

## Family DO

### The Family of Thomas Jeffcoatt and his wife Martha, of Coventry.

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This family is a small one. Found in the miscellaneous chapter of the book and brought here with its own family code. This is what we have, sent to us by June Jephcott of Stratford-upon-Avon, and added-to by us.

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#### Thomas Jeffcoatt, Ribbon Manufacturer

We were sent these extracts by June Jephcott of Stratford upon Avon.

#### EXTRACTS FROM 'THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION IN COVENTRY'

by John Prest

#### Chapter V: The transformation of the Ribbon Trade in the 1840s and 1850s

The attempt to Maintain the list of prices.

Many of the manufacturers, no longer believing in the list, ceased to come to the town meetings when the Mayor called them. As early as 1835 the Mayor had to adjourn a meeting because there were no manufacturers present. In the meantime he appealed to them to attend the adjourned meeting which some of them did. Mr Hennell then had the courage to state his arguments against the list. 'The lower our prices the more we shall sell' he said. It was not a new argument, but it was the last time that a manufacturer would take the trouble to explain himself to the town and to the weavers so clearly. Time and again the weavers deplored the absence of the manufacturers from these meetings, and though they continued to rely on town meetings to test the sympathy of the public, from about 1840 the weavers' committee found it more profitable to wait upon each manufacturer in turn, asking why he objected to paying by the list. The answers they received followed a regular pattern. One manufacturer said he was paying by the list, the next said he would pay when the others did, while the third said he would never pay by any list. In 1843, for example, the weavers' committee told the weavers on strike that they had called on the masters who were not paying list prices.

Mr Merridew, who will not sign, but is paying above.

Mr Jephcott, who will not sign.

Eight others listed who will not sign.

#### Chapter VII: The Struggle between the cottage factory and the factory

The outdoor weavers, the factory hands, and the manufacturers

Finally Mr Jephcott spoke for a whole class when he said that the factory system was one of absolute slavery, without finding it necessary to elaborate a point which he took to be self-evident.

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A search of our records revealed the following complementary information about Thomas.

In the Coventry Record Office we found in their card index:

JEPHCOAT, Thomas - This ribbon manufacturer, with his wife Martha, sold a milliners' and dressmakers' business to Caroline and Amelia Bacon in 1833, mortgaged land at Foleshill in 1836 and rented a Warwick Row house from the Bunney family in 1847. His premises were in Hertford Street. He gave 10 Guineas towards the School of Arts rebuilding in 1859.

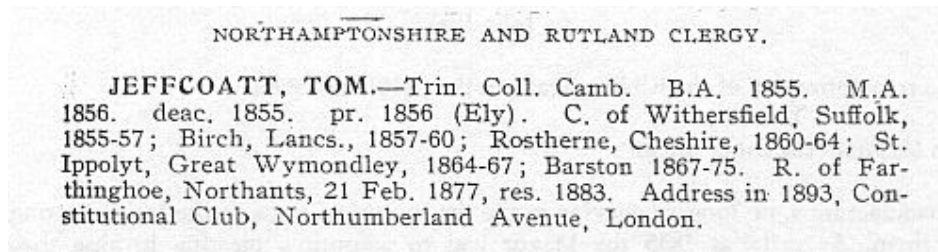
A search of the IGI revealed that Thomas and Martha had a son, Tom, baptised on 30th July 1832 at St Michaels church, Coventry.

A search of the wills index revealed that Thomas senior was a wealthy man when he died. We have not viewed the actual will at Somerset House.

1873 - The will of Thomas Jeffcoat Esq. of Coventry, who died 22nd November 1873, aged 72. The executor was his son, the Reverend Tom Jeffcoat of Barston. The value of the estate was approximately £35000.

We did look for Thomas' baptism, knowing that he would have been born around 1801 and found William and Mary to be the probable parents. We could not make a positive identification of his parents. His marriage certificate would name his father but we have not, as yet, investigated this avenue.

His son Tom became a clergyman, so we consulted a clergy index, and this entry was found.



From this limited information we looked at the cleric Tom, finding him to be a man that moved about the country quite a bit, ministering to his various flocks as their pastor. The thought at first that he was not the marrying type but, were pleased to see that, by 1881, he had found a wife, some 29 years his junior.

*"It is a truth universally acknowledged,  
that a single man in possession of a good fortune,  
must be in want of a wife."*

— Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*

So, here is the census trail that we picked up for the Reverend Tom, whom, it would appear never had any children of his own.

1851, aged 18, he was visiting the Rector of Merton in Devon.

1861, aged 28, he was the curate of Bollington in Cheshire.

1871, aged 38, he was the curate of Barston in Warwickshire.

1881, aged 48, he was the rector of Farthinghoe in Northamptonshire.

1891, aged 58, he was a Clerk in Holy Orders, visiting a lady in Warwick.

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1901, aged 68, he was a clergyman of the Church of England in Ealing, Middlesex, now married to Jessie (née Jackson), aged 41, with two stepdaughters and two servants.

1911, aged 79, he was a clergyman of the Established Church, living by his own means, in Ealing, Middlesex, with his wife Jessie, aged 50, his adopted daughter and two servants. He had been married for 17 years and there had been no children of the marriage.

