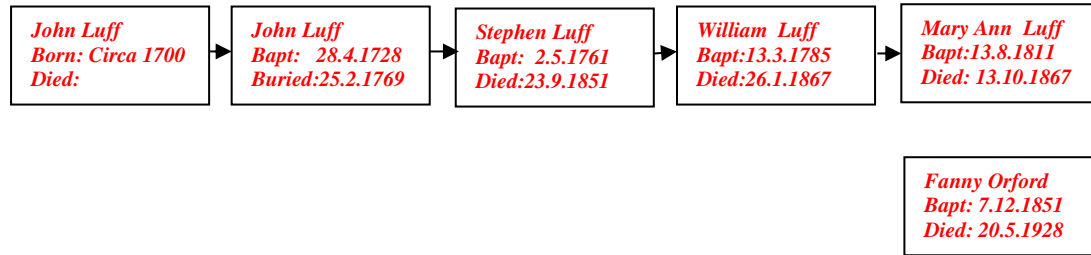


Edwin Joseph Petty 1885 - 1961

(The author's 2nd Cousin twice removed)
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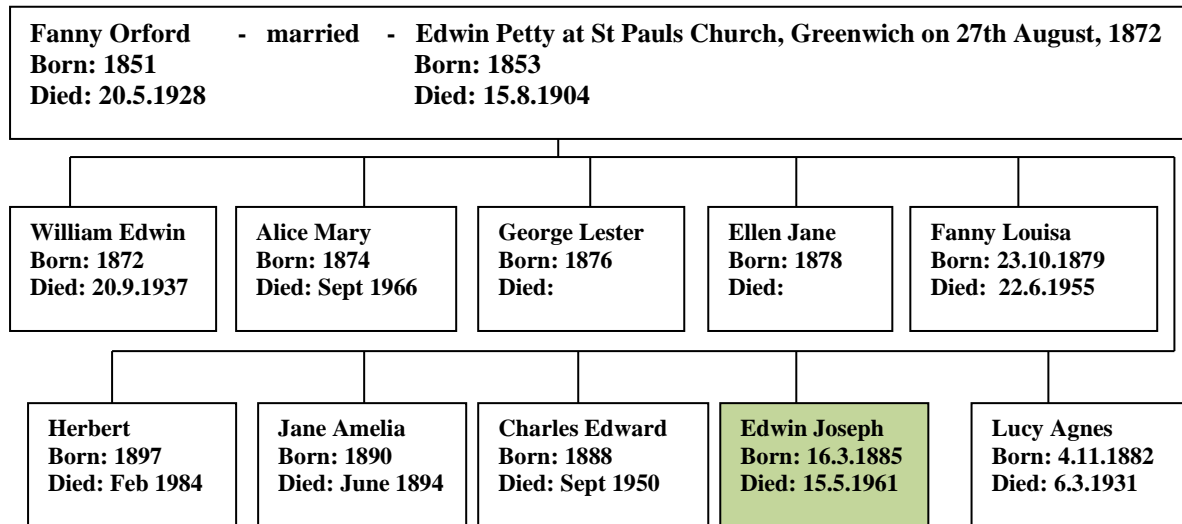
Edwin Joseph Petty was born in Belvedere, Kent on 16th March, 1885. He is the son of Fanny & Edwin Petty. Edwin was baptised at All Saints Church, Belvedere on 27th May, 1885.

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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of *All Saints Belvedere* in the
County of *Kent* in the year One thousand
eight hundred and *eighty five*

