

SKIDMORE AND SKITMORE FAMILIES OF OXFORDSHIRE 1600-1900

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DATES

- Prior to 1752 the year began on 25 March (Lady Day). In order to avoid confusion, a date which in the modern calendar would be written 2 February 1714 is written 2 February 1713/4 - i.e. the baptism, marriage or burial occurred in the 3 months (January, February and the first 3 weeks of March) of 1713 which 'rolled over' into what in a modern calendar would be 1714.
- Civil registration was introduced in England and Wales in 1837 and records were archived quarterly; hence, for example, 'born in 1840Q1' the author here uses to mean that the birth took place in January, February or March of 1840. Where only a baptism date is given for an individual born after 1837, assume the birth was registered in the same quarter.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

Databases of all known Skidmore and Scudamore bmds can be found at www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com

PROBATE

A list of all known Skidmore and Scudamore wills - many with full transcription or an abstract of its contents - can be found at www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com in the file Skidmore/Scudamore One-Name Study Probate.

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PRIVACY

The Skidmore/ Scudamore One-Name Study does not, as a matter of course, publish any biographical detail from the last 100 years, unless with permission of descendants.

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Linda Moffatt, August 2012

GENERATION 1

For the purposes of this account John Skidmore of Deddington and his wife Bridget are considered Generation 1.

Their descendants can be identified with the prefix OXF in databases of the Skidmore/ Scudamore One-Name Study. Thus John immediately below is found as OXF [1].

1. JOHN¹ SKIDMORE. Right in the heart of England and on the edge of the Cotswolds is found the parish of Deddington, which comprises the three villages of Deddington, Clifton and Hempton. Deddington itself lies on the road from Banbury to Oxford, with the large parish church dedicated to St Peter and St Paul dating in its oldest parts from the early 13th century, and with parish registers surviving from 1631. In the 16th century the traders of Deddington still claimed freedom from tolls as tenants of the Duchy of Lancaster. At an unknown date before 1611 shops and stalls had been built by townsmen out of the revenues of charitable estates; 15 shops belonging to the former guild were listed in 1591, but by then there were also two whole rows of shops described as decayed. In 1623 the male inhabitants included 9 tailors, 5 mercers, 4 glovers, 2 weavers, a fuller, and a collarmaker; there were also 5 carpenters, 4 slaters, 4 smiths, 2 masons, 2 joiners, a glazier, and a wheelwright¹. Five Deddington tradesmen, including two mercers and an apothecary, are known to have issued tokens in the 17th century².

John Skidmore was head of the single Skidmore family using Deddington parish church of St Peter and St Paul from around 1640 to 1670. He was recently arrived in this bustling community since no Skidmore is mentioned there in 1623. At his death in 1662 he was described in the burial register as a chapman, an obsolete term for a dealer or merchant, especially an itinerant one^{3,4}.

He married Bridget _____ and at the time they were raising their first children, the Civil War was raging around them. In 1642 the Earl of Northampton was quartered in Deddington. Six miles to the north, Banbury was held by a Royalist garrison but the townspeople favoured the puritan cause and in December

¹ *The Bill of the Inhabitants of Dadington, 1623* [C (A) 3226] in the Northamptonshire Record Office, as described in an article in the Deddington & District History Society, ISSN 1479-5884, issue no 18, March 2004.

² Victoria County History, *A History of the County of Oxford: Volume 11.*

³ Warren Skidmore describes in his paper *The Skydmores In The Environs Of Stratford-On-Avon, Warwickshire* one John Skidmore, a yeoman of Long Itchington, Warwickshire, and his wife Elizabeth Cleaver. John Skidmore the son was devised two houses and a close in Southam, Warwickshire held in chief of King Charles I according to the inquest post mortem of his father in 1638; John had by that year gone down 'to Lankeshire'; he is *perhaps* John Skidmore who appears later in Deddington.

⁴ An insight into the work of chapmen is found in *Ossett - the history of a Yorkshire town* at www.ossett.net 'In the seventeenth century, Wakefield became the great wool market of the clothing area. Wool growers and dealers sent wool from all parts of England to be sold at the Wakefield market to the local clothiers in the surrounding villages like Ossett. Many families in Ossett made their living by weaving cloth. In 1650, the wage, including food (meat), for a weaver was 3d. per day and only 1d. per day for spinning. If the wool spinner provided his own food then the wage was 4d. per day. Small manufacturers, making only one or two pieces a week, took their finished cloth to the market at Wakefield where they were bought by middlemen or "chapmen" to be sold at a profit in places like London or Cambridge'.

Northampton's scouts told him that a rebel force with 300 horse and peasants brandishing pitchforks was converging to relieve the town. The Parliamentary force arrived and, having entered Banbury, spent all Christmas Eve bombarding the castle with cannon. Other Parliamentary units engaged the Earl of Northampton's forces near Deddington and were only forced back towards Banbury by the arrival of Prince Rupert and Sir Charles Lucas, whose troops had marched through the night. Prince Rupert marched on to chase the enemy from Banbury and then rode back to Oxford to spend what was left of Christmas at the King's court at Christ Church. During 1643 Royalist units were often billeted around Deddington and Adderbury. In May forty-six cart-loads of Royalist arms trundled past escorted on their way from Banbury to Oxford by the Earl of Northampton. Royalist forces were in Deddington again in 1644 after the battle of Cropredy Bridge, when the King himself was billeted at Castle House⁵.

His widow (or perhaps his daughter Bridget) married John Kerhood on 3 November 1662 at Stoke; Bridget Kerhood was buried on 14 January 1676/7. Bridget Skydmore, perhaps his widow or his daughter, was buried at Deddington on 23 March 1686/7 - Penelope Cellar made oath, presumably a reference to the Burial in Wool Act⁶.

The children of John and Bridget Skidmore, baptisms and burials at Deddington,

- i. John, buried on 12 August 1643, an infant.
- ii. Bridget, baptised 12 May 1644.
- iii. George, baptised 1 February 1645/6. He is styled a gentleman in a lease for lands at Barford St Michael (which adjoins Deddington) purchased for £155 from his brother-in-law John Spicer. This property had been devised by Edward Spicer, his father-in-law, to John Spicer charged with certain legacies to be paid from it. On 23 October 1676 George Scudamore sued Rebecca Spicer and James Turpin in chancery on matters concerning the leasehold. His burial has not been found.
- iv. Joan, born 20 February 1647/8 (her baptism date is not stated in the register). She was perhaps buried on 25 January 1673/4, 'daughter of John and Bridget Skidmore'.
2. v. JOHN, baptised 26 October 1650.
- vi. Aster, a son baptised 18 August 1653.
- vii. James, baptised 4 June 1655.

⁵ The Newsletter of The Deddington & District History Society ISSN 1479-5884, issue no 21, December 2004.

⁶ The Burial in Woollen Acts 1666-80 were Acts of the Parliament of England which required the dead, except plague victims, to be buried in pure English woollen shrouds to the exclusion of any foreign textiles. It was a requirement that an affidavit be sworn in front of a Justice of the Peace (usually by a relative of the deceased or some other credible person) confirming burial in wool, with the punishment of a £5 fee for noncompliance. Parish registers were marked with the word affidavit or with a note A or Aff against the burial entries to confirm that affidavit had been sworn, or marked "naked" for those too poor to afford the woollen shroud. Some affidavits survive. This legislation was in force until 1814, but was generally ignored after 1770. These related records are generally regarded as a source of genealogical information, and can help provide evidence of economic status and relationships that may be unavailable elsewhere or ambiguous. Notes of burials and affidavits along with fees paid may be found in Churchwardens' accounts or vestry minutes.

GENERATION 2

2. **JOHN² SKIDMORE/ SCUDAMORE**, son of John [1] and Bridget Skidmore, was baptised on 26 October 1650 at Deddington. He married Margaret _____ who was buried at Deddington on 24 August 1673. It appears he married secondly Elizabeth Matthews on 24 May 1680 at Deddington, by banns. He died on 19 April 1694 and was buried the next day at Barford St Michael. Administration of his estate was granted on 20 April 1694 at Oxford to his widow Elizabeth Scudamore and an inventory was taken by Martin Tyms and Samuel Goodwin on 23 April 1694; it totalled £290 16s 8d and included a lease of yard land, 100 sheep, his cows, corn growing, among other items.

The two known surviving sons of John [1] appear to have lived later in the adjoining parish of Barford St Michael, where George Skidmore had purchased a lease of land from his father-in-law. Their name is usually found as *Scudamore* in the parish registers there, which date from 1643. Any land at Barford St Michael passed into the hands of George's nephew Robert Skidmore, son of John [2], who died unmarried. The three sons of John who married and had offspring went to live in three separate parishes and little is known of two of these - David and Samuel. The third of John's sons, Jonathan Skidmore, with his wife Mary heads the family line at Tackley [for general information on Tackley parish, see Appendix 1] and later at North Leigh, Oxfordshire. In the 18th century their name is frequently found spelled *Skitmore* and occasionally *Skipmore*. The form *Skitmore* was retained by a few families into the 20th century⁷.

Elizabeth Skidmore was buried on 20 May 1720 at Barford St Michael.

Children of John and Margaret Skidmore,

- i. Mary, baptised 4 May 1673 at Deddington, buried there on 14 September 1673, 'daughter of John Scidmore'.

Children of John and Elizabeth (Matthews) Skidmore, baptised (where found) at Barford St Michael,

3. ii. DAVID.
4. iii. JONATHAN.
- iv. Robert. He was a yeoman at Barford St Michael where he had the lease of a messuage for 21 years from the Principal and Scholars of Brasenose College, Oxford worth £60. He had died unmarried before 2 February 1728 when an inventory totalling £76 was taken of his estate. From his will dated 11 August 1727 it would appear that he was survived by his brothers David, Jonathan, William, Samuel and John, and by sisters Elizabeth and Mary.
- v. Matthew, buried 20 May 1694 at Barford St Michael as Matthew *Scudamore*.
- vi. Elizabeth. She married by licence, as Elizabeth *Scudamore*, Joseph George, a cordwainer of Steeple Aston, Oxfordshire at Steeple Aston on 17 September 1718. She was living there in 1750 when she and her children were remembered in the will of her sister Mary.
- vii. Mary. She was buried as Mary Scudamore on 12 May 1751 at Steeple Aston. She left a will dated 25 December 1750 remembering her brothers Samuel and John and her sister Elizabeth.
- viii. John, baptised 26 May 1689. He was still living in 1750 when he had the remainder of the years specified in the leasehold from Brasenose College under the terms of the will of his sister Mary.
- ix. Rebecca, baptised 26 May 1689. She was buried on 31 July 1693 at Barford St Michael.
- x. William, baptised 5 April 1691. He is perhaps the William Skidmore who married Martha Bowery at Kirtlington on 6 September 1722. William Scudamore was buried at Barford St Michael on 30 November 1727.
5. xi. SAMUEL, baptised 9 October 1692.
- xii. Richard, baptised 17 June 1694, (son of *Richard* Skidmore - no other documentary reference to the family of a Richard Skidmore has been found - this can probably safely be considered an error on the part of the clerk). Not remembered in the will of Robert Skidmore in 1727.

⁷ As an example of how the name varies in documents, Margaret Emma Skidmore's birth was registered as *Skidmore* but she was baptised as *Skipmore* on 25 March 1851 and buried 5 February 1853 aged 2 at North Leigh. Her death was registered as Margaret Emma *Skitmore*.

GENERATION 3

3. DAVID³ SKIDMORE/ SKITMORE is known from his brother Robert's will to be a son of John [2], probably by his second wife Elizabeth (Matthews). He married Alice _____ who was given the administrations on his estate (with George Wilkinson as bondsman) at Islip, Oxfordshire on 11 October 1729. David Scudamore was buried at Islip on 13 July 1729, his widow on 13 March 1762.

Children of David and Alice Skidmore,

- i. John, baptised 20 April 1718 at Barford St Michael.
- 6. ii. THOMAS, baptised 6 January 1719/20 at Barford St Michael.
- iii. Alice, baptised 27 November 1723 at Upper Heyford, daughter of David and Alice *Skitmore*.

4. JONATHAN³ SKIDMORE was a son of John [2], probably by his second wife Elizabeth (Matthews). He married Mary _____ and they lived in the parish of Tackley, where his will tells us he was a labourer. The registers of St Nicholas Church, Tackley survive from 1559 and the first mention of Skidmore was in 1719 at the baptism of their child Mary.

Jonathan Skidmore left a will dated 22 June 1747 leaving £15 to his children William, Jonathan and Martha, and the residue to his wife Mary. John Robards, Mary Robards and Joseph George (presumably his brother-in-law) were the witnesses. Jonathan was buried as *Scidmore* at St Nicholas, Tackley on 30 December 1748.

His widow Mary Skidmore married William Douglas (the elder) on 13 October 1752 at St Mary Magdalene, Oxford⁸. William Douglas of Nethercott made a will dated 20 December 1766, naming his wife Mary Douglas, his wife's sons James and Jonathan Skitmore (sons of William) and his wife's daughter Martha Skitmore (daughter of William). Also mentioned are his daughters Alatheah and Mary Dougless and a son John Dougless. William Douglas was buried at Tackley on 5 May 1769 and the will proved on 8 May 1769 at Oxford. Mary Douglas was buried 11 November 1776.

The children of Jonathan and Mary Skidmore, baptised at Tackley,

- i. Mary, baptised 26 July 1719. She was buried at Tackley on 24 May 1732.
- 7. ii. WILLIAM, baptised 20 May 1722.
- 8. iii. JONATHAN, baptised 25 January 1727/8.
- iv. Elizabeth. She was buried at Tackley on 14 November 1729.
- v. Martha, baptised 13 March 1732/3. She occupied one of 'several good farm houses' - along with other yearly tenants Richard Croten, William Allen, Elizabeth Proctor and George Drinkwater - which was to be auctioned on 9 August 1809⁹. This land, in the parish of Tackley, was described as 'sundry valuable and very improveable freehold farms ... in the whole about 950 acres, with several good farm houses, barns, stables and convenient out-buildings, and valuable Rights of Common to the same, [and a piece of woodland called High Wood]'

Miss Skitmore died at Nethercott in Tackley and was buried at Tackley on 12 September 1813 aged 80. She left a will remembering (somewhat selectively) various kin. Mary the widow of her nephew James [9] received £5 and a pair of sheets. Martha Taylor (thought to be the daughter of Jonathan [10]), in addition to £5, received gold rings, a pair of silver buckles, a crown piece and all her wearing apparel. John Skitmore of North Leigh, presumably John [11], received £10. William the son of her nephew James, and also Joseph and Samuel the sons of her nephew Jonathan [10], each received £5, Maria daughter of Jonathan Skitmore 'Labourer now living' (presumably Jonathan [13]) her bed and all furniture belonging to it. Her great nephew Jonathan Skidmore [13] was her residual heir and executor.

⁸ William Douglas of Nethercott married firstly Elizabeth _____. They had the following children, baptised at Tackley: Hannah 1719 (on the same day as Jonathan [4]'s daughter Mary), who married Philip Claridge of Cherington, Warwickshire, at Tackley in 1744; William 1722; Mary 1726; Alethea 1731, who married Richard Hale or Hall at Tackley on 13 November 1752; Elizabeth 1734. Elizabeth Douglas perhaps died in childbirth; she was buried at Tackley on 12 September 1734, followed later that month by their daughter Elizabeth. William Douglas probably married secondly Catharine Lay at Tackley on 7 October 1739. She died later that year and was buried on 31 December at Tackley.

⁹ Jackson's Oxford Journal, 22 July 1809.

5. **SAMUEL³ SKITMORE**, labourer of Neithrop in Banbury, was baptised 9 October 1692, the son of John [2] and Elizabeth (Matthews) Skidmore. He married firstly Phyllis Glover on 6 October 1721 at Banbury. Phyllis Skitmore was buried 12 October 1746 and Samuel married secondly Ann Grant (née Bowers, the widow of John Grant) on 3 November 1747 at Banbury.

Samuel Skitmore, labourer, was buried on 6 April 1751 at Banbury and his widow (called Mary, relict of Samuel Skitmore) on 14 June 1756.

A son of Samuel and Phyllis (Glover) Skitmore,

- i. William, baptised 4 December 1722 at Banbury. He was perhaps the William Seitmore buried at Banbury on 23 April 1781.

GENERATION 4

6. THOMAS⁴ SKIDMORE, son of David [3] and Alice Skidmore, was baptised on 6 January 1719/20 at Barford St Michael. Thomas Scudimore, a bachelor of Middle Aston, Oxfordshire married Miss Margery Heart at St Paul's, Deptford, Kent on 16 November 1746.

Children of Thomas and Margery (Heart) Skidmore, baptised at Deptford,

- i. Thomas, baptised 31 August 1747. Died 18 September 1747.
- ii. Elizabeth, baptised 20 July 1755.
- iii. Martha, baptised 14 May 1758. Died March 1759.

7. WILLIAM⁴ SKIDMORE, baptised 20 May 1722 at Tackley, was the son of Jonathan [4] and Mary Skidmore. He was a labourer of Tackley when he married Elizabeth Frances of Tackley (said to be¹⁰ the daughter of Thomas Frances and his wife Mary, baptised 31 July 1726 at Islip, Oxfordshire) on 2 September 1754 at Tackley, witnessed by Thomas Hoare and John Nelson. William Skidmore was buried at Tackley on 23 July 1761. His widow appears to be the Elizabeth *Skitmore* buried on 23 May 1794 at Tackley.

The children of William and Elizabeth (Frances) Skidmore, baptised at Tackley,

9. i. JAMES, baptised 23 October 1754.
- ii. William, baptised 25 July 1756. William Skitmore was buried at Tackley on 26 May 1782.
10. iii. JONATHAN, baptised 8 October 1758.
- iv. Mary, baptised 19 October 1760. She appears to be the Mary Skitmore buried at Tackley on 29 August 1787.

and a baseborn son of Elizabeth (Frances) Skidmore, William's widow,

11. v. JOHN, baptised 6 September 1767.

8. JONATHAN⁴ SKITMORE/ SKIDMORE, living with his wife Ann at Rousham, Oxfordshire, in 1751, was probably the son of Jonathan [4] and Mary Skidmore, baptised 25 January 1727/8. Jonathan *Skidmore* married Ann Trulock on 17 August 1746 at St Mary Magdalene, Oxford. His burial has not been found but his wife appears to be the Ann *Skitmore* buried on 26 December 1791 at Rousham; the burial register notes that an affidavit was brought⁵.

A son of Jonathan and Ann (Trulock) Skitmore,

[perhaps with others]

- i. Thomas, baptised 7 October 1751 at St Leonard & St James, Rousham. He married Sarah Pratt on 6 November 1775 at Wooton. Thomas *Skidmore* was buried at Holywell, Oxford on 26 October 1785 and his widow Sarah Skitmore married Richard Fox on 26 April 1790 at Wootton. It is possible Thomas Skidmore had children whose baptisms have not yet been found.

¹⁰ Freeman family tree online at Ancestry.co.uk

GENERATION 5

9. **JAMES⁵ SKIDMORE/ SKITMORE** was baptised at Tackley on 23 October 1754, son of William [7] and Elizabeth (Frances) Skidmore. He married Mary _____ (born about 1755). He was buried at Tackley on 16 January 1807. His widow, who was remembered in the will of her husband's aunt Martha Skitmore, died aged 68 and was buried at Tackley on 17 June 1823.

Their eldest son Jonathan was a gardener in Tackley and their youngest son William a woodcutter. There is sufficient evidence to suggest son John went to live in Bermondsey, London.

The children of James and Mary Skidmore, baptised at Tackley,

13.
 - i. JONATHAN, baptised 27 November 1778.
 - ii. Hannah, baptised 1 July 1781. Hannah Skitmore married Richard Fox of Tackley on 9 December 1811 at Tackley, witnessed by John Chadbon/ ?Chaddon and Elizabeth Willet.
 - iii. Richard, baptised 21 September 1783. He witnessed his sister Mary's wedding in 1808 and two years later Richard *Skitmore* married Jane Miles (baptised 4 February 1786, daughter of Francis and Ann Miles) on 11 June 1810 at St Ebbe's, Oxford. Richard and Jane appear to have lived in the village of Elsfield (about 10 miles south-east of Tackley). In the last quarter of 1827, Richard was a witness at three marriages at St Thomas à Becket, the Parish Church in Elsfield and to a further marriage there in October 1831. He also appears to have been a witness who attended a Coroner's Inquest held on 24 June 1828¹¹ into the accidental death near Headington of a nine-year child called Thomas Nutt.
Richard Skidmore petitioned at the Court for Relief of Insolvent Debtors on 26 February 1829, [prisoner] late of the Parish of Elsfield, in the County of Oxford, Cordwainer¹².
Richard Skidmore, a boot and shoe maker of Elsfield, died there on 12 April 1836 after a short illness, aged 53¹³, and was buried at St Thomas-a-Becket church there three days later. His widow was living alone at the time of the 1841 census (called Jane *Skipmore*), an agricultural labourer in Elsfield village. In 1851 Jane Skidmore was servant to Miss Mary Bridgwater in Church Square, Islip and by 1861 was living alone in Middle Street, Islip, receiving parochial relief. She died at the age of 79 and was buried at Islip on 18 March 1865. We so far have no evidence of children born to this marriage.
 - iv. James, baptised 21 January 1787.
 - v. Mary, baptised 28 December 1788. Mary Skitmore married James Savory, an agricultural labourer of Tackley, on 12 October 1808 at Tackley. The witnesses were Richard Skitmore, presumably her brother, and Martha Watson/ ?Walton. They were living in 1841 in Great Milton. The death of Mary Savory was registered at Thame in 1850Q2, and though we have been unable to find Mr Savory in the 1851 census, it appears he died in 1853Q2.
14.
 - vi. JOHN, baptised 24 April 1791.
 - vii. Patty, baptised 7 September 1794. Also known as Martha, according to family lore. Martha Skitmore married John Knight, an agricultural labourer (baptised 20 December 1789 at Beckley Parish Church, son of William and Elizabeth Knight) in Tackley on 22 November 1813, witnessed by John Skitmore and Sarah Skitmore, thought to be her brother and his wife.
They were living in Tackley 1813-1816 and Stowwood 1816-1821. By 1828 they had settled in Beckley and at the time of the 1861 census their home was in Church Row there.
Martha Knight was buried on 27 November 1871, aged 79. John Knight died on 22 April 1875, aged 86, and, like his wife, was buried at Beckley Parish Church.
15.
 - ix. WILLIAM, baptised 11 March 1798.

¹¹ Jackson's Oxford Journal 28 June 1828.

¹² 1829 The Law Advertiser, vol. 7, p.61, pub. by J W Paget. Also The London Gazette 3 February 1829, issue 18546, p.220. It is very likely that Jackson's Oxford Journal reported Richard's initial court appearance and sentence and also the outcome of the above court case but the relevant copies have yet to be found. He does not appear to have attended the summer court hearing for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, held on 25 June 1829, and so we can reasonably assume that he was discharged at the examination in February.

¹³ Jackson's Oxford Journal (Issue 4329) 16 April 1836.

10. JONATHAN⁵ SKIDMORE/ SKITMORE, son of William [7] and Elizabeth (Frances) Skidmore, was baptised at Tackley on 8 October 1758. Banns were called in Tackley church and Jonathan Skitmore of Tackley married Hannah Smith of North Leigh on 14 January 1782 at North Leigh, witnessed by Thomas Calcutt and Thomas Brookes. Jonathan was buried at Tackley on 18 March 1810.

The children of Jonathan and Hannah (Smith) Skidmore, baptised at Tackley,

- i. Mary, baptised 15 June 1783.
16. ii. WILLIAM, baptised 20 October 1785.
- iii. [perhaps] Martha, born about 1786. She is remembered in the will of Martha Skitmore (daughter of Jonathan [4]). She appears to be the lady who had a daughter Eliza Skidmore, baptised at Tackley on 8 November 1807, daughter of William Taylor and Martha Skidmore. Shortly afterwards, Martha Skidmore married William Taylor of Deddington parish (perhaps baptised 8 November 1787 at Deddington, son of Joseph and Eleanor Taylor) at Deddington on 7 December 1807, witnessed by William South and Charles Faulkner. Mr Taylor was a thatcher in Bloxham. His death was perhaps that registered in 1861Q2 at Woodstock, his wife's in 1866Q2 age 81.
- iv. Matthew, baptised 27 April 1788.
- v. David, baptised 13 June 1791. He was buried (as *Skitmore*) at Tackley on 26 June 1792.
17. vi. JOSEPH, baptised 9 June 1793.
- vii. Hannah, baptised 3 June 1798. She married Richard Bills on 1 September 1828 in Glasgow and we are fortunate in being able to discover much about this family from Mr Bills' army service records. He attested for the 4th, The King's Own, Regiment of Infantry at Bow in Middlesex on 6 December 1813, aged 17 years, when he stated that he was born in the parish of East Sutton, Maidstone, Kent, and that he was employed as a labourer. Private Richard Bills No. 61 was classed as being under age for his first year of service. His pensionable service therefore began a year later - on 6 December 1814.

His army service record noted his foreign postings but dates were infrequently specified. It would not seem unreasonable, however, to assume that they were given in chronological order as they clearly reflect details presented in Historical Records of the British Army¹⁴. Thus, as a boy soldier, Richard Bills joined the reinforcements who sailed to America and disembarked at the Bay of Chesapeake in August 1814. During the next 9 months, they participated in the attacks on the city of Washington and at New Orleans. The regiment arrived back in England on 16 May 1815. Less than a month later, it landed at Ostend on 12 June and, by forced marches, arrived at the village of Waterloo on the morning of 18 June, about an hour before the infamous Battle commenced. Along with every officer and man present, Richard was awarded the silver Waterloo medal and his service record shows that he received an additional increment of 2 years' Waterloo service. The King's Own remained in France for 3½ years as part of the army of occupation, returning to Dover on 30 October 1818.

On 1 February 1819, the King's Own embarked at Portsmouth and disembarked at Barbados on 5 April. Richard Bills remained in the West Indies for 7 years for which he received an additional increment of 3½ years' service. Whilst there, he was promoted to Corporal on 14 February 1823 and to Sergeant on 25 June 1825. He returned to barracks in England on 6 April 1826 and, the following day, was reduced to the rank of Private. No details of any disciplinary actions are contained in his service record so perhaps his promotions were deemed applicable solely to his duties in the West Indies.

It is likely that Richard Bills was then stationed on Home, ie UK, duties. By the end of April 1828, the King's Own was billeted at Edinburgh Castle. The regiment then marched to Glasgow in July that year where Richard Bills married Hannah Skitmore a few weeks later on 1 September 1828. In May 1829, Richard was promoted once again to the rank of Corporal. The King's Own remained in Glasgow until July 1829 when it embarked for Ireland, returning to England in September 1830. It would appear that Hannah gave birth to son Stephen at some point in this period. In census returns, the most likely entries for Stephen in 1861 and 1891 stated that he was born in Scotland; but the probable entry for 1881 gave Sydney, Australia as his birthplace; no entries have yet been found for 1851 or 1871.

During 1831-32, part of the 4th, King's Own, Regiment was sent, in detachments of about 30 men, as guards on convict ships to New South Wales; married soldiers - including Richard Bills -

¹⁴ The Fourth, or The King's Own, Regiment of Foot: containing an account of the formation of the Regiment in 1680, and of its subsequent services to 1839 (pub. 1839: Longman, Orme & Co, London).

were accompanied by their wives and children. According to the 1851 census, Hannah gave birth to their daughter Sarah around this time and she stated her birthplace to be Australia. However, the 1861 census recorded daughter Sarah Surry Bills as having been born 'on the sea'. Furthermore, her middle name Surry suggests that the baby could have been named after the ship on which the family had sailed, especially as a ship of that name, carrying 201 convicts, left England on 17 July 1831. There appear to be two likely birth registrations for this child in the New South Wales Registry; both are in the name of Sarah S Bills, whose parents were Richard and Hannah¹⁵.

The commanding officer of the new New South Wales' regimental contingent and his staff sailed on board the Clyde on 14 April 1832 and arrived 4½ months later on 30 August. Headquarters were established at Paramatta but moved back and forth between Paramatta and Sydney during the next 4 years. It is not known where Richard was posted and, although some soldiers would have been stationed at HQ, most were deployed to provide garrisons for the settlements in New South Wales and Tasmania. Hannah's third-known child, William, was stated in the 1851 census to have been born on Norfolk Island and a possible birth record is available for 1833 in the New South Wales Registry¹⁶. Norfolk Island, although under the jurisdiction of New South Wales, is approximately 1000 kilometres off the east coast of Australia and more than 1600 kilometres northeast of Sydney. A very remote penal settlement, it was renowned for its harshness and brutality. A convict mutiny occurred there in 1834 resulting in the pronouncement of the death sentence for some of the mutineers, all of whom thanked God for it; whereas every man who was reprieved wept bitterly that his life there was to continue. It was at the end of that year that Richard was promoted to the rank of Sergeant (1 December 1834).

It appears that Hannah and Richard had two more sons whose births were registered in New South Wales although it is not known where the family were living at the time. Joseph's birth was registered in 1835 and David's in 1837 (David died the same year)¹⁷.

Richard's service record shows that he spent 6 years and 4 months in New South Wales. In August 1837 the regiment began to move its divisions to the East Indies and Richard arrived at Madras (now called Chennai) on 9 April 1838. Here Richard and Hannah added another daughter, also called Hannah, to their family¹⁸.

Proceedings for Richard's discharge from the army began on 7 December 1839 at Bangalore (about 200 miles from Madras) where he was presumably stationed. The Regimental Board stated that the cause for discharge was an unnamed disability contracted in the Service and not attributable to design, vice or intemperance, and it deemed Richard's conduct had been that of an excellent soldier. The Special Invaliding Committee of Field Officers ordered to be assembled on 6 February 1840 at Poonamallee (about 12 miles from Madras) stated that Richard had not had much hospital treatment. They gave Long Service as the reason for Richard's discharge adding that, after thirty-one years' service, he was unfit for further active duties of a soldier. His age was stated to be 43 years and 1 month; he had, by 31 December 1839, completed 1 year and 9 months' service in India; his character was stated to be excellent. Richard's service in the East Indies up to 31 December 1831 was further incremented by 316 days.

He landed at Gravesend on 21 August 1840 and his family settled in Ivy Mills, Tovil, in Maidstone, where he became a gardener. They moved during the 1850s to live in New Street, Deddington, Oxfordshire, where Mrs Bills died soon afterwards and was buried at Deddington on 21 April 1861 aged 63. Her husband followed and was buried at Deddington on 22 March 1867 aged 68.

18. viii. SAMUEL, baptised 3 August 1806.

11. JOHN⁵ SKITMORE/ SKIPMORE, who heads the Skidmore family line at North Leigh and Milton-under-Wychwood, Oxfordshire, was born, according to his age in the burial register, about 1768. He appears to be the son, baptised on 6 September 1767 at Tackley, of Mrs Elizabeth Skidmore the widow of William [7]. There are undoubtedly close links between the families of Jonathan [10] and John [11] suggesting they were brothers. Jonathan and Hannah's marriage was witnessed by Calcutt and Brookes, both families into which children of

¹⁵ (V183111007 1C/1831 and V1831152 15/1831).

¹⁶ (V1833308 17/1833).

¹⁷ (V1835116 19/1835), (V1837470 21/1837), (V18372097 21/1837).

¹⁸ GRO Army Chaplains Birth Indices (1796 to 1880) p.883; *ibid* 1838-39 p.505.

John [11] married. Further, Jonathan, the son of John [11] baptised in October 1810, could well have been named after Jonathan [10] who had died in March earlier that year.

John *Skipmore* married Dinah Smith on 19 December 1801 at North Leigh.

John Skitmore was buried on 16 April 1833 at North Leigh, aged 65, and his widow, called Diana *Skipmore*, was living in 1841 in the parish of Ensham, Oxfordshire, with her granddaughters Emma Lay and Susan Lay aged 8. She died on 10 November 1850 aged 70, her death registered as *Skitsmore*, though her burial at Northleigh gave her surname as *Skipmore*.

The children of John and Dinah (Smith) Skitmore, baptisms and burials at North Leigh,

Elizabeth, Maria, Mary, William, John and Jonathan were recorded in the baptismal register with the name Skipmore; James, David, Elizabeth as Skitmore.

- i. Elizabeth, baptised 2 May 1802. She had two children before she married, who were later known by her husband's name of *Lay*.
 - i. Richard, baptised *Skitmore* on 22 August 1824 at North Leigh.
 - ii. Emma, baptised *Skitmore* on 29 April 1827 at North Leigh. Emma Lay died unmarried in 1889Q1 aged 61.

Elizabeth married James Lay on 9 May 1829 at North Leigh and had six further children. He was the publican at Shepherds Hall, Long Handborough. James Lay died in 1878Q4 aged 83, his wife in 1879Q3 aged 77.
- ii. Maria, baptised 19 June 1803. She had a daughter,
 - i. Eleanor, baptised as *Skitmore* on 12 March 1826. She was buried at North Leigh aged 6 months on 5 June 1826.
- iii. Mary, baptised 24 June 1804, buried 12 October 1806.
19. iv. WILLIAM, baptised 18 August 1805.
- v. John, baptised 21 June 1807. The details of this poor young man's death are contained in an inquest report¹⁹; on 1 July 1825 Mr William Macey, Coroner, held an inquest at North Leigh on the body of John Skitmore of North Leigh, who was killed by the foul air in a well. He was buried at St Mary's, North Leigh on 1 July 1825.
20. vi. JAMES, baptised 11 June 1809.
21. vii. JONATHAN, baptised 7 October 1810.
- viii. David, baptised 15 August 1813. Buried 20 July 1814 aged 1.
- ix. Elizabeth, baptised 16 April 1815. Note this second child called Elizabeth, baptised as a daughter of John and Dinah Skitmore at North Leigh. This was perhaps an error in the baptism register.
22. x. HENRY, born about 1816.

¹⁹ Oxfordshire Coroners' Inquests 1820 - 1826. An Oxfordshire Black Sheep Publication.

