

Family DU

The Hopson Jeffcote Family.

We found this family whilst tidying up the births index, finding three Hopson/Hobson Jeffcote births that we had no details about. Further investigation led to their illegitimate births to Sarah Jeffcote who was born around 1817 in Nuneaton, parents unknown. So we have given this family the designation DU, but assuming that it will fit in with an already researched family, somewhere. Sarah has left us no clues, as she doesn't seem to have married, thus telling us her father's name.

We first see the family in the 1851 census, when Sarah is living as a housekeeper for John Hopson, some 8 years older than her, a nailmaker from Sedgley, Staffordshire. At that time, she (they) had a son, John Hopson Jeffcote aged 8 years.

1851 England Census for Sarah Jephcote
Warwickshire > Arley > ALL > 4b

Parish or Township of		Ecclesiastical District of		City or Borough of		Town of		Village of	
No.	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-and-Dumb
					Male	Female			
		Harriet Ward	Daughter					Warwick ¹ Arley	
		Charlotte Do	Daughter					Do Do	
44		John Hopson	Head	24	62	Nail Maker		Stafford ¹ Sedgley	K.
		Sarah Jeffcote	Wife	42	38	House Keeper		Warwick ¹ Nuneaton	
		John Ho Jeffcote	Son	7				Do Foleshill	
55		Thomas Scallywood	Head	40	46	Ag. Lab.		Warwick ¹	
		Jane Do	Wife	36	36			Do	

As time went on, she had two more sons, and a daughter Hannah. We could not find any children from the next generation, but her son James didn't turn out too well, as the newspaper cutting shown on the next page, records. James married, treated his wife badly, left her, went on to marry another unlucky woman bigamously, whom he also treated badly, was arrested, tried, and spent 12 months in jail as punishment. What became of him, we know not.

The youngest child, Henry Hopson Jeffcote, married and his marriage certificate gives his father's name as John Hopson Jeffcote, a blacksmith. Note the corrected Hopson which was first written as the more common Hobson.

Derbyshire, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1932 for Henry Hopson Jeffcoatt
Derby, All Saints > 1754-1906

1863. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of All Saints Derby in the County of Derby									
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.	
138	Nov 3	Henry Hopson Jeffcoatt	22	Bachelor	Lamp-lighter	S ^t Mary's Gate	John Hopson Jeffcoatt	Blacksmith	
	1863	Martha Jane Crawford	22	Spinster	Servant.	S ^t Mary's Gate	William Crawford	Salmoner	

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by _____ or after Names by me, _____

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Henry Hopson Jeffcoatt in the Presence of us, James Lees Martha Jane Crawford Hannah Gallimore

CHARGE OF BIGAMY.
Proceedings this day.

At the Nottingham Town Hall, this morning, before Mr. Brown and Mr. Blain, **James Hobson** Jeffcote was charged with having contracted marriage with Matilda Wells, his wife, Ada Louisa Jeffcote, being still alive.—Mr. A. Barlow, for Mr. Norman, prosecuted.—Mr. Price, parish clerk of Christ Church, Coalville, Leicestershire, proved the marriage of prisoner to Ada Louisa Bates, at that church, on July 25th, 1881. He produced a certified copy of the entry of that marriage in the parish register.—Matilda Wells, living at Sneinton, stated that she became acquainted with prisoner about nine months ago. He represented that he was a single man, and on May 29th of the present year witness was married to the prisoner, at St. John's Church, Leen-side, Nottingham. About two months later witness found that the prisoner had been previously married, and charged him with it. He admitted it, and this month gave himself up at Leen-side Police-station. During the time they had lived together prisoner had ill-treated witness, and she had to go to her relations for food.—A woman with whom prisoner and his wife had lodged gave further evidence as to the first marriage, and as to prisoner's neglect of his wife.—Aaron Richardson, uncle of Wells, stated that he was an attesting witness of the second marriage. He accompanied prisoner to Leen-side Police-station when the latter gave himself up. Witness's niece had frequently complained to him of prisoner's treatment.—Inspector Alfred Foster stated that prisoner came to the Leen-side Police-station and gave himself up, as had been stated by previous witnesses.—Prisoner was committed for trial at the Assizes.



DU Hopson Jeffcote Family Tree

