

SCUDAMORE FAMILIES OF SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE AND POSSIBLE DESCENDANTS AT WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE

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DATES

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

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

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

PROBATE

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

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PRIVACY

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

One family called Scudamore is found in Walsall, Staffordshire in the nineteenth century. The ancestry of its founder John Scudamore, born about 1783, is uncertain. His occupation is not mentioned in documents known to the author. The following Richard Scudamore of Shifnal, Shropshire, is *perhaps* the grandfather of John Scudamore of Walsall. Male descendants might consider a Y-chromosome DNA test, which might help to link this family to others. Details of the Skidmore/ Scudamore DNA study can be found at www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com.

?SFL [1].¹ RICHARD SCUDAMORE (SKIDMORE) married Mary _____. His occupation is presently unknown. The following children were baptised at Shifnal, Shropshire,²

- i. Ann, born 27 October 1734, daughter of Richard and Mary *Skidmore*. Ann *Skidmore* married Richard Cox at Shifnal on 21 May 1758. They appear to have had ten children as follows: baptised at Alveley, Shropshire - John bap. 31 Aug 1760, Ann bap. 03 Oct 1762 bur.7 Nov 1762, William bap. 19 Feb 1764 - and baptised at Madeley, Shropshire - Zachariah bap.24 Oct 1766, Ann bap.24 Apr 1772, Richard bap. 17 Apr 1774, John bap. 27 Oct 1776, Isabella bap. 27 Aug 1769, Joseph bap. 06 Jun 1779.
- ii. Elizabeth, born 1 March (baptised 25 April) 1736, daughter of Richard and Mary *Scudimore*.
- iii. Richard, born 18 November (baptised 26 November) 1738, son of Richard and Mary *Scudimore*.
- iv. Mary, born 28 January 1740/1, daughter of Richard and Mary *Skidmore*.
- v. [perhaps] Catherine. Catherine Scudamore married William Slaytor on 28 October 1768 at Shifnal.
2. vi. [perhaps] **JOHN**. John Scudamore, paper maker of Brimstree Hill³, married Susanna Bayley or Bagley in Shifnal, Shropshire on 26 February 1777.

Children of John and Susannah (Bayley/ Bagley) Scudamore, baptised at Shifnal,

- i. Ann, born 19 July (baptised 25 July) 1779, daughter of John and Susanna Skudemore.
- ii. Richard, baptised 27 December 1781.
- ?3. iii. John, baptised 26 September 1783.
- iv. **PERHAPS ANCESTOR TO THE FAMILY AT WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.** Thomas, baptised 4 June 1786, buried 12 July that year, son of *Richard* and Susannah Scudamore.

SFL [3]. JOHN SCUDAMORE, born around 1783-84, married Maria Stanton (born about 1787 in Staffordshire, perhaps in Walsall) on 5 June 1820 at St Martin's, Birmingham, Warwickshire. John Stanton and Ann Stanton were witnesses. John Scudamore lived in Park Street, Walsall, Staffordshire where he was a publican. He is listed in Kelly's Directory of 1828-29 and in Pigot's Trades Directory of 1835 when he was a maltster at the Three Cups public house. He died on 14 January 1836 aged 52 and was buried four days later at the Bath Street burial ground in the family grave. Maria Scudamore continued to run the Three Cups in Park Street - she appears in Robson's Directory of 1839 - and is found in her retirement at the time of the 1851 census, living with her son James in Sandy Lane, Edgbaston, Birmingham. She died in Walsall in 1854Q1 said to be aged 67.

The children of John and Maria (Stanton) Scudamore, baptised at St Matthew's, Walsall,

- i. Richard, baptised 23 September 1821. He died at Walsall on 24 November 1836 aged 16.
4. ii. **JOHN**, baptised 3 October 1824. John, a saddler, appears to have had at least one child by Sarah Smith (born about 1818 in Darlaston) and lived in 1861 at Rushall, Lower Butts, Walsall. Sarah Scudamore died in Walsall in 1864Q3 and by the time of the 1871 census John Scudamore, saddler and said to be aged 38, was living with his daughter Elizabeth and her son Sydney (born

¹ Male heads of household can be found with the code SFL in databases of the Skidmore/ Scudamore One-Name Study. Hence Richard Scudamore of Shifnal is given the code SFL [1].

