

## Family CT

### The Jeffcotes of Bethnal Green

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#### Introduction

My knowledge of this family came from Sue McBeth and Bob Jephcott, who sent me a copy of one of their standard questionnaires that had been filled in by Thomas Andrew Patrick Jeffcote.

Thomas emigrated to Australia in 1968, having been born in London and married in Essex.

The family seems to have come from Bethnal Green, London and it should be noted that there are a few entries (shown below) in the BMD register for Bethnal Green. The last death entry gives a possible clue to the name of Thomas' great grandfather. The other entries may have been his grandfather's brothers and sisters.

Subsequent to receiving this information, this family has been claimed by the Stony Stratford Jefcoates (BW). Whether or not this is correct requires further checking.

#### Births

Arthur Jefcot	1883	died 1884
Jessie Jeffcote	1886	
Henry Samuel Jeffcot	1888	died 1889
William John Jeffcote	1891	
Rose Ann Jeffcote	1893	

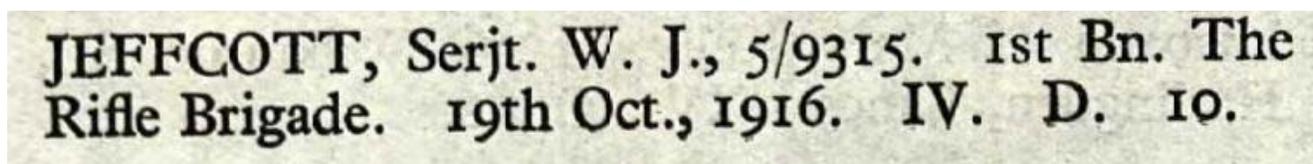
#### Deaths

James Jeffcote	1899	aged 48 years
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The family tree starts with William John Jeffcote who was born in Bethnal Green in 1891. Clearly, a little research would reveal much more about the family tree.

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By 2020, we had expanded this tree by quite a bit, taking it back a further two generations. See the gedcom. We discovered that William John was killed in action in 1916, a war hero, although his identity was not very clear in military records and we initially had a problem finding which tree he fitted in with.



Going back to the top of our gedcom tree, we found that William John's grandparents spent six months in Northampton jail on a charge of 'keeping a disorderly house'. Six months is a long term to serve. We looked for more information in the newspapers but could find nothing more. Would it have been dealing in stolen goods, ladies of negotiable affections, or what? Here are two copies of records.

COMMITMENTS.—TO THE COUNTY GAOL.—Henry Cross, of Brackley, labourer, & Samuel Lines, of Eydon, labourer, for want of sureties for their appearance at the sessions and for keeping the peace, the former towards Thomas Herrief and the latter towards Edward Lines.—John Goodman, charged with stealing a jacket, the property of Thos. How, of Long Buckby.—Charles Green, charged with breaking into the house of Wm. Abbott, of Little Addington, and stealing therefrom about £8.—George Prestage, charged with stealing 4lb. of cheese, at Morton Pinkney, the property of Thomas Lovell.—Marshal Mault, charged with stealing, at Woodford, various articles of dress, the property of Wm. Blott & Eliza Lewin.—James **Jephcott** & **Susanna**, his wife, charged with keeping a disorderly house at Weedon Beck.—William Edwards, William Keef, George Fletcher, & Richard Lee, charged with stealing a quantity of sugar from a boat lying in the Oxford Canal, the property of Messrs. Pickford & Co.

Northampton Mercury - Saturday 08 May 1841

County of Northampton Register of all Persons charged with INDICTABLE OFFENCES at the Assizes and Sessions held within the County during the Year 1841.

Names of Offenders	Degree of Indictment	Age	At what Sessions Tried or Discharged without Trial	Offences of which those Tried were Convicted or Acquitted—and of which those discharged without Trial were charged on Indictment or Commitment	SENTENCES			
					Death	Transportation	Imprisonment	Whipping, Fine, &c.
Thomas West	Inf	25	1st July	House breaking			9 Months	
John Gylby	Inf	26	Do	Larceny			3 Months	
James Jephcott	Inf	25	Do	Keeping a disorderly house			6 Months	
Susanna Jephcott	Inf	22	Do	Do			6 Months	

William John's father, James, was not on the right side of the law either, as we found him languishing in a cell at the police station in 1871. What had he done for that to happen? How unfortunate to be caught by the census enumerator on that one day in ten years. By 1881 James was leading what seemed to be a normal life, a widower, but with a Miss Perkins, the same age as him, his lodger, and five of his children – and one of hers, by the look of it.