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13. JONATHAN⁶ SKITMORE, gardener of Tackley, was baptised there on 27 November 1778, son of James [9] and Mary Skidmore. He married firstly Ann King (who was possibly the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth King, baptised on 22 March 1778 at Tackley) on 24 February 1802 at St Giles, Oxford. Mrs Skidmore was buried on 8 August 1840 aged 62 at Tackley and Jonathan married secondly Mrs Sarah House (born about 1794 in London, daughter of Richard House [sic], a porter) at Tackley on 2 November 1841. The witnesses were Elizabeth Lambert and Richard Hicks Kilby. At the time of the 1841 census Sarah *Howse* was a servant in the household of Lancelot Sharpe, the rector of the parish of Tackley. The Rectory seems to have been adjacent, or at least very close to, Jonathan Skitmore's home.

He is presumably the Jonathan Skidmore of Tackley mentioned in a newspaper report in 1828²⁰. As he was 'loading a cart in Pembroke Street [Oxford], a boy who was passing struck his horse, when the animal set off at a full trot, and, frightened by the noise of the casks rolling about in the cart, galloped furiously along the street, and knocked down two children who are not seriously hurt. Skidmore, we regret to state, in endeavouring to stop his horse, was also thrown down, and the cart passing over his body broke one of his ribs. He was taken to our Infirmary, and we learn he is doing well'.

Mr Skidmore was a gardener and the parish clerk at Tackley, where he was buried on 29 August 1859 aged 80. His widow ran a chandler's shop in Tackley until 1864 when, sadly, she was admitted to Littlemore Asylum where she died 12 years later, aged 83. Her death was registered at Abingdon in 1876Q1 under the name of *Skedmore*.

Children of Jonathan and Ann (King) Skidmore, baptised at Tackley,

23. i. JOHN, baptised 21 November 1802.
24. ii. WILLIAM, baptised 14 October 1804.
25. iii. THOMAS, baptised 1 March 1807.
- iv. Maria, baptised 13 August 1809. She married bachelor John Cook, a farm labourer of Lower Heyford parish (born there about 1809) on 21 July 1828 at Tackley, witnessed by Jonathan Skidmore and William Cook. Maria Cook died at the age of 39 and was buried at Lower Heyford on 9 November 1848. John Cook married secondly Mrs Mary Widdows in 1850Q1 in Bicester registration district; their joint offspring were spread in 1851 between their household in Lower Heyford and that nearby of John Cook, John's son by his first marriage.
- v. Martha, baptised 29 September 1811. Martha Skitmore married Michael Allen, a farm labourer (born in Southleigh, son of John Allen, farm labourer) in 1839Q4 in Woodstock registration district. They lived in the village of Cassington and later in South Leigh. Martha Allen died in 1891Q1 aged 78, her husband in 1892Q1 aged 76.
It appears that Martha had a daughter before their marriage,
 - i. Emily *Skidmore*, daughter of Martha Skidmore of Tackley, was baptised there on 17 September 1837, but apparently registered as Emily *Allen* in 1837Q3. She said at the time of her marriage that her father was Thomas Scott, a servant. At the time of the 1841 census Emily *Skidmore* was living in the home of her grandfather Jonathan Skidmore and, by 1851, 13-yr-old Emily *Allen* was working as a house servant for the family of widowed farmer Charlotte Warner at Hill Houses, South Leigh. She married John Lockett, a plumber and glazier of Southleigh (born about 1836 in Ensham, Oxfordshire, son of George Lockett, plumber and glazier, and his wife Elizabeth) on 26 January 1857 at South Leigh parish church. The marriage was witnessed by James Taylor, Elizabeth Barton and John Skidmore.
- vi. Lucy, baptised 5 April 1814. She married William Egglestone, a stone mason (baptised at Tackley on 18 October 1818, the son of William Egglestone, mason, and his wife Elizabeth, found in Tackley in 1841) on 20 December 1841 at Tackley. The witnesses were Richard Hicks Kilby and Mary Ann Egglestone. Their home was in Tackley, close to that of her brother James Skidmore. Lucy Eaglestone was buried at Tackley on 7 December 1861, aged 47. William Eaglestone married

²⁰ Jackson's Oxford Journal, 1828 11 22.

- secondly Jane Amelia Hartley in 1865Q3 in Oxford, where they were living at the time of the 1871 census at 26 Gt Clarendon Street.
- vii. Mary Ann, baptised 3 March 1816. She married Richard Hoare, a carpenter on 29 April 1841 at Tackley, witnessed by William Egglestone and Lucy Skidmore her sister. He was baptised 4 February 1816 at Tackley, son of Thomas Hoare, carpenter and his wife Mary (Bull), and brother to Jane Hoare who married Mary Ann's brother James Skidmore. They lived in that part of Tackley known as Nethercott. She was buried at Tackley on 28 December 1859, aged 43, and on 24 February 1868 Richard married secondly Susannah Skidmore (the daughter of Joseph [17]). The witnesses were Joseph Skidmore and Ann Beechey.
26. viii. JAMES, baptised 18 May 1818.
- ix. Elizabeth, baptised 19 March 1820. She died before her first birthday and was buried at Tackley on 11 April 1820.

14. JOHN⁶ SKITMORE/ SKIDMORE, was baptised at Tackley on 24 April 1791, son of James [9] and Mary Skitmore. He is thought to be the man who married Sarah Green (born about 1786 in Kirtlington, Oxfordshire) on 7 May 1812 at Kirtlington, witnessed by James Allen and Joseph Simmons. John and Sarah Skitmore witnessed the marriage of his sister Martha at Tackley in 1813.

They went to live in Clerkenwell, London, where their only (known) child was born in 1825 in Sutton Street. Note that George was born thirteen years after their marriage, when Sarah would have been about 40, and it is probable that other children were born earlier to this couple, either in Oxfordshire or in London. They moved sometime after his birth to Bermondsey where Mr Skidmore worked as a carman (the occupation stated as that of his father at the time of the marriage of his son George Richard). He died aged 43 and was buried on 31 March 1833 at St Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey. Sarah *Skidmore* was said to be of independent means at the time of the 1841 census when she and her son George were sharing a house with other families in Grange Walk, St Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey. By 1851 she was a charwoman, living with her son at 6 Wilderness Street, Bermondsey. She remained with George's family after his marriage and died in 1866Q3 aged 81.

A son of John and Sarah (Green) Skidmore,

27. i. GEORGE RICHARD, baptised 1 July 1825.

15. WILLIAM⁶ SKIDMORE/ SKITMORE, agricultural labourer and woodcutter of Nethercott, was baptised 11 March 1798 at Tackley, the son of James [9] and Mary Skidmore. He married Jane Mason (born about 1796) on 13 April 1819 at St Peter & St Paul, Worminghall, Buckinghamshire, witnessed by James King and Joseph Hillsdon²¹.

They were worshippers at the Tackley Methodist Church in Lower Hades Road. It was perhaps one of their sons who in July 1857 tried to rescue a railway labourer called Tomlins who was drowning in 'a new piece of water at Tackley Bottom', where Skitmore, Tomlins and another man were bathing at midday. Sadly, Tomlins could not be revived²².

Mrs Skidmore died aged 64 and was buried on 13 January 1860, her husband died aged 75 and was buried on 5 May 1874, both at Tackley.

Children of William and Jane (Mason) Skidmore²³, baptised at Tackley,

- i. Mary Ann, baptised 25 July 1819. Mary Skitmore was a servant in 1841 in the household of Susannah Walker in Bletchington, Oxfordshire. She married Richard Drinkwater, an agricultural labourer and later a railway labourer (baptised 24 September 1820, son of George Drinkwater, a labourer, and his wife Elizabeth) on 29 November 1847 at Tackley. James Skidmore and Harriet Harris were witnesses. Richard and Mary Ann lived at Nethercott, where she, with her daughter Mary Ann was a laundress. Mr Drinkwater was buried on 20 February 1878, aged 56, his widow on 26 January 1879, aged 58, both at Tackley.

²¹ Buckinghamshire Family History Society Marriage Database

²² Jackson's Oxford Journal, 25 July 1857.

²³ Their name is spelled Skitmore in the 1841 Tackley census, while next door was the family of Joseph Skidmore; these spellings are used by whomever completed the census household schedules in Tackley and appear to be to do with his idiosyncratic spelling rather than a reflection of the local pronunciation (he spells Susannah consistently as Shushannah, for instance).

- ii. Elizabeth, baptised 16 September 1821. She is presumably the Elizabeth Skidmore (who said she was aged 25[-29]), a servant to a wine merchant in Oxford at the time of the 1841 census. She had a son Thomas in 1847, who was raised in her parents' home in Tackley. On 31 October 1847 at St Mary Magdalen in Tingewick, Buckinghamshire, she married George Earl (a Wiltshire-born son of Samuel Earl, an agricultural labourer, and Mary) who was working as a labourer on the railway (witnessed by Joseph and Jane Harvey). He was a boatman and they were in the village of Gilwern, Llanelly, Breconshire at the time of the 1851 census. By 1861 Mrs Earl had returned to live at her parents' home in Tackley. She died on 13 July 1881 aged 58 at the Union Workhouse in Hensington and was buried at Tackley two days later, wife of George Earle, railway labourer of Tackley.
- A son of Elizabeth Skidmore,**
48. i. THOMAS, baptised at Tackley on 3 January 1847, son of Elizabeth Skidmore 'of Nethercot'.
28. iii. JAMES, baptised 3 October 1823.
- iv. Hannah, baptised 5 January 1826. She married John Harris (son of John Harris, labourer, and his wife Mary, baptised at Tackley on 8 June 1823) on 17 October 1853 at Tackley, witnessed by Jonathan Skidmore and Jane Skidmore. Hannah Harris was buried at Tackley on 15 March 1858 aged 32.
- Hannah had a daughter,**
- i. Charlotte Walton, privately baptised Skidmore 20 August 1851, daughter of Hannah Skidmore 'of Nethercot', buried 31 August 1851 at Tackley.
- v. Jonathan, baptised 24 February 1828. He became an agricultural labourer and then a labourer on the railway and a ganger (rail track maintenance worker) until, by 1881, he was a foreman platelayer.
- He was one of the earliest leaders of Tackley Methodist Church. He became a member at the age of 16 and during open air services 'displayed great fervour and aptitude in appealing to men of his own class'²⁴. He became a local preacher in 1859 and, in spite of few educational advantages he 'inspired the hearers with the simplicity and genuineness of his character'. He regularly visited the sick and happily accompanied the preacher on his Sunday visits to members of the congregation. He was Tackley's representative on the Circuit Quarterly Meeting and was appointed as a Trustee of the Chapel in 1885²⁵.
- He married in Bicester registration district in 1864Q4. His wife Sarah Porter was born about 1819 in Weston on the Green, Oxfordshire and a shoe binder, daughter of Charles and Sarah Porter. They lived in Nethercott Street until her death at the age of 67. She was buried on 30 April 1887 at Tackley, the first person to be buried in the graveyard at St Nicholas' with a Wesleyan Methodist funeral (a note following the entry in the burial register says 'first burial under the Burials Act 1880').
- The following year he married Miss Hannah Colegrove of Tackley (stepdaughter of Edmund Hutchins of Nethercott Street) and retired to 1 Hallam Street, Oxford. He retained his close links with the Tackley Methodists and is mentioned in a newspaper report in 1889²⁶ of the Harvest Festival held at the Wesleyan Chapel on 29 September, when 'the singing at both services was very hearty'. The following day a public tea took place, when addresses were given by Rev. A. Martin, Messrs J. Skidmore, Slaughter and Eden, 'after which the fruit and flowers were ably sold by Mr Wharton, realizing, with the collection, the sum of between £4 and £5, which was given to the fund for repairing the Chapel'. Jonathan's and Hannah's names were included in the *Wesleyan Historic Roll* which is a set of 50 bound volumes housed at Methodist Central Hall in Westminster, London, listing each person who, between 1899 and 1904, donated a guinea each to the Wesleyan Methodist Million Guinea Fund. This had been set up to commemorate the centenary of the death of John Wesley and the fund was used primarily to buy land and to build Methodist Central Hall.
- Mr Skidmore preached for the last time at an open air service at Tackley before his death on 11 June 1901 at Sunset Cottages, St Clement's, Oxford - a home for older church members. He is

²⁴ Oxford Free Church Magazine Sep 1901.

²⁵ *The Chapel in Lower Hades - The History of Tackley Methodist Church 1808-2008*, p.25.

²⁶ Jackson's Oxford Journal 5 October 1889.

buried at Rose Hill cemetery in Oxford. His obituary concludes with the words: 'his body was in Oxford but his heart was still at Tackley'. Hannah Skidmore died in 1908Q4, said to be 73.

- vi. Jane, baptised 3 March 1830. She married Joseph Skidmore [31] the son of Joseph [17].
- 29. vii. WILLIAM, baptised 12 February 1832.
- 30. viii. JOHN, baptised 30 March 1834.
- ix. Richard, baptised 24 December 1837. He was buried at Tackley on 17 April 1847 aged 9.
- x. Sarah, born 27 September (baptised 25 October) 1840. She married William Harwood, a plate layer on the Great Western Railway (baptised at Tackley on 9 May 1841, son of William Harwood, labourer, and his wife Charlotte) on 12 February 1863 at Tackley, witnessed by George Cleaver and Jane Harwood.

Jackson's Oxford Journal of 3 August 1878 reported the tragic death of William Harwood, at the age of 37 following injuries sustained in an accident on the line. From the evidence of John Brock, farm labourer of Lower Heyford, and Jonathan Skidmore his brother-in-law and Eli Turner, two fellow workers, it would seem that Mr Harwood left the Red Lion about 10 o'clock on Wednesday night in company with Brock, where the deceased told him that he was going home to Tackley and they separated at the Heyford Station Bridge. Skidmore discovered Mr Harwood the following morning, about half a mile from the station in the direction of Tackley. He was insensible and was taken to the waiting room at the Heyford Station. The deceased was on the outside of the downline, which would be the proper way for him to go home. Mr Hemingway the surgeon believed that he met with his death by the passing against his body of a railway train -- the down train due at Heyford at 10:45 pm -- the jury foreman returned a verdict of accidental death.

William and Sarah Harwood lived in Nethercott Street, Tackley, where, after her husband's death and his burial on 28 July 1878, she raised five sons, all farm labourers except Caleb the eldest, who was a thatcher of houses and ricks; Caleb Harwood married Sarah May Green of Tackley and they emigrated to Canada. Sarah (Skitmore) Harwood died aged 63 and was buried at Tackley on 17 January 1903.

- xi. Michael, baptised 26 May 1843. He was buried at Tackley on 13 September 1843 aged 3 months.

16. WILLIAM⁶ SKIDMORE, agricultural labourer of Tackley, was a son of Jonathan [10] and Hannah (Smith) Skitmore, baptised at Tackley on 30 October 1785. He married Hannah King on 16 September 1812 at Tackley, witnessed by Martha Hemings and William Hemings. Their names at the baptisms of their children were given consistently as William and Susannah Skidmore, and it is probable that Susannah was her given name. She is perhaps Susannah the daughter of Charles and Alice King, baptised at Tackley on 22 July 1787.

Susannah Skidmore was buried at Tackley on 24 September 1851, aged 64. Her husband died on a visit at Deddington in 1859, presumably to his daughter Susannah, and was buried at Tackley on 10 April of that year aged 74.

Children of William and Susannah (King) Skidmore, baptised at Tackley as the children of William and Susannah Skidmore,

- i. Susanna, baptised 18 July 1813. She was at the time of the 1851 census at the Diocesan Training School for Schoolmistresses in Kidlington, Oxfordshire²⁷. The Mistress of this establishment was Mrs Julia Hobart who had ten 'pupils' living there, mostly aged about 18 but two of whom were somewhat older ladies - including Susannah Skidmore, who said she was then aged 32. Susanna Skidmore married her supposed first cousin Edward Taylor, tailor, barber and photographer of Deddington (baptised at Deddington on 22 November 1818, son of William Taylor, thatcher of Bloxham, and his wife Martha (Skidmore)) at Tackley on 2 July 1855. The witnesses were Sarah Taylor and Joshua Whetton. Susanna Taylor died in Deddington and was buried at Tackley on 27 January 1861, aged 47, and Edward married secondly Emma Skidmore, daughter of Thomas [25].
- ii. Mildred, baptised 15 October 1820. She was buried at Tackley on 3 December 1824, aged 4.
- iii. David, baptised 26 September 1823. At first an agricultural labourer in Tackley, he moved to

²⁷ A diocesan training college for schoolmistresses was established in Kidlington in 1845 by the Revd. Joseph Dodd, rector of Hampton Poyle, who had purchased the former John Allen boarding school house. The college moved to Fishponds near Bristol in 1853. From: 'Kidlington: Education', A History of the County of Oxford: Volume 12: Wootton Hundred (South) including Woodstock (1990), pp. 211-212. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk>.

London and was a baker of 11 John Street, Waterloo at the time of his marriage, later becoming a policeman at the Victorian Docks. He married by banns Mrs Sarah Ann Handford (born about 1817 in Rotherhithe, daughter of Robert Brown, shipwright) at St John the Evangelist, Islington on 28 January 1856 and they were living by the time of the 1861 census at 8 Percy Terrace, Woodstock Street, West Ham. Mr Skidmore later became an insurance agent and died in 1874 aged 51; he was buried on 14 December at West Ham Cemetery. The 1871 census recorded Mrs Skidmore as a patient in the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital. In her widowhood she lived alone at 62 Woodstock Street and later boarded in Fox Street, West Ham. She died in 1893 aged 82 and was buried in West Ham Cemetery.

17. JOSEPH⁶ SKIDMORE, son of Jonathan [10] and Hannah (Smith) Skitmore, was baptised at Tackley on 9 June 1793. Joseph Skidmore married Mary Elkerton (perhaps born 30 September (baptised 4 October) 1795 at Headington, Oxfordshire, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Elkerton) on 16 June 1823 at St Mary Magdalene, Oxford. He was an agricultural labourer and later a gardener of Nethercott, Tackley. He was admitted to the Littlemore Asylum on 25 February 1868, where he died on 15 March and was buried at Tackley on 19 March 1868, aged 74. His wife was buried there on 15 August 1876, said to be aged 80.

Children of Joseph and Mary (Elkerton) Skidmore,

- i. Sarah Ann, baptised 21 November 1823. We have so far been unable to find her in the census of 1841 but she appears to be the lady enumerated in 1851 as Sarah Kidmore, aged 27 and born in Tackley, a housemaid in the household of George Spencer Churchill, Duke of Marlborough, at Upper Belgrave Street, London.
She seems to have married Stephen William Beechy, a labourer (baptised at St Laurence's Church in Combe, Oxfordshire, on 18 March 1832, son of James Beechey, leather dresser, and his wife Sarah) in 1860Q4 and lived in Alma Grove and later Sparrow Hall in Combe. Stephen Beechey of Long Combe died aged 63, was buried on 1 February 1895 at Combe, after which Sarah's widowed sister Susan Cull went to live with her. Sarah Beechy died at the age of 80 and was buried at Combe on 16 February 1904.
- ii. Maria, baptised 24 September 1826. She was a servant in the household of farmer Benjamin Churchill and family in Tackley in 1841, and by 1851 in Headington with Sturman Latimer, an attorney. She married Thomas Alexander, a Chandler of Bloxham, Oxfordshire (born about 1830, son of William Alexander, weaver and his wife Sarah) on 27 November 1855 at Tackley. The witnesses were Joseph Skidmore and Sarah Ann Skidmore, presumably her brother (or father) and sister. Maria Alexander died in 1858Q3 (Banbury registration) and her husband married Mary Ann Elizabeth Hopkins in 1859Q4.
31. iii. JOSEPH, baptised 8 March 1829.
- iv. James, baptised 20 November 1831. At first an agricultural labourer, he became a clock and watch cleaner and perhaps worked for an employer in Oxford. This change of direction was possibly the result of an injury since he was described in 1872 as 'very lame' in a letter to Jackson's Oxford Journal²⁸. This letter, written by a supporter of his, describes how James was wrongly accused of retaining a watch that had been left with him and was forced to expend a great deal in providing his defence and proving that the watch had, in fact, been left with another watch cleaner in Oxford. He was acquitted 'without a shadow of suspicion on his character'.
He married Sarah Creek, a lace maker, at Tackley on 23 December 1867. William Skidmore and Sarah Ann Beechey were the witnesses. Sarah Creek was born about 1833 in Fritwell, daughter of Robert Creek, agricultural labourer, and his wife Hannah, and sister to Susannah Creek who married William Skidmore [29].
By the time of the 1871 census James and Sarah Skidmore were living at Sturdys Castle Cottage on the Oxford-Banbury road, but later moved to one of Evetts Cottages in Nethercott, towards the level crossing of the railway line. Mr Skidmore died at the aged of 68 and was buried at Tackley on 13 August 1898. Mrs Sarah Skidmore was a widow living alone in Tackley at the time of the 1901 census and, by 1911, with the family of niece Rose Hannah Broom in West-end Hill, Wootton. She died in 1912Q2 aged 80.
- v. Ann, baptised 20 September 1835. Miss Skidmore died aged 30 and was buried at Tackley on 25 January 1865.
- vi. Susannah, baptised 31 July 1842, usually recorded as Susan. She was a domestic servant in

²⁸ Jackson's Oxford Journal, 19 October 1872.

Oxford before her marriage to widower Richard Hoare, carpenter, on 24 February 1868 at Tackley, witnessed by Joseph Skidmore and Ann Beechey. Richard Hoare's first wife was Mary Ann Skidmore, daughter of Jonathan [13]. They lived in Nethercott in 1871 and, by 1881 in Church Road, Tackley. He died on 6 March 1882 (according to the inscription on his gravestone); he was buried at Tackley on 10 March 1882 aged 64.

Susan Hoare married secondly Thomas Cull (baptised at Combe on 2 June 1816, son of Thomas Cull, labourer, and his wife Catherine) in 1887Q2. He was an agricultural labourer of Combe, Oxfordshire, whose previous wife Ann had died aged 66 and been buried at Combe on 23 February 1884. They lived in Park Road there until his death at the age of 75; he was buried at Combe on 27 November 1891. Susan Cull, a domestic nurse, went to live in the home of her sister Sarah Beechy at Sparrow Hall, Combe and she married for a third time on 20 February 1911 at Combe (by banns) when she was aged 68. Her bridegroom was George Smith, a widower of Long Coombe who was born in Cricklade, Wiltshire, son of John, a carpenter, and whose recorded age in the register was 72. The witnesses were Elizabeth and William Oliver. A few weeks later the 1911 census recorded Mr and Mrs Smith living in a 'one up-one down' dwelling in Combe, Mr Smith a retired domestic groom.

18. SAMUEL⁶ SKIDMORE, baptised 3 August 1806, was a son of Jonathan [10] and Hannah (Smith) Skitmore. He married Elizabeth _____ (born about 1801 in Twynning, Gloucestershire). We have been unable so far to find this family in the censuses of 1841 and 1851, but from at least 1861 he was a coachman in Cheltenham. They were living in 1861 at Bath Stables and by the time of the 1871 census at 1 Springwell Place, Sandford Street, Cheltenham, with their daughter Charlotte and her husband Joseph Matthews.

Mrs Skidmore died in 1871Q2 aged 71, her husband in 1873Q4, said to be aged 69.

A daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Skidmore,

- i. Charlotte, born about 1833 in Cheltenham. She was a dressmaker and married Joseph Matthews, a printer compositor (born about 1831 in Gloucester, son of John Matthews, a brush maker) on 27 September 1868 at St Luke's, Cheltenham. She died in 1875Q1 aged 42 and the following year her husband appears to have married secondly Charlotte Brinknell. Joseph Matthews died in 1887Q2 aged 57.
- ii. [perhaps] Henry John, born 1839Q4, died 1841Q4 in Cheltenham.
- iii. [perhaps] Edward Thomas, born 1842Q2 in Cheltenham. Nothing further known.

19. WILLIAM⁶ SKITMORE of North Leigh was baptised there on 18 August 1805, the son of John [11] and Dinah (Smith) Skidmore. William *Skidmore* married Charlotte Calcutt, a glove maker of North Leigh (baptised 31 January 1813 at Hanborough, daughter of James Calcutt, yeoman, and his wife Sophia (Horn)) on 4 August 1834 at Summertown, Oxford²⁹. In 1849, along with her brothers Joshua Calcutt and John Calcutt and her sisters Elizabeth Judd and Joyce Viner, she received a share of her father's real and personal estate in his will.

They lived at East End, North Leigh, where William was a brickmaker. He invested in property and was by 1851 living on the revenue from the houses he owned. His ventures seem to have failed, since he was described in the census of 1871 as a labourer. William Skidmore was buried at North Leigh on 18 October 1883 aged 78, his widow on 25 October 1890 aged 77.

A child of William and Charlotte (Calcutt) Skidmore,

- i. Margaret Emma, registered as *Skidmore* but baptised as *Skipmore* on 25 March 1851 and buried 5 February 1853 aged 2 at North Leigh. Note that the death of Margaret Emma *Skitmore* was registered in Stow on the Wold, Gloucestershire.

20. JAMES⁶ SKITMORE/ SKIPMORE, a stone mason, was baptised on 11 June 1809 at North Leigh, the son of John [11] and Dinah (Smith) Skidmore. James Skipmore married Elizabeth Langford, a glove maker, at Witney parish church on 7 June 1841, witnessed by Charlotte Cook and John Woodcock. She was baptised on 4 April 1818 at North Leigh, daughter of Thomas Langford, agricultural labourer of New Yatt, Hailey, and his wife Elizabeth (found there at the time of the 1841 census with her father and sister Sarah). By about 1844 James and Elizabeth Skitmore were living in Milton-under-Wychwood, Oxfordshire.

²⁹ This information kindly provided by Andrea Cresswell, who has researched the Calcutt families in Oxfordshire.

At some time in the late 1860s they moved to New Yatt, Hailey, where James Skidmore was buried on 7 November 1876 at St John the Evangelist there, aged 66. His widow died at the age of 84 and was buried at Milton-under-Wychwood Baptist Church on 5 January 1903.

Children of James and Elizabeth (Langford) Skitmore, born at Milton and baptised at North Leigh,

All entered into the baptismal register with the name Skitmore except John Thomas and Mary Ann who were recorded as Skipmore.

32. i. JOHN THOMAS, baptised 16 July 1844. We have been unable to find his birth registration.
33. ii. ALBERT JAMES, baptised 6 June 1846. We have been unable to find his birth registration.
- iii. Mary Ann, baptised 3 June 1849. She married (as Ann Skidmore, the name by which she was known) Stephen Druce, blacksmith (born 1847Q4 in Garsington, Oxfordshire, son of John Druce, blacksmith) on 27 July 1868 at Garsington Church, witnessed by H. Quartermain and Sarah Hillsdon. Stephen Druce was by 1881 an agricultural labourer in Garsington, where he and his wife lived at South End with their eight children. Ann Druce is found a widow at the time of the 1901 census when she was living in Garsington with children John, Florence 15 and Harry 9. Mr Druce died in 1892Q3 aged 43. His widow could be the Ann Druce whose death was registered in 1933 at Oxford, aged 83.
34. iv. WALTER GEORGE, baptised 6 June 1852.
and baptised at Milton-under-Wychwood,
35. v. ARTHUR WILLIAM, baptised 13 July 1856.
36. vi. CHARLES HENRY, baptised 14 August 1859.
- vii. Wickliffe Lionel, baptised 24 February 1865. A bricklayer living in Freeland, Eynsham, Oxfordshire in 1901. He married Edith Elizabeth Jarrett (born 1867Q2 in Freeland, Oxfordshire, daughter of William Jarrett, agricultural labourer, and his wife Mary Ann) in 1895Q2 in Witney registration district and they were living in Little Blenheim Lane, Freeland in 1911. She died in 1934Q1 aged 65. In April 1935 Wickliffe married Lizzie Skidmore (née Gee, widow of his brother Albert James) at the Methodist Church, Freeland near Witney. He died aged 77 in 1943Q1.

21. JONATHAN⁶ SKITMORE/ SKIDMORE, baptised 7 October 1810 at North Leigh, was the son of John [11] and Dinah (Smith) Skitmore. An agricultural labourer 'of Northleigh', Jonathan Skitmore married Phoebe Smith (baptised 30 December 1804 at Bladon, Oxfordshire, daughter of Percy and Christiana Smith) at Bladon on 24 December 1832 and they were living in 1841 in Bladon with their daughter Emma. Sharing their household were Phoebe's mother Christiana Smith, Ann Smith (born 1797- 1801) and Elizabeth Smith (born 1822-1826).

They moved between 1844 and 1851 to Kidlington, Oxfordshire³⁰. He would appear to be the Jonathan Skidmore, labourer of Kidlington, who was committed on 27 April 1854 for trial at the next Oxford County Sessions, 'for having, on the 26th April, stolen two fagots, of the value of 3d., the property of Joseph Parsley, labourer of Thrupp'³¹. He was acquitted on 28 June 1854.

Their home, the property of a Mrs Aries of Thrupp, was described at its sale in 1854³² as 'a slated cottage, garden, stable, cart-hovel, shed, and other buildings, now in the occupation of Messrs. Aries and Skidmore. These premises are remarkably well situated for business, and well adapted for improvement, lying close to the Oxford and Banbury road; also the Oxford and Birmingham Canal, and within about 300 yards of the Kidlington Station on the Oxford and Rugby railroad'.

Jonathan Skitmore died in 1862Q1 in Woodstock registration district and in 1863Q4 Phoebe Skidmore married secondly Stephen Leardner in Witney district. Stephen Lardner, who appears to be the rat catcher living at the time of the 1861 census in North Leigh, died in 1864Q4 and Phoebe Lardner married thirdly James Harris in Witney registration district in 1866Q3. He died before 1871, when Phoebe Harris was living in Woodstock, a widow. She died in 1875Q1 (said to be aged 75).

³⁰ The family has not been found in the 1861 census; the following enumeration books are missing for the 1861 Census in Oxfordshire — Woodstock Reg District for: Wootton; Stonesfield; Combe; Woodstock; Blenheim; Bladon; Hensington; Begbroke; Shipton on Cherwell; Hampton-Gay; Hampton-Poyle; Kidlington; Gosford; Thrup; Water-Eaton; Woolvercot; Yarnton; Cassington; Worton.

³¹ Jackson's Oxford Journal, 6 May 1854.

³² Jackson's Oxford Journal, 9 December 1854.

Children of Jonathan and Phoebe (Smith) Skitmore, born and baptised at Bladon,*perhaps with others*

- i. Emma, baptised 8 December 1833 as *Skitmore*. A glove maker, she married in 1855Q4 George Howse, an agricultural labourer (born about 1829 in Shipton on Cherwell, perhaps son of Thomas Howse, agricultural labourer, and his wife Elizabeth). They lived with their children in Thrupp, later in Woodstock, before appearing to settle for a time in Shipton on Cherwell. However, they moved again in the later 1870s to the village of Measham, Derbyshire, where some of their sons found work as coal miners. George Howse died in 1892Q4 aged 61, his wife in 1906Q2 aged 73.
- ii. Eliza Ann, her birth registered as Eliza Ann *Skydmore*, baptised 28 July 1844 as *Skitmore*. Eliza Ann Skidmore, said to be aged 20 and of Yarnton, a daughter of Jonathan Skidmore, shepherd, married Thomas Green, a labourer of Begbroke (baptised 4 November 1838 at Begbroke, son of George Green, labourer, and his wife Hester) on 12 January 1862 at Begbroke parish church. James Gomm and Ann Hawkins were the witnesses. She is perhaps the Eliza Green who died in 1864Q3.

22. HENRY⁶ SKITMORE/ SKIDMORE, son of John [11] and Dinah (Smith) Skitmore, was born at North Leigh in about 1816. A stone mason, Henry Skitmore married firstly Caroline Calcutt (baptised 12 September 1813, daughter of John and Hannah Calcutt of North Leigh) at North Leigh on 25 January 1838. Mrs Skidmore died in 1841Q2 and Henry moved with his daughter Elizabeth to Milton-under-Wychwood. There he married Sarah James on 27 November 1843. She said consistently at census times that she was born about 1820 in Ascott-under-Wychwood and was perhaps baptised there on 8 November 1818, daughter of John and Sarah James.

Henry and Sarah's home was in Shipton-under-Wychwood, one of six 'substantially stone-built and slated cottages, with outbuildings and gardens thereunto belonging, pleasantly situated on the Burford Road, and known by the name of Little Blenheim Cottages'. The proprietor was John James of Fordwell or Ford Wells and Mr & Mrs Skitmore appear to have acted as house agents for him. In November 1866 Sarah Skitmore was successful in obtaining a 'warrant of ejection against William Steed, of Shipton, labourer, who refused to give up possession of a cottage in his occupation'³³.

Henry Skitmore was buried on 11 December 1890 at Shipton under Wychwood aged 74 and his widow moved during the 1890s to live in Fulbrook village, where she is found in the census of 1901 with her great niece Gertrude E. Warner (born about 1886 in Upper Norwood, Surrey). Mrs Skitmore died in 1909Q3 aged 90.

Children of Henry and Caroline (Calcutt) Skitmore,

- i. Elizabeth, born 1839Q3, said to be aged 3 in 1841. Eliza Skitmore was a house servant aged 11 with the family of carpenter William Coombes at Shipton under Wychwood and later went to Churchill, Oxfordshire. She appears to be the Elizabeth Skitmore who married in 1862Q2 widowed agricultural labourer Thomas Mullington (born about 1835 in Churchill, son of Emanuel and Elizabeth Mullington), who lived in the adjacent cottage to that in which Elizabeth was in service. The death of an Elizabeth Mullington was registered at Chipping Norton in 1866Q1, aged 25. Widower Thomas Mullington was living at the time of the 1871 census at Duck End, Churchill, Oxfordshire, with his children Charles 8 and Caroline 7, all born in Churchill. She perhaps had a daughter,
 - i. Sarah Ellen, born 1856Q2 and baptised at Shipton-under-Wychwood, daughter of Elizabeth *Skidmore* (though her birth and death were registered with the surname *Skitmore*). She died later that year.
- ii. John, born 1841Q2 and died August 1841 at North Leigh, aged 3 months.
- iii. [perhaps] Thomas, born about 1840. This badly-written entry in the 1841 census looks like Thosnas. No birth or death registration has been found for this child, aged 1 at census time - in fact, there is only 18 months between the births of Elizabeth and John. Thomas? Skitmore is not found in later censuses.

