

## Family AF

### The Jephcoats of Birmingham

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#### Introduction

This section combines four original family trees that we had researched in the 1990s and the details of which were published in the year 2000 edition of the Jephcott book. By 2020, we were able to prove that all four were linked, which has led to all being amalgamated here. The complete family tree is shown as a gedcom on the main internet web page under Family AF.

Our knowledge of this first of the group, Family AF, came from Roger Jephcoat of Birmingham. He and his mother Barbara came along to our first gathering and left us with some family tree information.

Roger's two uncles, Albert and Walter, are believed to have emigrated to Australia. Little else was known and the basic 2000 family tree details are shown on the following page.

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AF

JEFCOATE  
JEPHCOAT

John JEFCOATE  
b 1836 Birmingham  
d  
Malt Mill Maker (Journeyman) in 1859  
Engine Fitter in 1881

= Ellen  
| BARLOW  
| b 1837 Birmingham  
| m  
| d

John Thomas b 1860 Birmingham * d 1939 railway guard	Ellen b 1866 Birmingham	Mary A b 1874 Birmingham	William G b 1877 Birmingham
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= Harriet  
| EVANS  
| b  
| m  
| d

Albert b Australia	Walter b Australia	Jack b	Frank Leslie b 1900 Aston d 1967
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= Nellie?

= Florence  
| b  
| m  
| d

Dorothy  
b

= Agnes Rosa  
| LIVIE  
| b 1899  
| m  
| d 1968

Anthony  
b 1931  
d 1981

= Howard  
CUTLER  
b  
m

= Barbara  
YARDLEY  
b  
m

Andrew Philip b	Roger Lidster b
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## Family AG

### The Family of Ernest Jephcott of Coventry

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Our knowledge of this family came from Christine Jephcott of Stratford upon Avon. From the information that she gave to us and added to from our records, we were able to draw up a family tree.

We also heard from David Jephcott of High Wycombe in 1999, who was able to add more details. Clearly, more research was required.

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#### Letters Received

(78)

1st November 1982

Dear Mr Jephcott

Unfortunately I only have a very sketchy account of my husband's family as his father died in 1949 and, since his mother married again, they have all lost contact. He has an older brother, David, who is now living in Riyadh and who spoke to us a few years ago on this subject. I don't know, however, if he started to trace back, or how far he got with it.

We are interested in the 'Family Tree' and I am sorry I can't be of more assistance.

Yours sincerely

Christine M Jephcott

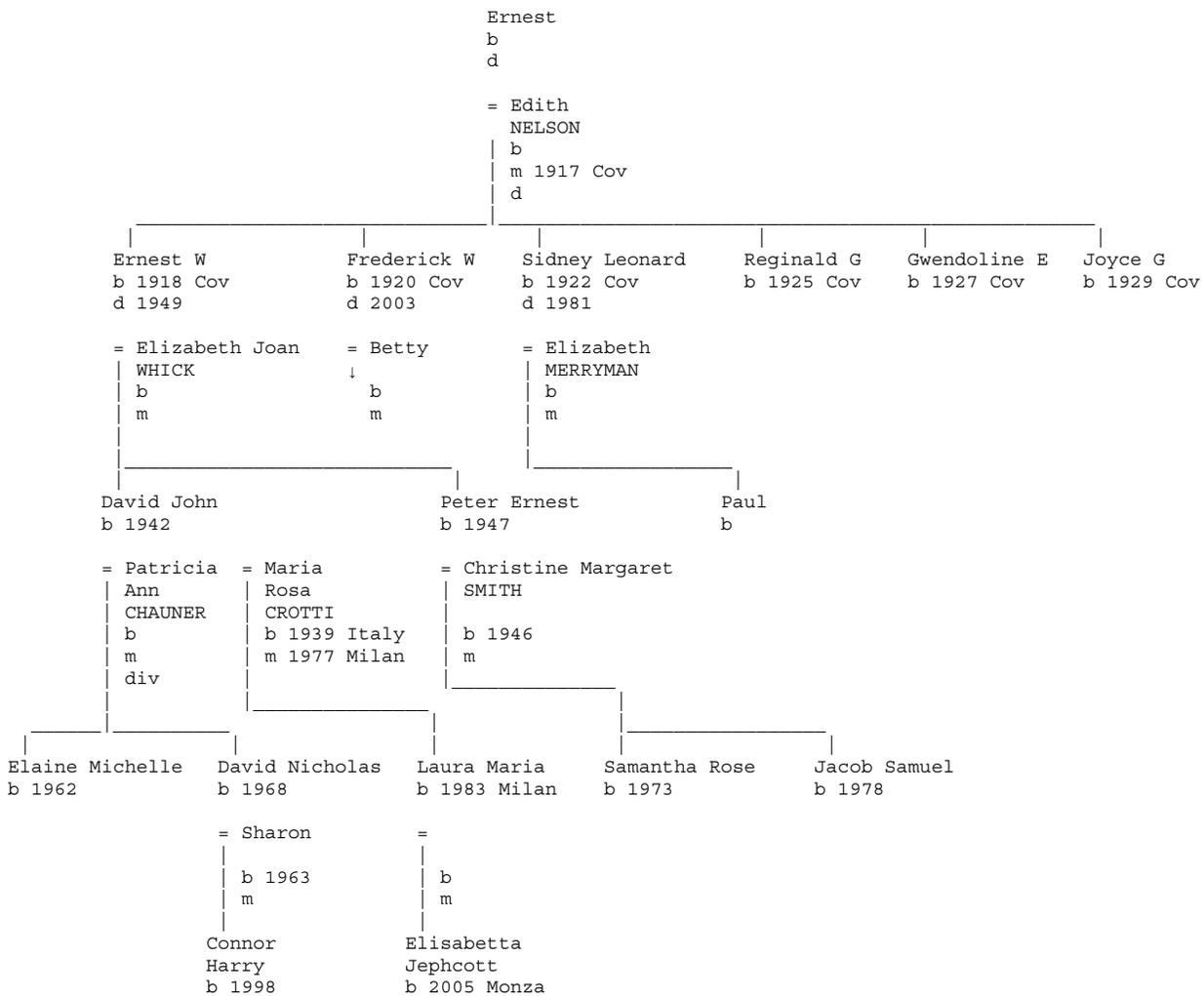
David told us that his uncle Sid had a radio shop in Cock Street in Coventry. His dad Ernest was a fitter at the Standard Motor Company. Uncle Fred went to Miami and married Betty. Their child June became a dancer in cabaret. Fred died in 2003

