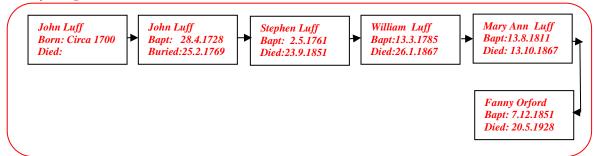
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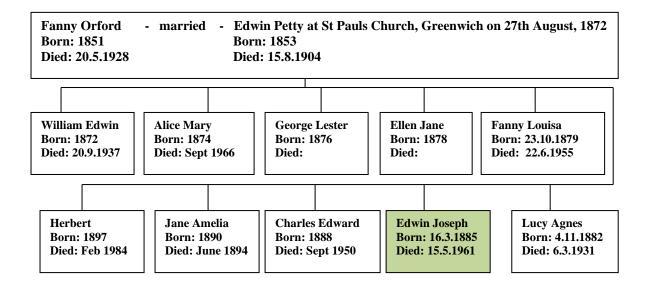
(The author's 2nd Cousin twice removed) web-site www.mike-jl.co.uk

Family Lineage:



Edwin Joseph Petty was born in Belvedere, Kent on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 1885. He is the son of Fanny & Edwin Petty. Edwin was baptised at All Saints Church, Belvedere on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 1885.

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The 1891 Census shows Edwin, aged 6, living with his family at Fair View, Abbey Road, Belvedere, Kent

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William E Petty	Son		18 Male	Milkman	Deptford, Kent
George T Petty	Son		14 Male		Chelsea, Middx
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Lucy Petty	Daughter		7 F/male	<b>;</b>	Belvedere, Kent
Edwin Petty	Son		6 Male		Belvedere, Kent
Charles Petty	Son		2 Male		Belvedere, Kent
Jane Petty	Daughter		1 F/male	2	Belvedere, Kent

When the 1891 census was taken on April 5th, the total population of England, Wales and Scotland was recorded as 33,015,701.

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The 1901 Census shows Edwin, now aged 16, living with his family at 15, Upper Abbey Road, Belvedere, Kent. Edwin's occupation was as a Dairyman.

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Edwin Petty	Son		16 Male	Dairyman	Belvedere, Kent
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When the 1901 census was taken on 31 March 1901, the total population of England, Wales and Scotland was recorded as 36,999,946. From 1801 the population had nearly quadrupled.

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Edwin joined the British Army in 1903 at the age of 18. His Attestation document shows he was 6 foot  $1^{1/2}$  inches tall and  $12^{-1/2}$  stones. He had brown hair and blue eyes. He enlisted in the Coldstream Guards. It looks like he did his 3 years' mandatory service and then on demob, joined the Met Police. In 1914 he enlisted and was promoted to Warrant Officer. He was demobilised in 1919.

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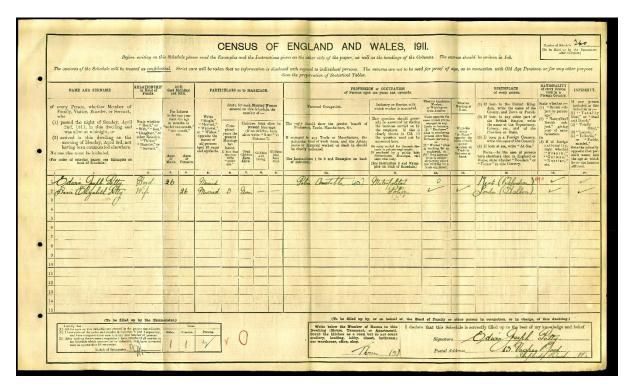
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Betty Eileen
Born: 21.10.1923
Died: 2002

The 1911 Census shows Edwin, now aged 26 and married, living at 63 Vespan Road, Shepherds Bush, West London. Edwin was still a Police Constable.



The 1911 census for England and Wales was taken on the night of Sunday 2 April, 1911. The count included all individual households, plus institutions such as prisons, workhouses, naval vessels and merchant vessels, and it also attempted to make an approximate count of the homeless. The census also includes records for the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, Royal Navy ships at sea, and overseas military establishments.

### The 1911 census documents

Prior to 1911, the household schedules were destroyed once the details had been transferred into the enumerators' summary books. But for the 1911 census both sets of records have been preserved, which means you can see the census documents filled out in householders own hand (complete with mistakes and additional comments). The household schedules, plus their transcription, are available to view.

