

## Family DG

### The family of Thomas Jeffcott born 1825 in Ireland, and his wife Bridget, née Shea or Doolan.

This family came from Ireland and has the usual Irish Jeffcott spelling of the name. It never seems to vary. We have seen the Jeffcott families from Ireland earlier on in this series, most notably with Family BJ. This particular family is first seen in the records with the census of 1871, when Thomas appears in St Giles in the Fields in London, working as a labourer, with his wife and child. We don't know much more than that.

We know that Thomas died in 1873, which may have resulted in Bridget entering the poor house in 1873, as the following record show, and she being recorded as insane.

London, England, Workhouse Admission and Discharge Records, 1764-1930 for Bridget Jephcott  
Holborn > Holborn > Broad Street Workhouse Register, 1872-1873

SCHEDULE E.		St. Giles & Bloomsbury Parishes.		4 <sup>th</sup> Week (Continued)																
Day of the Month.	Day of the Week.	NAME.	Calling, if any.	Religious Permission.	When Born.	Class for Diet.*										Parish from which Admitted.†	By whose Order Admitted.	Date of the Order of Admission.	If born in the House, Name of Parent.	Observations on Conditions at the time of Admission, and any other General Remarks.
						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
1873	Nov 25	Jess	Brought forward		1873	5	9	15	18	3	6	3	5	1	5118					
31		Howring Charles	Labourer	R.C.	1823	1										Brill		Shand, Margaret		
62		Collins John	Labourer	R.C.	1811		1									R.O.				
12		Braily Sarah	Flower	R.C.	1831					1						R.O.				
31		Regan John	Flower	R.C.	1842	1										R.O.				
42		Jeffcott Bridget	Charing	R.C.	1825					1						R.O.				
67		Hild Catherine	Nurse	C.F.B.	1806						1					By Police			Insane	
39		Bailey Anne	Charing	C.F.B.	1834						1					By Police				
2		German George	Labourer	C.F.B.	1873											By Police		Charlotte German		

She was admitted, on a more permanent basis, to a lunatic asylum in Surrey in 1879, where she languished for ten years, before she died, as can be seen from the record reproduced below.

UK, Lunacy Patients Admission Registers, 1846-1912 for Bridget Jeffcott  
County asylums and hospitals > Piece 25: 1879 Jan-1880 Dec

No. in order of Admission.	Name.	Private.		Pauper.		Date of Admission.	Asylum.	Date of Discharge or Death	Discharged.			
		M.	F.	M.	F.				Recov.	Rel.	Not Insp.	Dist.
47175	Isaacson - Cecil		1			7 May 1879	Bethlem	14 Aug 79				1
47210	Jeffcott - Bridget			1		6 May	Banstead	16 Oct 89				1

It looks as if they had four children, although only one seems to have survived. We cannot find any reference to the first three, other than a record of their birth, but their son John became a bricklayer, he married Mary Ann and they had five children. We can follow them through the census trail from 1881, 1891 and 1901, each giving John's place of birth as London, not Ireland. However, all was not well. John clearly had a problem as we see him entering the workhouse from 1903, his wife living apart from him. Could it be that his mother's insanity had passed to him, or perhaps the commonly known Irish problem associated with alcohol?

Here we have three records for John.



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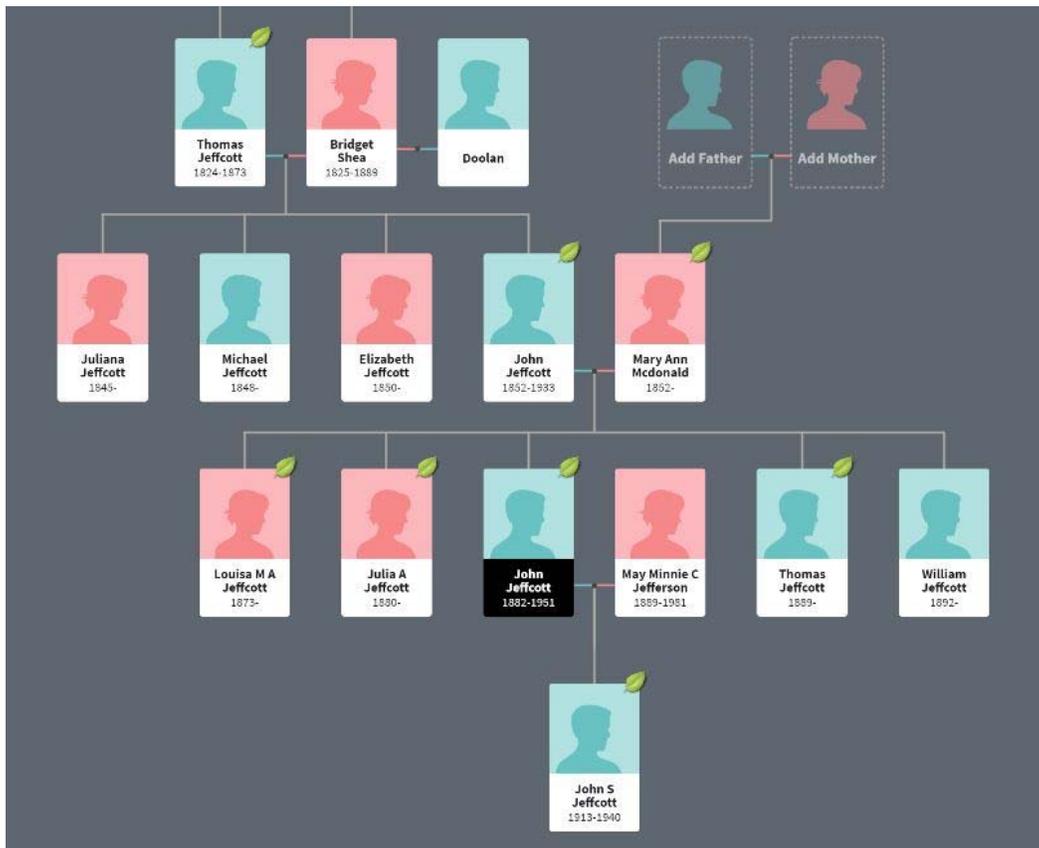
One of her sons, Thomas Jeffcott, became 'an incorrigible rogue' and spent at least 12 terms in prison between 1907 and 1918 for begging, assaulting a woman and whatever else there is to classify you as an incorrigible rogue. He would, no doubt, have been shown on the 1911 census, living with the rest of his family, had he not been in jail at the time. The following calendars of prisoners list his misdemeanours and record him as a 'hawker' and a 'news vendor'.

