

SCUDAMORE/SKYDMORE IN EARLY CHANCERY AND OTHER LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

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[I have printed herewith extracts made at the Public Record Office in London over a period of several summers from the early court records. The indexes to these are several and varied, and these notes suffer from their inadequacies. For some there is only an index to plaintiffs, and for others only an index to the surname of the first plaintiff and the first defendant. Thus a case of Smith vs. Jones, Skydmore, Skydmore, and Skydmore (which would be likely to give a substantial pedigree) would be indexed only under *Smith* and *Jones*. The handwriting can be dreadful, and the condition of many of the parchments (which were rained on in the Tower of London for centuries) even worse. Never the less John Hunt and I plowed through hundreds of them down to 1714, and the frequent exciting discoveries kept us at a sometimes tedious chore. The quarrels in chancery probably rank next after probates as a source of information on families relationships. I have added in parentheses (with an asterisk*) my own page numbers, which usually has more information than will be found in the brief abstracts fed into the computer here. John Hunt has a complete file as well, handled differently. Much of the data copied in London has also found its way into the proper place in *Thirty Generations*, and will be found elsewhere on this CD. It will be seen that I have copied indexes (even AFTER 1714 not found here), but have barely touched the original files of a good many of the later series. I would be delighted if others would pick up where we have left off and would share their findings with John Hunt and myself as well as with Linda Moffatt's Skidmore Family History Group. A good introduction to this enormous mass of material is R. E. F. Garrett's *Chancery and other legal proceedings*, published by Pinhorns, Shalfleet Manor, Isle of Wight. It is also likely that the Public Record Office now has its own guide to this extremely useful (though seldom used) class of records. (Warren Skidmore)]

EARLY CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS, SERIES

C.1

Part 1

The early chancery suits begin in the reign of Richard II, and come down to Phillip and Mary (1558). There are 1522 bundles of these, with perhaps 70 or so suits filed in every bundle. There is a calendar in ten volumes in the *Lists and Indexes* series, which is completely unindexed. John Hunt and I paged through the entire calendar, an enormous

chore. As daunting as this is, it is far more satisfactory than the plea rolls where there is no calendar or means of easy access at all.

The chancery suits deal with subject suing subject on civil disagreements (not criminal matters). The Crown supplied courts, judges, clerks, rendered a judgement and collected a fee, but had no other interest in the proceedings.

Almost all of the suits involving the family have been abstracted, and a fuller account will be found in our files. My page numbers are marked with asterisk (*) and included with parentheses. John Hunt, with whom I exchanged copies, has dealt with his set differently. In addition to the cases indexed below a good many others were looked at when they involved places and families associated with the Skydmores. Generally speaking this proved to be largely unproductive, although a few cases are noticed here.

In ordering up any of the following bundles or files the numbers must be preceded by C.1.

C.1/54/385. John Pelham, mercer of London, vs. William Skydmore, mercer of London.

Bonds retained by the defendant after receiving payment of almost the whole of the amount.

Action brought by one of them in the Common Pleas. London, 1467-1485. (*4465)

69/221. William Hamme, esq., vs. John Aburhale and John, son of Philpot Skydmor. Breaking into the complainant's house at Hamme Lacy, Herefs. (*2613)

69/230. Isabel, late wife of Thomas Wallewayne, Richard Wallewayne, and Richard Pecoke, chaplain, executors to the said Thomas Walleway, vs. John Skydmor, kt. Forcible entry of the manor of Langford at the head of a band of Welshman. Herefs. [Undated, but ca. 1419 from *Cal. Pat. Rolls.*] (*2955)

108/43-6. James, son of Thomas, son of James, son of Sir John Scudamour, kt., vs. William Rose, feoffee to uses. Castle of Grove, manors of Grove, Radnore, Mockas, Thurkeston, Kyngeston, Howton, Dewormeton, Westhide, Egulton, an inn in Hereford, and other lands late of the said Sir John in the county of Hereford. (*2523-5)

108/52. Elizabeth Skydmore, widow, daughter and heir of John Chadnore, vs. William Rose, feoffee to uses. Manors of Staundon, Howmore, and Roosemawne, and lands called "Chadmore Londes" late belonging to the said John. Herefs., 1486-1493. (*3261)

144/50. Sir John Kekilpenny alias Depyng, clerk, vs. Richard Skydmore and Thomas Bernard, gent., and John Childe, barber. Bond extorted by violence and a charge of incontinence. No county, 1485-1500. (*4465)

205/25. Harry Hammes, one of the Esquires of the King's Household, vs. John Abrahall and George Scudmore of Irchynfeld. Imprisonment at the suit of Reginald Asshe of London, mercer, complainant being surety to the said George Scudmore, who was himself surety for the said John Abrahall for money due to Asshe. Herefs., 1493-1500. (*3262)

225/7. George Scudmore, gent., vs. John Abrahall of Irchynfeld in the Marches of Wales, gent. Debt for which the complainant is surety and which cannot be recovered from the debtor because the King's writ can not be served where he dwells. Herefs., 1493-1500. (*3263)

245/46. Richard Skydmore, of Ploughfeld, son [this is an error] of Henry Skydmore, vs. Hugh Vaughan and Elizabeth, his wife, previously the wife of Henry Skydmore. Detention of deeds relating to the manor of Mockas. Herefs., 1500-1. (*2484-5)

284/31. Roger, son of John Billingesley, son of Margery, daughter of Agnes, daughter of Nicolas Milde, vs. Roger Skydmore and Agnes his wife, late the wife of William, son of

William Spencer. Profits of land in Whitton and Fenyington, whereof the reversion is claimed by the complainants, the father of the said Margery having mortgaged his interest to William Spencer the elder. Salop., 1504-1515. (*2587-8) [Whitton, 3 miles NW of Tenbury, Shropshire.]

357/22. Richard Skydmor vs. Hugh Vaughan and Elizabeth his wife. Waste of the manor of Moccas. Herefs., 1504-1515. (*1700)

492/36. John Crompe, of Stretton, vs. Richard Herbert and Johanne, his wife, executrix and late the wife of James Scudamore, esquire. Debt of the said James for money lent without specialty had. Herefs., 1518-1529. (*2589)

567/18. John ap Jenkyn Skudemore of Ewyas Lacy, vs. The sheriffs of London. Action by William Manne, prior of the Austin Friars of Ludlow for money due from Gillan Herry ap John ap Henry, of Ewyas Lacy, for who the complainant became surety. London & Salop., 1518-1529. (*1701-2)

568/31. Edward Skydmore and Isabel, his wife, Roger Wigston and Christian, his wife, and John Huntley and Alice, his wife, vs. Jane, late the wife of John Langley [of Siddington, Glos.], whose heirs are the said Isabel, Christian and Alice, and subsequently of Edward Ryngley and Elizabeth, late the wife of Robert Peyton, knt., a brother of Jane. Manors and lands in Kent & Salop. Kent, Salop., Warwick., 1518-1529.

568/63. Philip Skudmore and Johanne, his wife, daughter of James and sister and heir of Thomas Skudamore, vs. Miles ap Harry, husband of Eleanor, sister of Johanne, and Richard Herbert, gent. Manors of Lannathok and Moccas, and lands in Kilpeck, Kentchurch, Kenbath, Moraston, Bysham, and Tretire alias Retthere. Herefs., 1518-1529. (*2526-9)

624/4. Agnes Cavendish of London, widow, vs. The mayor and sherriffs of London. Arrest at the suit of Thomas Baldry, Richard Fermore, John Watson upon bonds given by the complainant with Foulke Skydmore and William Ledington, for debt of John Newington, mercer, to Thomas Hynde, now deceased, and the parties first named, executors of William Browne, mercer, at the instance of William Ogle, Master of the Savoy, and on the premise of indemnity. London, 1529-1532. (*2590-1) I have done some other work on this case. Thomas Cavendish, of Cavendish Overhall, died 1477. He married Katherine Scudamore who died 15 September 1499, and was buried at St. Botolph, Aldersgate, London. Their son Thomas of Cavendish Overhall, died 1523. His will dated 15 Henry VIII at P.C.C. "23 Bodfelde," of St. Alban, Woodstreet. Thomas, the younger, married secondly Mary, who was his executrix. She had a daughter Mary who afterwards occupied a tenement called the White Bear in West Cheap and Bread Street, London. (Letters and papers of Henry VIII, v, 606) She was left lands in Kent by her husband. Fulke Scudamore also had an interest in the White Bear. The Cavendishes were ancestors of the Dukes of Devonshire. (See also *2392)

676/31. Alice Skydmore vs. Anthony Horne, citizen and stock-fishmonger of London. Money received by the defendant, her master as attorney, from Thomas Burnett [wrongly *Burnell* in calendar], mercer of London, her debtor, besides money lent to him. Counter claims for board and lodging. London, 1529-1532. (*2592-3). [This Alice Skydmore has never been identified.]

677/11. Gregory Skydmore of Kingeston-upon-Hull, surgeon, vs. The mayor and sheriffs of Kingeston-upon-Hull. Action of debt by John Orell for a sum long since paid, the quittance

for which the complainant has lost. Yorks., 1529-1532. (*2594). [This Gregory not identified.]

709/24. John Skydmore vs. Richard Wyllyams. Hinderance to removal of hedges in Kingsbury, Middlesex, bought by the plaintiff and obtaining writs of the peace. Middx., 1532-1533. (*25956)

710/27. John Skudmore vs. Richard Monyngton. Detention of deeds to the manor of Thruxton, and a messuage and land called Bryttes Court [now Bridge Court?] in Kingston. Herefs., 1532-3. (*2597)

849/34-9. Miles ap Harry and Eleanor, his wife, daughter of James Skidmore, vs. James Baskerville, kt. Detention of deeds for the manors of Moccas, Kentchurch, Llanhaythock, Kevenbaugh, and Howton, and lands in *Cawrose* [Corras], and Grosmont. Herefs., 1535. (*325860)

899/14-5. Philip Skydmore and Joan, his wife, vs. Miles ap Harry and Eleanor, his wife. Deeds from the Abbey of Dore relating to the manors of Kentchurch, Llanhaithog, Grove, Bredwardine, Gwerngenny, and Moccas, late of James Skydmore, deceased, father of the said Joan and Eleanor. Herefs., 1533-1538. (*3982-4) [The will of Elinor Parry (*A Parry*) of Kentchurch, 1547, P.C.C., folio 1 register Populwell, see *3341-2.]

1069/26-27. Fulk Skydmore and William Lodyngton, mercers of London, vs. Edmund Byllyngforth, esq. Bill of defendant assigned with a guarantee by complainants to Edward Rede, merchant who failed to prove it against defendant. London. 1538-44.

1087/70. Thomas Wytham of London, mercer, apprentice to Fulk Skidmore of London, mercer, vs. The sheriffs of London. Action by Elizabeth Stanham for price of velvet sold on her behalf, for which complainant has the buyer's bond. London. 1538-44. (London)

1158/17. John, son and Heir of Philip Scudamour, and of Joan his wife vs. John Burley and Sybyll his wife, late the wife of the said Philip. Detention of deeds relating to the manors of Rowlstone, Llancillo, Howton (in Kenderchurch), and of Gwern-genny (in Kilpeck), and half the manors of Kentchurch, Llanhaithog (in Kentchurch) Radnor alias Grove, Kevenbach (Cefn in Dulas?), and Corras [*Cawrose*]. Herefs. 1544-7.