² The parish register for Shifnal has been digitised and is available at findmypast.co.uk.

³ *Paper-making in Shropshire, 1656-1912: Some records of a bygone industry.* by L. C. Lloyd, occupies pages 121-187 of the Transactions of the Shropshire Archaeological Society, Vol. XLIX, Part 2 (1938) and needs to be checked.

about 1865 in Walsall) at 18, Court 2, Great Colmore Street, Birmingham. He died in Birmingham in 1876Q3 aged 52 and is buried in Warstone Lane Cemetery.

The children of John and Sarah Scudamore, born in Walsall,

- i. [apparently] Ellen Elizabeth *Smith*, born 1848Q3. She and her mother Sarah Smith, a washerwoman born in Darlaston who gave her age in 1851 as 26, were living at that time at 30 Wood End, Walsall. Eleanor Elizabeth Smith married widower William Benjamin Leeson, a riding saddle maker (born about 1846 in Birmingham, first wife Hannah Challiner) in 1876Q3 and they were living by 1881 at 48 Teddersley Street, Rushall with her son Sydney, sons William E. and Thomas E. from Mr Leeson's first marriage, and their own young children Emma E. and Arthur. They moved back to Birmingham, where Mrs Leeson was described in the census of 1891 as suffering from 'paralysis'; she died later that year aged 45. Mr Leeson died aged 65 in 1910.
- ii. Arthur, one of the two boys called Arthur *Smith*, born in Walsall in 1854Q3 or 1855Q2. He became a currier in Walsall and married Mary Brown (born about 1859 in Walsall) in 1878Q4. Their sons were saddle and harness makers.
- iii. Henry, born about 1825. An ironmonger's apprentice, he died unmarried on 15 November 1843 aged 18.
5. iv. **JAMES**, baptised 13 September 1826. He was a hackney saddle maker and married firstly Amelia Shorter on 25 June 1850 at St Leonard's, Bilston. She was born in Cheslyn Hay, baptised at Cannock, Staffordshire, on 28 December 1832, daughter of draper William Shorter and his wife Mary (Lindop). At the time of the 1851 census, James and Amelia lived in Birmingham Street, Walsall, though later that year when his daughter Fanny was baptised, he gave his address as Walhouse Street. By 1854 they were in Lichfield Street.
At the time of the 1861 census John and Amelia were living at 6 Rolfe Street, West Derby (Liverpool) with their children Edward and Elizabeth.
Amelia Scudamore died in Walsall in 1866Q3 and by the time of the census of 1871 James was living with his wife Sarah _____ (marriage not found) at 2 Victoria Buildings, Bath Row, Birmingham. His daughter Fanny and son Edward lived with them, together with James aged 5 whose birth registration has not been found.
In 1881 Mr Scudamore's wife was Eliza Westwood (born about 1840 in Birmingham, widow of Henry Leek, an iron plate worker who died in 1874). They were living at census time in 1881 at 55 Lower Trinity Street in Aston, with Eliza's four sons from her first marriage, also James Scudamore from James' first marriage and their own young children Charles Henry and Clara Scudamore. By 1891 they were living at 166 Newport Dwellings in the St Anne's district (Strand) of London, with their children Charles and William. James Scudamore died in Aston 1892Q1, said to be aged 61.
Eliza Scudamore married widower John Rabbit, a whip maker and was living in Charles Henry Street, Birmingham in 1901, and a widow with the family of her son William in 1911.