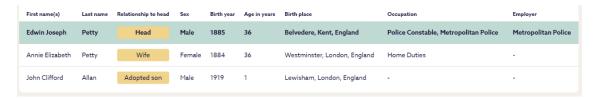
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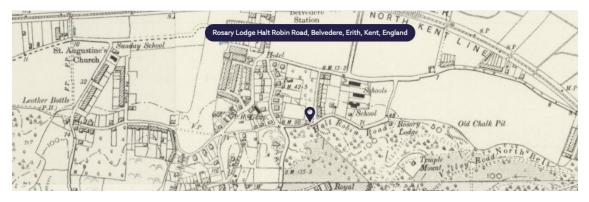
In response to government concerns the 1911 census also asked additional, more specific questions to each household, about fertility in marriage and occupational data. At the time there were falling birth rates, large numbers of people emigrating, and the nation was in reportedly poor health across the demographic spectrum. This was coupled with the rise (and fall) of businesses during what were rapidly advancing industrial and technological times, so the government felt it necessary to understand more about the health of the nation, and which industries were in general growth or decline.

## The 1911 census and the suffragettes

Frustrated with the government's refusal to grant women the vote, a large number of women boycotted the 1911 census by refusing to be counted. There were two forms of protest. In the first, the women (or their husbands) refused to fill in the form, often recording their protest on the household schedule. In the second, women evaded the census by staying away from their home for the whole night, and so did not lodge their protest on the household schedule. In both cases, any details relating to individual women in the households will be missing from the census. For the family historian, a refusal to fill in the form (accompanied by a protest statement) at least registers the presence of a woman, or women, in the household. But the women who evaded the count by leaving their home for the night are entirely untraceable via the census. The exact number of women who boycotted the census is not known, though some people have estimated that it may be as many as several thousand.

The 1921 Census shows Edwin, now aged 36 and married, living at 63 Vespan Road, Shepherds Bush. Edwin is still a Police Constable with the Met Police. He and his wife have an adopted son John Clifford.





The 1939 Registration Record shows Edwin who would have been 54 years' of age, now as a general farmer, living with his wife and three children at Crabtree Farm.

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In December 1938 it was announced in the House of Commons that in the event of war, a National Register would be taken that listed the personal details of every civilian in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. This Register was to be a critical tool in coordinating the war effort at home. It would be used to issue identity cards, organise rationing and more.

On September 1st, 1939 Germany invaded Poland, putting the wheels in motion for Britain to declare war on the 3rd. On September 5th, the National Registration Act received royal assent and Registrar General Sir Sylvanus Vivian announced that National Registration Day would be September 29th. Having issued forms to more than 41 million people, the enumerators were charged with the task of visiting every household in Great Britain and Northern Ireland to collect the names, addresses, martial statuses and other key details of every civilian in the country, issuing identity cards on the snot.

The identity cards issued were essential items from the point the Register was taken right up until 1952, when the legal requirement to carry them ceased. Until that point, every member of the civilian population had to be able to present their card upon request by an official (children's cards were looked after by parents), or bring them to a police station within 48 hours. The reasons were numerous – it was essential to know who everyone was, of course, and to track their movements as they moved house, as well as to keep track of the population as babies were born and people passed away. The 1939 Register, then, represents one of the most important documents in 20<sup>th</sup> century Britain. The information it contains not only helped toward the war effort, it was also used in the founding of the NHS.

In addition, the 1931 census was destroyed during an air raid on London and the 1941 census was never taken. The 1939 Register is therefore the only surviving overview of the civil population of England and Wales spanning the period 1921-1951. It bridges a census gap that risked losing an entire generation, and is a fascinating resource for anyone interested in understanding 20<sup>th</sup> century Britain and its people.

Edwin's wife Annie died on 29th March, 1949, she was 64.

Edwin died on  $15^{th}$  May, 1961 he was 76. He left £1,685 in his estate to Nancy Barnett his daughter and John Clifford Petty his adopted son.

PETTY Edwin Joseph of 54 Hurlingham Road Bexleyheath
Kent died 15 May 1961 at 28 Castleton Avenue Barnehurst
Kent Probate London 25 July to Nancy Barnett married
woman and John Clifford Petty storekeeper.
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