³³ Jackson's Oxford Journal, 24 November 1866 and 17 August 1867.

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23. JOHN⁷ SKIDMORE, son of Jonathan [13] and Ann (King) Skidmore, is known from his family Bible, to have been born on 21 November 1802 and was baptised that same day at Tackley. He married Frances Wright (born 22 December 1806 in Hillingdon, Middlesex) on 7 May 1827 at Stanwell, Middlesex³⁴ and was a carpenter at Goulds Green in Hillingdon. He died in 1874Q3 aged 71, his wife in 1877Q4 aged 70.

Children of John and Frances (Wright) Skidmore, born in Hillingdon, baptised St John the Baptist,

The dates of births and deaths are taken from the family Bible.

- i. Mary, born 4 February 1828 and baptised Marian on 2 March. She died 20 September 1844.
- ii. Emma, born 10 February 1829. She died on 5 March of that year.
38. iii. JOHN, born 19 May 1831.
- iv. Sarah, born 24 June (baptised 14 July) 1833. Died 21 July of that year at Hillingdon.
- v. Helen, born 10 February 1835. At the time of the 1861 census she was a housemaid to the family of the Curate of Barnes at Barnes Lodge, Bridge Road, Barnes, Surrey. She became a dressmaker and suffered some sort of mental illness - she was a patient in 1881 at St Bernard's Hospital, Norwood, Middlesex. She appears to be the Helen Skidmore whose death at the age of 64 was registered at Wandsworth, Surrey in 1899Q3.
- vi. Harriet, born 25 December 1836, baptised 22 January 1837. She became a housemaid at The Parsonage, Parkstone, Dorset, later working for a family in Ramsgate, Kent. She was living in 1881.
39. vii. GEORGE, born 25 December 1838.
- viii. Maria, born 3 March (baptised 4 April) 1841. Died 8 January 1843.

24. WILLIAM⁷ SKIDMORE, agricultural labourer of Tackley, was the son of Jonathan [13] and Ann (King) Skidmore, baptised on 14 October 1804 in Tackley. He married Sarah Ryman of Tackley (perhaps the daughter of John and Mary Ryman baptised at Tackley on 18 December 1808) on 24 December 1827 at Tackley. The witnesses were William's sister Maria and her future husband John Cook.

He is perhaps the William Skidmore³⁵, mentioned in The Tithe Award for 1844, who, together with Thomas Gibbs and George King, had the use of arable land called The Further Moors. A tithe of 4s 4d was due on this land which measured 2 roods and 22 perches (possibly about ⅔ acre) and was owned by the Rector, Rev. Lancelot Sharpe.

The Skidmore home was in Ball Lane, Tackley, where Sarah Skidmore died at the age of 71 (buried at Tackley on 10 March 1879). Mr Skidmore then went to live with the family of his daughter Elizabeth Floyd in Kings Norton, Worcestershire. He died there in 1890Q3 aged 85.

Children of William and Sarah (Ryman) Skidmore, baptised at Tackley,

- i. Mary Ann, baptised 16 November (buried 19 December) 1828 at Tackley.
40. ii. THOMAS, baptised 20 December 1829.
- iii. John, baptised 8 April 1832. He was an agricultural labourer in 1851, living at his parents' home. He appears to be the man who was forced to leave the village in 1860, after being suspected of stealing bacon from the premises of Mark Chaundy³⁶. He was eventually discovered some nine years later living in Birmingham and brought back for trial, when he was committed to six months' imprisonment at the Easter Quarter Sessions at Oxford on 6 April 1869³⁷. At the time of the 1871 census, he was boarding at a house in Bordesley, Birmingham, near to the home of his brother Mark Skidmore. By 1881 he was a navvy, living with his wife Ann H. Skidmore, a japanner or blacker (born about 1843 in Birmingham), in a boarding house in Queen Street (Ten House

³⁴ West Middlesex Marriage Index.

³⁵ See also William [15] and William [16].

³⁶ The Chaundy family were well-established Oxfordshire farmers particularly in and around Tackley where they owned much land and especially, in the context of this account, most of that lying between Tackley and Nethercott. Mark Chaundy, his predecessors and successors had employed - and possibly housed - several members of the *Skidmore* family, including John's father and siblings, as most of the men had been agricultural labourers.

³⁷ Jackson's Oxford Journal, 10 April 1869.

- Row), Kings Norton, Birmingham. John and Ann Skidmore have not been found in the censuses of 1891 and 1901.
- iv. Ann, baptised 14 September 1834. She was a servant at the Masons' Arms in Swerford, Oxfordshire before her marriage to widower Daniel Sims, an agricultural labourer of Launton, Oxfordshire (born about 1828 in Idbury, Oxfordshire, son of Henry Sims, a labourer). Their marriage on 7 November 1853 at Tackley was witnessed by John Skidmore and Sarah Kilby. They were living in 1861 in Launton, where Ann Simms died in 1862Q2. Daniel Simms married Elizabeth Castle in 1869Q2.
 - v. Emma, baptised 6 August 1837. She was buried on 9 October 1858 at Tackley, aged 21.
 - vi. James, baptised 28 June 1840. He was buried 3 May 1867 at Tackley, aged 27.
 41. vii. MARK, baptised 9 July 1843.
 - viii. Mary Ann, baptised 16 August 1846, her birth registered as Mary Skidmore. A housemaid to farmer Benjamin J. Churchill in Tackley, she appears to have married William Thornton, a farm carter, in the Thame registration district in 1879Q3. He was born in Great Haseley, Oxfordshire, his birth perhaps that registered at Thame in 1854Q2, son of William and Ellen Thornton. They lived near to his parents at Little Haseley, Oxfordshire.
 - ix. Elizabeth, baptised 21 October 1849. A cook before her marriage, in the same household in which her sister Mary Ann was housemaid. She married William Floyd, a metal caster (baptised 3 March 1850 at Tackley, son of shepherd William Floyd and his wife Ann) on 23 December 1876 at Tackley. The witnesses were D. Skidmore and Caroline Mary Slater, presumably her nephew David and his future wife. By the time of the 1881 census they were living with her father at 6 Peel Terrace, Kings Norton, Worcestershire, described in this census as 'one of the New Streets at Stridley [?Stirchley]'. Mr Floyd died in 1889Q2 aged 39, followed by her father the following year and Elizabeth went to live with her nephew and niece William and Lydia (Skidmore) Jeffs at New Road, Stirchley. Mrs Floyd was a cook at the Cadbury cocoa works.
 42. x. ROBERT, baptised 28 November 1852.

25. THOMAS⁷ SKIDMORE, thatcher of Tackley, was baptised 1 March 1807 at Tackley, son of Jonathan [13] and Ann (King) Skidmore. He married Ursula Pountney of Tackley (born in Bewdley and baptised at Ribbesford, Worcestershire on 19 September 1805, daughter of John and Ursula Pountney) on 10 March 1828 at Tackley. The witnesses were James King and Thomas' sister Maria Skidmore.

Thomas and Ursula raised their family in Tackley. It appears from the Tithe Award of 1844 that Thomas was the only landowner in the Skidmore family and he is recorded as owning a perch of land³⁸. The Tithe Award describes the use being made of all the land in the parish and Thomas's piece is recorded as being for a hovel - presumably where Thomas stored his thatch-making materials and tools. The 1871 Census pinpointed their home at Dog Kennel, Tackley. How the name originated is unknown but the property or properties also housed the family of their son Henry.

He and his son Henry were active in the life of the Tackley Methodist Chapel at this time. The singing was led by four musicians who sat at the front of the gallery, in their special places, each playing a brass musical instrument; they were Thomas Skidmore and his son Henry, 'Keeper' Kilby, and Richard Wells. It was said that Thomas always arranged his work so that he could be present at both Sunday services.

Mrs Skidmore died aged 67 and was buried on 29 November 1872 at Tackley. At the time of the 1881 census Thomas was living alone in a street or area of Tackley called Dog Kennel, the only other house with this address being that of his son Henry. He was buried at Tackley on 5 March 1882 aged 75.

Children of Thomas and Ursula (Pountney) Skidmore, baptised at Tackley,

- i. Ann *POUNTNEY*, baptised 17 February 1828, daughter of Ursula Pountney. Ann *Pountney alias Skidmore* married William Walton, a miller of the village of Upper Heyford (born there about 1819, son of Richard Walton, miller, and his wife Elizabeth) on 6 December 1849 at Tackley. The witnesses were Joseph Walton and Hannah Walton. She was widowed in 1869Q4 and then became a housekeeper (her daughter Lucy Walton a housemaid) to the family of retired farmer Edmund Creek in Steeple Aston. She married secondly George Stockley, a coal dealer and

³⁸ In the Anglo-Saxon and English-speaking world, 9th century to present, a unit of length typically used in measuring land. The usual value is 5½ yards = 16½ feet (= 5.0292 meters).

- gardener (born about 1827 in Stratton Audley, Oxfordshire) in 1887Q3 and they lived in South Street, Steeple Aston until at least 1901. Mrs Stockley died in 1902Q4 aged 74.
43. ii. JOHN, baptised 19 December 1830.
 44. iii. HENRY, baptised 28 July 1833.
 - iv. Emma, baptised 16 October 1836 at Tackley. A domestic servant in Lower Heyford before her marriage. She married firstly Edward Taylor, a widower of Deddington, on 27 November 1862 at Tackley. William Skidmore and Ursula Skidmore were witnesses, presumably her brother and sister. (He had married Susanna Skidmore as his first wife in 1855). Mr Taylor died on 2 July 1865 around the time of the birth of their daughter Thirza Skidmore Taylor and was buried at Deddington on 6 July when it was noted in the register that he was aged 45, a hairdresser and photographer. Emma emigrated in 1869 with her brothers John and George and her daughter Thirza Taylor.
She married Hiram Phillip Wheeler (born 7 April 1846 in Nassau, Rensselaer, New York, son of John Robert and Catherine Marie (Hermance) Wheeler) on 30 May 1876 at Lake, Illinois. She died on 23 April 1888 at Lake and is buried at Oakwood Cemetery, Waukegan, Illinois. After Emma died Hiram Wheeler married his stepdaughter Thirza Taylor (Emma's daughter by Edward Taylor) and they had four children before his death in Deerfield, Lake, Illinois on 11 October 1911.
 - v. William, baptised 8 September 1839. He was a blacksmith at Tackley at the time of the 1861 census but before his death in 1866 had apparently taken over his brother-in-law's hairdressing business in Deddington. He died unmarried aged 27, leaving a will (not seen), on 24 December 1866 (buried at Tackley).
 - vi. Ursula, baptised 3 April 1842. A cook to a household in Deddington before her marriage. She married in Oxford in 1865Q3 John Churchill, farmer of Deddington (born about 1840, son of Henry Churchill, builder of Deddington, and his wife Maria). Ursula Churchill died in 1894Q3 in Brackley registration district, Northamptonshire, aged 52.
 - vii. Thirza, baptised 12 January 1845. She was housekeeper to her sister Emma's future husband, Edward Taylor, in Deddington. She died at the age of 18 and was buried at Tackley on 2 February 1862.
 45. viii. GEORGE, baptised 27 August 1848.

26. JAMES⁷ SKIDMORE, son of Jonathan [13] and Ann (King) Skidmore, was baptised at Tackley on 8 May 1818. He married Jane Hoare (baptised 15 September 1822 at Tackley, daughter of Thomas Hoare, carpenter and his wife Mary) on 7 June 1841 at Tackley, witnessed by William Egglestone and Lucy Skidmore, his sister.

He was an agricultural labourer in Tackley and their home, at least from the time of the 1871 census, was in Tackley Square. He was buried on 14 February 1885 aged 65 at Tackley. His widow died in Bladon and was buried at Tackley on 21 November 1898 aged 75.

Children of James and Jane (Hoare) Skidmore, baptised at Tackley,

- i. Amelia Skidmore *Hoare*, baptised 7 March 1841, daughter of Jane Hoare and found as *Skidmore* in censuses. A house servant to farmer Benjamin Churchill in Tackley before her marriage. Amelia *Skidmore* married Thomas Knight in 1864Q4, who died in 1865Q4 and by whom she had at least one child - Thomas Knight born 1864Q4 in Steeple Aston. She married secondly Edwin Griffin (baptised 9 February 1845 at Tackley, son of Thomas, agricultural labourer of Nethercott, and Elizabeth Griffin) on 5 November 1867 at Tackley. The witnesses were Mary Ann Skidmore and James Skidmore. They moved around 1870 from Steeple Aston to live in a cottage close to that of her sister Millicent in the village of Rousham, Oxfordshire. There Mr Griffin rose to be farm bailiff and moved his family during the 1890s to the village of Knowle, Solihull, Warwickshire, where they were living at the time of the 1911 census in Birmingham Road; they had 11 children, ten of whom were then living.
- ii. Ann Maria, baptised 16 April 1843. A house servant to farmer George T. Gibbons in Tackley before her marriage to William Winch of Kirtlington, an agricultural labourer of Kirtlington (perhaps baptised at Stanford In The Vale, Berkshire on 25 October 1829, son of John and Anne Winch) on 22 December 1861 at Tackley. The witnesses were Henry Skidmore and Amelia Skidmore.
They moved around 1870 to Bladon, where they were living at the time of the 1871 census in Parsonage Building, and had moved by 1881 to Shipton Farm Cottage, Shipton On Cherwell,

- Oxfordshire. Mrs Winch died in 1889Q4 aged 47 and her husband and daughter Amelia went to live in Mill Street, Kidlington.
- iii. Sarah, baptised 1 March 1846. She was a nursemaid at the time of the 1861 census to the family of Richard Chaundy, a proprietor of threshing machines, in Tackley. She appears to have married agricultural labourer Joseph Fenemore (born in Steeple Aston, perhaps baptised there 15 March 1829, son of William and Elizabeth Fenemore) in 1864Q2. Their home was in South Street, Steeple Aston. Mr Fenemore died early in 1901, aged 72 and his wife and sons John Henry and Charles continued to live at the family home. Sarah Fenemore died in 1918Q1 aged 72.
 46. iv. JAMES, baptised 22 October 1848.
 - v. Millicent, baptised 22 December 1850. A glove maker, she married Richard Wells, an agricultural engine driver (baptised 27 June 1847 at Tackley, son of Henry, agricultural labourer, and Elizabeth Wells) on 28 February 1870 at Tackley. Their marriage was witnessed by John Wells and Hannah Wells.
They lived at first in Ball Lane, Tackley, before moving in the late 1870s to Rousham, Oxfordshire, only to return to The Green, Tackley by the time of the 1891 census, where they remained until their deaths in 1921. Millicent was buried on 19 April, aged 70, Richard on 21 November, aged 74, both at Tackley.
 - vi. Ellen Mary, baptised 25 September 1853. She was by 1871 a domestic servant to the family of Wesleyan School master Joseph Richardson in Oxford. She was cook by 1881 to the household of William Wing, a land agent of Steeple Aston and, by 1891, to the Rector of Shipton-on-Cherwell. She married widower William Howes, a gardener's labourer of Combe (after banns published at Combe) on 21 May 1893 at Shipton-on-Cherwell. His first wife was Sarah _____. He was baptised on 15 September 1851 at Combe, Oxfordshire, the son of Eden Howes, mason's labourer, and his wife Hannah. They lived in the hamlet of Hensington, Bladon, where Mrs Howes died in 1919Q3 aged 66.
 - vii. Mary Ann, baptised 25 May 1856. She was at the time of the 1871 census a domestic servant (called Ann Skidmore) to the family of farmer Thomas Lester at Glympton, Oxfordshire. She then obtained a position with a family in Market Street, Oxford. She married Walter Harker on 23 July 1887 at Tackley, witnessed by Harry Davis and Ellen Mary Skidmore, her sister. He was a jeweller's traveller of Abingdon, born 1867Q3 in Abingdon, Berkshire, son of Richard Harker, watchmaker, and his wife Sarah. Walter Harker became a carpenter and they were living in 1891 in the village of Wootton, Berkshire with their daughter Mabel M. Harker aged 2. They moved before the time of the 1901 census to 23 Earl Street, Oxford.
 - viii. Louisa Jane, baptised 5 June 1859. In 1881 she was cook to the household of William Scroggs, an auctioneer and farmer who lived at Rectory House in Kidlington, Oxfordshire. She married William Smith, a stone mason of Bladon, Oxfordshire (son of Edward Smith, coal agent), on 21 June 1884 at Tackley, witnessed by Edwin Griffin and Ellen Mary Skidmore. At the time of the 1891 census she was living with her husband and three sons in Heath Lane, Bladon, together with Louisa's widowed mother Jane Skidmore. Louisa Smith died a widow at the age of 52 and was buried at Bladon on 6 September 1911.
 - ix. Charlotte, baptised 28 September 1862. A dressmaker in 1881, living with her parents. She married Henry Davis at Kidlington on 25 December 1885. They were living at the time of the 1891 census in the hamlet of Ditchley in Spelsbury parish, Oxfordshire, where Henry was coachman at Ditchley Mansion³⁹. As such, he and his family occupied a dwelling of 5 or more rooms near the stables. Their home in 1901 was at Hill House Farm in Duns Tew village, Oxfordshire, Henry Davis still a coachman. By 1911, the family occupied the Kings Arms in the Horse Fair in Deddington and the census describes Henry (Harry) as being a licensed victualler/hotel keeper. The inn was also included in Kelly's Directory for 1911.

27. GEORGE RICHARD⁷ SKIDMORE was born in Sutton Street, Clerkenwell on 7 February 1825 and baptised *Skidmore* at St James' Church there on 10 July 1825, son of John [14] and Sarah (Green) Skitmore. He lived with his widowed mother in Bermondsey before his marriage on 25 December 1855 at St Mary Magdalene,

³⁹ Ditchley Park was home of the 2nd Earl of Lichfield, then the Viscounts Dillon and, from 1933, the Anglo-American Ronald Tree and his wife Nancy who provided Winston Churchill with a safe haven for several visits during World War 2. The last owner, Sir David Wills, donated the house in 1958 for use as a conference centre to promote Anglo-American relations and it continues as such through the work of the Ditchley Foundation.

Southwark to Sarah Joist (born about 1827 in Newington, Surrey, daughter of Peter Joist, labourer, and his wife Elizabeth). His marriage certificate describes both himself and his father John Skidmore as carmen. Bride and groom lived at 6 John Street and the witnesses were George James Cannon and William Montgomery.

By the time of the 1861 census, they had moved north of the river to 7 Bond Court, Walbrook but their children were baptised at St Saviour's, Southwark. Mr Skidmore is described as a porter in the baptism registers.

Sarah Skidmore died on 27 August 1867 aged 41 and George Skidmore was a foreman at the docks by the time of the 1871 census. He lived with his children in Armagh Road North, Bow, close to the family of Sarah's brother George Joist, bootmaker. He died at 91 Armagh Road on 9 November 1887 aged 62 and was buried at the Manor Park Cemetery, Little Ilford, Essex. He left a will (not seen), which named his son Edwin George Skidmore of the same address, dairy utensil maker, his executor.

The children of George Richard and Sarah (Joist) Skidmore, born in Walbrook, City of London, baptised at St Saviour, Southwark,

- i. Edwin George, baptised 30 November 1856. He died in 1858Q2.
- ii. Sarah Elizabeth, born 27 August (baptised 12 September) 1858. She died in 1860Q2.
- iii. Sarah, born 12 February (baptised 3 March) 1861. She was unmarried at the time of the 1891 census and lived with her brother Edwin's family. Miss Skidmore suffered from epileptic fits and received treatment as a patient in the Poplar and Stepney Side Asylum. She worked, at least for a time, as a servant and was living by 1911 at the Poplar Union Workhouse [recorded in error as a widow].
47. iv. EDWIN GEORGE, born 1864Q1.
- v. Fanny, born 5 August 1866 at 9 Old Fish Street Hill, London, (baptised 23 August). Fanny was 20 when she met Albert Ernest Good (born about 1865 in Freemantle, Southampton, Hampshire, son of George Frederick Good, clerk, and his wife Eliza Ann (Wallett)) and they were married on 27 January 1887 at the Register Office in Poplar. Albert's widowed mother and his sister were both commercial clerks at the Australian Merchant Company. Three months after her marriage Fanny Good was sailing for Western Australia with her husband's family, arriving in Fremantle on the S.S. Chollerton on 24 March. She had only been in Perth for eight months when her father died. Fanny Good died at the age of 83 on 24 April 1950 and is buried at Karrakatta Cemetery in Perth, alongside her husband and daughter Dorothy. Fanny was the great grandmother of Barbara Powell who kindly supplied information on this family.

28. JAMES⁷ SKIDMORE, carman of Camden Town, London, was a son of William [15] and Jane Skidmore, baptised at Tackley on 3 October 1823. He was at first a labourer in Marston, Oxfordshire, where he married firstly, at St Nicholas there, Susanna Cummins (baptised at Marston on 4 September 1825, daughter of Francis Cummins, a shoemaker of Marston, and his wife Amy). The marriage on 13 June 1845 was witnessed by Ann Cummins and Joseph Barton or Baston. Susanna Skidmore of Thrupp, aged 23, died on 17 November 1848 and was buried at Kidlington on 19 November.

James Skidmore went to live in London, where he was a labourer, lodging at the time of the 1851 census in Kentish Town, along with another Tackley widower, James Hawkins. Their landlord and his wife - Charles and Hannah Bemment - were born in Gunton, near Lowestoft, Suffolk, and it is probable that James Skidmore's second wife was Mrs Bemment's sister⁴⁰. James Skidmore, horse keeper of Leybourne Road, married Harriet Smith, daughter of Charles, on 12 January 1852 at St Pancras Parish Church⁴¹. Alfred Bamment and Mary Evans were witnesses. Harriet appears to be the daughter of Charles Smith, agricultural labourer, and his wife Sarah (Nobbs), born 29 May 1833 in Lowestoft, Suffolk, baptised the following day at Gunton, Suffolk.

⁴⁰ Charles Bemment appears to have married Hannah Smith in 1847Q1 in Mutford registration district, Suffolk. A 15-year-old Hannah Smith appears in the 1841 Census in the registration district of Mutford & Lothingland (civil parish of Lowestoft) with her father, Charles, and 7 brothers and sisters, one of whom is 8-year-old Harriett.

⁴¹ St Pancras, Old Church Pancras Road, Camden, ceased to be the parish church of St Pancras in 1822 when the St Pancras New Church, Euston Road, Camden, was opened and became a chapel of ease in the parish of St Pancras. In 1852 Old St Pancras was assigned a parish again, known as Old St Pancras. For an unknown period from 1863 it was known as Pancras Parish Chapel, before reverting to Old St Pancras again. The IGI rather calls the registers for St Pancras New, St Pancras Old. [St Pancras parish had 33 ecclesiastical parishes by 1890. ref.GENUKI.]

James Skidmore was a carman and lived in College Street West, Camden Town until at least 1871, later moving to West Cottage, Waites Place and, by March 1882, to 1 Pratt Street. Mrs Skidmore supplemented their income as a laundress and ironer. James died of bronchitis on 24 May 1888 at 1 Pratt Street, said to be aged 70. His wife died in 1888, said to be 53 and was buried on 18 July at St Pancras Cemetery.

A child of James and Susanna (Cummins) Skidmore, born in Marston, Oxfordshire,

49. i. HENRY JAMES SKITMORE, born 27 June 1846.

Children of James and Harriet (Smith) Skidmore, born in Camden,

ii. Elizabeth Harriet, born 24 December 1856, baptised 27 July 1857 at St Pancras Old Church. An ironer, she was married in 1881Q3 to George Henry Nicholas, a carman (born 1857Q3 in Hampstead Road, St Pancras), who was lodging at her parents' home in 1881. At the time of the 1891 census they were living at 96 Brewery Road in Islington with children Robert 15, Harriet 7, May 6, Mary 2, and Elizabeth's nephew William. She was widowed by the time of the 1901 census and was supporting herself and her three daughters as a charwoman. She died in 1902Q4 aged 45.

A child of Elizabeth Skidmore, born in St Pancras,

i. Robert, registered in 1875Q3 as Robert *Palmer* and baptised as Robert Palmer *Skidmore* on 7 November 1875, at St Pancras Old Church, son of Elizabeth Harriet Skidmore. He was called *Skidmore* in the census of 1881 but was adopted by George Nicholas and called *Nicholas* later. Robert Palmer Nicholas married Louisa Kate Smith (born 1876Q3 at Hampstead, perhaps the daughter of William Smith, mason, and his wife Mary) at Pancras in 1899Q3. He was a carman in Islington in 1901 and, by 1911, when they lived at Chalk Farm, St Pancras, an omnibus washer. He died in 1931 aged 56, apparently leaving no children.

50. iii. WILLIAM CHARLES, born 1859Q4.

iv. v. A son who died aged 2 days and was buried on 21 January 1862 with his 3-day old twin sister at St Pancras Cemetery. There was a total of 46 burials in their grave between 20 January 1860 and 28 January 1862 and a 47th took place on 11 March 1869.

vi. Arthur John, born 1863Q3. A shell box maker, he died aged 19 on 24 March 1882 at 1 Pratt Street, Camden Town and was buried on 30 March 1882 at St Pancras Cemetery.

29. **WILLIAM⁷ SKIDMORE**, son of William [15] and Jane Skidmore, was baptised 12 February 1832 at Tackley. At first an agricultural labourer, he married firstly Elizabeth Prickett (baptised at Tackley on 15 March 1833, daughter of Thomas Prickett, agricultural labourer of Tackley, and Hannah) on 16 October 1854 at Tackley, witnessed by Jonathan Skidmore and Jane Skidmore. She died aged 31 and was buried at Tackley on 12 December 1864.

William married secondly Susannah Creek (baptised 10 May 1835, daughter of Robert Creek, agricultural labourer, and Hannah, found in Fritwell in 1841) on 16 October 1865 at Fritwell. He lived with his family in Nethercott Street, Tackley and became a railway labourer (packer).

He was apparently the William Skidmore of Tackley who was summoned in December 1884 for neglecting to send his children to school, though his case was withdrawn⁴². The census of 1901 describes him as a retired platelayer on the Great Western Railway, 'now a woodman on farms'. He died at Whitehill aged 78 and was buried at Tackley on 7 January 1910. Susannah either went to Leicester to visit or to live with daughter Susan Maria and son-in-law James Kilby as that is where she died aged 74 in 1911Q1, within a year of William's death.

Children of William and Elizabeth (Prickett) Skidmore, baptised at Tackley,

i. Alfred, born 1858Q4. He died at the age of 7 and was buried at Tackley on 28 November 1865.

ii. Julia, baptised 4 November 1860. A dressmaker in 1881. She married Thomas Hickson, a shepherd of Tackley (baptised in Tackley on 13 March 1853, son of Joseph Hickson, shepherd, and his wife Lucy) on 26 November 1887 at Tackley, witnessed by W. Skidmore and M.A. Hickson. They had a son Ernest William, baptised at Tackley on 1 April 1888, when the family were living at Wighthill. Mrs Hickson died aged 28 and was buried at Tackley on 30 July 1889 and her son was adopted by William and Elizabeth Calcutt. Her husband married secondly Ellen Dunsby in 1890Q4.

Children of William and Susannah (Creek) Skidmore, baptised at Tackley,

⁴² Jackson's Oxford Journal 20 December 1884.

- iii. Sarah Jane, baptised 9 December 1866, buried at Tackley on 31 March 1867, aged 5 months.
- iv. Susan Maria, baptised 28 March 1869. Before her marriage she was governess to the Bowen family at Stradmore, Llandygydd, Cardiganshire. She married James Kilby, a railway drayman of Leicester, at Tackley on 21 September 1897, witnessed by W. Skidmore and Rosa Hoare. He was baptised at Tackley on 6 August 1871 and was brother to George Kilby who married Maria Jane, daughter of Joseph [29] (the sons of Thomas Kilby, fish dealer and hawker, and his wife Esther). James and Susan Kilby were living in Victoria Road North, Leicester in 1901 and, by 1911, with their two sons, Walter James and Edgar William, at 79 Leire Street there.
- v. Alfred James, born 1871Q1 and baptised 9 April of that year. On 25 February 1891 he enlisted for 12 years' service with the 45th Oxfordshire Light Infantry. The army surgeon described him as having a fresh complexion, green eyes and brown hair and a height of 5 feet 7½ ins. Having served for 48 days and paid the discharge fee of £10, Alfred James left the Army on 13 April. His army service record remarked that he was 'Temperate, conduct very good'. Alfred James is recorded in the 1901 Census with his parents and working as a woodman on farms. The 1911 Census was taken a year following his father William's death and shortly after his mother's. By this time, it seems that Alfred had moved away from Oxfordshire and could be the person entered in the Census as a 43-year-old single man who was a boarder and Labourer on a farm at Moss, near Askern, in the West Riding of Yorkshire. No further information is available to suggest that Alfred returned to Tackley or had any children.
- vi. Rose Hannah, registered 1876Q2 and baptised Rose Anne on 11 June of that year. A dressmaker, she married John James Edwin Broom, a carter on a farm (baptised at Tackley on 30 July 1873, son of John Broom, a farm labourer, and his wife Elizabeth A.), on 11 December 1897 at Tackley, witnessed by Joseph Good and Rhoda Mary Skidmore. They were living in 1901 in Ball Lane, Tackley and, by 1911, at West End Hill, Wootton with their children Gladys 12, Eva 9, Cyril 6, Maude 5, and Rose's aunt Sarah (widow of James Skidmore [31.iv]).

She had a daughter,

- i. Mildred May, baptised as the daughter of Rose Ann Skidmore of Nethercot on 19 July 1896 at Tackley and called *Broom* in the census of 1901.

30. JOHN⁷ SKIDMORE, baptised 30 March 1834 at Tackley, was a son of William [15] and Jane Skidmore. At first an agricultural labourer like his father, John later became a railway labourer in Tackley. This is perhaps why he was a resident of West Bromwich, Staffordshire, at the time of his first marriage in 1855. He married Sarah Hoare (baptised at Tackley on 6 January 1833, daughter of Thomas Hoare, carpenter, and his wife, Hannah) at Tackley on 28 May 1855. The witnesses were Joseph Colegrove and Jane Skidmore. His children were baptised there before Sarah's untimely death at the age of 28. She was buried, 'of Nethercot', at Tackley on 16 December 1862.

He moved with his three sons to Solihull, Warwickshire, where he continued for a time as a plate layer, and married secondly Eliza Keatley in 1868Q3 in Aston registration district. She was born in Sutton Coldfield about 1841, perhaps the daughter of Isaac Keatley, sawyer, and his wife Mary. John Skidmore had by the time of the 1881 census become a gardener's labourer. After Eliza's death in 1898, John and his son Ernest, a carpenter, continued to live in Ulverley Green until at least the time of the 1911 census, when their home was called Rose Cottage.

Eliza Skidmore of Ulverley Green, Olton died on 24 October 1898 aged 57 (buried 27 October at Solihull), leaving an estate worth £498 and naming as her executors her husband John, gardener, and Thomas Walker, auctioneer & estate agent. The source of this information is now lost and this will is not in the England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1861-1941. John Skidmore died in 1917Q3 aged 83.

Children of John and Sarah (Hoare) Skidmore, baptised at Tackley,

- 51. i. FREDERICK WILLIAM, born 1856Q2, baptised 6 July 1856.
- ii. Willie John, baptised 20 December 1857. He went as a child with his father and stepmother to Solihull but had returned by the time of the 1881 census to Oxfordshire, where he became a groom and cattle man, working for Richard and George Chaundy, farmers of Wootton Downs, Wootton. He lodged later at the Welcome Coffee Tavern on Nethercot Street and was a member

of the Church of England Temperance Society - W.J. Skidmore attended a meeting in the County Hall, Oxford at 12 noon on Friday 7 December 1883⁴³.

He married at Tackley on 29 January 1901 his first cousin Rosa Jane Hoare, witnessed by Thomas John Hoare and Edith Agnes Hoare. She was baptised at Tackley on 3 July 1864, daughter of John Hoare, carpenter and later threshing engine driver, and his wife Mary Ann. Rosa Jane's father was the older brother of Willie John's mother, Sarah. Miss Ada Madeline Sharpe⁴⁴, the late rector's daughter, employed Willie John as her groom and gardener as well as accommodating him and his wife in her home at Tackley Green after their marriage. By 1911 they were living at Tackley Crossing in Nethercott. Rosa Jane was a teacher at the infant school – a post she held, with only two breaks, for 42 years until she resigned in 1926. She died in 1927, her husband in 1942 aged 84; both are buried at Tackley.

- iii. Charles James, born 1860Q2.
- iv. Henry Michael, baptised 14 December 1862 (baptised privately, received at church on 1 February 1863 after his mother's death). He died aged 4 months and was buried (as Michael Henry) on 5 April 1863 at Tackley.

Children of John and Eliza (Keatley) Skidmore, born in Solihull,

perhaps with others

- v. Joseph, born February or March 1871.
- vi. [perhaps] Henry Michael, born 1872Q4, died 1873, buried 16 April at Solihull.
- 52. vii. ERNEST, born 1882Q2 in Solihull.

31. JOSEPH⁷ SKIDMORE, baptised 8 March 1829, was a son of Joseph [17] and Mary (Elkerton) Skidmore. An agricultural labourer and shepherd at Nethercott, he married Jane Skidmore (born 1830, daughter of William [15], labourer of Tackley, and Jane (Mason) Skidmore) on 24 December 1860 at Tackley. The witnesses were Sarah Ann Skidmore and Sarah Skidmore, presumably sisters respectively of the groom and bride.

Joseph died aged 51 and was buried at Tackley on 30 April 1880. Jane was a laundress in 1881, living at Nethercott Street, Tackley with her children. Her home at the time of the 1891 census was specified as one of Evetts Cottages, toward the level crossing of the railway line. Mrs Skidmore was buried on 29 February 1896 at Tackley aged 66.