(followed by)

1158/18. The same, and Eleanor, late the wife of Miles Apparry, and aunt of the said Philip [Scudamour] vs. Edward Baskerville, clerk. Detention of deeds relating to manors of Moccas, Kentchurch, Kevenbaghe, Llanhaithog, Brewardine, Grove, Howton, Gwern-genny, formerly of James Scudamour, deceased. Herefs., 1544-7.

1184/13. John Scudamour vs. Eleanor Apparry, his aunt. Pasture in Kentchurch, late of the Knights Hospitallers. Herefs., 1547. (*3985-6)

1264/11-12. John Scudamour, Roland Vaughan and Joan, his wife, Walter Vaughan and Elizabeth, his wife, vs. Roger Bodenham, John son of Thomas Bodenham, and Stephen ap Parry. Manor of Wormeton Tyrrell in the parish of Dewchurch, late of James Scudamour, deceased, grandfather of the above John, Joan, and Elizabeth. Herefs., 1547-51. (*3347-51)

1275/20. Walter Vaughan and Joan, his wife, a daughter and heir of Eleanor Apharry vs. Richard Tewe, their baliff. Refusal to account for issues of manors of Grove [alias] Radnor, Bredwardine, Wormeton (in Kilpeck), and Moccas, and detention of deeds. Herefs., 1547-51. (*3552-3)

1287/17. William Americk vs. John Americke and John Skidmore. Detention of deeds to a farm called Birch Court. Herefs., 1551-3. (*2960) [This is the John Skydmore of Thruxton who died ca. 1555, about three years before his son William (died 1558). We have no other mention of the Americkes, nor do we know their interest in Birch Court.

1333/66-7. Thomas Bulstrode vs. Robert Rawson and Anne, his wife, formerly the wife of Andrew Bulstrode, deceased, brother of the complainant. Loans, price of goods and horse-hire paid on behalf of Andrew Bulstrode. (Oxford?), 1553-5. [There can be next to no doubt that Andrew and Thomas Bulstode are the same two men of their names who were brothers of the "old Mrs. Skydmore" living at Chilton, Bucks., as late as September, 1612, and all children of George Bulstrode. This would seem to push back their birth to the general area of 1530 or so.]

1383/4. Thomas Scudamore vs. Thomas ap John ap Hoell. Land in Llancillo, late of John ap Jenkin Scudamore, father of the complainant. Herefs., 1553-5. (*1703-4)

(followed by)

1583/5-8. The same Thomas Scudamore vs. Richard Thomas Guillim Philip of Llangua. Other land in Llancillo late of the said John, his father. Herefs., 1553-5.

1430/83-4. William, son of John Gynne (Genny), and servant of Nicholas Ligh, of Addington, Surrey, vs. Robert Genny, William Gynny of Great Birch, and others. Messuages and lands in Dewsall, Kilpeck and elsewhere (not named in calendar) in which defendants are maintained by John Skudamore, esq. Damaged. Herefs., 1556-8.

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS, SERIES C.3

Part 3

After the C.1 series the chancery proceedings divide into two series, C.2 and C.3. The C.3 series comprises 485 bundles of perhaps 100 suits to the bundle. The printed calendar is in the *List and Index* series, and the entries are much more abbreviated than they are for C. 1 and the C. 2/Elizabeth and C. 2/James series. Very few "stray" names appear in the subject column.

Only the plaintiff and descendants have been looked at here.

The subject and place columns have not been checked.

C3.43/19. Guy CLYNTON vs. JOHN SKYDAMORE and another. Vicarage of Much Marcle. (1558-79) Herefs. [John Scudamore of Holme Lacy, died 1571] (*3606-9)

79/87. Henry HANKES of Gloucester, vs. ANNE SKIDMORE [of Helme in Ewyas Harold, Herefs. Recovery of cattle, etc. Sybell, wife of Henry Hanks, was a niece of Anne Skidmore. (1558-79) .Glos. (*2486)

141/59. John POOKER vs. THOMAS SKYDMORE and MARGARET, his wife. Shaston (Shaftesbury). "The Angel Inn." 1558-79. (Dorset.) Badly mutilated. [We learn more later of Margaret and her first husband. Thomas Skydmore's origin is unknown to me, but may have been Magor, Monmouthshire. This is the first mention of the Skydmores in Dorset yet found.] (*3072)

167/43. THOMAS SCUDAMORE vs. Thomas John APOWELL.

Llancillo.(1558-79) Herefs. [The same man from C1/1383/49, son of John ap Jenkin Scudamore.] (*4472)

170/76. THOMAS SKYDMORE vs. Robert Smythe. Llancillo. (1558-79) Herefs. Money matters. (*4472)

218/59. THOMAS SCUDAMORE vs. Thomas PARTRYDGE and others. (1579-87) Bucks. [If this man lived in Bucks then we have no other mention of him.] (*3068, see also 4238-40).

239/6. Henry FLETEWOOD vs. RICHARD SCUDAMORE , gent., of the Middle Temple. Hillingdon, copyhold of manor, and Chipping Wycombe. (1591-6) Middx. & Bucks. [This Richard must be the son of the ironmonger of London as Hillingdon is a hamlet in Uxbridge. (*3069, see also 279.)

250/80. HUMFREY SCUDAMORE and MARY, his wife., vs. Arthur WILLIAMS, clerk. Recovery of plate, etc. Middx. (*3450)

266/13. William DUTTON and another vs. SIR JAMES SCUDAMORE, Knt., and others. Standish manor and rectory. 1596-1616. Glos.

289/59. SIR JAMES SCUDAMORE, Knt., and LADY MARY, his wife, vs. Nicholas BASKERVILLE and others. Wedgnock Park and Fernehill Wood. (1596-1616) Warks.

290/21. THOMAS SCUDAMORE vs. Hugh PARRY and others. Howton, Kentchurch, Gwerngenny, Rowstone, and Llancillo. Mutilated. (1596-1616). Herefs. (*3580)

291/8. SIR PHILIP SCUDAMORE Knt., vs. Sir Edward PHILLIPS, Knt. Grendon manor. Mutilated. (1596-1616). Bucks. (*2623-4)

291/9. HENRY SCUDAMORE [of Kingsbury, Middx.] vs. [illegible]. Hemel Hempstead, parcel of manor. (1591-1616) Herts. (*2625-8)

300/20. Michael BYSLIE vs. DAME MARY SCUDAMORE, widow, and others. Sunningwell and Bayworth manors. (1617-1621) (Berks.) [Holme Lacy.]

321/50. Edward POWELL vs. THOMAS SCUDAMORE [of Huntsham in Goodrich] and MARGARET, his wife, and others. *Pitstowe* [Peterstow , Herefs.] (1617-21) (*3070)

324/50. MARY SCUDAMORE, widow [of Humphrey Scudamore] vs. RICHARD SCUDAMORE and another. Ewyas Harold and Wormbridge. (1617-21) Herefs. (*2638-42). See also 325/17 below.

325/16. MARY SCUDAMORE, widow [of Humphrey Scudamore] vs. Lewis GUNTER. Ewyas Harold and Wormbridge, as above. (1617-21). Lewis Gunter and Humphrey were related in some unknown way. [The *will* of Lewis Gunter, of Thruxton, Herefs., gent., is at P.C.C., register "100 Scope." It mentions his wife Anne, his son Bodenham Gunter (executor), daughters Elizabeth, Catherine, Frances and Dorothy, and cousins John Gunter and William Watkins. Dated 28 August, proved 12 November 1630.] (2629-37)

325/17. MARY SCUDAMORE, widow [as above], and others, vs. RICHARD SCUDAMORE and another. Ewyas Harold & Wormbridge. (1617-21) Herefs.

See suit 324/50. (*2643-9)

383/72. WILLIAM SCUDAMORE [of Overton, Yorkshire] and another, vs. Thomas AGARR and another. Money matters. (1621-5) York.

399/4. John COCKES vs. WILLIAM SCUDAMORE [of Ballingham, Herefs.] and another. Little Fawley in Fownhope, Herefordshire. (*3663-4)

403/51. Lewis GILBERTE vs. THOMAS SCUDAMORE [of Llancillo] and others. Llancillo, Herefordshire. (1626-39) Deposition. [Jenkin Scudamore, a witness.] (*3282-8).

412/188. Thomas PRAGELL and Anne, his wife, vs. Sir Francis Herris, knt., and others. Personal estate of Richard Scudamore, father of Anne. Answer only. No county. (1626-39).) (*4474)

414/71. AMBROSE SCUDAMORE and others, vs. JOHN SCUDAMORE and others. Llancillo and Rowlestone, Herefs. (1626-39) [Ambrose lived then or later in London.]

414/72. GEORGE SCUDAMORE vs. George SNELLYNGE. Kingston-on-Thames. (1626-39) Surrey. [This George is not identified.] (*3071).

435/30. Frances BRIDGES and Jane (BRIDGES?) vs. JOHN, VISCOUNT SCUDAMORE. Wilton-on-Wye manor, Bridstow, etc. (1642-60).

443/27. Robert FISHER vs. JOAN SKIDMORE, widow [of John Skidmore of the city of Bath, from Westerleigh. Money matters. (1642-60) Somerset. (*2487)

COURT OF REQUESTS.

This court begins with the reign of Henry VII and was similar to the Star Chamber which followed. Both were intended to deal with civil (subject vs. subject) matters rather than criminal. This court lasted like the Star Chamber until 1641 and neither court was revived at the Restoration. There are 829 bundles from Henry VII to Charles I which are now fully indexed through James I. For the over 400 bundles from the reign of Charles I there is not, alas, any calendar or index at all.

Henry VII & VIII, 1485-1547.

REQ 2/5/281. Thomas Moore, clerk, vs. James Scudamore and John William Vaughan. Depositions only. (Salop. or Herefs.?)8/318. Edward Skydmore, Robert Send, and others, vs. John Forster. Lands in Wellington, Salop. [Edward had married Margaret Edge and Robert had married Anne Edge, two daughters and heirs of Richard and Margery Edge of Wellington.] (*4491)

11/9. John Newyngton vs. Foulke Skidmore, draper of London, and William Ledyngton. Matters of account. Middx.

11/1 40. Same as above replication.

12/20. Same as above.

Mary 1553-1558.

20/17. Nicolas Franke vs. John Skidmore, sheriff of Herefordshire. Office of

gaoler in the county of Hereford. [John Scudamore of Holme Lacy, died 1571.]
(*4236-7)

Elizabeth I, 1558-1603.

REQ 2/33/9. Philip Scudamors vs. Francis Lovell and others. Rent of lands in
Howton, Didley, and Treloughe, Herefs.

