

# SKIDMORE AND SKIDSMORE FAMILIES OF RURAL WARWICKSHIRE 1550-1915

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Skidmore/ Scudamore One-Name Study

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## Preface to the first edition 2012

It has been my privilege to add to the account by Warren Skidmore of the first 150 years of this family in Warwickshire, from its probable origins in Siddington Langley, Gloucestershire in the early 16th century (a family itself out of the ancient family at Holme Lacy, Herefordshire). He lends to the history of this family, as to others, his considerable knowledge and experience of interpreting records of the 12th-16th centuries and applying them to family history. Over many years' work he has tried, and in large succeeded, in tracking the movement of individuals before 1650 out of Herefordshire and Somerset to other parts of Britain and to the US.

Warren Skidmore's work on this branch of the wider Skidmore/Scudamore family can be found on the website [www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com](http://www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com) as an occasional paper with the title *The Skydmores in the Environs of Stratford-On-Avon, Warks*. Much of Generations 1-5 below are based heavily on this paper. For my part, I have taken the story from the 18th into the early 20th century. I have not included any detail beyond 1920 to preserve the privacy of living descendants. If you would like to include your 20th century family in this account, please contact me via [skidmore@one-name.org](mailto:skidmore@one-name.org) (LM).

## Code numbers

For this second edition, I have allocated the code BNM to descendants of the family at Burnham in Buckinghamshire (themselves younger sons out of Holme Lacy, Herefordshire). This enables tracking in the databases of the Skidmore/ Scudamore One-Name Study. Readers can investigate how this branch of the Burnham family, who settled in rural Warwickshire, fits into the wider family history by referring to the Principal Branches pages of the website.

This account includes migrations from Budbrooke and Long Itchington, Warwickshire to:

*(all places in Warwickshire unless otherwise stated)*

Claverdon around 1710.

Kinwarton around 1730.

Snitterfield around 1730.

Norton Lindsey in the 1780s.

[unproven] Great Packington in the 1790s → Kinwalsey → Tamworth, Staffordshire in 1840s

→ [perhaps] Berkswell around 1890.

→ Sheldon in the late 1840s → Tipton,  
Staffordshire in the 1870s

→ Hampton-in-Arden in the 1860s

→ southern Birmingham in the 1860s

and Chilvers Coton around 1820 → Wellingborough, Northamptonshire in the 1860s

→ southern Birmingham in the 1870s

[probably] Stratford-on-Avon around 1810.

**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 but the exact date of birth is presently unknown.

**BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS**

Databases of all known Skidmore and Scudamore bmds are in various stages of preparation and can be found at [www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com](http://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](http://www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com).

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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. If you would like to include your 20th century family in this account, please contact me via [skidmore@one-name.org](mailto:skidmore@one-name.org) (LM).

## GENERATION 1

*For the purposes of this account Augustine Skidmore of Budbrooke and his wife Margery are considered Generation 1 and their descendants can be identified in the databases of the Skidmore/Scudamore One-Name Study with the prefix BNM. Augustine Skidmore's place in the wider family can be explored on the Principal Branches pages of the website.*

**BNM 5.      AUGUSTINE<sup>1</sup> SKIDMORE**, a gentleman of Budbrooke and Long Itchington (places hard by Stratford-on-Avon), was born perhaps about 1540, son of Edward Skidmore of Siddington Langley, Gloucestershire. He married Margery, seemingly a daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ Burnill, who married secondly Peter Chrispe on 26 January 1577/8 at Budbrooke. He was at Charlecote in 1564-7, but died at Long Itchington leaving a will dated 12 January 1576/7 and proved 26 October 1577. It named his brother Francis Burnill of Stratford-on-Avon and John Nason of Charlecote as overseers. He was buried within the church at Long Itchington and left four minor children there according to his will<sup>1</sup>. Augustine Skidmore is styled a gentleman in his will, but he was a gentleman only by birth and lineage and clearly did not have the lands or goods to sustain him in this rank. His posterity were largely reduced to the yeomanry, and still later to agricultural laborers.

**Children of Augustine and Margery (Burnill) Skidmore,**

13.    i.      WILLIAM, of Offchurch.
14.    ii.     JOHN, baptised 28 October 1564 at Charlecote.
15.    iii.    RICHARD, baptised 4 August 1567 at Charlecote.
- iv.    Joan. The only daughter of Augustine, Senior. She was left £13 6sh. 8d. in her father's will, a more generous bequest than her brothers received, doubtless to provide a proper dowry at her marriage. She was married at Budbrooke soon after her father's death to Peter Bailes<sup>2</sup> on 24 November 1577.

**Notes:**

1581 06 25    John SMYTH also OSBORNE & Elnor SKEDMORE, Coleshill, Warwickshire.

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<sup>1</sup> The parish registers for baptisms and burials at Long Itchington do not begin until 1653, and the marriages are lost before 1714.

<sup>2</sup> His baptism has not been found but it is worth noting the following children of John *Baylis*, baptised in Snitterfield (5 miles S.W. of Budbrooke and whose parish register survives from 1561) - Joan in 1562, Roger in 1565 and William in 1569. The register for Sherbourne (4 miles south of Budbrooke) survives from 1587 and records the baptisms of two children of Peter *Balice* - John in 1587 (who appears to have married Joan and had children baptised at Sherbourne 1616-22) and Elizabeth in 1592.

## GENERATION 2

**BNM 13. WILLIAM<sup>2</sup> SKIDMORE**, of Offchurch, the eldest son of Augustine [5] and Margery (Burnill) Skidmore. He married Judith Walford on 11 January 1584/5 at Mollington, Oxfordshire. She was, with Katherine, wife of William Handes, Senior of Offchurch, sisters and co-heiresses of Edward Walford. William Skidmore died in March 1627/8. His will is dated 12 March 1628, and the inventory of his estate taken a few days later on the 18th shows that he had a Bible valued at 6sh. 8d. (This was an uncommon possession, which he kept in the hall of his house). He left issue, a son and three married daughters, all remembered in his will.

### **Children of William and Judith (Walford) Skidmore,**

23. i. AUGUSTINE.
- ii. A daughter, married Thomas Middleton<sup>3</sup>.
- iii. Elizabeth, called in her father's will the wife of John *Pittwell*. Elyzabeth Skedmor married John *Pitway* at Bishops Tachbrook, Warwickshire, on 17 July 1620.
- iv. A daughter, married John Wootters.

**BNM 14. JOHN<sup>2</sup> SKIDMORE** of Long Itchington, the second son of Augustine [5] and Margery (Burnill) Skidmore, was baptised 28 October 1564 at Charlecote, and a yeoman of Long Itchington. He seems to have spent his early years at Stratford-on-Avon with his mother's family. He married firstly Mary Robyns on 3 November 1595 at Ilmington, and probably secondly a wife Anna who was buried at Stratford on 20 September 1602<sup>4</sup>. He married thirdly Elizabeth, probably a Cleaver and somewhat younger, who had died before 13 March 1651/2 when the administration on her estate was given to her son John. She was presumably a daughter of the John Cleaver of Hill in Leamington Hastings whose will dated 24 August 1618 remembers the sons and a daughter of John Skydmore of Long Itchington. The will of her husband John Skidmore (proved 28 February 1638/9) mentions his wife's kinsman, still unidentified, Thomas Brookes. John Skidmore died 17 October 1638, and was buried within the church at Long Itchington.

### **A child of John and Mary (Robyns) Skidmore,**

- i. Elizabeth, baptised 20 October 1596 at Stratford-on-Avon, daughter of John Skidmore. She was perhaps the lady who married George Drake at Ilmington, Warwickshire on 16 January 1616/7.

### **Children of John and Elizabeth (Cleaver) Skidmore,**

- ii. John, born 1617. He was devised two houses and a close in Southam held in chief of King Charles I according to the inquest post mortem of his father in 1638; he is called John Scudamore, junior, ... son and next heir, ... aged 22 years and more'; John had by that year 'gone down to Lankeshire'. He was still living in 1664 when he was remembered in the will of his nephew John.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Offchurch marriages survive only from 1694 and have been checked only for the dates 1753-1837.

<sup>4</sup> Warren Skidmore comments that 'the matrimonial affairs of this John are complicated and probably subject to error. He would seem to have also married Elizabeth Knight at Pebworth in 1596. This may very well have been a first marriage with a date that has been misstated. Pebworth is about six miles south west of Shottery in Stratford-on-Avon and Ilminster is a near neighbour. There seems to have been only one John Skidmore about Stratford-on-Avon around 1600, who may have been (as the old country folk used to say) 'hard on wives'. The only Knight at Pebworth in 1608 was a Thomas Knight, a husbandman, aged about 40'.

<sup>5</sup> It is possible to speculate that this John Skidmore was ancestor to the family in Oxfordshire. This is unproven and the Oxfordshire family are assigned a separate code {OXF} by the Skidmore/ Scudamore One-Name Study. See *Skidmore and Skitmore Families of Oxfordshire 1600-1900* by Linda Moffatt, Joan Skidmore and Carole Skidmore, at the website of the Skidmore/ Scudamore One-Name Study [www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com](http://www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com).

- iii. Richard, a constable at Long Itchington in 1647. He died unmarried about 1655, and the administration on his estate was granted on 25 October 1655 to his brother John.
- 25. iv. EDWARD. [Edward married in 1620, hence his birth perhaps took place in the 1590s].
- 26. v. GEORGE. He was presented and fined by the Quarter Sessions at Trinity term 1639 for hunting with greyhounds without sufficient land according to the form of the statute. He and Nicholas Harris were overseers of the poor in 1654, and he was chosen constable by the people of Long Itchington at Michaelmas, 1654. He had two children remembered (but not named) with ewes and lambs in his father's will in 1638.
  - i. A child.
  - ii. A child.
- vi. An only daughter, married Thomas Walter.

**BNM 15. RICHARD<sup>2</sup> SKIDMORE**, of Hampton Curlew (now Hampton-on-the Hill) in Budbrooke, the third and youngest son of Augustine [5] and Margery (Burnill) Skidmore, was baptised 4 August 1567 at Charlecote. The name of his first wife is unknown. He married secondly Elizabeth Martin in 1611 at Pebworth, Worcestershire<sup>6</sup>. She was probably the daughter of Robert Marten, the younger, a yeoman and a subsidy man, aged about 40. She died in 1612 (perhaps in childbirth) and was buried at Budbrooke. He married thirdly, Elianor \_\_\_\_\_, who survived him. He was buried on 8 June 1623 at Budbrooke. His will (proved at Worcester) was dated 20 May 1623, and an inventory made of his estate on June 11th. He had left no surviving male posterity but was survived by three daughters, one of whom married Thomas Handes of Long Itchington.

**Children, as known, of Richard Skidmore by his first wife, christened at Budbrooke<sup>7</sup>,**

- i. Thomas, baptised 17 June 1593. He probably died young.
- ii. Sarah, baptised 16 April 1598. [The eldest, she may have been the wife of Thomas Handes].
- iii. Rebecca, baptised 7 March 1600/1. She was named residuary legatee and executrix in her father's will. Rebecca *Scudamore* married William Wilson on 28 October 1623 at Budbrooke.
- iv. Hester, baptised 17 April 1603.
- v. John, baptised 9 June 1605. He probably died young.

<sup>6</sup> This parish is about six miles southwest of Stratford-on-Avon, and was once reckoned a part of Gloucestershire. For a list of the able-bodied men there in 1608 see John Smith, *Men and Armour for Gloucestershire in 1608*, (London, 1902).

<sup>7</sup> The registers of Budbrooke begin in 1539 but the early years are in very bad condition. The registers before 1812 are at the County Record Office, Priory Walk, Warwick.

## GENERATION 3

**BNM 23.**     **AUGUSTINE<sup>3</sup> SKIDMORE/ SCUDAMORE**, son of William [13] and Judith (Walford) Skidmore, had an estate at the Dudley manor of Budbrooke, perhaps from Edward, the fourth Lord Dudley. He is doubtless the man of his distinctive name who was in Virginia for a time as a servant to Colonel John Upton (died 1652) of Isle of Wight County, and among the 30 persons for whom Upton claimed 1500 acres as headrights on 10 November 1638<sup>8</sup>. He had several children christened at Budbrooke, the eldest in 1621 and the youngest in (or soon after) 1640. He may have been in Virginia for part of this time, but he promptly disappears from there and presumably returned to England. He married firstly his cousin Susan, a daughter of William and Katherine (Walford) Hands, and secondly Bridget \_\_\_\_\_, whose parentage is presently unknown. The burials of Augustine and Bridget have not been found.

