

THOMAS SCUDAMORE, HARDWAREMAN AND CUTLER OF BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND, BORN 1750s.

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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

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PROBATE

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Male heads of household are assigned a number preceded by the 3-letter code BGM, enabling them to be tracked in the databases of the Skidmore/ Scudamore One-Name Study.

BGM 1. THOMAS SCUDAMORE, born around 1760 in Warwickshire, was at first a hardwareman and cutler in Birmingham. On 21 March 1778 he acquired houses and premises in Spiccal Street and Edgbaston Street¹. He married Mary in the early 1780s. The only evidence we have of her birthplace and year of birth is the 1841 census. She was born between 1745 and 1750 outside the county of Warwickshire. Her family name is as yet unknown.

On 28 September 1797 he leased a house and land at Greet Brook in the parish of Yardley and land near Danford Lake in Bordesley². His daughter Mary married with the consent of *guardians* in 1809, though her parents were still living.

Thomas Scudamore was still farming in Greet at the time of the census in mid-1841. He died in 1841Q3, leaving a will dated 24 August 1839. His son-in-law Goodwin Lloyd and his daughter Ann Scudamore were executors. He

¹ Birmingham City Archives MS3069/Acc1930-022/37229.

² Birmingham City Archives MS3375/442354-MS3375/451409.

left to them all his freehold and leasehold land and houses, the moneys from which to support his wife Mary. After her death (she died 1844Q1) £500 was to be invested for the benefit of his daughter Betty wife of Goodwin Lloyd, £300 for his daughter Sophia wife of William Kendrick. After Sophia's death, then £200 of her share was bequeathed to his grandson George Skidmore on attaining 24 years of age. His friend Walter Grovenor of John Street near Walmer Lane, Birmingham, received a legacy of £19 19s. In a codicil dated 18 June 1841 he reduced George's legacy to £100 and left £500 for the benefit of his daughter Mary wife of William Walker Jenkins (the latter to become a third trustee and executor). The will was proved at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury in 1843.

The children of Thomas and Mary Scudamore, baptised at St Martin's,

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 - i. **JEREMIAH**, baptised 4 June 1784, of whom more follows.
 - ii. Betty, baptised 9 September 1785. She married Goodwin Lloyd a draper of Bridgnorth, Shropshire on 31 July 1811 at St Martin's, Birmingham. He was baptised on 25 April 1787 at St Mary Magdalene, Bridgnorth, son of John and Elizabeth Lloyd). Their children - Ann Scudamore, Sophia and Elizabeth Goodwin - were born in Mill Street, Bridgnorth and baptised at St Mary Magdalene. By 1828 they had moved to Bridge Street, Low Town, Bridgnorth and he is listed there in Pigot's Directory of Shropshire, amongst the linen and woollen drapers, through to 1844. In his retirement they moved to York Cottage, Kingsland Lane, Meole Brace, Shropshire. Goodwin Lloyd died in 1853, his wife in 1873, said to be aged 90.
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 - iii. **THOMAS**, baptised 6 April 1787, of whom more follows.
 - iv. Mary, baptised 8 March 1788. She married, by licence and with the consent of guardians, at St Martin's on 3 January 1809 William Walker Jenkins, a brassfounder. He was baptised on 22 May 1785 at St John's, Deritend and Bordesley, Warwickshire, son of William and Esther (Walker) Jenkins. They had eight children baptised at St Martin's to 1827. He is listed as living in Lombard Street in 1818 in Wrightson's Triennial Directory of Birmingham. He died in 1846 aged 61 and was buried at St Martin's on 31 December.
Children, as known (original St Martin's register not checked) - William (1809), Helen, Thomas, Samuel, Leonard, Edmund, Leoline?, Vernon, Mary Ann, Frances (1833).
 - v. Sophia, baptised 4 June 1790. She married William Kendrick at Aston on 18 June 1822. He was a silversmith in the Bull Ring, Birmingham. If correctly identified, they were living at the time of the 1851 census at 10 Low Hill, Liverpool, where William Kendrick was a bookkeeper and their son William a hay and straw dealer. This census also reveals that William senior was born in Wednesbury, Staffordshire around 1800. Sophia Kendrick died in Liverpool in 1856.
Children, as known (original St Martin's register not checked) - Mary Ann Scudamore, Sarah Margaret, William Thomas Scudamore, Alfred.
 - vi. Mary Ann, born near the end of 1791, baptised 19 July 1793 aged 17 months. Nothing further presently known.
 - vii. Ann Grosvenor, born 24 December 1794 but not baptised until 25 May 1810. She lived in Coleshill Heath in 1843 when she was assigned the mortgage of her brother's land in Greet Brook. She married James Elkington in 1844Q3 in Meriden registration district. Ann Grovenor [sic] Elkington of Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, died aged 62 in 1855 and was buried on 4 October at Holy Trinity, Bordesley, Birmingham.

