

SKIDMORE, SKITMORE AND SCUDAMORE FAMILIES OF SUFFOLK AND NORFOLK

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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. For an individual born after 1837, where only a baptism date is given, assume the birth was registered in the same quarter but the exact date of birth is not presently known.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

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INTRODUCTION

This article describes FOUR disparate family lines in East Anglia, which cannot presently be tied with any certainty to earlier families elsewhere.

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This account does not include

- ❖ the descendants of John Skidmore, stove grate maker of Clerkenwell, London, who moved to Calthorpe and to Aylsham, in Norfolk. For this family see *Skidmore Stove Grate Makers, Token Makers and Jewellers of Birmingham, London and Coventry* by Linda Moffatt at www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com

- ❖ the clergyman William Edward Scudamore (1813-1881) of Ditchingham, Norfolk. For this family see the extract entitled *Canterbury Scudamores*, taken from *Thirty Generations of the Scudamore/Skidmore Family in England and America* by Warren Skidmore, 2nd ed. 2006, at www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com

THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHN SKIDMORE (c.1537-1602) IN IPSWICH, SUFFOLK AND LONDON.

Nothing is known of this family before the first christening in Ipswich in 1578. In the churchyard of St Mary Quay (or St Mary at the Quay) in Ipswich, on the south side of a marble stone, is written: "Within this vault the Scudamores do rest, in hope through Christ to have eternal rest."

I am indebted to Warren Skidmore, who researched this family through to the marriage of John Skidmore to Elizabeth Wade in 1698.

Descendants can be found in the databases of the Skidmore/Scudamore One-Name Study with the code SFK.

SFK [1]. JOHN SKIDMORE, born about 1537 (aged 60 in 1597). He was a cobbler in the parish of St Matthew's, Ipswich. He married Elizabeth _____ who was buried, a widow, at St Matthew's on 6 February 1613/4. In his house in 1597 were his wife (aged 54) and his three children aged 14, 12 and nine. He was buried on 30 October 1602 at St Matthew's.

Children of John and Elizabeth Skidmore,

- i. Katherine, baptised 17 November 1578 at St Nicholas', Ipswich.
2. ii. CHRISTOPHER, of whom further.
- iii. John, baptised 14 February 1585/6 at St Matthew's. He married Joan Burt in 1612 at St Margaret's, Ipswich.

SFK [2]. CHRISTOPHER SKIDMORE, baptised 10 September 1583 at St Matthew's. Of the parish of St Mary at the Quay, Ipswich, married and had issue, probably with others,

- i. John, baptised 20 August 1615.
3. ii. (probably) CHRISTOPHER, of whom further.

The presumed son,

SFK [3]. CHRISTOPHER SKIDMORE, a fishmonger of St Mary at the Quay, married 11 May 1638 Susanna Searle. On 6 April 1663 Christopher Skidmore was elected Alderman of Ipswich but was discharged from office 7 May 1663 after paying a fine of 20 nobles for this relief. He was taxed on four hearths in 1674 and on another house (unoccupied) with three hearths. He was buried at St Mary Quay on 19 January 1676/7 and his will (dated 7 June 1675) was proved on 29 January 1676/7. His widow Susanna died in 1678 leaving a will dated 9 August and proved 21 December. She owned a share in the ships called The Expedition of Ipswich, The Brother's Adventures, and The Mayflower of Ipswich, and was survived by her son John, her daughter Elizabeth Bowle, and a granddaughter Anne Spooner, a spinster.

Children of Christopher and Susanna (Searle) Skidmore,

- i. Susan, baptised 29 September 1639. She married Thomas Spooner on 14 April 1657 at St Mary at Quay, Ipswich. They were both dead in 1675 leaving an only daughter Anne.
- ii. Elizabeth, baptised 25 April 1641. She married Richard Bowle of Ipswich on 1 January 1660/1 at St Mary at the Quay and was the residuary legatee of her mother in 1678.
- iii. Christopher, baptised 6 October 1643. He was buried at St Mary Quay on 8 August 1679.
4. iv. JOHN, of whom further.

SFK [4]. JOHN SKIDMORE, baptised 14 September 1645, of St Mary at the Quay, Ipswich. He married Elizabeth Pickis in 1671 at Whitton Thurlston, Suffolk. A glazier of Ipswich, he was taxed on two hearths in 1674 (he and his father being then the only persons of the surname in Suffolk). He was buried at St Mary Quay 15 March 1689 and the administration of his estate was given to his widow Elizabeth 16 April 1689.

Children of John and Elizabeth (Pickis) Skidmore,

5. i. JOHN, of whom further.
- ii. Elizabeth, baptised 19 July 1675. She (or perhaps her mother) married Edward Hubbard, by

- licence, in 1692 in Suffolk.
- iii. Christopher, baptised 19 September 1676. He was buried at St Mary Quay on 19 January 1677/8.
 - iv. Christopher, baptised 18 October 1678. He is probably the man of his name who served under Captain John Quelch on the brigantine Charles. Captain Quelch and a part of his crew including Christopher Scudamore were hanged for piracy at Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 30 June 1704. For the trial and hanging, a great miscarriage of justice, see the Diary of Samuel Sewall, 1674-1729, edited by M. Halsey Thomas (1973).

SFK [5]. JOHN SKIDMORE, baptised 29 May 1674. He became a Freeman of Ipswich by patrimony in 1699. He married 29 September 1698 at St Mary Quay, Ipswich, Elizabeth Wade. They both appear to have died in 1715; Elizabeth Skidmore was buried at St Mary Quay on 6 July, John Skidmore on 7 September.

Possible children,

- 6. i. CHRISTOPHER, of whom further.
- ii. Philip. He was perhaps the Philip Skidmore apprenticed in 1723 to John Gibson, a woollen weaver of Stepney, London. Philip son of John Skidmore was made a Freeman of Ipswich in 1741.
- iii. [probably] Elizabeth. She married John Savage of Ipswich on 30 September 1730 at Little Blakenham, Suffolk.
- iv. Mary, died an infant, buried at St Mary Quay 12 April 1716.

SFK [6]. CHRISTOPHER SKIDMORE, born about 1703. Christopher son of John Skidmore became a Freeman of Ipswich in 1727. A painter and glazier in Ipswich¹, he married Dorothy Cornwell of Little Plumstead on 31 July 1729 at Woodbastwick, Norfolk. The sale of his house at St Mary Quay was offered in The Ipswich Journal of Saturday 11 August 1750.

To be sold, All that freehold messuage or tenement, new-fronted with brick work, all in good repair, with convenient outhouses, in St Mary Key, Ipswich, late in the occupation of Mr Christopher Skidmore, and another, and now let to Mr Ely Crickmore. For further particulars, enquire...

The Ipswich Journal of Saturday 02 April 1774 advertised as follows.

To be lett, A neat house, situate in St Clement's, Fore-street, near the Galliot Hoy, in Ipswich.... lately in the occupation of Mr Stebbing, surgeon enquire of Mr C. Skidmore, painter and glazier, the upper end of the Butter-market in Ipswich.

Dorothy Skidmore died in 1765 and was buried at St Mary Quay 25 November. Christopher Skidmore, a widower of Ipswich St Lawrence, married Elizabeth Roberts on 12 April 1768 at Akenham, Suffolk. She was perhaps the Elizabeth Skidmore buried at St Mary Quay on 24 September 1776. Christopher Skidmore, aged 86, was buried at St Mary Quay on 8 September 1789.

Children of Christopher and Dorothy (Cornwell) Skidmore,

- i. [perhaps] Christopher. He was apprenticed to Joseph Long, a glazier and a freeman of Norwich, Norfolk, on 21 September 1742.
- 7. ii. JOHN, baptised 14 March 1730/1.

SFK [7]. JOHN SKIDMORE, baptised 14 March 1730/1 at St Peter's, Ipswich. John Skidmore son of Charles Skidmore (presumably an error) was made a Freeman of Ipswich in 1753. On 14 May 1776 John Skidmore, son of Christopher Skidmore of Ipswich, Suffolk, plumber, was admitted into the freedom of the city of London by

¹ Charles Stirman was apprenticed to CHRISTOPHER SKIDMORE of St Lawrence, Ipswich, painter and glazier, paying £9 in 1752.

William Rock was apprenticed to CHRISTOPHER SKIDMORE of Ipswich, glazier, for £7 in 1758.

William Motts was apprenticed to JOHN SKIDMORE of Harwich, Essex, glazier, for £10 in 1759.

John Camplin was apprenticed to Christopher Skidmore of Ipswich, painter, for £8 in 1761.

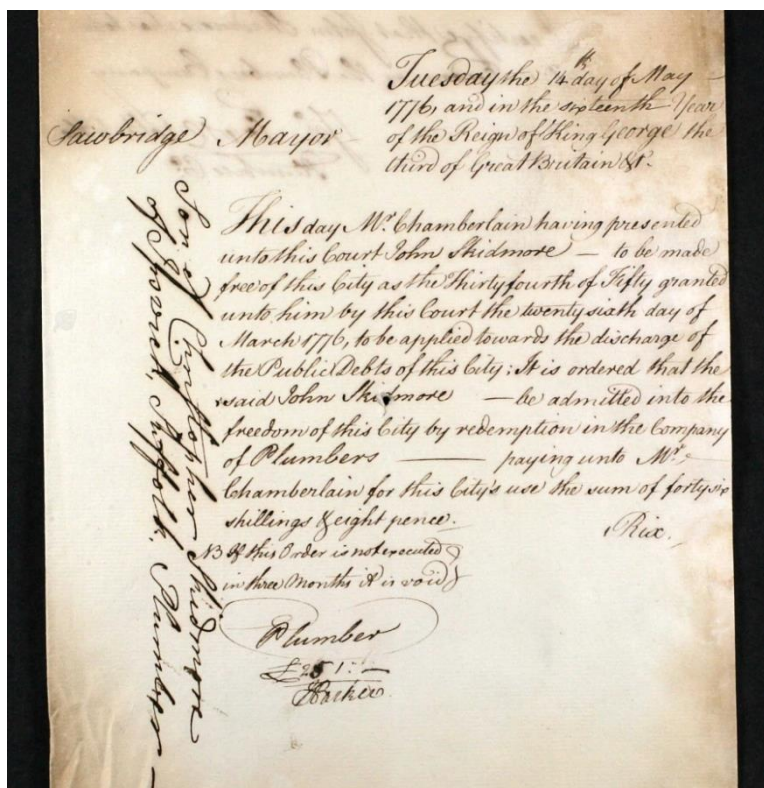
Stephen Bumstead was apprenticed to Christopher Skidmore of Ipswich, glazier, for £3 in 1765.

James Sewell was apprenticed to Christopher Skidmore of Ipswich, painter and glazier, in 1776.

There is a pedigree of the descendants of John Scudamore of Ipswich (died 1688) at the College of Arms in London. It has not been seen by the author.

redemption in the Company of Plumbers 14 May 1776.

The Grace Skidmore buried at St Mary Quay on 7 March 1783 aged 55 was perhaps John's wife or his sister. He had descendants in London.



Tuesday the 14th day of May 1776

This day Mr Chamberlain having presented unto this Court John Skidmore - to be made free of this City as the Thirty fourth of Fifty granted unto him by this Court the twenty sixth day of March 1776, to be applied towards the discharge of the Public Debts of this City. It is ordered that the said John Skidmore - be admitted into the freedom of this City by redemption in the Company of Plumbers - paying unto Mr Chamberlain for this City's use the sum of forty six shillings & eight pence.

Son of Christopher Skidmore
of Ipswich, Suffolk, Plumber

- i. Robert Baggott, probably born in the early 1760s. He was apprenticed in London in 1778 to his father John. Robert son John Skidmore was made a Freeman of Ipswich by patrimony in 1784². He married Mary Ann Bumpstead 23 April 1789 St Katherine Creechurch, London. He paid land tax on a property in Aldgate Street, London in 1789. He was a plumber in London³. The Poll Books of Ipswich illustrate the connection of this family to London. In the absence of other records yet to be discovered, they point to John Skidmore having moved to London with his son, and to Robert Baggott Skidmore being the only surviving son of John Skidmore. Further, John Skidmore was probably dead by 1807.
 - 1741. Christopher Skidmore.
 - 1754, 1768, 1780. Christopher Skidmore and John Skidmore.
 - 1784. Christopher Skidmore of Ipswich, John Skidmore and Robert Baggott Skidmore of London.
 - 1790. Robert Baggott Skidmore and John Skidmore, plumbers of London.
 - 1807. Robert Baggott Skidmore of London.
- ii. [perhaps] Elizabeth, born about 1761. She died in 1784 and was buried at St Mary Quay on 24 July, aged 23.
- iii. [perhaps] Sarah, born about 1774. She died in 1803 and was buried at St Mary Quay on 25 May, aged 29.
- iv. [perhaps] Grace. Grace Skidmore of Harwich, Essex, married, by licence, John Hornshaw Riley, a widower, plumber of Sudbury, Suffolk on 29 December 1801 at St Paul's, Shadwell, London. He was the son of William Riley, a painter of Stepney, London and was apprenticed on 6 January 1779 to Thomas Anderson of the Painters' Company.

² London Apprenticeship Abstracts, 1442-1850.

³ John Sayer, son of Edward of Lyonshall, Herefordshire, farmer, apprenticed to Robert Baggott Skidmore, 12 Feb 1798, Plumbers' Company. London Apprenticeship Abstracts, 1442-1850.

NOTESSt Mary Elms, Ipswich:

1636 06 05 Burial Mary SKIDMORE.

St Mary's, Redgrave cum Botesdale, Suffolk:

1638 09 30 Burial Elizabeth SKIDMORE.

1657 02 19 Burial Margery SKIDMORE.

Helmingham, Suffolk:

1680 -- -- Marriage John SKIDMORE and Fran MOOR.

1682 10 01 Burial Elizabeth SKIDMORE.

St Margaret's, Kings Lynn, Norfolk:

1725 06 06 Baptism Edmund Son of William SCIDMORE

1745 05 30 Baptism Mary Dau of Edward SKUDMORE

1748 09 25 Baptism Anne Dau of Edward SKIDMORE

1750 06 17 Baptism Catherine Dau of Edward SKIDMORE

1753 07 08 Baptism Mary Dau of Edward and Susanna SKIDMORE

1754 10 17 Baptism William Son of Edward and Susanna SKIDMORE

All Saints, South Lynn, Norfolk

1747 11 23 Burial William SKIPMORE

Swaffham:

1785 03 11 Marriage John BALLS and Ann SKEDMORE

St Mary Quay, Ipswich:

1736 07 28 Burial William SKIDMORE.

1783 03 07 Burial Grace SKIDMORE, 55y.

1784 07 24 Burial Elizabeth SKIDMORE, 23y.

1803 05 25 Burial Sarah SKIDMORE, 29y.

SKITMORE FAMILIES OF ROCKLAND ST PETER AND LITTLE ELLINGHAM, NORFOLK, LATER AT BRIGHOUSE, YORKSHIRE

The first Skitmore families in Norfolk

The line of farm workers in Norfolk who used the surname form *Skitmore* lived from the 1790s in the villages of Rockland St Peter and Little Ellingham, about 20 miles south-west of Norwich. They descend from William Skitmore who was resident in the village of Hingham when in 1792 he married at Rockland All Saints and thereafter lived in the adjoining parish of Rockland St Peter. In 1801 William's was one of 39 families in Rockland St Peter, which then had a population of 164. This population increased markedly over the next 20 years to 302 in 1811 and 349 in 1821⁴.