**Children of Augustine and Susan (Hands) Skidmore, baptised at Budbrooke,**

- i.     Catherine, baptised 28 October 1621 'daughter of Augustine Skydmore'. [She may have been named for her maternal grandmother.]
- ii.    Bridget (probably), baptised 6 July 1628 at Snitterfield.
- iii.   John, baptised 25 January 1630/1.
- iv.    Thomas, baptised 26 April 1633. He appears to have died an infant.
- v.     Susan (probably). Her christening is not found, but she seems to have been buried (an infant?) on 21 September 1637.

**Children of Augustine and Bridget Skidmore,**

37. vi.   RICHARD.
- vii.   Thomas, baptised 12 March 1636/7 called 'a son of Augustine and Bridget Scudmor'.
- viii.   Sarah, baptised 7 March 1639/40 'a daughter of Augustine and Bridget Scudamore', and buried on the following day.
- ix.     Mary, baptised 12 June 1642, a daughter of Augustine and Bridget Scudamore.

**BNM 25.**     **EDWARD<sup>3</sup> SKIDMORE**, third son of John [14] and Elizabeth (Cleaver) Skidmore, was a yeoman of Long Itchington, where he had his father's house with orchards and commons. He appears (by elimination) to have married Margaret Harris at Stratford-on Avon on 17 July 1620. He was presumably the Edward Scudamore who married Catherine Camden on 29 April 1622 at Leamington Hastings<sup>9</sup>, Warwickshire.

He was presented to the Quarter Sessions at Trinity 1639 and fined for shooting with a gun. Record of their burials has not yet been found.

**A child of Edward and Margaret (Harris) Skidmore,**

- i.     John, presumably the eldest son. He had his grandfather's lands at Long Itchington and paid 4sh tax on two hearths there in 1662. He accepted administration of his brother Edward's estate in 1658. Along with his brother Edward and others, he occupied land and tenement in Itchington in 1659<sup>10</sup>. He died unmarried in 1664 (will dated 4 April, proved 18 May) and was buried in the church.

<sup>8</sup> Nell Marion Nugent, *Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, 1623-1666* (Baltimore, 1963) Book I, part II, 98/9.

<sup>9</sup> A village north-east of Long Itchington, not to be confused with Leamington Priors (Royal Leamington Spa).

<sup>10</sup> ER 12/50/46 22 February 1658/9, Shakespeare Centre Library and Archive.

Copy grant by Francis Williamson, Inner Temple, London, esq. to John Powell, Clements Inn, Middx., gent., of annuity of £10 charged upon Newfields & Biggins farm in Itchington, together with other lands and tenements in Itchington in the

His land went mostly to his brother Richard (with a small exception to his brother Edward Skidmore). A codicil to the will also asked his executors to give a half-crown to his uncle John, perhaps then living at Deddington.

**Children of Edward, presumably by his wife Catherine (Camden),**

- ii. Thomas, born about 1627. He was apprenticed to Thomas Smith of Shoe Lane, London, on 31 March 1641 for eight years<sup>11</sup>.
- 38. iii. RICHARD, of Long Itchington.
- 39. iv. EDWARD.
- v. Alice. She married \_\_\_\_\_ Cleaver (undoubtedly a kinsman). She was living in 1664.

**Notes:**

1623 04 15	married	Jeremy SKIDMORE & Joane CROE, Holy Trinity, Coventry, Warwickshire.
1623/4 02 10	baptised	Sara, daughter of Jeremy SKIDMORE, St Margaret Lothbury, London.
1652 06 29	married	Robert WILKINS & Mary SKIDMORE, Clifford Chambers, Warwickshire.
1664 10 01	married	Thomas SCUDAMORE & Ursula WIAT, Newbold Pacey, Warwickshire.

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occupation Nicholas Hanshapp, gent., Elinor Clever, -- Overton, Robert Rainbow, John Scudamore and Richard Scudamore, which were lately purchased by Williamson of Lady Ann Holborne.

<sup>11</sup> Shoe Lane, or Shoe Alley as it was sometimes called in the sixteenth century, was outside the city wall, in the ward of Faringdon Without. At its north end, on the west side, was the church of St Andrew Holborn. In the seventeenth century, the street housed "sign-writers, designers of broadsheets[,] and [a] cockpit." <http://mapoflondon.uvic.ca>

## GENERATION 4

**BNM 37.**    **RICHARD<sup>4</sup> SKIDMORE**, of Budbrooke, son of Augustine [23] and Bridget Skidmore. He married Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_. He was buried at Budbrooke on 23 March 1668/9 styled a serfullio fine in the register<sup>12</sup>. The administration on his estate was granted three days later.

**Children of Richard and Elizabeth Skidmore, baptised at Budbrooke,**

- i.    Elizabeth, baptised 5 July 1663.
- ii.   Bridget, baptised 7 October 1665. She married Thomas Whiteaway at Budbrooke on 13 November 1694 and had at least one child, Elizabeth baptised 1697 at Budbrooke.
- 54.   iii.   RICHARD, baptised 22 November 1668.

**BNM 38.**    **RICHARD<sup>4</sup> SKIDMORE** of Long Itchington, son of Edward [25] and Margaret (Harris) Skidmore. He married Martha [probably Clark] who is the 'widow Skidmore' who paid the tax on one hearth in 1674 at Hampton-on-the-Hill in Budbrooke. He died about September 1669 at Ashow leaving a brief nuncupative will. The administration on it was given on 18 May 1670 to his widow, who made bond with John Clarke, a webster (likely a father or brother), who were both then of Long Itchington.

**Children of Richard and Martha Skidmore,**

- 55.   i.    GEORGE, born 4 November 1656 at Long Itchington.

**BNM 39.**    **EDWARD<sup>4</sup> SKIDMORE**, son of Edward [25] and Margaret (Harris) Skidmore, was married (by 1655) to Abigail \_\_\_\_\_. He was living in 1664 and was exempted from paying tax on one hearth in 1674.

**A child of Edward and Abigail Skidmore,**

- i.    Thomas, born 13 July (baptised 5 August) 1655 at Long Itchington.

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<sup>12</sup> Warren Skidmore suggests this is possibly, in an awkward bit of Latin, a master serge fuller.



## GENERATION 5

**BNM 54.**     **RICHARD<sup>5</sup> SKIDSMORE**, husbandman of Budbrooke, was baptised 22 November 1668, a son of Richard [37] and Elizabeth (\_\_\_\_) Skidmore of Budbrooke. He married Mary Masley on 15 August 1694 at St Nicholas, Warwick. She is perhaps the Mary Skidmore buried at St Michael's, Budbrooke, on 29 July 1754. He was presumably the Richard *Skidsmore* buried there on 2 June 1715.

**Children of Richard and Mary (Masley) Skidmore, baptised at Budbrooke,**

- 67.    i.     RICHARD, baptised 29 January 1694/5.
- ii.    John, baptised 21 March 1697/8. He was buried at St Michael's on 5 May 1704, 'son of Richard Skidmore, husbandman'.
- iii.    Maria, baptised 15 April 1701. She is perhaps the Mary Skidmore who married William Hawtins on 29 September 1729 at Claverdon.
- 68.    iv.    JOHN, baptised 11 September 1704.
- 69.    v.     THOMAS, baptised 21 March 1707/8.
- vi.    Elizabeth, baptised 21 March 1709/10, daughter of Richard and Mary Skidsmore. She married Thomas Townsend on 19 October 1729 at Claverdon.

**BNM 55.**     **GEORGE<sup>5</sup> SKIDMORE**, born 4 November (baptised 13 November) 1656 at Long Itchington, was a son of Richard [38] and Martha (?Clark) Skidmore. He is probably the man of his name who married firstly Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_, and secondly Isabel \_\_\_\_\_<sup>13,14</sup>. He was exempted from paying the tax there in 1674 on one hearth.

George *Scudamore*, clothworker of Hill Wootton in the parish of Leek Wootton, Warwickshire, left a will dated 29 October 1709 (proved at Lichfield 5 April 1710). He was clearly also a smallholder since the inventory taken after his death lists 'two old mares, one colt, five old cows, thirty eight sheep .. two old carts, one plow, one harrow, two pair of old g---? with other utensills of husbandry .. [and] corn in the barn and some growing'. His wife Isabel and his son Edward, who received his lands and house in Long Itchington, were named as executors of his will. His son George received a house which his father has recently bought at Long Itchington, together with a bed and a pewter plate. His daughter Anne Scudemore received £20 to be paid in annual instalments after her marriage or when she reached the age of thirty, together with all his other household goods.

He was buried as George *Skidsmore* on 3 November 1709 at All Saints, Leek Wootton, Warwickshire. The administration of the estate of his widow, who died a year later on 12 December 1710, was granted to her son Edward Scudamore, yeoman of Leek Wootton (who signed the obligation to prepare an inventory as Edward *Skidmore*).

**Children of George and Elizabeth Skidmore, baptised at Long Itchington,**

- i.     Richard, baptised 15 June 1682. Not mentioned in his father's will.

<sup>13</sup> Warren Skidmore suggests that she was Isabel Crosse, probably a kinswoman and legatee of Robert Crosse of Southam, Warwickshire, who left a will dated 7 March 1677 leaving £30 to Isabel Crosse, then a spinster. [PRO, C5/266/33].

<sup>14</sup> George *Kidmer* married Isabel Farson at Hillmorton, Warwickshire on 13 October 1696. John, son of George and Isabel *Kidmer*, was born 27 September 1697, baptised 3 October 1697 at Hillmorton, followed by a daughter Sarah baptised there as *Kidner* on 1 January 1700/01. The surname Kidner or Kydnere appears in Hillmorton registers from the 1570s and would appear to be unconnected with the Skidmores of Long Itchington. (ref. IGI, original registers not seen, LM).

- ii. Elizabeth, baptised 24 April 1686. Not mentioned in her father's will.
- iii. Anne, baptised 5 April 1687<sup>15</sup>. Remembered in the will of her father in 1709. Her husband Edward appears to have been a son of Thomas and Joyce Mortiboys, (baptised 21 August 1687 at Hampton in Arden). A Thomas Morteboyes, together with William Fodin, certified to 'whom it may concern that having being with one Edward Scudamore late of Kenilworth in the County of Warwick a servant on Palm Sunday the 12th day of April 1713 a little before his death, heard him speak the words following or words to the same effect viz

I give all the goods I shall die possessed of to be equally divided between my brother George Scudamore and my sister the wife of Edward Morteboyes. In witness whereof we have set our names or marks this 16th day of April 1713

**Children of George and Isabel Skidmore,**

- iv. Edward. He was left lands and a house in Long Itchington in the will of his father and was called a yeoman when he accepted administration of his mother's estate. At the time of his death in 1713 he was described as a servant living in Kenilworth, Warwickshire. He had perhaps already passed the land and house left to him in the will of his father to his brother George - his inventory shows only a few household items.
- 70. v. **GEORGE**. He appears to have married Ann \_\_\_\_\_ and lived in Rugby, Warwickshire. George Scudamore, husband of Ann, was buried at St Andrew's there on 2 December 1750. His widow, an almswoman, died in 1767 and was buried on 5 March.

**A son of George and Ann Scudamore, perhaps with others**

- i. George. Buried at St Andrew's Rugby, 'son of Ann Scudamore', on 1 August 1753. Nothing further known.

Notes:

1704 08 08	buried	Damaris SKIDMORE, St Mary's, Warwick.
1728 -- --	buried	Bridget SKIDSMORE, place unknown, Warwickshire.

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<sup>15</sup> The IGI gives a baptism date of 5 November 1687.

## GENERATION 6

**BNM 67.**     **RICHARD<sup>6</sup> SKIDSMORE**, baptised 29 January 1694, was the eldest son of Richard [54] and Mary (Masley) Skidmore. He settled at Claverdon, and married Elizabeth Fisher on 11 October 1716 at St Nicholas, Warwick.

**Children of Richard and Elizabeth (Fisher) Skidsmore, baptised at Claverdon,**

- i.     Ann, baptised 29 December 1717 and died 25 May 1718.
- ii.    Ann, baptised 28 June 1719.

**BNM 68.**     **JOHN<sup>6</sup> SKIDMORE** was baptised on 11 September 1704 as the son of Rick [54] and Mary (Masley) *Skidsmore*. He was a farmer in Kinwarton and a parish official whose name appears in the parish register of St Mary the Virgin, Kinwarton regarding decisions made in vestry meetings in 1734 and 1735. He was unable to write and made his mark alongside the signatures of the other parish officials; his name was written by others at various places as John Scudamore, Skidmore and Skydmore<sup>16</sup>. John Skidmore married Ann Edgiock at Kinwarton on 21 May 1730, when they were both said to be of Kinwarton parish. She was presumably a member of the family at Edgiock Farm, mentioned in the parish register and probably the daughter of Thomas and Hannah Edgiock, baptised 12 November 1699 at Kinwarton.