Children of Joseph and Jane (Skidmore) Skidmore, baptised at Tackley,

- i. Emily Hannah, born 1864Q4, baptised 8 January 1865 at Tackley. She was a general domestic servant in the home of railway clerk Alfred Stephens in Castle Lane, Olton, Solihull in 1881. She had a son Joseph in 1889, who was cared for by her mother while Emily became a housemaid at the Rectory in Aston-le-Walls, Northamptonshire. She appears to have had two more children in the early 1890s and in 1894 was working at the Talbot Inn, Charbury. By the time of the 1901 census she was a cook to the household at 29 Pembroke Street, St Ebbe's, Oxford (enumerated Hanah Skidman). She appears to have married James Comley, a shepherd in 1909Q1 and was living at Wootton, Oxfordshire at the time of the 1911 census.

Emily Hannah had at least one child registered as Skidmore,

- i. Joseph, privately baptised 15 July 1889 at Tackley (usually because a child was ill) and received into the church (since the baptism has already taken place) on 6 August 1889. He lived at first with his grandmother Jane Skidmore and then with the family of his mother's sister Maria Kilby in Leicester. He appears to have settled in Leicester, where he was a clicker in the manufacture of boots and shoes.
 - ii. [perhaps] Minnie Cooper, birth registered as Minnie Cooper *Skidmore* at Woodstock in 1892Q2, buried 24 March 1893 at Tackley, aged 9 months.
 - iii. Harry Cooper, registered Harry Cooper *Skidmore* in Chipping Norton, born 23 December 1894, son of Emily Skidmore then a domestic servant at The Talbot Inn, Charbury [Chipping Norton].
- 53. ii. AMOS, baptised 28 July 1867.
 - iii. Maria Jane, baptised 30 January 1870. She married George Kilby, landlord of the King's Arms in

⁴³ Jackson's Oxford Journal (Oxford, England), Saturday, December 15, 1883.

⁴⁴ Miss Ada Sharpe, who lived in Tackley all her life until her death in 1935, wrote an account, apparently involving Willie John, of supernatural occurrences there (*A Disturbed House and its Relief: a narrative of certain occurrences at "Beth-Oni", Tackley, Oxon, 1905-8*, Parker & Co, Oxford, 1914; a copy is in the Oxford Bodleian Library).

Nethercott, at Tackley on 21 February 1894, witnessed by James Kilby and her sister Rhoda Mary Skidmore. He was baptised at Tackley on 14 March 1865, son of Thomas Kilby, fish dealer, and his wife Esther, and elder brother of James who married Susan Maria Skidmore, dau. of William [29]. They moved around 1898 to Leicester, where Mr Kilby was a maltster, and were living at 36 Evans Street there at the time of the 1901 census and at 128 Coral Street, N.W. Leicester by 1911.

- iv. Rhoda Mary, baptised 29 September 1872. She was a kitchenmaid in Old Headington at the time of the 1891 census. By 1901 she had risen to housemaid - part of a staff of nine servants in Southgate, Middlesex, to brewer Wyatt E. Walker. In 1911, she was a housemaid at Shenton Hall (Nuneaton, Market Bosworth, Leicestershire), the 35-room country house of Frederick Eustace Arbuthnott Wollaston, a J.P. and Deputy Lieutenant for Leicestershire. Miss Skidmore died on 18 May 1925 aged 52, leaving a will (not seen), naming her brother Amos, miller's labourer, her executor. She is buried at Tackley.

32. JOHN THOMAS⁷ SKITMORE, stone mason, was born in Milton-under-Wychwood, baptised at North Leigh on 16 July 1844, son of James [20] and Elizabeth (Langford) Skitmore. He married Elizabeth Ashton (born in Wrexham, Denbighshire, perhaps in 1847Q2, the daughter of Enoch and Ann Ashton) on 11 November 1873 at St James the Less, Ashted, Birmingham. By the time of the 1881 census they were lodging at the home of John and Jane Peake in Wrexham Row, Penley, Flintshire. They had moved by 1883 to central Birmingham and the death of John Thomas *Skidmore* was registered in Birmingham in 1889Q4, aged 46.

In 1891 Elizabeth Skidmore was supporting her children as a charwoman, the family home being at house 3, the back of 13 Edward Street in Ladywood, Birmingham. By 1901 the family had moved to Hilburn Street, Litherland, Liverpool - perhaps because the children found work there. Mrs Skidmore was living by 1911 at West Derby Workhouse in Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool and died in 1918Q3 aged 71.

Children of John Thomas and Elizabeth (Ashton) Skitmore,

54. i. JOHN ALBERT, born 1879Q3 in Handbridge, Chester.
- ii. Rosa, a twin, born 1882Q3 in Birmingham. The twin girls' births were registered as *Skitmore*, but they and their mother are found thereafter as *Skidmore*. She and her sister were French polishers in Liverpool before their marriages. Rosa Skidmore married Alfred Smith at Our Lady, St Nicholas & St Anne, Liverpool in 1901Q4.
- iii. Marian, a twin, born 1882Q3 in Birmingham. Marian Skidmore married John Holland at Our Lady, St Nicholas & St Anne, Liverpool in 1902Q4 and they were living in 1911 at 50 Hood Street, Bootle.

33. ALBERT JAMES⁷ SKITMORE/ SKIDMORE, son of James [20] and Elizabeth (Langford) Skitmore, was baptised on 6 June 1846 at North Leigh. At the time of the 1861 census he was visiting the home at Cat Farm Cottage, Eastleach Martin of William Lea, an agricultural labourer (born about 1809 at Eastleach, Oxfordshire) and his wife Matilda. Matilda Lea's niece was Albert's future wife. Albert became a stone mason and married (as Skitmore) Emma Pumfrey on 2 March 1863 at the parish church of Eastleach Martin, Gloucestershire. The witnesses were Thomas and Matilda Lea--. Emma was born in Winchcombe, Gloucestershire, daughter of Edward Pumfrey, agricultural labourer, and his wife Ann (Williams). She was baptised and buried as Maria but otherwise known as Emma.

After the birth of their first son, this family, known as *Skidmore*, became Baptists, living for short periods in Fifield and Eastleach during the 1860s. Around 1870 they moved to the village of Winson, Gloucestershire. The birthplaces of their children show that they continued to move around - Longford, Berkshire in 1873 and Bradwell, Oxfordshire in 1878.

By 1881 Albert Skidmore had returned with his family to Oxfordshire, where their home was at Lower End, Milton-under-Wychwood. The nature of his work took him from home on a number of occasions; at the time of the 1881 census he and his son Edward, also a stone mason, were working in Shotover, Oxfordshire, and again, at the time of the 1901 census, when Albert Skidmore was a builder's foreman, he was boarding in Hermitage, Berkshire, with his nephew William Lawrence Skidmore, a bricklayer.

Emma Skidmore was a grocer in Mill End, Milton for the later years of her life. She died in 1927, after which Albert went to live near his son in Weston super Mare. He married his housekeeper Lizzie Gee on 6 February 1930 at the Baptist Chapel, St George's, Weston super Mare. Mr Skidmore died on 2 May 1934 and is buried at

Milton-under-Wychwood Baptist Church. In April 1935 Lizzie Skidmore married Wickliffe Lionel Skidmore at the Methodist Church, Freeland near Witney.

The children of Albert James and Emma (Pumfrey) Skitmore, born in Gloucestershire,

The births of these children were registered as Skitmore, apart from William George and Ernest John Skidmore.

55. i. EDWARD JAMES, baptised 24 January 1864.
56. ii. THOMAS ALBERT, born 1865Q4.
- iii. Anne Matilda, born 1867Q4 in Eastleach. Annie Skidmore was a servant at the time of the 1881 census to the family of a jeweller in Charlton Kings, Gloucestershire. She was later a sick nurse in the village of Weasenham St Peter, Norfolk, which is perhaps how she met her husband. Annie Matilda Skidmore married George Fisher of Foulsham, Norfolk, a furnisher and drapery salesman on 3 June 1895 at the Upper Baptist Chapel in Milton-under-Wychwood⁴⁵. He was born in Mattishall, Norfolk, perhaps in 1869Q3, son of Clare Fisher, farmer and local preacher, and his wife Mary Ann (White). By 1901 they were living with their children (born in Foulsham, Norfolk) in Onley Street, Higham, Norwich, and by 1911 in Chelmsford.
57. iv. WILLIAM GEORGE, born around October 1870.
- v. Mary Ann, born 27 October 1873 at Langford, Berkshire. Known by the family as Polly, she married Alfred Cook in Islington in 1897Q4. He was born about 1877 in Peterborough and was a train attendant at the time of the 1901 census, when they were living with their twin boys in Crouch Hill, Islington. Mr Cook later became a telegraph linesman for the Great Northern Railway.
58. vi. ERNEST JOHN, born 10 July 1878 at Bradwell, Oxfordshire.



*Albert James Skidmore and family, outside his cottage in Milton-under-Wychwood, about 1920
Edward James Skidmore, Thomas Albert Skidmore, Annie Matilda (Skidmore) Fisher, grandson Albert George Skidmore, Mary Ann Skidmore, William Skidmore Ernest John Skidmore
Seated: Albert James Skidmore and Emma/Maria and the boy between is a gt. grandson, name unknown.*

34. WALTER GEORGE⁷ SKITMORE/ SKIDMORE, baptised June 1852 at North Leigh, was born in Milton-under-Wychwood, a son of James [20] and Elizabeth (Langford) Skitmore. Walter Skitmore married Jane Maria Jones (born 1850Q2 in Moira or Donisthorpe, Leicestershire, perhaps daughter of Joseph Jones, coal miner of Worthington, and his wife Mary) in 1871Q3 in Basford registration district, Nottinghamshire. They are found in censuses with the name *Skidmore*. This family was living by 1871 in Bestwood Road, Hucknall Torkard,

⁴⁵ Jackson's Oxford Journal 8 June 1895.

Nottinghamshire, where Walter was a bricklayer. John Jones, probably a cousin of Jane's, a coal miner aged 30 and also born in Moira, was lodging with them at the time of this census.

The death of Walter *Skidmore* was registered in 1889Q4 aged 37, his widow in 1892Q1 aged 44.

Children of Walter George and Jane Maria (Jones) Skidmore, born in Hucknall Torkard,

- i. Mary Elizabeth, born 1873Q4. She had the following children in Hucknall Torkard, presumably by James Farnath, her future husband - all births registered as Skidmore and called Skidmore in the censuses of 1901 (*and 1911) - James Farneth 1890Q2, Alfred Farneth 1893Q2-1895Q1, Henry Farneth* (Harry) 1897Q3, Walter Farnsworth* 2 Sep 1899-1976Q3, Eveline Farneth* 1902Q1. She was living with her future husband James at 4 Cavendish Street, Hucknall in 1901. Mr Farnath is recorded as married in this census, Mary Elizabeth as single, and this is apparently the reason why they could not marry until 1903Q1. James Albert Farnath was a coal miner, born 1865Q4 in Tamworth, Staffordshire, apparently son of Henry Farnath, labourer, and his wife Ann. Mary Elizabeth Farnath died in 1915Q1, aged 42, James Albert in 1943Q3 age 77.
- ii. Charlotte Elliott, born 1878Q3. Died 1887Q3 aged 9.
- iii. Arthur Thomas, born 1881Q2. He died in 1899Q1 aged 17.
- iv. Lois Jones, born 1884Q1. A lace maker in 1901, living at her sister Mary's home - not found later.
- v. [presumably] Walter George, born 1890Q2 and died 1890Q3.

35. ARTHUR WILLIAM⁷ SKIDMORE, baptised 13 July 1856 at Milton-under-Wychwood, was a son of James [20] and Elizabeth (Langford) Skitmore. A stone mason, he married Sarah Elizabeth Lawrence (born 1855Q2 in Bourton-on-the-water, Gloucestershire, perhaps daughter of George Lawrence, stone mason, and his wife Lucy) in 1881Q2. Their first child was born in Bourton-on-the-water but shortly after this they settled in Milton-under-Wychwood. Sarah Elizabeth Skidmore was buried at Milton Baptist Chapel on 4 January 1913 aged 57. Her husband died in 1936Q1.

Children of Arthur William and Sarah Elizabeth (Lawrence) Skidmore, born in Milton-under-Wychwood,

These dates of births were obtained from the admission register of Milton under Wychwood Infants School.

59. i. **WILLIAM LAWRENCE⁸**, born 16 March 1882 at Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire. A bricklayer, he married Alice E. Williams in Abertillery in 1913Q1 and their three daughters were born there. Alice was a district nurse and later ran a maternity home at Weston-super-Mare. William Skidmore died in 1950Q1 at Weston and it is thought that after his death the family went to live in Australia.
- ii. Frank, born 7 September 1883. A harness maker, he married Emily Cogdell (born 1878Q1 in Chesham, Buckinghamshire) in 1909Q3 and they were living in 1911 at 45 Townsend Road, Southall, Uxbridge, Middlesex. She died in 1914Q1 aged 36 and Frank Skidmore married Annie E.M. Lawrence in 1916Q2.
60. iii. **GEORGE HENRY⁸**, born 17 March 1885. Like his brother Frank, he was an apprentice stone mason in 1901. He married Ellen Gertrude Haggett (born 1884Q4 in Broughton, Oxfordshire, daughter of Edwin Haggett, farm carter, and his wife Harriet) in 1909Q2 and they lived until at least 1911 in Milton under Wychwood. He enlisted at Oxford and served as a private in 1st Battalion, South Wales Borderers. He died aged 33 on 18 April 1918 serving in France and is buried in the Gorre British and Indian Cemetery, France⁴⁶. At the time of his death his wife was living in Upper Parkstone, Dorset.

A child of George Henry and Ellen Gertrude (Haggett) Skidmore,

- i. Phyllis Gertrude May Higgett, born 7 October (baptised 4 December) 1910 at Milton-under-Wychwood. She married in 1938.
- iv. Lucy Elizabeth, born 10 February 1887. One of two housemaids to Mrs Neville of The Cottage, Jameson Road, Bexhill, Sussex at the time of the 1911 census. Miss Skidmore died in 1938Q1.
- v. James Raymond, born 22 November 1888. He was a footman at the time of the 1911 census, living in Southall with his brother Frank. He was a fitter's mate of 79 Battersea Park Road, London when he enlisted at London on 13 November 1914 for the duration of the war. He married in 1949 and died on 28 January 1974 at Ealing, London.
- vi. Annie Louisa, born 16 July 1890. She was a housemaid at the time of the 1911 census in the home of John Thomson, J.P. for Oxford, of Woodperry House, Stanton St John near Oxford.
- vii. Dora, born 30 April 1896. She married in 1919 and had five children.

⁴⁶ Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

36. CHARLES HENRY⁷ SKIDMORE, son of James [20] and Elizabeth (Langford) Skitmore, was baptised on 14 August 1859 at Milton-under-Wychwood. In 1881 he was a baker, lodging in Wellesbourne Road, Barford, Warwickshire. He married Elizabeth Ralphs (born October 1857 in Coventry, Warwickshire, daughter of Thomas Ralphs, builder and farmer, and his wife Harriet (Watkins)) in Warwick registration district in 1883Q3. The birth places of their children reflect how much this family moved around in the 1880s. At the time of the 1891 census, Charles was a baker in New Yatt, Hailey, Oxfordshire.

They seem to have settled soon after in Witney, Oxfordshire, where Mr Skidmore died in 1897Q1 aged 37. His widow was a charwoman and living with her children in Wood Green, Witney in 1901. Her death at the age of 48 appears to be that registered at Headington in 1907Q1.

Children of Charles Henry and Elizabeth (Ralphs) Skidmore,

61. i. **WILLIAM HENRY⁸** (Willie), born 1883Q4 in Tadworth, Surrey. At the time of the 1891 census he was at the home of his maternal grandparents at Chapel Green, Napton, Warwickshire. A grocer's porter in Witney in 1901. He married Ethel Dora May Oram (born about 1889 in Maidenhead, Berkshire) in the Maidenhead registration district in 1910Q4. They were living in 1911 at Mead Road, Cranleigh, Surrey and later had a daughter and two sons.
- ii. Nellie Elizabeth, born 1886Q3 in Walthamstow, Essex. A general domestic servant before her marriage in Warwick in 1909Q3 to Albert Thomas Lea, an assurance agent (born about 1886 in Bishops Itchington, Warwickshire). They were living in 1911 at 38 New Road, Kidderminster, where Mr Lea worked for Refuge Assurance.
- iii. Arthur Thomas, born 1890Q1 in Homerton, London. In 1911 he was assistant to a grocer in Ferndale Road, Clapham, London.

and born in Witney, baptised at Holy Trinity Church there,

- iv. Francis Wickliffe, born 3 January 1892. He died later that same year.
- v. Emily Gertrude, baptised 6 August 1893. She was living in 1911 with her siter Nellie Lea in Kidderminster, where Emily was a 'reeler' in the spinning mills.
- vi. Francis James, baptised 16 August 1896. He died in 1897Q1.

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38. JOHN⁸ SKIDMORE, born 19 May 1831 in Hillingdon, Middlesex and baptised on 12 June at St John the Baptist there, was a son of John [23] and Frances (Wright) Skidmore. He married Emily Muddeman (born about 1831 in Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire, daughter of William Muddeman, publican) on 22 June 1863 at St James', Clerkenwell, with Ellen Muddeman as one of the witnesses. Emily had been a house servant at Langley Park, Langley Marish, Buckinghamshire and later in Bloomsbury, London.

John Skidmore was a carpenter and builder's foreman in Hillingdon, where he lived with his wife and son in Common Road and later in Montague Road. He died there in 1900Q3 aged 69 and the house was then occupied by his son's family and his widow. Mrs Skidmore died in 1906Q3 aged 76.

A son of John and Emily (Muddeman) Skidmore,

65. i. BRUCE JOHN, born 1864Q3.

39. GEORGE⁸ SKIDMORE, journeyman carpenter of Southall, Middlesex until at least 1901, was a son of John [23] and Frances (Wright) Skidmore, born in Hillingdon on 25 December 1838 and baptised 20 January 1839 at St John the Baptist there. He married Fanny Walters (born about 1839 in Eastington, Gloucestershire, daughter of agricultural labourer Robert Walters and his wife Eliza) in 1866Q3 in Wheatenhurst registration district (which included Eastington). Before her marriage she was a children's nurse at the St Marylebone Parochial Schools, Norwood.

The family lived at first in Hamilton Road and, by the time of the 1881 census, at 4 Myrtle Cottages, South Road, Norwood. They moved during the 1890s to 6 Cambridge Terrace, Cambridge Road, Norwood. George Skidmore died in 1909Q1 aged 70, and his widow went to live at Great Brickhill, Bletchley, Buckinghamshire. She died in 1930Q1 aged 91.

Children of George and Fanny (Walters) Skidmore, born in Southall, Middlesex,

- i. Ellen Eliza (called Nellie), born 1867Q4. She married William Charles Shaw (born 1866Q4 in Yateley, Hampshire) in 1897Q2 and they were school master and school mistress at the Board School in Tetsworth, Oxfordshire in 1901.
- ii. Harriet, born 1869Q2. Before her marriage she was a servant in the household of Colonel Herbert L. Mitchell of the Royal Artillery, in Onslow Gardens, Brompton, London. She married William Langler in the Uxbridge registration district in 1895Q3. He was born in 1868Q4 in Southall, son of Thomas Langler, baker of Southall Place, and his wife Sarah and had his bakery at Church End, Great Brickhill, Buckinghamshire.

40. THOMAS⁸ SKIDMORE, an agricultural labourer of Tackley, was baptised on 20 December 1829, the son of William [24] and Sarah (Ryman) Skidmore. In 1841 he appears to be the 11-year old Thomas Skidmore living with the family of John Thompson, agricultural labourer of Hensington hamlet, Bladon, and his wife Ann. He married Jane Ann Gibbs, a dressmaker (baptised at Tackley on 5 September 1830, daughter of John Gibbs, agricultural labourer of Tackley, and his wife Mary) at Tackley on 22 December 1851. The witnesses were John Gibbs and Ann Skidmore.

He appears to be the Thomas Skidmore, labourer of Tackley, who was tried in 1869 for 'wilfully setting fire to a pea rick at Tackley [on 28 January 1869], the property of Mark Chaundy'⁴⁷. He was serving a sentence in Portland Male Convict Establishment at the time of the 1871 census while his wife and children lived close to her family in Tackley Square. By 1881 he was together with his family in Church Row, Tackley and had at this time found work as a railway labourer, though later returned to farm work. Mr Skidmore died aged 74 and was buried at Tackley on 17 April 1904, his widow on 21 August in the same year, also aged 74.

Children of Thomas and Jane Ann (Gibbs) Skidmore, baptised at Tackley,

- 66. i. DAVID, baptised 13 June 1852.
- 67. ii. ALBERT, baptised 5 November 1854.
- iii. Annette Mary, baptised 20 December 1857. On 28 March 1880 at Tackley, she married Walter

⁴⁷ Jackson's Oxford Journal 6 Feb 1869.

Charles Valters [sic], a printer's and bookbinder's engineer and traveller of St John's, Stratford (born 1857Q3 in Oxford, son of John Charles Valters, master bookbinder, and his wife Marion). The witnesses were T. Skidmore and Emmeline Skidmore, her sister. They moved to Paddington, London and later to Spencer Road, Wealdstone, Middlesex, where they named their home Tackley Villa.

- iv. Lydia, born 1860Q2, baptised 8 July 1860. She went to live with the family of her uncle Mark Skidmore in Birmingham. She married William Jeffs in 1884Q4 in Birmingham. He was born in Birmingham - perhaps in 1858Q2, son of William Jeffs, brewer and his wife Ann - and was a packer in Cadbury's cocoa and chocolate warehouse. In 1901 & 1911 they lived at 183 Mary Vale Road, Bourneville, Kings Norton, and Lydia's niece Nellie Fox was also present on both census-taking nights. He and Lydia did not have any children.
- v. Emmeline Charlotte, baptised 24 August 1862. She moved along with others of this family to the Midlands and found work as a (children's) nurse in a household in Hagley Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham. However, she was married back in Tackley on 15 January 1882 to Edwin Henry Barrett of St Thomas, Oxford. Vincent Barrett and Ada Clark were witnesses. A farm labourer, he was born 1862Q3 at Shipton On Cherwell, son of Vincent Symons Barrett, a butcher, and his wife Loruhamah (Lydiatt).
Their son David Edwin Barrett was born in Oxford in 1882Q3 and was raised by his Skidmore grandparents in Tackley. In 1911 he was boarding with James Good and his family at Nethercote and the census described his occupation as Army Reserve General Labourer.
- 68. vi. WILLIAM JOHN, baptised 6 November 1864.
- vii. Elizabeth Jane, baptised 11 June 1867. She was unmarried when she was a witness at the marriage of her sister in March 1889. She lived from the late 1880s as the wife of Samuel Edward Fox, a polisher (born 1859Q4 in Stourbridge, Worcestershire), by whom she had nine children. They lived at first with his widowed mother Martha Fox in Princess Street, Balsall Heath, Birmingham and, by 1901 in Brighton Terrace, River Street, Balsall Heath and in 1911 in Angelina Street, Aston, Birmingham.
- viii. Louisa Ann, baptised 11 July 1869. She married Thomas Webster of Headington (born 1867Q1 in Hinksey, Berkshire, son of Thomas Webster, bricklayer, and his wife Emma) on 9 March 1889 at Tackley, witnessed by her brother-in-law Walter Charles Valters and her sister Elizabeth Jane Skidmore. They lived at first in New Marston but moved during the 1890s to William Street, Old Headington, Oxfordshire, where Mr Webster was a foreman bricklayer for a building contractor. They had ten children, seven of whom were living in 1911. Mrs Webster died at the age of 70 in 1939 and her husband had reached the age of 90 at his death in 1957.

41. MARK⁸ SKIDMORE, agricultural labourer, was a son of William [24] and Sarah (Ryman) Skidmore, baptised on 9 July 1843. He said he was a horsehair manufacturer at the time he married Louisa Smith (born about 1845 in Aston, Birmingham, daughter of John Smith, a brass caster) on 16 July 1865 at St Andrew's, Bordesley, Aston). They lived in Court 3, Miles Street, Bordesley and Mark Skidmore worked as a packer.

He died early in 1881 at the age of 38 and his widow Louisa became a laundress and lived with her children at Ten Acres, Northfield. She then spent some time in the home of her daughter-in-law's parents at Weston-super-Mare. Her death appears to have been that registered at Axbridge in 1910Q3 aged 67.

Children of Mark and Louisa (Smith) Skidmore, born in Birmingham,

- i. Sarah Jane, born 1868Q4. Her death was perhaps that registered at Kings Norton in 1886Q4, aged 18.
- 69. ii. MARK, born 1878Q1.

42. ROBERT⁸ SKIDMORE, plate layer and ganger on the Oxford-Birmingham line of the Great Western Railway, was a son of William [24] and Sarah (Ryman) Skidmore, baptised at Tackley on 28 November 1852. He married Emma Cross on 26 November 1879 at Tackley, witnessed by Thomas John Hoare and Lucy Cross. She was born in Steeple Aston on 3 June 1857, daughter of Charles Cross, butcher and publican at the Red Lion Inn in Steeple Aston, and his wife Elizabeth. They lived at first in Church Road and then Nethercott Street, Tackley. In 1889 the house they occupied in Nethercott - a 'stone-built and slated tenement, containing sitting-room, pantry, washhouse, three bedrooms, and large garden immediately behind' - was sold by the executors of the

will of Mary Fox⁴⁸. The family moved in the mid-1890s to Lyne Road, Kidlington, Oxfordshire, where they remained. Emma Skidmore died in 1932Q2, aged 74, her husband two years later, aged 81. His obituary appeared in the Oxford Times on 18 August 1934⁴⁹.

Children of Robert and Emma (Cross) Skidmore, baptisms and burials at Tackley,

70. i. CHARLES, baptised 25 April 1880.
- ii. Mark, baptised 31 December 1882. A domestic footman at Ascot Place, Winkfield, Berkshire in 1901. Still unmarried in 1911, and then working as a valet, he was living at his brother Charles's home in North Hagbourne, Didcot. He later travelled extensively in the employ of American Mrs Ella F. Scott, widow of Alfred Bowne Scott of the company Scotts Emulsion
- iii. Hubert, baptised 30 August 1885. He died at 14 months and was buried 30 September 1886 at Tackley.
- iv. Herbert William, born in 1890Q4, baptised 11 January 1891. Buried 30 July 1897 at Kidlington, aged 6.
- v. Dorothy Daisy, baptised 18 November 1894. Buried 22 December 1894 aged 2 months at Tackley.
- vi. Margaret Amy, baptised 18 November 1894. She died a little after her twin and was buried on 12 January 1895, aged 2 months.

43. JOHN⁸ SKIDMORE, born 3 (baptised 19) December 1830, was a son of Thomas [25] and Ursula (Pountney) Skidmore. A carpenter of Tackley, he married Sarah Kilby (baptised 19 April 1835 at Tackley, daughter of John Kilby, a shepherd of Tackley, and his wife Ann) on 13 May 1857 at Tackley. The witnesses were George ?Theodophidus Heath and Mary ?Synard/ ?Gyford. Sarah Kilby had been in service before their marriage to the family of Charles Coward, druggist of the Corn Market, Oxford.

John and Sarah emigrated very soon after their marriage to Toronto, Canada, where they were living at the time of the 1861 census in Queen Street there. They moved in 1865 to the Third Ward of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, where he was in the contracting business (called a house carpenter in the 1870 census) until May 1871 when he moved his family to Highwood (Fort Sheridan), Lake County, Illinois⁵⁰. He put up several large buildings in the area as an investment and was one of those who weathered the financial panic of 1873. He was one of the most influential members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Fort Sheridan which he helped to organise in 1874. John Skidmore died on 7 December 1896 aged 66 at 333 Gidding Street, Chicago. Sarah died 24 June 1915 aged 80.

He appears to have returned for a time to Tackley in 1868-69. *Christian Words*⁵¹ reported a meeting he attended at Souldern in December 1868.

'Souldern. — A public tea meeting was held here also (on Christmas Day); a goodly number sat down to tea. The Sunday scholars had tea gratis. After tea, a public meeting was held in the chapel, which was addressed by Messrs. Dale, of Ardley; Churchill, Deddington; Skidmore, Tackley, and Skidmore, from America. The meeting was crowded, and highly pleased and profited. This place is in a thriving state; and we contemplate building a new chapel here as soon as convenient. Great praise is due to the ladies for their services on this occasion.'

and again in 1869⁵²

OPENING OF A NEW PREACHING PLACE AT MILTON.

This is a small village newly taken on the plan. There were no religious meetings held here, only what the Established Church afforded. Mr. Smith, of Milton, and Mr. Adderbury, Oxon, a clever carver in wood, invited us to preach in this place. After getting a room licensed, which was done by Mr. Petty, of Deddington, one of our friends, Mr. Joseph Clarke, of Deddington, some weeks ago, went over and opened it for public worship. The meetings on the occasion were well attended, although we had not one member of our society, or, perhaps, of any other religious society in the congregation.

The room is to be better fitted up, so soon as the needful funds are raised. We have taken it at a rental for a time, in order to see what can be done. Appearances indicate success. Mr. Clarke also introduced

⁴⁸ Jackson's Oxford Journal 20 April 1889.

⁴⁹ OP1-35769 1934 08 10 p.4b Oxford Times, and OP1-35770 1934 08 17 p.16f ditto, funeral.

⁵⁰ We are grateful for biographical information on Thomas Skidmore's descendants in Illinois, compiled by his gt. grandson Thomas Allan Skidmore.

⁵¹ *Religious Intelligence: Deddington Circuit* in *Christian Words: The Organ of the Wesleyan Reform Union*, London:1868, p.29.

⁵² *ibid.* 1869, p.59.

temperance into the village, by persuading Mr. Smith to sign the pledge. His wife and family then did the same. From that hour the cause of temperance has progressed among the villagers. Shortly after the opening, a public temperance meeting was held in the room, which was very well attended. The meeting was addressed by Messrs. Petty, Churchill, and Webb. About forty persons have signed the pledge. It was a very good time indeed. Mr. Petty went over on another evening, and gave an astronomical lecture, in simple and easy language, and the hearers were very much interested, although they are unacquainted with scientific matters. The meeting was presided over by Mr. E. Ford of Deddington.

On March 9th, 1869, in order to give support and strength to the cause of religion and temperance in this place, we held a public tea meeting in Mr. Good's barn, which he kindly lent us for the occasion. The place was adorned by several appropriate mottoes, and tastefully decorated with evergreens and flowers, which were plentifully distributed along the tables — the mild season being very favourable to the early appearance of these beautiful productions of nature. The provisions and arrangements were very nicely got up by Mr. and Mrs. Smith, assisted by other kind friends. 118 persons sat down to tea. The profits were £1 6s. 3d. Afterwards a public meeting was held in the barn, which was well attended. It was presided over by Mr. Petty, and addressed by the following brethren in capital style, viz.: Brothers Ford, Kench, Webb, Churchill, Clark, Eccles, Skidmore from America, French and Hart. The speeches were very interesting and telling, embracing a variety of topics, related to the well-being of man. The audience, although sitting more than two hours, were inclined to stay. A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Good for the use of the barn, and to the ladies and friends for their kind assistance, which was carried by acclamation. We sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and Brother Eccles concluded with an earnest prayer.

A collection was made at the doors, which amounted to 7s. 3d. This sum is to be applied towards fitting up the place with seats. To God be glory and praise for his mercy to this people. T. G.

The committee of the Wesleyan Reform Union have the greatest pleasure in announcing, that the Deddington circuit of Wesleyan Reformers, has been cordially and unanimously received into the Union. The circuit is in Oxfordshire, and numbers 198 members, thirteen chapels and preaching places, and twenty-two preachers.

Children of John and Sarah (Kilby) Skidmore,

- i. Percival George, born 1861 in Toronto. Died aged 17 on 6 January 1879 at 194 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.
- ii. Edward J., born June 1863 in Toronto. He married Edith M. James on an unknown date. He was living in 1900 at 742 Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois, where he was in the real estate business. In 1910 he was living in Oak Park, Illinois, and in 1920 at 1614 Montrose Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.
- iii. Lillian B., born 13 October 1866 in Highwood, Lake, Illinois, died 6 January 1910 at Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. She married James Andrew Egan (born 6 April 1859 in Lowell, MA, died 1913) on 24 June 1889 in Highland Park, Lake. They had six children.
- iv. Alice, born 1869. Called Alice U. Skidmore and living at home in 1891.
- v. William Frank, born October 1872, died unmarried on 29 April 1901 aged 28.
- vi. Bertrand F., born October 1873. He married Ella May Stoner on an unknown date. He worked for Sawyer and Garrett real estate in 1891. He was living at 5117 Cornelia Avenue, Chicago in 1920.

44. HENRY⁸ SKIDMORE, agricultural labourer of Tackley, was a son of Thomas [25] and Ursula (Pountney) Skidmore, baptised at Tackley on 28 July 1833. He married Mary Ann Davis, a dressmaker (born about 1833 in Kirtlington, Oxfordshire, daughter of William Davis, carpenter), on 18 October 1855 at Tackley, witnessed by John Skidmore and Sarah Kilby, presumably his brother and his future sister-in-law. Their home was at Dog Kennel, Tackley, close to that of his father. He appears to be the Henry Skidmore whose passport no.13184 was dated 6 September 1858, presumably obtained in order to visit his Chicago family.

Henry Skidmore was buried at Tackley on 9 April 1890 aged 56. At the time of the 1891 census his widow was sharing the home at 10 Windmill Lane, Headington of her daughter Elizabeth Kerry. By 1901 she was at the home of Alfred and Elizabeth Higgs in Minto Road, Ashton under Lyne, Lancashire, presumably visiting her daughter Mary Ann who lived nearby. She died in 1909Q2 aged 76 in Headington.

