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The Family of William Jephcott, Watchfinisher of Coventry

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Introduction

My knowledge of this family comes from letters from William Henry Jephcott of Wolverhampton, Donald Frederick Jephcott of Harwell, Oxon and Susan Lewis of Littlehampton. I have included a transcription of William's and Sue's letters below.

The parish registers for St John the Baptist Church, Coventry, gave baptismal records of some of the children and other records such as for apprentices, Freemen of the City, etc., have also enabled me to expand on the family tree.

William the watchfinisher was apprenticed to Henry Paul, who later married William's mother. Whether or not Henry Paul was William's father is unknown. William married Elizabeth Bednell in 1873 and appear to have had ten children.

On searching my records I found that Letters of Administration were granted to William Henry's widow Nellie in October 1928. He was referred to as of the White Lion Inn, Roseville, Coseley, Staffs with goods to the value of £2206.

There is a need for more research into this family.

(433)

April 1987

Dear Mr Jephcott

What an unusual opening, it gives the feeling of writing to oneself.

I was extremely interested and surprised to receive your letter, for which I thank you. I didn't know of the comparative variety of our surname, although aware of the several variations of it.

I am 73 (my wife is H M, we have only been married 13 years, she is older than me and we have no family). I am the only child of my father, who was named William Henry - he died in 1928 aged 55 - and my mother died in 1972 aged 93.

My father was a widower with no children, when he remarried, to my mother. He was born in Coventry on the 8th May 1873 at Smithford Street (off the then city centre) the eldest of a family of 8, 3 sisters and 5 brothers. One, Oliver was killed in the 1914 - 1918 war. Two others Walter and Arthur (I believe that was his name) died without issue. The remaining brother Frederick had two sons although I have never met them. I believe their names were Anthony and Donald (or Stuart).

Uncle Fred was a naval man who became a Chief Petty Officer. I don't know whether they are alive or not or whether they married - their ages would be in the sixties.

The only other information I have is that my grandfather was named William Jephcott was a watch maker and was either a freeman or Freemason. I remember having a framed illuminated address, which unfortunately was left behind when we moved from a district outside Wolverhampton after my father's death at a Public House. My father brewed his own beer, I was only 15, working in an office and my mother had to leave a lot of household possessions behind.

You will probably have some of this Coventry information, but regrettably it is all I have.

I look forward to hearing from you again. Incidentally, I have always been conscious of the surname, because over the years whenever asked I automatically say JEPH...

Yours sincerely

William Ernest Jephcott

(1063)

From Sue Lewis

November 1999

Anthony Paul Jephcott 23.8.23 - 29.8.94

Following in the footsteps of his father Fredrick 'Tony' attended Naval College (as did Tony's brother Don). Tony joined the Royal Navy and served on several ships including H.M.S. Trafalgar during the war (2nd) he reached the rank of Chief Petty Officer. Unfortunately, during a land mission there was a car accident resulting in him losing his left arm. He had to leave the Navy and became a Social Worker and ended up running a unit in Chichester for alcoholics. (Sandown)

Whilst still in the Navy he married his childhood sweetheart Beryl (sorry surname unknown) and they had a son called Allan Peter Fredrick (dob unknown).

Allan Peter Fredrick (dob ?)

Allan didn't attend Naval College but won a Scholarship to a private school. Allan's mother, Beryl, died while Allan was still quite small.

When Allan was in his twenties his father, Tony, met and married Margery Kathleen Anne Arnold (dob 26.8.35, married 19.9.68). Allan did not bond with his step mother and emigrated to Canada with his Canadian girlfriend, Joan. They married and had two children, Colleen and Ryan. Allan became a Canadian citizen and has lived there ever since. (Children born early to mid seventies).

Susan Kathleen Anne (dob 10.7.69)

I was born in a military hospital in Walsgrove and moved to Rustington when I was three. I attended Rustington County Primary School and The Littlehampton Comp. School. I have had several jobs within the Care profession. I met and married Mark Lewis (dob 10.2.76, married 23.7.96) and we had a daughter Sasha, Kathleen Antonia (dob 15.11.96), and we now all reside at 58, Bluebell Drive, L'ton. W. SX.