Ann the 'wife of John Skydmore' was buried at Kinwarton on 12 March 1766, John Skydmore 'farmer' on 4 April 1778.

**Children of John and Ann (Edgiock) Skidmore, baptised Scudamore at Kinwarton,**

- 84. i.     RICHARD, baptised 2 April 1732.
- ii.    John, baptised 15 December 1734, buried 3 April 1735 at Kinwarton.
- iii.   John, baptised 27 April 1736. He is presumably the bachelor of Great Alne, Warwickshire who married, by licence, Mary Duffin at Kinwarton on 12 September 1769, witnessed by Ann Skidmore. On 22 February 1781 Thomas Wall of Great Alne, cordwainer, assigned the lease on premises there to John Skidmore of the same, yeoman, in consideration of a mortgage debt outstanding. On 12 July 1798 Richard Skidmore, the natural and lawful brother of John Skidmore of Great Alne, was granted the administration on his estate. Richard assigned these premises (comprising a messuage now divided into two dwellings, with shop and four selions of land) on 19 February 1799 to Joseph Buston of Wilmcote, blacksmith, who in turn sold the lease to Edward Edkins of Gipsy Hall, yeoman<sup>17</sup>.
- iv.    Ann, baptised 27 November 1737. Ann Skidmore was buried at St Mary Magdalen, Great Alne on 17 May 1820 aged 82.
- v.     Elizabeth, baptised 17 November 1739. Elizabeth Skidmore was buried at Kinwarton on 22 November 1752, 'daughter of John and Ann Skidmore'.
- vi.    Thomas, baptised 7 March 1741/2. Thomas Skydmore 'bachelor' was buried at Kinwarton on 9 April 1783.

<sup>16</sup> County Record Office, Warwick, film of Kinwarton registers.

<sup>17</sup> Shakespeare Centre Library and Archive, DR333/47/23, /24, /27.

**BNM 69.** **THOMAS<sup>6</sup> SKIDMORE/ SKIDSMORE**, a yeoman of Snitterfield, was baptised at Budbrooke on 21 March 1707/8, the son of Richard [54] and Mary (Masley) Skidmore. Thomas *Skidsmoore* married Sarah Hands at Snitterfield on 26 January 1732/3. She was buried at on 19 February 1747 (?1747/8), Thomas *Scudamore* on 30 August 1778, both at Snitterfield. He left a will (proved at Worcester on 19 September 1778), which remembered his daughter Mary, wife of Richard Knight, and his sons James, Richard and John (who was his executor and received his house).

**Children of Thomas and Sarah (Hands) Skidsmore, baptised at Snitterfield,**

- i. Mary, baptised 3 March 1733/4. Mary Scudamore married by licence Richard Knight on 2 April 1762 at Snitterfield<sup>18</sup> and died before her husband. Mr Knight was a chaff cutter of Snitterfield at the time of his death. He left a will dated 28 February 1798 (and proved at London 29 November 1799), naming his good friend John Scuddamore, yeoman of Snitterfield (presumably his brother-in-law), his sole executor and trustee, and leaving bequests to his three sons John Knight, Richard Knight and James Knight.  
Mary appears to have had children before her marriage to Richard Knight,
  - i. William, baptised at Snitterfield 18 November 1752, 'baseborn son of Mary Skidmore' and buried as such three days later.
  - ?94. ii. [perhaps] Thomas, baptised 23 December 1755 at Norton Lindsey.
  - iii. William, baptised at Snitterfield 6 February 1758, 'baseborn son of Mary Skidmore'.
- 85. iv. JOHN, baptised 8 October 1735.
- 86. v. JAMES, baptised 7 February 1737/8.
- vi. Richard, baptised 8 February 1739/40. A yeoman at Snitterfield in 1768, he married Mary Townsend there on 7 August 1767, witnessed by Ann Cole and John Townsend. On 17 March 1768 they signed a release for a legacy received from the will of the late John Walker of Snitterfield. Mary the 'wife of Richard Scudamore' was buried at Snitterfield on 30 June 1776.

**Notes:**

1726 -- -- marriage Robert PUSSELL & Mary SKITSMORE, St Michael, Coventry.

<sup>18</sup> The witnesses were John Green, who witnessed many marriages and was probably church warden. The second witness, Thomas Clarke, could (unlike the bride and groom) also sign his name, and was perhaps also a church official.

## GENERATION 7

**BNM 84. RICHARD<sup>7</sup> SKIDMORE**, baptised 2 April 1732 at Kinwarton, son of John [68] and Ann (Edgiock) Skidmore. A bachelor, he married Elizabeth Goodway on 7 December 1782 at Norton Lindsey, witnessed by Joseph Jackson and Robert Modds.

On 12 July 1798 Richard Skidmore, 'the natural and lawful brother of John Skidmore of Great Alne' (who died without issue), was granted the administration on his estate.

**Children of Richard and Elizabeth (Goodway) Skidmore, baptised at Norton Lindsey,**

- i. Elizabeth, baptised 14 January 1784.
- ii. Mary, baptised 11 June 1786.
- iii. John, baptised 28 September 1788.

**BNM 85. JOHN<sup>7</sup> SKIDMORE/ SCUDAMORE**, son of Thomas [69] and Sarah (Hands) Skidsmore, was baptised at Snitterfield on 8 October 1735. John *Scudamore* married Eleanor Farr of Snitterfield by licence on 12 May 1770 at Snitterfield, witnessed by John Green and Mary Green. She was perhaps baptised 1 August 1735 at Berkswell, Warwickshire, daughter of Thomas and Susannah Farr. Eleanor Scudamore was buried at Snitterfield on 21 March 1785.

The will of John *Scudamore* of Snitterfield was dated 2 December 1800 with John Green of Snitterfield, carpenter, as executor. He left to his son William Scudamore £250, together with a list, long and meticulously recorded, of household goods. To each of his brothers James Scudamore and Richard Scudamore he left £50 and his clothes to be divided between them. Smaller bequests went to Thomas Diar<sup>19</sup> £5, William Diar £5, Elizabeth Franklin widow £5, Mary Farr £10 and also any other household goods not bequeathed to his son William. The will was witnessed by William Hobday and George Farr and was proved on 25 October 1804 at Worcester.

**A child of John and Eleanor (Farr) Scudamore,**

- i. Thomas, buried 16 December 1772 at Snitterfield, an infant.

**An illegitimate child of John Scydsmore and Sarah Hainge,**

- ii. William, baptised 26 December 1792 at Snitterfield. He was living at the time his father made his will in 1800. He is not remembered in the will of his supposed maternal grandfather Thomas Farr (a farmer of Salford Priors, Warwickshire) in December 1801.

**BNM 86. JAMES<sup>7</sup> SKIDMORE/ SKIDSMORE**, baptised 7 February 1737/8, was a son of Thomas [69] and Sarah (Hands) Skidmore. James *Skidsmore* and Mary Loach, both of Snitterfield, married there by licence on 14 November 1768 (witnessed by John Green and Mary Green) and he was living there in 1800 when he was remembered in the will of his brother John. It was presumably his wife Mary Skidmore who was buried at St James the Great, Snitterfield on 23 June 1822 at the age of 82.

**Children of James and Mary (Loach) Skidmore, baptised *Scudamore* at Snitterfield,**

- i. Sarah, baptised 10 October 1769. She married John Trotman on 15 October 1795 at Snitterfield,

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<sup>19</sup> Administration of the effects of Thomas Dyer 'of Wolford in the diocese of Worcester', widower, was granted on 7 March 1804 to Hannah the wife of John Green 'of Great Wolford in the County of Warwick the daughter and next of kin' (IR 26/422.). John Green married Hannah Dyer on 20 April 1790 at Walford.

witnessed by Esther Doley and William Taylor. They were living at the time of the 1841 census, next to the family of their son John Trotman, in Bearley Field, Snitterfield, where both John and his son were agricultural labourers. Mrs Trotman's death was presumably that registered at Stratford in 1849Q4.

- ii. [perhaps] Elizabeth. She married Stephen Pittaway at Claverdon on 28 December 1790, witnessed by Thomas Hargrave and Sarah Skidmore. Stephen and Elizabeth had children baptised at Snitterfield - William 1791, Thomas 1793, Ann 1795.
  - iii. Mary, baptised 1 September 1776. Mary *Skidsman* married Robert Enoch on 29 December 1801 at Wellesbourne, witnessed by William Enoch and Mary Bull. She died his widow at Snitterfield, leaving a will dated 19 October 1832 (proved at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 5 March 1833), leaving all her wearing apparel to her sister Sarah the wife of John Trotman and all her personal estate to her brother Thomas Skidmore, her sole executor.
95. iv. THOMAS, baptised 5 November 1780.

## GENERATION 8

**BNM 94.**     **THOMAS<sup>8</sup> SKIDMORE** married Mary Fairfax (born between 1766 and 1771) at Little Packington on 4 March 1793<sup>20</sup>. He appears to have been the illegitimate son of Mary Skidmore, baptised 23 December 1755 at Norton Lindsey, though it must be noted that her husband Richard Knight left no bequest to Thomas Skidmore in his will dated 1798.

Thomas and Mary (Fairfax) Skidmore are probably the parents of Richard Skidmore found later living in Great Packington and perhaps the parents of William Skidmore of Great Packington and of Thomas Skidmore of Chilvers Coton.

He died aged 70 and was buried at Great Packington on 21 March 1826. Mary Skidmore aged 70[-74] was head of a household in Great Packington at the time of the 1841 census, together with what is presumably her son Richard Skidmore and his family. She is presumably the Mary Skidmore whose death was registered at Meriden in 1842Q2.

**Possible sons of Thomas and Mary (Fairfax) Skidmore,**

- 106. i.     [perhaps] WILLIAM, born about 1796 in Great Packington.
- 107. ii.    [perhaps] THOMAS, born about 1797.
- 108. iii.   [probably] RICHARD, born about 1800.

**BNM 95.**     **THOMAS<sup>8</sup> SKIDMORE**, a yeoman of Snitterfield, was baptised there on 5 November 1780, son of James [86] and Mary (Loach) Skidmore. Thomas Skidsmore married Esther Sale at Wellesbourne on 17 November 1806, witnessed by his sister Mary Enoch. He married secondly by 1810 Mary \_\_\_\_\_. He was executor of the will of Mary Enoch in 1833 and lived, a proprietor of houses, with his (supposed) third wife Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ (born about 1780 at Burton Dassett, Warwickshire) at The Green, Snitterfield village. Thomas Skidmore died in 1853Q2, Sarah Skidsmore in 1854Q1.

**A possible child of Thomas and Esther (Sale) Skidmore,**

- i.     [perhaps] Thomas, buried at Snitterfield on 1 January 1817 aged 10.

**A child of Thomas and Mary Skidmore,**

- ii.    Sarah, baptised 21 January 1810 at Snitterfield.

**BNM 96.**     **JONATHAN<sup>8</sup> SKITMORE** of Curdworth, born about 1781, whose baptism has not been found<sup>21</sup>, married Mary Cotrel of Great Packington on 29 December 1800 at Great Packington. The witnesses were Mary Louch [?Loach] and Ephraim Eele. Jonathan and his family moved into the city of Oxford, where he died in 1829

<sup>20</sup> In the front flyleaf of the Little Packington register is the note 'On account of the rebuilding of the church of Great Packington, the several marriages underwritten of Parishioners thereof were solemnized in the Parish Church of Little Packington and are regularly entered in that Register by me. Jaques Proctor'.

<sup>21</sup> The branch of the Skidmore family living at Tackley in Oxfordshire also used the Skitmore form of the surname and, indeed, included men called Jonathan Skitmore. However, present evidence points strongly to this Jonathan Skitmore (who married Mary Cotrel) being part of the family at Snitterfield/ Great Packington. The Jonathan Skitmore who married Ann King at St Giles, Oxford in 1802, was a gardener of Tackley, son of James and Mary Skidmore of that place.

aged 48. The marriage record for his daughter Elizabeth reveals that he was a coachman. Mary Skitmore of St Giles died in 1837 and both are buried at St Mary Magdalen.

