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### **The following conventions are used:**

Any persons in the family tree with known natural history associations will be indicated in red type. Any relationships will be to the root naturalist unless otherwise stated.

Dates are presented Year – Month – Day

e.g. **1820 March 9** or **1820.3.9**  
**1820 March** or **1820.3**

Dates will be shown in bold type if a reliable reference is presented in the document. In cases where an exact year cannot be given (e.g. it is derived from an age at death), the date will be presented in normal type and preceded with "c" – e.g. c1798. There are some cases where a date is available from a secondary source only (e.g. a published obituary), in these cases it will be presented in italics – e.g. *1823.7.21*

### **Data sources:**

Census data have been used, whenever possible, to confirm relationships; they are not considered a reliable source of data concerning age. Contemporary newspaper family notices are considered as reliable sources of relationships and dates; reports and obituaries are treated more cautiously. Parish records generally provide a reliable source of data and digitised images have been used whenever possible. Any difficulties with transcription will be made clear. In some cases only transcripts have been available; errors here are usually confined to spelling. The most important source of this material is the International Genealogical Index compiled by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Utah. National Civil Registration Indexes are considered reliable, as are probate records.

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## ***Arthur Bennett (1843 – 1929) A.L.S.***

There is some confusion throughout herbaria between specimens of **Arthur Bennett** of Croydon and the unrelated **Alfred William Bennett** of Clapham. The following family tree is presented as an aid to the disambiguation of "Bennett" specimens.

## All relationships relative to Arthur Bennett (1843 – 1929)

**Edward Bennett** ( )

← ← Grandfather

\*\*\* married **Charlotte Lilliwhite** ( ) on **1793.12.10**

**Charles Bennett** (1808 – 1870.9.2)

← ← Father

\*\*\* married **Emma Butt(s)** (1811.4.22 - 1890) in 1837

**Arthur Bennett (1843 – 1929.5.2)**

\*\*1 married **Priscilla Richardson** (1839 - 1894) on **1866.10.23**

daughter

**Emma May Bennett** (1867.9.7 - )

\*\*\* married **Wilhelm Heinrich Schwartzkopf** ( ) on **1901.10.30**

daughter

**Annie Priscilla Bennett** (1869.10.22 - )

*Unmarried*

daughter

**Ada Minnie Jane Bennett** (1871.3.1 - 1958)

\*\*\* married **Percy Allen Ocle** (c1869 -) on **1895.4.13**

daughter

**Lily Bertha Bennett** (1873 - 1964)

\*\*\* married **Harry Bennett Platts** ( ) on **1898.3.19**

daughter

**Elizabeth Fanny Bennett** (1874.4.27 - )

\*\*\* married **Frederick George Chapman** ( ) on **1897.4.24**

daughter

**Nelly Maud Bennett** (1878.12.26 - )

daughter

**Rosa Florence Bennett** (1882.9.21 - )

*?Unmarried*

\*\*2 married **Jessie Charlton** (1863 - ) on **1898.7.23**

*No Issue*

brother

**Edgar Bennett** (1847 – 1910.5.3)

\*\*1 married **Jane Rouse** (c1848 - 1883) on **1874.6.11**

nephew

**Charles Frederick Bennett** (1874.11.6 - )

niece

**Louisa Annie Russell Bennett** (1877.12.11 - )

nephew

**Herbert Edgar James Bennett** (1879.7.20 - )

\*\*2 married **Alice Elsey** (1859 - ) on **1886.6.16**

Epsom

niece

**Eleanor Alice Elsey Bennett** (1886 - )

\*\*\* married **Robert Shaw Sutcliffe** ( ) on **1915.1.5**

nephew

**Arthur William Bennett** (1888 - )

nephew

**Henry George Bennett** (1891 - )

niece

**Elizabeth Bennett** (c1894 - )

+ 1 died young

brother

<sup>1</sup>**George Bennett** (1849 – after 1901) Carpenter

*Unmarried*

## Sources:

**1793 December 10:** England, Marriages, 1538–1973. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Marriage of Edward Bennett and Charlotte Lilliwhite, St Pancras, Chichester, Sussex.

**1798 September 9:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Baptism of Ann, daughter of Edward and Charlotte Bennett, St Pancras, Chichester.

**1801 December 27:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Baptism of James, son of Edward and Charlotte Bennett, St Pancras, Chichester.

