

took him to London, where he put himself under Sir Astley Cooper's care. By means of important surgical operations he was ultimately entirely cured, when he resumed the trade of carpenter. On September 10, 1771, he married Grace Locke, of St. Luke's parish, London, who was born May 29, 1752.

Grace Locke's father was one Joseph Locke, a collateral descendant of the family of John Locke, the philosophical writer. Up to the time of his marriage he had led a sea-faring life. He died between 1772 and 1775. Her mother was Mary Topcliffe, a granddaughter of Sir Anthony Pierson of the county of Westmoreland, a convert to Quakerism in the days of George Fox, and the first of that sect who preached in London. She was also a niece of Sir John Major, and cousin to the Duchess of Chandos and Lady Henniker.

William and Grace Scripps were the parents of nineteen or twenty children, most of whom died in infancy. The following, all born in London, lived to mature years: (51) William Armiger, born July 21, 1772+; (52) Benjamin, born May 26, 1779+; (53) John, born August 26, 1785+; (54) Anne, born January 15, 1787, died July 22, 1811; (55) George Henry, born May 16, 1790+. After his marriage William Scripps seems to have engaged in the boot and shoe business in London, to have been unfortunate, and to have emigrated to America with his family, except William, in May, 1791. He landed in Baltimore in July of that year. In September he removed to Alexandria, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits, but, anxious to get to farming, bought land near Morgantown, West Virginia, and removed thither in December, 1792. There he found himself the dupe of land speculators,