**Children of Jonathan and Mary (Cotrel) Skitmore, baptised at Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon,**

- i. Mary Ann, baptised 10 May 1801.
- ii. Jonathan, baptised 22 December 1802.
109. iii. WILLIAM, baptised 14 December 1804.
- iv. Mary, baptised 14 December 1806 as Skitmore. She perhaps is the Mary Skitmore who married William Slingo on 29 December 1825 at St Mary Magdalen, Oxford.
- v. Ann, baptised 14 July 1809. She married Robert Kinstray, a tea dealer and grocer (born about 1813 in Scotland, perhaps the son of Robert and Margaret (Raffel) Kinstray) on 5 August 1833 at St Giles, Oxford. Two of their children, Robert and Margaret Elizabeth went with Ann's sister Elizabeth Skitmore to work for the Curate of Alphington, Ottery St Mary, Devon. This is of interest because the poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge was born at this house in 1772, son of the then vicar. Ann Kinstray died in Oxford in 1856Q1 and Robert married Matilda Selina Osborne in 1862Q3 in Bethnal Green, London.
- vi. Elizabeth, born about 1814 in Stratford on Avon. She was a servant in Oxford at the time of the 1841 census and, by 1851, servant to the Coleridge family at Alphington, Ottery St Mary, Devon. She married William Livermore, an agricultural labourer, on 3 August 1852 at Ottery St Mary. He was born about 1811 in Ottery St Mary, son of John Livermore and his wife Sarah, found at the time of the 1851 census living with his widowed father in Alphington. By 1861 William and Elizabeth were living in St Johns Road, Oxford, where they were milk dealers. Their great-niece Elizabeth Bowers (born about 1865 in Hinksey, Berkshire, daughter of Edwin Bowers, plasterer, and his wife Elizabeth (Skitmore)) lived with them as companion at the time of the 1881 census. This census is interesting in that Mr Livermore's name has been entered and then the words 'died Monday 3am' added and Elizabeth recorded as a widow; the census was taken on the night of Sunday 3 April 1881. Elizabeth died in 1887Q3 aged 74.

**BNM 97. JAMES<sup>8</sup> SKIDSMORE**, whose baptism and marriage have not been found, married Esther \_\_\_\_\_. The death of Esther Skidsmore was registered at Stratford on Avon in 1839Q2.

**A child of James and Esther Skidsmore, baptised at Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon,**

- i. Sarah, baptised 18 October 1812. Sarah Skidsmore of Birmingham married Joseph Badger of Henley in Arden (baptised at St Mary's, Brewood, in Staffordshire on 7 March 1813, son of Joseph and Mary Badger) at St Philip's on 23 February 1833, by licence. The witnesses were Elizabeth Williamson and James Marden. They appear to have been living in 1881 in Aston Cantlow in Warwickshire, where Joseph Badger (born about 1813 in Coven, Staffordshire) was a retired farmer. Sarah Badger his wife was said to have been born about 1814 in Old Stratford, Warwickshire.



## GENERATION 9

**BNM 106. WILLIAM<sup>9</sup> SKIDSMORE/ SKIDMORE**, perhaps a son of Thomas [94] and Mary (Fairfax) Skidmore, was born about 1796 in Packington. His baptism has not yet been found. An agricultural labourer, William Skidsmore of Grendon married Sarah Woodcock at St Bartholomew's, Little Packington on 6 April 1817, witnessed by Thomas Woodcock and Harriet Nicholds. She was perhaps baptised 18 April 1789 at Little Packington, one of twelve children born to Thomas Woodcock and his wife Sarah. William and Sarah Skidsmore lived in the hamlet of Kinwalsey, where Sarah died at the age of 47 and was buried as *Skidmore* at St Bartholomew's on 8 October 1834. William Skidmore died in 1871Q2 aged 76.

**Children of William and Sarah (Woodcock) Skidmore, baptised at Great Packington,**

*[Mary, Thomas and Sarah baptised as Skidsmore, the others Skidmore].*

- i. Mary, born in Great Packington, baptised 13 July 1817. Mary Skidmore married Charles Williams, an agricultural labourer (born in Warwickshire, perhaps around 1808<sup>22</sup>) on 14 December 1838 at Bickenhill, Warwickshire. The witnesses were Thomas Greenway and Hannah Skidmore. Charles and Mary were living at the time of the 1841 census at Marston, Bickenhill. They moved around 1845 to Hampton village and Mr Williams died sometime before 1851, when Mary was a charwoman receiving parochial aid. She remained there with her youngest son Charles, a railway engine stoker, until at least 1871. She moved at some point in the 1880s to live in the almshouses in The Temple, Balsall, Warwickshire, where she died in 1894Q3 aged 77.
123. ii. THOMAS, baptised 4 October 1818.
- iii. Hannah, born in Kinwalsey, baptised 23 December 1821. She married widower Thomas Lenton, an agricultural labourer and later a roadman (born about 1828 in Corley) on 4 December 1859 at Hampton in Arden. They were living by 1861 in Corley Ash with 10-year old Emma Lenton (presumably a daughter by a previous marriage) and widow Susannah Lenton, Mr Lenton's mother. They remained there until at least 1901.  
Hannah is perhaps the lady with her name who had a son,
  - i. Edwin, baptised 22 September 1845 at Meriden. He died a month later at the age of nine months and was buried on 5 October at St Mary's, Hampton in Arden.
124. iv. WILLIAM, baptised 16 May 1824.
125. v. JOSEPH, baptised 15 October 1826.
126. vi. JOHN, baptised 10 May 1829.
- vii. Sarah, baptised 21 September 1834. Sarah Skidmore married Charles Deeming, a shepherd (born about 1831 at Allesley, Warwickshire) at Meriden in 1860Q2. Mrs Deeming died in 1868Q3 aged 33 having had a son Joseph Deeming in 1861. Mr Deeming continued to live in Meriden village with their son and married secondly Sarah Morris in 1879. He died in 1904Q4 aged 74.  
**Sarah Skidmore also had a daughter,**
  - i. Ellen, born 1854Q2 in Kinwalsey, her birth registered as Helen Skidmore. She was a domestic nurse to a farmer's family in Allesley at the time of the 1871 census and, by 1881, a barmaid in Coventry. She appears to be the Ellen Skidmore who married in 1884Q2 in Atherstone sub-district. Her husband, Alfred Mullett, was a railway worker, born in 1853 at Hill Top, Warley, Staffordshire, son of Benjamin S. Mullett, a

<sup>22</sup> Until his death certificate is seen, we have only the 1841 census for this information, where the age 33 has been replaced by 30 - the scribe appearing to enter the age given and then remember to round down to the nearest 5 years.

maltster, and his wife Mary A. At the time of the 1891 census they were living in Arundale Street, Walsall, Staffordshire, and, by 1901, in Tipton, Staffordshire, where he was a corn dealer and his wife a licensed victualler.

**BNM 107. THOMAS SKIDMORE** of Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire<sup>23</sup>, was born about 1797, perhaps a son of Thomas [94] and Mary (Fairfax) Skidmore. Thomas Skidsmore and Sarah Barnett (she born early 1790s), both of Chilvers Coton parish were married at All Saints' Church there on 11 November 1819, witnessed by George Barnett and Hannah Barnett. He died at the age of 35 (buried at All Saints', Chilvers Coton on 17 March 1832). Mrs Sarah Skidmore<sup>24</sup> was a silk winder, living at the time of the 1841 census with her children at The Pot Kiln Field, Common Gate, Chilvers Coton. Sarah Skidmore's death was probably that registered at Nuneaton in 1850Q1.

**Children of Thomas and Sarah (Barnett) Skidmore, born and baptised at Chilvers Coton,**

- i. Ann, baptised 10 December 1820. A silk ribbon weaver, she married Charles Ford, an agricultural labourer (baptised 2 November 1819 at Hampton in Arden, son of William and Elizabeth Ford) on 15 October 1840 at Chilvers Coton. They lived at first in Chilvers Coton before moving around 1850 to nearby Black-a-Tree Gate Road, Stockingford, Nuneaton. They then settled around 1860 at Heath End, Chilvers Coton, where they raised five sons. Mrs Ford died in 1892Q4 aged 71, her husband in 1893Q1 aged 72.
127. ii. THOMAS, baptised 9 March 1823.
128. iii. LEONARD, baptised 16 October 1825.
- iv. Esther, baptised 9 November 1828. A silk ribbon weaver, she married Edward Moreton, a coal miner (baptised 22 June 1828 at Chilvers Coton, son of Edward Moreton, coal miner, and his wife Mary) on 27 June 1850 at Chilvers Coton. They lived at Heath End, Chilvers Coton, where Mr Moreton died in 1883Q4 aged 55, his wife early in 1901 aged 72.
- v. Joseph, baptised 6 November 1831. He was apprenticed to Thomas Swinnerton, a cordwainer of the Market Place, Nuneaton. Joseph Skidmore of Stockingford, Nuneaton (son of Thomas Skidmore) married Ann Everitt (born about 1830, daughter of Joseph Everitt) at Nuneaton on 2 June 1853. Joseph died aged 22 and was buried at Chilvers Coton on 13 May 1854. Ann Skidmore married secondly on 13 April 1857 at St Peter's, Coventry, James Holt, a watch finisher (born about 1819 in Warwickshire, son of James Holt).

**BNM 108. RICHARD<sup>9</sup> SKIDSMORE/ SKIDMORE**, born between 1797 and 1801, whose baptism has not yet been found, was an agricultural labourer of Great Packington in Warwickshire. He was perhaps a son of Thomas [94] and Mary (Fairfax) Skidmore. He married Charlotte Poole of Meriden (baptised 21 October 1807 at Hatton, Warwickshire, daughter of John Poole, gamekeeper, and his wife Charlotte (Dyke)) on 16 October 1829 at Great Packington. Sarah Hollier was a witness. They were living in Great Packington at the time of the 1841 census in the household of Mary Skidmore aged 70[-74], presumably Richard's mother and the Mary Skidmore whose death was registered at Meriden in 1842Q2.

Richard Skidmore died in 1846Q4 and his widow married secondly William Nicholls/ Nicholds, wheelwright (born about 1813 in Great Packington, son of John Nicholls, sawyer) at St Martin's, Birmingham on 20 May 1848. They continued to live in Outwoods, Great Packington and their deaths were perhaps registered as *Nicholas*, William in 1872Q4 aged 60 and Charlotte in 1877Q1 aged 69.

<sup>23</sup> Chilvers Coton is less than a mile from the centre of Nuneaton and is now absorbed into the town. Griff, Heath End, Bermuda and Arbury were hamlets.

<sup>24</sup> She is apparently not the widow Sarah Skidsmore who married bachelor Thomas Jordan on 17 December 1833 at Stratford on Avon (who was perhaps Sarah (Clarke), the widow of John Skidsmore).

**The children of Richard and Charlotte (Poole) Skidsmore, baptised at Great Packington,**

- i. Charlotte, baptised 4 January 1831. At the time of the 1851 census she was a servant to the household of William Iliffe, a printer in Coventry. She married, in 1861Q1 in Aston, Joseph Ball, a coach man or 'goods remover' (born about 1836 in Tamworth, Staffordshire and apparently brother to who married her sisters Hannah and Harriet). They lived at first in 7 Court, Lench Street, but from at least 1871 Mrs Ball ran a general shop in Camden Street, Ladywood, Birmingham. She died in 1890Q2 aged 59.

**A son,**

- i. George Turner Skidsmore, baptised at Great Packington on 27 May 1855, son of Charlotte Skidsmore. George Skidmore lived in the home of his mother and stepfather in Ladywood and later with his aunt Harriet in Hampton Street, Birmingham, where he worked as a basket maker in the business of her husband Charles Ball. He died on 25 March 1932 aged 76 at 64 Hampton Street.
- ii. Harriet, baptised 22 April 1832. She was a housemaid to the family of farmer Isaac Baron in Griff and then chambermaid at the Queens Hotel, New Street, Birmingham for many years before her marriage on 15 February 1873 at St George's, Birmingham to Charles Ball of Great Hampton Street, a basket maker whose first wife appears to have been her sister Hannah. He was born about 1838 in Coton, son of Charles Ball, basket maker, and his wife Mary. A witness to their wedding was her sister Charlotte Ball. Charles and Harriet Ball lived at 64 Hampton Street, Birmingham, where he ran his basket making business. Mrs Ball died in 1900Q1 aged 68.
- iii. Hannah, baptised 27 April 1834. She was at the time of the 1851 census a servant to the Betts' household, corn dealers in Leamington Priors. Ten years later she was one of the servants to the family of solicitor Jeston Homfray in Cradley, Worcestershire. She married her brother-in-law Charles Ball on 26 October 1867 at St John the Baptist, Halesowen, Worcestershire. In 1871 they were living at 49 Tower Street, Birmingham with their sons Frank (2) and Charles (7m) and a servant Ellen Brooks from Cradley, Worcestershire. Hannah Ball died at the age of 37 in 1872Q1.
- iv. Eliza, baptised 8 May 1836. She had a son John Higginson Skidmore in 1868Q2, presumably by John Higginson of Corley, a coal higgler (born about 1817 in Exhall, Warwickshire), with whom she and her son were living at the time of the 1871 census. Eliza Skidmore died in 1885 aged 49 and was buried at Coleshill on 23 March.