37/33. William Nelson vs. Erasmus Skydamore and Edith [formerly
Bulstrode], his wife, executrix of John Deane. Land in Beaconsfield, Bucks.
[The will of Deane is not at P.C.C., and was presumably proved at local
court. It seems likely that Edith Skydmore was previously his widow.]
(*1565-9)

42/97. Joan Underwood vs. John Skydmore. Land in Walford, Herefs.

74/100. John Somerton vs. Simon Skydmore. Land in Finchley, Middx.
(*4681)

95/44. Margaret Scudamore [widow of Thomas] vs. Richard Williamson.
Lease of an inn called The New Inn or The Lion at Shaftesbury, Dorset. (*3090)

99/28. William Muschampe vs. Mary Skydmore and others. Bord-lands in the
manor of Ealing, Middx. [See 267/29 below.] (*3094)

108/44. Richard Skydmore vs. Richard Gryffith, garden and buildings near
Mason's Stairs in the parish of St. Saviour's, Southwark, Surrey. [Son of the
ironmonger of London.] (*3091)

114/36. Egremond Ragland vs. Philip Skidmore, and others. False
imprisonment for debt. Middx.

120/48. John Taylor vs. John Leddington. Debt for board and lodging of
Daniel Skidmore. Essex. [Reverend Taylor was the son-in-law of Fulk
Scudamore of London. Daniel was his son and Leddington had married Fulk's
widow.] (*2532-4)

128/41. Sir James Scudamore, knt., vs. Edward Winter, knt. Suretiship for
Mathew Morgan, knt. (No county mentioned,)

146/40. Thomas Haywarde vs. Philip Scudamore, John Broune (?), and
others. Right, for a term of years, to land in Bermondsey, Surrey. Dated 28
November 1571.

152/19. Humphrey Scudamore of The Helme, Ewyas Harold, Herefs. vs. Jame
Watkins and John [blank]. Right to certain leasehold premises in Ewyas
Harold, and recovery of deeds and other writings pertaining thereto. 16
January 1599/1600.

152/58. Thomas Scudamore and Margaret, his wife, vs. John Spiller.
Breach of contract touching a bargain and sale of a tenement called The
Lion Inn at Shafesbury, Dorset, which the defendant had agreed to convey
to the plaintiff for a certain sum. 12 April 1581.

153/47. John Scudamore of Home Lacy vs. Lawrence Wright. Concerning
a bond given as surety for one Richard Tailer to Charles Cox, deceased. 21
October 1586*

- 157/322. James Noble vs. John French. Essex. Letter on behalf of plaintiff from Lady Scudamore. No date.
- 157/376. Thomas Scudamore vs. John Spiller. Depositions. [See 152/58.]
- 164/148. Thomas Scudamore vs. Andrew Steward and William Reeve. Lease of land in Bentley Pauncefote, Worcs., by one Edward Jeffreys. Bill, badly mutilated. 1594.
- 165/205. Thomas Scudamore vs. Thomas Bowdler, mercer of London, and Timothy Castleton. No date. Alleged agreement to defraud. Plaintiff plans to restore the market at Grossmont, Monm. [Abstracted elsewhere: "At Grosmont in Monmouthshire Thomas Scudamore displayed an exceptional devotion to the best interests of the town by undertaking to build a number of shops for craftsmen in order to attract trade. He purposely went to London to purchase silk and haberdashery goods to provide stock for the yeoman he proposed to set up there as mercers, but his enthusiasm and lack of experience led him into being tricked by a Lombard Street merchant, who sold him inferior velvet, satin, fustian and other wares, and ruined the whole scheme at the outset."]
- 179/37. Thomas Baynham, and others, vs. Rowland Scudamore, esq., of Craddock, Herefs., Thomas Hosier, and John White. Lease by the custos and vicars of the choir of Hereford Cathedral of the rectory of Westbury-on-Severn, Glos. 1590. 184/10. Same as above. I. D.
- 246/76. Alice Norton, keeper of the Christopher Inn, Southwark, vs. Christopher Darrell, Anthony Foule, John Weston, Robert Est, John Skydmore, John Myners, all merchants of London. 1563. Injunction against proceedings for debt at common law. [See also 247/24.] John was an ironmonger and brother to William, the elder, of London. Involved are 20 tons of iron. (*3092)
- 265/26. Margaret Skudamore of Shaftesbury, widow, late the wife of Thomas Skudamore, vs. William Peake, late of London, gent. Title to a lease of a messuage called The Angel in Shaftesbury. 1585. Bill.
- 265/27. Same plaintiff, vs. Robert Westwoode, of London, upholsterer. Title to a lease of land in the parish of St. James, Alcester. 1585. Bill. (See *3090)
- 266/44. Henry Skidmore, late of London, grocer, and Thomas Pagge of London, grocer, vs. Jerham Suger and Thomas Turner of London, grocers, to obtain relief from the penalty of certain bonds and a statement of account. Middx. 1598. Bill. (*3093)
- 267/29. Mary Skydmore of Hanwell, widow, late the wife of Thomas Skidmore of Ealing, vs. William Muschampe, gent., Thomas Dowedon, John Hare, Thomas Meadows, Senr. Title to land in the manor of Ealing, Borough English tenure. 1579. [On 16 May 1560 Raffe Whyte did surrender land at Drayton and elsewhere in Ealing to the use of John Skydmore and Alice his wife, and after their death to the use of Thomas the younger son. Thomas is dead and Mary should have a third as her dower and the rest of

the premises during the minority of Joan the only daughter of the deceased.]
(*3094)

274/55. Marion Stevens, widow, late the wife of John Stevens, vs. George Skidmore and Nicholas Hippon. To stay an action of ejection at the common law. Land in the manor of Westoning, Beds. [See also 275/87 and 170/57.1 Bedford. 1593.

283/86. Lawrence Wright, of Snelston, gent., and Elizabeth his wife, late the wife of Charles Cox, gent. vs. John Scudamore of Home Lacy. (Derbys &

Herefs.) 1587. [See 153/47 above.]

James 1, 1603-1625.

REQ 2/303/6 John Morgan vs. William Morgan of Newport, Monm. Composition with Philip Morgan for the death of his brother Walter Morgan slain by one William Skidmore. Monmouthshire. 1607. I.D. (*4359-60) 307/12. Sir James Scudamore, knt., of Holm Lacy, and Dame Mary, his wife, vs. William Napper, Thomas Kerry, George Dale, D.C.L., and John Hollins, of Oxford. 1605. Manors of Sunningwell and Bayworth, late of Sir Richard Marlyn, alderman of London, and Richard Marlyn, the younger.

Herefs., Oxon., Berks., Middx. Bill.

390/66. Edward Skidmore, gent., of Twyho (in Wellow, Somerset) vs. Richard [wrongly Robert in index] Skidmore, his father. 1620. Lands in Twinhoe promised to plaintiff in exchange for discharging his father's debts. Bill. (*4185-6)

395/2. Benjamin Agar and Thomas Bartholomew, two of the pages of the King's Chamber in Ordinary, on behalf of divers others of the King's Officers, vs. Sir Clement Scudamore [and many others]. 1624. Refusal to pay alledged customary gratuities upon knighthood to the said servants and officers to the King. Bill. Middx.

404/17. Thomas Carley, of London, silkweaver, vs. Richard Hearne of London, alderman, lord of the manor of Hendon, Middx., Randall Nicholls, Henry Skidmore [Skuddamore], Richard Lamas [Lammes], and Robert Etheridge. 1619. Messuages and tenements including land called Lyndrapers and Drapers in the manor of Hendon descending from William Carley in the right of his wife Agnes (great grandparents of plaintiff). (*4537-44)

There is no index after bundle 415 to the rest of James 1, nor any part of the reign of Charles I (approximately another 400 bundles).

COURT OF STAR CHAMBER.

This court begins with the reign of Henry VII and was one where subject could sue subject. A number of the early cases deal with complaints of violence, ejection from land, or refusal from entry on the land by violent means. It was intended to protect the small landowner and

townsman. In time, however, it became a court in which all manner of disagreements were heard. In the time of James I it acquired an unsavoury reputation when its powers were used by the Crown to silence its critics and it was abolished by statute in 16 Charles 1. There is only one bundle of proceedings from the reign of Charles 1, and there are now adequate indexes to the whole of the suits. No Skydmore/Scudamore suits have been found in STAC 1 (Henry VII) or in STAC 4 (the brief reign of Queen Mary). STAC 6 is supplement to Elizabeth I and STAC 7 is an addenda to Elizabeth 1.

Henry VIII, 1509-1547.

STAC 2/12/149. Oliver Dawbeney vs. Foulke Skydmers draper of London, and William Ledyngton. Appeal against a verdict given against the plaintiff Dawbeney in the sheriff's court for non-delivery of property of the defendant's which the plaintiff says was seized for custom. London.

19/280. John ap Gwatkin Vaughan vs. John ap Jenkin Scudamore, John ap Rosser Scudamore, David Gilbert, and many others. Forcible entry and assault on Vaughan and his wife at Ewyas Harold in Herefordshire on 24 March 1537/8. Herefs. (*2581-2)

20/208. John Smithe vs. Simon Skydmore of Finchley, Middx. Perjury. Interrogatory only. Middx. (*4492)

Edward VI, 1547-1553.

STAC 3/7/63. Oliver Dawbeney vs. Fulke Skydmore and William Ledyngton. Causing seizure of silks belonging to the plaintiff through an attempt to evade customs. London.

Elizabeth 1, 1558-1603.

STAC 5/AI7/7. Attorney General John Popham vs. Henry Scudamore of Holme Lacy, Anthony Kyrie, and others [the friends of John Scudamore of Holme Lacy]. Scudamore and the others were apprehended for causing a riot at Ross. I.D. 33 Eliz. (*3083)

A55/33. James Appary vs. John Scudamore, esq., of Holme Lacy, Hugh Saunders. B.C.A.R. 19 Eliz. Thomas Scudamore of Kentchurch, and others to be called before the Star Chamber. Mentions Philip and Richard Scudamore, two uncles of John of Holme Lacy. (*3084)

B46/4. James Baskerville of Pontrilas, vs. John Scudamore, of Kentchurch, John Farmor, Nicholas Lewes, and others. B. 44 Eliz. Philip Scudamore is also mentioned. (*3085)

B67/6. Edmund Browne vs. William Scudamore, of Fownhope, Herefs., and John Downing. I.D. 31 Eliz. Browne had married Joan the widow of Richard Scudamore of Fownhope, a brother of the defendant. Dispute over lands belonging to John Scudamore, their father. (*3086)

B90/33. Edmond Browne vs. William Skiedmore [sic] & John Dowding. B.A. 31 Eliz. [Parcel of the suit next above.] (*3086, 3264-70)

C7/27. Thomas Coningsby vs. Herbert Croft, Henry Scudamore, Robert Kirle, John Birnington, and others. I. Dn. 33 Eliz. [Parcel of AI 7/7] (*3083)

D3/23. Richard Delabere, of Lincoln's Inn, vs. George, Richard and William Scudamore, Roger Gibbs, John Noblets, and others. B.A.C.T.D. 26 Eliz. Lands in Dynedor, Herefs. John Gibbes had a pretended lease in the lands which he offered gent., "being greatly alyed." A Richard Scudamore, William Scudamore and others came armed to the house and lands on 1 December 1583 and took possession. [These people can not be identified with absolute certainty. See D13/26, D20/39, D39/46.] (*3087)

D11/17. John Dalbye vs. Thomas Scudamore, John Weddkye, and others, B.A.C. 44 Eliz. [This was Thomas Scudamore, Receiver General of York.] See D36/241. (*4792)

D13/26. Delabere vs. Scudamore and others. [Parcel of D3/231] B. 24 Eliz.