This **William Skitmore** was born, according to his age at death, in about 1764. The baptism of a William Skitmore took place on 25 December 1768 at St John Timberhill, Norwich. He was the son of William and Sarah (True) Skitmore, a couple who had married there in October of that year. Until other evidence emerges to the contrary, and in the absence of another William Skitmore of about the right age in this area of Norfolk, I have assumed the younger William to be the man who married in 1792 in Rockland All Saints.

It is interesting to note that in the parish registers of Rockland St Peter the family of William Skitmore (born 1764) are usually found recorded with the surname form KITMORE. *Skitmore* was used at William's marriage, at William's burial (1833) and at the baptism of their first child (1794). His remaining six children were baptised Kitmore, his wife was buried as Kitmore (1830) and his two daughters married as Kitmore (both in 1830). However, his three sons who married were all recorded in the marriage register with the surname Skitmore (William in 1815, Miles in 1827 and Steven in 1835) and they and their descendants all used the form Skitmore. In 1833 the same clergyman recorded the burial of William *Skitmore* (born 1764) and two weeks later, the next entry in the burial register, the burial of his grandson John *Kitmore*, the son of his daughter Susan.

The use of Kitmore would seem to have been deliberate in this one family and confined to its females. However, it should be noted that KITMORE and more particularly KITMER are names found (apparently almost exclusively) in Norfolk and back to the 16th century in several parishes in that county. It is necessary, therefore, to keep in mind the possibility that the form Skitmore in this area arose as a variant of Kitmore. In Appendix 1 I have listed all occurrences of these names in Britain, from those obtainable in transcripts and/or register images presently available online.

The earliest *Skitmore* yet discovered in Norfolk, then, is William of Norwich, married there in 1768 and probably the father of William of Rockland St Peter. He would appear to have come into Norfolk from another county. A study of the Skidmore families of Ipswich, Suffolk does not suggest a link to the Skitmores of Rockland St Peter (see p.3 above). The name Skitmore arose as a variant of Skidmore in the agricultural families in Warwickshire and Oxfordshire⁵. There were also farming Skidmore in N.E. Nottinghamshire and around Gainsborough in Lincolnshire at this time⁶.

The descendants of William Skitmore of Norwich (married 1768) have been traced though seven generations and will now be described in a generational layout.

⁴ These figures are from the population tables which were produced after the 10-yearly national censuses and are available at http://www.origins.org.uk/genuki/NFK/places/r/rockland_st_peter/.

⁵ See *Skidmore and Skidmore Families of Rural Warwickshire 1550-1915* by Linda Moffatt 2012 and *Skidmore and Skitmore Families of Oxfordshire 1600-1900* by Linda Moffatt, Joan Skidmore and Carole Skidmore 2012, both at www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com.

⁶ See *Skidmore Lead Miners of Derbyshire, and Their Descendants 1600-1915* by Linda Moffatt, 2nd edition 2016, at www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com.

GENERATION 1

William Skitmore is considered first-generation for the purposes of this narrative. His descendants can be found in the databases of the Skitmore/Scudamore One-Name Study with the code NFK.

NFK [1]. **WILLIAM¹ SKITMORE** married Sarah True, by licence, on 18 October 1768 at St John Timberhill, Norwich. Neither William nor Sarah could write their names and made their marks in the marriage register. Will Beverly (who signed) and Thomas Nevil (who made his mark) were their witnesses. She was the widow of Thomas Gillingwater (married 12 October 1760 at St Stephen's, Norwich), who died in 1767 and was buried on 31 March at St Martin at Oak, Norwich. No evidence of William's occupation, nor the burials of William and Sarah in Norfolk, have yet been found.

Children of William and Sarah (True) Skitmore,

3.
 - i. WILLIAM, baptised 25 December 1768 at St John Timberhill, Norwich.
 - ii. Elizabeth, baptised 9 August 1772. Buried at St John Timberhill in September 1777.

NFK [2]. **JOHN SKITMORE** of Great Yarmouth was buried there on 26 February 1782. He is included here as the only other man known to have been using the surname form Skitmore at this time in Norfolk.

Perhaps a son,

- i. John. John *Skidmore* married Elizabeth Bane at Great Yarmouth on 1 July 1828. Nothing further is presently known of this couple.

NOTES

Norwich, St Mary in the Marsh:

1696 10 19 Marriage Henry WEBSTER & Bridget SKIPMORE

All Saints, South Lynn, Norfolk

1747 11 23 Burial William SKIPMORE.

Yarmouth:

1801 10 09 Baptism William Watt SKIDMORE Son of Mary SKIDMORE (father not named).

GENERATION 2

NFK [3]. **WILLIAM² SKITMORE/ KITMORE** was born, according to his age at death, in about 1764. However, until other evidence emerges to the contrary, and in the absence of another William Skitmore of about the right age in this area of Norfolk, I have assumed him to be the child baptised 25 December 1768 at St John Timberhill, Norwich, son of William [1] and Sarah (True) Skitmore.

William *Skitmore* of Hingham, a village about 20 miles west of Norwich, married Susan Rudd of Rockland All Saints on 16 April 1792 at Rockland All Saints. Miles Rudd, presumably her father or her older brother (born 1763), was a witness. She was baptised at Rockland All Saints on 21 May 1769, daughter of Miles and Elizabeth Rudd. Elizabeth Rudd, Susan's mother, died in July 1776 soon after the birth of her fourth child Lydia Rudd.

Apart from their first son, all the children of William and Susan were baptised with the surname form *Kitmore*.

Susan died aged 63 and was recorded on 15 August 1830 in the burial register of Rockland St Peter as *Sarah* (an error) *Kitmore*. William died aged 69 and was buried as William *Skitmore* at Rockland St Peter on 11 January 1833.

Children of William and Susan (Rudd) Skitmore, born and baptised at Rockland St Peter,

4.
 - i. WILLIAM, baptised *Skitmore* on 15 June 1794 at Rockland All Saints.
 - ii. Jeremiah, born about 1797 and baptised 14 February 1799 'son of William and Susan *Kitmore*'. Jeremiah *Kitmore* died aged 24 and was buried at Rockland St Peter on 24 November 1821.
5.
 - iii. MILES, baptised 1 August 1802.
 - iv. Susan, privately baptised with her brother James on 25 August 1805, 'twins of William *Kitmore* and Susan his wife (late Rudd spinst)'. Susan *Kitmore* married John Dexter at Rockland St Peter on 29 December 1830. Sarah Dexter and James Lister were their witnesses. All parties made their marks in the parish register. Ten days later a son of Susan *Kitmore* of Hingham was baptised at Rockland St Peter,
 - i. John, baptised 9 January 1831. John *Kitmore* was buried on 27 February 1833, aged 2. It is worth noting that the same clergyman recorded the burial of William *Skitmore* his grandfather two weeks earlier and, the next entry in the burial register, John *Kitmore* on 29 January.
 - v. James, a twin. James *Kitmore*, aged 21, was buried at Rockland St Peter on 23 May 1826.
 - vi. Sarah, baptised *Kitmore* on 17 April 1808. Sarah *Kitmore* married Robert Lake at Rockland St Peter on 6 July 1830. Her brother William and his wife Judith were witnesses. All parties made their marks. Robert Lake was a shepherd in Rockland in Rockland St Peter. He died in the 1860s and Sarah was living by the time of the 1871 census at Church Green, Old Buckenham parish. Children, as known - Elizabeth, Susan, Sarah, Abigail.
6.
 - vii. STEPHEN, baptised 10 November 1811.

GENERATION 3

NFK [4]. WILLIAM³ SKITMORE, son of William [3] and Susan (Rudd) Skitmore, was baptised 15 June 1794 at Rockland All Saints. On 26 August 1815 at Rockland St Peter he married Judith Briggs (daughter of Rebecca Briggs, baptised 4 June 1797 at Burston, Norfolk). Neither could write their names and made their marks in the marriage register.

They moved around 1821 from Rockland St Peter to Little Ellingham, a village 1½ miles distant. White's History, Gazetteer and Directory of Norfolk shows an increase in population in the small scattered village of Little Ellingham from 250 in 1845 to 296 in 1854 and 318 in 1881. By the 1880s the village had a small Primitive Methodist Chapel. The National School was built in 1871 at a cost of £300 to house 60 children and with an average attendance in the mid-1880s of 34.

At the time of the 1841 census William and Judith were living in Common Lane with their sons James and Jeremiah and next to the family of their probable son Nathaniel Skitmore. Judith's mother Rebecca Briggs shared their home.

In 1851 William was farming 20 acres in Anchor Lane and employing one labourer. However, by 1861 he was a farmer of only 4 acres and developing his business as a coal dealer. He and his wife lived then in Crown Road with James Tenant (born 1839) the son of his daughter-in-law Charlotte by her first husband.

Judith Skitmore died aged 65 and was buried at St Peter's, Little Ellingham on 16 January 1862 and the family of James Tenant shared William's home at Anchor Corner. William Skitmore was said to be 86 when he died in 1877; he was buried on 4 November.

Children of William and Judith (Briggs) Skitmore,

7.
 - i. NATHANIEL, born about 1814.
8.
 - ii. JAMES, born 15 October 1817.
9.
 - iii. ISAAC, born 29 January 1820.
10.
 - iv. JEREMIAH, baptised May 1825.

NFK [5]. MILES³ SKITMORE, son of William [3] and Susan (Rudd) Skitmore, was baptised 1 August 1802 at Rockland St Peter, son of William and Susan *Kitmore*. He married Frances Tallowin (baptised 15 January 1797 in Bawburgh, Norfolk, daughter of John and Mary Tallowin) on 19 January 1827 at Bawburgh and was a shepherd in Bowthorpe, Norfolk. The family's address is given as Shepherd Hill in 1851, 2 Bowthorpe Lane in 1861 and the 'Cottages on the Meadow' in 1871. Frances Skitmore died on 4 April 1871 aged 74, her death reported in The Ipswich Journal of 15 April. Miles Skitmore died on 27 March 1880 aged 79, leaving a will proved at Norwich on 5 May 1880.

Children of Miles and Frances (Tallowin) Skitmore,

- i. Maria, born about 1828 in Bawburgh. A dressmaker, she married John High, a carpenter (baptised 19 December 1830 in Hellesdown, Norfolk, son of William High, a labourer, and his wife Sophia) on 25 December 1851 at St Michael at Coslany, Norwich. They were living by 1861 at 22 Prospect Row, Woolwich, Kent. She appears to be the Maria High who died aged 40 in 1868 and was buried on 24 August at St Margaret's, Plumstead, Kent.
John High of 29 Park Street, Greenwich, Kent, died on 12 December 1905 aged 74. Administration of his estate was granted on 10 January 1906 at London to his daughters Clara Frances Wright (wife of Henry Edward Wright) and Ellen Jane Chilvers (wife of George Chilvers).
- ii. Mary Ann, baptised 11 June 1829 at Earham. She died in Bowthorpe at the age of 17 months and was buried at Bawburgh on 31 October 1830.
- iii. John, born about 1833. He was farm servant at Bawburgh Hall, Bowthorp at the time of the 1851 census. He went to New Zealand around 1865, as revealed by his death certificate, though I have yet to find him in any passenger lists. Wise's New Zealand Post Office Directories between 1901 and 1910 list John Skitmore amongst a handful of miners at Table Hill. He died on 13 November 1909 at Table Hill, aged 76, and was buried on 15 November at Fairfax Cemetery, Milton by Rev. W.H. Hawes, the Presbyterian Minister. No marriage or issue were entered on the death certificate.
The Fairfax Cemetery was officially established in 1860. On 9 April 1860, it was resolved to reserve from public sale, six quarter-acre sections adjacent to the Presbyterian Church at Fairfax for use as a public cemetery. When Milton became a borough in 1866, the first Mayor was James Elder Brown. Mr Brown, with his father, had settled on 105 acres on the Tokomairiro in 1856. In 1860, he sold half an acre on the main south road to one Mr Mansford on which to erect a store. This proved the beginning of the township of Milton. Shortly after, the nearby goldfields discoveries led to much activity on the plains and in Milton, so much so that it was proclaimed an incorporated township by 1866 .
- iv. William Benjamin, baptised 1 May 1831 in Norwich (church unknown). He died in 1837Q4 in Forehoe registration district.

NFK [6]. STEPHEN³ SKITMORE, son of William [3] and Susan (Rudd) Skitmore, was privately baptised on 10 November 1811 at Rockland St Peter, 'son of William *Kitmore* and Susanna his wife (late Rudd)'. He married Sarah Rudd (baptised 4 September 1814 at Tottington, Norfolk, daughter of Miles and Mary Rudd) on 24 November 1835 at Rockland St Peter. John Dexter (presumably his brother-in-law) and Sarah Dexter were their witnesses; all parties made their mark in the marriage register.

Stephen Skitmore was an agricultural yardman in Rockland St Peter, initially living in Scoulton Road, later and certainly by 1861, in Bow Street, Great Ellingham. By 1871 they had moved to The Green, Little Ellingham. Sarah Skitmore died aged 59 and was buried at Little Ellingham on 6 February 1873, Stephen on 25 November 1876 aged 65.

Children of Stephen and Sarah (Rudd) Skitmore, baptised at Rockland St Peter,

- i. Mary, baptised 6 November 1836 at Great Ellingham. She died at the age of 13 and was buried at Rockland St Peter on 2 May 1850.
- ii. Susan, born 1838Q4 in Little Ellingham, baptised Susanna 6 January 1839. At the time of the 1871 census she was a servant to the family of Thomas H. Coleman, farmer of the Manor House, Scoulton Road, Rockland St Peter. She then lived with the family of her sister Eliza but by 1901 was running her dressmaking business from her home in Chapel Street, Rockland St Peter, which she shared with her niece Laura S. Barham, who was blind. Miss Skidmore died in 1906Q1 aged 67. The following twins are listed after her name in the 1861 census.
 - i. George, born 1860Q3 in Great Ellingham, died in 1861 and was buried on 6

- December at Great Ellingham.
- ii. Henry. Buried 14 November 1861 at Great Ellingham.
 - iii. Elizabeth, born 1840Q4. She married George Chilleystone, a farm labourer (born 1839 in Rockland St Peter) on 30 July 1865 at Rockland St Peter and lived in Scoulton Road there. Mr Chilleystone died in 1914 aged 75, Elizabeth in 1928 aged 87.
Children - Mary A., George William, Lucy Amelia, William, Alice Sarah, Walter, Herbert, Arthur, John Henry.
 - iv. Eliza, born in Little Ellingham, baptised 18 December 1842. She married William Barham, a farm labourer (born about 1845 in Rockland St Peter, son of William Barham) in 1867Q3 and included in their household in 1881 at Attleborough Road, Rockland All Saints, were her father-in-law, her brother-in-law Matthew Barham and her sister Susan Skitmore. Eliza Barham appears to have died in 1926 aged 83.
Children, as known - Laura Susannah, Lucy Hannah, Edith Mary, Ernest James, Kate Selina, Herbert William, Gertrude Eliza.
 - v. Harriet, born 1844Q2 and baptised on 28 July that year. She died aged 7 and was buried at Rockland St Peter on 30 November 1851.
 - vi. Hannah, born 1846Q2. She was a servant at the time of the 1861 census to the family of miller Robert le Grice in Great Ellingham. She married John Hedley, an iron moulder (born about 1839 in South Shields, Durham) in Whitechapel, London in 1880Q2 and lived in Bromley. She died in 1924 aged 78.
Children - Ann Skitmore, Mary Ellen, Hannah Edwards.
 - vii. Lucy, baptised 27 November 1847. She was buried on 25 April 1868 at Little Ellingham, aged 20.
 - 11. viii. JAMES, baptised 24 June 1849.
 - 12. ix. WILLIAM, born 1852Q3.
 - x. Charles, baptised 17 September 1854. He died aged 15 and was buried at Little Ellingham on 2 November 1869.