**Possible children,**

- i. William, born late in 1859, registered as William Skidmore and baptised William Bennett Skidsmore at Great Packington on 8 April 1860. Called William *Bennett* in the census of 1861. He was raised by his grandmother Charlotte Nicholls in Great Packington after his mother's marriage. He was single in 1891, a farm waggoner in Coleshill, Warwickshire.
- ii. Henry, baptised 22 May 1865 at Meriden. He died soon after.
- iii. John Higginson *Skidmore*, born 1868Q2 in Corley, registered Skidmore and known as Skidmore thereafter. He was boarding in Corley Ash with John and Clara Barton at the time of the 1881 census before finding work as a farm labourer in Nether Whitacre. At the age of 32 he was by some misfortune in Meriden Workhouse. He was single in 1911, lodging in Coleshill.
- iv. Charlotte, baptised 7 January 1872 at Corley. She died in 1874Q4, said to be aged 3.
- v. Emma, baptised 6 April 1874 at Meriden. If correctly identified in the census of 1891, when she said that she was born in Coleshill, Warwickshire, she was a general servant to Mrs Selina Davis who let apartments in Balsall Heath. William *Skidmore*, presumably her brother, witnessed her marriage on 15 November 1892 at Meriden to James Morris, a labourer (son of Joseph Morris, waggoner, deceased). Her father's name is not entered in the marriage register.

129. v. CHARLES, baptised 28 January 1838.
130. vi. THOMAS, baptised 9 February 1840.
- vii. Ellen, baptised 26 June 1842. Called Eleanor in some censuses. She became a house servant in Coventry before her marriage at Holy Trinity there on 1 March 1863 to George Edward Clarke, a watchmaker (apparently born 1844Q1 in Coventry, son of George Clarke and his wife Elizabeth). They left Coventry in the mid-1860s to live in Yorkshire, settling by 1891 in Cross Church Street, Huddersfield. Eleanor Clarke was widowed by the time of the 1911 census, living at 34 Armitage Road, Huddersfield with her daughter Edith and her married daughter Annie and her husband Edgar Dunn. She died later that year aged 69.
- viii. Ann, baptised 12 May 1844. A house servant at the Bulls Head Inn in Meriden before her marriage in 1870Q2 to Edward Read, an agricultural labourer (born 1847Q1 in Broughton, Worcestershire, perhaps the son of Daniel Reed, labourer, and his wife Eliza). They lived during the 1870s in Bickenhill, before moving around 1880 to live in one of the cottages belonging to farmer Stephen Spriggs at Bacons End, Coleshill. Ann Read's death at the age of 40 was presumably that registered at Meriden in 1886Q1. Her husband became a platelayer on the Great Western Railway but became blind around 1894. He married secondly Evelyn Alma \_\_\_\_\_ before 1891. At the time of the 1881 census Miss Emma Skidmore, born about 1842 in Meriden and so far unidentified, was lodging with the family of Edward and Ann Read.
131. ix. RICHARD, baptised 7 March 1847.

**BNM 109. WILLIAM<sup>9</sup> SKITMORE** of Oxford, baptised 14 December 1804, son of Jonathan [96] Skitmore. William Skitmore of St Mary Magdalen parish, Oxford married firstly Mary Buckingham on 3 November 1823 at Shipston on Stour, Worcestershire. She died at the age of only 33 in 1835.

He married secondly Ann Munt (born about 1796 in Cuxson?, Oxfordshire) on 5 March 1837 at St Mary Magdalen, Oxford. William Skitmore's occupation was described in the 1841 census as 'post boy', at which time the family home was in George Street Yard in the St Mary Magdalen area of the city. Mr Skitmore died early in 1851 (death registered as *Skidmore*) and was buried at St Giles, Oxford, aged 48. By census time at the end of March that year his widow was a house servant in Red Lion Square, Oxford. She is perhaps the Ann Skidmore whose death was registered at Headington in 1852Q3.

**Children of William and Mary (Buckingham) Skitmore, born in Oxford,**

- i. [probably] Mary Ann, baptised November 1827 at St Peter Bailey, Oxford.
- ii. Jonathan, baptised November 1828 at St Peter le Bailey. In February 1848 Jonathan Skitmore aged 20 and Mark Nilan aged 21 were committed to the Oxford city gaol, for trial at the Easter Assizes, charged with stealing two pairs of boots, of the value of 7s., and three pairs of shoes, of the value of 4s 6d., the property of Mr Oliver Washer, boot maker, of Corn Market Street. Mark Nilan was found not guilty but Jonathan Skitmore was sentenced to transportation for seven years<sup>25</sup>. At the Trinity Quarter Sessions held at Oxford on 26 June 1854, Jonathan Skidmore was acquitted of larceny<sup>26</sup>.

I have so far not been able to find Jonathan Skidmore in the censuses of 1851 (when he was apparently in custody somewhere). He married Hannah Strange (born in Fairford, Gloucestershire and baptised 9 May 1830 at Quenington, Gloucestershire, daughter of Anthony and Elizabeth Strange) in 1854Q2 in Oxford (city). John and Hannah Skidmore were living in 1861 at the New Gas Works (where he was employed) Victoria Lane, Barnet, Hertfordshire.

<sup>25</sup> Jackson's Oxford Journal, 19 February and 1 April 1848.

<sup>26</sup> England & Wales, Criminal Registers, 1791-1892 via Ancestry.com.

At the time of the 1871 census he was a bricklayer's labourer, living with his wife Hannah in Shaftesbury Mews, Kensington, London. By 1881 Jonathan Skitmore and his wife were living at 4 Mund Street, Fulham, London, where he was a 'railway servant'. They had moved to Kensington by the time of the 1891 census, where he died in 1898Q2 aged 68. His widow was lodging in 1901 in Church Street, Kensington and working as a charwoman. She lived to be 88 and died in Kensington in 1921Q1.

- iii. William, born 4 January 1831, baptised 30 January at St Giles. He was buried at St Giles in 1831, an infant.
- iv. Elizabeth, born 29 July 1832, baptised 9 September at St Giles. She was house servant to the Dicks family in Ship Street, Oxford in 1851. She married Edwin Bowers, a plasterer (born about 1835 in Oxford), in 1857Q2 and was living at the time of the 1861 census at 7 Union Street, Oxford with Mrs Harriet Chandler, a nurse, and their son Edwin Bowers then 1 week old (her husband being away from home). Around 1865 they moved to 22 Lake Street, New Hinksey, Berkshire. The death registration of Elizabeth Bowers in Oxfordshire has not so far been found. She was living at the time of the 1881 census, then in 1888Q4 Edwin Bower [sic] married secondly Elizabeth Ann (?Bowers, ?Scovell, born about 1863 in Oxford) and lived in Crescent Road, Temple Cowley.
- v. Ann, baptised 20 December 1835. She died in infancy and was buried at St Giles in 1836.
- iv. Mary, baptised 14 December 1806 as Skitmore. She perhaps is the Mary Skitmore who married William Slingo on 29 December 1825 at St Mary Magdalen, Oxford.
- v. Ann, baptised 14 July 1809. She married Robert Kinstray, a tea dealer and grocer (born about 1813 in Scotland, perhaps the son of Robert and Margaret (Raffel) Kinstray) on 5 August 1833 at St Giles, Oxford. Two of their children, Robert and Margaret Elizabeth went with Ann's sister Elizabeth Skitmore to work for the Curate of Alphington, Ottery St Mary, Devon. This is of interest because the poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge was born at this house in 1772, son of the then vicar. Ann Kinstray died in Oxford in 1856Q1 and Robert married Matilda Selina Osborne in 1862Q3 in Bethnal Green, London.
- vi. Elizabeth, born about 1814 in Stratford on Avon. She was a servant in Oxford at the time of the 1841 census and, by 1851, servant to the Coleridge family at Alphington, Ottery St Mary, Devon. She married William Livermore, an agricultural labourer, on 3 August 1852 at Ottery St Mary. He was born about 1811 in Ottery St Mary, son of John Livermore and his wife Sarah, found at the time of the 1851 census living with his widowed father in Alphington. By 1861 William and Elizabeth were living in St Johns Road, Oxford, where they were milk dealers. Their great-niece Elizabeth Bowers (born about 1865 in Hinksey, Berkshire, daughter of Edwin Bowers, plasterer, and his wife Elizabeth (Skitmore)) lived with them as companion at the time of the 1881 census. This census is interesting in that Mr Livermore's name has been entered and then the words 'died Monday 3am' added and Elizabeth recorded as a widow; the census was taken on the night of Sunday 3 April 1881. Elizabeth died in 1887Q3 aged 74.

## GENERATION 10

**BNM 123.** THOMAS<sup>10</sup> SKIDMORE alias THOMAS STICHFORD, baptised 4 October 1818 at Great Packington as a son of William [106] and Sarah (Woodcock) Skidsmore. He was a farm labourer at Fillongley at the time of the 1841 census, while his future wife Ann Hopkins (born about 1821 in Bickenhill) was in Meriden Workhouse with her 4-month old son Mark Hopkins. For reasons as yet not understood, Thomas married Ann Hopkins in 1846Q4 as Thomas *Stichford* and they had three children whose births were registered as Stichford; they are found as a family, called Stichford, in the census of 1851. This is the only reference I have found to this surname anywhere at any time in the GRO indexes; after 1851 they are called Skidmore. Mark Hopkins remained with the family until at least 1861.

Thomas Skidmore was an agricultural labourer whose family home after his marriage was at Mackadown, Sheldon, Warwickshire. At some point in the 1870s he and his wife moved to Lea Hall Road, Yardley, Worcestershire, where Mr Skidmore died on 7 January 1882 aged 66, leaving a will (not seen) naming his wife Ann as executor. She died on 23 May 1885 aged 65, naming as executor of her will her son Alfred Skidmore, labourer of Batson Works, Castle Street, Tipton, Staffordshire.

### Children of Thomas and Ann (Hopkins) Skidmore, births registered as Stichford, born in Sheldon,

160. i. ALFRED, born 1847Q1.
- ii. Mary, born 1848Q4. She married John Kelsey, an agricultural labourer (born about 1843 in Sheldon, the son of Thomas Kelsey, labourer, and his wife Sarah) in 1870Q4 and they were living by 1881 with their children (William H., Charles, George and Edward) in a cottage in Sheldon. Mrs Kelsey died in 1881Q2 aged 32 and John Kelsey married secondly Susan \_\_\_\_\_ (born about 1833 in Kingsbury, Warwickshire) and lived at Tile Cross. His was perhaps the marriage in Birmingham in 1882Q3 to Susan Jakeman.
- iii. Emma, born 1850Q4. She married William Jeffs, an agricultural labourer (born 1850Q3 in Yardley, perhaps son of John Jeffs, an agricultural labourer, and his wife Caroline) in 1872Q4 and they lived in Bridge Cottages, Lea Hall Road, Yardley. Mr Jeffs worked for the Rural District Council. They had five children, Thomas, Ann, Emma, William and Ada.

**BNM 124.** WILLIAM<sup>10</sup> SKIDMORE, born in Kinwalsey and baptised on 16 May 1824 at Great Packington as a son of William [106] and Sarah (Woodcock) Skidmore. He was working at the time of the 1841 census for farmer Maria Whitehouse at Middle Bickenhill, Warwickshire. He married Catherine Seal (born about 1820 in Tamworth, daughter of Thomas Seal, gardener's labourer, and his wife Ann) on 25 December 1846 at St Editha's, Tamworth, Staffordshire. The witnesses were Charles Seal and Harriette ?Coad.

Catherine Skidmore and her two daughters were living in Church Street, Tamworth in 1851, when she was housekeeper to her widowed father and younger siblings. Her husband was a labourer at the paper factory in Tamworth and they continued to live in Church Street. He died in 1870Q3 aged 47, Catherine in 1883Q3 aged 68.

### Children of William and Catherine (Seal) Skidmore, born and baptised at Tamworth,

- i. Sarah, baptised 1 August 1847. She was a hosiery mender at the time of the 1871 census, living in Leicester with Francis and Harriet Seal. By 1881 she was a servant to the Rector of Preston, Rutland. She married John Bilsdon, an agricultural labourer (born about 1835 at Preston) at Preston, Rutland

- on 15 December 1881, where they lived in Uppingham Road until at least 1911. Mr Bilsdon died in 1912 aged 78. No children known.
- ii. Ann, born around February, baptised 22 March 1851. She died in 1852Q3.
161.
  - iii. JOHN, born 1855Q2.
  - iv. William, baptised 22 May 1859. By 1891 he was lodging with six others, all grooms, with coachman Thomas Barton at Cemetery Road, Oakham, Rutland (perhaps serving the cemetery there). He remained a groom in Langham, Oakham and died there in 1939 aged 81.
  - v. [perhaps] Thomas, whose birth registration has not been found. Died 1862Q1.
162.
  - vi. THOMAS, born 1864Q2.

