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I am an English professional genealogist, and one of my clients has ancestors in England with surname SKELVIN or SKELVEN. After a lot of searching, I discovered that the original version of this surname was VAN SCHELVEN. The ancestry that I have found at the moment is

Lilian Gladys SKELVIN born 1910 Shadwell, London  
her father was

Benjamin SKELVIN (also found as Benjamin Boudewijn VAN SKELVIN and Benjamin VAN SCHELVEN) born in London 1869-1877, but birth record not found

his father was Benjamin VAN SCHELVEN born 1824-1833 Holland (surname found in many different variations)

I now believe that this last Benjamin VAN SCHELVEN is the same man as Boudewijn VAN SCHELVEN found in your name index as:

Boudewijn 16-09-1830 Zierikzee C-IXa Theunis C-VIIIc Cornelia Sas (Sies)

If this is the correct man, then he married in 1862 in London, Catherine O'CONNOR (born in Limerick, Ireland) and they had 11 children, all born in London. He was a dock labourer, furnace stoker, and engineer. His name in the marriage index is Boudewyn Francis Van Scheleven

He does not appear in the 1841, 1851, or 1861 censuses of England, so I assume he came to England 1861-1862.

Have you any more information about your Boudewijn VAN SCHELVEN born 1830 that could confirm the link with this English family?

My client would be happy to share any information about this English branch of the Van Schelven family if it would help your database.

With best wishes, Dr John Dawson