

GEORGE HAITÉ  
(1825-1871)

Another designer at Swaisland's was George Haité, born in the printing area of Mitcham, in Surrey. His father Henry was a highly skilled block printer and his uncle, John Haité, was a textile designer. They were descended from a French Huguenot family. George followed in the footsteps of his grandfather, William, and became a designer. William and Henry worked for William Tagg in Crayford. It is thanks to George's son George Charles Haité, also a prolific pattern designer, that George is known. GC preserved many of his father's designs and gave sixty of them to the Victoria & Albert Museum. GC also wrote two lengthy articles on designers and design for the *Architectural Review*. GC later achieved fame as the illustrator of the Strand Magazine that launched Sherlock Holmes.