Children of Henry and Mary Ann (Davis) Skidmore, baptised at Tackley,

- i. William Davis, born in Kirtlington and baptised 12 March 1856. A journeyman blacksmith, he

emigrated in 1883 and became a naturalised US citizen in 1888. He was living in 1920 in Chelan County, Washington.

born in Tackley,

- ii. John, baptised 25 December 1857. Buried 1 January 1859 aged 1.
 - iii. Emily, baptised 10 January 1860, daughter of Henry and *Anne* Skidmore. A dressmaker, and listed in the Headington section of Kelly's Directory of Oxfordshire for 1895, Miss Skidmore died in 1897Q3 aged 37.
 - iv. John, born 4 October (baptised 2 November) 1862, son of Henry and *Ann* Skidmore. Apparently the agricultural labourer found at Sutton under Brailes, Warwickshire at the time of the 1881 census, lodging with the family of Mark Wells.
 - v. Thirza, born 1864Q4. She was a housemaid - one of twelve servants - to the family of solicitor Samuel T. Fisher at The Grove, Tooting Bec Common, Streatham. She then married Joseph Wilson, a 'dairy carman' (born about 1872 in the hamlet of Stow, parish of Threckingham, Lincolnshire, son of William Wilson, agricultural labourer, and his wife Elizabeth) in 1894Q2 in Lambeth registration district and was living in Portland Road, Kensington at the time of the 1901 census with their daughter Ada Thirza. At least one more child was born - Marion May in 1903 - before Mrs Wilson's death at the age of 42 in 1907Q1. Joseph Wilson married Ellen Booth (born about 1877 in Ingham, Lincolnshire) in Lincoln in 1907Q3 and, with his wife and eldest daughter, ran his business from their home at 2 Packington Street, Islington. At the time of the 1911 census Joseph attempted a little publicity when he stated that he sold 'pure new milk with all its cream as yielded by the cows', a comment not surprisingly erased by the enumerator, leaving the words 'Dairyman - milk shop'.
 - vi. Elizabeth, born 1867Q2. A servant to Miss Caroline Grace, Postmistress at Heyford Road, Steeple Aston before her marriage. She married Percival Edgar Kerry, a bricklayer and builder's labourer (born about 1866 in Headington Quarry, Oxfordshire, son of Richard P. Kerry, general dealer, and his wife Sarah) in 1890Q4 in Oxford. They lived at first in Headington, moving around 1893 to the village of Headington Quarry where their home was Oakfield Cottage in 1901 and Maybank Cottage in 1911. Elizabeth died in 1912, aged 44 (Headington 1912); she had 9 children, 7 of whom were still living in 1911.
 - vi. Mary Ann, born 1870Q4. Before her marriage she was a cook to the family of Catherine Child in Warnborough Road, Oxford. She married Robert Harwood, a bricklayer (born 1868Q4 in Headington, son of Thomas Harwood, brickfield labourer, and his wife Ochenery (Smith)) in 1895Q2 in Headington district and was living by the time of the 1901 census in Minto Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire, moving to 57 Elgin Street, Waterloo, Ashton-under-Lyne by 1911.
71. vii. JOSIAH GEORGE, born 1873Q3.

45. GEORGE⁸ SKIDMORE, born 27 July 1848 and baptised 27 August of that year at Tackley, was a son of Thomas [25] and Ursula (Pountney) Skidmore. With his brother John and sister Emma, George emigrated to



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America, where he married Calista Wheeler on 13 May 1876 at Waukegan, Lake. She was born 4 August 1854 in Cuba, Lake, Illinois, daughter of John Robert and Catherine Marie (Hermance) Wheeler, and sister to Hiram Wheeler, his sister Emma's second husband.

George Skidmore worked in Chicago as a carpenter, though was described as a janitor at the time of the 1880 census when they were living on East Van Buren Street. In 1888 they moved to a farm west of Fort Sheridan (section 8 W. Deerfield) where he spent time working as a civilian carpenter. The farm occupied more and more of his time, and George finally gave up all outside work and devoted his time to agriculture. He joined the First Baptist church of Chicago upon arriving in America. On moving to the farm he, with his brother John and sister Emma and Hermance Wheeler (Calista's brother), formed a Sunday school in the area. They gathered at the home of H. P. Wheeler for Sunday afternoon school. The Lake County Sunday School Association helped provide funds for a small chapel to be built where Sunday school and church services were maintained for years.



George & Calista Skidmore
Wedding Photo

Calista Skidmore purchased (possibly from John King's daughter, Margaret Helm) Lot 4 of Section 16 in 1883. On 26 May 1884 Calista Skidmore of Chicago purchased from George Orndorff the north half of lot number 5 and also a triangular piece of property in Section 9 (Heller Parcel). Thus, the Skidmore family assembled the land which completes the modern configuration of the Heller Parcel (now the Heller Nature Center). Their holdings included about 60 acres of land. We are fortunate to have a photo of the George Skidmore house. The wood frame home with its large front stoop faced Ridge Road, just south of Old Mill Road (when Ridge Road went through near Grove School.) A large yard surrounded the house and in the background can be seen an outbuilding, possibly a barn. It is known that George farmed and had an orchard; he gave up his carpentry work to devote more time to the land. On December 12, 1902, George and Calista Skidmore sold a strip of land, 100 feet wide, in Section 9 and Lot 4 in Section 16 to the Chicago Northern Railway Company for construction of a rail line. They received \$1,600. In 1911, reparations (\$450) were made to the Skidmores for changes to the natural water course caused by the above construction.

George Skidmore died on 4 May 1918 and was buried in Waukegan (Oakwood cemetery). After her husband's death, Calista moved to Caldwell, Idaho to live with her son, Bertrond. She died there on 28 September 1927. According to family history, George Skidmore sold his Highland Park property to George F. Nixon, a developer who was active in this area at the turn of the century. It was eventually acquired by financier Walter E. Heller whose family sold the land to the Park District after his death.

Children of George and Calista (Wheeler) Skidmore,

- i. Daisy Calista, born 31 March 1877, died 24 June 1878.
72. ii. BERTROND GEORGE, born 31 July 1879, died 11 August 1942 in Caldwell, Canyon, Idaho.
73. iii. ELMER THOMAS, born 12 March 1883 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, died 2 February 1953 in Highland Park, Lake, Illinois.
- iv. Raymond H, born 26 January 1886, died 15 June 1905.
74. v. FLOYD MILTON, born 15 December 1888, died 15 August 1965 in Caldwell, Canyon, Idaho.

46. JAMES⁸ SKIDMORE, baptised 22 October 1848 at Tackley, was the son of James [26] and Jane (Hoare) Skidmore. He was at the age of 12 an agricultural labourer but later worked for a coal merchant in Lower Heyford. He married Louisa Waite (born 1841Q4 in Lower Heyford, Oxfordshire, daughter of John Waite, farm labourer, and his wife Sarah) in 1868Q4. He became a shepherd and was living in 1881 with his wife and children in Ball Lane, Tackley. They moved in the later 1880s to The Green, North Aston, Oxfordshire.

Louisa Skidmore died aged 61 and was buried 23 May 1903 at St Mary's, North Aston. James Skidmore died aged 58, at Field Barn, Tackley and was buried at St Nicholas' on 17 December 1906.

Children of James and Louisa (Waite) Skidmore, born in Heyford,

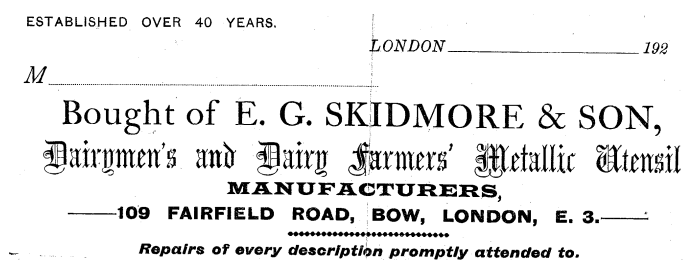
- i. James, registered with the surname *Waite* in 1868Q2 at Bicester but, whilst in his mother's home, he was always entered in census returns with the surname Skidmore. James Wait married Mary Ann Clements in 1897Q1 and was by the time of the 1901 census, a cattleman living with his wife in North Aston village.
- ii. Jane Maria, born 1870Q1. She was a servant in the household of butcher John Middleton in Upper Heyford at the time of the 1891 census and, by 1901, to Mrs Ann Clifford in South Street, Steeple Aston. She died in 1905 (registered as Jane Skidmore and said to be aged 33) and was buried at St Mary's, North Aston on 30 January.

and born and baptised at Tackley,

- iii. Ellen Mary, baptised 23 June 1872. She was servant to the family of farmer George Kidman in Adderbury, Oxfordshire at the time of the 1891 census. By 1901 she was cook to the household at Beam Hall, Weston Street, Oxford, of Thomas Case, Professor of Moral and Metaphysical Philosophy. She is probably the lady who married David Henry Skidmore, son of Thomas [48] in Oxford in 1901Q3.
75. iv. DAVID, baptised 20 September 1874.

- v. Jonathan, baptised 8 October 1876. Buried at Tackley on 29 December 1877 aged 14 months.
- vi. Sarah, baptised 20 October 1878. Living at home in 1901. After the death of her parents, she spent time in Woodstock Union Workhouse and then in Littlemore Asylum. She died on 21 January 1911.
- 76. vii. WILLIAM, baptised 12 June 1881.
- viii. Rachel, baptised 16 March 1884. A general domestic servant at the Fox and Crown Inn in North Aston in 1901. She married Joseph Vaughan, a domestic gardener (born about 1886 in Warborough, Oxfordshire) in 1910Q2 in the Woodstock registration district. They were living at the time of the 1911 Census at Honey Lane, Cholsey, Wallingford, Berkshire. Rachel's brother William [76], his wife and 8-month-old son were also entered in the 1911 as living in Honey Lane, Cholsey.

47. EDWIN GEORGE⁸ SKIDMORE, son of George Richard [27] and Sarah (Joist) Skidmore, was born on 23 December 1863 at Bond Court, Walbrook in the City of London and baptised 10 January 1864 at St Saviour's, Southwark⁵³. In the 1920s Mr Skidmore enquired into his Oxfordshire roots and the family still has letters he received from record offices.



He married Annie Maria Slater (born about 1862 in Hackney, daughter of Stephen Slater, a brass finisher, and his wife Ann) in 1887Q3 in Poplar and they lived at their business premises at 91 Armagh Road, Bow. He became a tin plate worker who specialised in the manufacture of milk cans and was also a dairy engineer. From 1915 to 1949 he ran 'Edwin George Skidmore & Son, Dairymen's and Dairy Farmers' Metallic Utensils Manufacturer' and operated from 109 Fairfield Road in Bow, London.

Mrs Skidmore died in 1929Q1 aged 66, Edwin Skidmore in 1955.

The children of Edwin George and Annie Maria (Slater) Skidmore, born in Bow,

- 77. i. **EDWIN GEORGE⁹**, born 1888Q3 in Bow. He was living in 1891 with his maternal grandparents at 9 Mape Street, Bethnal Green. He married Kate Potter Joist in 1919Q3 in Poplar. She was born 14 May 1887, daughter of Edwin George Joist, house painter, and his wife Hannah (Hunter), both British subjects born in America.
Children of Edwin George and Kate Potter (Joist) Skidmore,
Information kindly provided by grandson Jeff Skidmore.
 - i. Vera W.
 - 111. ii. **CLEMENT GEORGE¹⁰**. He married Mabel and had two sons Jeffery and Robert.
 - iii. Cecil Victor. He married Doreen.
- 78. ii. **ERNEST STEPHEN⁹**, born 1890Q2. He married Gertrude M. Tidd in 1915 and had a daughter and three sons.
 - iii. Henry John, born 1895Q4. He married in 1918.
 - iv. Hilda Florence, 11 months old at the time of the March 1901 census. She died in 1901 in Poplar, aged 1 and was buried on 11 December at Manor Park Cemetery.
 - v. Ivy Alice, born 1902Q1.
 - vi. Winifred, born 1905Q1.

⁵³ On the same day that George Joist, a shoemaker of Bell Alley, London Wall, and his wife Sarah had their son Edwin George Joist baptised; he was born 25 July 1857.

The family of Edwin George Skidmore [77].

48. THOMAS⁸ SKIDMORE, farm carter of Tackley, was baptised there on 3 January 1847, the son of Elizabeth Skidmore, daughter of William [15] and Jane Skidmore and was living in 1851 with his Skidmore grandparents in Tackley. He married Clara Siggers of Kirtlington on 22 June 1872 at Tackley. The witnesses were Priscilla Edgington (born about 1833 in Tackley, daughter of John and Eliza King) and Thomas Edgington (born about 1827 in Kirtlington), apparently the husband and wife living at a cottage on Northbrook Farm, Kirtlington at the time of the 1871 census. Clara Siggers was born in 1851Q3 in Kirtlington, Oxfordshire (daughter of David Siggers, agricultural labourer, and his wife Sarah Ann).

The family worshipped at Tackley Wesleyan Methodist Chapel and, like his uncle Jonathan, Thomas donated a guinea to the Wesleyan Methodist Million Guinea Fund (between 1899 and 1904) and had his name included in the Wesleyan Historic Roll. Mr and Mrs Skidmore lived in Nethercott Street and the 1891 census specifies their home as being close to Evetts Bottom and Evetts Cottages, towards the level crossing of the railway line.

In May 1882 at Wootton South Division Petty Sessions Thomas, along with several other parents, was summoned for a breach of the School Attendance Bye-Laws by neglecting to send their children to school. He pleaded sickness as the cause for his children's irregular attendance but 'promised that when they were well they should attend school'; his case, along with others, was dismissed⁵⁴. In fact, in other instances of such summons reported in Jackson's Oxford Journal, most cases were dismissed.

Mrs Skidmore died in 1914 aged 62 (buried 11 March), her husband in 1925 aged 78 (buried 15 May, both at Tackley).

Children of Thomas and Clara (Siggers) Skidmore,

79. i. DAVID HENRY⁹, born 1873Q4 at Rousham.

and born in Tackley,

ii. Ada Ann, born 1877Q2. She married Frederick George Bull, a plate layer on the railway (baptised

⁵⁴ Jackson's Oxford Journal, 13 May 1882.

- 7 September 1869, son of Frederick Bull, agricultural labourer of Wighthill, and his wife Eliza Charlotte (Eaton) in 1897Q4. They were living in Nethercott until at least 1911.
80. iii. **JONATHAN CHARLES**⁹, born 1880Q3. He married Margaret Gubbins (daughter of James Gubbins, a labourer) in 1913Q4. He is the 'Jonathan junior' (presumably to distinguish him from another Methodist preacher at Tackley, his great-uncle Jonathan), a Sunday School teacher, Steward of the Tackley Methodist Chapel and Local Preacher. By trade a miller, he would often start work at 4 am to be home in time to attend Bible Study at 6 pm. Sadly, he died of tuberculosis at the age of 37 on 10 November 1917. A son Cecil.
- His widow, Margaret, married secondly in 1922 Thomas James Saunders, a quarryman. Her strong faith is said to have influenced her whole life. 'She loved to sing the old favourite hymns, she was always cheerful and had the gift of being able to say anything without causing offence to anyone, for many years she was a Sunday School helper and communion steward. A number of Tackley people still remember her hearty singing and her time in the Sunday School. The present notice board was given by her son in her memory'⁵⁵. She died on 14 November 1965 aged 81 and both she and Jonathan Skidmore are buried in Tackley churchyard.
- iv. Albert, born 1882Q4. An agricultural labourer in 1901. He married Hetty Selina Matthews in 1908Q4 in the registration district of Dartford, Kent. Hetty was born in 1872Q1 in Eastry, Kent, the daughter of James Matthews and his wife Mary Ann (Hawks). Her father was given a Royal Marine Light Infantry Pension. Hetty had worked, prior to her marriage, as a Housemaid at Deal College in Eastry and then as a Parlourmaid at Lancing College for Boys in Sussex. In 1911 and in their third year of marriage, Albert and Hetty were living in a 5-room house at 3 Summerfield, New Hinksey in Oxford; Albert was employed by Oxford Borough Council as a Police Constable. They do not appear to have had any children.



*Oxford City Police Tug-Of-War Team, 1905*⁵⁶

P.C. Winfield P.C. Skidmore Sergt. G. Osborne [*Hon. Secretary*] P.C. Sandalls P.C. Jones
P.C. King P.S. Gomm Mr. O. Cole, Chief Constable [*Captain*] P.S. Rhymes P.C. Mitchell

- v. Elizabeth Emily, born 1884Q3. Twin to Frank. Known as Lizzie, she went into domestic service and by 1911 was one of five servants at 37 Holland Park in South Kensington, the 19-roomed home of Cyril Tankerville Chamberlaine, motor trader. She returned to Tackley in later years and lived on Nethercote Road, but she remained unmarried. A dedicated worshipper at the Chapel, she is remembered as being tall and slim; always pleasant, cheerful and kind and that she had very much enjoyed living in London. Her death occurred on the railway line at Hopcrofts Holt when she was aged 86 and she was buried on 14 July 1970 at Tackley.
- vi. Frank, born 1884Q3. A farm stockman in 1901. He died when only 34 years old and was buried on 28 October 1918.

⁵⁵ *The Chapel in Lower Hades: The History of Tackley Methodist Church 1808-2008.*

⁵⁶ *The Police Review and Parade Gossip*, 1 June 1906, pg 255.

Following Frank's entry in the burial register, the Rector wrote, 'Influenza swept through the village in November and few people escaped and there were 7 deaths in nine days'.

81. vii. **HAROLD**⁹, born 1891Q1, and like his father, he was a horseman on a farm. He died aged 34 and was buried at Tackley on 4 October 1925. He had moved into Oxford, married and had one daughter.

49. HENRY JAMES⁸ SKIDMORE/ SKITMORE, carman of St Pancras, was born 27 June 1846 and baptised 2 August of that year at St Nicholas Marston, Oxfordshire, son of James [28] and Susanna (Cummins) Skidmore. After the death of his mother, his father went to find work in London and Henry lived with his grandparents Francis and Amy Cummins in Marston. Francis Cummins, a lame shoemaker, was the fiddler with the Headington Quarry Morris Dancers for over 40 years.

By the time of the 1861 census Henry Skidmore had joined his father and stepmother in St Pancras, London. There he married Mary Shone (born about 1848 in Staffordshire, daughter of Henry Shone, carman) on 25 August 1867 at St Pancras Old Church and they lived in Camden Town. Mrs Skidmore died in childbirth at 24 Archer Street, Camden Town on 3 December 1872 aged 27 and was buried at St Pancras Cemetery.

Henry married secondly Mary Grace Hollet Skinner, a parlourmaid (born 1848Q3 in Mirville Street, Torquay, Devon, daughter of John Skinner and his wife Mary Earl (Middleton)) on 26 December 1874 at St Pancras Old Church.

In 1876, they lived in Kentish Town, moving by 1881 to Islington and living firstly at 21a Brewery Road and later in North Road. In 1901, the family lived at 16 Grange Road, St Pancras. During his first marriage, Henry worked as a carman and, at the time of his second marriage he was a coal porter. The 1891 Census records him as a shop tradesman whilst on the marriage certificate of his son William Charles in 1894 he was described as a greengrocer and was listed as such - at 32 North Rd, Caledonian Rd - in the Post Office Directory for 1895. At the time of the 1901 census he gave his occupation as coal porter. Mr Skidmore suffered from asthma and bronchitis, necessitating a stay early in 1903 in Morley Convalescent Home at Dover, which stay caused him to lose his job in Kentish Town. He died on 26 May 1903 by drowning in the sea off Ramsgate sands⁵⁷. Mary Grace Skidmore died in 1925 aged 76 and was buried at St Pancras Cemetery on 27 June.

Children of Henry James and Mary (Shone) Skidmore, born in Camden Town,

- i. Elizabeth Harriett, born 14 July 1868 at 10 Bayham Place, Camden Town and baptised on 24 August 1868 at St Pancras. She married widower Joseph Richards, a brass finisher (born about 1859 in Birmingham) on 26 November 1893 at St Mary's Church, Lambeth, and was living in 1901 at 27 New Kent Road, Newington, London, with her husband and his sons Charles Richards aged 21 and Albert Richards aged 15.
82. ii. HENRY ARTHUR, born 21 June 1870.
83. iii. WILLIAM CHARLES, born 5 December 1872.

Children of Henry James and Mary Grace (Skinner) Skidmore, born in Camden,

- iv. Mary Earl, born 6 December 1876 at 39 New Market Terrace, Camden Town and baptised on 24 December 1876 at St Paul's in St Pancras. A dressmaker before her marriage in 1895Q4 in Islington to Thomas James Franklin, a coal porter (born about 1875 in Kentish Town, son of William Franklin from Wallingford and his wife Ellen from Abingdon). They were living in 1901 at 20 Vorley Road, Islington. By 1911 Thomas was working as a motor cab driver; he and Mary were living at 92 Camden Road, Camden Town NW, with 3 children: Winifred Mary, aged 12, Thomas James 8 and William Henry 4.
- v. Martha Elizabeth Striplin, born 19 January 1880 at 2 Marquis Road, Camden Square and baptised at St Thomas', Camden Town on 1 February. (The names Striplin and Earl appear in Mary Grace Skinner's family in Devon). She is probably the lady of her name who married William Thomas Harris, a cabman (born in St Pancras) in 1907Q1 in St Pancras registration district. In 1911 they were living with their one-year-old son Stanley Henry at 59 York Road, Camden Road NW, and Martha's mother and younger brother and sister.

and born in Islington,

84. vi. **JAMES HENRY**⁹, whose birth was registered as Henry James Skidmore in 1882Q1, was born at

⁵⁷ The East Kent Times & District Advertiser, 27 May 1903, inquest report.

- Nailer Street, Kings Cross. James Skidmore was a draper's porter until at least 1911. He attended the inquest into the death of his father in 1903. He married in 1918 and died in 1938 aged 55.
- vii. John Nicholas, born 1884Q4 at 46 Bradwell Street and baptised at St Anthony's, Stepney, on 24 December 1884. He died at the age of 15 months at 21 North Road, Islington and was buried on 1 March 1886 at Islington Cemetery.
- viii. Florence Louisa, registered in 1890Q1, born at 22 Monkley Terrace, Islington at the end of 1889 since she was two months of age at her baptism at Caledonian Road Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Islington, on 18 February 1890. After the death of her father, she lived with her mother and older brother and was working as a dressmaker at the time of the 1911 census. She appears to have moved to Devon with her brother James Henry, where her death was probably that registered at Plymouth in 1927, aged 38.

50. WILLIAM CHARLES⁸ SKIDMORE was born in 1859Q4 in Pancras, London and baptised at All Saints, Camden Town, on 19 May 1861, son of James [28] and Harriet (Smith) Skidmore. William Skidmore, a carman of 'Old St Pancras' was described as being the son of carman *William* Skidmore, when he married Catherine Foley on 8 February 1880 at St Pancras Old Church, London.

William and Catherine Skidmore were living in 1881 with their daughter Harriet, aged 1, at 8 Waites Place, Camden, close to his supposed parents⁵⁸. This family was enumerated as *Skinmore* in the census of 1891, when they were living at 15 Edinburgh Place, Islington. By 1901 they had moved to Pentonville Road, Clerkenwell and in 1911 they were living at 149 Bemerton Street, Islington. The census records that William and Kate had been married for 34 years and they had had 11 children born alive of whom only 6 were still living. Mr Skidmore died later that year and was buried on 4 December in Islington Cemetery, aged 55. His widow died in 1926Q3 with a recorded age of 73 and was buried on 27 September 1926 in Islington Cemetery.

Children of William Charles and Catherine (Foley) Skidmore, born in Camden Town and baptised at St Pancras Old Church,

- i. Elizabeth Harriet, born 1880Q2 and baptised 12 April 1882 with her younger sister Honora. She died at 2 Alpha Buildings, Clerkenwell and was buried on 18 February 1901 at St Pancras Cemetery, aged 20.
- ii. Honora, registered in 1882Q2 as Honorah *Skinmore*. She died in 1898 aged 16 and was buried on 9 February at St Pancras Cemetery.
- iii. Daisy, born 24 June 1884 and registered as Daisy *Scimore* at Pancras. She was baptised 24 December 1885. She appears to have married Alfred Harvey in 1906Q4. In 1911 they lived with sons Alfred, aged 4, and George 1, at 45 Northampton Street, Clerkenwell. Alfred, aged 29, was working as a printer's warehouseman and Daisy, aged 26, gave Camden Town as her place of birth.
- iv. Arthur John, born 29 September 1886, son of William *James*, a coal porter and Catharine Skimore of 31 Little Randolph Street. He was baptised on 27 October 1886. Arthur had a colourful childhood, being described in 1896⁵⁹ as part of 'a gang of boys who are a perfect terror to the shopkeepers of Somers-town. They steal bread, cheese, bacon, eggs, and everything else they can get hold of, and sleep out at night'. At this time his parents were bound over for their sons' good behaviour.

He was charged at the age of 12 years and 1 month, under Sec XVI 'Beyond control' by the London School Board and ordered by Horace Smith Esq, JP, to be sent the next day to the Manchester Certified Industrial School for Boys at 75 & 77 Ardwick Green⁶⁰, for a term of 3 years and 11 months. He was admitted on 4 February 1899 and the Admission Register also noted that his religious persuasion was Church of England, his father was William Skidmore, a Coal Porter at

⁵⁸ The census entries for this man and his wife are very confusing*; he gives three different birth years and gives his name as William *John*.

| *census | name | approx.yr.born | place born | occupation | wife | | |
|---------|--------------|----------------|------------|-------------|-----------|------|------------|
| 1881 | William | 1853 | Pancras | carman | Katherine | 1859 | Pancras |
| 1891 | William John | 1855 | Hove | coal porter | Kate | 1855 | St Pancras |
| 1901 | William J | 1860 | St Pancras | coal porter | Catherine | 1859 | St Pancras |
| 1911 | William John | 1857 | St Pancras | coal porter | Kate | 1856 | St Pancras |

⁵⁹ Lloyd's Weekly Newspaper, 1 November 1896.

⁶⁰ See also <http://www.missing-ancestors.com/index.html>, which contains some useful information on Industrial Schools.

present in prison and his mother was Kate Skidmore of 2 Alpha Place, Pentonville Road. He had had two or three years previous education and at the Industrial School (previously known as the Manchester Ragged and Industrial Schools for Boys and Girls) he was one of around 200 boys who received craft tuition and some general education. Arthur was occupied as a shoemaker and had reached Standard IV by the time he was recorded as being 14 years and 4 months old.

Having been detained by then for 2 years and 62 days in the school, he was put on Licence from 6 April 1901 and was sent to live under the care of Mr John T Clarke, Superintendent, at the Manchester Industrial School Boys' Home at 59 Ardwick Green. He was expected to remain there and go out to work until his Licence expired on his (assumed) 16th birthday. With accommodation for 20 boys at the Boys' Home, the 1901 census, which was taken a week before Arthur's arrival there, recorded 19 boarders, 14 of whom were working as apprentices.

He was first employed as a strap cutter at the rubber works owned by Messrs Moseley & Son at Tipping Street and he received 7 shillings a week and then by Messrs Jaffe & Son at 56 Princess Street. No details were recorded about the nature of this firm's business but, by January 1902, Arthur was earning 9 shillings a week. By October 1902, he was working in brass finishing for Messrs W H Bailey & Co at Essex Street in Salford (now occupied by a Sainsbury's supermarket). When his licence expired in 1902 he was allowed to return home, with occasional visits from a Government Visitor. He was working for Mr F Wade, a Potted Meat Manufacturer, at Turnbull Street, Broad Yard, Cow Cross Street, with wages of 10 shillings per week and living with his parents at 2 Alpha Buildings, Penton Street, Pentonville. This was described as being a '*fair home in a fair neighbourhood*' with a concluding remark '*Brother reports boy to be doing well*'.

In 1911 he was recorded in the census as an unmarried 24-year-old private soldier in the 4th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment serving in Bareilly United Province India with C & D Companies. Private Arthur Skidmore, son of William John and Catherine Skidmore of 123 Bemerton Street, Caledonian Road, King's Cross, London, was serving with the 3rd Battalion Worcestershire Regiment when he was killed in action on 11 August 1917, aged 36 (sic). His name appears at Ypres on the Menin Gate Memorial.

- v. William John, registered with the surname *Skidmord* in 1889Q1. In 1911 he was living with his parents and working as a binder for a rubber manufacturer. Private (GDSN) William John Skidmore, son of John and Catherine Skidmore of 123 Bemerton Street, Caledonian Road, King's Cross, London, was serving with the 5th Reserve Battalion Grenadier Guards when he died at the King George Military Hospital in Lambeth on 27 October 1918, aged 29. His death is commemorated on a screen wall in the western part of Islington Cemetery and Crematorium; he was buried there on 5 November 1918.
- vi. Nellie Maud, born 1893Q3. Called Ellen, she was living with her parents at the time of the 1911 census and worked as a bottle washer.
- vii. George Thomas, born 1897Q1. Lance Corporal George Skidmore, son of William and Kate Skidmore of 123 Bemerton Street, Caledonian Road, King's Cross, London, was serving with the 12th Battalion Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment) when he was killed in action on 26 September 1916, aged 19. He is buried in Lonsdale Cemetery in Authuille, France.

51. FREDERICK WILLIAM⁸ SKIDMORE, baptised on 6 July 1856 at Tackley, was the son of John [30] and Sarah (Hoare) Skidmore. At the age of 14, he was living in what appears to be a lodging house in the High Street, Deritend, Birmingham; he was a porter and the other five men living there were all shopmen. He was described as a general labourer, living at the time of the 1881 census in Providence Place, Solihull. He appears to have married Ellen Cleaver (born in Middle Barton, Oxfordshire, perhaps in 1861Q3, daughter of Richard Cleaver, shepherd, and his wife Ellen) in 1879Q2 in Evesham registration district.

By the time of the 1891 census he was a gardener, living with his family at Vale Farm, Olton Road, Shirley. Their home through the 1890s was in Kineton Green, Olton, but they moved before 1899, when Frederick Skidmore was working for himself, to a cottage in the hamlet of Wimpstone, south of Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire. Mrs Skidmore took in laundry and ran her business from home. By 1911, they were living at Willicote, near Stratford-on-Avon, and Mrs Skidmore was assisted by her daughters Ellen and Florence; she stated that she had had 10 children and 8 were still living. At the time their son William died in WWI their address was 43 Broad Road, Acocks Green. Mrs Skidmore died in 1933 aged 72, her husband in 1944 aged 87.

Children of Frederick William and Ellen (Cleaver) Skidmore, born in Olton, Solihull,

85. i. **FREDERICK CHARLES**⁹, born 1881Q3. Having previously worked as a gardener, Frederick Charles joined the 5th Battalion Royal Warwick Regiment (at a date unknown), as he stated when, at the age of 18y3m, he attested for the British Army at Birmingham in 1899. The Medical Officer's report noted that Frederick Charles's religious denomination was Church of England and that he had a fresh complexion, blue eyes and light brown hair. His height was measured at 5 feet 7½ ins. He served 8 years in the Border Regiment with the 2nd and 3rd Battalions, being in India from March 1901 until December 1904 and moving on from there to South Africa until March 1907.

Frederick Charles was awarded the Certificate of Education (2nd Class) on 5 September 1901. He was promoted to Lance Corporal on 5 May 1903 and Corporal on 16 January 1906. On two occasions, he was granted Class I Service Pay (6d from 1 April 1904; 7d from 30 August 1904) and was granted two Good Conduct Badges on 30 August 1904. His 8 years with the Colours also provided him with an army pension. He transferred to Section B of the Army Reserve in August 1907 and was discharged fully from the army in August 1911.

In 1910Q1 Frederick Charles married Eliza Jane Goodwin (perhaps born 1879Q4, daughter of John Goodwin, grocer of Lyndon Gunster, Solihull, and his wife Eliza) and they had two daughters. In 1911, they lived at 102 Knowle Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, and Frederick Charles was employed by Birmingham City Corporation as a gardener. He died in 1949 aged 68, his wife perhaps earlier in 1934 aged 54.

ii. Lucy, born 1882Q3. She was called Lucy George at the time of the 1901 census⁶¹, together with Winifred George aged 9 months, and she married in 1902Q4 William Henry George, a horse keeper for an omnibus company (born about 1883Q3 in Wolverhampton, Staffordshire). They were living by 1911 at Glen May, Stratford Road, Shirley, Birmingham.

i. [perhaps] Winifred Lucy, born, like Eliza, in Wimpstone in 1900Q3 and registered as Skidmore. She was recorded as the grandchild of Frederick and Ellen Skidmore in the census of 1911.

iii. Sarah, born 1887Q1. She appears to be the Sara Sylvia Gwendolen Skidmore, a secretary aged 24, single and born in Vale Farm, Solihull, Birmingham, boarding at 35 Earls Court Gardens, Kensington, London SW. She married in Kensington in 1912 and died aged 72 in 1961.

iv. Ellen Catherine, born 1888Q3.

and in Kineton Green, Olton,

v. Florence Edith, born 1893Q3.

vi. Charles James, born 1894Q3. Like his brother William he was working for a nurseryman in 1911 and living in the home of their sister Lucy George.

vii. William, born 1895Q3. He saw action in France and Flanders and was killed aged 22 on 21 September 1917, serving with the Gloucestershire regiment. His name appears on the Tyne Cot Memorial in Zonnebeke, Belgium.

and in Stratford on Avon,

viii. [perhaps] Eliza, born 1900Q3 in Wimpstone, Stratford on Avon, Warwickshire. She died in 1901Q4.

x. Sybil, born 1904Q1.

52. ERNEST⁸ SKIDMORE, son of John [30] and Elizabeth (Keatley) Skidmore, was born 11 February 1882 in Olton, Solihull. A carpenter, he married Clara Alice Bovington (born 23 May 1882 at 19 Commercial Buildings, St Mary, Warwick) on 4 August 1902 at Budbrooke parish church, Warwickshire.

Mr Skidmore died on 1 April 1966 at 80 Hermitage Road, Solihull, his wife on 20 May 1975.

Children of Ernest and Clara Alice (Bovington) Skidmore,

86. i. FRANK, born 4 August 1903.

87. ii. CHARLES, born 13 April 1905.

53. AMOS⁸ SKIDMORE, son of Joseph [31] and Jane (Skidmore) Skidmore, was baptised at Tackley on 28 July 1867 (perhaps the 'male' Skidmore whose birth was registered at Woodstock in 1867Q3). He was a cattle man

⁶¹ They were visiting at Ulverley Terrace, Olton, the home of gardener Henry William and Bertha Esther (Freeman) Clark.

on a farm in Tackley in 1901 and married Annie Bennett in Banbury registration district in 1905Q4. Mr Skidmore died on 19 February 1946 aged 78, his widow at Adderbury on 1 October 1960 aged 87.