GENERATION 4

NFK [7]. **NATHANIEL⁴ SKITMORE** of Little Ellingham, son of William [4] and Judith (Briggs) Skitmore, was born around 1814 (the baptisms of William and Judith's three eldest sons have not been found). A farm labourer, he married Mary Ann Reynolds (born about 1817 in Feltwell, Norfolk) on 22 April 1837 at Little Ellingham. They lived in Goose Common Lane, Little Ellingham, close to the home of Nathaniel's father.

On 4 October 1847, at the Shirehall, Castle of Norwich, Nathaniel *Kitmore* was committed for one calendar month to Norwich Gaol, on the oaths of Benjamin Myhill, of Hargham, gamekeeper, and another, with having on 29th September at Old Buckenham stolen one rabbit trap, the property of Sir Thomas Branthwayte Beevor, of Hargham, Bart.⁷

In their later years Mr and Mrs Skitmore lived with the family of their daughter Louisa in Church Street, and next to the home of their widowed daughter-in-law Martha. Nathaniel Skitmore died in 1891 and was buried on 21 September, his wife in 1893 aged 78 (buried 22 February, both at Little Ellingham).

Children of Nathaniel and Mary Ann (Reynolds) Skitmore, baptised at St Peter's, Little Ellingham,

- i. Rebecca, baptised 1 September 1839. She married Lilelf Plain (Lillef, born 1838, son of James and Mary Plain of Scoulton, Norfolk) on 3 August 1861 at St Peter's, Little Ellingham.
- ii. Sarah Ann, baptised 27 December 1840. I have so far not been able to discover Sarah Ann after the 1851 census. On 10 November 1865 she married Joseph Long (born about 1843 in Thorpe Morieux, Suffolk, son of John and Mary Ann Long) and lived at Felsham, Suffolk, where Mr Long was a horse keeper and steward at Rookery Farm. Mrs Long died in 1911 aged 70.
Children, as known - Mary Jane, Alice, Martha, James, John W.
- iii. Elizabeth, baptised 24 December 1843. She was dairy maid for William Allen whose home was on

⁷ Norwich Gaol, Calendar of trials at assizes and quarter sessions for the County of Norfolk.

The Green, Little Ellingham. She then moved to Brighouse, Yorkshire with her common law husband Walter Shinfield, a gas works labourer (born about 1843 in Shaopham, Norfolk).

Elizabeth Skitmore died in 1909Q4 aged 65.

Children, registered as Skitmore,

- i. Sarah Ann, born 17 November 1862. She died at 2 days old.
- 24.
 - ii. **HENRY NATHANIEL**⁶, born 1864Q4.
 - iii. Frances Jane, born 1867Q3, baptised Frances Jane Sirell Skitmore on 13 October at Little Ellingham. She married William Cliffe, a mechanic in a wire mill (born about 1864 in Rastrick) on 5 May 1888 at St John the Baptist, Halifax. They lived in Lightcliffe Road, Brighouse and later Closes Road, Rastrick. Frances Jane Cliffe died in 1950 aged 83.
Children, as known (of five) - John, Elizabeth, Ellen.
 - iv. Rebecca, born 1870Q3. She died in 1872Q2.
- 25.
 - v. **WILLIAM HENRY**⁶, called Skitmore, born April 1875.
- iv. William Jeremiah, born 1846Q1 and baptised 5 April. A farm labourer, on 25 December 1867 at Great Ellingham he married Eliza Spurgeon (born about 1835 in Attleborough, Norfolk, widow of Robert Spurgeon and daughter of George Long). They were living in 1871 at Colman's Farm with sons of Eliza's by her first marriage - William Spurgeon 14 and Arthur Spurgeon 12 - both born in Little Ellingham.
William and Eliza Skitmore moved in the 1880s to 78 Trafalgar Street, Lakenham, Norwich, and remained in the city, where in 1911 William was a carter for a starch manufacturer. He died in 1926 aged 80, his wife in 1924 aged 90. No children.
- 13.
 - v. JOHN, baptised 30 June 1850.
 - vi. Louisa, born 1856Q1, baptised 6 June 1857.
A daughter,
 - i. Rebecca Skitmore, born 12 January 1876 in Rockland All Saints. On 22 September 1900 at Little Ellingham she married Henry Barrett, a silversmith of St Thomas' parish, Halifax (born about 1873 in Halifax, son of William Barrett, a stone miner).
Louisa Skitmore married James Fox, a farm labourer (born about 1861 in Great Ellingham, son of George and Maria Fox) on 20 June 1880 at Little Ellingham.
Louisa Fox died in 1936 aged 79.
Children, as known (of 11 born) - Emma, Sarah Ann, Anna Maria, James William, John, Julia, George, Arthur Charles, Robert.

NFK [8]. **JAMES⁴ SKITMORE**, son of William [4] and Judith (Briggs) Skitmore, was born 15 October 1817 in Rockland St Peter and baptised there on 2 November that year. He was a farm labourer who lived at Anchor Corner, Little Ellingham.

He married Charlotte Sadler Tennant on 23 April 1842 at St Peter's, Little Ellingham. Charlotte had a son James Tennant (baptised 5 May 1839 at Little Ellingham, no father named) and a daughter Mary Ann Tennant (born mid-1840). Charlotte Tennant was living at the time of the 1841 census in the home of farmer Phoebe King 'Against the Common' in Little Ellingham. At the time of her marriage to James Skitmore, Charlotte said that her father was Robert Sadler, a labourer.

James Skitmore died aged only 44 and was buried at Little Ellingham on 1 September 1861. His widow remained at Anchor Corner until at least 1871 but by the time of the 1881 census was, together with daughter Hannah, son Charles and granddaughter Charlotte Elizabeth Skitmore, living at 18 Park Street, Brighouse, Yorkshire. Mrs Skitmore died in Brighouse in 1897 aged 75 and was buried in Brighouse Cemetery on 22 May.

Children of James and Charlotte Sadler (Tennant) Skitmore, baptisms and burials at Little Ellingham,

- 14.
 - i. WILLIAM, baptised 19 March 1843.
 - ii. Harriet, baptised 26 January 1845. She married Thomas Cooper, a farm worker of Little Ellingham, in 1865Q4. He was, in addition to being a farmer, the innkeeper of The Crown in Little Ellingham. No children.
 - iii. Emily, baptised 7 March 1847. She married Harry Findley, a cellarman, in 1867Q2 in the Newington registration district, Surrey. They lived in Crescent Road, Clapham. Mr Findley died in 1889 (buried in Norwood Cemetery), his wife in 1900 aged 53. A son Harry.

- iv. John, baptised 7 November 1848. He died at 9 days old.
- v. Charles, baptised 21 November 1849. He died when 11 days old.
- vi. Rebecca, baptised 17 November 1850. She lived in Crescent Road, Clapham, London, with the family of her sister Emily. She married William Edward Martin, a printer (born about 1852 in Clapham) in 1873 and lived in Streatham. Mr Martin died in 1903. No children known.
- vii. Martha Ann, baptised 28 August 1853. She died in 1872 and was buried 28 March, aged 18.
- 15. viii. JEREMIAH BRIGGS, born 1855Q4.
- ix. Hannah, born 13 December 1857⁸. A silk spreader in Brighouse before her marriage, on 5 November 1882 in Halifax, to John Skipper, a stone quarry worker (born about 1854 in Rockland, Norfolk, son of John Skipper). They moved from Brighouse to Halifax in the early 1890s. *Anna* Skipper was a widow by 1901 and lived with her children at 8 Lock Street, Halifax until her death in 1932 aged 74. She is buried with her mother in Brighouse Cemetery.
Children, as known (of nine born) - Herbert, Alfred, John, Emma, Sarah, Edith Ellen, Arnold.
A daughter,
 - i. Charlotte Elizabeth, born 1877Q1 in Brighouse. She married Lewis Jenkinson, a grain checker for the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway Co., in 1906. They were living in 1911 at 1 Terrace Grove, Caddy Field, Halifax. A daughter Lily.
- 16. x. CHARLES HENRY, born 10 February 1860.
- xi. Eliza, baptised 6 March 1862. She was at the time of the 1891 census a servant to the Swoville family at 37 Larkhall Rise, Clapham. She later became cook in the Bevington household at 50 West Side, Battersea. Miss Skitmore died in 1911Q1 aged 48.

NFK [9]. **ISAAC⁴ SKITMORE**, son of William [4] and Judith (Briggs) Skitmore, was born 29 January 1820 and baptised Isaac *Kitmore* on 27 February at Rockland St Peter. At the time of the 1841 census he was a servant to farmer Daniel Cocking in Church Road, Little Ellingham. He married Elizabeth Bell (born about 1817 in Stibbard, Norfolk, daughter of William Bell) on 16 November 1844 at St Peter's, Little Ellingham. They were living in 1851 in Goose Common Lane next to Isaac's brother Nathaniel, and again in 1861 next to his brother Jeremiah.

Isaac Skitmore died in 1862 and was buried at Little Ellingham on 9 April. His widow lived at The Green in Little Ellingham and died in 1888, buried 27 December.

Children of Isaac and Elizabeth (Bell) Skitmore, born and baptised in Little Ellingham,

- 17. i. WILLIAM, baptised 9 March 1845.
- 18. ii. GEORGE, born 1848Q1.
- 19. iii. JOSEPH, born 1850Q2.
- iv. Sophia, born 1852Q2 and baptised 24 October. She married Joseph Olley, a gamekeeper (born 1849 in Barnham, Suffolk) in 1872Q4. Their first child was born in Little Ellingham. Thereafter, they lived in Suffolk, their home in 1881 being The Kennels, Weeting. They moved in the early 1880s to Brandon, Suffolk, where Mr Olley became a fishmonger. Mrs Olley died in 1905 aged 53, her husband in 1915 aged 66.
Children, as known - Alice S., Selina, Bertie, William, Joseph, Thomas, ?Catherine, Amelia Ellen, Olive Dora, Grace Elizabeth.
- 20. v. ISAAC, born 1857Q3.

NFK [10]. **JEREMIAH⁴ SKITMORE**, son of William [4] and Judith (Briggs) Skitmore, was born around 1823 and baptised 22 May 1825 at Little Ellingham. He was a farm worker who lived at Goose Common and later Anchor Corner, Little Ellingham. On 1 January 1851 he married there Caroline Vince (baptised 29 June 1828, daughter of the blacksmith William Vince and his wife Margaret (Seaward)). His sons, with the exception of Ellis, appear to have been apprenticed to a blacksmith, perhaps their grandfather, and all pursued this trade in later years.

Caroline Skitmore died at the age of 56 and was buried at Little Ellingham on 28 May 1885. At the time of the 1891 census Jeremiah was living with the family of his daughter Amelia in Bow Street, Great Ellingham. By 1901, when he was a stock keeper on a farm in Little Ellingham he was boarding with the family of James and Judith Halls at 4 Poplar Lane. Mr Skitmore died in 1905 and was buried at Little Ellingham on 9 March, said to be aged

⁸ The Little Ellingham baptism register gives her date of birth as 13 December 1856, but this is presumably an error.

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Children of Jeremiah and Caroline (Vince) Skitmore, baptised at Little Ellingham,

- i. Walter, born 1851Q2 and baptised 13 July. He died at 9 months and was buried at Little Ellingham on 4 April 1852.
 - ii. [perhaps] Ellis, born 1853Q1, died 1854Q1.
 - iii. William, born in Rockland St Peter and baptised 24 September 1854. At first a farm labourer in Little Ellingham, he became a blacksmith and was living in Scoulton when he married, on 10 December 1876 at Scoulton church, Sarah Ann Rebecca Beets (born 1856 in Rockland St Peter, daughter of James and Mary Ann Beets). He was a blacksmith in Hingham before returning to The Wood Farm, Little Ellingham. He died aged 72 and was buried at Holy Trinity, Scoulton on 22 November 1926. Sarah Ann Rebecca Skitmore aged 71 was buried there on 3 September 1928. No children.
21. iv. ELLIS, born 1857Q1.
- v. Margaret, baptised 28 August 1859. She married Charles Ward Sandall, a postman of Great Yarmouth (born 1850Q1, son of John William and Jane Sandall) on 25 February 1879 at Great Yarmouth. At the time of the 1881 census they were living at 46 Middle Market Road. As their family grew they remained in Great Yarmouth, moving to 6 Southampton Place before 1891. Mr Sandall died in 1912 aged 62.
Children - Eleanor Maud, Charles Vince, Maggie May, Ethel Mary, Phyllis Evelyn.
22. vi. JEREMIAH, born 11 May 1862.
23. vii. JAMES, born 19 July 1864.
- viii. Walter, baptised 13 December 1866. He died at 6 weeks old, buried 15 January 1867.
- ix. Amelia, born 1869Q1, baptised 26 September. She married William Rivett, a farm labourer (born about 1866 in Great Ellingham, son of Charles Rivett, farmer) on 22 April 1889 at St James the Apostle, Great Ellingham. They lived on the Town Green in Great Ellingham, where Mr Rivett was a teamster. Amelia Rivett died in 1926 aged 56, her husband in 1939 aged 73.
A daughter Caroline.

NFK [11]. JAMES⁴ SKITMORE, son of Stephen [6] and Sarah (Rudd) Skitmore, was born 27 May 1849 and baptised at Rockland St Peter on 24 June. He married Elizabeth Hannah Crabtree in 1874Q1 in Rochdale, Lancashire. She appears to be the daughter of Joseph and Hannah Crabtree of Laneside, Newchurch, Lancashire, born about 1852 in Haworth, Yorkshire.

James Skitmore was a corn miller, living at the time of the 1881 census in Rochdale Road, Bacup, Lancashire. They moved in the early 1880s to Dukinfield, Cheshire, where he became a fishmonger and his daughters later found work in the cotton mills. Their home at the time of the 1891 census was at 31 Pye Street and 31 Nelson Street in 1901. Elizabeth Hannah died in 1921 aged 69, James in 1940 aged 90.

Children of James and Elizabeth Hannah (Crabtree) Skitmore,

- i. Joseph, born 1875Q1 in Rochdale, died 1878Q2 aged 3.
- ii. Sarah Hannah, born 1880Q3 in Bacup. A cotton carder before her marriage in Ashton under Lyne, Cheshire in 1907Q3 to James Saxon, a cotton spinner. Mrs Saxon died in 1976.
A daughter Edith Mary.
- iii. Edith Mary, born 1884Q1 in Dukinfield, and baptised with her younger sister at St Mark's, Dukinfield on 2 September 1891. A cotton weaver, she married Frederick Jackson, a railway shunter (son of Robert Jackson, bricklayer) on 19 June 1916 at the Ebenezer Primitive Methodist Chapel, Duckinfield.
- iv. Bertha, born 1887Q2.