D20/39. Same as above. 1. 24 Eliz.

D36/24. Elizabeth Dalbye vs. Thomas Scudamore and Robert Lyndale. B.A.C.R.R2. C. I.D. 36 Eliz. [Probably related to D1 1/17, but eight years earlier? Not seen.]

D39/46. Richard Delabere vs. Richard Scudamore, Roger Vaughan, John Alford, and others. D. 25 Eliz. (Doubtless parcel of D3/23.)

G37/3. Alice Garven vs. Thomas Scudamore, John Tildon, and others. B. 13 Eliz. Thomas Skydmore, the defendant, was an innholder of Shaftesbury, Dorset. (*4154-5)

H45/3. William and Mary Hill vs. William Scudamore, Agnes, his wife, and Richard, their son, and others. B.A.Rn.Rr. 35 Eliz. [William Scudamore was the ironmonger of London. Some part of the defendants had libelled Mary Hill. (*3088)

H60/14. John Howell vs. Thomas and Philip Scudamore. B.A. 40 Eliz.

K10/14. Charles Kyrle vs. Philip Scudamore, of Wintercott, John Scudamore, of Holme Lacy, William Scudamore, of ----- ?, Hugh Jones, Andrew Baynam, Thomas Seymor, and many others. [Philip Scudamore had married the widow of Walter Kyrle.] (*3089)

L1/3. William Lewes vs. Thomas Scudamore [of Kentchurch] and others. 1. D. 33 Eliz. A dispute over the manor and advowson of Llandewi, Monmouth.

L9/38. William Lewis vs. Thomas & John Scudamore [of Kentchurch]. A. 33 Eliz. [See L1/3]

L34/27. Lewis vs. Scudamore. Rn. 34 Eliz. [See above.]

L47/6. William Lewes vs. Thomas Philip and John Scudamore. William Lewis, esq., of Abergavenny. [See above.] (*3584)

N8/20. Alice Noke vs. Simon Skidmore, of Finchley, Middx., Anthony Bond. I.D. 16 Eliz.

N8/40. Alice Noke vs. Simon Skidmore, Anthony Bond & John Mounslowe. B.A.R.C.I.D. 16 Eliz. [See above.]

N16/34. Noke vs. Skydmore, and others. I.D. [See above.]

O6/34. John Oldisworth vs. William Skidmore, John Lysons, John Ballard, and others, all of Gloucester city. B. 25 Eliz. (*4184)

RI2/28. John Rogers vs. John Scudamore, gent., of Ballingham, John Jeffes, Jun., and others. B. 25 Eliz. (*4792)

S5/17. Thomas Scudamore vs. William James Howell, William James, Thomas Price, David Thomas, Philip David, and others. B.A. 40 Eliz.

S19/28. John Scudamore vs. James Baskerville and wife, James Rainford, and others. B.A. 44 Eliz. [Missing from the bundle in April 1933, perhaps parcel of B46/4.]

S21/26. Thomas Skydmore of Kentchurch vs. Thomas John James, the younger, Charles Williams, and others. B. 21 Eliz. Williams had certain lands in Clodock, Herefs., and James was tenant of a moiety of them, etc. 1579. (*4493)

S27/21. Thomas Scudamore, of Kentchurch vs. William Howell Powell and Thomas Howell. I.D. 36 Eliz. The defendants had borrowed £120 from Scudamore, etc.

S29/25. William Skydmore vs. Robert Vaughan and William Scudamore. B.A. No year. [Badly mutilated. See S74/14.] (*3583, 4183)

S32/40. John Scudamore vs. John Appary, Thomas Bragg, and others. Rn.Rr. [Parcel of S66/8, and related to S29/25 above?]

S37/4. William Sanderson vs. Henry Wooley and John Scudamore, and others. Rn. 40 Eliz.

S37/32. John Scudamore vs. Thomas Hargeste. Dn. 44 Eliz. [See S72/13.]

S38/6. John Scudamore vs. Robert Morgan. I.D. 19 Eliz.

S40/16. Philip Scudamore vs. Anthony Kyrle. A. 17 Eliz. [Parcel of K10/14?]

S48/26. Thomas Scudamore vs. Rice & William Meredith. I.D. 40 Eliz. [See also S82/2]

S49/3. John Scudamore vs. Walter Baskerville. Philip Morgan, and others. B.A.C.I.D. 44 Eliz.

S65/2. Thomas Scudamores of Kentchurch vs. John Richard and Richard Thomas. B.A. 36 Eliz. [The defendants had borrowed £120 from Scudamore. [See S27/21.] (*4493)

S65/13. Henry Scudamore, a Merchant Tailor of London, vs. James Mosse and Bartholomew Chapple. B.Dr. [This man can not be identified; possibly from Kingsbury, Middx.?] 36 Eliz. (*3583)

S66/8. John Scudamore vs. James Appary and Thomas Bragg. I. Dr. 19 Eliz. [Parcel of S32/40.]

S72/13. John Scudamore of Kentchurch vs. John Arnold, James Baskerville, esq., and others. I. Dr. 44 Eliz. [Interrogatories to be put to James Baskerville of Pontrilas, and Sibel his wife, John Arnold, esq., and Thomas Hargest.] (*3583)

S72/20. Philip Skidmore vs. Philip Nicholls, John Harford, and others. B. A. 35 Eliz.

S74/14. William Scudmore and William Dansey, vs. Williams Somars, Thomas Ball, and others.
I.D. 20 Eliz. [See S29/25, parcel of the same suit.] (*4494)

S82/2. Thomas Scudamore vs. Rees & William Meredith. Rn. [See S48/26.]

S85/25. Thomas Scudamore vs. Thomas Gefferys, Thomas Cookes, and others. B. 35 Eliz.-.

S86/4. Judith & William Scudamore of Offchurch, Warks., vs. John Symes, Thomas Robyns, and others. B. No year. [Katherine, the wife of Williams Handes, Sen., and Judith, wife of William Scudamore, all of Offchurch, are shown to have been sisters and heirs of Edward Walford.] (*3583)

S51/6. Thomas Winston vs. William Scudamore, Thomas Williams, and others. B.A. 18 Eliz. (*4802-6)

In the abstracts above:

A = Answer
 B = Bill of complaint
 C = Commission
 Dn= Deposition
 Dr= Demurrer

Rn= Replication
Rr= Rejoinder
I= Injunction

James 1. 1603-1625.

STAC 8/37/1. John Andros of Cardiff, late of Ballingham, Herefs., attorney before the Council of the Marches, vs. William Scudamore, esq., of Ballingham, Richard Hickes, gent., and David Edwards, his servants., and John Kyrle, esq., J.P. Distress on a claim for services in Ballingham, insults in the church there, tenance of an action by Thomas Gwatkyn, subornation of perjury, assault at Hollanton in Holme Lacy], etc. [See 46/10 to follow.]

46/10. John Andros vs. William Scudamore and David Edwards. Trespass at Ballingham, Herefs. Interrogatories and depositions. [Removed now to STAC 8/37/1.]

50/5. George Browne, of Westminster, gent., vs. Henry & Richard Scudamore and others, and Robert Smyth and Richard Wytherston, contables at Hentland. Assaults and false imprisonment at Harwood and Hentland to deter plaintiff from acquiring an estate in Herefordshire. (*4495)

53/7. John Baker, and Mercy, his wife, Henry Skidmore, and others, all inhabitants at Hemel Hempstead, vs. Thomas Taylour, M.A., vicar of Hemel Hempstead. Libels (quoted) in January and February 1617/8 by Taylour. Herts.

66/10. George Brown vs. Henry and Richard Scudamore, gent., and others. Assault in the churchyard of Hentland, etc. Interrogatories and depositions. Herefs. [See 50/5 above.]

70/3. John Baguley, minister at Kentchurch, vs. Thomas Candishe alias Cavendishe, esq., Amy, his wife [formerly a recusant and widow of John Scudamore of Kentchurch], Richard Mynours, and others, her servants, and John Williams and others of Garway. Assaults on plaintiff and his servants at Kentchurch and on the road to Hereford, charge of treason, destruction of a pew in the church at Kentchurch, resistance to taking tithes, and libel. Herefs.

73/6. Thomas Bussell of Barninghams, gent., vs. John Binckes of London, salter, William Scudamore, his servant, Edward Parrys, and others. Action on bonds satisfied by a conveyance of lands in Walsingham, Binham, Dalling, & Hindringham, etc., and forcible entry on the plaintiff's house at Burmingham. (Norfolk).

181/13. John Hewson, yeoman vs. James Scudamore, of Holme Lacy, knt. Failure to pay for a lease of the manor of Drinkstone redeemed on the plaintiff's behalf. (Suffolk.)

263/2. John Scudamore, esq., J.P., vs. John Gainsford of Drffryn, mayor of Grossmont, Hugh Griffin, Robert & William Lewis, and others. Assaults in plaintiff's park at Kentchurch and at Grossmont fair. Herefs., Monm.

272/11. William Scudamore, gent., vs. Roger Cockes of Little Fawley, gent., Francis Tyler, Juliana, late the wife of John Tyler, and others. Forcible entry and assault on plaintiff's tenant at Ballingham, maintenance of Hereford assizes, etc. Herefs.

272/12. Same, vs. the same. Maintenance and perjury on the same subject in this court. (The said Juliana is said to be the mother of the said Francis and to have acted under compulsion.)

285/28. Juliana, late the wife of John Tyler, vs. William Scudamore, gent., Philip Blacke, Nicholas Williams, and Thomas Tirbe. Forcible ouster in Ballingham, indictment without notice, false affidavit in the King's Bench, and assault. Herefs.

285/29. Francis Tyler of Ballingham, yeoman, and Richard Tyler of London, sons of the said Juliana, vs. William Scudamore, Nicholas Williams, Richard Ockley, Mary sister of the plaintiffs, Richard Tyler, Mary his wife, Henry Adams, and others. Forcible entry in Ballingham and King's Caple, and perjury at the county sessions and in the King's Bench. Herefs.

305/6. Thomas Wynston, gent., vs. Paul Delahay of Arterennes, esq., J.P., Morgan and John, his sons, John William Parry, James Scudamore, and others. Conveyance of the manor of Winston alias Trewyn while in dispute in chancery, forcible entry, seizure of corn, assault on the plaintiff's wife, and neglecting suppression of alehouses. Herefs.