When Born	When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents' Names.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
			Christian.	Surname.			
<i>Sep^r 27 1880</i>	<i>May 24</i>	<i>Lane Alice Nettie</i>	<i>William & Jane Clementia</i>	<i>Page</i>	<i>Beadonswell Belvedere</i>	<i>Bootmaker</i>	<i>J. M^r. Hoile Vicar</i>
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<i>Oct^r 10 1882</i>	<i>May 24</i>	<i>Mary Kate</i>	<i>William & Jane Clementia</i>	<i>Page</i>	<i>Beadonswell Belvedere</i>	<i>Bootmaker</i>	<i>J. M^r. Hoile Vicar</i>
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<i>Oct^r 23 1879</i>	<i>May 27</i>	<i>Fanny Louisa</i>	<i>Edwin & Fanny</i>	<i>Petty</i>	<i>Bottle Rd. Belvedere</i>	<i>Witchman</i>	<i>J. M^r. Hoile Vicar</i>
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		No. 204					
<i>Mar 16 1885</i>	<i>May 27</i>	<i>Edwin Joseph</i>	<i>Edwin & Fanny</i>	<i>Petty</i>	<i>Bottle Rd. Belvedere</i>	<i>Witchman</i>	<i>J. M^r. Hoile Vicar</i>
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The 1891 Census shows Edwin, aged 6, living with his family at Fair View, Abbey Road, Belvedere, Kent

Administrative County of <u>Kent</u>				The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the										Page 3	
Civil Parish		Municipal Borough		Municipal Ward		Urban Sanitary District		Town or Village or Hamlet		Rural Sanitary District		Parliamentary Borough or Division		Ecclesiastical Parish or District	
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Ordn. No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, etc., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES	Number of rooms occupied	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	Employer	Employed	WOMEN BORN	(1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lame, Imbecile or Idiot			
14	Abbey Road	1	5	John Petty	Head	M	37	Milkman			Belvedere				
				Fanny Petty	Wife	M	39				Farnham				
				William E Petty	Son		18	Milkman			Deptford				
				George T Petty	Son		14				Chelsea				
				Ellen J Petty	Daughter		12				Chelsea				
				Fanny L Petty	Daughter		10				Chelsea				
				Lucy Petty	Daughter		7				Belvedere				
				Edwin Petty	Son		6				Belvedere				
				Charles Petty	Son		2				Belvedere				
				Jane Petty	Daughter		1				Belvedere				

Name	Position in House	Condition	Age/Sex	Profession	Birth Place
Edwin Petty	Head	Married	37 Male	Milkman	Bexley, Kent
Fanny Petty	Wife	Married	39 F/male		Farnham, Surrey
William E Petty	Son		18 Male	Milkman	Deptford, Kent
George T Petty	Son		14 Male		Chelsea, Middx
Ellen J Petty	Daughter		12 F/male		Chelsea, Middx
Fanny L Petty	Daughter		10 F/male		Chelsea, Middx
Lucy Petty	Daughter		7 F/male		Belvedere, Kent
Edwin Petty	Son		6 Male		Belvedere, Kent
Charles Petty	Son		2 Male		Belvedere, Kent
Jane Petty	Daughter		1 F/male		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.

In this census householders were asked how many rooms (if less than five) their family occupied, and additional occupation information was also taken. The original documents would have been given to householders several days before 5 April, and the head of household would have been asked to fill in the details for anyone who would have been residing at that address on the census date. If the head of the household was unable to read or write, the enumerator - a literate person who would be collecting the census forms - would help fill in the details. Because of this, however, it will be noted that mistakes were made, such as name spellings. It should also be noted that many people were often economical with the truth when it came to their ages.

Note: the census includes details of people resident in docked vessels and institutions such as prisons, workhouses, hospitals, and barracks, as well as individual households.

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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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Name	Position in House	Condition	Age/Sex	Profession	Birth Place
Edwin Petty	Head	Married	47 Male	Cowkeeper & Dairyman	Bexley, Kent
Fanny Petty	Wife	Married	49 F/male		Farnham, Surrey
George Petty	Son		24 Male	Office Clerk	Chelsea, Middx
Lucy Petty	Daughter		17 F/male		Belvedere, Kent
Edwin Petty	Son		16 Male	Dairyman	Belvedere, Kent
Charles Petty	Son		13 Male		Belvedere, Kent
Herbert Petty	Son		3 Male		Belvedere, Kent

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.

ATTESTATION OF
Corps *Edwin Joseph Petty*

Questions to be put to the Recruit before enlistment.