A son of Amos and Annie (Bennett) Skidmore,

- i. Amos John, baptised 10 September 1911 at Tackley. A member of the church choir, he was killed in a motorcycle accident on 2 November 1929, aged 18, and is buried with his parents in Tackley churchyard.

54. JOHN ALBERT⁸ SKIDMORE, born 19 July 1879 in Handbridge, Chester, was the son of John Thomas [32] and Elizabeth (Ashton) Skitmore. He was a wood carver of 54 Gray Street, Bootle when he married Lillie Frances Blanchard, otherwise Higson, on 25 April 1909 at Our Lady Star of the Sea RC Church, Seaforth. The witnesses were William R. Chapters and S. M. Oby. They were living in 1911 at 15 Allington Street, Liverpool with their baby son and with Mr Skidmore's brother-in-law William Blanchard.

Mrs Skidmore died in 1939Q1 aged 63, John Albert in 1970Q2 at Ormskirk. Mr Skidmore died on 1 June 1970 at the General Hospital Ormskirk, a retired merchant seaman of 30 Ambleside Road, Maghull.

A son of John Albert and Lillie Frances (Blanchard) Skidmore,

- i. STANLEY EDGAR H.⁹, born 24 January 1911. He married in 1936 and had two daughters. Mr Skidmore died in 1981Q2 at Liverpool.

55. EDWARD JAMES⁸ SKITMORE/ SKIDMORE, mason and sculptor of Milton-under-Wychwood and later Abertillery, Monmouthshire was born in Fifield, Gloucestershire and baptised at Milton-under-Wychwood on 24 January 1864, son of Albert James [33] and Emma (Pumfrey) Skidmore. He married Charlotte Gillard (born 24 July 1860 in St Pancras, daughter of George David Gillard, blacksmith, and his wife Charlotte (Rawlings)) on 14 February 1885 at the Upper Baptist Chapel, Milton-under-Wychwood, witnessed by Albert James Skidmore and Annie Jane Gillard. Charlotte was living in Frog Lane, Milton under Wychwood at the time of the 1881 census with her grandfather James Rawlings and her brother George J. Gillard.

Edward and his family moved from Milton-under-Wychwood to Abertillery, where he was a builder, some time between 1896 and the time of the 1901 census. Their home, called Wychwood House, was in Eastville Road, Sixbells. They moved after WWI to Weston super Mare, where Charlotte died on 4 June 1940, her husband on 4 January 1958.

Children of Edward James and Charlotte (Gillard) Skidmore, born in Milton-under-Wychwood,

88. i. ALBERT GEORGE, born 16 December 1885.
- ii. Emma Matilda, born 8 March 1887. She married Thomas Lewis Davies (born about 1885 in Builth, Radnorshire) in Abertillery in 1907Q3 and they had five children. The Davies family sold caravans at Highbridge, Somerset. Mrs Davies died on 27 June 1970 at Weston super Mare.
- iii. Norah Lottie, born 13 April 1888. She married Arthur Sidney Gay (born about 1891 in Llanhilleth, Monmouthshire) in 1910Q1 at Abertillery and they had two sons and two daughters. Norah Gay died on 20 June 1977 at Weston super Mare.
89. iv. GILBERT EDWARD, born 3 May 1889.
90. v. SYDNEY WILLIAM, born 7 December 1890.
- vi. Mabel Annie, born 4 June 1892. Miss Skidmore ran a nursing home on Milton Road, Weston super Mare which she called Wychwood. She died on 4 March 1960.
- vii. Gillard Hubert, born 13 February 1894. He married Beatrice Maude Carey in 1924Q4, in the Weston super Mare area. They did not have children. He died on 10 October 1970 at Weston super Mare.
91. viii. STANLEY HUGH, born 12 April 1895.
- ix. Beatrice Evelyn, born 28 June 1896. Miss Skidmore died on 30 September 1943 at Weston super Mare.



Edward James Skidmore and family, taken in Abertillery, early 1900s.

Back row: Emma Matilda Skidmore, Albert George Skidmore.

Edward James Skidmore, Sydney William Skidmore, Norah Lottie Skidmore, Mabel Annie Skidmore, Gilbert Edward Skidmore, and mother Charlotte.

Beatrice Evelyn Skidmore, Gillard Hubert Skidmore, Stanley Hugh Skidmore

56. THOMAS ALBERT⁸ SKITMORE, son of Albert James [33] and Emma (Pumfrey) Skitmore, was born in Fifield, Gloucestershire, in 1865Q4. Having previously worked as a mason, Thomas attested for the Foot Guards on 4 December 1883 in Oxford giving his age as 19 years 1 month when the GRO birth registration record suggests he was actually a year younger. Thomas's religious denomination was stated to be Church of England; and his father, Albert of Milton, Oxfordshire, was named as his next of kin. The Medical Officer's report noted that Thomas had a fresh complexion, brown eyes and dark brown hair and his physical development was good. His height was measured at 5 feet 8¼ ins. He served as a Private in the Grenadier Guards with the 2nd and 3rd Battalions, seeing active service in the Sudan for which he received the Egypt and Sudan Campaign Medal with the clasp *Suakin 1885* and the accompanying Khedive's Bronze Star. From there, he went to Egypt and then on to Cyprus, being posted for about 10 weeks in each country, before returning to home duties in London and at Windsor Castle. Thomas was awarded the Certificate of Education (3rd Class) and, on two occasions, Good Conduct Pay (1d from 4 December 1885; 2d from 4 December 1889). Required to serve for 3 years before transferring to the Army Reserve, Thomas extended his service to 7 years with the Colours. Unfortunately, after 6½ years' service and although his own conduct throughout this time was stated to be exemplary, his battalion (the 2nd) was disgraced and sentenced to 2 years' exile, later reprieved to 1 year. Within a week of the battalion's return from Bermuda, Thomas transferred to the 1st Class Army Reserve (Section B) on 4 August 1891 and was discharged fully from the army in December 1895.

Two months after leaving the Colours, Thomas married Henrietta Janet Watt Smith (born about 1863 in Montrose, Forfarshire, Scotland, daughter of Francis Smith) on 10 October 1891 at the Church of SS Simon and Jude in Milton-under-Wychwood, Oxfordshire. [She was working at the time of the 1881 census as a dressmaker, and living with her brothers Alexander and David Smith, and her sisters Hannah and Isabella Smith, at 19 Storks Road, Bermondsey, London]. By April 1894 Mr Skitmore had joined the Oxfordshire county/police force and was mentioned in a newspaper report that month⁶² concerning an affray in Market Place, Bampton, Oxfordshire. By 1901 and through to 1911 Thomas and Henrietta Skitmore were living in Bicester Road,

⁶² Jackson's Oxford Journal 14 April 1894.

Middleton Stoney, Oxfordshire. Mrs Skitmore died in 1946Q4 at Bristol age 84, her husband on 12 September 1965 at Shirehampton, Bristol age 99 (said in his obituary to be 'Oxford's oldest living ex-policeman'⁶³).

Children of Thomas Albert and Henrietta Janet Watt (Smith) Skitmore,

92. i. THOMAS⁹, born 1892Q3 in Bicester, Oxfordshire. An estate clerk, he was boarding at the time of the 1911 census with Jacob and Maria Ann Williscroft in Talbot Street, Rugeley, Staffordshire. Thomas Skitmore married in 1919 and had, as known, one daughter.
- ii. Margaret, born 1895Q2 in Bampton, Oxfordshire. A school teacher at the time of the 1911 census.
93. iii. FREDERICK⁹, born 27 December 1903 at Middleton Stoney. Frederick Skitmore married in 1933 and had a daughter. He died at Westminster 1991Q2 aged 87.

57. WILLIAM GEORGE⁸ SKIDMORE, son of Albert James [33] and Emma (Pumfrey) Skitmore, was born in Winson, Gloucestershire. He was 7 months old on census night, 2 April 1871, placing his birth around October 1870. A stone mason, he married Lizzie Rollings (born about 1865 in Eaton Bray, Bedfordshire) in 1891Q2 in Chipping Norton registration district. By the time of the 1911 census the couple were living with their children at 47 Bullingdon Road, Oxford.

Lizzie Skidmore died in 1948Q4 aged 83.

Children of William George and Lizzie (Rollings) Skidmore, born in Milton-under-Wychwood,

- i. Lilian Ellen, born 1891Q4. A shop assistant in 1911.
94. ii. WILFRED THOMAS⁹, born 1893Q3. At the time of the 1911 census he was a footman at Birdsall House, Yorkshire, the home of Lord Middleton. Wilfred T. Skidmore married in 1944 and died in 1967 aged 74, his wife in 1996 aged 81. A son.
- iii. Archibald William, born 1894Q3 in Oxfordshire, died 1898Q2 in Abertillery.
- iv. Kenneth Albert, born 1 August 1896. He married in 1926. Kenneth Skidmore died in 1980.
- v. Reginald Frederick, born 1898Q1 in Charlbury, Oxfordshire. His died at the age of 26 in 1924.
- vi. Lottie May, born 1899Q3, died 1900Q3 aged 1 in Abertillery.
- vii. Edgar Redvers, born 1900Q2. He was buried at Milton Baptist Church on 8 April 1901 age 1.
- viii. Percy Harold, born 1902Q4 in Reading, Berkshire. Living in 1944.
- ix. Albert, born 2 January 1905 at New Yatt, Hailey, Oxfordshire. He died an infant.
95. x. RALPH OLIVER⁹, born 11 March 1906 at New Yatt, Hailey. He married in 1930 and died in 1983Q1. Two sons.

58. ERNEST JOHN⁸ SKIDMORE, born 10 July 1878 at Bradwell, Oxfordshire, was a son of Albert James [33] and Emma (Pumfrey) Skitmore. He must have served an apprenticeship somewhere during the 1890s because by 1901 he was a saddler and harness maker in Twyford, Berkshire. He married Rosa Sirett on 26 December 1901 at the Independent Chapel, Bicester, witnessed by George Sirett and Edith Sirett. Her father George Sirett (married Fanny Gutteridge 1869) was a shoeing smith and ran a family business making cycles from their home in Market Place, Bicester.

Ernest and Rosa Skidmore were living at the time of the 1911 census at 3 Station Road, Twyford, Berkshire.

Children of Ernest John and Rosa (Sirett) Skidmore, born in Twyford, Berkshire,

- i. Cecil Ernest, born 13 July 1904. He married in 1932. Mr Skidmore died in 1969.
- ii. Winifred May, born 1911Q1. She died in 1912Q2 aged 1.

⁶³ OP1-35771 1965 09 17 p.14 Oxford Times.

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65. BRUCE JOHN⁹, born in Uxbridge, Middlesex in 1864Q3, was a son of John [38] and Emily (Muddeman) Skidmore. A joiner of 2 Albion Road, he married Sarah Ann Norton (born about 1867 in Shepherds Bush, London, daughter of Nehemiah Norton) in 1888Q3 at St Clement's, Westbourne Road, Islington, witnessed by John Evitt and Thomas Muddeman Baker. They lived at first in London, where he was a carpenter and joiner, he appears to have taken over a similar position to his father - as builder's foreman - in Hillingdon, where the family home was in Montague Road.

By 1911 he was managing the Building Dept. of Wharf & Dock (perhaps a general description and not the name of a company) and living with his family at 114 Tooley Street, Bermondsey. He died in Bermondsey in 1921Q1, aged 56.

Children of Bruce John and Sarah Ann (Norton) Skidmore, born in Uxbridge,

100. i. **HAROLD JOHN M.¹⁰**, born 1889Q4 in Uxbridge. He married in 1915 and died in 1949. Two sons and a daughter.
- ii. Mabel Lilian, born 1895Q2 in St Johns Wood, London.
- iii. Charles Herbert, born in Willesden⁶⁴ on 12 October 1897. He died at the age of 17 on 6 August 1916 serving in France with the Royal Field Artillery, 'B' Bty 105th Bde. He is buried at the Flatiron Copse Cemetery, Mametz, France. The address of the family home was given at this time as 114 Tooley Street, London.
- iv. Winifred, born 1900Q3 in Harlesden.

66. DAVID⁹ SKIDMORE, baptised at Tackley on 13 June 1852, was a son of Thomas [40] and Jane Ann (Gibbs) Skidmore. He married Caroline Mary Slater (born 27 March 1855 in Bletchingham, Oxfordshire) on 3 February 1878 at St Andrew, Bordesley and was a warehouseman in the cocoa factory at Bournville. The Cadbury business had moved in 1878 from Bridge Street in central Birmingham to its new greenfield site between the villages of Stirchley, Kings Norton and Selly Oak, four miles south of the city. The Quaker ideals of the Cadbury family and its care for its workers is well-known. George Cadbury was a housing reformer, dedicated to improving the lives of working men and their families by providing a community of decent homes. Having built some houses for key workers when the Bournville factory was built, in 1895 he bought 120 acres near the works and began to build houses in line with the ideals of the embryonic Garden City movement⁶⁵.

David Skidmore worked for Cadbury in the centre of Birmingham - his first two children were reported in censuses to have been born in Aston. The family was living in Stirchley, Kings Norton, by 1881 and their address in 1901 was 184 Mary Vale Road, Bournville. He was by 1911 foreman packer.

Mrs Skidmore spent time in Birmingham General Hospital and died on 11 November 1902 aged 46. David Skidmore appears to have married secondly in 1916Q2 in Kings Norton district Harriet Tustain and they became members of the Society of Friends. They retired to Ivanhoe, 15 Sunnyside Road, Weston super Mare, where he died on 17 May 1934.

Children of David and Caroline Mary (Slater) Skidmore,

- i. Agnes Lilian, born 1878Q2 in Aston. She married Frederick Pountain, a railway engine driver (born about 1876 in Burton, Staffordshire) in 1909Q1 in Kings Norton district.
- ii. **FRANK¹⁰**, born 1879Q3 in Aston. He was a factory hand in Bourneville, Birmingham in 1901. Frank (recorded on the passenger list as Skidman) sailed on the SS St Louis from Southampton on 8 April 1905 arriving at New York on 16 April. An electroplater, he was unmarried at this time and was travelling to Philadelphia to join his uncle William Nicholas at 1421 N Frazier Street. He married, presumably in Philadelphia and before May 1910, Emma _____ (born about 1883 in England), who had emigrated to the US in 1902. Both were naturalised in 1918. He again made the journey from Britain to the US, arriving at New York on the SS Arabic on 30 May 1910; he gave his next of kin as his mother at 184 Mary Vale Road in 1910. His destination was 322 Pembroke Road, Cynwyd, Philadelphia (an area that had been settled in the 17th century by Welsh Quakers). Their rented home at the time of the January 1920 census was 84 West Johnson

⁶⁴ Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

⁶⁵ www.cadbury.co.uk

Street, Philadelphia. Mr Skidmore then owned a garage and service station in the Germantown section of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which he lost in the Great Depression.

Children of Frank and Emma Skidmore, born in Pennsylvania,

- i. Mary, born 30 May 1909. Mary DeWilde died 18 April 2002 in Florida. She had a son Frank.
 - ii. **DAVID**¹¹, born 22 June 1913, died in August 1999 in Port Orange, Florida. He married Gladys Mae Focht (1917-2007) and had a daughter Linda and a son David (who kindly provided information on this family). David was a U.S. army veteran of World War II. He served in the Pacific Theater, in the Philippines and New Guinea. He ended his career as an employee of the Finance Department of the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
 - iii. A son who died an infant in the 1919 influenza epidemic.
 - iv. **STEPHEN**¹¹, born August 1921. He lives in North Carolina with his wife Mary Ellen. A son Stephen and a daughter Gail.
- iii. Ethel, born 1881Q3. Her birth was registered at Thame, Oxfordshire, and her birthplace in the census of 1901 was given as Great Milton near Tetsworth, Oxfordshire⁶⁶. A packer of cocoa at the age of 13 and by 1901 a cardboard box maker, almost certainly at Cadbury's. She appears to have married Archibald H. Park in 1916.

born in Stirchley,

101. iv. **HARRY**¹⁰, born 1885Q1. A mercantile clerk, he appears to have married Mabel J. Wood in 1914 in Kings Norton and had one son (as known).
102. v. **WILLIAM THOMAS**¹⁰, born 1887Q1. A draper's assistant in 1901 and a boot shop manager in 1911. He married Eleanor Mary Skinner (born about 1891 in Clapham, Surrey) early in 1911 and was living in Harrow Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham in 1911. A daughter and one (perhaps two) sons.
- vi. Elsie, born 1890Q1. She appears to have married Harry Poyner in 1916 and had one daughter.
103. vii. **ALBERT**¹⁰, born 6 May 1893. Died 11 March 1987. He married in 1923. Our thanks to his son Derek Skidmore for information on the family.
- viii. Ernest, born 1895Q2. He also emigrated to the US, leaving 34 Franklin Road, Bournville, and sailing to New York with a 2nd-class ticket aboard the *Cedric* which departed from Liverpool on 11 January 1922. He was described as being a 26-year-old fitter's labourer.

67. ALBERT⁹ **SKIDMORE**, baptised 5 November 1854 at Tackley, was a son of Thomas [40] and Jane Ann (Gibbs) Skidmore. He married Mary Ann _____ (born about 1854 in Dublin) and was a labourer in Liverpool in 1881, when they lived at Court 22, back of 2 Portland Street there. He is probably the Albert Skidmore who died in Liverpool in 1889Q2 aged 34. His widow went to live in Scotland Row, Bentham, Yorkshire, where she had another child Jane early in 1891. We have so far been unable to find any of this family in the British 1901 census.

Children of Albert and Mary Ann Skidmore, born in Liverpool,

- i. Mary Ann, said to be aged 10 in 1881. Apparently adopted by Albert Skidmore and called *Skidmore* in censuses.
She was perhaps the mother of a son, called Skidmore,
 - i. Albert James, born in Bentham, Yorkshire, on 2 April 1891.
- ii. Elizabeth, born about 1876. Apparently adopted by Albert Skidmore and called *Skidmore* in censuses. Not with Albert and Mary Ann in 1881.
- iii. Annetta, born 1879Q2. Called Annie E. in the census of 1891.
- iv. Thomas, born 1883Q2.
- v. James, born 1887Q2.

and born in Bentham, Yorkshire,

- vi. Jane, a child of Mrs Mary Ann Skidmore, born early in 1891 and registered as *Skidmore*.

68. WILLIAM JOHN⁹ **SKIDMORE**, baptised 6 November 1864 at Tackley, was a son of Thomas [40] and Jane Ann (Gibbs) Skidmore. On 11 January 1883, he went to Oxford and enlisted for 12 years' service as a Private

⁶⁶ This is possibly because her mother returned to her Oxfordshire home for her confinement. We have found a Caroline *Slatter* in Great Milton, born at the right time, daughter of Thomas, master tailor and robe maker, and Jane Slatter. Further work is needed to discover whether this was the lady who married David Skidmore.

Soldier in the Oxford Light Infantry. Three months later, he went to Ireland and was stationed firstly at Limerick, from April 1883 and then at Cork Harbour from November 1883 until August 1884. William John then went to Gibraltar and Cairo, before returning to Britain. Unfortunately, much of this time was spent in hospital and his poor health record was the cause of his early transfer to the Army Reserve for the remainder of his service. He was discharged fully from the Army on 10 January 1895.

He married Louisa Annie Speke (born about 1862 in Brocton (?Broughton), Oxfordshire) in 1890Q2 in Aston, Birmingham. They were living at the time of the 1891 census in Court 14, St Mark's Street, Ladywood, Birmingham. She is *perhaps* the Louisa Ann Skidmore whose death at the age of 36 was registered at Ellesmere, Shropshire in 1898Q2. Mr Skidmore married secondly Martha Annie Hill (born 1872Q3 in Northampton, apparently daughter of John Hill, tramway driver, and his wife Elizabeth) in 1899Q4 in Woodstock registration district. He was a waggoner on a farm and was living in 1901 in Park Lane, Minworth, Warwickshire, together with his wife's sister Elizabeth A. Clarke and family. By 1911 he and his family were living at Albion Cottages, Water Orton, Warwickshire.

Children of William John and Martha Annie (Hill) Skidmore,

- i. Winifred, born 1902Q2 in Smethwick.
- ii. Cyril, born 1903Q3 in Shenstone, Staffordshire.
- iii.-iv. 2 further children who did not survive.

69. MARK⁹ SKIDMORE, born in Birmingham in 1878Q1, was a son of Mark [41] and Louisa (Smith) Skidmore. At first a cocoa maker, he married Eleanor Maria Stradling (born 1878Q4 in Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, daughter of George Stradling, blacksmith, and his wife Elizabeth Mary (Saffin)) in 1897Q4 in Kings Norton district. He had become a soldier and was away from his wife and children at the time of the 1901 census, when they were living at her parents' home in Weston-super-Mare. In 1911, the family were living at 40 George Street, Weston-super-Mare and Mark was working as a jobbing gardener.

Children of Mark and Eleanor Maria (Stradling) Skidmore,

- i. Frederick James born 1898Q2. He was deaf from birth and became a pupil in the school of the Royal West of England Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Exeter, Devon.
- ii. Albert Ernest, born 1899Q3 in Birmingham.
- iii. Lilian May Esther, born 1903Q2 in Freshford, Somerset.
104. iv. HUGH CONWAY¹⁰, born 1906Q3 in Bewdley, Worcestershire. He married in 1933 and had two sons.

70. CHARLES⁹ SKIDMORE, son of Robert [42] and Emma (Cross) Skidmore, was baptised at Tackley on 25 April 1880. He was working as a carter on a farm in Kidlington in 1901 and probably married Agnes Rhoda Saunders (born 1886Q4, daughter of John Sanders, a labourer from Fareham, and his wife Eliza) in 1907Q2 in Romsey registration district, Hampshire, where Agnes was born.

In 1911, when Mr Skidmore worked as a signalman for the Great Western Railway, they lived at Wallingford Road, North Hagbourne in Didcot (then in Berkshire, now in Oxfordshire).

Children of Charles and Agnes Rhoda (Saunders) Skidmore,

- i. Eileen Agnes, born 1910Q2. She died in 1939.
- ii. A son.

71. JOSIAH GEORGE⁹ SKIDMORE, born 1873Q3 in Tackley, was a son of Henry [44] and Mary Ann (Davis) Skidmore. A watchmaker, he married Alice Fruin (born in Westbourne Park, London, perhaps in 1876Q3, daughter of Richard Fruin, a coachman, and his wife Elizabeth) in 1900Q1 in Brentford registration district and they were living in 1901 with their daughter Violet at 13 Pemdevon Road, Croydon. In 1911 this family was living at 5 Southsea Avenue, Watford, Hertfordshire; Mr Skidmore was employed as a watch and clock repairer.

He died in 1943 aged 70.

A child of Josiah George and Alice (Fruin) Skidmore,

- i. Violet Emily Alice, born around March 1900 in Woolwich. She married in 1931.

72. BERTROND GEORGE⁹ SKIDMORE, born 31 July 1879, was a son of George [45] and Calista (Wheeler) Skidmore. He married Lillian Mae Margetts (born 24 February 1881) on 20 February 1904. He died 11 August 1942 in Caldwell, Canyon, Idaho, his widow on 23 July 1957 in Caldwell, Canyon, Idaho.

Bertrond was a member of the Caldwell First Baptist church since 1915 and was also an active member of the Gideon Christian Men's association. He owned and operated the Lincoln store (grocery) at 519 Cleveland Boulevard for 12 years prior to his death.

Children of Bertrond George and Lillian Mae (Margetts) Skidmore,

- i. Raymond H., born 26 March 1906 in Illinois, died 15 March 1992 in Caldwell, Canyon, Idaho.
- 105. ii. **EARL OLIVER**¹⁰, born 9 July 1907 in Illinois, died 15 April 1983. He married Margaret _____ and has a daughter.
- iii. Marvin Harold, born 2 July 1912 in Idaho, died 16 May 1985 in Multnomah, Oregon.
- iv. Wayne Ellis, born 19 September 1916 in Caldwell, died there on 17 September 1919.
- v. Dorothy Mae, born 10 August 1920 in Caldwell, died there 13 May 1921.

73. ELMER THOMAS⁹ **SKIDMORE**, born 12 March 1883 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, was a son of George [45] and Calista (Wheeler) Skidmore. He married Selma Victoria Freberg (born 20 September 1886 in Highland Park, Lake, Illinois, daughter of John Freberg and his wife Johanna (Benson); she died 1 March 1963) on 16 May 1908 in Highland Park, Lake, Illinois. Mr Skidmore was Vice President and Secretary of Waukegan Foundry until the great depression, and then in Real Estate and Insurance with his son Harry later. His home and office were at 2150 St. Johns Avenue in Highland Park, Lake, Illinois. He died 2 February 1953 in Highland Park, Lake, Illinois.

Children of Elmer Thomas and Selma Victoria (Freberg) Skidmore,

- 106. i. **KENNETH LLOYD**¹⁰, born 21 March 1909 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, died 9 May 1973 and was buried in Evanston, Cook, Illinois. He married Ruth Schylander (born 17 August 1906, died 13 May 1988) on 29 September 1935, and had a daughter.



Elmer Thomas Skidmore 1883-1953



Selma Victoria Freberg 1886-1963

- ii. Ethel Mae, born 28 November 1911 in Highland Park, Lake, Illinois, died 18 October 2001. She married Andrew Calvin Gartley (born 2 October 1910, died 10 April 1995) on 21 May 1935. They had a son and a daughter.
- 107. iii. **ROBERT GEORGE**¹⁰, born 1 June 1915 in Highland Park, Lake, Illinois, died 29 December 1973 in Highland Park, Lake, Illinois. He married Edna Schneider (born 4 July 1912 in Highland Park, Lake, Illinois, died there 10 October 2005) on 11 April 1942. They had a daughter and two sons.
- 108. iv. **HARRY EDWARD**¹⁰, born 26 February 1917 in Highland Park, Lake, Illinois, died 2 October 2008 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois. He married Helen Emma Wickersheim (born 25 May 1920 in Long Grove, Lake, Illinois, died 16 May 2007 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois) on 31 October 1942. They had two daughters and a son.
- 109. v. **CHESTER JOHN**¹⁰, born 14 March 1918 in Highland Park, Lake, Illinois, died 3 February 2001 in Libertyville, Lake, Illinois. He married twice, having two sons by his first wife, June Peschman (born 12 June 1919, died 30 May 1972). They were married 11 April 1941.

74. FLOYD MILTON⁹ SKIDMORE, born 15 December 1888 in Deerfield, Lake County, Illinois, was a son of George [45] and Calista (Wheeler) Skidmore. He married Lucille E. _____ (born in 1894 in Utah) on an unknown date. Mr Skidmore died 15 August 1965 in Caldwell, Canyon, Idaho.

Children of Floyd Milton and Lucille E. Skidmore,

- i. Gordon Grant, 1917-97.
- ii. George Edward, 1919-98.

75. DAVID⁹ SKIDMORE, baptised 20 September 1874 at Tackley, was a son of James [46] and Louisa (Waite) Skidmore. He was a labourer of North Aston when he married Emily Gregory on 5 August 1899 at Deddington, witnessed by George Gregory and Mary Elizabeth Wootton. She was born 1874Q3 in Clifton, Oxfordshire, daughter of James Gregory, milk man to a farm, and his wife Elizabeth, of Earls Lane, Deddington. They lived at Chapel Square, Deddington until at least 1911.

Mrs Skidmore died in 1937 aged 62, her husband in 1949 aged 75.

A son of David and Emily (Gregory) Skidmore,

- i. Frederick George, born 25 October 1899 in Deddington and baptised there on 15 April 1900.

76. WILLIAM⁹ SKIDMORE, baptised 12 June 1881 at Tackley, was a son of James [46] and Louisa (Waite) Skidmore. He was a carter on a farm and married Evelyn Mary Barrett in 1910Q1 and at the time of the 1911 census he was living with his wife and 8-month old son at Honey Lane, Cholsey, Wallingford.

A child of William and Evelyn Mary (Barrett) Skidmore,

110. i. **REGINALD WILLIAM¹⁰**, born 1910Q3. He married in 1930 and had two daughters, as known. (*The births of several Skidmore children with mother née Barrett were registered at Henley from 1911*).

79. DAVID HENRY⁹ SKIDMORE, born 1873Q4 at Rousham, Oxfordshire, was baptised Henry David on 6 October of that year at St Leonard and St James, Rousham, son of Thomas [48] and Clara (Siggers) Skidmore. He was a labourer to a malster in Oxford and married Ellen Mary Skidmore (daughter of James [46]) in 1901Q3 in Oxford. Mr Skidmore was working as a brewery drayman in 1911, when they were living with their two daughters at 4 Lake Street, New Hinksey, Oxford.

Children of David Henry and Ellen Mary (Skidmore) Skidmore, born in Oxford,

- i. Elsie, born 1906Q1.
- ii. Ada, born 1910Q1. She died in 1920 aged 10.

82. HENRY ARTHUR⁹ SKIDMORE, born 21 June 1870 at 51 Queen Street, Camden Town, was a son of Henry James [49] and Mary (Shone) Skidmore. He was baptised at All Saints, Camden Town on 7 August 1870. A cab driver in St Pancras, he married Mary Lyons on 28 January 1893 at St Pancras. She was born in St Giles district, London, perhaps in 1871Q2, the daughter of James Lyons, lithographic printer, and his wife Mary, of Wilkin Street, Kentish Town. She was called in the census of 1891 a 'numerical printer'.

They were living at the time of the 1901 census at 16 Palace Street, St Pancras with their two children and also Mary's sister Elizabeth Lyons, a clerk to a publisher (perhaps their father). By 1911 Henry and Mary were living at 132 Willifield Way, Hendon, and he was a chauffeur/ taxicab driver; they had had four children by then of whom three were still living. He enlisted in the Army at the age of 40 in October 1915 at the Central London Recruiting Office at Whitehall. He was posted to France in May 1916 and was attached as a Lorry Driver to 624 Motor Transport Company in the Army Service Corps and the 8th Bridging Train (later designated the 8th Pontoon Park). It was almost two years before he was able to return to England when he was granted 14 days' leave from 9 March 1918. He returned to France on 23 March where he remained for a further 11 months until 24 February 1919.

Mr Skidmore died in 1928 aged 58, his wife in 1942 aged 70.

Children of Henry Arthur and Mary (Lyons) Skidmore, born in St Pancras,

- i. Henry James, born 1894Q1. A blacksmith and art metalworker in 1911. He is perhaps the Henry J. Skidmore who married in Hendon in 1918 and appears to have had two daughters.
- ii. [perhaps] Mary Elizabeth, born 1896Q1, died 1898Q2.
- iii. Dorothy, born 1898Q1.
- iv. Margaret, born 20 April 1902. She died in 1921 in Hendon, aged 19.

83. WILLIAM CHARLES⁹ SKIDMORE. His birth registration, completed on 4 January 1873, stated that William Charles Skidmore was born at 24 Archer Street, Camden Town on 5 December 1872, the son of Henry James, a carman, and Mary (formerly Saunders) Skidmore. However, the entry in the baptismal register of All Saints, Camden Town on 19 January 1873 states that William Charles Skidmore, son of Henry James, a carman of 102 Pratt Street, and his wife Mary, was born on *26 October* 1872.

He was raised at first by his Skidmore grandparents and later by his aunt Elizabeth Nicholas.

He was a loader for the Great Western Railway and living at 32 North Road at the time he married Lilian Emmeline Frampton (born 1876Q1 in the St Giles district of London, daughter of Edwin John Frampton, cab proprietor, and his wife Helena Annie (Field)) on 7 October 1894 at Camden Road Baptist Chapel. The witnesses were M.E. Skidmore and Thomas James Franklin - his sister Mary and her future husband. They had two children in the late 1890s, after which they appear to have separated. At the time of the 1901 census their child Nellie Helena was with her Frampton grandparents and William Charles (called unmarried) was living at his father's home in Grange Road, St Pancras. Mrs Skidmore and son Herbert Edward Skidmore (both called Hickman) were living in Islington with Thomas Hickman, a cab driver, by whom she had a child(ren).

William Charles Skidmore then had several children by Lilian Weeks (born 23 August 1882 at 162 Kings Road, Chelsea, daughter of William Owen Weeks, carpenter, and his wife Ellen (Ballard)), whom he married in a civil ceremony registered at St Pancras on 15 April 1916 (witnesses Elizabeth Sumbler and Eli Sumbler). They were living in 1911, when he was a taxi cab driver, in Laundry Road, Fulham.

He died in 1931, after which Lilian (Weeks) married her lodger, Alfred Dean. She died on 9 June 1946. We are grateful to Gordon Skidmore (grandson of William Charles) and his wife Carole for information on this family.

Children of William Charles and Lilian Emmeline (Frampton) Skidmore,

- i. Nellie Helena, born 17 May 1896 at 81 Warden Road, Kentish Town and baptised at St Andrew's, Haverstock Hill, Camden, on 8 June. Nellie H. *Hickman* married in Islington in 1917.
- ii. Herbert Edward, born 8 November 1899 at 12 Allcroft Road, Kentish Town and baptised at St Andrew's, Haverstock Hill, Camden, on 3 December. Herbert *Hickman* died at the age of 5 on 29 July 1905 at North Eastern Hospital, Tottenham, London. The informant was L[lilian] Hickman, his mother, of 87 Yerbury Road, Upper Holloway.

Children of William Charles and Lilian (Weeks) Skidmore,

- ii. William Edward, born 2 May 1902 at 16 Grange Road, St Pancras and baptised at Holy Trinity, Haverstock Hill, Camden, on 31 July 1903.
- iii. Dorothy May, born 17 July 1903.
- iv. Beatrice Maud, born 25 April 1906 and baptised at St Martin's, Kentish Town, Camden, on 5 September.
- v. Lilian, born 5 January 1909. She died a newborn at 30 Laundry Road, Fulham.
- vi. Florence Marguerite, born 3 March 1910.
- vii. Elizabeth, born 19 March 1912.
- viii. Annie Louise, born 16 January 1914 in Wandsworth district.
- ix. Rose Alexandra, born 12 June 1915.
- x. Arthur Henry James, born 14 November 1916.
- xi.-xii. A son and a daughter.