305/12. Hugh Walshe of Livers Ocle in Ocle Pichard, esq., J.P., vs. Roger Bodenham, J.P., and James Scudamore, sheriff, knt., George Smith, under-sheriff, and many others. Attacks on plaintiff's house at Burghill by colour of outlawries already reversed, assault and robbery between Burghill and Moreton-upon-Lugg, jury-packing at the Hereford Special Sessions, perjury in the Exchequer, and perjury before the justices at Hereford, arrest near Credenhill without showing a warrant, false return of rescue, etc. Herefs.

COURT OF DUCHY OF LANCASTER.

This court sat at Westminster and dealt with all matters which came within the jurisdiction of the duchy which had lordships in several counties. The pleadings to the end of Elizabeth I's reign are calendared in the *Ducatus Lancastriae* published by the old *Record Commission* in three volumes.

To 1603.

D.L.1/vol. 4. 17 Hen. VIII (1525-6). JOHN SKYDMORE, the King's farmer, vs. Philip ap William VAUGHAN, and others, all inhabitants of Grosmont town and lordship. Disputed title to common of pasture for cattle on the demesne lands. (Monm.) [This is the man called JOHN AP ROSSER SCUDAMORE elsewhere to distinguish him from JOHN AP JENKIN SCUDAMORE, his cousin and contemporary. John ap Rosser was succeeded at Grosmont by a PHILIP SCUDAMORE (see D.L.1/vol.148 below) and PHILIP by a THOMAS AP PHILIP SCUDAMORE, Gent., who was a juror at Grosmont in 1613 all of which confirms the herald's pedigree of this family at Kentchurch Court. It was apparently THOMAS AP PHILIP SCUDAMORE who was swindled by London mercers in his attempt to turn Grosmont into a commercial center (see Court of Requests case elsewhere.)

D.L.1/vol.39. No date, but reign of Philip and Mary. Dame Mary MORGAN, widow, late wife of Sir Richard Morgan, knt., vs. JOHN SCIDMORE, lessee of the demesne lands. Claim of restitution to a fulling mill in Grosmont manor. (Monm.) [Sir Richard Morgan, who pronounced sentence on Lady Jane Grey, died in the summer of 1556 (see DNB). This would date this suit as from 1556-1558.] JOHN AP ROSSER SCUDAMORE, was living in 1556 (the last mention yet found of him).

D.L.3/vol.32. 29 Hen. VIII (1537-8). JOHN SCUDAMORE, farmer of the King's corn mills of Grosmont, vs. Hugh Davy POWELL, clerk of Lanfrey, and Davy Jenkin MORYS. Disputed right to exclusive toll at the King's mills at Grosmont, with commissions and deposition taken thereon. Mentions Grosmont lordships, Calpalacs Rivers, Naunte Palags

Brook, Abergavenny lordship, Abergavenny mills, and Peverbydell. (Wales). [This suit would fall between the above two; these three cases are the most substantial documents we have yet found on John ap Rosser Scudamore.]

D.L.1/vol.63. 1 Mary (1553-4). JOHN SCUDAMORE, steward of the Queen's duchy possessions in Hereford, and others, to survey the state of the woods at Ashperton Woods, Park, and Manor. (Herefs.) [Presumably John Scudamore (died 1571) of Holme Lacy.]

D.L.1/vol.52. 4 Elizabeth (1561-2). William FLETEWOODE, the Queen's serjeant, an informant on behalf of Her Majesty, vs. Thomas WILLIAMS, claiming under JAMES SCUDAMORE, a lessee from Philip and Mary. Demesne lands, late parcel of the Priory of Monmouth. Mentions Dyxton and Monmouth. (Monm.) [This man is unidentified.]

D.L.1/vol.84. 13 Elizabeth (1570-1). RICHARD SCUDAMORE, claiming the office and stewardship of the dominions and lordship of Kidwelly, Carnwyllion, and Iscennen, by letters patent from King Edward VI, vs. Morgan John HARRYE, John VAUGHAN, and Morgan JONES, claiming by letters patent from the Queen. Dispute to offices of clerkship and stewardship. (Carm.) [Richard Scudamore (died 1586 at Churcham, Glos.) who made good his claim.]

D.L.1/vol.105. 19 Elizabeth (1576-7). Richard CHARLESSE, claiming from John PEERCE, vs. Robert STALLWARD in the right of JOHN SCUDAMORE and Richard BROMEWICH. Divers specified lands and boundaries in Ashperton manor and Stretton lordship. (Herefs.)

D.L.1/vol.113. 21 Elizabeth (1578-9). Robert STALLARD vs. William STALWARD. Messuage and lands called Stretton Farm leased to WILLIAM SCUDAMORE. Ashperton and Stretton. (Herefs.) [Obviously related to the above, but I can not place either man.]

D.L.1 /vol.114. 20 Elizabeth (1577-8). Walter Morgan WOULPHE, claiming under William, earl of WORCESTER, vs. LEWIS SCUDAMORE, tenant of Salisbury, in the right of Sir William Morgan, knt., and others, mill owners. Suit to a water corn mill, and interruption of a water course in Toligarthe. Mentions Magor manor, Matherne lordship, Penhorb lordship, Caerlion lordship, St. Brides' lordship, and Caldecott mills. (Monm.) Lewis Scudamore, of Magor, living 1580.

D.L.1/vol.122. 24 Elizabeth (1581-2). Walter HARBERT vs. William DUTTON otherwise DUDSON, in the right of JOHN SCUDAMORE. A grist mill, trespass of the river, and interruption of a watercourse. Monnow River, Kentchurch parish. (Herefs.) [John Scudamore of Kentchurch (died 1593)]

D.L.1/vol.148. 30 Elizabeth (1587-8). John Phelip THOMAS, in right of PHILIP SCIDAMORE, vs. Hoell Thomas MORGAN, Thomas PRICHARD, and Sander RICE, tenants of Grosmont lordship. Land called "Myll Close" and suit and customs to a water grist mill.

(Monm.) [Philip, son and heir of John ap Rosser Scudamore.]

D.L.1/vol.155. 33 Elizabeth (1590-1). John Phe THOMAS alias John Philipp THOMAS, in right of William Walter, vs. JOHN SKYDMORE or SCUDAMORE, and William DUTTON, occupiers of water corn mills in Kynchurch. A water corn mill or grist mill, wears, watercourses, fishings, suit, soke, mulcture, and profits, with the watercourses of the river, the mill pounds, and mill cawl. Mentions Grosmont mill, Monnow River, Grosmont manor, Kynchurch or Kentchurch manor. [See D.L.1/vol.122.]

D.L.1/vol.159. 33 Elizabeth (1590-1). John Philip THOMAS, as lessee of the Queen's mills at Kentchurch, v. JOHN SCUDAMORE, as seized of a manor and grist Lands, tenements, and water corn mills. Mentions Kentchurch manor, Monnow River, Grosmont lordship, Llangua manor, Rolstone manor. (Herefs. & Monm.)

D.L.1/160. 35 Elizabeth (1592-3). James CROMPE, Christopher BELLAMY, Richard COLSTAM, and William HARMER, in right of Thomas BOWLES, patentee, and ROWLAND SCUDAMORE, vs. William MORWENT and William ORGAN, in right of John THINNE.

Lands, tenements, hereditaments, fish royal and free fishing of the Halves and Halven Doles. Mentions Rodley manor, Unlawe water, Severn water. (Glos.) [Rowland Scudamore (died 1631) of Sellack, Herefs.]

D.L.1/vol.175. 38 Elizabeth (1595-6). George SMITHE, vs. Richard PHILLPOTT and GEORGE SKYDMORE. Intrusion on a moiety of a cottage, and divers parcels of lands, tenements, and hereditaments. Mentions Osbaston, Monmouth manor. (Monm.) [This George is unidentified. Osbaston is about one mile NW of Monmouth. Possibly related to D.L.1/vol.52, although Dixton is about 1/2 mile NE of Monmouth.]

D.L.1/vol.204. 43 Elizabeth (1600-1). Charles MORGAN, as the Queen's farmer of the fines, forfeitures, and amercements, vs. THOMAS SKYDMORE. Claim to a fine imposed on defendant's father for non-appearance as a juror. Grosmont manor. (Monm.) [Probably Thomas

Philip Scudamore. Thomas Philip Scudamore was a juror at Grosmont in 1613.]

From James I (1603) forward there is a manuscript calendar in chronological order with the names of the parties, but not the place or nature of the dispute.

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS BEFORE 1714.

Part 5

Bridges Division, C.5

Plaintiffs and defendants checked. The defendants have been taken from the Bernau Index at the Society of Genealogists.

C.5/56/38. James and Thomas Jancey vs. John, Viscount Scudamore. 1669. Yatton, Herefs. 150/2. Henry Dutton Colt vs. John, Lord Scudamore, and others. 1695. Tirrells Court manor in Dilwyn, Herefs.

161/26. John Gwatkin vs. Sir Barnabas Scudamore, Bt., and Dame Margaret Scudamore, widow. 1692. Money matters.

164/11. John Holmes, and Sarah [Scudamore] his wife, and others, vs. Sir Barnabas Scudamore, Bt., and others. 1688. London, Dymock, etc. Middx., Glos., Monm.

166/93. Same, vs. Sir Barnabas Scudamore, Kt. (sic), and others. 1684. Ross, Bampton, and Weston, Herefs.

266/33. George Scudamore and Isabel, his wife, vs. Robert Crofts. 1703. Knightley, Warks. Personal estate of Robert Crofts. (Answer.) In the will of Robert Crosse of Rugby, Warks., dated 7 March 1677, Isabel Crosse, his kinswoman was left a legacy of £30. Isabel has since married George Scudamore [of Lissington] and the legacy has not been completely paid. [Crofts in calendar, Crosse in suit?] (*4475)

268/9. George Scudamore, but personal estate of Crofts at Rugby, Warks. [Possibly missing bill of the above suit.] (*3581)

282/93. George Scudamore, of Monmouth Forge, Monm. vs. John Williams and others. 1697. On 1 February 1672/3 George Scudamore, then of Treworgan, Herefs., purchased certain lands in the town of Monmouth from Thomas Williams, etc. (*3581)

282/95. Sir Barnabas Scudamore, Bt., vs. Gilbert Nourse and John Nourse. 1693. Ballingahm manor.

284/79. Henry Scudamore, of Westminster, carpenter, and Mary his wife, vs. Anne Bridge. 1696. St. James, Westminster, personal estate of Mary Stuard. Mary Scudamore was formerly Mary Yarmouth, and a goddaughter of Mary Stuard of Pall Mall in St. James, deceased. In her will of 6 July 1687 Stuard left Mary a legacy of £20 to be paid by Anne Bridges from lands in Webley, Herefs. (*3581)

302/16. Richard Bytheway vs. John, Viscount Scudamore and others. 1691. Leintwardine, Herefs.

305/36. Dame Margaret Scudamore, widow, and others vs. Sir John Buckworth and another. 1695. East Harling, Norfolk, personal estate of Gregory Lovell. [Widow of Sir John Scudamore, Bt., of Ballingham?]