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AG

JEPHCOTT



Cov Coventry

## Family AI

### The Jefcoate Jephcotts of Birmingham

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#### Introduction

Our knowledge of this family came from the late Arthur Jephcott of Sheldon, Birmingham. In the initial stages, he had only a little knowledge about his forebears and had always believed that he was linked to what we designated family AE. Since our first contact, Arthur had gradually pieced together his family tree, until his untimely death at the age of 64 in 1987. We were very pleased to have made his acquaintance in 1983 at our first gathering of the clan and subsequently at the third and fourth. He and his wife Rita were very supportive of the society.

In 1999, we were contacted by Arthur's son-in-law, Mr Bernard Cleary. He had picked up the trail and was eager to discover more.

Arthur had found that his family tree started with a Joseph Jefcoate who was born in Loughborough in Leicestershire around 1820. Bernard went on to show that Joseph's parents were William and Mary, although there is some confusion as to William's origins. The various censuses show that he was born around 1791 in Birmingham. However he was married in Loughborough, where he was described as being 'of the parish.' The IGI shows the baptism of Joseph Jephcote, the son of William and Mary at All Saints Church, Loughborough.

Bernard has done some thorough research and published his work for the benefit of the family.

Arthur's research revealed a link with another Jephcott family, namely that of David Jephcott of Sandwich, Kent. David and his late mother provided a lot of material to assist our research, for which I am very grateful.

William Jefcoate's (however spelt) marriage to Matilda Hopkins in 1873 revealed an address of 32 Cheatham Street, Nechelles, Birmingham. Arthur consulted the 1871 census and was delighted to find that the head of household was Joseph, born Loughborough. He was listed as living there with a sizeable family. The witnesses to the marriage were David's great grandparents who were also married in the same year and place.

Today, the family use the Jephcott spelling of the name, although the name was clearly Jefcoate in the 19th century. This fact alone was the reason for some initial confusion and teaches us a lesson that spelling of the name is not necessarily a guide to ancestry.

We have detailed below an extract of one of Arthur's many letters.

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#### A Cuckold

At the head of this family tree are William and Mary Jefcoate. Their first child was Rebecca, born around 1816 in Loughborough, Leicestershire. Rebecca married John Stroud in 1832 and they had children together.

In 1839, when their child Ann Stroud was born, John was a 'Fire Iron Maker'.

The census of 1841 shows John Stroud living with William and Mary, together with his son William, aged 7. No sign of Rebecca. In fact, she was already, or soon to be, living with Thomas Jefcoate and having children with him. Their first child, Thomas, was born in 1844. They had five children together. You will need to look at family DM for more information about this.

