

## 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.

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### 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).

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#### St. Laurence, Foleshill, Cemetery

Monumental Inscriptions (BMSGH)

Winifred Violetta Jeffcott d.29.03.1963

Also her husband Ralph d.06.01.1970

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#### Transcription of Monument in Berkswell, 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.

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#### Kislingbury Parish Church

What are probably the best examples of Jephcott monumental inscriptions in existence, 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

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**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.
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**Fazeley Parish Church Cemetery** (source 794)

Catherine Jeffcoate died 21 Apr 1935 aged 27 years

adjacent to Watts family

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**Drayton Bassett Parish Churchyard** (source 794)

Rachel Jephcott died 17 Feb 1943 aged 66 years

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**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.

Name	Rank, Regiment, Date of Death	Family
JEFSCOATE, B J	Private, East Surrey Regiment, 9th Jan 1943	BW
JEFSCOATE, D	Sapper, Royal Engineers, 30th Dec 1917	BW
JEFSCOATE, D G	<del>Private</del> , <del>The</del> Queen's Royal Regt (West Surrey), 5th Jan 1943	BW
JEFSCOATE, F	Captain, Royal Air Force, 14th Feb 1919	BW
JEFFCOAT, H J	Flying Officer, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, 13th Dec 1941	DF
JEFFCOAT, J A	Gunner, Royal Field Artillery, 11th Jul 1916	CQ
JEFFCOAT, S F	Second Lieutenant, Royal Fusiliers, 29th Apr 1917	AC
JEFFCOAT, W H	Lance <del>Private</del> , Grenadier Guards, 11th Jul 1917	CA
JEFFCOATE, A W J	Private, Middlesex Regiment, 2nd Aug 1916	BW
JEFFCOATE, F R	Sergeant, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, 25th Feb 1944	BZ
JEFFCOATE, J	Civilian, 19th Oct 1940	BI
JEFFCOATE, J W	Private, Sherwood Foresters (Notts & Derby Regt), 1st Jul 1917	BI
JEFFCOATE, L E D	Lance Corporal, Hampshire Regiment, 1st Aug 1944	BW
JEFFCOTE, T B	Aircraftman 1st Class, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, 1st Aug 1941	CT
JEFFCOTT, A D	Private, <del>The</del> Buffs (East Kent Regt), 14th May 1916	DI
JEFFCOTT, C F	Private, Coldstream Guards, 16th Sep 1916	DI
JEFFCOTT, C H	Gunner, Royal Field Artillery, 25th Oct 1916	DH
JEFFCOTT, D	Gunner, Royal Artillery, 9th Apr 1941	AN
JEFFCOTT, H R	Marine, Royal Marines, 25th Jun 1944	AU
JEFFCOTT, J A	Private, Lancashire Fusiliers, 6th May 1918	AT
JEFFCOTT, J S	Able Seaman, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, 5th Nov 1940	DG
JEFFCOTT, W H	Private, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, 23rd Dec 1915	AU
JEFFCOTT, W J	<del>Private</del> , Rifle Brigade, 19th Oct 1916	CT
JEFFCUTT, S	Private, Wiltshire Regiment, 12th Mar 1915	BG
JEPHCOTE, C	Private, Royal <del>Inniskilling</del> Fusiliers, 21st Aug 1915	CR
JEPHCOTE, E	Sapper, Royal Engineers, 2nd Feb 1917	AL
JEPHCOTE, F	Private, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, 19th Oct 1914	CR
JEPHCOTE, F	Private, <del>The</del> Buffs (Royal East Kent Regt.), 31st May 1944	CD
JEPHCOTE, J W	Private, Sherwood Foresters (Notts & Derby Regt), 9th Nov 1943	BI
JEPHCOTE, S T	<del>Private</del> , Sherwood Foresters (Notts & Derby Regt), 21st Nov 1943	CD
JEPHCOTT, A B	Private, Australian Infantry, AIF, 4th Aug 1916	AK
JEPHCOTT, G J	Private, Royal Berkshire Regiment, 25th May 1918	DJ
JEPHCOTT, H	Private, Australian Infantry, AIF, 9th Oct 1917	AB
JEPHCOTT, J J	Private, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, 19th Jul 1916	AA
JEPHCOTT, O	Private, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, 13th Oct 1914	AH