**1805 March 24:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Baptism of William, son of Edward and Charlotte Bennett, St Pancras, Chichester.

**1808 November 27:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Baptism of Charles, son of Edward and Charlotte Bennett, St Pancras, Chichester.

**1811 March 31:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Baptism of James, son of Edward and Charlotte Bennett, St Pancras, Chichester.

**1811 May 22:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Baptism of Emma, daughter of Thomas and Susan Butts at Midhurst, Sussex. Child born **1811 April 22.**

**1839 December 22:** Baptismal Register, St John's, Croydon  
Baptism of Priscilla, daughter of William and Elizabeth Richardson.

**1841:** Census High-street, Croydon

Charles Bennett	30	Plumber	N
Ema [sic] Bennett	25		N
Jane Butt	25	Milliner	N
Ann Butt	20	Milliner	N

**1843 July 30:** Baptismal Register, St John's, Croydon  
Baptism of Arthur, son of Charles and Emma Bennett, plumber of Croydon.

**1847 March 14:** Baptismal Register, St John's, Croydon  
Baptism of Edgar, son of Charles and Emma Bennett, plumber of Croydon.

**1849 October 19:** Baptismal Register, St John's, Croydon  
Baptism of George, son of Charles and Emma Bennett, plumber of Croydon.

**1851 February 4:** \*South Eastern Gazette  
*Notice is hereby given, That the partnership between THOMAS HALL and CHARLES BENNETT, Plumbers, Painters, and Glaziers, carrying on business at Croydon, in the county of Surrey, has been DISSOLVED by mutual consent; and that the business will be carried on by the said Charles Bennett, on his separate account. All persons having any claim or demand upon the late firm are requested to send the particulars to Mr. Thomas Hall, High-street, Croydon, in order that it may be examined and paid. And all personall indebted to the said firm are respectfully requested to pay their respective debts to the said Mr. Thomas Hall. Croydon, Jan, 21st, 1851.*

**1851:** Census – 43 High-street, Croydon

Charles Bennett	hear	mar	41	Plumber, painter, &c.	Chichester, Sussex
Emma Bennett	wife	mar	38	employing 3 men 1 app.	Midhurst
Arthur Bennett	son		7	Scholar	Croydon
Edgar Bennett	son		4	Scholar	Croydon
George Bennett	son		1		Croydon
Jane Butt	sis-i-l	un	29	No occupation	Midhurst

**1859:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Alice Elsey registered in Epsom, last quarter.

**1861:** Census – 197 High-street, Croydon

Charles Bennett	head	mar	52	Plumber employing	Chichester, Sussex
Emma Bennett	wife	mar	50	4 men 2 boys	Midhurst, Sussex
Arthur Bennett	son	un	17	Painter	Croydon
Edgar Bennett	son		14	Scholar	Croydon
George Bennett	son		12	Scholar	Croydon
Jane Browne	sister	w	45	Milliner	Midhurst
William G Browne	son		4	Scholar	Croydon
Hetty ?Roller	serv	un	19	House Servant	Linfield, Sussex

**1863:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Jessie Charlton registered in Kensington, first quarter.

**1866 October 23:** Parish register, All Saints, Norwood, Surrey

Marriage of Arthur Bennett, bachelor, painter of Croydon, son of Charles Bennett, painter, and Priscilla Richardson, spinster of Croydon, daughter of William Richardson, carpenter. Witnesses Samuel Salter and Elizabeth Richardson,

**1868 March 7:** Baptismal Register, St John's, Croydon

Baptism of Emma May, daughter of Arthur and Priscilla Bennett, painter of Croydon. Child born on

**1867 September 7.**

**1869 November 28:** Baptismal Register, St John's, Croydon

Baptism of Emma May, daughter of Arthur and Priscilla Bennett, painter of Croydon. Child born on

**1869 October 22.**

**1870 September 17:** Burials Register, St John's, Croydon

Burial of Charles Bennett, plumber, age 62 years.

**1870 October 8:** Probate Register

Records the death of Charles Bennett, plumber, painter and glazier of 107 High-street, Croydon, on 1870 September 2. Letters of Administration granted to his son Arthur Bennett, painter, of the same address.