NFK [12]. WILLIAM⁴ SKITMORE, son of Stephen [6] and Sarah (Rudd) Skitmore, was born 5 July 1852, baptised at Rockland St Peter on 14 July 1853. A cattle feeder, he married Mary Ann Scent of Little Ellingham in 1874Q1. She was born in Wymondham, Norfolk and baptised 2 August 1852, a daughter of William Scent, a farm bailiff, and his wife Hannah, of Low Common, Great Ellingham.

They were living at the time of the 1881 census at The Green, Little Ellingham but moved before 1891 to Field Barn, Dunton, Norfolk, where Mr Skitmore was a farm worker. He died in 1922 aged 70, his wife in 1926 aged

73.

Children of William and Mary Ann (Scent) Skitmore,

- i. Alice Mary, born 1874Q4. She was living at the time of both the 1881 and 1891 censuses in the home of her maternal grandparents in The Street Terrace, Saham Toney, Norfolk. Miss Skitmore died in 1929 aged 55.
- ii. Elizabeth Harriet, born 1886Q4. She married John Rutland in 1926. She died in 1966 aged 79.

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NFK [13]. JOHN⁵ SKITMORE, son of Nathaniel [7] and Mary Ann (Reynolds) Skitmore, was baptised 30 June 1850 at Little Ellingham. He married Anna Ellen Long (born 7 July 1851 in Rockland) on 23 September 1871 at Little Ellingham. Included in their household at the time of the 1881 census were her brother James Halls and her grandfather George Long. Anna Ellen was a daughter of Harriet Long (daughter of George Long) who then married Charles Halls of Attleborough.

At first a farm worker in Little Ellingham, John later ran a sheep dressing business and lived with his family in Fen Road, Rockland. He died in 1912Q4 aged 62. Anna Ellen Skitmore lived to be 90 and died in 1941.

Children of John and Anna Ellen (Long) Skitmore, baptisms at Little Ellingham,

26.
 - i. NATHANIEL, baptised 20 November 1871 at Rockland St Peter.
 - ii. Anna, born 6 May 1873. She was a servant at New Hall, Morley St Peter and in 1895Q2 in London married Horace Patrick, a native of Morley and foreman for a horsekeeper with the contract for mail delivery. They were living at the time of the 1911 census in Kents Place, Paddington Green, London. Mrs Patrick was widowed at the time that the 1939 Register was compiled and was living then with her brother John, his wife Edith and her mother Anna Ellen Skitmore. She died in London in 1952 aged 79.
Children - Herbert William, Annie Lillian, Horace John, Alice Maud, George Lewis, Charles Henry, Albert Edward, Florence M.
 - iii. John, baptised 1 March 1876. He died at 5 months and was buried at Little Ellingham on 20 August 1876.
 - iv. Agnes, baptised 4 December 1879. She was a servant to a family in Lakenheath, Suffolk at the time of the 1901 census. She married George Fuller of Lakenheath in 1902Q4 and lived in Eriswell Road there.
Children, as known - Victoria Agnes, Theresa Katherine, Ellen M., Frederick G., Phyllis I.
 - v. Jane, baptised 3 February 1884. She was a cook at Barton Hall, Barton Bendish, Norfolk. She married George Walter Carey, a blacksmith's mate (born 1882), in Lambeth, London in 1910 and was living in 1911 at 2 The Retreat, Hardington Road, Lambeth.
Children - Kathleen Olive Jane, Doris L.
27. vi. JOHN, baptised 25 July 1886.
28. vii. WILLIAM, baptised 17 August 1889.
- viii. Eliza, baptised 18 April 1892. She was a servant to the Gattie family in Denmark Hill, London in 1911.
- ix. Florence, baptised 24 September 1895, registered as Flora.

NFK [14]. WILLIAM⁵ SKITMORE, son of James [8] and Charlotte Sadler (Tennant) Skitmore, was baptised on 19 March 1843 at Little Ellingham. He married Maria Elizabeth Denny (daughter of William and Maria Elizabeth (Mayger) Denny, born 13 October 1845) in 1869Q4 in the Bromley registration district of London. They lived in White's Square, Clapham, moving to Bromley in the early 1880s and then to Chislehurst, Kent before 1890.

He died at the age of 68 in 1910Q1, his wife in 1921 aged 77.

Children of William and Maria Elizabeth (Denny) Skitmore, born in Clapham,

- i. William, born and died in 1870Q3.
- ii. Eliza Elizabeth, born 1871Q4. A cook, she was at the time of the 1891 census a patient in St Peter's Private Hospital and Home, Mortimer Road, Hampstead, London. At the time of the 1901

- census she was a cook in Brookes Street, Holborn, in a boarding house for clerks and student teachers. She later became a needlewoman and lived with her mother at 37 Mill Place, Chislehurst. Miss Skitmore died in 1958 aged 86.
- iii. Charlotte Hannah, born 1873Q1, died later that year.
 - iv. William, born 1875Q1. A corn dealer's assistant in 1891. Later a carman, he married in 1902Q3 Harriet Alice Beischer (born 1870 in Bermondsey, daughter of John Beischer, a baker from Germany). Harriet Skitmore died in 1925 aged 56, William in 1937 aged 62. No children known.
29.
 - v. JAMES, born 1877Q1.
 - vi. Emma Maria, born 1880Q2. She was a servant to the Leader family in Great Portland Street, St Marylebone in 1901. She married Henry Eslick in 1911Q3.
A son William H.
 - vii. [perhaps] a male child, born and died 1882Q1.
 - viii. Mary Ann, born 1883Q2 in Bromley. She was a servant to the Walters family, who ran a boarding house in Endsleigh Street, St Pancras, and later a chambermaid in a hotel in Great Russell Street, St Giles. She married Frederick Blazier in 1911Q3.
A daughter Mary A. and a son Frederick C.
 - ix. Amelia Maria (Millie), born 8 May 1890 in Chislehurst. She became housemaid to clergyman William Arthur Atkins in St Leonards on Sea, Sussex. Miss Skitmore died in London in 1981.

NFK [15]. JEREMIAH BRIGGS⁵ SKITMORE, son of James [8] and Charlotte Sadler (Tennant) Skitmore, was born in 1855Q4 and baptised at Little Ellingham on 6 April 1856. At first apprenticed to a miller, he did not follow this trade but became a limestone miner in Brighouse, Yorkshire. He did not use his middle name Briggs.

He married Mary Crowther in 1878Q2 and lived in Bonegate, Brighouse. They had eleven children, of whom ten were living at the time of the 1911 census. Nine surviving daughters are listed below. Jeremiah Skitmore died in 1915 aged 59, Mary in 1934 aged 78.

Children of Jeremiah and Mary (Crowther) Skitmore, baptised at St Martin's, Brighouse,

- i. Martha Ann, born 25 August 1878, baptised 1 June 1879. A silk worker, she married Arthur Gomersall (born 28 January 1881) in 1912Q3. No children known.
- ii. Caroline, born 13 June 1881. A cotton worker, she married Watson Irving, a stone miner (born 9 November 1878), in 1905Q3. A son Stanley.
- iii. Annie Eliza, born 21 August 1883. A cotton worker. Miss Skitmore died in 1964 aged 81.
- iv. Edith, born 1886Q2. She married Willie Starling, an iron moulder of Rastrick (born about 1877, son of Michael Starling, a dyer's labourer) on 22 May 1926 at St Paul's Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Brighouse.
- v. Sarah Elizabeth, born about 13 November 1887. A silk worker, she married Ephraim Walker, a cotton worker (born 8 January 1888) in 1912Q2.
- vi. Florence, born 18 February 1891 and baptised 30 August. A silk worker, she married Arnold E. Teal in 1917Q1.
- vii. Mary Ellen, born 9 April 1893 (baptised *Skipmore*, 28 April, on the same day as John Willie, son of Alice Sophia Skitmore). A cotton worker, she married William H. Marshall in 1917Q3. They had three sons and two daughters.
- viii. Emily Louisa, born 4 January 1896, baptised 4 March. A cotton worker. She married Frank Benton, son of Robert James Benton, baker, on 17 November 1934 at St Paul's Wesleyan Methodist Chapel. Their marriage record shows that he was a labourer in the engineering company at which Miss Skitmore then worked in the canteen.
- ix. Ada, born 1 October 1901 and baptised *Skipmore* on 13 November. She married in 1924 and had, as known, one son.

NFK [16]. CHARLES HENRY⁵ SKITMORE, son of James [8] and Charlotte Sadler (Tennant) Skitmore, was born 10 February 1860 and baptised 20 October 1861 at St Peter's, Little Ellingham. He married Alice Kilburn (born about 1863 in Hightown, Yorkshire) in 1882Q3. According to family lore he walked from Little Ellingham to Yorkshire looking for work. He was accompanied by a brother or possibly a Skitmore cousin. Charles and Alice lived in Brighouse, where Mr Skitmore was a stoker in a dye works. He died on 9 December 1907 aged 46, his wife in 1939 aged 77.

Children of Charles Henry and Alice (Kilburn) Skitmore, born in Brighouse,

30. i. JAMES, born 29 September 1883.
 ii. Charles Henry, born 1884Q4. He died in infancy in 1885Q1.
 iii. Ada, born 1886Q1. She died aged 11 in 1897Q2.
 iv. Ernest, born 2 July 1887. He worked in an iron foundry and married Agnes Louisa Eagling (born 8 March 1889) in 1914Q2. No children known.



Harold Keene, husband of Dora Skitmore and (right) Ernest Skitmore (1887-), in Douglas, Isle of Man in 1937.

31. v. CHARLES HENRY, born 28 April 1889.
 vi. Violet, born 1891Q3. She married Wilson Aspinall in 1912Q3. No children known.
 vii. [perhaps] Nora, born and died in 1892Q3.
 viii. William, born 1893Q4. A silk dresser at Ormerod Brothers in Brighouse, he enlisted at Huddersfield on 1 July 1912 and joined the 3rd Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment Special Reserve. He enlisted on 4 April 1914 with the Regular Army and joined his corps of the Devon Regiment on Jersey. He was later transferred to the Army Ordnance Corps. He died on 2 March 1958 in Lightcliffe, aged 64.
 ix. [perhaps] Harry, born and died in 1895Q4,
 x. Arnold, born 1897Q2. He married Louisa Earnshaw in 1933. No children known.
 xi. Ivy, born 1898Q4.
 xii. Lucy May, born 1901Q2. She died later that year.
 xiii. Alice, born and died in 1902Q3.
 xiv. Agnes, born 1905Q2.
 xv. Eliza, born 1907Q2.

NFK [17]. WILLIAM⁵ SKITMORE/ SKIPMORE, son of Isaac [9] and Elizabeth (Bell) Skitmore, was baptised 9 March 1845 at St Peter's, Little Ellingham. He married Elizabeth George (born about 1846 in Scoulton or Carson, Norfolk, daughter of John George) on 7 December 1867 at St Peter's. A farm labourer, first of Little Ellingham and from the early 1870s Rastrick, Yorkshire, he became by 1891 a maltster and lived in Lower Bonegate, Brighouse. The death of William *Skitmore* at the age of 55 was registered at Halifax in 1899Q2.

Elizabeth was living at the time of the 1901 census, two years after the death of her husband, at 12 Hey Street, Brighouse. Also recorded in her household were her daughters Alice and Elizabeth and five grandchildren. Mrs Skitmore and her daughter Elizabeth then boarded with the family of Thomas Conroy in Mill Lane, Brighouse. She died in 1917, aged 74.

Children of William and Elizabeth (George) Skitmore,

- i. Charles William, born 1868Q1 in Little Ellingham. A silk spinner, he died in 1900Q4 aged 34.
 ii. Alice Sophia, born 1870Q1 in Little Ellingham, baptised 5 June. A silk worker, she married Jesse Mitchell, a dyeworks labourer (born about 1855 in Keighley, son of John Mitchell), on 24 January 1903 in Brighouse.

Children born before her marriage, baptised at Brighouse,

- i. Edith, baptised 2 November 1890, daughter of John and Alice *Skipmore*. Edith Skipmore married Ralph Broadley in 1916Q2.
- ii. **JOHN WILLIE**⁷, born 1892Q4 and baptised 28 April 1893, son of Alice *Skipmore*. He married Florence Mary Holmes (born 19 November 1890) on 21 August 1915 at Rastrick Church. He was a dyer's labourer, living at 11 Castle Terrace, Brighouse at the time he enlisted on 11 December 1915. He left for France on 4 August 1916 and was killed in action on 12 October 1916 serving with the 2nd Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment. His name appears on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme battlefields, which bears the names of 72,194 men of the United Kingdom and South African forces.
Mrs Skitmore died in 1991 aged 101.
A daughter,
 - i. Kathleen Mary, born 1 February 1916.
- iii. **THOMAS**⁷, born 1893Q4. Thomas Skitmore married Gladys Charlesworth of Elland (daughter of Frank Popplewell Charlesworth, a stone mason) on 15 November 1919 at St Mary's, Elland. Thomas' brother Frank was a witness.
- iv. Frank, born 1896Q4, registered Skitmore, baptised 12 July 1899, son of Alice *Skipmore*. He was a labourer for a mineral water manufacturer. He enlisted on 28 February 1916 and was assigned to 56th Reserve Battery of the Royal Field Artillery as a driver. He went to France in May 1917 where he developed trench fever and, after a short time in the 8th General Hospital, returned home in the autumn of 1917 to the British Red Cross Hospital in Hale for three months. His army service records suggest he then remained in England for the rest of the war.
- v. [perhaps] Emma, born 1900Q2. She was listed as a granddaughter of Elizabeth Skitmore in the census of 1901, but in 1911 Alice Sophia stated on the census form that she had had four children, all then living. Emma Skitmore died at the age of 1.

born in Rastrick,

- iii. Emma, born 1874Q2 and registered as *Skipmore*. She died in 1887Q2 aged 13.
- iv. Isaac, born 1876Q3. He died in 1881Q4 aged 5.
- v. Elizabeth Ann, born 1879Q1 and registered *Skipmoor*. Miss Skitmore died in 1950 aged 71.
- vi. Ernest, born 1883Q2. He died in 1895Q2 aged 12, registered *Skipmore*.

NFK [18]. **GEORGE**⁵ **SKITMORE**, son of Isaac [9] and Elizabeth (Bell) Skitmore, was born in 1848Q1 and baptised 16 April at St Peter's, Little Ellingham. A farm labourer of Little Ellingham, he married Martha Ann Lincoln (born 1849 in Deopham, Norfolk, daughter of Jeremiah Edwards and Sarah Lincoln) on 7 January 1871 at St Peter's. He died in 1890 aged only 43 and was buried at St Peter's on 4 November.

Mrs Skitmore and her three sons, all farm workers, were living in 1901 at 2 Crown Lane. She died aged 72 and was buried 21 November 1921.

Children of George and Martha Ann (Lincoln) Skitmore, baptisms and burials at Little Ellingham,

- i. Eliza Emma, born 1869Q4 and registered as Eliza Emma *Lincoln*.
- ii. Herbert William, born 1871Q4, baptised 28 January 1872. He died at the age of 57 and was buried at Little Ellingham on 7 August 1928.
- iii. Walter Charles, born 1873Q1, baptised 6 July. He was buried 16 November 1939 aged 67.
- iv. Sarah Elizabeth, born in Attleborough, Norfolk, baptised 29 January 1875. She was by 1891 a servant to the family of farmer Daniel Warren at Hall Farm, Little Ellingham and was later a cook in Mottingham, Kent and, by 1911, Attleborough. She married Robert Myhill in 1913Q3.
- v. Alice Maria, baptised 25 December 1876. She married Alfred William Lincoln, a farmer of Great Ellingham (born 1870 in Great Ellingham) in 1898Q2. She died on 11 January 1960 in Norwich.
Children, as known - Walter Charles, Alfred William, Ella Mabel, George Valentine, Ernest Edward, Florence Maud, Ronald J., Sydney A.
- vi. Rosetta Jane, born 1878Q4. She married Samuel Lister, a farm worker (born 1874 in Little Ellingham, son of William Lister) on 22 October 1900 at Little Ellingham.
- 32. vii. HORACE JAMES, baptised 9 May 1880.