The census of 1851 shows John Stroud, aged 36, living with William and Mary as a lodger, unmarried, together with his son William, aged 17 and his daughter Ann, aged 11. As expected, there was no sign of Rebecca again. Sadly, in May of that year, William Stroud, aged 17, died and we have his burial record. 'Son of John and Rebecca Stroud'.

The census of 1861 shows John Stroud, aged 50, living with William and Mary, described as son-in-law, married, but with none of his children. No sign of Rebecca again. There is also a John Jefcoate, described as a grandson, aged 8. Who was he? His birth record of 1853 at the GRO, does not give a mother's maiden name, so assumed to be an illegitimate birth. There was also a Mary Ann born in 1851, again with no mother's maiden name at GRO, and probably the Mary shown as a daughter, rather than an illegitimate grand-daughter, aged 2 months, in the 1851 census.

By the time of the 1871 census, William was a widower and living with his son Joseph and his family. We could not find John Stroud. What became of him? Did he emigrate, change his name, or is he the John Stroud who died in Birmingham in 1883. If so, why can we not find him on the 1871 or 1881 censuses?

How do we interpret what we are seeing here? John marries the daughter in 1832 and they have at least two children together, William in 1834 and Ann in 1839. By 1841, Rebecca is no longer living with John. In 1851 their son William dies. In 1856 their daughter Ann marries Henry Mackenzie. John Stroud had been cuckolded by his wife, who went off with another man and bore him children. Yet his parents-in-law, allowed him and at least two illegitimate grandchildren, to stay living with them, in John Stroud's case, for over 20 years. A strange affair, for sure!

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(49)

12th April 1982

Dear Mr Jephcott

I was very interested to receive your letter, telling me about the research that you are carrying out into the origin of our name. I would like to have been able to tell you many details of my immediate descendants, but alas, I cannot. However, I hope whatever little information I can give will be of assistance to you.

I was born Arthur Edward 13th May 1923. My father George Ernest 21st May 1883. Grandfather William born 1857 died 1934.

Of further interest was my father's cousin Claude, whom I remember was a famous footballer in the 1930s, playing for West Bromwich Albion and England and whose story is featured in the book of WBA's hundred years.\*

I would indeed be very interest to read more about the origin of our name, and to help you further in your research, if I am able, please do not hesitate to communicate with me further, should you so desire.

Yours sincerely

Arthur E Jephcott

\* This does not fit in with what we now know and did initially throw us off track. It has since been positively disproved, although, of course, a kinship from further back is possible. JJ.

Other letters received 417, 501, 509, 671, 853, 911, 925, 968, 1038

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## Harry Jephcott

1927 – 2021

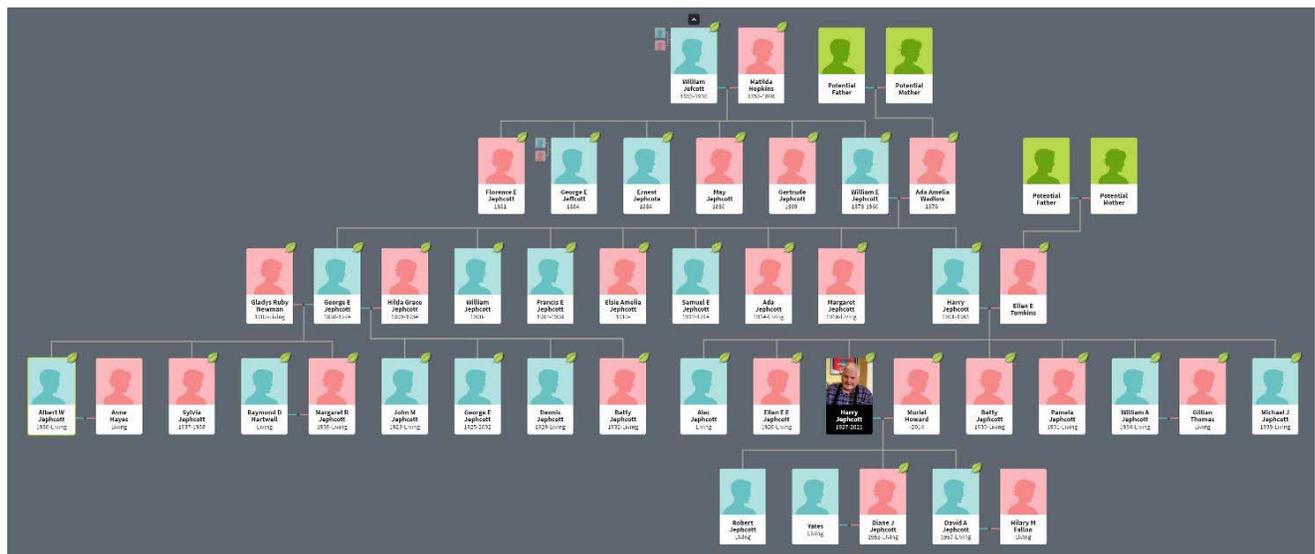
Harry Jephcott was born in Herne Bay, Kent, on September 26th 1927. He died at the age of 93. His childhood was between Herne Bay and Birmingham, but he settled in Herne Bay. He joined the army in 1945, leaving with the rank of acting warrant officer, after 16 years, having served in Germany, Hong Kong, Aden, Malaya, Korea (when the war was ongoing in 1952), he finished his service at Howe Barracks, Canterbury. His regiment was 5th Battalion, Queens Own Buffs East Kent regiment. After that he bought a guest house in Margate, in the 'hay days' of seaside holidays in the 60s. After that he bought a pub in Ramsgate, The Falstaff Inn, staying there for 5 years. Due to ill health he left that profession, and had a few jobs and returning to good health. His wife, Muriel, died in 2014; they had been married for 61 years. Harry was able to go into residential home, a Royal British Legion home called Maurice House, where he lived for around 5 years. He died on 11th Jan 2021 (Covid pandemic related), passing peacefully at the home. Despite the restrictions at that time with quarantine, his family were able to say our goodbyes to him.