**1871:** Census – 107 High-street, Croydon

Arthur Bennett	head	mar	28	Master plumber employing	Croydon
Priscilla Bennett	wife	mar	29	5 men and 1 boy	Croydon
Emma May Bennett	dau		3		Croydon
Annie Priscilla Bennett	dau		1		Croydon
Ada Minnie Jane Bennett	dau		1mo		Croydon
Edgar Bennett	bro	un	26	Plumber	Croydon
Mary Ann Bennett	nurse	w	59	Monthly nurse	Bletchingley
Fanny Warring	serv	un	15	Domestic servant	Headington, Oxon
George Bennett	bro	un	21	Carpenters apprentice	Croydon

**1871 July 8:** Baptismal Register, St John's, Croydon

Baptism of Ada Minnie Jane, daughter of Arthur and Priscilla Bennett, plumber of Croydon. Child born on **1871 March 1.**

**1873:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Lily Bertha Bennett registered in Croydon, first quarter.

**1874 June 11:** Parish Register, All Saints, Upper Norwood, Surrey

Marriage of Edgar Bennett, bachelor, plumber of Croydon, son of Charles Bennett, plumber, and Jane Rouse, spinster, of Croydon, daughter of James Rouse, farm bailiff. Witnesses William Rouse and Louise Horsnell.

**1874 June 21:** Baptismal Register, St John's, Croydon

Baptism of Elizabeth Fanny, daughter of Arthur and Priscilla Bennett, plumber of Croydon. Child born on **1874 April 27**.

**1875 January 31:** Baptismal Register, St John's, Croydon

Baptism of Charles Frederick, son of Edgar and Jane Bennett, plumber of Croydon. Child born on **1874 November 6**.

**1878 March 10:** Baptismal Register, St John's, Croydon

Baptism of Louisa Annie Russell, daughter of Edgar and Jane Bennett, plumber of Croydon. Child born on **1877 December 11**.

**1879 April 20:** Baptismal Register, St John's, Croydon

Baptism of Nellie Maud, daughter of Arthur and Priscilla Bennett, plumber of Croydon. Child born on **1878 December 26**.

**1879 October 12:** Baptismal Register, St John's, Croydon

Baptism of Herbert Edgar James, son of Edgar and Jane Bennett, plumber of Croydon. Child born on **1879 July 20**.

**1881:** Census – 107 High-street, Croydon

Arthur Bennett	head	mar	36	Plumber (emp 10 men 3 boys)	Croydon
Priscilla Bennett	wife	mar	39		Croydon
Emma Bennett	dau		13	Scholar	Croydon
Annie P Bennett	dau		11	Scholar	Croydon
Ada M Bennett	dau		10	Scholar	Croydon
Lily B Bennett	dau		8	Scholar	Croydon
Elizth F Bennett	dau		6	Scholar	Croydon
Nellie M Bennett	dau		2	Scholar	Croydon
George Bennett	bro	un	31	Carpenter	Croydon

**1882 November 26:** Baptismal Register, St John's, Croydon

Baptism of Rosa Florence, daughter of Arthur and Priscilla Bennett, plumber of Croydon. Child born on **1882 September 21**.

**1883 January 11:** Burials Register, St Mary's, Beddington, Surrey

Burial of Jane Bennett of Croydon, aged 34.

**1886 June 16:** Parish register, All Saints, Upper Norwood, Surrey

Marriage of Edgar Bennett, widower, plumber of Croydon, son of Charles Bennett, plumber, and Alice Elsey, spinster of Croydon, daughter of William Elsey, farmer. Witnesses Alfred Thomas Johnson and William Elsey.

**1886:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Eleanor Alice E Bennett registered in Croydon, last quarter.

**1888:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Arthur William Bennett registered in Croydon, second quarter.

**1890:** Civil registration Index

Death of Emma Bennett (79) registered in Croydon, second quarter.