**BNM 125. JOSEPH<sup>10</sup> SKIDSMORE/ SKIDMORE**, baptised 15 October 1826 at Great Packington as a son of William [106] and Sarah (Woodcock) Skidmore. He was working at the time of the 1841 census for farmer Joseph Biddle at Lyndon Orchard, Bickenhill. He married Ann Ensor (born about 1825 in Kinwalsey, daughter of Allen Ensor) on 8 February 1859 at Holy Trinity, Coventry. Their home was in Mulliner's Road, Little Packington, where Joseph was an agricultural labourer. Mrs Skidmore died in 1891Q2 (before the census on 5 April) aged 66, her husband in 1900Q1 aged 75.

**Children of Joseph and Ann (Ensor) Skidmore,**

163.
  - i. CHARLES, born 1859Q2 at Great Packington.
  - ii. Hannah, born 1861Q2 in Little Packington. She and her sister were both in domestic service in 1881, in separate households close to each other in the High Street, Coleshill. By 1901 she was a parlour maid in the household of William Dust, a silk mercer of Broadwater Down, Kent. She married Charles George Trigg (son of John Trigg) on 26 August 1901 at St Mary & All Saints', Chesterfield, Derbyshire but returned to Kent where he was manager for a fruiterer in Tonbridge Wells in 1911.
  - iii. Sarah, born 1866Q2. She had become by 1901 parlour maid to John B. Stone, Member of Parliament, who lived at The Grange, Grange Lane, Erdington, Warwickshire. At the time of the 1911 census she was a lady's maid, and was living in the home of her brother Charles in Chesterfield.

**BNM 126. JOHN<sup>10</sup> SKIDMORE**, baptised 10 May 1829 at Great Packington, was a son of William [106] and Sarah (Woodcock) Skidmore. He was at the time of the 1851 census a cowman to farmer William Beaufoy in Great Packington. He went to the Black Country in search of work and was lodging at the time of the 1861 census in Tipton, Staffordshire, where he was a labourer. He married Mary Cashmore (born about 1839 in Little Packington, daughter of Isaac Cashmore) on 4 November 1861 at St Martin's, Tipton. Eli Holloway and Eliza Cashmore were witnesses.

John Skidmore was an agricultural labourer living with his family by 1871 at Stone Bridge, Deddington, Warwickshire. The family settled in Hampton in Arden. Mr Skidmore died in 1904Q1 aged 74, his wife in 1917Q1 aged 78.

**Children of John and Mary (Cashmore) Skidmore, born in Hampton-in-Arden,**

164.
  - i. WILLIAM, born 1863Q1 in Tipton, Staffordshire.
  - ii. [perhaps] Joseph, born 1866Q2. Died an infant.
  - iii. [perhaps] Thomas, born 1866Q2. Died an infant.
  - iv. Emma, born 1867Q4. She married Charles Henry Sketchley, a cab proprietor (born 1866Q2 in Birmingham, son of Thomas Sketchley, a cabman and later a baker, and his wife Elizabeth) on 18 July 1886 at Hampton in Arden and lived in Larches Street, Bordesley. Charles Sketchley died in 1907Q4 aged 41 and his widow married secondly, in 1909Q4, John Wheatley, an undertaker of Hinckley Street, Birmingham.

- v. Louisa, born 1869Q4 in Stonebridge. She found work as a domestic servant with a family in Bordesley, Birmingham. She married John George Shirley, a hostler (born 1863Q4 in Woodstock, Oxfordshire) on 17 May 1891 at Hampton in Arden. They were living in Bickenhill Lane, Hampton in Arden in 1901 and by 1911 in Stonebridge, where they ran a beer house. Seven children (Charles, Percy John, Gladys Louisa, Frank Leslie, Frances Amelia and Dorothy May, as known).
- vi. James, born 1873Q1. He worked for a time at the Queens Arms, Miles Street, Bordesley, Birmingham before working as a baker in Burbury Street, Birmingham. He was single in 1911, a farm labourer in Stonebridge, Hampton in Arden.
- 165. vii. THOMAS, born 1875Q1.
- viii. Mary Elizabeth, born 1877Q2. She married in 1900Q1 in the Southampton area Joseph Samuel Baverstock, a tailor's cutter (born 1868Q2 in Witham, Essex, son of Samuel Baverstock, tailor and shopkeeper, and his wife Alice). They were living at the time of the 1901 census in the home of her husband's parents at 1a London Street, Andover, Hampshire and at the census of 1911 were visitors at the home of her cousin Ellen Mullett in Great Bridge, Tipton, Staffordshire. It is not presently known where this family settled. Children (as known) Robin Robert and Alice Dorothy.
- 166. ix. JOHN, born 1881Q2.

**BNM 127. THOMAS<sup>10</sup> SKIDMORE**, baptised 9 March 1823 at Chilvers Coton, was a son of Thomas [107] and Sarah (Barnett) Skidmore. In 1848Q2 in Birmingham he married Catherine Daffern (born in Nuneaton, perhaps baptised there 30 March 1823, daughter of Joseph, agricultural labourer, and Hannah Daffern). Thomas was an engine worker in Nuneaton, presumably in the silk weaving trade, and their home was in Swan Lane there until the mid-1850s when they settled at Griff, Chilvers Coton. Mrs Skidmore died in 1863Q2, her husband in 1872Q3 aged 50.

**Children of Thomas and Catherine (Daffern) Skidmore, born in Nuneaton,**

- 167. i. LEONARD, born 1849Q3.
- ii. Sarah, born 1852Q1 in Stockingford. She married Thomas Jacques, a coal miner (born about 1853 in Griff, son of Thomas Jacques a miner, and his wife Elizabeth) on 26 December 1872 at Chilvers Coton. They moved from Griff to Collycroft, Bedworth, Warwickshire sometime in the 1890s. Mrs Jacques had six children, three of whom were living in 1911; children, as known, Annie, Thomas, Maruella, Elizabeth Alice. She died in 1912Q4 aged 60.
- iii. [presumably] Joseph, born and died in Nuneaton registration district in 1854Q2.

**and born in Griff,**

- 168. iv. THOMAS, born 1856Q1.
- 169. v. JOSEPH, born 1859Q2. vi. [presumably] a male child, born and died in Nuneaton registration district in 1863Q1.

**BNM 128. LEONARD<sup>10</sup> SKIDMORE**, baptised 16 October 1825, son of Thomas [107] and Sarah (Barnett) Skidmore. He married Mary Wilson on 20 February 1846 at Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire. She was born about 1825, probably in Stockingford, Nuneaton, daughter of Thomas Wilson, an agricultural labourer, and his wife Mary, a ribbon weaver. Leonard and Mary were to have two daughters before his untimely death in 1849Q1, after which Mary lived for a time with her parents at Heath End, Chilvers Coton, where she was a ribbon weaver. She married secondly Edward Moreton, a coal miner and had further children by him.

**Children of Leonard and Mary (Wilson) Skidmore, baptised at All Saints, Chilvers Coton,**

- i. Harriet, baptised 30 August 1846. She died on 19 January 1848.
- ii. Hannah, baptised Anna on 23 May 1848. She married Henry Atkins (son of Henry Atkins) on 29 July 1867 at Chilvers Coton. I have been unable to find this couple after this date in British censuses.



**BNM 129. CHARLES<sup>10</sup> SKIDMORE**, baptised 28 January 1838 at Great Packington, was a son of Richard [108] and Charlotte (Poole) Skidmore. He married Ann Armes (born 1846Q2 in Meriden, daughter of Joseph Armes, a stone mason, and his wife Sarah) at Meriden on 6 October 1863. Their home by 1871 was in Hall Green, Worcestershire [now part of Birmingham], where Charles was an agricultural labourer and where they remained for at least ten years. He was by 1891 a carter for a builder and they were living in Church Road.

Charles Skidmore's death was perhaps that registered at Kings Norton in 1919Q1, aged 81, his wife's perhaps in 1923Q1 aged 77.

**Children of Charles and Ann (Armes) Skidmore, born in Hall Green,**

- i. Charles born 1875Q4. A pupil teacher in 1891 and not yet found in the census of 1901. He died aged 33 on 16 June 1909 at Autumn Cottage, Church Road, Hall Green, leaving a will (not seen).
  - ii. Herbert, born 1877Q1. A brewer's clerk, retired owing to illness by 1911. He died in 1935 aged 58.
  - iii. Leonard, born 1880Q3. A builder's yardman, living in Cotteridge, Birmingham at the time of the 1901 census. He became a greensman at a golf club, and died in 1914Q2 aged 35.
171. iv. FREDERICK, born 1883Q4.

**BNM 130. THOMAS<sup>10</sup> SKIDMORE**, baptised 9 February 1840 at Great Packington, was a son of Richard [108] and Charlotte (Poole) Skidsmore. He was a groom to farmer Stephen Sprigg at Kiningham Road, Bacons End, Coleshill at the time of the 1861 census. On 1 February 1870 at Great Packington he married Sophia Dickinson (born 1839Q1 in Meriden, daughter of Philip Dickinson, horse keeper, and his wife Frances). For a time after the death of Sophia's father, her mother became a servant to the family of Dr Harry Adkins in Meriden, while Sophia, as the eldest child, assumed the role of head of household to her brothers and sisters.

Thomas and Sophia Skidmore lived in the village of Meriden, where he was farm labourer, moving around 1871 to Great Packington, perhaps on or near The Outwoods Farm. Mrs Skidmore died in 1914Q1 aged 75, her husband in 1922Q1 aged 82.

**The children of Thomas and Sophia (Dickinson) Skidmore, born in Great Packington,**

- 172. i. RICHARD, born 1870Q1 in Meriden.
  - 173. ii. LEONARD, born 1872Q1.
  - iii. Jane, baptised 31 August 1874 at Great Packington. She was housemaid at The Rectory in Little Packington, then later cook to the family of Harrison G. Hayton, clergyman at Elmdon Park. She married William Price, a salt maker (born about 1883 in Wychbold, Droitwich, Worcestershire) in 1909Q4 and they were living at Paper Mill Cottages, Wychbold in 1911 with their son Leonard.
174. iv. THOMAS, born 1877Q4.
175. v. JOSEPH, born 1881Q3.

**BNM 131. RICHARD<sup>10</sup> SKIDMORE**, son of Richard [108] and Charlotte (Poole) Skidsmore, was baptised 7 March 1847 at Great Packington. He served his apprenticeship as a shoemaker under his uncle Thomas Poole in Meriden. After a period as a domestic servant in the household of Lieutenant General George Whichcote in Meriden, he had become by the time of his marriage a boot retailer of 119 Pope Street, Birmingham. He married, on 23 March 1874 at St Mark's, Birmingham, Mary Jane Cleaver of 256 Icknield Street East (born about 1855 in Coventry, the daughter of John Cleaver). The witnesses were Frederick Poole and Hannah Hammerton. In the late 1870s Richard and Mary Jane moved to Wales and by the time of the 1881 census he and his family lived in the butler's house attached to Bryntirion Buildings, Llanaber, Merionethshire, where he was a butler at Bryntirion Mansion.

Richard Skidmore, provisions dealer, died at Tower Road, Aston, Birmingham aged 42 on 23 April 1889. His widow, of Springfield Cottage, High Street, Kings Norton, accepted probate. She married secondly, on 29 October 1890 at Selly Wick Church, Birmingham, John Hurn, a gardener (born about 1866 in Rowde, Wiltshire). A report of their marriage appeared two days later in the *Bristol Mercury*. She was living by 1901 at 54 Exeter Road, Selly Oak with her husband, her Skidmore sons and Harold and Mildred Hearn (children by her second husband).

**The children of Richard and Mary Jane (Cleaver) Skidmore,**

- i. Emma Cleaver, born 1874Q2 Birmingham. She was a nursemaid at the time of the 1891 census. Not yet found later.
  - ii. Alfred Ernest, born 1878Q3 in Erdington/ Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire. A stores clerk for the Birmingham Gas Company and single in 1911. His death was perhaps that registered in Birmingham South in 1930, aged 52.
176. iii. FRANK CLEAVER, born 6 November 1885.

