

## David Skidmore of Yarpole, Herefordshire (1730-1817) and his descendants

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*Yarpole is a village in Herefordshire, about 4 ½ miles northwest of Leominster. The village is near the county boundary with Shropshire and about 7 miles southwest of Ludlow.*

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**DAVID SKIDMORE**, whose baptism has not been found, was born about 1730. It is unusual to find *Skidmores* in Herefordshire, the usual form of the name in this area being *Scudamore*.

David Skidmore married Mary Jones on 6 May 1759 at St Leonard's, Yarpole, Herefordshire. No burial or will has yet been found for this man and his occupation is unknown. However, it is perhaps safe to assume that he was a farmer, as was his supposed son Joseph.

Mary Skidmore died in 1810, buried 11 September at St Leonard's, followed by her husband David Skidmore, buried at St Leonard's on 25 September 1817 aged 87.

### **Children of David and Mary (Jones) Skidmore, baptised at Yarpole,**

- i. Elizabeth, baptised 9 March 1760. Elizabeth Skidmore of Yarpole parish married by licence Joseph Scarlett of Ludlow (baptised 9 February 1754 at Yarpole, son of Joseph and Jane Scarlet) on 5 June 1786 at Ludlow. A witness was Ursula Sheriff.  
Children, as known, baptised at Yarpole - Sarah 1787, John 1788, Ann 1792, Joseph 1794.
2. ii. [presumably] **JOSEPH**, known from censuses to have been born about 1772 in Yarpole. He married Mary Bill on 20 October 1796 at Orleton, Herefordshire. He farmed with his son Thomas. His wife died in 1847 and Joseph followed in 1858.

### **Children of Joseph and Mary (Bill) Skidmore, baptised at St Leonard's, Yarpole,**

- i. Mary, baptised 28 February 1802.
3. ii. [presumably] **THOMAS**, born about 1804. He married Ann Tomkins on 30 April 1839 at Kingsland, Herefordshire. She was born about 1810 in Shobdon and baptised there on 21 April 1881, daughter of James Tomkins and his wife Elizabeth Anne.  
They were farming at Lawton, Kingsland in 1841 and, by 1851, worked 107 acres at Shobdon, Herefordshire, employing four farm workers.  
Thomas Skidmore had become by 1871 a grocer and postmaster for the village of Sutton St Nicholas, Herefordshire. Mrs Skidmore died in 1892 aged 82, her husband in 1893 aged 89.

### **Children of Thomas and Ann (Tomkins) Skidmore,**

- i. Mary Ann, registered as Caroline Skidmore, born 10 March 1841 (birth certificate seen). She was a housekeeper in Bicester, Oxfordshire and later in life returned to Sutton St Nicholas, where she lived with her sister Sarah. Miss Skidmore died in 1918 aged 77.
- ii. Sarah, born 1842Q3. She continued her father's business and was joined by her sister after the deaths of her parents. She died in 1922 aged 79.
- iii. A male child who died soon after birth.
- iii. Anne, baptised 20 April 1806. She presumably died young.
- iv. Richard, born about 1810. He died aged 4 and was buried at St Leonard's on 18 May 1814.

4. v. **JAMES**, baptised 13 May 1813. James Skidmore, a wine merchant of 91 Hatton Garden, son of Joseph Skidmore, a farmer, married Diana Adams of 101 Fetter Lane on 21 February 1839 at St Andrew's, Holborn, London. She was a daughter of Thomas Adams, a wheelwright and his wife Diana. Charles Mayland and Caroline Adams were witnesses.
- Later than year on 30 April James Skidmore, victualler of the Green Dragon, St Andrews's Hill, parish of Blackfriars, son of Joseph of Lawton, Herefordshire, farmer, applied to be admitted to the Freedom of the City of London. This application was accepted in May 1839.
- James Skidmore died early in 1841 and is buried in Kensal Green Cemetery. His death was reported on 31 January in *The Era*, when he was described as of the Lord Nelson, Carburton Street, son of Joseph Skidmore of *Loughton*, Herefordshire. His widow is found at census time later that year, a lodging house keeper, in Upper Charlton Street, St Marylebone. She died in 1843 in Lincoln and administration of her estate was granted in June of that year at Lincoln.
- A child of James and Diana (Adams) Skidmore,**
- i. Sarah Diana, born 17 December 1840, in Fitzroy Square, Marylebone, according to censuses. Orphaned in 1843, she was raised in Lincoln by her grandparents Thomas and Diana Adams. Sarah Diana Skidmore married George King (born about 1837 in Southwark) in 1874Q3. They lived in Lambeth, where George King was a glass grinder for an optician, with a business at their home in Church Street. They retired to St Agnes Place, Kennington. Mrs King died in 1927 aged 86.  
Children, as known - Jessie Diana, George Maynard.
- vi. Anne, baptised 30 October 1814.
- vii. Sarah, born 1814. She died aged 6 and was buried 11 April 1820.

## Descendants of David Skidmore of Yarpole, Herefordshire

David SKIDMORE [1]

1730-1817

m. Mary JONES

| 1759 Lucton or Yarpole

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of Yarpole

|

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Elizabeth

1760-

m. Joseph

SCARLETT

1786 Ludlow

Joseph SKIDMORE [2]

1772-1858

m. Mary BILL

| 1796 Orleton HEF

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farmer of Lawton (Kingsland parish)

|

Mary

1802-

Thomas SKIDMORE [3]

1804-93

m. Ann TOMKINS

| 1839 Kingsland HEF

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farmer of Lawton, Kingsland & Shobdon/

grocer & sub-postmaster of Sutton St Nicholas HEF

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Mary Ann

1841-1918

Sarah

1842-

postmistress &

grocer

Ann

1806-

d. young

Richard

1810-14

James [4]

1813-41

m. Diana ADAMS

| 1839 London,

| St Andrew's, Holborn

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victualler of

St Marylebone, London

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Sarah Diana

1840-1927

m. George KING

1874 London

Anne

1813-

Sarah

1814-20