NFK [19]. **JOSEPH⁵ SKITMORE**, son of Isaac [9] and Elizabeth (Bell) Skitmore, was baptised on 6 June 1850 at St Peter's, Little Ellingham. He married Elizabeth Nobbs on 11 February 1872 at St Peter's. She was born in 1851, daughter of Ann Nobbs who married George Filby, a farm worker, on 31 July 1853 at Shropham, Norfolk.

Joseph and Elizabeth moved to Brighouse soon after their marriage, where their home at the time of the 1881 census was in Albion Street. He then found work as a wire cleaner in Clifton, near Brighouse and they had by 1891 moved to Blackburn's Buildings, Wakefield Road there. He died aged 72 and was buried at Little Ellingham on 26 December 1922. Elizabeth lived to be 91 and was buried 25 April 1942.

Children of Joseph and Elizabeth (Nobbs) Skitmore, born in Brighouse,

Registered as Skipmore.

- i. James, born 13 May 1872 in Norfolk but registered in Yorkshire. He was apparently baptised twice - on 21 April 1874 and again with his brother William Henry on 21 October 1877. (The identity of a James Skitmore aged 2 years, buried at St Martin's, Brighouse on 23 May 1874, is unclear).
He worked in an iron foundry in Brighouse. When James Skitmore died on 25 September 1915, aged only 43, he was living at Whitwood Farm, Bailiffe Bridge, near Brighouse. Administration of his estate was granted at London on 25 October to Joseph Skitmore, farm labourer, presumably his father.
33. ii. WILLIAM HENRY, born 26 August 1875.
- iii. Ann Elizabeth, born 14 August 1880, baptised 12 September. In 1904Q3 Annie Elizabeth Skitmore married William Clayton Hoyle, a dairy farmer of Bailiffs Bridge. Her brother James and her parents were living at his farm at the time of the 1911 census.
Children, as known - Winifred, Margaret Clayton, Ida, James W., Margery.
- iv. George Walter, born about 1884Q2. He died in 1892Q2 aged 7.

NFK [20]. **ISAAC⁵ SKITMORE**, son of Isaac [9] and Elizabeth (Bell) Skitmore, was born 1857Q3 and baptised 19 March 1858 at St Peter's, Little Ellingham. A farm worker in Little Ellingham, he married Martha Ann Parker (born 1857 in Caston, Norfolk) in 1885Q4.

Mr Skitmore died in 1940 aged 82 and was buried at Little Ellingham on 2 March. Martha Ann died in 1942, buried 9 June.

Children of Isaac and Martha Ann (Parker) Skitmore,

- i. Ethel, born in Rockland and registered with the surname Parker in 1884Q3. She was at the time of the 1901 census a servant at the Unicorn Inn, The Fairland, Hingham, Norfolk. She appears to be the Ethel Parker who married Charles Brunton (born 1878 in Hingham) in 1908. They were living by the time of the 1911 census in Hingham. Charles Brunton died in 1974 aged 96.
- ii. Margaret, baptised 28 September 1886. She was a servant in 1911 in Norwich, to the family of Alfred Ikin, Assistant Secretary to the Norfolk Education Committee. She married Joseph W. Rogers in 1920 in London.
- iii. Gertrude Mary, baptised 23 January 1889. At the time of the 1911 census she was a parlourmaid at the Old School House in Holt, Norfolk. She married Horace Tye (born 24 June 1887 in Horning, Norfolk) in 1916Q3 in London. Corporal Tye was killed in action on 28 April 1917, serving with the 13th Battalion, the Essex Regiment. His name appears on the Arras Memorial, Pas-de-Calais. Gertrude married secondly Robert L. Killaly in 1918. They emigrated to Canada.
- iv. George William, baptised 5 March 1891. He became a footman at Blofield Hall, Blofield, Norfolk, one of ten servants to the family of William Harker, farmer and High Sherrif at Nottingham. He was living in West London when he enlisted at Farringdon Street for service in WW1. A Private in the 10th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, he was killed in action on 14 November 1916; his name appears on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme.
- v. Beatrice May, baptised 8 May 1893. She was a servant to the family of bank manager William Stannard Ling of Bank House, Attleborough. She married in London in 1925.
- vi. Frederick Charles, baptised 16 May 1895. He died at 14 months and was buried at St Peter's on 2 August 1896.
- vii. Alice Laura, baptised 29 July 1897, a twin. She died at 15 days, buried 17 August.
- viii. Ellen Maud, baptised 29 July 1897, a twin. She died at 20 months, buried 9 April 1899.

NFK [21]. **ELLIS⁵ SKITMORE**, born 1857Q1 and baptised 19 April at St Peter's, Little Ellingham, was a son of Jeremiah [10] and Caroline (Vince) Skitmore. In 1871, at the age of 14, he was a groom and domestic servant in Little Ellingham. He married Charlotte Ayers in 1880Q4. She was born about 1857 in Rockland All Saints, daughter of William Ayers, a farm worker of Rockland All Saints and then Rockland St Peter, and his wife Eliza. They lived in Barrack Row, Little Ellingham.

Ellis Skitmore died aged 69 and was buried 23 June 1926 at Little Ellingham. Mrs Skitmore lived to be 88 and was buried on 4 May 1945. Family report that throughout her widowhood she always left the house wearing a black hat.

Children of Ellis and Charlotte (Ayers) Skitmore,

- i. George Ellis, born 1881Q3. He married May Susanna Lebbell in 1916Q4. He died in 1950 aged 68 and was buried 14 February at Little Ellingham.
No children known.
- ii. Maud Caroline, born 1884Q1. She married William Hastings on 1 September 1907 at St Peter's, Little Ellingham. A son Willie Hastings Skitmore.
34. iii. ERNEST WILLIAM, born 29 May 1886.
- iv. Florence Eliza, baptised 12 April 1888 at Little Ellingham. Before her marriage she was a servant to the family of attorney Frederick Clarke in Norwich. She married George Samuel Hurrell on 23 November 1913 at St Peter's, Little Ellingham. Six daughters and a son.
- v. Edith Maria, baptised 4 March 1891. At the time of the 1911 census she was a servant to the family of William Payne, a commercial traveller in Station Road, Attleborough.
- vi. Walter Charles, baptised 1 May 1893. He enlisted at Attleborough for service with the 1st/7th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. He was admitted on 8 March 1918 to No. 39 Casualty Clearing Station, Italy, dangerously ill with bronchitis, and died the same day. He is buried in Giavera British Cemetery, Arcade, Italy.

NFK [22]. **JEREMIAH⁵ SKITMORE**, son of Jeremiah [10] and Caroline (Vince) Skitmore, was born in Little Ellingham on 11 May 1862 and baptised there on 13 July. Initially a blacksmith in Great Ellingham, he became at some time during the 1890s a coal dealer.

He married Rebecca Rivett of Watton Road, Carleton Forehoe, Norfolk (born 1863 in Great Melton, Norfolk, daughter of farm worker Henry Rivett and his wife Mary) on 20 April 1884 at Great Ellingham. They lived in Bow Street, Great Ellingham and, by 1911 at Leys Farm, Little Ellingham. Jeremiah Skitmore died aged 57 on 12 May 1919 and was buried at Little Ellingham. His widow died two years later aged 58 on 1 July 1921.

Children of Jeremiah and Rebecca (Rivett) Skitmore, born in Great Ellingham,

- i. Arthur William, born 22 October 1884 and baptised with his brother Percy on 17 October 1886 at St James', Great Ellingham. He was a carpenter for Wards of Rockland St Peter. He died unmarried at Leys Farm aged 69 on 30 December 1953 and is buried at Little Ellingham.
35. ii. PERCY JEREMIAH, born 12 August 1886.
- iii. Eleanor Maud, born 21 August 1888, baptised at Great Ellingham on 4 November and again at Little Ellingham on 29 July 1891. Eleanor would cycle with the farm's eggs and butter to the market at Attleborough every Thursday, a distance of five miles. Miss Skitmore died unmarried aged 61 on 22 January 1950 and is buried at Little Ellingham.
36. iv. HARRY JAMES, born 22 December 1890.

and born in Little Ellingham,

- v. Walter, born 29 November 1893 and baptised with his brother Harry at Little Ellingham on 15 April 1894. He was a grocer's manager at the time he enlisted and became a driver with the Royal Engineers on 9 March 1916. He joined the Expeditionary Force in France in June that year. Mr Skitmore died aged 55 on 6 August 1949.
- vi. Margaret Grace, born 5 October 1896 and baptised with her sister Caroline on 8 April 1900. Miss Skitmore died at Leys Farm on 13 June 1959 and is buried, as is her sister Caroline, in Little Ellingham churchyard.
- vii. Caroline Amelia, born 28 January 1900. She died 16 March 1958.
- viii. Richard, born 7 May 1903, baptised 24 January 1904. He was farm manager at Leys Farm. He

died in 1985 aged 82.

- ix. Elsie Mary, born 14 November 1906. She looked after the pigs and cows at Leys Farm. She died on 24 September 1969 and is buried in Hingham Cemetery.

NFK [23]. JAMES⁵ SKITMORE, son of Jeremiah [10] and Caroline (Vince) Skitmore, was born 19 July 1864 and baptised at Little Ellingham on 13 August 1865. A blacksmith, he married Edith Anna Weavers (born 1867, daughter of Isaac and Emily Weavers) on 24 August 1889 at St Nicholas, Great Yarmouth.

James W. Skitmore died in Great Yarmouth in 1934 aged 69, his wife in 1957 aged 89.

Children of James and Edith Anna (Weavers) Skitmore, born and baptised in Great Yarmouth,

- i. Edith May, born 16 December 1889 and baptised with her sister Margaret on 14 June 1891 at Great Yarmouth. She and her sister Maggie were working in a silk factory at the time of the 1911 census. She married in 1938 and had a daughter.
- ii. Margaret Eleanor, born 21 November 1890. She married in 1928.
- iii. William James, born 25 February 1893, baptised 24 March. At the time of the 1911 census he was an engine cleaner, boarding in Stratford, Essex. He died in 1923 aged 29.
- iv. Lilian Gertrude, born 1900Q3. She married Sidney R. E. Smith in 1919. Sidney R. Ellis-smith died in 1967 aged 74, Lilian Gertrude in 1981 aged 81.
- v. Evelyn Doris, born and died in Great Yarmouth in 1906Q3.

GENERATION 6

NFK [24]. HENRY NATHANIEL⁶ SKITMORE, thought to be the son of Elizabeth Skitmore, daughter of Nathaniel [7] and Mary Ann (Reynolds) Skitmore, was born in 1864Q4 in the Croydon area of London and baptised 4 June 1865 at Little Ellingham, Norfolk. He was raised in Little Ellingham by his mother's parents, where he became a farm labourer.

He enlisted with the Royal Artillery on 8 November 1884 at Colchester, for a term of 12 years. He married his first wife Caroline Stephens (born about 1864 in Devonport) in Plymouth, Devon in 1887Q4 but they separated soon after. She found work in a beerhouse in Plymouth, where she is found at the time of the 1891 census. By 1901 she was a charwoman, living in a large boarding house in Plymouth, together with her children Ethel Skitmore (born 1894) and Frank Skitmore aged 16 (nothing further known). Caroline Skitmore died in Plymouth in 1909 aged 49.

His army records reveal that on 11 December 1889 Henry Skitmore was tried and imprisoned for three months and was subsequently discharged from the army at Devonport in January 1890 'on conviction by civil power of felony', with his army pension forfeited. He was by the time of the 1891 census a mechanic at an ironworks in Rastrick, Yorkshire, recorded as single. He married secondly, on 8 June 1892 at St John the Baptist, Halifax, Eliza Ann Gregson of The Common, Rastrick (daughter of Frank Gregson, an innkeeper). She had a daughter Minnie Gregson, born 1885, who married John Thomas Hill.

Henry Skitmore died in 1895 in Halifax, aged 30. Eliza Ann was a silk gasser for Ormerod Bros. Ltd and continued to live in Brighouse with her three daughters. She died in 1932 aged 64.

Children of Henry Nathaniel and Eliza Ann (Gregson) Skitmore, born in Halifax,

- i. Ethel Jane, born 1893Q4. She was a cotton reeler at A. Hardman & Sons in Brighouse before her marriage at St Martin's there to George Farrar, a woollen worker (son of David Farrar, a mechanic) on 25 August 1917. They had, as known, two daughters. Mrs Farrar died in 1963 aged 69.
- ii. Henrietta, born 1896Q1. She was a carpet sewer at J.F. Firth & Sons Ltd in Brighouse. She married in 1924 and died in 1972 aged 76.

Children of Caroline Stephens, born in Plymouth,

- i. Ethel, born 9 August 1894 and baptised in Plymouth Workhouse on 31 August by the Curate of St Charles the Martyr. A servant in Turchington, Lifton, Devon in 1911.

NFK [25]. WILLIAM HENRY⁶ SKITMORE, born April 1875 and baptised at St Martin's, Brighouse 8 March 1880, was a son of Elizabeth Skitmore, daughter of Nathaniel [7] and Mary Ann (Reynolds) Skitmore. He married Elizabeth Carter on 24 October 1897 at Elland, Yorkshire. A labourer in an iron foundry in Rastrick, he was living at the time of the 1901 census with his family at 38 Rosemary Lane there. Elizabeth Skitmore died in 1905 aged only 29 and sons Sam and Harold were adopted by Albert Barraclough, who worked for a stone merchant and lived at 9 The Common, Rastrick. The girls went with their father back to Park Row, Brighouse, where he found work in a brickyard.

Children of William Henry and Elizabeth (Carter) Skitmore,

- i. Sam, born 12 December 1898, baptised with his sister Edith on 14 March 1901 at St John's, Rastrick. He died in 1933 aged 34.
- ii. Edith, born 13 April 1900. She died in 1920 in Huddersfield, aged 20.
- iii. Minnie, born 1901Q3.
- iv. Florence, born 1903Q1. She died in 1928 aged 25.
- v. Harold, born 1904Q2. He died in 1931 aged 28.

NFK [26]. NATHANIEL⁶ SKITMORE, born in Rockland St Peter and baptised there on 20 November 1871, was the eldest son of John [13] and Anna Ellen (Long) Skitmore. A farm worker, he married Anna Laura Lock (born 14 February 1875, daughter of John Lock, farmer of Shropham, and his wife Mary Ann) on [?2 March] 1898.

Mr Skitmore died in 1935 aged 63, his wife in 1953 aged 77.