## GENERATION 11

**BNM 160.** **ALFRED<sup>11</sup> SKIDMORE** *alias* **FREDERICK SKIDMORE**, born 1847Q1 in Sheldon and registered Alfred Stinchford, was the son of Thomas [123] and Ann (Hopkins) Skidmore. He married (as *Frederick* Skidmore) Mary Ann Morris at St Paul's, Tipton, Staffordshire on 7 June 1874. She is known from later censuses to have been born in Rowley Regis about 1853 and was probably the daughter of John Morris, a miner, and his wife Elizabeth of Park Lane, Tipton.

Alfred and Mary Ann Skidmore were living by 1881 in Court, 1 New Cross Street, Tipton, where he was a carter. He was in 1885 executor of the will of his mother and at that time was employed as a labourer at the Batson Works, Castle Street, Tipton, Staffordshire<sup>27</sup>. After a period living in Castle Street, where Mary Ann and the children are found at the time of the 1891 census (her husband was a patient in Dudley Guest Hospital at this time), by 1901 the family were back in New Cross Street, in Court 2. Alfred Skidmore was then a sewerage drains labourer. Alfred Skidmore's death was perhaps that registered as such at Dudley in 1918Q4 aged 72.

**The children of Alfred and Mary Ann (Morris) Skidmore, born in Tipton,**

- i. Elizabeth Emma, born 1875Q2. She was a maid in a household in Eccles, Lancashire at the time of the 1901 census. Not yet found in the census of 1911.
- ii. Mary Ann, born 1876Q3. She married Lawrence Edward Harrison, a bricklayer's labourer (born about 1877 in Marton Moss, Blackpool) on 3 October 1897 at St Paul's, Marton. They were living in Blackpool in 1901 at 78 Hawes Side Lane. A son John.
- iii. John, born 1879Q1. At the age of 21 he was a Private in the 3rd Worcestershire Regiment, based at Blenheim Barracks, Farnborough, Hampshire. He had returned home by 1911 when he was a canal bargeman.
244. iv. **ALFRED<sup>12</sup>**, born 18 November 1880. A canal bargeman, he joined the Navy on 9 September 1904 as a stoker. He left the service on 4 June 1921. In 1908Q4 at St Martin's, Tipton, he married Margaret Brooks (born 12 December 1884 in Lye, Worcestershire, a daughter of William Brooks, clay miner of Quarry Bank, and his wife Ann). Alfred and Margaret Skidmore were living at 35 Wellington Road, Tipton in 1939.  
A son,
  - i. Alfred Colin, born 4 February 1915. He died in 1979.
- v. Annie, born about 1884. She is probably the 19-year old Annie Skidmore, servant to the family of Samuel Pinnell, pawnbroker, in Queens Road, Tipton at the time of the 1901 census. She married Ernest or Edward Booker, an iron dresser, at St John's, Tipton in 1903Q3 and they were living by 1911 at 6 Bath Road, Tipton with their son Edward.
245. vi. **JAMES<sup>12</sup>**, born 1885Q2. A boatman, he married Nancy Stanford (born 5 May 1885 in Tipton, perhaps the daughter of James Stanford, an iron moulder, and his wife Louis) in 1909Q3 at St Martin's, Tipton. Their home in 1911 was 4 Parker Place, Dudley Port, Tipton. He saw action in France and Flanders serving with the 2nd Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. A private, he was killed in action on 12 November 1914, aged 29, and his name appears on the Menin Gate at Ypres.

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<sup>27</sup> From *The London Gazette*, 4 July 1873: Notice is hereby given, that the Partnership between us the undersigned, Joseph Batson and Charles Williams, carrying on business at Tipton, in the county of Stafford, as Oil and Grease Merchants, under the style of Joseph Batson and Company, determined on the 1st day of July, 1873, by effluxion of time; and that the said business will henceforth be carried on by the said Joseph Batson alone, under the style of Joseph Batson and Company. —As witness our hands this 1st day of July 1873. *Joseph Batson. Chas. Williams.*

Information from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission gives his parents as 'the late Frederick & Mary Ann Skidmore' and his wife as 'Nancy Kendrick (formerly Skidmore) of 47 Trowse Lane, Wednesbury, Staffordshire'. His widow married Thomas P. Kendrick in 1917Q1 in a civil ceremony in Dudley. (This information was presumably given by Nancy Kendrick after Alfred Skidmore's death in late 1918).

**Children of James and Nancy (Stanford) Skidmore,**

- i. James Edward, born 1 January 1910. He died in 1975. He is perhaps the James E. Skidmore whose marriage in 1934 was registered at Wednesbury.
- ii. Nancy Irene, born 15 June 1912. She married in 1934 and died in 1980.
- iii. Alfred, born 1914Q3.
- vii. Mary Jane, born 21 April 1888 at 7 Castle Street, Tipton. Known as Jane, she used the name Sarah Jane at the time of her marriage to Thomas Gresty at Patricroft, Eccles, Lancashire on 29 October 1910. My thanks to their great grandson Bernie Gresty of Western Australia and their granddaughter Pat Sales of Canada for information on this family. Mary Jane was Thomas Gresty's second wife and he had six children by his previous marriage. He and Mary Jane had a child Alfred and they emigrated to Canada in about 1918.
- 246. viii. **GEORGE<sup>11</sup>**, born 27 March 1891. A dresser in an iron foundry, George was a prisoner in Winson Green jail at the time of the 1911 census. He was living at 44 High Street, Tipton when he enlisted in 1916. He was assigned to the Inland Water Transport Corps of the Royal Engineers. However, he was discharged because of the wasting of his right forearm, the result of the removal at Dudley Guest Hospital of a bone growth on his right elbow in about 1903. He married Phoebe Atwell (born 4 August 1893) on 21 December 1913 at St Martin's, Tipton.

**Children of George and Phoebe (Atwell) Skidmore, born in Tipton,**

- i. John Isaac, (Jack) born 30 April 1914. He died in 1970, apparently a bachelor.
  - ii. ALFRED OWEN, born 16 January 1916. He died in 1976. He married in 1942 and has, as known, a son and three daughters.
  - iii. George, born 5 September 1918. He died in 1975 aged 57.
  - iv. James, born 15 December 1920. He died in 2000.
- As known, seven further children, born in the 1920s and 1930s.
- ix. Leah, born 1895Q3.
  - x. Fanny, born 1898Q3.

**BNM 161. JOHN<sup>11</sup> SKIDMORE**, born 1855Q2 in Tamworth, Staffordshire and baptised there on 5 August that year, was a son of William [124] and Catherine (Seal) Skidmore. He married Sarah Elizabeth Hough (born 1862Q4 in Fazeley, Staffordshire, apparently daughter of John Hough, coal miner, and his wife Elizabeth, found at Brookend there in 1871) in 1883Q4 at St James', New Brighton, Cheshire. John Skidmore was a grocer's traveller and lived with his family at Leys and later Hospital Street, both in Tamworth.

He died at 12 Silver Street, Tamworth on 9 April 1925 aged 69, leaving a will naming Arthur Skidmore, draper (presumably his son) and William Thomas Champion, cashier (his son-in-law), as his executors.

**Children of John and Sarah Elizabeth (Hough) Skidmore, born in Tamworth,**

- i. Catherine, born 1884Q4. She was a milliner in Nelson Street, Great Bowden, Leicestershire at the time of the 1911 census. She married William T. Champion in 1918.
- 247. ii. **ARTHUR<sup>12</sup>**, born 11 December 1885. A draper of Victoria Road, Tamworth, he married and had, as known, a son and a daughter.
- iii. Sarah Elizabeth, born 1888Q4. She married William Beevers in 1917.
- iv. [perhaps] Horace John, born 1891Q2, died a few months later.
- v. Alice, born 1892Q4.

- vi. Ethel Gertrude, born 1895Q4. She married in 1923.

**BNM 162. THOMAS<sup>11</sup> SKIDMORE**, born 1864Q2, baptised 8 August of that year at Tamworth, was the youngest known son of William [124] and Catherine (Seal) Skidmore. A fancy tape finisher of Tamworth, he lived firstly with the family of his brother John and later with his uncle Thomas Seal, a railway drayman, in Tamworth. He married Elizabeth Hull (born about 1874 in Little Hay, Staffordshire, daughter of Thomas Hull, estate labourer, and his wife Emma) at Tamworth in 1903Q2 and they were living by 1911 in Perry Crofts, Albert Road with their son Sydney.

**Children of Thomas and Elizabeth (Hull) Skidmore, born in Tamworth,**

248. i. **HAROLD THOMAS<sup>12</sup>**, born 22 March 1904. He was a coal miner in Tamworth and married in 1931. As known, two sons and a daughter.
249. ii. **SYDNEY<sup>12</sup>**, born 1906Q2. A cattleman, he travelled to Canada in 1927, intending to work for a Mr Dennis of Gormley, Ontario. He stated that he had spent 1925-1927 in Canada. It appears he returned to England - a Sydney Skidmore, who had married in Staffordshire in 1934, died near Tamworth in 1955, aged 49. As known, two daughters and a son.
- iii. Ethel Avis, born 1909Q2. Died 1910Q1.
- iv. Gwenneth M., born 1912Q1.
- v. Eileen E., born 1914Q2.

**BNM 163. CHARLES<sup>11</sup> SKIDMORE**, son of Joseph [125] and Ann (Ensor) Skidmore, was born in 1859Q2 at Great Packington. He appears to be the 22-year old railway porter (who said he was born in Coleshill) boarding in Ashwell, Rutland at the time of the 1881 census. He married in 1885Q2 in Sheffield Mary Jane Wheatcroft (born 1856Q1 in Chesterfield, daughter of Martin Wheatcroft, toll collector and mason, and his wife Sarah). He was a policeman in Chesterfield, where their home was in Beetwell Square and later Queens Park.

**Children of Charles and Mary Jane (Wheatcroft) Skidmore, born in Chesterfield,**

250. i. **WILLIE<sup>12</sup>**, born 1 August 1885. A furniture shop assistant in 1911 and a police constable of 23 Hipper Street, Chesterfield at the time he attested on 10 December 1915. He was mobilised on 13 March 1916 and was a Lance Corporal in the Military Foot Police, Aldershot, in which he served for the remainder of the war. He appears to have been the William Skidmore who was later a 'travelling railway detective', living lived with his family at Shardlow, Derbyshire. He married Lizzie Peat (born 30 April 1887) on 26 March 1918 in a ceremony registered at Belper, Derbyshire. A daughter and two sons (perhaps with others).
- ii. Nellie, born 1887Q2. A housemaid at 14 to the family of Tom Spencer, tailor of Chesterfield. A servant to the Orme family in Elmton Road, Mansfield in 1911.
- iii. Elsie, born 1892Q3.
251. iv. **PERCY<sup>12</sup>**, born 13 October 1894. He married in 1925 and had, as known, one son. Mr Skidmore was a greengrocer in Tonbridge, Kent. He died in 1972 aged 78.

**BNM 164. WILLIAM<sup>11</sup> SKIDMORE**, born 1863Q1 in Tipton, Staffordshire, was the son of John [126] and Mary (Cashmore) Skidmore. He was apprenticed to baker and shopkeeper Thomas Sketchley of Park Road, Birmingham, whose son Charles married William's sister Emma. By 1891 William had his own baking and confectionery business in Summer Lane, Birmingham, where he was then living with his wife Jane. He appears to have married Mary Jane Molinew (born about 1868 in West Bromwich, Staffordshire) in 1888Q2 at St John's, Kates Hill, Dudley, Worcestershire.

William Skidmore died in 1907Q4 aged 44 and his widow married secondly in 1908Q3 widower Joseph Mills (first wife Emma Selina Wood, died 1907). He was a policeman, born about 1867 in Aston, Birmingham. Mary Jane continued the bakery and confectionery business at 346 Summer Lane, Birmingham and had at least one more child by her second husband.

**A daughter of William and Mary Jane Skidmore,**

- i. Annie, born early in 1900.

**BNM 165. THOMAS<sup>11</sup> SKIDMORE**, born 1875Q1 in Stonebridge, was a son of John [126] and Mary (Cashmore) Skidmore. He was working for a baker at Highfield Farm, Coventry Road, Yardley in 1891 and later boarded in Birmingham. He married in Birmingham in 1905Q4 Sarah Louisa Cash (born 1884Q2 in Birmingham, daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ Cash and his wife Sarah).

**A child of Thomas and Sarah Louisa (Cash) Skidmore,**

- i. Louisa May, born 1906Q2 in Birmingham.

**BNM 166. JOHN<sup>11</sup> SKIDMORE**, born 1881Q2 in Stonebridge, Meriden, was the youngest known son of John [126] and Mary (Cashmore) Skidmore. A carman on the railway, he married Amy Eliza Price (born about 1882 in Acocks Green, Birmingham, daughter of James Price) on 5 June 1904 at Hampton in Arden.