307/34. Thomas Smalbone vs. George Scudamore and another. 1702. Lamburne, Berks.

311/61. Peter Scudamore, surgeon, of Ross, Herefs., vs. Thomas Herbert and John Herbert. 1703. Peter married Elinor, daughter of John Herbert of Ross, cordwainer. [Peter is called of Carmarthenshire on his marriage licence to Elinor at Bristol, 20 July 1691. (*4189-97)]

313/52. John Scudamore vs. Sir James Scudamore, Bart., and others. Personal estate of John, Viscount Scudamore. [Some error here; presumably the baronet mentioned as the defendant here must be the third Viscount, and the plaintiff his younger brother.] (Not seen).

366/38. John Harris vs. Barnabas Scudamore and Sarah, his wife. 1678. London, personal estate of John Harris. Middx.

372/24. John Scudamore vs. Charles Walwyn. 1685. Grossmont, Monm.

372/61. Capel Scudamore and another, vs. Elizabeth Bristow, widow, and others. 1710. Capel was apprenticed in 1702 for five years to Charles Wilson, attorney, of Lincoln's Inn for 120 gns. (*3703-19)

373/45. Walter Tyndale and others, vs. Barnabas Scudamore and Sarah, his wife, and others. Gloucester, personal estate of William Harris.

385/102. John Kilcupp vs. William Scudamore and others. 1648. Shelwick in Holmer, Herefs.

399/298. John Towne vs. John, Lord Scudamore and another. 1650. Hereford, personal estate of John Towne.

454/8. Sarah Booth, vs. Richard Scudamore. 1681. Ogbourne St. Andrew, Wilts. [See C.7/497/80 where Samuel Scudamore of Byfleet, Surrey, is the plaintiff. His admors given on 20 February 1671/2 to this Richard Scudamore, his son.]

458/79. Edward Capper vs. Ambrose and John Scudamore. 1663. Message, not specified. No county. [From Kentchurch.]

495/16. Edward Harris and Hester, his wife, vs. Barnabas Scudamore and Sarah, his wife, and others. 1676. Copyhold of Stoke Newington manor.

495/37. John Harris vs. Barnaby and Sarah Scudamore, and others. 1674. Churcham, Glos.

548/37. Samuel Rowclett and Katherine, his wife, vs. John, Lord Scudamore, and others. 1670. Ivington, Herefs.

552/21. Charles Scudamore of Penrose, Monm., vs. Philip Hopkin and others. 1673. Richard Bond had an estate in Penrose which he settled on Hopkin at the time of his marriage to his daughter Elizabeth Bond, etc. (*3581)

552/23. Roger Scudamore vs. Edward Cooke and others. 1676. On 14 November 1663 Roger bought the rectory of St. Dunstan in the West from Richard Cocks of the Middle Temple. Rents owing by Edward Cooke and others are unpaid. (*4476)

552/54. William Scudamore vs. Barington Bouchier and others. Overton, Shnipton and Battersby, York.

629/88. Sir James Scudamore, Bt., vs. William Stone and others. 1709. Northleach, Glos. Scudamore has a capital messuage there in the possession of Rober Barnet and lands in Eastington. William Stone and other tenants have combined to defeat Scudamore of his right to common there. (*4476)

629/89. John Scudamore and another vs. William Dolton and others. 1684. Mounton and Much Thinghill lordship, Herefs.

Collins Division, C.6

Only "S" plaintiffs have been checked.

C.6/9/155. Roger Scudamore vs. John Seaborne. Personal estate of Roger Scudamore (Answer.) [Calendar has Robert, in error. See 149/76 below.]

15/167. John Scudamore, of Kentchurch, vs. Katherine Price, widow, and others. Clodocke, Herefs. 1653. (*3579)

43/197. Ambrose Scudamore vs. Sir William Gideon and others. Money matters. 1664. (Answer).

82/70. George Scudamore & Milborne Scudamore, vs. Mary Dennis, widow. Personal estate of John Milborne. 1672. No place. (Answer.)

106/136. Dame Barbara Scudamore, widow, and William Scudamore, vs. Edmund Smith, doctor of physick, and Elizabeth his wife. Kingsbury, Middx. (*3073)

107/155. Philip Scudamore and Margery, his wife, vs. Edmond Weaver. Personal estate of Richard Weaver. Hereford. 1648. [Margery's Christian name corrects an error in Burke's.]

149/76. Roger Scudamore vs. Benedict Hall, and Ann his wife, and Kitford (?) Brayne, and John Seaborne. Money. 1650. Hereford. (*3582). [See 9/155 above, also C.10/10/13/119, and

C.21/58/16 (for his deposition)]

179/45. James Scudamore vs. Thomas Cott. Money. Hereford. 1663.

184/104. Ambrose Scudamore, and Margaret his wife, vs. William Whitly and Richard Parrham. 1669. Deptford, Kent.

187/102. Ambrose Scudamore, vs. Sir William Gideon, Kt., and Henry English and George Hill. Money. 1670. Middx.

187/110. Ambrose Scudamore vs. Sir William Green, and Henry English, and George Hill, and Henry and Mary Woodward. Money. 1670. Middx. [Mary Woodward was a sister of Ambrose.]

236/19 & 20. Sir John Scudamore, K.B., of Ballingham, vs. Mary Ryder and Sir John Clopton, Kt. Hereford. 1678 & 1679.

Hamiltons Division, C.7

Only "S" plaintiffs read.

C.7/327/114. John Scudamore vs. Benedict Duddell and another. St. James, Westminster. (No date). (*3581)

330/95. Thomas Scudemore vs. Philip Bradford. 1649. Batcombe, Somerset, personal estate of Thomas Johnson. [Wellow family.] (*3074)

401/61. William Scudamore of Gloucester city, vs. Thomas Barnes. 1652.

489/39. Walter Scudamore vs. John Parsons. Money matters. Wellow, Somerset. (*3075)

497/80. Samuel Scudamore and others, vs. Sarah Booth and others. Ogburne St. Andrew, Wilts. [Also lived at Byfleet, Surrey.] See also C.5/454/8. (*3076)

522/61. Roger Scudamore vs. Thomas Jones and others. 1676. Money. Monmouth.

529/100. Same parties as the above. (522/61)

Mitford Division, C.8

Only "S" plaintiffs read.

C.8/10/92. Richard and John Scudamore vs. William Shelton. London, personal estate of William Scudamore [the ironmonger]. 1609.

17/90. Humphrey Scudamore vs. John Towne. Money matters. 1612. Hereford.

29/108. William Scudamore, the younger, vs. Edward Jorden and William Scudamore, the elder. His apprenticeship. Middx. 1623. [Ballingham.] (*3077)

31/93. Thomas Skidmore vs. Christopher Dale, clerk, and Mary Hamblen, widow. 1622. Westerham, Kent. Personal estate of Stephen Burges. [London.] (*3078)

63/78. John Scudamore vs. John Porter and William Bowdler. 1650. Tredunnoch, Monm., also Tredenocke and Llantrissant, Monm.

73/199. Same as 63/78 above.

74/94. John Scudamore vs. Ralph Massie. Money. Answer. 1637. [Kingsbury, Middx.?] Not seen.

89/8. John Scudamore vs. Richard, David, and Thomas Lewes, and John Richard alias David.

89/10. Sir John Scudamore, Bt., vs. George Willingham. 1641. Bromley, Middx.

89/111. Ambrose Scudamore vs. Thomas Phelps, Thomas Manby, Jeffery Baker, William Taylor, Garrett Hynton.

100/1 67. Samuel Scudamore, clerk, vs. Thomas Aldsworth and Sarah his wife; William Halley and Eleanor his wife; John Morgan and Jane his wife; Jeremy Huson and his wife, and John Calcoft. 1648. London, personal estate of John Austen. (*3579)

126/197. Dame Barbara Scudamore and William Scudamore vs. Edmund Smith and Elizabeth his wife. 1650. Kingsbury, middx. (Answer.) (*3079)

130/113. John, Lord Scudamore, and Timothy Gate, vs. John Browne. 1654. Money. Hereford.

151/130. James Scudamore vs. Sir Thomas Bennett. 1662. Manors, etc., not specified.

- 170/49. Walter Scudamore vs. John Parson. 1668. Money. Hereford.
- 170/50. Same as above. 1670.
- 214/94. George and Milborne Scudamore vs. Henry Dennis and Mary Dennis, widow, and Thomas Nicholls. 1678. Marriage contract. Gloucester. (*4241-54)
- 233/68. Henry Scudamore vs. Barrington Bouchirer. 1677. Overton and Shipton, Yorks.
- 249/26. Same as above, 1677.
- 258/116. Robert Skydmore, clerk, vs. Thomas Barker. 1682. Lands and messuages not specified. Warwick.
- 268/75. John Skidmore Vs. Richard Franklin. 1680. Rickmansworth, Herts.
- 274/41. John Scudamore vs. Francis Comyn and Amy his wife, Samuel Scudamore, Sir Michael Heneage, Kt., Sir Richard Lloyd, Kt., and Sir Miles Cooke, Kt. 1684. St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London. [Personal estate of Ambrose Scudamore.]
- 290/136. Henry Scudamore vs. Barrington Bouchier. 1679. Shipton manor, Yorks.
- 310/101. John Scudamore vs. Sir Michael Heneage, Knt., Sir Richard Lloyd, Knt., and Sir Michael Cooke, Knt., 1684. Personal estate of Ambrose Scudamore. Parcel (Answer) of 274/41 above.
- 402/62. William Scudamore. John Hiett, and Elizabeth Beale, widow, vs. Benjamin Garway, Thomas Garway, and John Garway. 1685. Berkeley, Glos. (*3081)
- 646/43. George Scudamore vs. Charles Smalbone. 1708. Lands, etc., not specified. (Answer.)
- 646/52. Thomas Smalbone vs. George Scudamore, Thomas Chadwick and Mary, his wife; John Clifton and Frances, his wife; and Charles Smalbone and others. 1700. East Bockhampton, Berks.
- 646/53. Thomas Smalbone vs. Elizabeth Smalbone, Henry Smalbone, and George Scudamore.
1703. East Bockhampton, Berks.
- 687/71. [James Scudamore of Penrose, Monm., deposes that he is aged 58. 1 April 1657.] (*3580)

Reynardson's Division, C.9

This is the only one of the "six clerks" which does not have an adequate calendar. For the first 43 bundles there is a calendar in the usual way, but 44 on there is only a surname index. Both plaintiffs and defendants are listed here, although not many of these suits have been seen.

- C.9/5/189. William Scudamore vs. Sir George Wentworth, kt., and Richard Burrowes. 1649. Manor and lands in Overton, Yorks. See also several suits in C2/Charles 1, about the same matter. Scudamore had mortgaged the manor and advowson to Wentworth at disastrous terms.
- 38/94. Williams vs. Scudamore and Morgan. 1682.
- 74/40 Bullbrike vs. Scudamore. 1682.
- 74/61. Same as above.
- 85/10. Arnold vs. Graves and Scudamore. 1683.
- 97/10 Tempest, Bt., vs. Scudamore. 1681. 99/81. Scudamore vs. Wilson. 1713.
- 111/23. Chadwicke vs. Scudamore. 1691.