His two children, Diane and David provided us with some information about his life, which included the picture above and the following photograph from 13<sup>th</sup> December 1952, on Harry and Muriel's wedding day.



Harry is shown on the following extract from the Family AF gedcom, which connects via William (born 1852) and Matilda, Harry's great grandparents, on the family tree, on the following page.



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AI

JEFPCOATE  
JEPHCOTT

William  
b 1791 Bir?  
d  
labourer in 1851/boatbuilder in 1833 & 1861

= Mary  
| NEWTON  
| b 1801 Lou  
| m 1815 Lou  
| d

Rebekah bap 1816 d	William Lou b 1818 Lou d 1888	Thomas b 1821 Bir d coal dealer	Henry b 1822 Lou d	Joseph b 1824 Lou d steel toy maker	Mary b 1826 Lou d	Luke b 1828 Lou d	Martha----- b 1835 Bir d twins	John b 1835 Bir d blacksmith, coffee mill maker
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= John ↓ STROUD b 1814 Lou m 1832 Bir d	= Maria POWELL b m 1833 Bir d	= Mary VALE b 1822 Che* m 1846 Ast d	= John MacDONALD b m 1854 Bir d	= Ellen BARLOW b m 1856 Bir d
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Joseph b 1847 d	Luke b 1851 Bir d	William b 1852 Bir d 1930	Mary b 1856 d	Thomas b 1858 d	Matthew b d	John Thomas b 1862 d	Ellen b 1870 d	Mary Ann b 1874 d 1876 Bir
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= Mary Annie  
| WILLIS  
| b  
| m 1873 Nec  
| d

= Matilda  
| HOPKINS  
| b 1852  
| m 1873 Nec  
| d

Luke James b 1873 Ast * d 1940 Bir cabinet maker	William Edward b 1878 Ast d 1960	Florence Ethel b 1880 Ast d	George Ernest b 1883 Ast d 1935	May b 1886 Ast d	Gertrude b 1888 Ast d	Riah b d
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= Martha  
|  
| b 1876  
| m 1897 Ast  
| d 1974

= Ada  
↓ Amelia  
WADLOW  
b 1876  
m  
d

= Mary  
| Ethel  
| HANDFORD  
| b 1882  
| m 1919 Ast  
| d 1935 Bir

JEPHCOTT

Leslie  
Luke  
George  
b 1903 Ast  
d 1951  
Chemical Engineer

Florence  
Ethel  
b 1921 Ast  
d

Arthur  
Edward  
b 1923 Ast  
d 1987 Bir

Ast     Aston  
Lou     Loughborough  
She     Sheldon  
Bir     Birmingham  
Nec     Nechelles  
Che     Checkhill, Worcs.  
New     Newport

= Hilda  
| May  
| WAKEMAN  
| b 1903 Bir  
| m 1934 Bir  
| d

= Albert  
PHILLIPS  
b  
m 1945

= Margeurita  
BOSTON  
b 1922  
m

\* the 1861 census gives  
Checkhill but the 1871  
census gives Worsley in  
Staffs

David  
Geoffrey  
b 1937 New

Jonathan  
George  
b 1939 New

Christine  
b 1953 Bir

Anne  
b 1960 Bir

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= Henry  
| SKERRETT  
↓ b  
m

= Bernard  
| CLEARY  
↓ b  
m 1981 She