The various census entries are shown as follows:

1851

1851 England Census for Tom Jeffcoat  
Devon > Merton > 3

No. of Inhabitants	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 or		Occupation	Place of Birth
					Males	Females		
1	Parsonage	James G. Kempe	Head	Mar	58		Rector of Merton	Warwickshire
		Laura G.	Wife	Mar	31			Warwickshire
		John G.	Son		6			Warwickshire
		Emily G.	Daughter		2			Warwickshire
		Henrietta G.	Daughter		1			Warwickshire
		James G.	Son		2			Warwickshire
		Fanny G.	Daughter		1			Warwickshire
		Tom Jeffcoat	Visitor	U.	78			Warwickshire
		Jilly Sygell	Serv.	U.	66		Cook	Warwickshire
		Mary She	Serv.	U.	27		Nurse	Warwickshire
		Esther Adams	Serv.	U.	18		Housemaid	Warwickshire
		...	Serv.	U.	28		Coal Steward	Warwickshire

1861

1861 England Census for Tom Jeffcoat  
Cheshire > Bollington > Lymm > District 1

5	16	Willam do	son	U.	10		Scholar	Warwickshire
		Samuel do	son	U.	10		Scholar	Warwickshire
		Elizabeth Bloor	Head	U.	44		Widow of Samuel Bloor	Warwickshire
		Paul James do	son	Un	17		Coal Trade	Warwickshire
		John James do	son	U.	14		Scholar	Warwickshire
		Tom Jeffcoat	Visitor	Un	28		Widow of Bollington	Warwickshire
		Stephen Harrison	Head	Mar	41		Farmer	Warwickshire

1871

1871 England Census for Tom Jeffcoat  
Warwickshire > Barston > 6

27		Richard Harvey	Head	Do	77		Ag. Lab.	Warwickshire
		Mary Do	Wife	Do	47			Warwickshire
28		Tom Jeffcoat	Head	Mar	28		Curate of Barston	Warwickshire
		William Santham	Serv.	U.	74		Ag. Lab.	Warwickshire
		Mary Do	Do	Do	63		Housekeeper	Warwickshire
		George Worthington	Do	Un	23		Serv. - Farm	Warwickshire

1881

1881 England Census for Tom Jeffcoat  
Northamptonshire > Farthinghoe > District 5

		Henry Fred Do	Son	U.	3			Northamptonshire
		Rachel S. Smith	Widow	Un	46		General Servant	Northamptonshire
7	Farthinghoe Rectory	Tom Jeffcoat	Head	Mar	58		Rector of Farthinghoe	Warwickshire
		Annie M. Harry	Servant	Un	26		Barlow, Manselton	Warwickshire
		Harvey Harry	Son	Un	20		House do Domestic	Warwickshire
		Annie L. Newman	Do	Un	21		Cook do	Warwickshire
		Thomas R. Brown	Head	Mar	46		Corn Dealer	Warwickshire

1891

1891 England Census for Tom Jelfcott										
Warwickshire > St Mary > Warwick > District 13										
181	25	do	1	Annie Taylor	Wife	F	12	do	do	do - do
				Mary Ann Gagg	Head	F	68	Living on own Means	do	do - do
				Emma do	Sister	F	63	do	do	do - do
				Alice H. do	Sister	F	61	do	do	do - do
				Tom Jelfcott	Visitor	F	38	Clerk in Holy Andrew (Clayton)	do	do - Coventry
				Jacob Christoph	Wife	F	38	General Servant. Domestic	do	do - Birmingham
									do	do - Bristol

1901

1901 England Census for Tom Jeffcoat										
Middlesex > Ealing > District 02										
51	24	do	1	Edith Holey	Servant	F	27	Housemaid	do	do - do
				Agnes Emma	Servant	F	22	Housemaid	do	do - do
				Tom Jeffcoat	Head	M	65	Clergyman (Church of Eng)	do	do - do
				Agnes do	Wife	M	41	do	do	do - do
				Lucas Jackson	Up boy	M	18	do	do	do - do
				Annie do	do	F	12	do	do	do - do
				Jacob Charlton	Servant	F	26	Housemaid	do	do - do
				Constance Williams	Servant	F	22	Cook	do	do - do
				J. L. ...	Head	M	44	do	do	do - do

1911

1911 England Census for Tom Jeffcoat										
Middlesex > Ealing > 02										
1	Tom Jeffcoat	Head	79	Married				Clergyman (Established)	0	Coventry, Warwickshire 122
2	Jessie Jeffcoat	Wife	50	Married 17				do	0	Puteaux 000
3	Annie Jackson	Adopted	22	Single				do	0	Brockley 1
4	Lusan Pufflett	Servant	36	Single				Cook. Domestic	0	Unknown 01
5	Fanny Turner	Servant	36	Single				Housemaid (do)	0	Walsall, Staffordshire 083

He died in 1915, the Rev'd Tom Jeffcoat of 24 Montpelier Road, Ealing, clerk. 10<sup>th</sup> December 1915. £28318.

A wealthy man! Like his father.