**A child of John and Amy Eliza (Price) Skidmore,**

- i. **JOHN WILLIAM<sup>12</sup>**, born 25 April 1905. He died in 1973. He married in 1933 and lived in Coventry and had, as known, a son and a daughter.

**BNM 167. LEONARD<sup>11</sup> SKIDMORE**, son of Thomas [127] and Catherine (Daffern) Skidmore, was born in Nuneaton in 1849Q3. At work in the silk mill at the age of 11, he had become by the time of the 1871 census a fitter and turner in an iron foundry in Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, where he remained. He married Sarah Davenport (born 1848Q2 in Griff, daughter of John Davenport, coal miner, and his wife Mary) on 20 November 1871 at Chilvers Coton and their home was at 102 Palk Road. Mr Skidmore was a fitter of railway locomotives from at least 1881.

His wife died in 1885Q3 aged 37 and he married secondly Sarah Ann Carter (born about 1850 in Hay, Breconshire) in 1901Q4 in Wellingborough. She died on 11 December 1919 aged 70, leaving a will which named her husband Leonard Skidmore, engine fitter, and James Archer Sarson, post office clerk, her executors. Leonard Skidmore lived to be 93 and died in Wellingborough in 1943Q1.

**Children of Leonard and Sarah (Davenport) Skidmore, born in Wellingborough,**

253. i. **LEONARD JOHN<sup>12</sup>**, born 1873Q1. He married in 1900Q3 in Stamford, Lincolnshire, Florence Mary Reedman (born about 1880, daughter of Joseph Reedman) and became schoolmaster at Syresham, Northamptonshire. Between 1902 and 1906 the family moved to Rock House, Tankerton, Whitstable, Kent, where Mr Skidmore was an elementary school teacher for Kent Education Committee.

**Children of Leonard John and Florence Mary (Reedman) Skidmore,**

- i. Phyllis Mary, born 1901Q4 at Syresham. She married in 1926.
- ii. Cyril Leonard, born 20 March 1906 at Whitstable and baptised 6 May at St Alphege's, Seasalter. He died in 1975.
- iii. Beryl, born 1907 at Whitstable and baptised 1 December at St Alphege's, Seasalter.
- iv. Catherine Mary, born 1876Q2. She was cook to a family in Ewell at the time of the 1911 census. Miss Skidmore died in Wellingborough in 1947 aged 70.
- v. Alice, born 1877Q4. She was a draper's assistant in Huntingdon in 1901 but by 1911 had established

a confectioner's and tobacconist business at 32 Chapel Street, Luton, Bedfordshire. Her junior partner in the enterprise was Beatrice Martha Bailey from Uxbridge, Middlesex.

- vi. Sarah Ellen, born 1880Q3. She died in 1883Q4 aged 3.
- vii. Nellie, born 1884Q4 in Wellingborough. She was apparently raised by her aunt and uncle Josiah and Hannah (Davenport) Garratt in Chapel Street, Bedworth, Warwickshire, assisting her uncle in his corn dealership. She married in 1910Q2 Eli Bonsor, a fruit and fish dealer (born about 1883 in Bedworth) and was living in 1911 at 44 Bulkington Road, Bedworth. No children known.

**BNM 168. THOMAS<sup>11</sup> SKIDMORE**, born 1856Q1 in Griff, Chilvers Coton, was a son of Thomas [39] and Catherine (Daffern) Skidmore. When young, Thomas worked in an iron foundry but later became a coal miner. He married Catherine Bone Haywood (born about 1857 in Bedworth, daughter of Ephraim Haywood, coal miner, and Mary Bones) at Bedworth, Warwickshire on 4 March 1878. Their home was in Marston Lane, Collycroft, Bedworth. Mrs Skidmore died in 1916Q1 aged 59, her husband in 1927Q2 aged 71.

**Children of Thomas and Catherine Bone (Haywood) Skidmore, born in Bedworth,**

*The 1911 census states that there were 10 children of this marriage of whom 5 were then living.*

- i. Selina, born 1878Q3. She married Frederick Neale, a coal miner (born about 1877 in Bedworth, son of Frederick Neale) on 26 December 1898 at Bedworth. Children, as known, Gladys May, Alice Selina, Frederick, Vera Hannah, Leonard and Phyllis C.
- ii. Catherine, born 1883Q3. She married Joseph Shiers, a coal miner (born about 1882 in Exhall, Warwickshire, son of George Shiers) on 9 March 1905 at Bedworth. They lived in Roadway, Bedworth and had, as known, a daughter Elsie and a son Joseph.
- iii. Mary Hannah, born 1887Q1. She married Leonard Harrison in 1918.
- iv. [perhaps] Thomas, born and died in 1889Q1.
- v. Leonard, born 1890Q1. He died in 1895Q3 aged 5.
- 254. vi. **JOSEPH THOMAS<sup>12</sup>**, born 1892Q3. He married Sarah A. Knight in 1913 and had, as known, three sons and four daughters. Mr Skidmore died in 1944.
  - i. Phyllis M., born 1914Q1.
  - ii. A boy, born 1915Q3.
  - iii. CYRIL THOMAS, born 1917Q3. He died in 1997. He married in 1940 and had, as known, a son.
  - iv. Catherine, born 1919Q4.

Three further children, born in the 1920s.
- vii. Hilda May, born 1898Q2. She married in 1920 and had, as known, a son.

**BNM 169. JOSEPH<sup>11</sup> SKIDMORE**, born 1859Q2 in Griff, Chilvers Coton, was a son of Thomas [127] and Catherine (Daffern) Skidmore. He appears to have married Elizabeth Sheffield (born 1859Q3 in Birmingham, apparently daughter of Thomas William Sheffield, a rail labourer, and his wife Elizabeth) in 1882Q4 in Aston registration district. At the time of the 1891 and 1901 censuses he was an iron turner in a railway carriage works, living with his family in Aston, Birmingham. By 1911 they had moved to Holly Cottage, Yew Tree Lane, South Yardley.

**Children of Joseph and Elizabeth (Sheffield) Skidmore, born in Birmingham, registered at Aston,**

- i. Florence, born 1884Q3. A milliner.
- ii. Edith, born 1892Q2. An elementary school teacher, employed by Birmingham Education Committee.

**BNM 170. GEORGE WILLIAM SKIDMORE** was born, according to the censuses of 1901 and 1911, around 1863 in Great Packington. He is not found with this name in the censuses of 1871, 1881 or 1891. He married Lizzie Hopkins on 7 July 1891 at Berkswell, Warwickshire, giving the name of his father as William Skidmore. Lizzie was born about 1869 in Berkswell (perhaps registered 1870Q1 at Meriden), daughter of William Hopkins, an agricultural labourer, and his wife Jane. She died in 1952 aged 82.

They lived in Berkswell and at the time of the 1901 census were at Beechwood there and in 1911 in Coventry Road.

**Children of George William and Lizzie (Hopkins) Skidmore, born and baptised at Berkswell,**

- i. Frederick George, baptised 29 May 1892. He joined up on 14 March 1916 and served in France from 29 June 1916 with 1/7th Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. He died on 22 August 1917 of gunshot wounds to the head and was buried at Mendingham British Cemetery (4½ miles N.W. of Poperinghe).
- ii. Edith Emily, baptised 28 January 1894. A servant to the family of George Franklin, farmer and bee expert of Kenilworth. She married Arthur John Ball (son of John Albert Ball) on 31 July 1915 at St John the Baptist, Berkswell.
- iii. Lucy, baptised 26 May 1895. She appears to have died in Coventry in 1961 aged 66.
- iv. William Herbert, born 11 October, baptised 29 November 1896. He died in Dorset in 1979 aged 83.
- v. Ada, baptised 27 February 1898. She is perhaps the Ada Skidmore who married George Baker in 1918Q3.
- vi. Nellie, baptised 26 November 1899. She married in Berkswell in 1931.
255. vii. **FRANK<sup>12</sup>**, baptised 30 March 1902. He married at Berkswell in 1929 and had, as known, two sons.
- viii. Charles, baptised 20 June 1904. He married at Berkswell in 1926.
- ix. Elsie, baptised 28 October 1906.
- x. Hilda, baptised 25 July 1909.
- xi. Leonard, born 22 June 1913. He died in 1993.

**BNM 171. FREDERICK<sup>11</sup> SKIDMORE**, born 5 August 1883, was a son of Charles [129] and Ann (Armes) Skidmore. Fred was a cabinet maker at a firm which made wooden bedsteads. He married Louie Burton in 1904Q4. She was born on 17 February 1887 in Greet (now in Sparkhill, Birmingham), daughter of William Burton, a blacksmith, and his wife Ellen. By the time of the 1911 census they had three children, one of whom, Fred, was still living. They lived at this time at 240 Oldknow Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.

**A child of Fred and Louie (Burton) Skidmore,**

- i. Frederick William, baptised 1 March 1905.

**BNM 172. RICHARD<sup>11</sup> SKIDMORE**, born 1870Q1 in Meriden, was the eldest son of Thomas [130] and Sophia (Dickinson) Skidmore. He married Fanny Elizabeth Essam in Northamptonshire in 1904Q3. She appears to have been the child born in 1871Q1 at Pipwell, Oakley, Northamptonshire to Samuel Essam, agricultural labourer, and his wife Henrietta. Before her marriage she was cook and housekeeper at Ketton Hall in the village of Ketton, Rutland. They were lodging house keepers at 26 Ebury Street in south-west London in 1911.

**A son,**

258. i. **PERCY RICHARD<sup>12</sup>**, born 21 September 1905 in London. He appears to be the bank manager of Wimbledon who married in 1934 and had, as known, two sons. He died in 1965 aged 59.

**BNM 173. LEONARD<sup>11</sup> SKIDMORE**, coachman and groom of Erdington, Birmingham, was a son of Thomas [130] and Sophia (Dickinson) Skidmore, born in 1872Q1 in Great Packington. He married Fanny Mathers (born



about 1863 in Wishaw, Warwickshire) in 1897Q2 in Birmingham. She was a dressmaker who found work as a sewing maid at The Rectory in Little Packington, where her future sister-in-law Jane Skidmore was a housemaid.

Fanny Skidmore died in 1907Q4 in Birmingham and by 1911 Leonard had moved with his daughters to Rashwood, Droitwich, Worcestershire, where he was employed as a coachman.

**Children of Leonard and Fanny (Mathers) Skidmore, born in Erdington,**

- i. Gwendoline Mary, born 1899Q4.
- ii. Cicely Florence, born 1901Q1. She married in 1925 and had, as known, a son and two daughters.

**BNM 174. THOMAS<sup>11</sup> SKIDMORE**, born 1877Q4 in Great Packington, was the third son of Thomas [130] and Sophia (Dickinson) Skidmore. He became a bus driver in Wandsworth, London, where in 1901Q1 he married Alice Annie Sole (born 1873Q3 in Wickhambreaux, Kent, daughter of John Sole, publican, and his wife Emily). They were living at the time of the 1901 census in Huntsmoor Road, Wandsworth and, by 1911, at 10 Vernon Road, Mortlake.

**Children of Thomas and Alice Annie (Sole) Skidmore, born in Wandsworth,**

259. i. **LEONARD THOMAS<sup>12</sup>**, born 24 October 1901. He married Mildred A. Bradley (born 11 October 1899) in 1920 and had, as known, two sons.
260. ii. **SIDNEY RICHARD<sup>12</sup>**, born 31 May 1904. He appears to be the Sidney R. Skidmore who married in 1930 in the area of Richmond, Surrey. He died in 1967 aged 63.

**BNM 175. JOSEPH<sup>11</sup> SKIDMORE**, born 1881Q3 in Great Packington, was the youngest son of Thomas [170] and Sophia (Dickinson) Skidmore. He married Bertha Whiting on 19 May 1914 at Sherbourne Parish Church. Before his war service, he was a foreman for builder A. Beacham of Allesley near Coventry. He served with the Worcestershire Regiment in the Great War and was in France from 17 December 1917 until 15 December 1918.

**Children of Joseph and Bertha (Whiting) Skidmore,**

261. i. **JOHN HENRY<sup>12</sup>**, born 11 January 1915. He married in 1937
262. ii. **JOSEPH RICHARD<sup>12</sup>**, born 30 January 1916.

**BNM 176. FRANK CLEAVER<sup>11</sup> SKIDMORE**, born 6 November 1885 in Kings Heath, was a son of Richard [131] and Mary Jane (Cleaver) Skidmore. A carriage lamp maker in 1901 and dispatch clerk at the lamp factory by 1911. He served with the Royal Warwickshire and 10th Bn Hampshire Regiment in WW1.

He appears to be the Frank C. Skidmore who married in 1920 and had one daughter. Mr Skidmore died in 1972 aged 86.

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