86. FRANK⁹ SKIDMORE, born 4 August 1904, was a son of Ernest [52] and Clara Alice (Bovington) Skidmore. He married Hilda _____ (1905-1986).

Children of Frank and Hilda (Smith) Skidmore, born in Solihull,

112. i. **JOHN¹⁰.** He emigrated to Australia and married.
- ii. Mary. She married James Henry _____.
- iii. Barbara. She married Barry _____ and had two daughters and a son.

87. CHARLES⁹ SKIDMORE, born 13 April 1905 in Olton, Solihull, was a son of Ernest [52] and Clara Alice (Bovington) Skidmore. He married Ada _____.

Charles Skidmore died on 13 July 1978 at Solihull, his wife on 20 May 1993 at Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

Children of Charles and Ada Mary (Kitchen) Skidmore,

- i. Ruby Jane. She married Roy _____ and has a son and a daughter.
- ii. Susan Elizabeth. She married Ralph _____ and has a son and a daughter.

88. ALBERT GEORGE⁹ SKIDMORE, born 16 December 1885 in Milton-under-Wychwood, Oxfordshire, was a son of Edward James [55] and Charlotte (Gillard) Skidmore. A stone mason of Abertillery, he served for 3 years in the South Wales Borderers. Albert Skidmore travelled at the age of 21 from Liverpool to New York, arriving on the *Teutonic* on 29 March 1906. He gave his occupation as 'stone building' and his destination as 6 Frichot Street, Toronto.

He remained in Canada for two years before returning home to marry at the parish church of Saffron Walden on 26 December 1908. His bride was Priscilla Mizen (born about 1886 in Great Sampford, Essex, daughter of Charles Mizen, farmer, and his wife Eliza (Ketridge)). Charles Mizen and Harriet Ada Mizen were witnesses. They travelled back to Toronto, arriving at Quebec on the *Empress of Britain* on April 1910. (He gave his religious denomination as Baptist, his wife Church of England).

They returned home to Saffron Walden in September 1914, with their son Charles Edward, for the birth of daughter Una in 1914Q4. Albert enlisted at Shorncliffe on 15 June 1916 for the Canadian Engineers, as part of the Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, giving as next of kin his wife Priscilla at Painters Farm, Saffron Walden. Later that year his daughter Priscilla was born in Saffron Walden and in October 1917 his wife and three children returned to Toronto, arriving at Quebec on the *Scandinavian*.

In Canada son Ted and daughter Priscilla both died young. Priscilla Skidmore died after giving birth to twins at 227 Rockhampton Avenue, Mount Pleasant, York County, Ontario on 28 October 1918. Albert came back to England with Una, leaving the twins in Canada for adoption. His sister-in-law May Skidmore (widow of Sydney) cared for his family and Albert and May were later married and had children. Mr Skidmore died on 11 August 1958 at Weston super Mare.

Children of Albert George and Priscilla (Mizen) Skidmore,

- i. Charles Edward/ Edward Charles, born about 1913. Died young.
- ii. Una M., born 1914Q4 in Saffron Walden. She married Reg _____ and they adopted two boys.
- iii. Priscilla M., born late 1916, early 1917, her birth registered in Saffron Walden. Died young.
- iv. A twin.
- v. A twin.

Children of Albert George and Florence May Skidmore, born in Weston super Mare,

113. vi. **STEPHEN L.**¹⁰ Mr Skidmore married firstly Betty _____, by whom he had daughters Barbara and Betty, and secondly Rose _____ and they had four or five daughters.
- vii. Sylvia. She married her cousin _____ Lyall.
- viii. Vera. She married Edwin Harry _____ and they had four sons.
- ix. Cynthia. She married Roy _____ and they had three girls.

89. GILBERT EDWARD⁹ SKIDMORE, born 3 May 1889 in Milton-under-Wychwood, Oxfordshire, was a son of Edward James [55] and Charlotte (Gillard) Skidmore. He married Angelina Wilkes (called Effie, born 19 December 1892 at Knights Hill, Ruardean, Gloucestershire, the daughter of William Wilks, collier, and his wife Elizabeth (Griffiths)) at the English Baptist Chapel, Abertillery on 1 September 1912, witnessed by Ernest Wilks and Mabel Jones. Gilbert Skidmore died on 17 January 1932 or 1933 at Banwell, near Weston-super-Mare. Angelina died on 14 March 1943 (registered as Angela, aged 50) at Weston super Mare Hospital. Both are buried in Banwell Churchyard.

Children of Gilbert Edward and Angelina (Wilkes) Skidmore, born in Abertillery,

- i. Nora H. She married Tom _____ and they had a son Tony and two daughters Ann and Megan. She died at Bristol.
- ii. William G.E., born 1914Q1. He died that same quarter.
- iii. Hilda Myra, born 15 May 1915. She married William Sheriff in 1951 at Bristol. They lived in Liverpool and had a daughter Rosemary Georgia (30 September 1953-July 1971). Hilda died in January 1987 at Warrington.
114. iv. **GEORGE C.S.**¹⁰, born 1917Q1. He married Ivy _____ and had daughters Sylvia and Patricia. Mr Skidmore died in 1962 at Bristol.
- v. Florence M., born 1918Q1. She married and had daughters Blodwyn? and Dilys. Florence died in

1982 at Bristol.

and born at Banwell,

115. vi. **HUBERT SYDNEY JAMES¹⁰**, born 1920Q1. He married Grace _____ and had sons Hubert, Edward, Robert, Albert and Gillard and daughters Angela and Rosemary. They emigrated to New South Wales, where Mr Skidmore died in September 1983.
116. vii. **ERNEST VALENTINE¹⁰**, born 1922. He married Mary _____ and had sons Ernest Roy - who kindly supplied much of the information on the descendants of John [11] and other Oxfordshire families - and Ian William. Mr Skidmore died on 23 June 1997 at Southport, Merseyside.
117. viii. **CLARENCE ALBERT JAMES¹⁰**, born 13 January 1924. He married Dilys _____ and they had two daughters (names unknown). Mr Skidmore died in 1992 at Bristol.
- ix. Effie Lobelia, born and died 1926Q1.
- x. Donald, born and died 1927Q2.



Gilbert and Angelina Skidmore about 1911

90. SYDNEY WILLIAM⁹ SKIDMORE, born 7 December 1890 in Milton-under-Wychwood, Oxfordshire, was a son of Edward James [55] and Charlotte (Gillard) Skidmore. He married Florence May Lyall in 1914Q4, probably in Abertillery, and they had a daughter before he left to serve in France, a sapper with the 68th Field Company, Royal Engineers. He saw action in France and Flanders and was killed in France on 16 March 1918. He is buried at Philosophe British Cemetery, Mazingarbe, France. His wife lived at Atlantic House, Kewstoke, Weston-super-Mare and later married her brother-in-law Albert George Skidmore.

A child of Sydney William and Florence May (Lyall) Skidmore,

- i. Marguerite R., born 1915Q4. Rita married Leslie _____ and they had two children.

91. STANLEY HUGH⁹ SKIDMORE, born 12 April 1895 in Milton-under-Wychwood, Oxfordshire, was a son of Edward James [55] and Charlotte (Gillard) Skidmore. He married Ellen Pitman. Mr Skidmore died on 7 June 1947 at Weston super Mare.

Children of Stanley Hugh and Ellen (Pitman) Skidmore,

- i. Albert Stanley, born 16 June 1926Q3. A twin to William Edward.
- ii. William Edward.

Appendix 1 TACKLEY PARISH



The parish church of St Nicholas, Tackley
[courtesy www.orchard5.demon.co.uk *North Oxfordshire Church Photos*]

Tackley parish lies on the west bank of the Cherwell about 8 miles north of Oxford. It is divided into three townships, Tackley and Nethercott, Whitehill and Weaveley. The Oxford-Banbury road runs through the parish from north to south. In the south it is crossed by the road from Islip which in the 17th and 18th centuries was part of the main road from London to Worcester. The Roman road Akeman Street also crosses the parish from east to west, forming the northern boundaries of Whitehill and Weaveley. In 1738 the rector reported 62

houses in the parish; by 1768 there were about 80, and 369 persons occupied 81 houses in 1801. The population rose fairly steadily to 626 in 1861; a slight drop between 1841 and 1851 may have been due partly to the emigration of poor families, encouraged and assisted by the vestry. By 1911 the population had fallen to 451⁶⁷.

Tackley and Nethercott form a single straggling village on low ground. The Tackley end of the village centres on a triangular green, on one side of which are the outbuildings of the demolished 17th-century manor house. The green itself retained marks of ridge and furrow until the mid 20th century. Most of the houses are of the later 18th century or the early 19th, and reflect in their neat and sometimes uniform appearance the continuing influence of the Tackley estate. Nethercott centres on Nethercott Road, which once led to Whitehill and in 1981 led to the station. Most of the older houses are terraces of 18th- or 19th-century cottages, but there are three farmhouses, St. John's Farm, built as the house for the St. John's College estate, Street Farm, and Malthouse Farm whose stable block is dated 1763. The chief 19th-century addition to the villages was the school, a plain, rectangular stone building between Tackley and Nethercott, which was converted into a private house about 1970.

Tackley has been a predominantly agricultural parish throughout its history. The bulk of its working population in the 19th century was involved in agriculture, mainly as labourers, most of whom seem to have been employed in the parish. The tradesmen included carpenters, blacksmiths, shoemakers, and masons who presumably served the agricultural community. The existence of Tackley Park is reflected in the presence of gardeners, and in 1851 a coachman. The railway employed 5 men in 1861, and 9 in 1871. Twelve people, mainly labourers' wives, were engaged in gloving in 1861, and 16 in 1871, a far smaller number than in places such as Middle Barton; presumably the men of Tackley were more fully employed, and there was less necessity for the women to work. By 1871 the parish had two coal merchants, a fish dealer, a corn dealer, and a chemist in addition to the other tradesmen.

There was considerable inclosure and consolidation of open-field land in Tackley in the 16th and 17th centuries, but in Nethercott the acre and ½-acre strips survived until the parliamentary inclosure of both townships in 1873. Holdings in the common fields were consolidated; in 1634 some of the resulting 'pieces' were as large as 30 acres. In the 1750s and 1760s John Morton of Hill Court inclosed most of the land between Tackley village on the north, Akeman Street on the south, and the road to Whitehill, which he had diverted, on the west. By 1873 there were about 450 acres of old inclosures in Tackley and Nethercott. The consolidation of strips in Tackley field continued in the later 18th century and the 19th, as almost all the small estates which had remained in strips were bought by the Dashwood, Churchill, Hall, and Evetts families but no further moves seem to have been made until 1849 when an award was drawn up. That scheme, and others of 1853 and 1861, foundered on the opposition of landowners, notably St. John's College, Balliol College, and William Evetts, who

⁶⁷ Victoria County History, A History of the County of Oxford: Volume 11.

considered their proposed allotments unfair. Agreement was finally reached in 1873, and about 1,386 acres in Tackley and Nethercott were inclosed and divided among 20 landowners.

PARISH OF TACKLEY CENSUS - some statistics

| Census Year | Total no. of inhabitants | Total no. bearing surname Skidmore/Skitmore |
|-------------|--------------------------|---|
| 1841 | 583 | 38 |
| 1851 | 557 | 45 |
| 1861 | 625 | 50 |
| 1871 | 569 | 44 |
| 1881 | 549 | 44 |
| 1891 | 507 | 20 |
| 1901 | 453 | 16 |

1891 CENSUS OF TACKLEY PARISH

It should be possible, following this 'progress' round the village, to locate on the map approximately where the few remaining Tackley Skidmores lived.

| ADDRESS | HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD | OCCUPATION OF HEAD (other males not specified were all agricultural labourers) | NO. ADULTS | CHILDREN NOT IN EMPLOYMENT | SERVANTS TO H'OLD |
|-------------|--|--|------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| The Rectory | Ada M. Sharpe | Living on her own means | 4 | 1 | 4 |
| The Park | Charlotte Evetts | Living on her own means | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Church Row | Thomas Kilby | Carrier & coal dealer | 2 | 6 | 0 |
| Church Row | Richard Hickson | Gen. labourer & agricultural | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Church Row | Elijah Bloomfield | Agricultural labourer | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Church Row | Ira Broom | Railway platelayer | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Church Row | Thomas Skidmore John Gibbs (father-in-law) Lydia Clarke (niece) | Farm labourer | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Church Row | William Wills | General labourer | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Church Row | Sophia Kilby Son John | Gamekeeper | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Church Row | Isack King | Gardener | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Court Farm | Edward Castle | Farmer | 2 | 8 | 3 |
| The Green | Rosina Eagleston | | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| The Green | Richard Wells | Agricultural labourer | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| The Green | Moses Broom | Retired agricultural labourer | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| The Green | Elizabeth Wells | | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| The Green | Timothy Cowell | Grocer & draper | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| The Green | Richard Wells Millicent Wells Emily 20, Edwin R. 14 | Traction engine driver | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| The Green | Thomas Walton | Agricultural labourer | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Post Office | George Cleaver Isabel Cleaver Arthur T. Cleaver | Blacksmith Post Mistress Blacksmith | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Manor House | Job Honour Edwin Honour Aubrey T. Honour | Farmer Farmer Farmer's son | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Ball House | William Wheeler | Coal merchant | 2 | 7 | 0 |
| Ball Lane | Thomas Kilby | Farm labourer | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Ball Lane | William Faulkner | Agricultural labourer | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Ball Lane | Thomas Wells | None | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Ball Lane | James Saunders | Fish dealer | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| Ball Lane | Ann Hemmins | Parish pauper | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Dog Kennel | John Bull | Cattle man | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Harris Yard | James Good Son Harry | Agricultural labourer Gardener | 7 | 2 | 0 |
| Harris Yard | Carey Franklin | Agricultural labourer | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Harris Yard | James Cleaver Son James | Tailor & master Tailor's journeyman | 5 | 0 | 0 |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Son Vivian | Groom & milkman | | | |
| Harris Yard | John Cook | Non | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Public House Gardener's Arms | William Toms | Farmer & publican | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Harris Yard | James Hoare | Carpenter & master | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| Chapel Yard | Thomas King | Agricultural labourer | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Chapel Yard | Joseph Bloomfield | Farm labourer | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Chapel Yard | William Broom | Farm labourer | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Nethercot Rd (?previously Job's Lane) | Henry Faulkner | Agricultural labourer | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Nethercot Rd | John Broomfield | None | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Nethercot Rd | William King | Farm laborer | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Medcroft Cottage | Arthur Broom Son Richard | Ag lab & shepherd Ag lab & carter | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| Coffee House | Mary Hoare | Laundress | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Malt House Farm | Walter Hutchins Richard P. Wing | Farmer Clerk in Holy Orders Curate in Charge of Tackley Oxon | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Nethercot St | Anthony Adams Wife Jane | General labourer Needle woman | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Public House King's Arms | G. Kilby Mother Esther Brother James | Innkeeper & licensed victualler Housekeeper Waiter | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Nethercot St | James Savins | None | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Nethercot St | Phillip Paine | Agricultural labourer | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Nethercot St | Sarah Harwood Son Caleb | Laundress Thatcher | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Nethercot St | Mary King | | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Nethercot St | William Bidwell | Platelayer | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Nethercot St | George Broomfield | Agricultural labourer | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| Nethercot St | Eliza Bull | Laundress | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Nethercot St | Harriet Tompson | Living on her own means | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Welcome Coffe Tavern | Richard Calcutt Willie J Skidmore | Caretaker of Coffe Lodge Coachman domestic servant | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Street Farm (also called Nethercot St Farm House) | Charles P Chilton Sister Mercy Chilton Nephew Charles C. Walton | Farmer Housekeeper Farmer's assistant | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Nethercot St | Thomas Griffin | None | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Nethercot St | William Calcut | Farm labourer | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Nethercot St | Henry Brooks Mary A Brooks Arthur Golder | News agent News agent's wife School Master in P E school | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Nethercot St | Jesse Minn | Working for myself | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Nethercot St | William Broom Stepson Geo. Humphries | Agricultural labourer Railway porter | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Nethercot St | Mary Ann Brooks | Dress maker | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Nethercot St | Robert Skidmore Emma Skidmore Charles, Mark, Herbert W. | Platelayer | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Nethercot St | Albert Bint | Railway servant | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Nethercot St | William Floyd | Shepherd | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Nethercot St | John Hick?son | General labourer | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Nethercot St | Thomas Skidmore Clara Skidmore David, Ada, Jonathan, Albert, Frank, Lizzie, Harold | Farm carter | 3 | 6 | 0 |
| Evetts bottom | Joseph Harwood | Platelayer | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Evetts Cottages | Jane Skidmore Amos Skidmore Maria J Skidmore Joseph Skidmore | Laundress Labourer Servant | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Evetts Cottages | Thomas Willett | Labourer | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Evetts Cottages | James Skidmore Sarah Skidmore | None | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Nethercot St | Anthony Savins | Labourer | 5 | 2 | 0 |

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|------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|
| Nethercot St | Alfred Adams | An employer. Higgler | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Nethercot St | John Hoare | Platelayer | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Nethercot St | William Evetts William Evetts | Managing Director L'd Comp & farmer Apprentice LNWR Crewe | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Nethercot St | William Skidmore Susannah Skidmore Alfred Skidmore Roseana Skidmore | Platelayer GWR Private soldier 45 Oxon Light Infantry Dressmaker | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Nethercot St | John Broom | Agricultural labourer | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| Nethercot St | Richard King Son Matthew Hickson | Agricultural labourer Shepherd | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Nethercot St | Edward Addison | Shepherd | 2 | 6 | 0 |
| Nethercot St | John Harries | Agricultural labourer | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Nethercot St | Thomas J Hoare | General labourer | 2 | 6 | 0 |
| 2 Railway Terrace | Valentine Adams | Agricultural labourer | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| 3 Railway Terrace | Thomas Hoare | Thatcher | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 Railway Terrace | Thomas Twynham Daughter Clara | Railway platelayer Dressmaker | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Railway Cottage | Jane Hall Esther E. Hall Edward Stevens | Crossing Gatekeeper GWR Dressmaker Railway porter | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Rousham Rd | Anthony Adams | Farm labourer | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Heath Rd | Emanuel Bidwell | Labourer | 6 | 3 | 0 |
| Heath Rd | Thomas Truby | Farm labourer | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Wood Farm | Frederick W. Haynes | Farmer | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| Old Mans Leys | Fredrick Harris | Shepherd | 2 | 6 | 0 |
| Old Mans Leys cottage | Unoccupied | | | | |
| Sturdy's Castle | George Allen Son George | Farmer & publican Road contractor | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| White Hill Cottages | Thomas Wright Mary H. Wright | Labourer Cook | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| White Hill Cottages | Isaac Andrews | Labourer | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| White Hill Cottages | John Adams Sarah Adams | Labourer Cook | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| White Hill Cottages | James Green Fanny Green | Labourer & cowman Gloveress | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| White Hill House | Thomas Blake | Farmer | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| White Hill | John B. Cooper | Farmer | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| White Hill Cottages | William Saunders | Agricultural labourer | 5 | 3 | 0 |
| White Hill Cottages | William Pratt | Agricultural labourer | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Enslow Bridge Rd Old Hole House | Thomas Saunders | Agricultural labourer | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Quarry Bank | John Harwood | Miller & corn merchant | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Sansomes Old Hole House | John Barrett | None | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| | Richard Cook | None | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Sansomes Farm | James Hedges | Carter | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| Field Barn White Hill | Jesse Pauling | Shepherd | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Wootton Rd ---? | Albert Crutch | Shepherd | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Weavely Cottage | Thomas Ward | Agricultural labourer | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Weavely Cottage | William Smith | Shepherd | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| Quarry Cottage | William Collins Emily Collins George H. Fletcher | Gardener Dressmaker Miller | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| | Eyra J. Wilkins | Miller | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Old Mans Leys Farm House | Albert W. Gomm | No occupation | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| | John Hoare Mary A Hoare Rosa J Hoare Robert E Hoare | Threshing engine driver Assistant teacher school Gardener | 4 | 0 | 0 |

The following announcement of the sale of property in 1875⁶⁸ also gives indication of the location and ownership of certain land and cottages.

Messrs. John and Wm Scroggs have received instructions from the Representatives of the late Mr. Mark Chaundy to offer for sale by auction, on Monday the 1st of February, 1875, at Three o'clock, at the Gardeners' Arms Inn, Tackley, the following desirable properties, under conditions which will be then produced: -

Lot 1. - A capital free public house, known as the **Gardeners' Arms Inn**, Tackley, containing cellar, kitchen, tap room, parlour, sitting-room, five bed rooms, capital brew-house, stabling for six horses, barn, piggeries, two work sheds and hovel, three good cottages, walled-in garden, and **a close of Pasture Land, about 2 Acres, with stream of water running through**. The above is particularly adapted for an engineer, smith, or a brewer.

Lot 2. - An excellent Piece of pasture land and orchard, in the centre of the Village, together with **six cottages, called Harris's-yard**, containing upwards of 2.5 Acres.

Lot 3. - **Two cottages, called Prestidges**, with Gardens and Appurtenances thereto belonging, also in Tackley.

Lot 4. - **Four cottages, called The Old Ball**, with Gardens and Appurtenances thereto belonging, also in Tackley aforesaid.

Lot 5. - Two cottages, Stone-built and Blue-slated, in Nethercott, with Gardens and Appurtenances.

Lot 6. - A valuable Piece of arable land in Nethercott Field, near to the Village of Tackley, containing 13A.3R. or thereabouts, in an excellent state of cultivation.

May be viewed on application to Mr. Richard Chaundy, of Tackley, and further particulars may be had of Messrs. Davenport and Robinson, solicitors, Oxford, and of the auctioneers, Kidlington and Deddington.

SOURCES

An **OXFORDSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INDEX** search has been made (August 2010).

Oxfordshire Baptisms 1538 - 1851: This index will eventually cover all the parishes of present-day Oxfordshire. It is presently incomplete and is still being extended. The index contains name, year, parents and parish for each baptism, full details from the parish register transcript.

Oxford City Baptisms 1800 - 1837: This index covers all the parishes within the city for the restricted date range of 1800 - 1837. The index contains name, year and parish for each baptism.

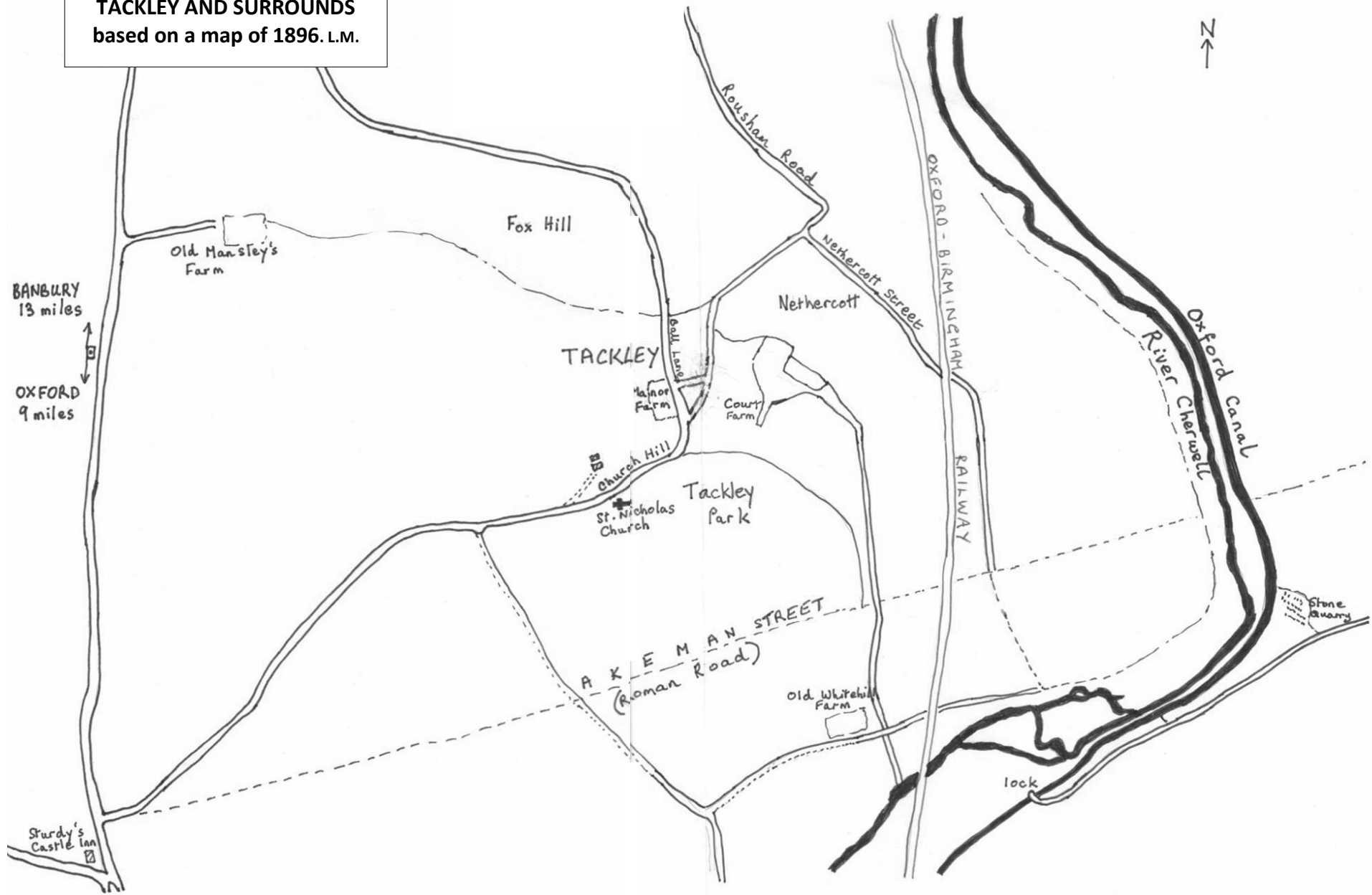
Oxfordshire Marriages 1538 - 1837: This index is virtually complete for the parishes of pre-1974 Oxfordshire. The index contains the date and location of the marriage, the names of both parties and their home parishes (if recorded), the full details from the parish register transcript. This will normally include witnesses names for marriages after 1753.

North Berkshire Marriages 1538 - 1851: This index covers some of the Berkshire parishes transferred to Oxfordshire in the 1974 county boundary changes. Ditto Oxfordshire Marriages.

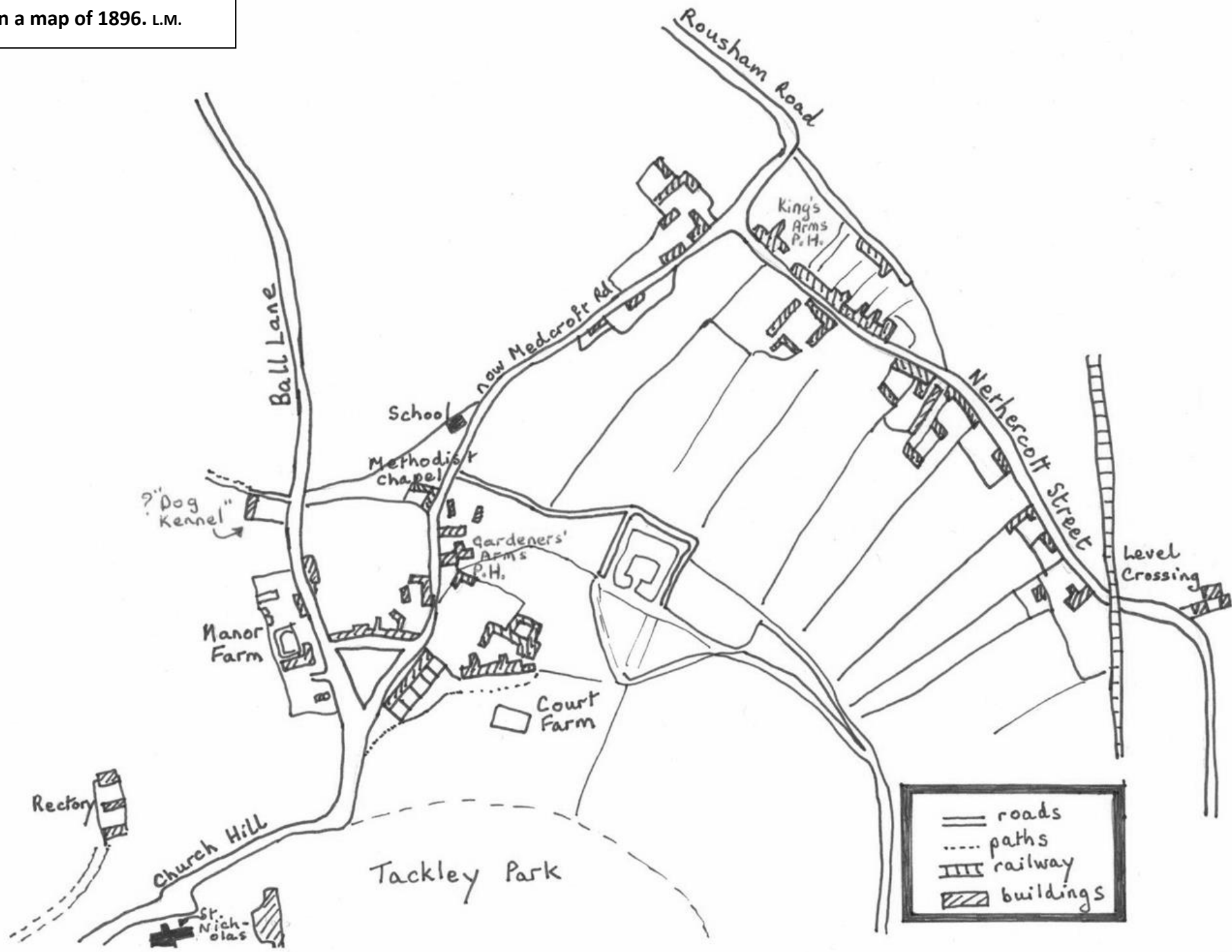
Oxfordshire Burials 1538 - 1851: This index will eventually cover all the parishes of present-day Oxfordshire. It is presently incomplete and is still being extended. The index contains name, year, age (where recorded) and parish for each burial, the full details from the parish register transcript.

⁶⁸ 1875 Jackson's Oxford Journal Saturdays, January 9, 16, 23 & 30, 1875.

TACKLEY AND SURROUNDS
based on a map of 1896. L.M.



TACKLEY VILLAGE AND NETHERCOTT
based on a map of 1896. L.M.



SOURCES continued.

In addition, the **PARISH REGISTER TRANSCRIPTS** produced on CD by the Oxfordshire Family History Society, have been searched:

OXF-WOD02c Woodstock Registration District: covers Combe, Deddington, Duns Tew, Kiddington, North Aston, Over Worton, Rousham, Sandford St Martin, Steeple Barton, Stonesfield, Tackley, Westcote Barton.

OXF-HED02 Headington Registration District: covers Cuddesdon, Elsfield, Forest Hill, Garsington, Holton, Horspath, Horton cum Studley, Marston, Wheatley, Woodeaton.

The Headington Registration District covered many parishes in Oxfordshire and even spread into Buckinghamshire, so a GRO reference to Headington means that the person could have lived in any of the following parishes, all of which originally all came under the Headington Union:

Beckley (from 1844); Chippinghurst; Cowley; Cuddesdon; Denton; Elsfield; Forest Hill; Garsington; Holton; Horspath; Horton cum Studley; Iffley; Littlemore (from 1879); Marston; Oxford: St. Clement; Oxford: St. Giles; Oxford: St. John the Baptist; Shotover; Shotover Hill Place; Stanton St. John; Stowood; Studley (from 1844); Wheatley; Woodeaton.

The following fiches have been searched by Joan Skidmore:

Ascott under Wychwood, Banbury baps and bur.1712 to 1812, Banbury marriages 1558 to 1837, Barford st John, Barford st Michael, Banbury baps and bur 1653 to 1723, Bladon, Bletchingdon, Burford vols 1 & 2, Burford baps1858+ and mars 1888+, Hailey, Hanborough, Islip, Kidlington, Kirtlington, Kidlington 1837 onwards, Langford, Lower Heyford, Milton under Wychwood, Mollington 1565 to 1987+, Neithrop, Nether Worton, Northleigh, Oxford Holywell, Sarsden, Shipton on Cherwell, Shipton under Wychwood, Steeple Aston, Upper Heyford, Witney St Mary burials, Witney burials post 1837, Witney Holy Trinity baptisms, Witney St Mary baptisms, Witney St Mary marriages, Wootton vols 1&2.

OXFORD ARCHDEACONS' MARRIAGE BOND EXTRACTS 1634-1849

[None of these from the branch of the family described in this account].

| | | |
|------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1709 | Skidmore, Frs Oxford | Prince, Cathe Oxford |
| 1788 | Crawford, Wm Oxford | Scudamore, Martha Oxford |
| 1804 | Briggs, Jno Ensham | Scudamore, Tamar Pricilla Gloucester |
| 1831 | Tanner, Robt Tregoze Cheltenham, Glouc | Scudamore, Martha Tamar Salford |

INTERNATIONAL GENELAOGICAL INDEX

The IGI for Oxfordshire, as at August 2010, had very few Skidmore or Skitmore entries, all of which are covered in the OFHS Index.

NATIONAL BURIAL INDEX

Again, all parishes are covered in the OFHS Index.

GENERAL SEARCHES, MOSTLY ONLINE - ALL NIL RETURNS FOR SCUDAMORE, SKIDMORE & SKITMORE:

Index to Oxfordshire Hearth Tax 1665.

City of Oxford 1696 Window Tax.

Kirtlington OXF (list of inhabitants in 1723 and 1753).

City of Oxford directories of 1783 (Bailey's), 1794 (Universal), 1816 (Holden, Underhill), 1830 (Pigot).

City of Oxford Electors 1841.

Banbury directory of 1852.

Return of Owners of Land, Oxfordshire, 1873.

OXFORD CITY PAUPERS INDEX (1853-1929)

OP1-48910 1853 Eliza SKIDMORE Aged 57. Died 10 Sep 1852. Death registration not found.