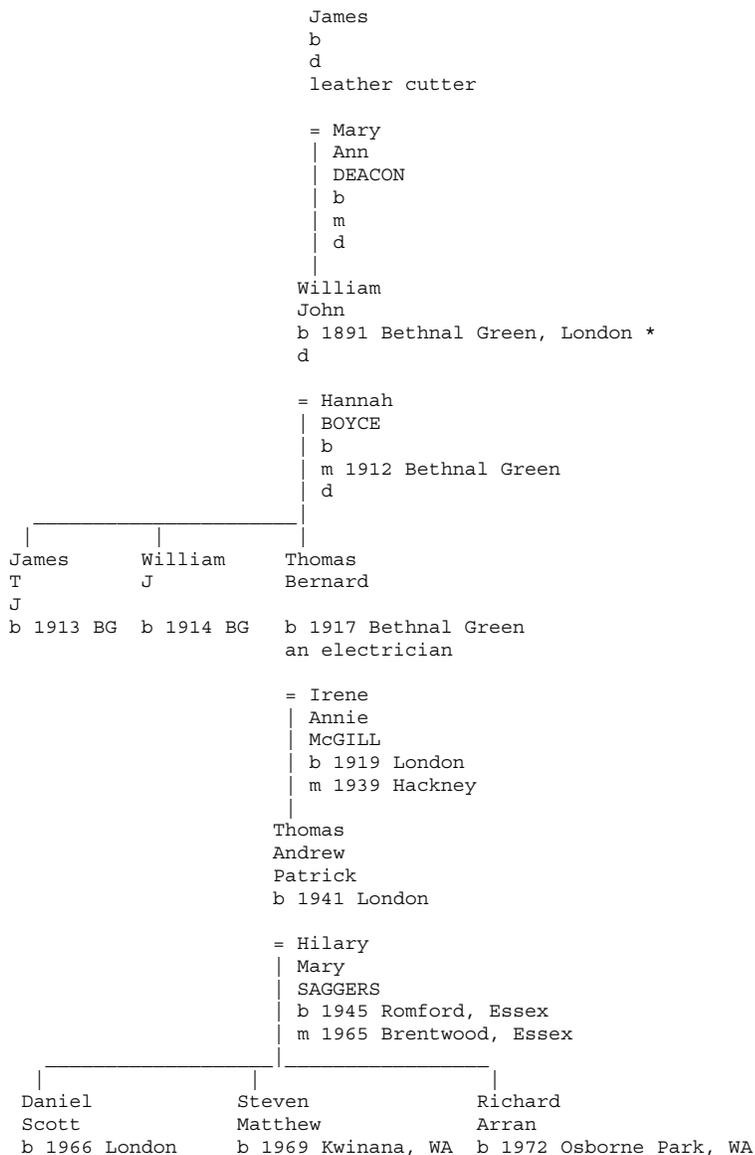
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			Sarah Lynn	Widow	Mar	28	Superintendent of Police			Leicester	Leicester
			Sarah	Wife	Mar	29				Leicester	Leicester
			Sarah & Whistler	Wife	Mar	29				Leicester	Leicester
			James Jephcott	Son	Mar	28	Chickens (Shoemaker)			Northampton	Weedon
			Miss John White	do	Mar	28	Shoemaker			Leicester	Leicester
11		1	Susanna	Wife		25	House Wife			Willesden	Leicester
			James Jephcott	Head	Widow	34	Shoe Maker			Willesden	Northampton
			Miss Perkins	Boarder	Mar	34	Filter (Boat)			Northampton	Leicester
			Frank Jephcott	Son	Mar	16	Seaman			Northampton	Leicester
			Alice	Daughter		10	Widow			Leicester	Leicester
			Adalaid			13	Widow			Leicester	Leicester
			Ellen Perkins	Boarder		13				Northampton	Leicester
			James Jephcott	Son		10	Scholar			Leicester	Leicester
			Ellen	Daughter		8				Leicester	Leicester
114	Willesden St	1	James	Son	Mar	10				Leicester	Leicester

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See also Sue McBeth tree 6/23