

2008 England Skidmore Family History Adventure

Day	Date	Lodging	Itinerary (Note: The significance to Skidmore family history is not provided here.)
1.	Wednesday, Sept. 10	Pilgrim Hotel, Much Birch, Herefordshire	<p>London: United States contingent (17 people) arrived, met Paul Reeve (coach driver)</p> <p>Stonehenge, Wiltshire: met Linda Moffatt, toured World Heritage Site</p> <p>Upton Scudamore, Wiltshire: toured church of St. Mary the Virgin and Scudamore knight effigies; met Jeff and Carole Skidmore, Charles and Christine Allberry, Suzi Bell, and a few members of the church</p> <p>Chewton Mendip, Somerset: dinner at Waldegrave Arms; toured church of St. Mary Magdalene</p>
2.	Thursday, Sept. 11		<p>Grosmont, Monmouthshire, Wales: Grosmont Castle</p> <p>Kentchurch, Pontrilas, Herefordshire: toured Church of St. Mary, met Jean Maurachat; tour and lunch Kentchurch Court, met Jan Lucas-Scudamore</p> <p>Abbey Dore, Herefordshire: The Parish Church of St. Mary; Abbey Dore Court Garden adjacent to the Dore River</p> <p>Kilpeck, Herefordshire: The Parish Church of St. Mary and St. David</p> <p>Ewyas Harold Castle, Herefordshire: ascended mound, met Peter Woodward</p> <p>Much Birch, Herefordshire: dinner at Axe and Cleaver</p>
3.	Friday, Sept. 12	Pear Tree Farm, Matlock, Derbyshire	<p>Holme Lacy, Herefordshire: Holme Lacy House tour by Eric Darnell, met Sarah Wells and Margaret Edwards; Church of St. Cuthbert</p> <p>Much Marcle, Herefordshire: tour of The Church St. Bartholomew by Janet and John Chapman</p> <p>Ledbury, Herefordshire: shopped, then dined at Black Pepper Grill House</p>
4.	Saturday, Sept. 13		<p>Matlock Bath, Derbyshire: met Terry Moffatt, Daisy Stevens, Hazel and Colin Baldwin, Martin and Gillian Smith, David Skidmore; lecture on lead mining by Lynn Willies; self-guided tour of Peak District Mining Museum and guided tour of Temple Mine; lunch at Fishpond; presentation by Linda Moffatt on “Principal Skidmore Branches”; shopping; dinner at The Jug and Glass</p>

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5.	Sunday, Sept. 14	Pear Tree Farm, Matlock, Derbyshire	<p>Abbeydale, Sheffield, Yorshire: lecture on edge-tool making by Robin Fielder and guided tour of Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet along the River Sheaf; presentation on “Skidmore Families of Derbyshire” by Linda Moffatt; met Frances Allen; lunch and birthday celebration for Velma at Beauchief</p> <p>Sheffield, Yorkshire: shopped for edge tools (scissors and knives); toured Sheffield Museum and Sheffield Cathedral (formerly the parish Church of St. Peter and Paul)</p> <p>Chatsworth, Bakewell, Derbyshire: Chatsworth House and Gardens</p>
6.	Monday, Sept. 15	Radisson Hotel, Manchester airport, departures next morning	<p>Bakewell, Derbyshire: drove past boarded-up Skidmore store</p> <p>Eyam, Derbyshire: toured various village sites from Plague era, especially the Eyam Parish Church of St. Lawrence</p> <p>Ashford-In-The-Water, Derbyshire: self-toured the village (church, Sheep Wash Bridge, etc.) then ate lunch at The Ashford Arms</p> <p>Taddington, Derbyshire: Visited Taddington Parish Church and applied shaving cream to headstone lettering to make text more legible</p>