OXFORDSHIRE PEOPLE INDEX (1800-2006)**THE MUSEUM FOR THE SOLDIERS OF OXFORDSHIRE TRUST**

90,000 Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry soldiers' and officers' names. The database also contains about 2000 Queens Own Oxfordshire Hussars names. Names are being added to the lists all the time.

OBLI = Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

52nd: an Oxfordshire line regiment, merged with 43rd into OBLI.

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|--------|------|---------------------|
| SKIDMORE, Alfred James | 3602 | Pte | OBLI | Son of William [29] |
| SKIDMORE, Gerald | 14754330 | Pte | | |
| SKIDMORE, Gilbert | 5382162 | Pte | OBLI | |
| SKIDMORE, Raymond Frank | 5391109 | Sapper | OBLI | |
| SKIDMORE, Samuel | | | 52nd | |
| SKIDMORE, Thomas Mark | 5389309 | Pte | OBLI | |
| SKIDMORE, William | 5374700 | Pte | OBLI | |
| SKIDMORE, William | 5376484 | Pte | OBLI | |
| SKIDMORE, William J. | 884 | Pte | OBLI | |
| SKIDMORE, William T. | 204327 | Pte | OBLI | |

No SKITMORE No SCUDAMORE

THE PROTESTATION OATH, INDEX TO OXFORDSHIRE RETURNS 1641-2

published by Oxfordshire Family History Society 1993.

The Protestation Oath was an oath of loyalty essentially to the Church of England and the King (Charles 1st). It was administered in front of a number of local notables (including the rector of the parish) in 1642.

These returns contain the names of most of the male population, over the age of 18, for about half of the county, listed under the parish in which they lived. Of the fourteen Oxfordshire hundreds, Protestation Returns have survived for seven (though some parishes are missing): Langtree and Binfields in the south; Bampton, Banbury, **Bloxham (which contains Barford St John)**, Chadlington and **Wootton (contains Deddington and Barford St Michael and Tackley)** in the north and east.

ADMISSION REGISTER FOR MILTON INFANTS SCHOOL 1878 TO 1912.

| Admission No. | Date of Admision | Date of Birth | Surname | Christian name of child | Parent |
|---------------|------------------|---------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|
| 105 | 14/10/79 | 27/10/73 | Skitmore | Mary | Albert |
| 170 | 24/03/82 | 10/07/78 | Skidmore | John | Albert |
| 269 | 27/04/85 | 16/03/82 | Skidmore | William L. | Arthur |
| 307 | 20/04/87 | 07/09/83 | Skidmore | Frank | Arthur |
| 338 | 14/05/88 | 17/03/85 | Skidmore | George H. | Arthur |
| 357 | 06/05/89 | 16/12/85 | Skidmore | Albert G. | Edward |
| 395 | 16/06/90 | 08/03/87 | Skidmore | Emma M. | Edward |
| 412 | 27/04/91 | 10/02/87 | Skidmore | Lucy | Arthur |
| 422 | 29/06/91 | 10/04/88 | Skidmore | Nora | Edward |
| 439 | 21/03/92 | 22/11/88 | Skidmore | James R. | Arthur |
| 479 | 1/08/93 | 16/07/90 | Skidmore | Annie L. | Arthur |
| 480 | 11/09/93 | 03/05/89 | Skidmore | Gilbert | Edward |
| 500 | 29/05/94 | 07/12/90 | Skidmore | Sydney N. | Edward |
| 557 | 11/05/96 | 04/06/92 | Skidmore | Mabel A. | Edward |
| 647 | 12/03/1900 | 30/04/96 | Skidmore | Dora | Arthur |
| 672 | 26/02/1901 | 11/06/96 | Skidmore | Kenneth | James ?? |

PROBATE

OXFORDSHIRE LOCAL ECCLESIASTICAL COURTS

Index to the probate records of the Courts of the Bishop and Archdeacon of Oxford 1516-1732, British Record Society, Vols 1-2, A-K, L-Z, 1981 and 1985.

Index to the probate records of the Courts of the Bishop and Archdeacon of Oxford 1733-1857

and of the Oxfordshire Peculiars 1547-1856, Oxfordshire Record Society, Vol.61, 1997.

All the records indexed in these books are held at Oxfordshire Archives.

1694 Administration of John Scudamore of Barford St Michael, Oxfordshire.

Died 19 April 1694, buried 20 April 1694 at Barford St Michael.

Granted 20 April 1694 at Oxford to Elizabeth Scudamore relict of the deceased (no will had been made). Oxfordshire RO ref - Bd, I 107.272; 86/4/30.

Inventory 23 April 1694, taken by Martin Tyms and Samuel Goodwin; it totalled £290 16s 8d and included a lease of yard land, 100 sheep, his cows, corn growing, among other items.

1727 Robert Skidmore, yeoman of Barford, St Michael, Oxfordshire.

Son of John Skidmore* (*Scudamore/ Skidmore One-Name Study code OXF [2]).

Dated 11 August 1727.

Proved 1727 at Oxford. Oxfordshire RO ref - W Ren Bd I 209.143; 107.367; 151/2/11.

M.S. Wills Oxon 209 p 143 (summary)

Robert Skidmore of Barford St Michael yeoman 8.11.1727(ill)

1. Messuage or tenement with appurtenances and 2 closes or heies or parcels or inclosed ground and one yardland by estimation in the town village liberties precinctes and territory of Barford St Michael als Barford Oliffe als Great Barford now in the possession of my mother Elizabeth Skidmore myself and Joseph Lovedrave and which I now hold by lease of the Principall and scholars of Brasen Nose Collage in Oxford and also all implements of household stuff chattels and personal estate (except my wearing apparel) unto my said loving mother Elizabeth Skidmore of Barford widow for life and after her decease to brother John Skidmore and sister Mary Skidmore to be equally divided.

2. Brothers and sisters David Skidmore, Jonathan Skidmore, William Skidmore, Samuel Skidmore and Elizabeth wife of John George of Steeple Aston Cordwainer 1/- apiece in full satisfaction of their rights unto the said personal estate.

3. Wearing apparel to brother John Skidmore

Executrix mother Elizabeth Skidmore

Witnesses Righton Bignell, Thomas Prior, John Belchier.

Inventory 2 February 1728, totalling £76.

1729, administration of David Skidmore of Islip, Oxfordshire.

Scudamore/ Skidmore One-Name Study code OXF [3].

Granted 11 October 1729 at Islip to wife Alice Skidmore (with George Wilkinson as bondsman).

1747, will of Jonathan Skitmore, labourer of Tackley, Oxfordshire.

Scudamore/ Skidmore One-Name Study code OXF [4].

Dated 22 June 1747.

Proved 1747 at Oxford: Bishop & Archdeacon, Oxfordshire RO ref - W 211.277; 152/1/1.

In the name of God, Amen. The 22 day of June 1747 I Jonathan Skidmore of Tackley in the county of Oxford Labourer being weak of body but of perfect memory blessed be God doe makr this my last will and testament that is to say first I bequeath my soule into the hand of God who gave it to me and my body to the earth to be buried after a deasent and Christian manner at the discretion of my executrix: as for that worldly good wherewith God hath blessed me I gave and dispose of in manner and form following.

Item I give to my son William Skidmore £15

Item I give to my son Jonathan Skidmore £15*

Item I give to my daughter Martha Skitmoore Skitmoore (actually written twice) £15 to be paid when she cometh to the age of one and twenty and the chest of drawers.

Item All the rest of my goods and chattels I give to my loving wife Mary Skitmoore provided she keeps hir selfe a widdow who I make my full and whole Executrix of this my last will and testament.

Signed sealed and acknowledged by the said Jonathan Skitmore to be his last will and testament in the presence of us John Robards his mark Mary Robards Joseph George Jonathan Skitmore his mark

*to be paid as he hath occasion at the discretion of my executrix.

1750, will of Mary Skudemore, spinster of Barford St Michael, Oxfordshire.

Daughter of John* (*Scudamore/ Skidmore One-Name Study code OXF [2]).

Buried as Mary Scudamore on 12 May 1751 at Steeple Aston.

Dated 25 December 1750.

Proved at Oxford: Bishop & Archdeacon, Oxfordshire RO ref - Will, 211.394; 152/1/11.

M S Wills Oxon 152/1/1

Mary Skidmore of Great Barford Spinster (summary) 25.12.1750

1. Brother John Skudemore best white woollen blankets and all the firewood and cleft wood about my house and backsides.

2. Sister Elizabeth George of Steeple Aston £8 (or to her children if she die before me) and all the residue of my wearing apparel both linnen and woollen and all my furniture and household goods.

3. Brother Samuel Skidemore of Nethrope (probably Neithrop now part of Banbury) £5 (or his son William Skidemore if Samuel dies before the testatrix)

4. Brother John Skidemore remainder of the term of years in my lease holden of the Principal and Fellows of Brasen Nose Colledge in Oxford being one halfe yardland and a close of pasture lying in the liberties of Great Barford

Executor John Skudemore
 Witnesses William Gibbs William Bell John Coles William Harris
 (signed by a mark as was Roberts)

1755, will of John Skidmore, yeoman of Barford St Michael, Oxfordshire.

Proved 1755 Oxford: Bishop & Archdeacon, Oxfordshire RO ref - Will, 213.135; 152/1/42.

1769, will of William Douglas of Nethercott, Tackley, Oxfordshire.

Dated 20 December 1766.

Proved 8 May 1769 at Oxford. Oxford Record Office ref. no. for this Will: 98.9

Mentions wife's sons James and Jonathan Skitmoore (sons of William) and wife's daughter Martha Skitmoore (daughter of William); wife Mary Dougless; daughters Alathiah and Mary Dougless and son John Dougless; plus: Thomas Baker; Hannah Brathwaite; John Ryman.

1814, will of Martha Skitmore, spinster of Nethercott, Tackley, Oxfordshire.

Daughter of Jonathan Skitmore* (*Scudamore/ Skidmore One-Name Study code OXF [4]).

Dated 24 June 1813.

Proved 3 September 1814 at Oxford: Bishop & Archdeacon. Oxfordshire RO ref - W 221.133; 273/4/25.

1. Mary Skitmoore widow of James S. late of the said parish dec'd £5 and one pair of sheets.

James was her nephew (Scudamore/ Skidmore One-Name Study code OXF [9]).

2. Kinswoman Martha Taylor £5 2 gold rings pair of silver buckles acrown piece and all my wearing apparel.

Martha Taylor thought to be the daughter of Jonathan Skidmore* (*Scudamore/ Skidmore One-Name Study code OXF [10]).

3. John Skitmore of Northleigh Lab. £10. (Scudamore/ Skidmore One-Name Study code OXF [11]).
 (All the adove to be paid within 12 months of her decease).

4. William Skitmor son of the late James S £5.

5. Joseph Skitmore son of Jonathan Sk deceased £5

6. Samuel Skitmor son of the said Jonathan S dec'd £5

These to be paid at age 21.

7. Maria daughter of Jonathan Skitmore Labourer now living bed and all furniture belonging to it. Residue and executor to Jonathan Skitmore* son of the said James Skitmore.

(Jonathan Skitmore* her gt. nephew has Scudamore/ Skidmore One-Name Study code OXF [13]).

Witnesses: John Ryman Charles Walton .

1849, will of James Calcutt, Yeoman of North Leigh, Oxfordshire.

Father-in-law of William Skitmore* (*Scudamore/ Skidmore One-Name Study code OXF [19]).

Died 11 Jan 1849. Buried 14 Jan 1849 North Leigh.

Dated 12 August 1848.

Proved 14 April 1849 at Oxford. £100.

me James Calcutt of Northleigh ... yeoman ...

All my debts, funeral and testamentary expenses shall be paid.

I give my sons Joshua Calcutt and John Calcutt and my son-in-law George Judd (all of North Leigh) all my real and personal estate Upon Trust to permit my wife Sophia to receive the rents, interest etc for life, and after her decease to sell my real estate and divide the net proceeds, plus my personal estate, equally between Joshua and John Calcutt and my daughters Elizabeth Judd, Charlotte Skidmore and Joyce Viner.

I devise all mortgage and trust estates now vested in me to my Trustees and their heirs etc, subject to the equities and trusts involved.

[Usual protection for purchasers]; [Arrangements for replacement of Trustees]; [Usual protection for Trustees]; [Permission for Trustees to recover expenses].

Witnesses: F F Richards and George Whichello, clerks to B Holloway Solr Woodstock.

Executors: Joshua Calcutt, John Calcutt and George Judd.

1867, administration of William Skidmore, hairdresser, bachelor of Deddington, Oxfordshire.

Died 27 December 1866 at Deddington.

Proved 6 February 1867 at Oxford.

Executor: Thomas Skidmore, Tackley, thatcher, father & next of kin.

1887, administration of George Richard Skidmore, widower of 91 Armagh Road, Bow, London.

Scudamore/Skidmore One-Name Study code OXF [27].
 Died 19 November 1887. Buried at the Manor Park Cemetery, Little Ilford, Essex.
 Proved 1887 at Principal Registry.
 91 Armagh Rd, Bow, MDX, widower, £160.
 Executor: Edwin George Skidmore son, same address, dairy utensil maker.

1898, will of Eliza Skidmore of Ulverley Green, Olton, Solihull, Warwickshire.

Wife of John* (*Scudamore/Skidmore One-Name Study code OXF [30]).
 Died 24 October 1898.
 Proved 1898. £498.
 Executors: John Skidmore, widower, gardener; Thomas Walker, auctioneer and estate agent.

UNIDENTIFIED FROM CENSUSES

1881

Rose Cottage, Headley, Hampshire

Ann Skidmore, 81, widow, head and domestic servant. Born Oxfordshire (no town given)

UNIDENTIFIED BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Registration District (RD) or Church</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Notes from Register</u> <i>Notes by authors in italics</i> |
|-------------|---|-------------|--|
|-------------|---|-------------|--|

Births and Baptisms

| | | | |
|--------|----------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1855Q1 | Witney (RD) | Louisa SKIDMORE | |
| 1894Q1 | Oxford (RD) | Gladys SKIDMORE | |
| 1894Q3 | Woodstock (RD) | Edith SKIDMORE | <i>d.1895Q4 aged 1</i> |
| 1916Q2 | Witney (RD) | Lilian E L SCUDAMORE | |

Marriages

| | | | |
|--------------|---|--|--|
| 1562 08 18 | Alexander SKIDMER and Elizabeth (no surname) married at Henley | | |
| 1571 06 26 | George SKYDMORE and Elizabeth APPLETON at Great Haseley | | |
| 1584/5 01 11 | William SKIDMORE and Judith WALFORD at Mollington, near Banbury. <i>[William WAR [2]]</i> | | |
| 1603/4 01 16 | Henry SKYDMOR and Mary JONNES at St Peter-le-Bailey, Oxford. | | |

Deaths and Burials

| | | | | |
|--------|----------------------|----------------|--------|-----------------|
| 1587 | Langford, St Matthew | John SKYDMORE | | |
| 1895Q4 | Woodstock (RD) | Edith SKIDMORE | aged 1 | <i>b.1894Q3</i> |

Suggestions for future work:

- a. *Catalogue of Oxfordshire Seventeenth Century Tokens*. Edited by J. G. Milne. Printed for the Visitors of the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, and sold by Humphrey Milford, Oxford University Press, London, 1935. Pp. xx + 48; 16 plates. 3s. 6d.
- b. Wills of Deddington folk for a mention of John Skidmore [1].
- c. Tackley parish survey, perhaps as a preliminary to inclosure, in 1828,
- d. In the late 1670s, Anthony Wood transcribed the entries of many of the early parish registers of the city of Oxford, and the full transcription can be found in the book *Wood's City of Oxford* (Vol 3, pp. 198–264).

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Descendants of James Skitmore [9]

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James SKITMORE [9]

Tackley → Hillingdon

V

1754-1807

m.Mary _____

|
|

of Tackley

SKITMORE

Jonathan [13]

Hannah

Richard

James

Mary

John [14]

Martha/ Patty

William [15]

1778-1859

1781-

1783-1836

1787-

1788-1850

1791-1833

1794-1871

1798-1874

m.1.Ann KING

m.Richard FOX

m.Jane _____

m.James SAVORY

m.Sarah GREEN

m.John KNIGHT

m.Jane _____

| 1802 Oxford, St Giles

| 1811 Tackley

| boot and shoe maker

| 1808 Tackley

| 1812 Kirtlington

| 1813 Tackley

| m.2.Sarah (____) HOUSE

| 1841 Tackley

|

gardener of Tackley

John [23]

William [24]

Thomas [25]

Maria

Martha

Lucy

Mary Ann

James [26]

Elizabeth

1802-74

1804-90

1807-82

1809-48

1811-91

1814-61

1816-60

1818-85

1820-20

m.Frances WRIGHT

m.Sarah RYMAN

m.Ursula POUNTNEY

m.John COOK

| m.Michael ALLEN

m.Wm EGGLESTONE

m.Richard HOARE

m.Jane HOARE

| 1827 Stanwell MDX

| 1827 Tackley

| 1828 Tackley

| 1828 Tackley

| 1839

| 1841 Tackley

| 1841 Tackley

| 1841

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m.2.Mary (____)

m.2.Jane Amelia HARTLEY

m.2.Susannah SKIDMORE

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WIDDOWS

dau. of Joseph [17]

carpenter of Hillingdon

Mary

Emma

John [38]

Sarah

Helen

Harriet

George [39]

Maria

Emily SKIDMORE

1828-44

1829-29

1831-1900

1833-33

1835-99

1836-

1838-1909

1841-43

1837-

m.Emily MUDDAMAN

living in 1881

m.Fanny WALTERS

m.John LUCKETT

| 1863 Clerkenwell,

| St James

| 1866 ?Eastington GLS

1857 South Leigh

|

builder of Hillingdon

carpenter of Norwood

|

Bruce John [65]

Ellen Eliza

Harriet

1864-1921

1867-

1869-

m.Sarah Ann NORTON

m.William Charles SHAW

William LANGLER

| 1888 Islington,

| St Clement

1897

1895

|

schoolteachers

bakers

builder foreman of Hillingdon/ manager of wharf, Bermondsey

in Tetsworth

of Great Brickhill

Harold John M. [100]

Mabel Lilian

Charles Herbert

Winifred

1889-1949

1895-

1897-1916

1900-

m.1915

killed in France

|

|

2 sons & a dtr.

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X

William SKIDMORE [24]

1804-90
m.Sarah RYMAN
| 1827 Tackley
|

Tackley → Kings Norton

VII

agricultural labourer of Tackley & Kings Norton

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|--|--|--|-----------------|------------------|--|---|---|--|
| Mary Ann 1828-28 | Thomas [40] 1829-1904 m.Jane Ann GIBBS 1851 Tackley | John 1832- m.Ann H. _____ labourer of Kings Norton | Ann 1834-62 m.Daniel SIMS 1853 Tackley m.2.Elizabeth CASTLE | Emma 1837-58 | James 1840-67 | Mark [41] 1843-81 m.Louisa SMITH 1865 Bordesley, St Andrew | Mary Ann 1846- m.William THORNTON 1879 ?Gt Haseley | Elizabeth 1849-living 1891 in Stirchley m.William FLOYD 1876 Tackley | Robert [42] 1852-1934 m.Emma CROSS 1879 Tackley |
|---------------------|--|--|--|-----------------|------------------|--|---|---|--|

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agricultural labourer of Tackley/ of Kings Norton

railway worker of Tackley & Kidlington

| | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--|--|---|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sarah Jane 1868-86 | Mark [69] 1878- m.Eleanor Maria STRADLING 1897 Kings Norton | Charles [70] 1880- m.Agnes Rhoda SAUNDERS 1907 Romsey | Mark 1882- footman of Winkfield/ valet | Hubert 1885-86 | Herbert William 1890-97 | Dorothy Daisy 1894-94 | Margaret Amy 1894-95 |
|-----------------------|--|--|---|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|

cocoa maker of Bournville/ soldier/ gardener of Weston-super-Mare

farm carter of Kidlington

railway signalman of NorthHagbourne

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------|
| Frederick James 1898- | Albert Ernest 1899- | Lilian May Esther 1903- | Hugh Conway [104] 1906- m.1933 2 sons | Eileen Agnes 1910-39 | a son |
|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------|

Thomas SKIDMORE [40]

1829-1904

m.Jane Ann GIBBS

| 1851 Tackley

|
|

agricultural labourer of Tackley

| | | | | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| David [66] 1852-1934 m.1.Caroline Mary SLATER 1878 Bordesley, St Andrew m.2.Harriet TUSTAIN 1916 Kings Norton | Albert [67] 1854-89 m.Mary Ann _____ labourer of Liverpool | Annette Mary 1857- m.Walter Charles VALTERS 1880 Tackley | Lydia 1860- m.William JEFFS 1884 Birmingham | Emeline Charlotte 1862- m.Edwin Henry BARRETT 1882 Tackley | William John [68] 1864- m.1.Louisa Annie SPEKE 1890 Aston m.2.Martha Annie HILL 1899 | Elizabeth Jane 1867- 9 children by Samuel Edward FOX | Louisa Ann 1869-1939 m.Thomas WEBSTER 1889 Tackley |
|--|---|--|--|--|---|---|---|

IX

cocoa factory worker of Bournville, Birmingham

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Agnes Lilian 1878- m.Frederick POUNTAIN 1909 | Frank 1879- m.Emma | Ethel 1881- m.1916 | Harry [101] 1885- m.1914 | William Thomas [102] 1887- m.Eleanor Mary SKINNER 1911 | Elsie 1890- m.1916 | Albert [103] 1893-1987 m._____ | Ernest 1895- EMIGRATED 1922 to USA | Mary Ann 1871- ?adopted ? | Elizabeth 1875- ?adopted | Annetta 1879- | Thomas 1883- | James 1887- | Winifred 1902- | Cyril 1903- |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|

X

EMIGRATED 1905 TO USA

garage manager of Philadelphia

Mary
1910-
2?3 sons

a son

a dtr. & 1?2 sons

Albert James
1891-

XI

Thomas SKIDMORE [25]

Tackley → Toronto → Chicago

VII

1807-82
m.Ursula POUNTNEY

| 1828 Tackley

| thatcher of Tackley

| Ann
1828-1902
m.1.William WALTON
1849 Tackley
m.2.George STOCKLEY
1887

| John [43]
1830-96
m.Sarah KILBY
| 1857 Tackley

| Henry [44]
1833-90
m.Mary Ann DAVIS
| 1855 Tackley

| Emma
1836-88
m.1.Edward TAYLOR
1862 Tackley
[m.1.Susannah SKIDMORE 1855]
EMIGRATED 1869
m.2.Hiram Phillip WHEELER
1876 Lake, Illinois
m.2.Thirza TAYLOR, stepdaughter

| William
1839-66
blacksmith
of Tackley

| Ursula
1842-94
m.John CHURCHILL
1865 Oxford

| Thirza
1845-62

| George [45]
1848-1918
m.Calista WHEELER
| 1876 Waukegan

VIII

agricultural labourer of Tackley

| William Davis
1856-
EMIGRATED 1883
to Washington Co.
USA
blacksmith

| John
1857-59

| Emily
1860-97
dressmaker

| John
1862-
living 1881
agricl. labourer

| Thirza
1865-1907
m.Joseph WILSON
1894 Lambeth
m.2.Ellen BOOTH

| Elizabeth
1867-1912
m.Percival Edgar KERRY
1890 Oxford

| Mary Ann
1870-
m.Robert HORWOOD
1895 Headington

| Josiah George [71]
1873-1943
m.Alice _____
| 1900
| watchmaker of Croydon
| Violet Emily A.
1900-
m.1931

carpenter of Tackley. EMIGRATED 1857 to Toronto & later builder of Chicago

carpenter of Chicago

| Percival Geo.
1861-79

| Edward J.
1863-
m.Edith M. JAMES
realtor of Chicago

| Lillian
1866-1910
m.James Andrew
EGAN
1889 Highland Park,
Lake

| Alice
1869-

| William Frank
1872-1901

| Bertrand F.
1873-
m.Ella May STONER
realtor of Chicago

| Daisy Calista
1877-78

| Bertrond George [72]
1879-1942
m.Lillian May MARGETTS
| 1904

| Elmer Thomas [73]
1883-1953
m.Selma Victoria FREBERG
| 1908 Highland Park

| Raymond H.
1886-1905

| Floyd Milton [74]
1888-1965
m.Lucille E. _____

grocer of Caldwell, Idaho

VP & Sec Waukegan Foundry/ realtor

| Raymond H.
1906-92

| Earl Oliver [105]
1907-83
m.Margaret
|
a dtr.

| Marvin Harold
1912-85

| Wayne Ellis
1916-19

| Dorothy Mae
1920-21

| Kenneth Lloyd [106]
1909-73
m.Ruth SCHYLANDER
|
a dtr.

| Ethel Mae
1911-2001
m.Andrew Calvin
GARTLEY

| Robert George [107]
1915-73
m.Edna SCHNEIDER
|
a dtr. & 2 sons

| Harry Edward [108]
1917-2008
m.Helen Emma
| WICKERSHEIM
|
2 dtrs. & a son

| Chester John [109]
1918-2001
m.1.June PESCHMAN
|
2 sons

| Gordon Grant
1917-97

| George Edward
1919-98

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John SKIDMORE [14]

1791-1833

m.Sarah GREEN

| 1812 Kirtlington

|
|
|

perhaps with others

| George Richard [27]

1825-87

m.Sarah JOIST

| 1855 Southwark, St Mary Magdalene

|
|
|

docks foreman of Bow, London

|

Edwin George

1856-58

|

Sarah Elizabeth

1858-60

|

Sarah

1861-

|

Edwin George [47]

1864-1955

m.Annie Maria SLATER

| 1887

|
|
|

|

dairy utensil maker of Bow

|

Edwin George [77]

1888-

m.Kate Potter JOIST

| 1919

|

issue

|

Ernest Stephen[78]

1890-

m.Gertrude M. TIDD

| 1915

|

issue

|

Henry John

1895-

m.Lillian WARD

1918

|

Hilda Florence

1900-01

|

Ivy Alice

1902-

|

Winifred

1905-

Tackley → London →Australia

VI

VII

VIII

IX

Tackley → Solihull

VII

John SKIDMORE [30]

1834-1917

m.1.Sarah HOARE

| 1855 Tackley

| m.2.Eliza KEATLEY

| | 1868

| | gardener of Solihull

railway platelayer of Tackley & Solihull gardener

Frederick William [51]

1856-1944

m.Ellen CLEAVER

| 1879 ?Evesham WOR

gardener of Solihull & Wimpstone WAR

Frederick Charles [85]

1881-1949

m.Eliza Jane GOODWIN

| 1910

soldier/

gardener of Birmingham

2 daughters

William John/ Willy John

1857-1942

m.Rosa Jane HOARE

| 1901 Tackley

Charles James

1860-

living 1871

Henry Michael

1862-63

Joseph

1871-

living 1881

?

Henry Michael

1872-73

Ernest [52]

1882-1966

m.Clara Alice BOVINGTON

| 1902 Budbrooke WAR

carpenter of Solihull

VIII

Lucy

1882-

m.William Henry

GEORGE

| 1902

Sarah

[Sylvia Gwendolen]

1887-1961

m.1912

Ellen Catherine

1888-

Florence Edith

1893-

Charles James

1894-

nurseryman

William

1895-17

killed in Belgium

?

Eliza

1900-01

?

Winifred Lucy

1900-

Sybil

1904-

Frank [86]

1903-

m.Hilda

Charles [87]

1905-78

m.Ada

IX

John [112]

EMIGRATED TO AUSTRALIA

Mary

Barbara

Ruby Jane

Susan Elizabeth

Jonathan SKITMORE [10]

1758-1810
m.Hannah SMITH
| 1782 North Leigh

Tackley → North Leigh
Tackley → Leicester

V

of North Leigh

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|---|---|------------------|------------------|--|-----------------|---|----|
| Mary 1783- | William [16] 1785-1859 m.Hannah / Susannah KING 1812 Tackley | ? Martha abt 1786-1866 m.William TAYLOR 1807 Deddington | Matthew 1788- | David 1791-92 | Joseph [17] 1793-1868 m.Mary ELKERTON 1823 Oxford, St Mary Magdalene | Hannah 1798- | Samuel [18] 1806-73 m.Elizabeth _____ | VI |
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agricultural labourer of Tackley

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|---|--|--|---|--|----------------|--|--|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Susannah 1813-61 m.Edward TAYLOR 1855 <i>m.2.Emma SKIDMORE</i> | Mildred 1820-24 | David 1823-74 m.Sarah Ann (BROWN) HANDFORD 1856 Islington, St John the Evangelist policeman/ insurance agent of West Ham | Sarah Ann 1823-1904 m.Stephen William BEECHEY 1860 | Maria 1826-58 m.Thomas ALEXANDER 1855 Tackley <i>m.2.Mary Ann Eliz. HOPKINS</i> | Joseph [31] 1829-80 m.Jane SKIDMORE <i>dau.of William [15]</i> 1860 Tackley | James 1831-98 m.Sarah CREEK 1867 Tackley clock & watch cleaner | Ann 1835-65 | Susannah 1842- m.1.Richard HOARE 1868 Tackley <i>m.1.Mary Ann SKIDMORE, dau.of Jonathan [13]</i> m.2.Thomas CULL 1887 m.3.George SMITH 1911 Combe | Charlotte 1833-75 m.Joseph MATTHEWS 1868 Cheltenham, St Luke <i>m.2.Charlotte BRICKNELL</i> | ? Henry John 1839-41 | ? Edward Thos 1842- |
|---|--------------------|---|--|--|---|--|----------------|--|--|----------------------------|---------------------------|

gardener of Tackley

| | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------|------|
| Joseph 1889- boot & shoe maker of Leicester | ? Minnie Cooper 1892-93 | ? Harry Cooper 1894- | Emily Hannah 1864- m.James COMLEY 1909 | Amos [53] 1867-1946 m.Annie BENNETT 1905 <u>cattle man of Tackley</u> Amos John 1911-29 | Maria Jane 1870- m.George KILBY 1894 Tackley moved to Leicester | Rhoda Mary 1872-1925 | VIII |
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Descendants of Albert James Skitmore [33]

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Albert James SKIDMORE [33]

1846-1934

m.1.Emma PUMFREY

| 1863 Eastleach Martin GLS

| m.2.Lizzie GEE 1930 m.2.Wycliffe SKIDMORE

stone mason/ builder

Milton-under-Wychwood → Middleton Stoney
Milton-under-Wychwood → New Yatt

VII

Edward James [55]

1864-1958

m.Charlotte GILLARD

1885 Milton-under-Wychwood,
Baptist Chapel

Thomas Albert [56]

1865-1965

m.Henrietta Janet Watt SMITH

| 1891 Milton-u-Wychwood,
SS Simon & Jude

Anne Matilda

1867-

m.George FISHER

1895 Milton-u-Wychwood,
Upper Baptist Chapel

William George [57]

1870-

m.Lizzie ROLLINGS

| 1891

Mary Ann

1874-

m.Alfred COOK

1897 Islington

Ernest John [58]

1878-

m.Rosa SIRETT

| 1901 Bicester,
Independent Chapel

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____ SKITMORE soldier/ policeman of Middleton Stoney

Thomas [92]

1892-1954

m.1919

a daughter

Margaret

1895-

school teacher

Frederick [93]

1903-91

m.1933

a daughter

____ SKIDMORE of Milton-under-Wychwood & New Yatt

Lilian Ellen

1891-

a daughter

Wilfred Thomas [94]

1893-1967

m.1944

a son

Kenneth Albert

1896-1980

m.1926

Reginald Frederick

1898-1924

Ralph Oliver [95]

1906-83

m.1930

2 sons

Lottie May
1899-1900

Edgar Redvers
1900-01

Albert
1905-05

saddler and harness maker in Twyford, BRK

Cecil Ernest

1904-69

m.1932

Winifred May

1911-12

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Edward James SKIDMORE [55]

1864-58

m.Charlotte GILLARD

| 1885 Milton-under-Wychwood, Baptist Chapel

mason & sculptor of Milton-undr-Wychwood, Abertillery & Weston super Mare

SKIDMORE

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|---|---|--|--|--|---|--|--|---------------------------------|
| Albert George [88] 1886-1958 m.1.Priscilla MIZEN 1908 Saffron Walden m.2.Florence May (LYALL) SKIDMORE widow of Sydney Wm 1922 Weston super Mare | Emma Matilda 1887-1970 m.Thomas Lewis DAVIS 1907 Abertillery | Norah Lottie 1888-1977 m.Arthur Sidney GAY 1910 Abertillery | Gilbert Edward [89] 1889-1933 m.Effie WILKES 1912 Abertillery | Sydney William [90] 1890-1918 killed in France m.Florence May LYALL m.2.Albert George SKIDMORE | Mabel Annie 1892-1960 guest house owner of Weston-s-Mare | Gillard Hubert 1894-1970 m.Beatrice Maud CARY 1924 | Stanley Hugh [91] 1895-1947 m.Ellen PITMAN | Beatrice Evelyn IX 1896-1943 |
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| stone mason of Abertillery
| & Weston super Mare

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| Charles Edward abt.1913- d. young | Una ? m.Reg ROWNEY | Priscilla M. 1916- d.young | twins adopted in Canada | Stephen L. [113] 1921- m.1.Betty m.2.Rose 2 dtrs. | Sylvia ? m.____ LYALL 4?5 dtrs. | Vera ? m.Edwin Harry | Cynthia ? m.Roy | Marguerite R. 1915- m.Leslie | <u>twins</u> Albert Stanley 1926- | William Edward 1926- |
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of Abertillery & Banwell

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| Norah H. ? m.Tom | William G.E. 1914-14 | Hilda Myra 1915-87 m.William SHERRIFF 1951 Bristol | George C.S. [114] 1917-62 m.Ivy | Florence M. 1918-82 m.____ | Hubert Sydney James [115] 1920-83 m.Grace | Ernest Valentine [116] 1922-97 m.Mary | Clarence Albert James [117] 1924-92 m.Dilys | Effie Lobelia 1926-26 | Donald 1927-27 | X | | |
| Sylvia | Patricia | Hubert | Angela | Edward | Robert | Albert | Rosemary | Gillard | Ernest Roy | Ian William | had issue | XI |

emigrated to Australia 1975