2. **JEREMIAH SCUDAMORE**, baptised 4 June 1784. He was resident in St Martin's parish at the time of his marriage by licence to Rachel Powell at Aston on 6 November 1813. Rachel was baptised at Deritend on 2 June 1792, daughter of Robert and Catherine Powell. Four of her siblings were baptised at the same time. Robert Powell married Catherine Davison at Aston on 26 October 1791.

Jeremiah Scudamore was a cutler. An early nineteenth century illustration of his shop shows it to be at the corner of Edgbaston Street and Spiccal Street (next to the modern Bull Ring Centre). A plaque above the door reads 'Scudamore, Cutler' while above the windows are the words 'Gold Silversmith Surgical Instrument Maker'. His goods also included hay and chaff knives and he dealt in ironmongery and locks too.

He died aged 52 on 6 January 1837 and was buried at Holy Trinity, Bordesley, Birmingham. Administration of the effects of Jeremiah Scudamore, gun maker of Birmingham, was granted to Edward Bowen or Bower, gentleman of Birmingham, at Lichfield on 22 June 1838.



The shop of Jeremiah Scudamore, from a book in Birmingham Reference Library, name unknown.

His widow Rachel lived in 1841 at Sandy Lane in the hamlet of Bordesley, Aston, a widow of independent means. In the household were James Powell 45[-49], her brother, Catherine Powell 80[-84], her mother, Jane Davidson 60[-64], and her son George Scudamore aged 10. Rachel Scudamore died in 1855Q2 in Aston.

The children of Jeremiah and Rachel (Powell) Scudamore, baptised at St Martin's,

4. i. **THOMAS**, baptised 30 October 1815, thought to have been a gun maker. He married Eliza Morgan (daughter of Thomas, a whip maker, and Hannah Morgan, baptised 17 April 1815 at St Martin's) at St Thomas Church, Birmingham, on 24 November 1835. William Goodwin and Ann Goodwin were witnesses. On the same day, at St Thomas' Church, John Goodwin married Elizabeth Morgan, witnessed by Thomas Scudamore and Mary Standley.

I am unable to find this family in the census of 1841, nor the parents in the census of 1851. The two daughters were living in 1851 with their grandmother Hannah Morgan in Charles Henry Street. Thomas' death registration nor his burial have yet been found but, on 11 September 1859 at St Martin's, Eliza Scudamore married secondly William Bird, widower and brass lamp founder of Barford Street (son of Benjamin Bird, metal toy maker). The witnesses were Mark Morgan, her brother, and Margaret Trueman.

Eliza Bird's death was probably that registered at Birmingham in 1880.

The children of Thomas and Eliza (Morgan) Scudamore, born in Birmingham,

- i. Maria Morgan, born about 1834. She married James Arrowsmith, a jobbing smith (born about 1836 in Birmingham) in Birmingham in 1856Q2. They lived in Lichfield Road, Aston before her death in 1865. James Arrowsmith married secondly Elizabeth A son James Albert who died at the age of 17.
- ii. Elizabeth, born about 1839. She married Samuel Higgison, bedstead fitter of Charles Henry Street (born about 1840, son of Thomas Higgison, book keeper) on 9 April 1860 at St Philip's. Witnesses were Elizabeth Millward and Mark Morgan, the bride's uncle.
- ii. Robert, born 19 May (baptised 30 June) 1818. He was in the spirit trade in Litchfield Street, Wolverhampton in 1841. He appears to have been (despite the recorded age of 30) the Robert Scudamore living in San Antonio, California in 1860, a farm overseer. He was unmarried in 1880, boarding on First Street, San José, California, a taxidermist.
- iii. George, born about 1831. George Scudamore and his brothers Thomas and Robert are mentioned in the administration papers of their father in 1838. Nothing known after he was mentioned in the June 1841 codicil to his grandfather's will.