Name? *Edwin Joseph Petty*

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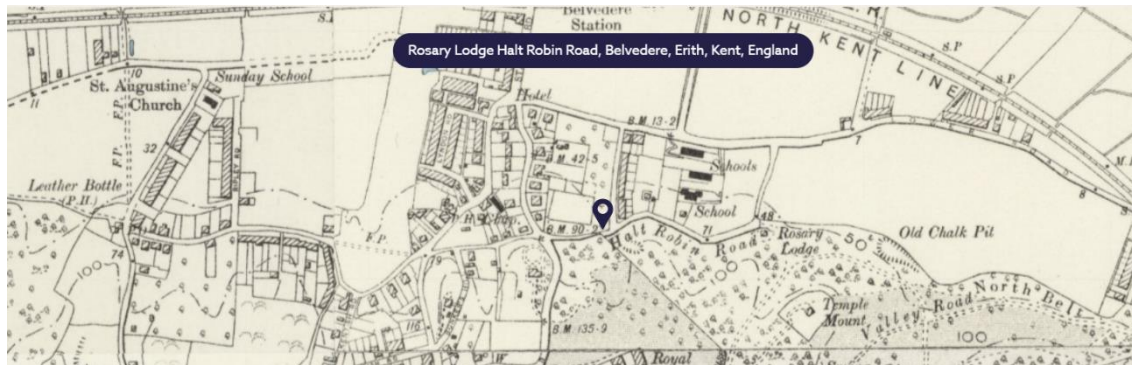
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The 1921 Census shows Edwin, now aged 36 and married, living at 63 Vespan Road, Shepherds Bush. Edwin is still a Police Constable with the Met Police. He and his wife have an adopted son John Clifford.

First name(s)	Last name	Relationship to head	Sex	Birth year	Age in years	Birth place	Occupation	Employer
Edwin Joseph	Petty	Head	Male	1885	36	Belvedere, Kent, England	Police Constable, Metropolitan Police	Metropolitan Police
Annie Elizabeth	Petty	Wife	Female	1884	36	Westminster, London, England	Home Duties	-
John Clifford	Allan	Adopted son	Male	1919	1	Lewisham, London, England	-	-



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.

E.D. Letter Code.....		Borough, U.D. or R.D. E.R.I.T.H.		Registration District and Sub-district 43-1						
ADDRESS.	SCHEDULE.		SURNAME AND OTHER NAMES.	O. V. S. P. or L.	M. or F.	BIRTH.		S. M. W. or D.	PERSONAL OCCUPATION.	See INSTRUCTIONS.
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1 Crabtree Farm	168	1	PETTY EDWIN J	M	16	Apr	85	M	General Farmer	
		2	PETTY ANNIE E	F	25	Nov	84	M	Unpaid Domestic	
		3	PETTY JOHN C	M	30	Aug	19	S	Unpaid Farmer	
		4	PETTY NANCY S.	F	27	Apr	22	S	Black (Cable work)	
		5	PETTY BETTY E	F	21	Oct	23	S	Turbine Worker	

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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, marital statuses and other key details of every civilian in the country, issuing identity cards on the spot.

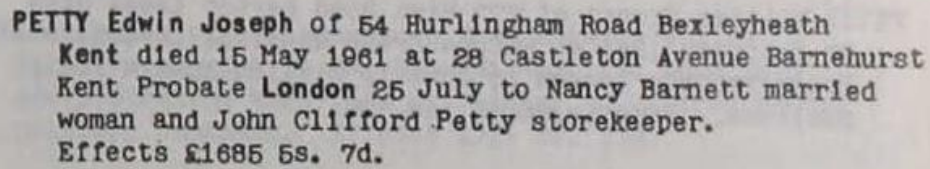
The identity cards issued were essential items from the point the Register was taken right up until 1952, when the legal requirement to carry them ceased. Until that point, every member of the civilian population had to be able to present their card upon request by an official (children's cards were 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 20th 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 20th century Britain and its people.

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

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

A photograph of a probate document snippet, showing a portion of a larger document. The text is typed in a serif font and is slightly faded. It details the death of Edwin Joseph Petty and the distribution of his estate.

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.
Effects £1685 5s. 7d.