

seems to have served the cathedral authorities at different times as an ordinary journeyman carpenter at two shillings per day, as foreman of the force of carpenters, and as a contractor or master builder.\* Rev. John Scripps states that he died somewhere between 1770 and 1780, at his son's residence, presumably in London. On February 24, 1747, he married Susannah Chapman, who was buried June 25, 1758, and by whom he had issue as follows :

	Baptized.	Buried.
(46) Sarah .....	February 12, 1747.(?).....	.....
(47) William <sup>+</sup> .....	April 6, 1749.....	.....
(48) Mary .....	February 16, 1751.....	.....
(49) Mary .....	May 13, 1753.....	.....
(50) Ann <sup>+</sup> .....	May 15, 1757.....	.....

All but William and Ann probably died in infancy.

47. William Scripps, born at Ely, March 20, 1749, O. S., baptized April 6, 1749. On May 1, 1759, being, according to records, nine years old, he had from his great-uncle, John Plowright, under his will, a copyhold tenement, formerly Armiger's. On March 6, 1773, he sold to William Armiger property on Broad Lane. According to the Rev. John Scripps memorial referred to above, he learned his father's trade, but standing between William Armiger and some property, as expectant heir, he was knocked down in the street and left for dead, it was supposed by Armiger, and his whole youth was spent upon crutches. In consequence of this, he was bound to the tailor's trade, which he learned but never followed. His injuries

\* "He was, I presume, an excellent mechanic and a good geometrician, as he reared a scaffold for the repairs of the dome of Ely Cathedral which could not be taken down again until the authorities accepted the terms of his bill (which they had refused) and employed him to take it down. It was reared on such geometrical principles that nobody else could, without great waste of timber (by cutting it down) and endangering life."—*Rev. John Scripps, 1856.*