112/66. George White vs. George Scudamore, of Monmouth Forge., Monm. Ownership of forge and the iron produced there.

158/6. Scudamore vs. Boone. 1700.

158/14. Same as above. 1700.

169/2. Alford vs. Scudamore and Hare. 1702.

220/18. Scudamore, of Goodrich, Herefs., vs. Wanclin and Scudamore. 1713. An important suit showing several generations of the descent of the Goodrich family from Kentchurch. (*4545)

250/30. Scudamore vs. Purdue. 1699.

250/48. Scudamore vs. Borett. 1695.

284/83. White vs. Scudamore. 1691.

288/8. Scudamore vs. White. 1713.

289/46. Scudamore of Goodrich, Herefs., vs. Scudamore. 1712. (*4551-5) 311/62. Same as above. (*4568-70)

408/265. Messenger vs. Scudamore. 1664.

410/261. James Scudamore, of Craddock, Herefs., vs. Kerry. 1664. 412/344. Worseley, Dame, vs. Scudamore, Kt. 1685.

416/126. Porter vs. Scudamore. 1685. 427/50. Usher vs. Scudamore. No date. 454/71. Scudamore vs. Trubshaw. 1701.

Whittington's Division, C.10.

Only "S" plaintiffs read.

C.10/13/119. Roger Scudamore vs. Benedict Hall and Anne his wife, Ketford Brayne, and John Seaborne. 1650. Money. [Tretire], Herefs.

38/231. John Scudamore vs. Richard Scudamore, Rowland Scudamore, and Richard Symons. 1644. Fownhope and Fawley, Herefs. [Mention Thomas Scudamore, living overseas.] (*4102-5)

130/76. George Scudamore vs. Rebecca Spicer and James Turpin. 1676. Great Burford, Oxford. [Barford St. Michael, Oxon.] (*3579)

190/60. Sir John Scudamore, Bt., of Ballingham, and Robert Scudamore, his son, clerk, vs. Sir Thomas Crymes (sic) and Sir Thomas Bond, Barts., and Eleanor Wallis. Kirby Malhamdale, Yorks. [Grymes is correct?]

239/77. Sir Barnabas Scudamore, Bt., and Mary Morgan, widow, and Thomas Morgan, vs. Philip Howell, Samuel Howell, John Richards, Joshua Powell, Richard Giles, and William Morgan. 1691. Llangattock juxta Caerleon, Monm.

450/8. George Scudamore [of Treworgan, Herefs.] vs. Thomas Smalbone, Charles Smalbone, Henry Smalbone, and Thomas Chadwick. 1708. Chipping Lambourne, Berks.

480/146. Henry Scudamore vs. Barrington Bouchier and Robert Dod. Money. 1675. Overton, Yorks.

513/117. George Scudamore, of Monmouth Forge, vs. Thomas Evans. 1695. Monm. (*3580)

CHANCERY DEPOSITIONS, C.21

(Elizabeth I to Charles 1).

- C.21/B27/23. Thomas Scudmore [sic], of Duffield, Derbys., ironmonger, aged 21. 1624.. (Group 2).
- B65/6. Rowland Scudamore, of Monkleigh, Devon, gent., aged 57. 1601. Group 7).
- C64/16. John Scudamore, of Kentchurch, Esq., aged 33. 1634. (Group 2).
- D27/9. William Scudamore, of Hallatrow, Somerset, husbandman, aged 50. 1617. (Group 7).
- G11/4. William Scudamore, of Gloucester [city], aged 40. 1632. (Group 6).
- H31/3. Richard Skidmore, of Nempneft, Somerset, aged 22. 1635. (Group 7).
- H52/14. Katherine Scudamore, of Lianbeder, Radnor, aged 55. 1609. (Group 8)
- H56/6. Thomas Scudamore, of York, Esq., aged 48. 1596. (Group 1)
- I2/4. Thomas Scudamore, of Clodock, Herefs., Gent., aged 79. 1640. (Group 2). [Probably the man known earlier as Thomas Philip Scudamore.]
- M20/1. Morgan vs. Skidmore. [Not seen.]
- P27/3. Roger Scudamore, of Staunton, Glos., Gent., aged 58, 1640. (Group 6).
- P32/15. George Scudamore, of Wellow, Soms., husbandman, aged 60. No date. (Group 7).
- R8/2. George Scudamore, of Treworgan, Herefs., Esq., aged 60. 1612. (Group 2).
- R19/12. Jenkin Scudamore, of Llangua, Monm., aged 47. 1634. (Group 6). [Son of Thomas, I2/4 above?]
- S8/16. Scudamore vs. Hall. 1652. [Not seen.]
- S27/8. John Scudamore, of Kentchurch, Herefs., Esq., aged 33, and Amy, his wife, aged 34. 1613. (Group 2).
- S33/21. Thomas Scudamore vs. Elizabeth and Roger Bathune. Lewis Scudamore, of Salisbury, Monm., aged 72. 1583. (Group 6). [One of the few depositions in this series which was looked at.]
- S49/2. Edward Scudamore vs. John Cave. [This deposition was looked at; very little was found not in the chancery suit already seen. The abode of Edward, a particular problem, was not found.]
- S53/18. Rowland Scudamore, of Monkleigh, Devon, Gent., aged 50. No date. (Group 7).
- S60/4. Scudamore vs. Smith. [Not seen.]
- VI/10. Vaughan vs. Scudamore. [Not seen.]
- W46/7. Waters vs. Scudamore. [Not seen.]
- W61/9. Walcote vs. Scudamore. [Not seen.]
- W71/7. Roger Scudamore, of Newland, Glos., aged 50. No date. (Group 6). [The same man of P27/3)
- Y2/1. Yerworth vs. Scudamore. [Not seen.]

Chancery Depositions, C. 22

Before 1714. None of these depositions have been seen.

Scudamore as plaintiffs.

C.22/171/31. Scudamore vs. Colt. 1667.

175/9.	vs. Powell. No date.
176/2.	vs. Rowlaft. 1678.
177/20.	vs. Dennis. 1682.
704/26.	vs. Dennis. No date.
704/28.	vs. Bouchell.

706/2.	vs. Weaver.
739/17.	vs. Prichard. 1598.
822/25).	vs. Wentworth. 1650.
822/45 (or 42)	vs. Wentworth. 1660.
825/16.	vs. Bouchier. 1630.
825/32.	vs. Weaver. 1653.
827/5.	vs. Bouchier. 1678.
947/3.	vs. White. (3 sets)
947/6.	vs. Smallwood.

Scudamore as defendants.

Taken from a cross index at the Society of Genealogists.

C.22/85/16.	Herbert vs. Scudamore.
101/51.	James vs.
125/58.	Morgan vs.
273/52.	Mullins vs.
299/4.	Town vs.
463/3.	Tennant vs. (Charles 1)
539/26.	Goode vs. (Charles 11)
554/36.	Scudamore vs.(William 111)
896/35.	Burdefte vs.
908/7.	Smalbone vs.
908/11.	Scudamore vs. 908/18.
	Scudamore vs.(Two coms.) 950/22.
	White vs.

None of these depositions have been looked at.

Scudamore as witnesses.

A start has been made in indexing all of the names mentioned in depositions. From this we have a few names which would otherwise be unknown to us.

C.22/2/46. James Scudamore, of Penrose, Monm., aged 63? 1661. [Probably aged 63, as this James made a deposition elsewhere which would place his birth at about 1599.] 15/43. William Skidmore, of Chichester, Sussex, bricklayer, aged 50. 1658.

18/35. Rowland Scudamore, of Abbey Dore, Herefs., yeoman, aged 81. 1678. [This man is otherwise unknown.]

35/49. John Scudamore, of Kentchurch, Herefs., Esq., aged 40. 1672.

39/55. James Scudamore, of Craddocks, Herefs., Esq., aged 40. 1667.

Chancery Town Depositions, C.24.

From the Bernau Index at the Society of Genealogists. These depositions were taken in London and are arranged term-by-term (four terms to the year) under the initial letter of the plaintiffs surname. Presumably to see a particular deposition one would have to order the whole bundle for the term at the PRO. In the following 44/L is to be expanded to mean bundle 44 filed under the initial letter L.

No Scudamore/Skydmore was found indexed in the period from Henry VIII to Edward VI.
From the reign of Philip and Mary forward we find the following listed (but not seen):

C.24/44/L. Erasmus Skydmoore. 1554-8. 81/H. Thomas Skidmore. 1567.

128/W. William Skydmore. 1577.

130/B. Robert Skydmore. 1577/8.

136/H. John Scudamore. 1579.

136/W. Simon Skidmore. 1579.

138/M. John Skydmore. 1579/80.

162/A. John Scudamore. 1583.

167/E. Margaret Skidmore. 1583/4.

170/L. Philip Scudamore. 1584.

178/D. William Skydmoore. 1585.

187/G. Philip Scudamore. 1586.

193/G. Philip Scudamore. 1587.

195/F. Clement Skidmore. 1587.

201/W. Clement Scudamore. 1588.

214/H. Philip Scudamore. 1590.

221/G. Philip Scudamore. 1591.

224/M. Philip Scudamore. 1591.

271/D. William Scudamore. 1599.

272/B. James Scudamore. 1599.

280/S. Philip Scudamore. 1600.

295/C. Philip Scudamore. 1602.

296/S. Philip Scudamore. 1602.

325/B (or S) Philip Scudamore. 1605.

339/B (or S) Juliana Scudamore. 1607.

350/W. William Scudamore. 1609.

356/S. William Scudamore. 1609.

380/F. Richard Scudamore. 1612.

386/H. Richard Scudamore. 1612.

435/T. Henry Scudamore. 1616.

464/M. Robert Skidmore. 1619.

466/T. Henry Scudamore. 1619.

474J. George Scudamore. 1620.

475N. George Scudamore. 1620.

486W(?) Thomas Scudamore. 1621.

488/L. Henry Scudamore. 1622.

493/P. Thomas Skidmore. 1622.

500/T. John Scudamore. 1623.

504/P. Henry Scudamore. 1623.

543/M. Anne Scudamore. 1627.

620/T. Sarah Scudamore. 1637.

655/H. John Scudamore. 1640.

684/A. George Skidmore. 1644.
 691/C. George Skidmore. 1645.
 754/S. Thomas Scudamore. 1651
 784/R. Dame Barbara Scudamore. 1654.
 804/D. William Scudamore. 1636.
 819/M. Thomas Scudamore. 1637.
 868/R. John Scudamore. 1662.
 869/E. Ambrose Scudamore. 1662.
 901/T. Margaret & Ambrose Scudamore. 1664.
 920/H. Ambrose Scudamore. 1667.
 937/C. John, Viscount Scudamore. 1668.
 938/F. Ambrose Scudamore. 1669. 954/S.
 Samuel Scudamore. 1670. [Sam'. is correct.]
 963/C. Roger Scudamore. 1671. 968/D. Roger
 Scudamore. 1671. 977/W. John Scudamore.
 1672.
 1120/L. John Scudamore. 1688.
 1144/B. John Scudamore. 1691
 1201 K. Elizabeth Scudamore. 1697.
 1210/S. Henry Scudamore. 1698.
 1212/T. John Scudamore. 1699.
 1225/N. Henry Scudamore. 1700.
 1265/R. John Scudamore. 1705
 1374/H. James Scudamore. 1718.
 1487/C. William Scudamore. 1732.
 1487/H. Robert Skidmore. 1732.
 1536/M. Margaret Scudamore. 1738/9.

