] Elizabeth, born in 1866Q4. She died aged 2 months in Winkle Street and buried at Christ Church on 27 January 1867.