Children of Nathaniel and Anna Laura (Lock) Skitmore, born in Rockland,

- i. George Nathaniel, born 26 July 1898. He attended Shropham School and the school log for November 1907 mentions his absence for a week suffering from jaundice⁹. He is presumably the Corporal George N. Skitmore who served with the York and Lancaster Regiment in WW1. He was a steam traction engine driver and in 1939 married Ellen M. Mason. He died in 1983 aged 85.
No children known.
- ii. **BENJAMIN JOHN⁷**, born 2 August 1899. He served with the East Surrey Regiment in World War I but, unfortunately, no Army Service Records survive for him. He married in 1928 and had, as known, one son.
Mr Skitmore died in 1976 aged 77.
- iii. Agnes Mary, born 12 October 1900. She married in 1926.
- iv. Dorothy Mary, born 3 October 1903. She married in 1927 and had, as known, two daughters and a son.
- v. Alice Maud, born 4 November 1906. She married in 1935 and had, as known, a son.
- vi. Beatrice Laura, born 1 June 1909. She married in 1940 and died in 1967.
- vii. Blanche Edna, born 4 June 1912. She married in 1937 and died in 1985.
- viii. Elsie May, born 13 April 1916. She married in 1937 and had, as known, two daughters and two sons. She died in 1975.

NFK [27]. JOHN⁶ SKITMORE, son of John [13] and Anna Ellen (Long) Skitmore, was born on 27 June 1886 and baptised on 25 July at Little Ellingham. In WW1 he joined the 4th Reserve Battalion of the Norfolk Regiment in March 1917 and was then assigned to the Eastern Command Labour Centre, and 428 Agricultural Company of the Labour Corps.

John Skitmore was a sheep dresser in Rockland St Peter. He married Edith Laura Balding (born 10 August 1886) on 24 June 1914. The 1939 Register lists John as steward at Manor[?] Farm, Buxton Road, Buxton, Norfolk. He died in 1949 aged 63, his wife in 1969.

Children of John and Edith Laura (Balding) Skitmore,

- i. Mabel Florence, born 26 November 1914. She was in service in St James's Place, Westminster, London before her marriage in 1941.
- ii. Margaret C., born 2 December 1915. She married in 1937.
- iii. Gladys G.E., born 6 September 1917. She was a housemaid at The Hall, Smallburgh before the

⁹ National School Admission Registers & Log-books 1870-1914.

- first of her two marriages.
- iv. John Thomas, born 8 May 1919. In 1939 he married Ethel Agnes Bessie Daynes (born 21 October 1918). He died on 17 October 1944 aged 25, serving with the Royal Corps of Signals. He is buried in Mook War Cemetery, Limburg, Netherlands. Ethel Agnes Skitmore died in 1993.
 - v. Gertrude M., born 1920Q4.

NFK [28]. WILLIAM⁶ SKITMORE, son of John [13] and Anna Ellen (Long) Skitmore, was baptised on 17 August 1889 at Little Ellingham. He is perhaps the William Skitmore who served with the Norfolk Regiment in WW1 but, unfortunately, his army service record has not survived, only his medal card which gives no further detail.

He married Ethel Grace G. Blanch (born 19 August 1900) in 1920 and had two sons and a daughter. Ethel Skitmore died in 1974 aged 73, her husband in 1976 aged 88.

NFK [29]. JAMES⁶ SKITMORE, born 1877Q1, was a son of William [14] and Maria Elizabeth (Denny) Skitmore. A 'crossing sweeper' at the time of the 1891 census. He joined the Royal Navy on 31 December 1896, giving his age as 18 and his birthplace as Clapham, London. He was a seaman aboard HMS Wildfire, the Royal Navy Gunnery School in Sheerness, at the time that the 1901 census was taken. He served aboard a number of ships until his 12-year period of service ended in 1909. He was recalled at the outbreak of war and was a leading seaman until demobilised in March 1919.

He married Ada Alice Green on 16 June 1906 and lived in Ilford, Essex, where he was a postman. He died in 1946 aged 69.

Children of James and Ada Alice (Green) Skitmore,

- i. James William Orby, born 1907Q3. He married in 1935.
- ii. George Frank, born 1910Q4. He died in 1911 before his first birthday.
- iii. Robert C., born 1912Q1. He married in 1936.
- iv. **ALFRED KENNETT⁷**, born 1919Q4. He married in 1948.

NFK [30]. JAMES⁶ SKITMORE, born 29 September 1883, was the eldest son of Charles Henry [16] and Alice (Kilburn) Skitmore. He married Minnie Barraclough (born 25 April 1885, daughter of William Barraclough, a plumber of Brighouse, and his wife Annie Amelia) in 1910Q2. They were living at 10 Edward Street, Brighouse at the time of the 1911 census. Mr Skitmore was then a blacksmith's striker at an hydraulic valve maker's works. He died in 1960 aged 76, his wife in 1970 aged 84.

Children of James and Minnie (Barraclough) Skitmore,

- i. Irene, born 1911Q2.
- ii. Vern, born 1913Q4.

NFK [31]. CHARLES HENRY⁶ SKITMORE, born 28 April 1889, was a son of Charles Henry [16] and Alice (Kilburn) Skitmore. He joined the Royal Regiment of Artillery on 17 July 1907 and was called up at the outbreak of WW1. In February 1917 he was posted to 282nd A.F.H. Brigade and in July 1917 was transferred to the Royal Engineers as a sapper with the Second Army Signal Company. He married Edith Dyson (born 5 December 1889) in 1912Q3.



Charles Henry Skitmore (1889-1969) with his daughter Barbara and her son Rolf, about 1954.

NFK [32]. HORACE JAMES⁶ SKITMORE, son of George [18] and Martha Ann (Lincoln) Skitmore, was baptised 9 May 1880. He enlisted on 21 March 1916 and served with the Norfolk Regiment in Salonica. He married in 1926 and died in 1958 aged 79.

NFK [33]. WILLIAM HENRY⁶ SKITMORE, born 26 August 1875 and registered *Skipmore*, baptised 21 October 1877 at St Martin's, was a son of Joseph [19] and Elizabeth (Nobbs) Skitmore. (Note the William Henry born earlier that year, son of Joseph's cousin Elizabeth Skitmore).

He married Mary Hannah Gee (born 1875 or 1876, daughter of Daniel Gee, cotton worker, and his wife Elizabeth) on 25 September 1897 at St John the Baptist, Halifax. He was, like his father, a wire cleaner in Clifton, Yorkshire. Mary Hannah Skitmore died on 3 August 1962 aged 86.

Children of William Henry and Mary Hannah (Gee) Skitmore,

- i. Nellie, born 4 August 1901, baptised 18 September.
- ii. Joseph, born 7 January 1911. He died in 1991 aged 80.

NFK [34]. ERNEST WILLIAM⁶ SKITMORE, born 29 May 1886 in Little Ellingham, was a son of Ellis [21] and Charlotte (Ayers) Skidmore. He became a gardener for Col. J. Escort in Attleborough. He married Lucy Leach (born 5 October 1889 in Worstead, Norfolk, daughter of Henry Leach, licensee of the Kings Head, Worstead, and his wife Emma) on 8 May 1915 at the Primitive Methodist Chapel in Rockland St Peter. Before their marriage, she was for a time cook to the family of farmer William Barratt at Burlington Lodge, Norwich.

They were living at Fern Cottage, Hangham Road, Attleborough at the time Ernest enlisted with the Norfolk Regiment on 30 June 1916. In December 1916 his wife claimed separation allowance for herself and their first child. This section of his Army Service Records shows that he was then part of F Company, 25th Training Reserve Brigade, Dovercourt, near Harwich, Essex. He was transferred to the Labour Corps and posted to No. 428 Agricultural Company, Norwich in September 1917.

Ernest Skitmore died aged 69 on 14 November 1955, his wife in 1970 aged 81.

Children of Ernest William and Lucy (Leach) Skitmore,

- i. Joan Audrey, born 7 December 1916.
- ii. Marjorie Ethel, born 29 April 1918.
- iii. Jean Mary, born 23 August 1920. She died in 2002.
- iv. A son born in the 1920s.

NFK [35]. PERCY JEREMIAH⁶ SKITMORE, son of Jeremiah [22] and Rebecca (Rivett) Skitmore, was born 12 August 1886 in Great Ellingham and baptised at St James' there on 17 October. In 1924 he married Florence May Bass and they raised their family at Leys Farm in Little Ellingham, where he was farmer. He died aged 69 on 10 November 1955 and is buried at Little Ellingham.

Children of Percy Jeremiah and Florence May (Bass) Skitmore,

- i. Thirza May, born 7 August 1912. She married in 1941.
- ii. **RICHARD PERCY⁷**, born 3 April 1916. He married in 1939 and had two daughters and a son. He died in 1979.
- iii. **WILLIAM JAMES⁷**, born 23 June 1917. He married in 1942 and had a son. He died in 2001.
- iv, Margery Grace, born 15 December 1920. She married in 1941 and died in 1992.
- v.-vii. 2 further daughters and a son.

NFK [36]. HARRY JAMES⁶ SKITMORE, son of Jeremiah [22] and Rebecca (Rivett) Skitmore, was born on 22 December 1890 but not registered until the beginning of February 1891 because of the severe snow that winter. He was baptised at St Peter's, Little Ellingham on 15 April 1894.

Mr Skitmore was educated at Little Ellingham and Great Ellingham schools and then secured a Norfolk County Scholarship of £20 per annum and a free place at Thetford Grammar School. He achieved first place of 28

candidates who took the Civil Service examination at Cambridge in January 1907. He began working with the Post Office at Stowmarket, eventually transferring to Sudbury, Suffolk, where he became Overseer and Assistant Head Postmaster.

He served in WW1 with the Royal Engineers, leaving for France on 26 September 1915. He married Gertrude Gladys Keeble of Long Melford (where her father was Head Postmaster) on 21 December 1918. They had six children, including Stephanie Enid who married Walter Flavell and kindly supplied information on this family. Mr Skitmore died on 8 November 1942.

APPENDIX 1**The occurrence in British parish registers of the surnames KITMER and KITMORE, obtained from online sources and only noted until the early 19th century.**

The surnames SIDNOR/ SIDNER/ SEDNER/ SEDNER, of which there were many occurrences in Norfolk, have not been noted here.

Morley St Botolph with St Peter, Norfolk:

1541 08 06 Burial Richard KITTMER.

Frettenham, Norfolk:

1558 -- -- Burial Margaret KIDMIR.

Aldeburgh, Suffolk:

1587 Marriage John KITMORE

Norwich, St James with Pockthorpe:

1584 11 10 Marriage William AYLIOTT and Agnes KYTTMER.

Norwich, St Peter Mancroft:

1584 01 02 Burial Joane dau of Richard KYTMER.

1586 01 14 Burial Jeffery KYTMER.

1586 01 20 Burial Edmund KYTMER.

1590 05 04 Burial Richard KYTMER.

1590 08 15 Burial Elizabeth KYTMER.

1590 11 04 Burial William KITMER.

1590 12 08 Burial Anne KYTMER.

1600/1 01 30 Burial Christian KITMORE (female)

East Tuddenham, Norfolk:

1608 -- -- Marriage Richard KITMER and Elz BLOY.

Whissonsett, Norfolk:

1611 04 14 Baptism Zephora Not named in transcript (nor presumably in the register).

Oulton, Suffolk:

1618 07 29 Baptism Elizabeth dau of Robert and Elizabeth KIDMER.

1621 02 25 Baptism Ales dau of Robert and Elizabeth KIDMER.

St Andrew, Great Ryburgh, Norfolk:

1629/30 01 17 Burial Francis KITMER.

Horningtoft, Norfolk:

1626 -- -- Marriage Robert KITMER and Christina GREINE, w. "in festo St Trinitatus"

Great Yarmouth:

1599 -- -- Marriage John KITMER and Mary ATTRIES.

1610 08 26 Baptism Doraty dau of Thomas and Jane KITMER.

1620 10 15 Baptism Parnell son of Edmond and Elizabeth KIDMOR.

1621 Marriage John KITMORE and

1622 07 10 Baptism John son of John and Susan KITMER.

1638 12 27 Burial Jane KIDMER.

1640 02 18 Marriage Gregory FRANCKE and Alicer KEDMER.

1649 11 10 Burial Susanna KITMER wid.

1650 05 02	Marriage	John KITMER and Ann DAVELL, both of Yarmouth.
1651 09 21	Baptism	Margaret dau of John and Amye KITTMER.
1652 03 24	Baptism	William son of William and Eliza. KITMER.
1655 05 15	Burial	John son of John and _?_.
1657 09 06	Baptism	Thomas son of John and Anne KETMAR.
1659 02 02	Burial	Martha KIDMAR.
1657 01 --	Baptism	Eliza dau of Henry and Anne SEDNOR.
1659 11 13	Baptism	Christopher son of Henry and Anne SEDMOR.
1674 05 28	Marriage	John PADNELL & Margaret KITMOR. [Also indexed as PADNEL/ KITMER].
1684/5 02 08	Baptism	Eliza dau of John and Eliza KITMER. [narrow columns, scribe never writes out Elizabeth in full]
1694 10 02	Marriage	Thomas CROW and Hester SKITMER, both of Yarmouth.
1700 05 12	Baptism	John and Samuel Twins of Samuel and Mary KITMER.
1700 07 07	Baptism	Sarah dau of Henry and Elizabeth KITMER.
1702 03 18	Burial	Thomas KITMER.
1702 09 23	Burial	Elizabeth KETMER.
1706 03 23	Baptism	John son of Samuel and Margaret KIDMER.
1706 05 30	Burial	Elizabeth KITMER.
1706 06 19	Burial	William son of Thomas and Elizabeth KITMER.
1723 03 09	Burial	Elizabeth KITMER.
1736 08 22	Burial	Robert KIDMER.

Wymondham, Norfolk:

1622 04 11	Burial	Elizabeth KITMOORE senex (<i>Latin for old man</i>).
1633 11 29	Burial	Oulde John KITMORE.
1683 10 27	Burial	Margaret KITTMOR.

Norwich, St Stephen:

1637 -- --	Marriage	William KETMER and Thodorick NIGHTS.
1649 07 14	Burial	Theodora, the wife of William KITMORE Inholder.
1657 09 17	Burial	William KITMORE of Wimondham in (?)Norfolk Yeoman.

Wicklewood, Norfolk:

1631 05 20	Burial	Marie wife of William KITMOORE.
1646 10 10	Burial	William KIDMOR.
1649 04 06	Burial	Samuel son of George and Anne KITMORE.
1650 06 24	Baptism	Mary dau of George and Anne KETMOR.
1658 08 14	Burial	Ellen KITMER an aged widdowe.
1679 08 28	Burial	George KITMORE

Swannington, Norfolk:

1669 04 12	Burial	Catherina the wife of Edmund KITMER.
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Rougham, Norfolk:

1662 03 30	Baptism	Mary dau of Richard and Margaret KITMORE.
1664/5 01 05	Burial	Marie dau of Richard and Margaret KITMORE.
1666 06 25	Baptism	Marie dau of Richard and Margaret KITMORE.

Dersingham, Norfolk:

1657	PCC Will	Henry Kitmer [Kitmere], butcher, Dersingham.
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1664	Marriage	Henry KITMORE
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Swanton Morley, Norfolk:

1674 01 26	Marriage	Johanes KIDMER and Maria LAWES.
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Beeston next Mileham, Norfolk:

1665 12 17	Baptism	Margery	dau of Henry and Mary KITMORE.
1665/6 03 03	Baptism	Robert	son of Henry and Mary KITMORE.
1667/8 02 07	Baptism	Susanna	dau of Henry and Mary KITMORE.
1671 07 23	Baptism	Elizabeth	dau of Henry and Mary KITMORE.
1674 03 29	Baptism	Henery	son of Henry KITMORE.
1675/6 01 21	Baptism	Robert	son of Henry and Mary KITMORE.
1678 08 11	Baptism	Joane	dau of Henry KITMORE.
1682 10 22	Baptism	William	son of Henry and Mary KITMORE.