3. **THOMAS SCUDAMORE**, baptised 6 April 1787. He married firstly Mary Jenkins (baptised at St John's, Deritend, on 28 July 1793, daughter of William and Esther (Walker) Jenkins) at St Martin's on 2 August 1814. She was sister to William Walker Jenkins who married Thomas' sister Mary. Thomas was a druggist and grocer of Edgbaston Street. His address in 1838 was specified as 1 Edgbaston Street and his premises were probably close if not next to those of his brother Jeremiah. On 16 August 1825 he took John Margets junior as an apprentice³. He appears in the London Gazette Bankruptcy Directory on 28 August 1840 and was operating as a chemist in Highgate [Birmingham] in 1843 and Pershore Street in 1846.

Mary, 'wife of Thomas Scudamore' of Jamaica Row, died at the age of 39 and was buried at St Martin's on 18 December 1832.

Thomas married secondly Mary Ann Millichap of Aston parish on 23 October 1838 at Aston. She was baptised on 16 February 1817 at Claines, Worcestershire, daughter of George Millichap, iron founder, and his wife Ann. Thomas Scudamore died in 1863Q2 at 24 Pershore Street, Birmingham. Mary Ann Scudamore was living a widow in 1881 at 206 Soho Hill in Handsworth, Staffordshire, with her granddaughter Amy Taylor 13 (born in Handsworth). She died aged 83 in Aston in 1904Q3 and is buried alongside her husband in Warstone Lane Cemetery.

The children of Thomas and Mary (Jenkins) Scudamore, baptised at St Martin's,

- i. Mary, baptised 2 August 1815. She was buried at St Martin's on 10 August 1830, aged 15.
- 5. ii. **FREDERICK**, baptised 29 October 1816. He was farming in Greet, Yardley in 1841 and is presumably the man of that name who married Sarah (?Giles or Hall, born about 1815 in Birmingham) in the Kings Norton registration district in 1842Q1.

At the time of the 1851 census he was a druggist and grocer at 12 Greengate Street, Stafford. He died in Victoria, Australia in 1863.

Sarah Scudamore died in Stafford in 1893 aged 78.

Children of Frederick and Sarah Scudamore,

- i. Sarah Harriet, born 1841Q4 in the Aston area of Birmingham. She died in 1844Q2 in Birmingham.
- iii. Harriet, baptised 10 December 1817. In the 1841 census she is found in Coventry Road in the hamlet of Bordesley, Aston, apparently a boarder or servant with the household of farmer John Wards and his wife Charlotte. Miss Scudamore later became a servant in Greet. She died aged 51 in 1869Q2 in Birmingham, leaving a will (not seen) dated 19 April 1869.

The children of Thomas and Mary Ann (Millichap) Scudamore, baptised at St Martin's,

- iv. Thomas Henry, born August 1842 and baptised 24 January 1843. He married Frances Wareing (born about 1854 in Birmingham, daughter of John Wareing, a publican, and his wife Charlotte) in Kings Norton registration district in 1873Q3. Thomas' death has not been found but Mrs Scudamore was living at the time of the 1881 census with her parents in Aston. She married secondly Harry Archer, a shoemaker, in 1885Q1. No children known to this marriage.
- v. Ellen Amy, born October 1845 and baptised 14 April 1846. *Helen* Scudamore was a servant in Wolverhampton at the time of the 1861 census. *Helen* Amy Scudamore married James Dixon Taylor, an accountant's clerk of St Thomas parish (son of Samuel Taylor, accountant's clerk) on 8 March 1865 at St Thomas'. Mary Anderton was a witness. By 1881 James had become manager of the branch of Lloyds Bank at 22 Bridge Street, Stratford on Avon, Warwickshire, which was also their home. It should be noted that his wife gave her name as Ellen Gertrude and birthplace as Coventry.

NOTES

The following people are not found in any other censuses or parish registers. The author would be pleased to have any information.

JOHN SCUDAMORE married Harriet _____ and lived in Barford Street, a painter.

A daughter,

- i. Marian Jenkins, baptised 5 November at St Martin's, Birmingham, though her birth was registered at West Bromwich.

³ Card Index of Apprentice Indentures in Birmingham Reference Library.