SLATTER, John Clarke (*c*.1818, Worcester, England – 22 Dec. 1888, Dbn)

Saddle and harness maker.

1818*c*. Born at Worcester, son of William Slatter. (MSCE 7/72)

1852.01.01 Came with wife Hannah and three children. (*DO* 02.01.52 & 09.01.52). Came on the *Iris* with wife and three children. They were intermediate passengers. (Hatt. lists). Came on the *Iris* with Hannah, Esther, Sarah and Ann. (*NT* 02.01.52) (*DMAG* 02.01.52). Also on the *Iris* were his younger brother Alfred and his brother-in-law William Pullock, a widower, with five children. (Hatt. lists)(J.S. Heard papers in LHM)

1852.01.00 Hannah signed the letter to Capt Robert Dobson of the barque *Iris* thanking him for the kindness and care, and the satisfaction with the food and civility of the officers. (*NT* 16. 01.52)

1852.01.00 Saddle and harness maker, also sells saddle bags, curry combs etc. (*NM* 00.01.52)

1854.08.15 Farmer, *Chatsworth*, owner. (*NGG* 15.08.54)

1855.02.16 Advertised he was taking over [James] Pulleyn’s premises and would do business as a saddler and harness maker and had had 20 years’ experience in this business in England. (*NCA* 16.02.55)

1855.03.07 Saddler and harness maker. (*NM* 07.03.55)

1856 Owned and occupied 320 acres in Dbn Co. (*NM* 04.01.56)

1858.04.15 Saddle and harness maker, West St, Dbn. (*NM* 15.04.58)

1862 end - 1863, 1864, 1865 – saddler, coach trimmer and harness maker, West St, Dbn. Mill

1864 end bands for all kinds of machinery available. (*DNA*. Advertisement. 1863, 64, 65)

1865.01.01 Leased land in Smith St, Dbn, from estate of Donald McDonald for seven years from 01.01.65. Document contains a plan of the land and buildings. (RSC I/ 8/24 no. 2116)

1867.08.06 Saddler, Dbn, owner of land in Dbn Co. (*NGG* 06.08.67)

1871 end Saddler, Central Smith St, Dbn. (*DNA* 1872)

1873 Owned Erf 3a in Block E, Dbn and occupied part of Erf 2, Block H, Dbn, owned by Edward Snell. (*NM* 11.02.73)

1873.08.04 Saddler, wife Hannah d. in Dbn aged 57. (DGR deaths)

1874.08.00 A widower, b. in England, he took out a licence to marry Elizabeth Hillary, a widow, b. in Norfolk. His children were Esther Holden, Sarah Williams and William, John and Thomas Slatter. Her children were Frederick William, Thomas, Frank Clement, Frances Mary and Arthur Charles Skinner. (CSO 2286). [She was the dau. of Mrs Mary Brown and at the time of her marriage to Hillary the widow of William Skinner. (SO’BS)]. She was b. in Devonshire [*sic*], dau of Thomas and Elizabeth [*sic*] Brown. ((MSCE 8/307)

1874.09.02 ANC between John Clarke Slatter, saddler, Dbn, and Elizabeth Hillary, widow [of William Hillary. (SO’BS)], Bellair. Winessed by Edward Pithey and William Slatter. (RSC IV/19/36 no. 143)

1874.09.03 Saddler of Dbn, widower, m. Elizabeth Hillary, widow, Bellair. (R. Cong. Dbn)(*NM* 17.09.74)

1874.10.06 Saddler, Smith St, renter. (*NGG* 06.10.74)

1876.07.05 Of Umhlatuzan when eldest son William married. (*NM* 08.07.76)(*NW* 11.07.76)

1877 According to the Valuation Roll for the Colony, owned Erf 3a Block E (24.216 perches) in Dbn (land worth £180 and bldgs £180), also Sub. B (319 acres 1 rood 19 perches) of *Chatsworth*, Dbn Co. (land worth £319.7.6 and bldgs £60). (NGG 08.03.81). [*Chatsworth* was in the Umhlatuzan area. SO’BS)]

1878 end Farmer Umhlatuzan, Dbn, and a saddler in Smith St (*DNA* 1879)

1881 Saddler of Dbn, gave P/A to Thomas Morgan Harvey, merchant of London, to recover his legacy under will of John Slatter, formerly of Sundridge near Sevenoaks, Kent. (RSC IV/23/3 no. 58)

1887 end Saddler, Queen St, Dbn. (*DNA* 1888)

1888.12.22 A gentleman, d. aged 71. (DGR deaths). Of Dbn, saddler, b.Worcester, son of William Slatter, d. in Dbn aged 72. Children were Esther, William, John, Sarah Williams and Thomas. Widow Elizabeth filled in the Death Notice. (MSCE 7/12)

1895.11.00 Wife Elizabeth d. aged 65. (Tomb WSC). Aged 35 [*sic*]. (DGR deaths). Widow Elizabeth (nee Brown), b. Devonshire, dau. of Thomas and Elizabeth [*sic*] Brown. (MSCE 8/307).

