Chapter 14

Memorial Inscriptions

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Introduction to Monumental Inscriptions

Acid Rain - The unwanted feature of our modern world that is responsible for so much damage to our ancient monuments.

Limestone, and most other types of stone, dissolve when exposed to an acidic atmosphere. We have seen hundreds of gravestones that are so eroded that reading them is, at best, very difficult but usually impossible. Quite often, when a stone gets into a poor condition, the incumbent has them removed from the graveyard. So, even if some details can be made out, we lose the opportunity to transcribe them.

Two examples of Jephcott stones that we have discovered, which are illegible but still standing (in 1988) are at Foleshill and Stockingford. It is so important to record without delay the information contained on gravestones, whether in writing or on film. They can give the family historian much assistance in his or her researches.

If you ever see a J gravestone, please make an effort to record it as best you can. Failing that, please let us know where it is, as precisely as possible.

Most family history societies have project teams that spend a great deal of time in transcribing monumental inscriptions. We have spent many Saturdays, doing our bit for the Essex Society for Family History. It can be good fun and some strange inscriptions, rare wildlife and new friends can be found. Indexes are prepared from these projects so that the information is there for us and future generations to discover.

This section includes a random selection of monumental inscriptions, recorded by various people and from various other sources. There are also other references in other sections of the book, where they have been shown to belong to a particular family. We hope to add more to this chapter, as we have other records that have been sent to us.
Transcriptions

London Road Cemetery, Coventry

Gravestones observed during a visit in 1987

Sydney Jephcott  d.13.01.1981  Aged 55
Sydney Leonard Jephcott  d.23.05.1981  Aged 58
Leonard S Jephcott  d.23.02.1943  Aged 33
Also his mother Charlotte  d.15.01.1971  Aged 84
Fanny Jephcott  d.08.02.1944  Aged 61
Frederick George Jephcott  d.01.05.1950  Aged 67
Ivy Sybil Jephcott  d.12.05.1980  Aged 88

(see also burial record extracts for this cemetery in section 12).

St. Laurence, Foleshill, Cemetery

Monumental Inscriptions (BMSGH)

Winifred Violetta Jeffcott  d.29.03.1963
Also her husband Ralph  d.06.01.1970

Transcription of Monument in Berkwell, Warks.

In memory of Ann Jeffcoat
eldest daughter of John and Ann Jeffcoat
formerly of this parish
who died Jan 31, 1848 aged 7 years.

Kislingbury Parish Church

What are probably the best examples of Jephcott monumental inscriptions in existance, are inside this church. As they all refer to members of one family, they are transcribed in section 6, family BR. Please refer to that section for full details.
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Holy Trinity, Wordsley, Staffs

source letter 643, Mr Adrian Webb

Section C290.

Sacred

to the memory of

Thomas Jefcoate

who departed this life July 16th 1837

aged 63 years

Though lost to sight, in memory dear

sandstone headstone, no surround


Stockingford Parish Church

gravestones observed during a visit on 15th October 1987

1. John Jeffcote who died 6th July 1853 aged 78
   Catherine his wife who died 16th November 1852 aged 78
   Catherine their daughter who died 18th January 1896 aged 79

2. Thomas Jeffcote who died 4th March 1837 aged 70
   Abigail his wife who died 1st March 1843 aged 66

3. Thomas Jeffcoat?
   This stone was severely eroded and the poor weather during my visit made further scrutiny difficult.

Fazeley Parish Church Cemetery  (source 794)

Catherine Jeffcoate died 21 Apr 1935 aged 27 years

adjacent to Watts family


Drayton Bassett Parish Churchyard  (source 794)

Rachel Jephcott died 17 Feb 1943 aged 66 years


Brompton Cemetery, London SW

This information was given by Stephen Jeffcoat (family BN) following a visit to the cemetery in 1989. We hope to
obtain a photograph of this one gravestone and understand that it is situated close to one of the main routes.

Emily Ann, wife of T Smith,
daughter of Joseph and Emily Jeffcoat,
who died 12 Mar 1886, aged 27.

also of Jessy Jane Jeffcoat,
sister of the above,
who died 28 Sep 1939, aged 79

also of Joseph Jeffcoat
who died 29 Mar 1879, aged 45

also of Emily Jeffcoat,
wife of the above,
who died 12 May 1908, aged 72

also of Phoebe A(lexandra) Jeffcoat
who died 22 Sep 1865, aged 7 months

(The Joseph Jeffcoat whom this stone records is shown as having been a Brush Manufacturer in Brompton Road,
London SW, in the PO Directories for 1879 and earlier.)

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The Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Debt of Honour Register

This organisation has compiled an incredible index of those who gave their lives for their country in the first and
second world wars. We have researched those Jephcott/Jeffcoats, etc. who made the supreme sacrifice, identifying
every single one of the men, something that the CWGC site was not able to do.

Our Roll of the Fallen is located at http://jephcott.one-name.net/tjs/cwgc1.pdf but has a dedicated link on the web
page.

Here follows a list of our men, which is repeated at the above link, with more family details.

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