**UK, Calendar of Prisoners, 1868-1929 for Thomas Jeffcott**  
1911 > London: Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), North of the river, South of the river

A County of						London—continued A					
No.	NAME, AGE AND TRADE.	Where committed or arrested.	Name and Address of Committing Magistrate.	Date of Warrant.	When received into Custody.	Particulars of Offence or Offences as charged in the Indictment.	Before whom tried and date.	Verdict of the Jury.	Particulars of Previous Convictions charged in the Indictment and proved in Court.	Sentence or Order of the Court.	No.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A*26	Thomas Jeffcott, 21, Hawker. (In H.M. Prison, Pentonville) 3 Mos. and 2 Mos. (concurrent), Bow Street Police Ct., 22nd Dec., 1906 (begging), as Thomas Jeffcott. 9 Mos., North London Sess., 5th Nov., 1907 (incorrigible rogue), as Thomas Jeffcott. 12 Mos., North London Sess., 27th Oct., 1908 (incorrigible rogue), as Thomas Jeffcott. 6 Mos., County of London Sess., 5th Oct., 1909 (incorrigible rogue), as Thomas Jeffcott. 9 Mos., County of London Sess., 3rd May, 1910 (incorrigible rogue), as Thomas Jeffcott. And 9 Summary Convictions for begging.	IV.	H. C. Bennett, Esq., Bow-street Police Court	11th Feb., 1911	4th Feb., 1911	Incorrigible rogue—Begging.	R. Loveland-Loveland, Esq., K.C. D.L., 21st Feb., 1911.			7 Months (hard labour), Wormwood Scrubs Prison. (To be computed from 21st Feb., 1911.)	56*A

**UK, Calendar of Prisoners, 1868-1929 for Thomas Jeffcott**  
1918 > London: Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), North of the river, South of the river

No.	NAME, AGE AND TRADE.	Court and date of committal for trial.	Date of first reception in prison and whether admitted to bail.	OFFENCE.	Before whom tried and date.	Verdict.	Previous convictions charged in indictment and proved in Court.	Sentence or Order of the Court.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A 44	Thomas Jeffcott, 29, News vendor. 3 Mos. and 1 Mos. (consecutive), Bow Street Police Ct., 22 Dec., 1908 (begging and assault). 9 Mos., North London Sess., 5 Nov., 1907 (incorrigible rogue). 12 Mos., North London Sess., 27 Oct., 1908 (incorrigible rogue). 6 Mos., County of London Sess., 5 Oct., 1909 (incorrigible rogue). 9 Mos., County of London Sess., 3 May, 1910 (incorrigible rogue). 7 Mos., County of London Sess., 21 Feb., 1911 (incorrigible rogue). Probation Act, County of London Sess., 19 Dec., 1911 (incorrigible rogue). 7 Mos. and 7 Mos. (consecutive), County of London Sess., 28 Apr., 1913 (incorrigible rogue and forfeit recognizance of 19 Dec., 1911). 10 Mos., County of London Sess., 21 Oct., 1913 (incorrigible rogue). 4 Mos., Bow Street Police Ct., 5, 9, 17 (assault female). 3 Mos., Tower Bridge Police Ct., 9 Jan., 1917 (begging). And 13 Sum. (begging, &c.).	Marlborough Street 30 Nov., 1918.	30 Nov., 1918.	Incorrigible rogue—Begging.	A. J. Lauris, Esq., 3 Dec., 1918.			Postponed until next Sessions.



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