CHILDREN

**Esther** (29.12.1848, Wokingham, Berkshire – 26.07.1918, Dbn)

1848.12.29 Esther b., Wokingham, Berks. (Newspaper obit. In Mrs M. Jackson’s scrapbook)

1871.03.06 Aged 22, b. Wokingham, Berks m. Jabez Newell Holden, 28, b. Colesburg. Married in Dbn at her father’s residence. (CSO 2285)(*NM* 14.03.71). [Jabez was son of Revd W.C. Holden. (SO’BS)]

1918.07.26 Died Dbn aged 69. (Dove’s Dbn list). Esther Holden, wife of Jabez Newell Holden of *Cecil House*, 149 Vause Rd, Dbn, died. Two sons and two daughters. (Fuller Scrapbook No.1, p. 77)

**Sarah** (1850*c*. – )

1850*c*. Born. Twin of Ann. (Mrs J.S. Heard’s writings via D.L.T. Oakes)

1873.02.00 Aged 22, b. Berkshire m. Michael Lavin Williams, 21, b. Umhlatuzan. Married in Dbn. (CSO 2286). He was a son of Charles Williams. (S O’BS)

**Ann** (1850*c. –* )

1850*c*. Born. Twin of Sarah. (Mrs J.S. Heard’s writings via D.L.T. Oakes)

? Died. (Mrs Heard’s writings)

**William** (00.06.1853, Bellair, Dbn – 22.01.93, Dbn))

1853.06.00 William b., parents of Bellair. (R. Wes. Dbn)

1876.06.00 Born *Chatsworth Farm*, Dbn Co., m. Mary Jane Dyer, b. London. Married in Dbn. (CSO 2286). She came on the *Priscilla* 00.09.1860, aged 6. (Akitt lists). Of Umhlatuzan m. at Dbn Mary Jane eldest daughter of John Dyer of Dbn. (*NM* 08.07.76)(*NW*11.07.76)

1876 A saddler. (DGR births)

1879 end- 1880, 82, 84, 86 saddler, central West St. (*DNA* 1880, 82, 84, 86)

1887 end- Trolley proprietor, Queen St, Dbn. (DNA 1888)

1893.01.22 Foreman d. aged 39. (DGR deaths)

1897.08.00 Mary Jane d. at the Berea aged 43. (DGR deaths)

**John** (00.05.1855 Dbn – ? 07.09.1938)

1855.05.00 John b. (R.Wes. Dbn)

1880.06.00 Married Lucy Louisa Plant. He was a wheelwright. (R. Wes. Dbn). She was a dau. of Robert Plant, botanist, and was b. 20.10.53. (Ms Joan Reed)

1885.03.05 Lucy Louisa d. (Ms Joan Reed). Died at Bellair. (DGR deaths)

1887.10.25 Aged 32 b. Dbn, widower, wagonmaker, Ladysmith, at Estcourt m. Mary Jane Bartholomew, 22, b. Pmb Co., of Estcourt. (CSO 2288)(R. St M. Est)

(*NW* 05.11.87). She was a dau. of Samuel and Emily Bartholomew of *Fox Hill* b.11.09.65. (R. Wes. Pmb.)(Mrs Cynthia Paul)

1938.09.07 Is he the John Slatter who d. aged 81? (Tomb Scottburgh)

1942.10.00 Mary Jane d. aged 77. (R.Wes. Pmb)

**Thomas** (00.11.1857 – 27.12.1921, Dbn)

1857.11.00 Thomas b. (R. Wes. Dbn)

1875 Living in Pine Terrace with Mrs Shaw. Was a boy at the time. (AGO Dep. 1/4/16 pp. 43, 45)

1882.10.00 Aged 24, saddler, m. Elizabeth Hannah Holmes. (R. Wes. Dbn)

1886 Saddler, Greytown. (GGR. Births)

1889 Saddler, Greytown. (GGR. Births)

1919.07.05 Elizabeth Hannah, 59, d. (Dove’s Dbn list)

1921.12.27 Died aged 63 at *Derby Hill Farm*. (Dove’s Dbn list)

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GGR – Greytown Govt Register

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NGG – Natal Govt Gazette

RSC – Registar of the Supreme Court

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