I hope this is of some use to you. Sorry all facts are not complete. I have to try and find my half-brother before I can fill in the gaps!!

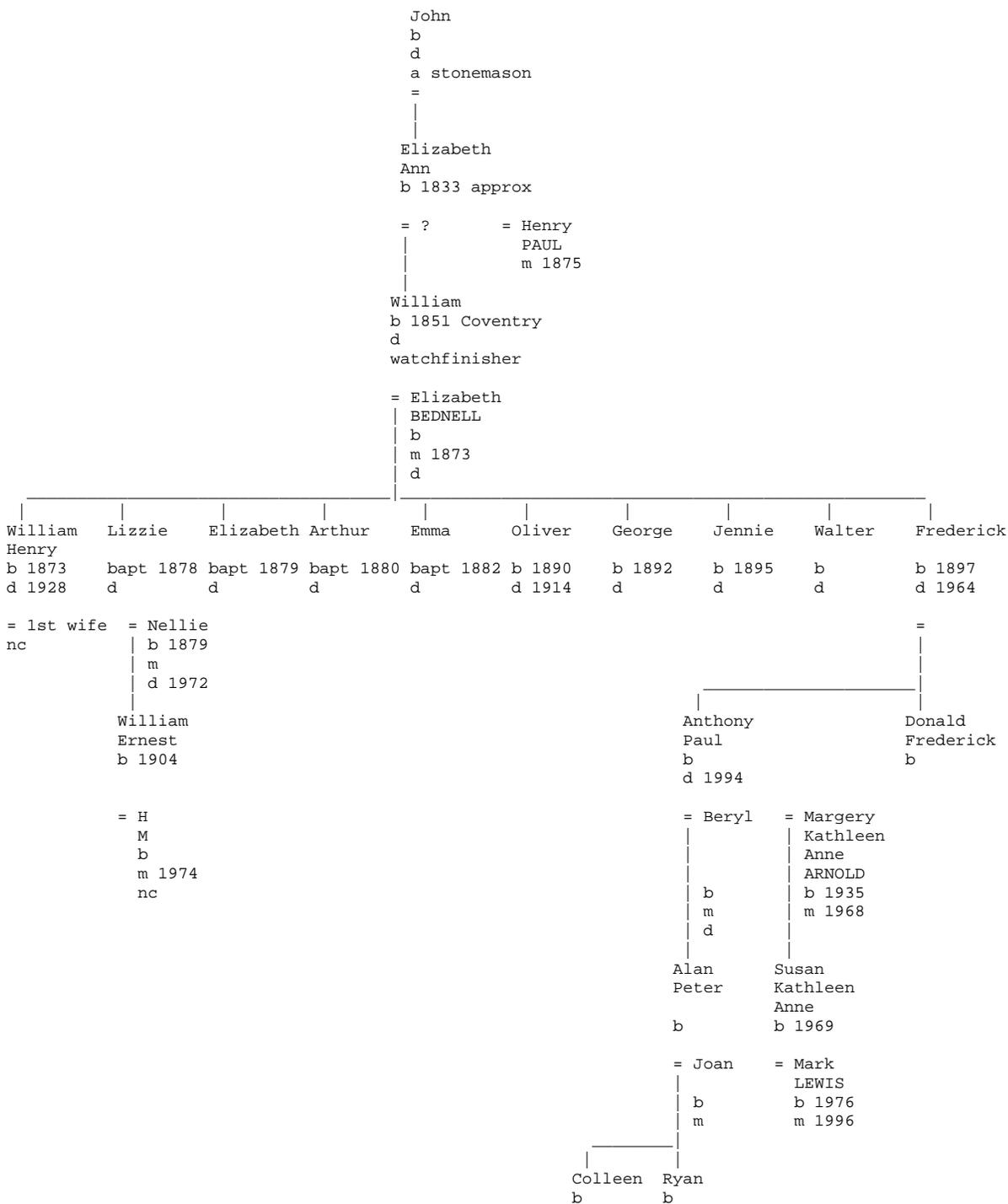
I have my grandad's (Frederick) and my father's (Tony) Naval Service records if you are interested.

Sue Lewis

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