COURT OF EXCHEQUER.

Depositions taken by Commission (E.134).

There are 834 bundles of these from Elizabeth I to Victoria.

There are calendars of the suits (not the depositions) from Elizabeth I to George 11 to be found as appendices to the *Reports of the Deputy Keeper*, nos. XXXVIII to XLII from which I have extracted the following. There is not, as yet, any index to the cases... only the depositions are indexed.

17 James I (1619). Easter term, no. 3. Taken at York. Thomas Middleton, pi., vs. Anne Bankes, widow, def. Claim to the leases of the rectory impropriate of Giggleswick, and payment of rent for the same rectory to Mr. [Thomas] Scudamore. Touching the plaintiff's suit against Scudamore. [Overton, Yorks.]

39 Elizabeth (1597). Easter Term, no. 7. Taken at Cheping Wicomb, Bucks. John Fox, farmer to Her Majesty of the parsonage of Cheping Wicombe, plaintiff, vs. John Raunce and Robert Raunce, def. Value of goods of Robert Raunce, the father, including the manor of Bassetbury, in the parish of Cheping Wicombe. Richard Scudamore, a deponet. [The

gentleman of London, son of William Scudamore, the ironmonger. He married Elizabeth Raunce.]

12 Charles I (1636). Easter term, no. 35, Taken at Beaconsfield. Anthony Radcliffe, pl. vs. Henry Sames, senior, Henry Sames, junior, & Thomas Russell. Village of Chalfont St. Giles. Custom of rating and collecting the tax, and particularly of tenements there called The Grove, Jordans Farm, and Stonehouse. Ralph Skydmore, a deponet. [Ralph Skydmore, soon after at Chenies, Bucks.]

12 Charles I (1636). Michaelmas term, no. 13. Taken at Hockrey Hill [?Herefs.] Henry, Earl of Abergavenny, pi., vs. Thomas Jones. Manor of Ewyas Lacy and defendant's lands in Clodocke. Customs of manor. Richard Scudamore, a deponet. [I can not identify this Richard with any certainty.]

4/5 Charles I (1629). Hilary term, no. 2. Robert Treswell, pi., vs. Thomas Gilbert, def. Closes, etc., called "Layes" "Maylehoppe" "Hinsomes Hill" alias "Hinsomes Mynd" lying within the Forest of Dean. Thomas Scudamore, a deponet. [I can not identify this Thomas unless he is the man of Hunsham in Goodrich, Herefs.]

26 Charles II (1674). Michaelmas term, no. 7. Taken at Presteigne. Philip Lewes, pi., vs. Francis Muscott. Rectory of Presteign and the villages of Nash and Brampton. Tithes. Thomas Skidmore, a deponet.

24 Charles II (1672). Michaelmas term, no. 41. Taken at Minchinhampton, Glos. Heneage Finch, Knt., Bart., Att. Gen., vs. Godfrey Becke and others, sheriffs. Castle of Gloucester. Roger Scudamore, a deponet. [Doubtless the man of Trescilla, Herefs., and London, died 1698.]

1652. Michaelmas, no. 13. Taken at Newton-upon-Ouze, York. Thomas Drifffield, and others, pl., vs. Sir John Bouchier, and others, def. William Scudamore, a deponet. [William of Overton & Shipton, Yorks.]

1657. Trinity term, no. 4. William Steele, Lord Chancellor of Ireland. pi., vs. William Herbert, Henry, Lord Herbert, Roger Roberts, Walter Proberts Thomas Griffith, and others, def. Rectories of Llantilio Cresseny, Penrose, Lanarth, Dingestow, and Tregaer. James Scudamore [of Penrose], a deponet.

4 James II (1688), Easter term, no. 37. Taken at Monmouth. The Attorney General vs. Herbert Jones. Sheriff, accounts from the year 1668 to 1675 (for Monmouth). Roger Scudamore, a deponet. [Doubtless the Roger of Trescilla, died 1698.]

35 Charles II (1683). Michaelmas term, no. 28. Taken at Leonminster. Elizabeth Powle, widow, and Henry Powle, infant by his mother & next friend, pl., vs. Robert Payne, and John Tomkins.

Mortgage of Henry Powle, late husband of Elizabeth, of lands in and about Leonminster. Richard Scudamore, a deponet. [Not identified.]

3 William & Mary (1691). Easter term, no. 22. John Tyndale, pl. vs. John Steward, def. Portsof Bristol and London and office of searchership in the said ports. Fees, etc. Sir Barnabas Scudamore, a deponet.

4 William & Mary (1692). Trinity term, no. 7. Taken at Wells. William Moore, executor of the last will and testament of William Moore of Meare Somerset, yeoman, pl., vs. Edmund Hole, John Hole, Thomas Morris, def. Property of the deceased taken away,

by defendants. Robert and John Scudamore, deponents. [Not identified.] See C.2/James/F7/40.

8 William III (1696). Easter term, no. 8. Taken at Goodrich. Francis Tyler, clerk, pi., vs. Richard Vaughan, clerk. Rectory, and parish of Wonastow, Monmouthshire. James Scudamore, a deponent. [Reverend James Scudamore of Dixton & Monmouth.]

8 William III (1696). Easter term, no. 25. Edward Philpoff & James Harrie, pi., vs. Philip Hopkin of Dixton, Monm. Lands in Monmouth town. George Scudamore, a deponent. [George of Blackbrook.]

12 William III (1700). Michaelmas term, no. 42. Taken at Frome, Somset. Mary, Dowager Countess of Orrey, pi., vs. Elizabeth, Dowager Countess of Northumberland. Lands belonging to the plaintiff's late husband. James Scudamore, a deponent. [Not identified.]

13/14 William III (1702). Hilary term, no. 29. John Williams, William Williams, pi., vs. Walter Williams, gent. Manors of Treowen and lands in Dingestow, etc. Mortgage. Ann Williams, widow, grandmother of plaintiffs, her son Walter Williams father of plaintiffs, and Francis Williams, father of defendant, are mentioned. Thomas Scudamore, a deponent. [Not certainly identified.]

31 George II (1791) Hilary terms no. 9. Taken at Monmouth. John Davis, clerk, and wife Elizabeth, pl., vs. Thomas Hughes, yeoman. Lands in Grossmont. John Scudamore, [of Kentchurch], a deponent.

34 George II (1794). Trinity term, no. 2. Taken at Wellow, Somerset. John Beane, pl., vs. William White. Last will of William White of Twinho in Wellow, yeoman. Thomas Scudamore, a deponent.

DANSY VS. SKIDMORE, 1330

[Elsewhere I identified the attorneys Bankwell and Stanford in Wiltshire and the justice Richard Willoughby but did not get them footnoted here. The text points up how hard it is to sometimes tell the short letters *i, m, n, u* apart. (WS)]

Hilary Term, 4 Edward III (1330). Court of Common Pleas, Plea No. 5, Folio No. 4a. Marginal heading "Ayel." Law French.

Incipit [first line]: "*William le fitz Rog. Daucy porta brief Daiel vers J. de Skidore, & demanda vi d. de rent.*"¹ John "de Stouford" was attorney for the defendant Skidmore, and Roger "de Baukwell" for the plaintiff. Richard de Willoughby (Wilby) was the justice who presided.

Summary: In a writ of aiel², plaintiff [William "le fitz Roger Dancy"] demanded six pence of the rent of the seisin of his grandfather, alleging that his grandfather had enfeoffed

¹ William Daucy is correctly *Dancy*, and Roger (presumably the father of John de Skidore) is correctly called elsewhere "de Skidmore."

² A writ of *ayle* was brought against a defendant who had dispossessed a plaintiff of land which his grandfather had died seized. It was similar to the *writ of mort d'ancestor* which served a plaintiff more closely related.

Nicholas de B[_____] ³ before the statute to hold of him and his heirs. Defendant [John de Skidmore] alleged that the tenements were outside of plaintiffs fee, and that plaintiffs grandfather had enfeoffed [Nicholas of Malmesbury] to hold of the chief lord, so that he had nothing in the tenements after the feoffment. Issue was joined on whether the tenements were within plaintiffs fee.

Writ: In a writ of aiel, plaintiff demanded six pence of rent. Defendant alleged that the tenements were outside of plaintiffs fee, judgment if without specialty he should be received. Plaintiff replied that he had demanded of the seisin of his grandfather, and thus his writ comprised a title of succession, where he should not by law make another title, and if the court awarded, he would say enough. [Richard de] Willoughby JCP said, say then. Plaintiff asserted that his grandfather William had been seised of the tenements of which etc., and had enfeoffed Nicholas de B[_____] of the tenements before the statute, to him and his heirs forever, to hold of him and his heirs, by fealty and by the services of six pence per year, of which rent plaintiffs writ was now brought, and plaintiffs grandfather had died seised of this estate, and so the tenements were within plaintiffs fee. Defendant said that plaintiffs answer amounted to nothing more than that the tenements were within plaintiffs fee, out of plaintiffs fee, ready etc.

Willoughby JCP⁴ asked how out of plaintiffs fee, and said that it was necessary for defendant to answer to his deed that he alleged, for this was not a plea of replevin. Defendant alleged that plaintiffs grandfather W[illiam] had enfeoffed N[icholas de] M[almesbury]. of these tenements, to him and his heirs forever, to hold of the chief lord of the fee, which N[icholas] continued this estate until he enfeoffed R[oger de] Skidmore of these tenements forever, to have as above; R[oger] had enfeoffed defendant [John de Skidmore] to him and his heirs; and defendant said that he had never had anything in the tenements after the feoffment made to N[icholas], judgment if plaintiff would be received to say that the tenements were within his fee. Plaintiff said, within plaintiffs fee in the manner that he had said, ready. Defendant said that the tenements had been outside of plaintiffs fee by a deed to which plaintiffs grandfather, of whose seisin etc. was party, to which it was necessary that plaintiff answer. Willoughby JCP said that plaintiff had claimed that his grandfather had enfeoffed N[icholas] to hold as above, and defendant did not show any other deed except what he said, by reason of which it was not necessary that plaintiff answer to what defendant said, but to aver that the tenements were within his fee etc., and thus they were at traverse, and what they said would be entered of the one part and the other in the manner that they had said, and on this to the country etc.

³ Nicholas “de B.” is never fully identified in the Yearbook. He would be, of course, if the original suit is called up at the National Archives at Kew. Other details, doubtless place, would also appear.

⁴ *Justice, Common Pleas.*