The children of James and Amelia (Shorter) Scudamore, born in Walsall and baptised at St Matthew's,

- i. Fanny Shorter, baptised 7 September 1851. She appears to have married John Hopkins, a pearl worker, in Birmingham in 1876Q1. She was widowed by 1891.
6. ii. **EDWARD HENRY**, baptised 9 August 1854. He was a screw turner and married Ada Pratt (born about 1854 in Kings Norton) in Birmingham in 1880Q4. They were boarding the following year at 58 Green Street in Aston, with Mrs Clara Short. He was a metal polisher living at 8 Homfrey Street, Hackney, London in 1891. Edward died aged 46 in Romford, Essex in 1900Q4 and Mrs Scudamore was living in 1901 at 27 Beachy Road, Bow with her daughter Elsie. She died in 1926 aged 72.

The child of Edward Henry and Ada (Pratt) Scudamore,

- i. Elsie May, born 17 May 1889 at 53 Cumberland Market, Bethnal Green and baptised 21 July at Stanhope Street Methodist Church. She married James Cross in 1913.
- iii. Mary Maria, born 1856Q2 and baptised 13 January 1859 at St Chad's in Lichfield, Staffordshire. She died early in 1859.
- iv. Elizabeth Florence Annie, born 1860Q2 in Lancashire, died 1863Q1 in Birmingham, aged 3.

- v. Sarah Ann Shorter, registered in Birmingham in 1863Q1. She was a general servant in 1881 to the family of Joseph M. Goldsmid, jewellery manufacturer of 21 Vittoria Street in Birmingham. Not found later.
- vi. James, born about 1866, around the time that his mother died. A nail caster by 1881. Nothing further known.

The children of James and Eliza (Westwood) Scudamore, born in Birmingham,

- vii. [perhaps] Florence Mary, born 1874Q3, died in Aston in 1875Q2.
- 7. viii. **CHARLES HENRY**, born 1878Q3. At the time of the 1901 census he was a seaman aboard the gunnery ship *Cambridge* in Devonport. He married Florence Eva Allen in 1905Q4 in the Kings Norton registration district. A fireman, he and his family were resident at the Fire Brigade's lodging house in Bordesley Green, Birmingham in 1911. He died in 1933 aged 55.

Children of Charles Henry and Florence Eva (Allen) Scudamore, born in Birmingham,

- i. Violet Clarissa, born 1908Q4. She married in 1935.
- ii. Lilian Beatrice, born 1910Q2.
- iii. Charley E., born 1911Q4.
- iv. Harold E., born 1913Q4.
- ix. Clara, born 1880Q2. She appears to have died in 1889Q4 in the Westminster district of London aged 10.
- 8. x. **PHILIP WILLIAM**, born 1884Q2. He married Eliza Rose (born about 1883 in Leeds, Yorkshire) in Aston in 1905Q2. He was a window cleaner, living in 1911 with his wife and sons at 3, 10 Court, Hurst Street, Birmingham. He died in Birmingham in 1925 aged 41.

Children of Philip William and Eliza (Rose) Scudamore, born in Aston,

- i. Charles Henry, born 1905Q4.
- ii. William James, born 1907Q3.
- iii. Henry Arthur, born 1909Q2.
- iv. Clara E., born 1911Q3.
- v. Frederick, born 1913Q4.
- vi. Elizabeth M., born 1919Q2.

NOTES

The Skidmore family at Ellesmere and Oswestry in the 19th century descend from a hatter called John Skidmore (c.1785-) who married Ann Hand. This family can be found as part of *The Skidmore and Scudamore Families of Frampton Cotterell, Gloucestershire 1650-1900* by Linda Moffatt, at www.skidmorefamilyhistory.com.

JAMES SCUDAMORE married Mary _____ and had one known child, baptised at Oswestry.

- i. Charles, baptised 25 September 1691.

WILLIAM SCUDAMORE married Elizabeth and had one known child, baptised at Cound.

- i. Elizabeth, baptised 1 May 1711.

ABIGAIL SCUDAMORE married Edward Lloyd at Highley on 7 August 1712.

ALICE SCUDAMORE married John Lewis at Burford on 3 November 1723.

FRANCIS SKIDMORE married Ann Badger on 3 March 1741/2 at Quatford.

ELIZABETH SCUDAMORE married Joseph Scarlett at Ludlow on 5 June 1786.