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The Jeffcotts of Stepney.

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This family produced two war heroes, both killed in action in 1916. The earliest family member that we have is Richard Jeffcott named as the father of Daniel Thomas Jeffcott when he married Catherine Karl in London in 1848. Daniel was known as Thomas when he was married but his death certificate revealed that he was really a Daniel Thomas. Thomas was a mariner, born in Southampton around 1818, according to the 1861 census. The following is taken from the Dreadnought Seamen's Hospital Admissions and Discharge records in 1856, showing Thomas suffering with gout, his age, his height, and other career details.

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| 9 | " | 7 | Andrew Abrahamson | Ord | 22 | 5 | 6 | Sweden | Gottenburg | 4 | Superb. F. | Chancery | Feb 7 4 |
| 40 | " | 7 | Thomas Jeffcott | AB | 47 | 5 | 9 | Southampton | Stiles | 52 | North York | Gout | Jan 21 21 |
| 1 | " | 7 | William Dodge | Ord | 25 | 4 | 8 | Wauhall | London | 5 1/2 | Said Westport. F. | Debility after Fever | Feb 7 25 |

He died in 1870, leaving his wife destitute, as she appeared in the workhouse records for 1872, leaving there at her own request.

| City of London Union Workhouse. ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGES OF PAUPERS. | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ADMISSIONS. | | | | | | DISCHARGES. | | | | |
| NAMES. | Age. | Last Residence before Admission. | Condition. | Calling. | If Able-bodied. | By whose Order admitted. | Date of Admission. | Date of Discharge. | How or by whose Order discharged. | OBSERVATIONS. |
| Jeffcott Catherine | 60 | St. George's Woodland | Widow | Chambermaid | Yes | Ward | 6 | 6 | May 1/72 | Unemployed |
| James James | 68 | 24 St. George's Woodland | Widower | Carpenter | Yes | J. C. Webb | 9 | 19 | June 1/72 | ditto |
| T. Williams Elizabeth | 44 | 10 Whitechapel St. | Widow | Washer | Yes | | 11 | 22 | June 1/72 | ditto |

They had two sons, Alfred and Thomas. Here follow the two marriage entries for the sons, both naming Thomas as their father and as being a mariner.

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| 1871. Marriage solemnized at <u>St. Thomas's</u> in the <u>Parish of Stepney</u> in the County of <u>Middlesex</u> | | | | | | | | |
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| No. | When Married. | Name and Surname. | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the time of Marriage. | Father's Name and Surname. | Rank or Profession of Father. |
| 339 | 24 th 1871 | Alfred Jeffcott Hester Mary St. George's Woodland | 24 24 | Bachelor Maid | Printer Printer | Stepney Stepney | Thomas Jeffcott George Hampton | Mariner Engineer |
| Married in the <u>Church of St. Thomas</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by <u>James Noe</u> for after <u>James Noe</u> by me, | | | | | | | | |
| This Marriage was solemnized between us, <u>Alfred Jeffcott</u> & <u>Hester Mary Hampton</u> | | | in the Presence of us, <u>George Robert Hampton</u> & <u>James Hampton</u> | | | | | |

1877. Marriage solemnized at St Thomas in the Parish of Leppington in the County of West Essex

| No. | When Married. | Name and Surname. | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the time of Marriage. | Father's Name and Surname. | Rank or Profession of Father. |
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| 392 | <u>Thirty-first March</u> | <u>Thomas Jeffcott</u> | <u>21</u> | <u>Bachelor</u> | <u>husband</u> | <u>2 Henry Street</u> | <u>Thomas Jeffcott</u> | <u>carver</u> |
| | <u>1877</u> | <u>Emily Bull</u> | <u>21</u> | <u>Spinster</u> | <u>—</u> | <u>4 Rabeloff Square</u> | <u>William Bull</u> | <u>Cooper</u> |

Married in the Church of St Thomas according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by Henry A. Mason or after 15 years by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Thomas Jeffcott and Emily Bull in the Presence of us, William Bull and Elizabeth Hampton

Alfred, with his second wife Clara, raised three children, one of whom, Alfred Daniel Jeffcoat was killed in action in 1916. In 1909, Alfred Daniel spent time in the workhouse, his profession, a dock worker. Times were clearly hard. In 1915, Alfred Daniel contracted marriage with Mary Ann Selby. On the marriage certificate (shown below), he gave his age as 40, whereas he would have been 34 years old. His wife, Mary Ann, gave her age as 47, whereas she would have been 49 years old. An age gap of 15 years! Mary Ann also stated that she was a spinster, whereas Selby was her married name, Honey was her maiden name. Here is the certificate entry. Why falsify the information? They both gave the same address, so we must presume they were already living as man and wife. Mary Ann received a war widow's pension.

1915. Marriage solemnized at The Register Office in the District of Stepney in the County of London

| No. | When Married. | Name and Surname. | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the time of Marriage. | Father's Name and Surname. | Rank or Profession of Father. |
|-----|----------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 142 | <u>March</u> | <u>Alfred Jeffcott</u> | <u>40</u> | <u>Bachelor</u> | <u>Private 3rd Buff</u> | <u>23 Rich Street</u> | <u>Alfred Jeffcott</u> | <u>Ship's painter</u> |
| | <u>October</u> | <u>Mary Ann Selby</u> | <u>47</u> | <u>Spinster</u> | <u>—</u> | <u>23 Rich Street</u> | <u>William Selby</u> | <u>Carman</u> |

Married in the Register Office according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by Licence before me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, A. Jeffcott and M. A. Selby in the Presence of us, the mark of Kate Brunning and R. Pearce per 179 Grant Deputy Registrar

Thomas and Emily raised ten children, one of whom, Charles Frederick was also killed in action in 1916.

There do not appear to have been any male Jeffcotts being born beyond this generation, so the name died out.

See the gedcom family tree for more information.

This yet another Jeffcott family that appears to have no connection whatsoever with the ancestral homeland of Warwickshire. It is quite possible that this and other families that use this spelling variant, have roots with the Irish Jeffcott families – that do eventually come back to Warwickshire.