Norwich, St Gregory:

1684 05 20	Marriage	Robert RASH and Elizabeth KITMER.	
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East Dereham, Norfolk:

These families appear to be distinct from the Scudamores living in this parish at the same period.

1618 05 31	Baptism	Thomas	son of Richard KITTMER.
1680 08 16	Baptism	Alice	dau of William and Elizabeth KITMER.
1680 08 19	Burial	Ann	wife of Thomas KITTMER.
1680 11 09	Baptism	Benjamin	son of John and Mary KITMER.
1683 06 23	Burial	Richard	son of John KITTMER.
1684 04 15	Burial	Old Thomas KITMER.	
1685/6 03 04	Burial	The daughter of Richard KITMER.	
1685 03 14	Marriage	Richard KITTMER and Alice CANN.	
1690 05 25	Baptism	John	son of Richard and Alice KITMER.
1690 09 07	Burial	Richard	son of Richard and Alice KITTMER.
1690 10 05	Baptism	Benjamin	son of Benjamin and Elizabeth KITTMER.
1691 03 06	Baptism	Ann	dau of Richard and Alice KITTMER.
1692 04 24	Burial	Ann	dau of Richard and Alice KITTMER.
1690 11 29	Burial	Benjamin	son of Benjamin and Elizabeth KITMER.
1693 06 21	Baptism	Benjamin	son of Benjamin and Elizabeth KITTMER.
1697 07 19	Baptism	John	son of Benjamin and Elizabeth KITMER.
1697 09 01	Burial	John	son of Ben and Elizabeth KITMER.
1698 01 27	Baptism	Thomas	son of Benjamin and Elizabeth KITTMER.
1699 07 28	Burial	Thomas	son of Benjamin and Elizabeth KITMER.
1700/1 03 04	Baptism	Susanna	dau of Benjamin and Elizabeth KITMER.
1701/2 02 22	Baptism	Susan	dau of Benjamin and Elizabeth KITMER.
1703 11 11	Marriage	Francis KILL and Alice KITMER, both of East Dereham.	
1713 12 21	Burial	Richard KITTMER.	
1714 12 09	Burial	Wife of Richard KITTMER.	
1716 03 21	Baptism	Elizabeth	dau of Richard and Mary KITTMER.
1719 10 10	Baptism	Richard	son of Richard and Mary KITMER.

Elsing, Norfolk:

1719 05 28	Marriage	Benjamin KITMER of East Dearham and Mary RISING of Lyng.	
1724/5 01 15	Baptism	Benjamin	son of Benjamin and Mary KITMER.

East Dereham:

1730 09 09	Burial	Joseph KITMER. [<i>Not a child</i>].	
1750 04 21	Burial	Elizabeth KITMER wid.	

Norwich, St Benedict:

1723 11 22	Burial	Richard	son of Richard KITTMER.
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Brisley, Norfolk:

1719 06 06	Marriage	Thomas BOBY and Rebecca KITMER of Mileham.	
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Wood Rising, Norfolk:

1722/3 02 15 Marriage Thomas KITMER and Susannah OUCHILL.

Norwich, St John de Sepulchre:

1726 06 09 Baptism Ann dau of Thomas and Susan KITMER.

1726 09 06 Burial Susan wife of Thomas KITMER.

Sudbury Archdeaconry Marriage Licences, Suffolk (?Marriage licence granted by Archdeaconry):

1700 --- Marriage licence Thomas KITMORE and Margaret CRANE.

1713 --- Marriage licence Benjamin KITMER and Christian WATERS.

Barton Great, Suffolk:

1713 --- Marriage Benjamin KITMOR and Christian WATERS.

Mileham, Norfolk:

1710 Marriage Henry KITMORE

Norwich, St John Timberhill (see also below):

1713 Marriage John KITMORE

Norwich:

1713 10 01 Marriage John KITMER and Elizabeth INGLEDOW.

1744 06 23 Marriage Charles SWIFT and Elizabeth KITTMER, aged 25y.

1758 09 11 Marriage William SADNER and Elizabeth GULTY.

Litcham, Norfolk:

1726 10 02 Marriage John CHAMBERS and Anne KITMORE.

Wootton South, Norfolk:

1730 11 29 Marriage John HOUGHTON and Mary KITMAR.

Norwich, St Giles:

1759 02 05 Burial Richard KITMORE, 73y.

1786 01 20 Burial Martha KITMORE or LACKFED, 93y, wife of Richard

Lyng, Norfolk:

1714 08 22 Baptism Benjamine son of John and Elizabeth KITMORE.

1716 07 22 Baptism John son of John and Elizabeth KITMORE.

1717 10 20 Baptism Elizabeth dau of John and Elizabeth KITMORE.

1719 09 25 Burial William son of John and Elizabeth KITMORE.

1720 05 17 Baptism Sarah dau of Benjamin and Mary KITMORE.

1720 08 16 Burial Sarah dau of Benjamin and Mary KITMORE.

1720 09 15 Baptism Susan dau of John and Elizabeth KITMORE.

1721 10 11? Burial Alice dau of Richard and Martha KITMORE.

1721/2 01 01 Baptism Edmond son of Benjamin and Mary KITMORE.

1722 11 09 Burial Edmond son of Benjamin and Mary KITMORE.

1722 03 26 Baptism William son of John and Elizabeth KITMORE.

1722 04 03 Burial William son of John and Elizabeth KITMORE.

1724 10 05 Baptism Thomas son of John and Elizabeth KITMORE.

1726 12 06 Burial Thomas son of John and Elizabeth KITMER.

Norwich, St Martin at Palace:

1741 10 06 Marriage Thomas ALCOCK and Elizabeth KITMER, both of Lyng.

Lyng:

1737 11 29 Burial Benjamin KITMORE.

1751 04 14 Burial Elizabeth KITMORE.

Foulsham, Norfolk:

1729/30 03 24 Burial Benjamin KITMER. [could be a child or an adult].

Hindringham, Norfolk:

1711/2 03 16	Baptism	Maria	dau of James and Elizabeth KITMORE.
1713 10 18	Baptism	Sarah	dau of James and Elizabeth KITMORE.
1716 06 03	Baptism	Elizabeth	dau of James and Elizabeth KITMORE.
1718/9 01 11	Baptism	John	son of James and Elizabeth KITMORE.
1723 08 11	Baptism	Judith	dau of James and Elizabeth KITMORE.
1725/6 01 30	Baptism	Margaret	dau of James and Elizabeth KITMORE.
1729/30 02 03	Burial	James KITMER.	<i>[Infants and children identified as such, so likely an adult.]</i>
1736 07 16	Burial	Thomas KITMER.	
1742 11 11	Burial	James KITMER.	
1746 05 24	Burial	William KITMER.	
1746 05 24	Death	William KATMER.	
1748 05 28	Burial	Elizabeth KITMER.	

Welbourne, Norfolk:

1730 03 29	Marriage	John HOUGHTON and Mary KITMAR.
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Norwich, St Michael at Plea:

1751 [06?08?] 14	Baptism	Mary	dau of Benjamin and Esther KITMER.
1754 02 13	Baptism	Benjamin	son of Benjamin and Esther KITMER. Born 1754 01 26.
1756 01 25	Baptism	Thomas	son of Benjamin and Esther KITMER. Born 1755 12 21.
1758 06 04	Baptism	Elizabeth	son of Benjamin and Esther KITMER. Born 1758 05 30.

Shipdham, Norfolk:

1761 09 12	Burial	Esther	wife of Benjamin KITMER.
1762 09 09	Marriage	Benjamin KITTMER	widower aged 39y and Mary Ann MENDHAM or MENTHAM.
1784 05 13	Marriage	John POND	of Reymerston and Elizabeth KITTMER of Shipdham.
1784 11 02	Marriage	Henry TASH	and Mary KITTMER, both of Shipdham.
1786 08 31	Marriage	Thomas KITMER	and Mary BALLS, both of Shipdham.
1789 01 11	Burial	Benjamin	son of Thomas and Mary KITMER.
1790 06 25	Baptism	Benjamin	son of Thomas and Mary KITMOR.
1793 10 20	Burial	Benjamin KITTMER.	MI gives age of 70y.

Headstone: wide, with a rounded top and horizontal scrolls at the shoulders. A twin cherub decoration is above the, side by side, inscription which reads: To the memory of (LH) ESTHER the wife of BENJAMIN KITTMER who departed this life Septr 10th 1761 aged 34 years. BENJN KITTMER who departed this life Octr 17th 1793 aged 70 years. (RH) ELIZ: TANTON mother of ESTR KITTMER who departed this life Octr 13th 1761 aged 70 years. MARY ANN second wife of BENJN KITTMER who departed this life Octr 21st 1794 aged 82 years (full width) Also of BENJN AND THOS [children of MARY KITTMER who died in their infancy] . . .

1794 10 26	Burial	Anne KITTMER.	
1803 08 08	Baptism	Maria	dau of Thomas and Mary KITMER.
1809 01 14	Baptism	Elizabeth	dau of Thomas and Mary KITMORE (late BALLS). Born 1809 01 11.
1822 10 13	Marriage	Robert FITT	and Maria KITMER, both of Shipdham.
1831	Burial	Mary KITTMER	or BALLS, aged 65.

Norwich, church not named in transcript:

1792 04 08	Baptism	Joshua	son of Thomas KITMER and Mary BALLS.
1794 06 18	Burial	Joshua	son of Thomas KETMER and Mary BALLS.
1831 04 15	Burial	Mary BALLS KITTMER	wife of Thomas KITTMER.

Lincoln, Lincolnshire, church not named In transcript:

1782 05 15	Baptism	Ann	dau of Richard and Sarah KEDMOOR.
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Wells next the Sea, Norfolk:

1781 07 24	Marriage	Benjamin KITTMER	and Mary RICE.
1793	Burial	Mary KITTMER	or RICE, aged 54.

Reymerston, St Peter, Norfolk:

1785 03 27 Baptism Benjamin son of John and Elizabeth KITMER. Born 1785 03 17.
 1785 10 05 Burial Benjamin Kitmer son of John and Elizabeth POND.

Norwich, St John Timberhill:

1768 12 25 Baptism William son of William and Sarah KITMORE.
 1772 08 09 Baptism Elizabeth dau of William and Sarah KITMORE.

Norwich, church not specified in online transcript:

1777 09 11 Burial Elizabeth KITMORE

Cranworth with Letton, Norfolk:

1777 10 28 Marriage William PAYNE and Susanna KITMER.

Calthorpe, Norfolk:

1799 -- -- Marriage Benjamin KITMER and [*wife not named in online transcription of Boyd's Index*].

Bermondsey, London:

1803 05 01 Baptism John son of Jacob and Sarah KITMER.
 1805 04 14 Baptism John Anthony son of John and Sarah KITMER.

Rockland St Peter, Norfolk:

1799 02 14 Baptism Jeremiah son of William and Susan KITMORE.
 1821 11 24 Burial Jeremiah KITMORE, 24y.
 1802 08 01 Baptism Miles son of William and Susan KITMORE.
 1805 08 26 Baptism Susan and James twins of William KITMORE and Susan his wife (late RUDD spinst) were privately baptised.
 1808 04 17 Baptism Sarah dau of William KITMORE and Susanna his wife (late RUDD spins).
 1811 11 10 Baptism Stephen son of William KITMORE and Susanna his wife (late RUDD spins).
 1817 11 02 Baptism James son of William, labourer of Rockland St Peter, and Judith KITMORE. Born 1817 11 02.
 1826 05 23 Burial James KITMORE. 21 years.
 1820 02 27 Baptism Isaac son of William, labourer of Rockland St Peter, and Judith KITMORE. Born 1820 01 29.
 1830 08 15 Burial Sarah KITMORE, 63y.
 1831 01 09 Baptism John son of Susan KITMORE.

Earlham, Norfolk:

1829 06 11 Baptism Mary Anne dau of Miles and Frances KITMORE.

Wootton-Courtney, Somerset:

1836 01 02 Marriage Thomas KETNOR or KITNOR and Mary PRISCOTT.

Sutton St James, Lincolnshire:

1844 04 18 Burial Henry KITMORE, aged 9.

Old Catton, Norfolk:

1855 02 15 Burial Mary Chaloner KITMER, aged 92y.

Later KITMER burials in Fulstow, Lincolnshire and (1860s onwards) and Mitford, Norfolk (1873 on).

JAMES SKIDMORE OF NORWICH (c.1760-1831), WITH DESCENDANTS IN SHROPSHIRE AND LATER IN ASKRIGG, YORKSHIRE

James Skidmore and his descendants can be found in the databases of the Skidmore/Scudamore One-Name Study with the code SAL.

SAL [1]. **JAMES SKIDMORE** of Norwich, Norfolk and Shrewsbury, Shropshire. He was born about 1760 and was in the area of Norwich, Norfolk in the 1790s. He married Elizabeth White on 2 May 1793 at St Peter Parmentergate, Norwich.

He was living in Shrewsbury, Shropshire at the time he made his will on 9 April 1823 (proved at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury on 5 May 1831). He left his household goods to his wife Elizabeth, together with £400 held in his name by the Norwich Life Insurance Company. After her death this money was to be divided between his daughter Elizabeth and his four sons James, Henry, John and Richard. James Skidmore was a book-keeper of Old Heath, Shrewsbury when he died in 1831 aged 71. He was buried at St Mary's, Shrewsbury on 16 April 1831. His wife Elizabeth died aged 63 on 21 February 1834.

Children of James and Elizabeth (White) Skidmore,

- i. Charlotte, daughter of Thomas Scidmore and Elizabeth his wife (late White), born 12 [no month recorded, as was usual], baptised at St Peter Parmentergate, Norwich on 18 January 1801. Given the birth of Mary Ann Skidmore in November 1800, this appears to have been a record not of a birth but of a late baptism. No further record of Charlotte Skidmore has been found.
- ii. Elizabeth, born 12 November (baptised 15 November) 1795. She married, on 12 December 1835 at Askrigg, William Pratt, proprietor of the renowned clock making firm in Askrigg, North Riding of Yorkshire. Her brother John Timothy was apprenticed to William Pratt and then carried on the business as John Skidmore and Sons.
- SAL [2].iii. **JAMES STEPHEN**, born 26 December 1797 in Wroxham, Norfolk and baptised there on 31 December of that year. He was a painter and gilder with a business in Whitchurch, Shropshire which, at the time of his death, employed six men and three apprentices. He married firstly, by licence, Ann Roe of Whitchurch (born in Shropshire about 1797) on 27 June 1826 at Whitchurch. She died in 1846 and was buried at Whitchurch on 8 September, aged 49. On 8 November 1850 at [?--]field Baptist Chapel, James married secondly Eliza Rowe of Whitchurch (born there in about 1814, daughter of Eliza Rowe of Pepper Street). James Stephen was a Baptist by religious persuasion¹⁰ and his wife Eliza moved from a Methodist congregation to join that of the Dodington Baptists in Whitchurch on 29 November 1850. James Skidmore died in 1861 aged 63 and was buried at Whitchurch on 29 June. Eliza Skidmore died on 22 January 1862 in Pepper Street and probate of her estate was granted in 1871 at Shrewsbury to her son-in-law John Prince.
A daughter of James Stephen and Ann (Roe) Skidmore,
 - i. Mary Ann, born at High Street, Whitchurch and baptised 17 April 1827. She married John Prince, a house painter and gilder, on 8 April 1850 at Whitchurch. No children known to this marriage.**A daughter of James Stephen and Eliza (Lowe) Skidmore,**
 - ii. Elizabeth, born at Pepper Alley and baptised 11 October 1852 at the United Reform Church in Whitchurch.
- iv. Mary Ann, born 17 November 1800, baptised 23 November at St Peter Hungate, Norwich. She was buried 29 September 1804 at St Peter Parmentergate.
- v. Henry, born 4 March 1803 and baptised two days later at St Peter Hungate, Norwich. He married Mary Parry of the parish of Pulverbatch, Shropshire (after banns at St Mary's, Shrewsbury), at Pulverbatch on 7 May 1828. He died aged 26 in 1829 and was buried at St Mary's, Shrewsbury on 1 April. Mary married secondly Richard Hussey of the parish of St Alkmund (?Whitchurch) on 21 December 1830 at Stockton, near Bridgnorth, Shropshire. The witnesses were Thomas Parry and Jane Norton.