**1891:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Henry George Bennett registered in Croydon, first quarter.

**1891:** Census – 100 High-street, Croydon

Arthur Bennett	head	m	48	Plumber	Croydon
Priscilla Bennett	wife	m	51		Croydon
Emma M Bennett	dau	s	23	Dressmaker	Croydon

Annie P Bennett	dau	s	21	Milliner	Croydon
Ada M Bennett	dau	s	19	Art Student	Croydon
Lily B Bennett	dau	s	18	Dressmaker	Croydon
Elizabeth F Bennett	dau	s	14	Clerk	Croydon
Nelly M Bennett	dau	s	12	Scholar	Croydon
Rosa F Bennett	dau		8	Scholar	Croydon

**1894: Civil Registration Index**

*Birth of Elizabeth Emma Bennett registered in Croydon, first quarter.*

**1894 February 3:** Burials Register, St Mary's, Beddington, Surrey  
Burial of Priscilla Bennett of Croydon, aged 53.

**1895 April 13:** Parish Register, Croydon

Marriage of Percy Allen Ocle (bachelor 26) Clerk, Croydon, son of John Henry Ocle, decorator, and Ada Minnie Jane Bennett (spinster 24) of Croydon, daughter of Arthur Bennett, plumber and decorator.

**1897 April 24:** Parish Register, Croydon

Marriage of Frederick George Chapman (bachelor 22) merchant of Wallington, son of Thomas Chapman (dec) merchant, and Elizabeth Fanny Bennett (spinster 22) of 143 High Street, daughter of Arthur Bennett, decorator.

**1898 March 19:** Parish Register, St John's, Croydon

Marriage of Harry Bennett Platts (bachelor 25) bank clerk of Brigstock Road, Thornton Heath, son of Edwin Platts (deceased) Clerk of the Board of Guardians, to Lily Bertha Bennett (spinster 25) of 143 High Street, Croydon, daughter of Arthur Bennett, house decorator.

**1898 July 23:** Parish Register, Trinity Church, Marylebone

Marriage of Arthur Bennett (widower 55) builder of St John the Baptist, Croydon, son of Charles Bennett, builder (deceased), and Jessie Charlton (spinster 35) of 46 Charlotte Street, daughter of Charles Charlton, coach builder. Witnesses Charles Charlton, Samuel Charlton and Caroline M Hames.

**1901:** Census – 143 High-street, Croydon

Arthur Bennett	head	m	58	Plumber and Decorator Employer	Croydon
Jessie Bennett	wife	m	38		Hammersmith
Nellie M Bennett	dau	s	31		Croydon
Rosa F Bennett	dau	s	17	Clerk to father	Croydon
Annie E Laslett	vis	s	33		St Margaret's, Kent
Elizabeth E Filee	serv	s	16		Croydon

**1901 December 5:** \*The Stage

*MARRIAGE. SCHWARTZKOPF – BENNETT. – On October 30, 1901, by special license, at Wynburg, Cape Colony, Wilhelm Heinrich Schwartzkopf, of Lubeck, Germany, to Emma May Bennett, of Croydon, England.*

[In 1911 she was back in Britain (Croydon) and is described as a widow; her profession is theatrical dressmaker.]

**1910 June 29:** Probate Register

Records the death of Edgar Bennett of 42, Windle-road, Croydon, on 1910 May 3. Probate to his widow Alice Bennett.

**1911:** Census – 143 High-street, Croydon

Arthur Bennett	head	67	mar	Plumber, painter, decorator employer	Croydon
Jessie Bennett	wife	47	mar		Hammersmith
Arthur Rochester Brown	vis	26	mar	Gold laceman, military outfitters	St Pancras
Lilian Jessie Brown	vis	26	mar		Highbury
Rosa Florence Bennett	dau	28		Photographer's assistant	Croydon

**1915 January 5:** parish register, Putney, London

Marriage of Robert Shaw Sutcliffe (bachelor 32), teacher of Linthorpe, Middlesex, son of Sykes Sutcliffe, cloth manufacturer, and Eleanor Alice Elsey Bennett (spinster 28) of Putney, daughter of Edgar Bennett (deceased) builder. Witnesses Sykes Sutcliffe and Alice Bennett.

**1929 June 26:** Probate Register

Records the death of Arthur Bennet of 5 Thanet-place, High-street, Croydon, on **1929 May 2**. Probate to his widow Jessie Bennett.

**1958:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Ada M J Ocle (87) registered in Lewes, Sussex, third quarter.

**1964:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Lily B Platts (91) registered in Worthing, Sussex, second quarter.



**Notes:**

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1891: Census – London County Lunatic Asylum, Coulsdon, Purley

**George Bennett**, Patient, S[ingle], 42 Carpenter            Lunatic

1901: Census – Fisherton House, Lunatic Asylum (private) Salisbury, Wilts.

**George Bennett**, Pauper Patient   Married[?] 52 Retired Carpenter, Croydon Lunatic