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The Frisby Jeffcotts of Kettering.

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Introduction

We built this family tree from the many Jeffcoat references for Jeffcoat in Kettering. We start it with William Jeffcoat, born c1785 in Shustoke, Northamptonshire, and his wife Susannah, née Burnham. The family were involved in the shoe trade, as is common for Northamptonshire generally. There is a baptism in 1785 for a William, but it is in Allesley, not Shustoke, so we cannot be confident that it is the same William. They had at least three children, Charles, Elizabeth and John.

Charles seems to have done very well for himself as a shoemaker. He married Elizabeth Frisby, a maiden name that was carried through the generations as a middle name. They had at least eight children, six daughters and two sons. The following extract from the 1881 shows Charles and Elizabeth employing 12 men and 2 boys in their shoemaking business, with their son Charles, also a shoemaker, living next door in Broughton, Northamptonshire.

1881 England Census for Charles Jeffcoat

Northamptonshire > Broughton > ALL > District 1

Page 10]		The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the											
Civil Parish (or Township) of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town or Village or Hamlet of	Urban Sanitary District of	Rural Sanitary District of	Ecclesiastical Parish or District of						
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. of NAME of HOUSE	Inhabited (A) or Vacant (B)	NAME and Surnames of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	If (1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Imbecile or Idiot (4) Lunatic				
						Males	Females						
63	10 High St.	1	Charles Jeffcoat	Head	Mar	60		Shoemaker employes	Northampton				
			Elizabeth do	Wife	Mar	63	12 men & 2 Boys	Shoemaker	Northampton				
			Harry A. Jones	Nephew				Shoemaker	London				
			William Thompson	Grandson		10		Scholar	Northampton				
64	11 do	1	Charles Jeffcoat	Head	Mar	39		Shoemaker	Northampton				
			Emma do	Wife	Mar	34			do				
			Sarah Ann do	Daughter		2			do				
			Sam Frisby do	Son		1			do				
66			John Newitt	Son	Mar	27		Shoemaker	Lincoln				
			William H. Newitt	Head	Mar	11		Saddler	Northampton				

William and Susannah's second child, Elizabeth, married a Charles Newitt, who was also a shoemaker and they raised several children. Both Charles Newitt and Elizabeth gave their father's professions as 'cordwainer' on their marriage certificate.

William and Susannah's second son, John, also a shoemaker, does not seem to have fared so well. He married Sarah Hall and they had at least six children together. Of their children, of which there were probably more, we have highlighted three, Charlotte, Thomas William and Henry Joseph.

Charlotte Jeffcoat, born 1857.

When Charlotte Jeffcoat was born in 1857 in Northamptonshire, her father, John, was 24, and her mother, Sarah, was 25. Her mother Sarah died in 1870 at the age of 38, possibly in childbirth. Charlotte had an illegitimate daughter in 1872, when she would have been 14 years old. Also, in February 1872, she had an adult baptism, one of three on that day, with both her parents named - but whether her father was there we do not know. John was shown as a widower in the census of 1871. Could this have been a case of incest; a recently widowed father and a sexually mature eldest

daughter living in close relationship? She would have been pregnant when she was baptised, as her daughter Ellen was born in the September quarter of 1872. She and her daughter Ellen were inmates in the workhouse in 1881. In 1891 she and her daughter were lodgers with the Gordon family, probably related, as in 1911, Charlotte was described as head of her house and with a Gordon niece and nephew living with her. She died in October 1940 in Northampton, Northamptonshire, at the age of 93.

Thomas William Jeffcoat, born 1860.

Charlotte's young brother Thomas married Comfort Dent and they had six children, the last two of whom were twins. These twins died soon after they were born, as did their mother Comfort. Within a year, Thomas had married again, to widow Ellen Frost, née Shaw, and they had at least five children together. There were also the children of his first marriage, and children of Ellen's, to care for, so it must have been a large household.

Here is an extract from the 1911 census, showing the family as it was then.

1911 England Census for Thomas Jeffcoat																	
Northamptonshire > Northampton > St Giles > 10																	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
										11	12	13		14	15	16	
										11	12	13		14	15	16	
1	Thomas Jeffcoat	Head	49	Married						Agent	506	Insurance	Worker		Northampton		
2	Ellen Jeffcoat	Wife	48	Married	19	6	5	1							Northampton		
3	Harry Frost	Son	26	Married						Warehouseman	Leather Merchant	Worker	4		Northampton		330
4	Tom Frost	Son	26	Single						Soldier	Private	0			Northampton		
5	Lottie Jeffcoat	Daughter	24	Single						Machinist	Book Binder	Worker	4		Northampton		330
6	Arthur Jeffcoat	Son	18	Single						Wood Saw	Machinist	Worker			Northampton		
7	Kate Jeffcoat	Daughter	16	Single						Ironer	030 Laundry	Worker			Northampton		330
8	Therese Jeffcoat	Daughter	14	Single						Knit Linn	0300 Manufacture	Worker			Northampton		
9	Bertha Jeffcoat	Daughter	11							School	390	0			Northampton		
10	Edel Jeffcoat	Daughter	8							School					Northampton		
11	Madge Frost	Daughter	3												Northampton		
12	Adam Smith	Boarder	26	Single						barber	General	Worker			Northampton		

Henry Joseph Jeffcoat, born 1870.

Like his sister Charlotte, Henry was an inmate in the workhouse in 1881, so, presumably, their father John had died by then. By 1891 he was a boarder with a manager of the Prison Gate Mission's family. Perhaps he was a discharged prisoner. After that time, we have no record of what became of him.

There appears to have been no male Jeffcoat descendants from this family line.