¹⁰ Shropshire, Non-Conformist membership lists 1819-1906. 1843-

- SAL [3]. vi. **JOHN TIMOTHY**, born 13 April 1805, **OF WHOM MORE BELOW**.
vii. Richard, born about 1810. He was a painter in Whitchurch and left all his estate to his brother James Stephen, who was also the sole executor (will proved at Lichfield on 11 April 1846). He died at the age of 35 on 18 May 1845 (buried 24 May in Whitchurch).

SAL [3]. JOHN TIMOTHY, born 13 April 1805 and baptised the following day at St Peter Hungate, Norwich. On 12 August 1837 'John Skeomore in the Parish of Wore Shropshire England' and Margaret Binnie of the parish of Ratho, Edinburgh, 'gave up their names for proclamation' for marriage at Ratho. Their first child John Timothy was born Ratho in October 1832. They were married on 5 January 1838 at St Nicholas, Liverpool. Margaret appears to have been the daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Muckle) Binnie, born in Ratho on 23 June 1805.

John Timothy Skidmore was an exciseman in Wrenbury Heath, Cheshire at the time of the 1841 census. He died in 1846 aged only 40 at Welch Row, Nantwich, Cheshire and was buried on 12 May at St Mary's, Nantwich. Margaret Skidmore died in Nantwich on 4 September 1883 aged 73.

Children of John and Margaret (Binnie) Skidmore,

- SAL [4]. i. **JOHN TIMOTHY**, born in Ratho, Midlothian on 1 October 1832, baptised there on 17 November. He lived with his uncle and aunt William and Elizabeth Pratt from the age of seven or eight and served his apprenticeship with his uncle. Loomes¹¹ considers the Pratt family, who worked in Askrigg, in Wensleydale, as perhaps the best-known name amongst the clockmakers of the Upper Dales. James Pratt, born 1757, continued the clockmaking tradition in the dale which had extended in an unbroken line from the 1690s. James married Mary Hutton in 1787 and had two sons, William in 1788, who married Elizabeth Skidmore, and John in 1789. William Pratt died in 1857, leaving his tools to his brother John Pratt and after that to his nephew John Skidmore. He also left to his nephew 'the bed he now commonly uses'. Loomes quotes an account written in the 1920s, after the death of the elder John Skidmore, which states that he made all the moving machinery and the front and back plate by hand. His long-case clocks had white-enamelled dials, with paintings at the corners of rural life and his name 'John Skidmore, Askrigg'. At the time that this account was written in the 1920s the younger John Skidmore (born 1857) had the lathe dated 1751 and all the tools which had belonged to his father's uncle, William Pratt. John Timothy Skidmore married Mary Hannah Preston (born about 1836 in Bainbridge, Yorkshire) in 1857Q2. Bulmer's Post Office, professions and trades Directory of 1890 for Askrigg lists John Skidmore as a clock and watchmaker, and fishing tackle dealer. Mary Hannah Skidmore died in 1910Q4 aged 74, her husband in 1914Q1 aged 82; they are buried at St Oswald's, Askrigg. He left a will, naming as his executors John Skidmore, customs clerk and James Harry Skidmore, watchmakers.



*Clock face and close up of the work of William Pratt,
<http://thedales.org.uk/the-clockmakers-of-askrigg-wensleydale>*



¹¹ Loomes, Brian, *A fascinating historical record*, Clocks, The International Magazine for Horological Collectors and Restorers, Vol: 20 No. 7, 11 July 1997.



This photograph of the Skidmores' home and antique shop in Askrigg survives in the Oswald Chambers papers in the archives of Wheaton College¹², Illinois.

Children of John Timothy and Mary Hannah (Preston) Skidmore, born in Askrigg,

- i. John Skidmore, born 1857Q2 in Bainbridge, Yorkshire. He was a Customs Officer and married Elspeth Lyon (born Glenisla, Forfarshire) in 1890Q3 in Yorkshire. They were living at the time of the 1891 census at Fern Bank, Liff and Benvie, Augus but by 1901 were at 12 Longbeach Road, Battersea, London. They were living in Old Trafford, Manchester by 1911.

Elspeth Lyon Skidmore died on 28 March 1941 at The Firs, Brimfield, Herefordshire, aged 75. John Skidmore Skidmore died in 1953 aged 95.

- SAL [6] ii. **RICHARD**, born 1859Q1. A railway guard, he married Dorothy Ann Heward (born 1862 in Sessay, North Yorkshire) in 1882Q1 in the Thirsk registration district. They were living by 1891 at 10 Hatherley Street, Wortley. By 1901 they had moved to Leeds, where Richard Skidmore was an armature core builder.

Richard Skidmore died in 1918 aged 60, his wife in 1932 aged 70.

Children of Richard and Dorothy Ann (Heward) Skidmore,

11 children, of whom 9 were living in 1911.

- i. Mary, born in 1883Q1 in North Stockton, Durham.

born in Northallerton, Yorkshire,

- ii. Elizabeth, born 1884Q2. A tailoress, she married Robert John Mack, a mechanic (son of Walter Mack, a draper) on 26 December 1914 at All Hallows with St Simon, Leeds. She died in 1962 in Leeds aged 78. A daughter Pearl.

- SAL [9]. iii. **HARRY**, born 1885Q1. An engine fitter and driller, he married Edith Ellen Bateson (daughter of William Bateson, a press setter) on 4 March 1905 at St Simon's, Leeds. They were living at the time of the 1911 census at 18 Kelsall Road, Burley, Leeds.

Children of Harry and Edith Ellen (Bateson) Skidmore,

- i. Richard, baptised 8 October 1905 at All Hallows. He died in 1910 aged 4.
 ii. Stanley, born 1913Q1.
 iii. Harry, born 1915Q1.
 iv. Dorothy, born 1919Q3.

- SAL [10].iv. **JOHN**, born 1886Q3. A machinist in spinning in 1901 and a furnace man at the time of his marriage. He married Lily Grisdale, a cloth weaver (daughter of William Grisdale, joiner) on 26 July 1913 at the United Methodist Church, Ventnor Road, Leeds. He enlisted firstly at Bradford on 26 May 1908 and joined the King's

¹² Wheaton College Archives & Special Collections. Found in: Oswald Chambers Papers, 1886-1983 Series 5: Photographs Box 38 Item 81: Kathleen, Oswald sitting in front of Skidmore's home and antique Shop, Askrigg. Best known as the author of *My Utmost for His Highest*, the Reverend Oswald Chambers was an evangelist throughout the United Kingdom, America and Japan. In 1915 he travelled to Egypt to work with the YMCA in Zeitoun ministering to soldiers there. It was here that he suffered from an attack of appendicitis that ultimately took his life.

Royal Rifle Corps. He served in India from January 1909 until February 1912. He was discharged 'for misconduct' in February 1912 after committing robbery with violence and being convicted in a civil court. He re-enlisted at Leeds on the outbreak of war and joined the West Yorkshire Regiment on 31 August 1914. In two years he rose through the ranks to become Acting C.S.M. He was in France from July 1915 to November 1916, where he received a gunshot wound.

John Skidmore died in Leeds in 1952 aged 66.

Children of John and Lily (Grisdale) Skidmore, born in Leeds,

- i. Irene Rose, born 1914Q4. She married in 1938.
- ii. Gwennie Dorothy, born 1918Q2. She married in 1937.
- iii. A son, born in 1923.

born in Leeds, Yorkshire and baptised at St Mary of Bethany, Wortley,

- v. Elsie, born 4 August 1889 and baptised 22 December. She married Harry Hall (son of Henry Hall) on 27 December 1915 at St Simon's, Leeds. He was a chemist then based at R.A.M.C. Depot, Aldershot. Two daughters & three sons.
 - vi. Jane, born 3 February 1891 and baptised 15 April.
 - vii. James, born 24 August 1892 and baptised 5 October. He was baptised again on 20 January 1908 at St Simon's, Leeds with his brothers William and Albert.
 - viii. William, born 9 March 1895.
 - ix. Albert, born 19 August 1897.
- iii. Jane, born 1860Q4. At the time of the 1891 census Jane was living at 3 Market Place, Harrogate in the home of her cousin Matthew Preston, master butcher (born about 1858 in Bainbridge). Matthew Preston was in partnership with his brothers Robert Preston and John Preston. She married in 1902Q3 Charles Edwin Watson, a school headmaster for North Riding Education Committee. They were living in 1911 in Skelton in Cleveland.
- iv. James, born 1871Q3. A jewellery dealer and watch repairer, he was in partnership with his father at their home and antique shop in Askrigg. He married in 1905Q1 Rose Prince Maybury, daughter of Mary Ann (Skidmore) Maybury. Rose Prince Skidmore died in 1948 aged 74



*Title: Group outside house: Holiday in Askrigg, Date: 1915 August
 Standing: Arthur Chambers, Bidy, OC, Eva Spink, **JIM SKIDMORE**, Jimmy Hanson Middle
 Row: Gertrude Chambers, Bertha Chambers, Kathleen, Mary Riley Front: Gladys Ingram,
 Flo Gudgin later Mrs. Jimmy Hanson. Unidentified.
 ID: SC122-85, Repository: Wheaton College Archives & Special Collections
 Found in: Oswald Chambers Papers, 1886-1983 Series 5: Photographs Box 38 Item 85.*

- SAL [7]. v. **HARRY**, born 1874Q1. A watchmaker, he was living on the north side of the town street of Askrigg in 1901. He married Margaret ?Robinson (born about 1871 in Preston, Yorkshire).
- Children of Harry and Margaret Skidmore, born in Askrigg,**
- i. John, born 1900Q1.
 - ii. Harry, born 1901Q1.
- ii. Margaret, born in Cheshire, baptised 10 February 1839 at Mucklestone, Staffordshire. She married, by licence, Henry Kitchen, a butcher (born about 1836 in Nantwich, son of Jonathan Kitchen, butcher) on 25 October 1858 at SS Mary & Nicholas, Nantwich. They lived at 99 Welch Row, Nantwich and later Burland Green, Cheshire.
- SAL [5]. iii. **JAMES STEPHEN**, born in Woore, Cheshire in 1840Q3 and baptised 11 October at Mucklestone. He was a chemist in Nantwich and married firstly Ann Shenton in 1863Q2. Ann Skidmore died in 1880 aged 52 and was buried at St Mary's, Nantwich on 15 January. James married secondly Sarah Filton (born about 1851 in Wybunbury) in 1880Q4 and lived at Crosslands, Willaston. He is listed as a Justice of the Peace in Kelly's Handbook of 1893. He died in 1915Q4 aged 75, his wife in 1929Q4 aged 79.
- Children of James Stephen and Ann (Shenton) Skidmore, born in Nantwich,**
- i. Harry, born 1864Q2. He died in infancy and was buried at St Mary's, Nantwich on 15 December 1864, of Welch Row.
 - ii. Ida, born 1868Q3. I have so far been unable to discover information about this lady after the census of 1881.
 - iii. Agnes, born 1869Q3. I have so far been unable to discover information about this lady after the census of 1891.
- Children of James Stephen and Sarah (Filton) Skidmore, born in Nantwich,**
- SAL [8] iv. **BERTRAND**, born 1882Q3. Assistant to his father in their chemist's business. He married Marie Rabau in 1917Q1.
- i. **JAMES**, born 5 December 1917. According to a pedigree posted at Ancestry.com, he married Harriet Edna Bibby (1917-2011) in 1942. He died in 2000 aged 83.
 - ii. Jules born and died 1921Q2.
- v. Maggie, born 1886Q3.
- iv. William Pratt, born 1842Q2 and baptised at Wrenbury. He died in 1844Q2.
- v. Mary Ann, born about 1844 in Nantwich. A dressmaker and milliner, she married, by licence, George Maybury, a printer from Nantwich (son of George Maybury, a gardener) on 28 December 1863 at SS Mary & Nicholas, Nantwich. They appear to have separated early in their marriage and Mr Maybury remained in Nantwich. Mary Ann Maybury became housekeeper to John Prince, a house decorator in Whitchurch. Twin girls were born in 1873Q3 in Whitchurch – Lillie Hughes (or Huse) Maybury and Rose Prince Maybury. In August 1887 Mary Ann, Rose and Lillie sailed about the *Parisian* to Quebec. They were presumably in Canada for several years since I have been unable to find them in the 1891 UK census. Lillie Maybury was a music teacher in Askrigg by the time of the 1901 census. Rose Maybury married James Skidmore.

APPENDIX 2

SCUDAMORE FAMILIES OF EAST DEREHAM AND NORWICH, NORFOLK

There were families in the parish of East Dereham who used the surname form Scudamore. Their origin is presently unknown.

Norwich, St Mary in the Marsh:

1696 10 19 Marriage Henry WEBSTER & Bridget SKIPMORE
1703 12 28 Marriage Lionell JORDAN & Elizabeth SCUDIMORE

St Nicholas, East Dereham:

1680 11 07 Baptism Michael Son of William and Maria SCUDAMORE.
1688 05 10 Burial [Wife] SCUDAMORE.
1691 12 02 Baptism Thomas Son of Richard and Judith SCUDAMORE.
1694 08 05 Baptism Richard Son of Richard and Judith SCUDAMORE.
1721 11 30 Baptism John Son of Richard and Ann SCUDAMORE.
1755 04 02 Burial Sarah SCUDAMORE.
1766 01 14 Burial Elizabeth Dau of Ann SCUDAMORE.
1767 07 30 Marriage James WOODROW and Ann SCUDAMORE.
1767 07 09 Burial Richard SCUDAMORE.
1767 11 13 Burial Ann SCUDAMORE widow.
1777 08 24 Burial Sarah SCUDAMORE.

Norwich, St Paul:

1718 03 26 Burial Judith SCUDAMORE.

Norwich, St Michael Coslany:

1712 02 26 Baptism William Son of Michael and Temperance SCUDAMORE.

Swaffham, Norfolk:

1741 06 02 Baptism Ann Dau of John and Sarah SCUDAMORE.

Norwich, St James Pockthorpe:

1752 02 02 Baptism Frances Dau of William and Sarah SCUDAMORE

Norwich, St Peter Parmentergate:

1775 05 30 Marriage Benjamin SKINNER and Frances SCUDAMORE