

Family DT

The Family of Thomas Jephcoate born in 1835 in Nuneaton, who emigrated to New Zealand and married Mary Fowler.

This family is probably the only one that we have using the variant spelling Jephcoate. It also has a rather splendid Theodore Jephcoate who had a son with the same name. It starts with Thomas Sherman Jephcoate who was born around 1835, in Nuneaton, and who married Mary Ann Fowler in 1870 in Australia. Truly impressive names!

We have the information that Thomas came from Nuneaton, from the 1851 census, when he was one of 12 (the last on the list) servants working for the occupants, the Hewitt family, of Astley Castle in Warwickshire (in 1674 the castle was sold to the Newdigate family of Arbury Hall and became their secondary home. It was the home of Lieutenant General Edward Newdigate Newdigate until his death in 1902).

Perhaps Thomas' middle name addition was a result of his associations with the upper classes and a desire to make something more of himself. He had emigrated to Australia by 1870, as he was married there. In 1903 Thomas was listed a gardener living in Auckland, New Zealand. He died in 1907.

In the 1851 census, we have a governess, a nurse, a nursery maid, a house keeper, a laundry maid, a lady's maid, a dairy maid, a kitchen maid, a house maid, a butler a groom – and our Thomas (Jephcote), a house servant.

1851 England Census
Warwickshire - Astley - 5b

Household No.	Name	Sex	Age	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born
6	James Jordan	Wife	39		Warwick
	Mary Hewitt	Head	41	Scholar at Home	Warwick's Betty
	Ernest D.	Head	9	" - "	Huntingdon
	Annabella D.	Wife	14		Warwick's Betty
	Archibald D.	Wife	7	Scholar at Home	" - "
	Edward D.	Wife	3		Middlesex London
	Agabella D.	Wife	1		Shropshire
	Stephen Boyard	Man	21	Household	Wiltshire
	John Hensley	Man	60	Wife	Warwick's Betty
	Lucy Gordon	Wife	27	Nursery Maid	Warwick's Betty
	Thomas Dwyer	Man	31	House Keeper	Warwick's Betty
	Marion Bealings	Wife	26	Laundry Maid	Warwick's Betty
	Henry Bealings	Man	27	Butler's Maid	Warwick's Betty
	Henry Bealings	Man	25	House Maid	Warwick's Betty
	John Bealings	Man	19	Butler's Maid	Warwick's Betty
Total of Persons ...				12	

Parish of ...
Astley

Name of Street, Place, or Road, and Name or No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1851	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf, or Dumb
				Males	Females			
	Martha Chapman	Servant	W	20		Wife's Maid	Warwick's Betty	
	Thomas Stokes	Servant	M	29		Butler	Warwick's Betty	
	George Kelly	Servant	M	19		Groom	Warwick's Betty	
	Thomas Jephcoate	Servant	M	17		House Servant	" - "	
	John Bealings	Servant	M	19		Butler's Maid	Warwick's Betty	

Regrettably, we know no more about their roots or what became of them all.

Here we have a glimpse of the high life, with Thomas' son Theodore and his wife Clara travelling from New Zealand to Canada in 1932.

Canadian Passenger Lists, 1865-1935 for Theodore Jephcoate
Vancouver, Victoria, and Pacific Ports > 1932 > June

LINE	FAMILY NAME, GIVEN NAME	RELATIONSHIP	AGE			COUNTRY AND PLACE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY (COUNTRY OF BIRTH & CITIZEN OR SUBJECT)	RACE OR PEOPLE	IF IN CANADA BEFORE		EVER RECEIVED ENTRY TO CANADA?	DO YOU INTEND TO RESIDE PERMANENTLY IN CANADA?	CAN YOU READ?	WHAT LANGUAGE	BY WHOM WAS PASSAGE PAID
			M.	F.	Y.				M.	PERIOD					
1	STEED FREDERICK. G. W.		38	2	ENGLAND BOURNEMOUTH	ENGLAND	ENGLISH	NIL	NIL	NO	NO	YES	ENGLISH	SELF	
FIRST CLASS PASSENGERS EMBARKED SUVA, FIJI, JUNE. 3 RD. 1932.															
2	FRANCE MARGARET. S.	MOTHER	59	7	SCOTLAND GLASGOW	ENGLAND	SCOTCH	1898	IN TRANSIT	NO	NO	YES	ENGLISH	SELF	
3	FRANCE MARGARET. S.	DAUGHTER	27	7	SCOTLAND GLASGOW	ENGLAND	SCOTCH	NIL	NIL	NO	NO	YES	ENGLISH	MOTHER	
4	TUCKER ARTHUR. D.	HUSBAND	48	1	DUBLIN IRELAND	ENGLAND	IRISH	11	1	NO	NO	YES	ENGLISH	SELF	
5	TUCKER MARY.	WIFE	56	1	ENGLAND LONDON	ENGLAND	ENGLISH	1	1	NO	NO	YES	ENGLISH	HUSBAND	
FIRST CLASS PASSENGERS EMBARKED AUCKLAND, N.Z., MAY. 31ST. 1932.															
6	JEPHCOATE THEODORE.	HUSBAND	57	1	NEW ZEALAND WESTPORT	NEW ZEALAND	ENGLISH			NO	NO	YES	ENGLISH	SELF	
7	JEPHCOATE CLARA.	WIFE	54	1	NEW ZEALAND OHAUPO	NEW ZEALAND	ENGLISH			NO	NO	YES	ENGLISH	HUSBAND	

This is what we know of the family tree.

