

Document 20: A Lease dated 25 July 1780 has the first mention of Thomas Geden, sometimes spelt Godon, who was a weaver. The property was 'in the several tenure of Thomas Geden, Robert French and William Dale'.

Document 21: A Release dated 26 July 1780. The sale by Joseph Keen and Thomas Manning to Thomas Gedon, weaver, of the Messuage or Tenement in South Newington with all belonging.

Document 22: A Security for a Loan of £30 dated 27 July 1780 from Mr Thomas Gedon of South Newington, weaver, to Mr George Green of Banbury, shag manufacturer. There is a penalty of £30 on the loan should Gedon default. The property was to be held for a 500-year-term with an annual rent of one peppercorn. George Green was the first 'manufacturer' named and this possibly indicates that weaving in the village was now on a more 'industrial' scale, possibly on an outworker basis to the bigger business of George Green in Banbury. George Green came from a family of shag manufacturers. At his burial in 1794 he was described as 'gent. and Alderman'.⁵

Document 23: This Feoffment, dated 5 April 1787, was from Mr Thomas Geden of South Newington, shag weaver, to Mr Green of Banbury, shag manufacturer. George Green paid £47 to Thomas Geden for the messuage in South Newington tenanted by William Dale, Mr French and Thomas Geden. The sale also included a weaver's shop in South Newington adjoining and belonging to the messuage. This is the first occurrence that I have found in these documents of an actual weaver's shop and gives some indication of a slightly larger scale in the operation.

Document 24: A Rent Agreement, dated 22 August 1787 and written on a scrap of paper, was between French, Dale and Mr Geden agreeing to take Mr Green's house for an annual rent of £1.14s. payable half yearly. This seems to indicate that Geden was now in a weaker financial position.

Document 25: A Copy of a Feoffment dated 21 April 1803: the devisees of George Green deceased, Amelia Green late of Banbury now of Sydenham, Kent, widow, and Joshua Green of Banbury, shag manufacturer and eldest son of George Green, deceased, to John Cook of South Newington, butcher. The property now ceased to be owned by weavers.

Document 26: A Conveyance and Assignment dated 31 January 1805 from John Cook of South Newington, butcher, and George Brown of Shutford, weaver, to Mr George Barrett of South Newington, yeoman, and

⁵ *Banbury and Shutford Plush*, V. Hodgkins and C Bloxham, B.H.S., 1980, 2004, 'Shag and Plush Weaving in 18th Century Banbury', J.S.W. Gibson, p.5; *Banbury Burial Register, 1723-1812*, ed. J.S.W. Gibson, B.H.S. 18, 1984, 11 Aug 1794.