

SPON LANE BRETTELLS

See also these documents for the full story...

Macduff Brettell,

Edward Nock Brettell,

Atkinson Wright Brettell

Thomas Brettell and Elizabeth Clark of Spon Lane

There were three Thomas' born about 1799, all of them with similar occupations.

In 1841 all three of them (or their families) were in Spon Lane.

I believe they were all 1st cousins, being the sons of brothers Nathan, William and Thomas, who in turn were all sons of Nathan Brettell & Faith Cashmore...

		BRETTELL	Nathan	unknown	M	bef 1753	Faith CASHMORE	
1746	0	BRETTELL	George			1746	Nathan BRETTELL & Faith	Nathan s/o Nathan Brettell & Hannah Cotterill. Nathan had a brother Joseph, born bef 1737, who was victualler at 'The Blue Last' Shoreditch, London. This pub still exists!
1753	3	BRITTLE	Jos	All Saints, West Bromwich	C	18/3/1753	Nathan BRETTELL	married Hannah STEVENS 1/3/1773 W. Bromwich
1755	10	BRITTLE	Ann	All Saints, West Bromwich	C	26/10/1755	Nathan BRETTELL	mentioned in will of Joseph Brettell of The Blue Last London made 1776
1758	12	BRETTELL	Mary	All Saints, West Bromwich	C	24/12/1758	Nathl BRETTELL	mentioned in will of Joseph Brettell of The Blue Last London made 1776
1760	12	BRETTLE	Jenny	All Saints, West Bromwich	C	25/12/1760	Nathan BRETTELL & Faith	
1763	8	BRITTLE	Nathan	All Saints, West Bromwich	C	7/8/1763	Nathanl BRETTELL & Faith	Marr Leah BUNN London 1787? died 1846?
1766	8	BRITTLE	Willm	All Saints, West Bromwich	C	10/8/1766	Nathan BRETTELL & Faith	married Eliz WEALE 1787
1770	4	BRETTLE	Thomas	All Saints, West Bromwich	C	22/4/1770	Nathan BRETTELL & Faith	Marr Mary CASHMORE
1773	5	BRETAL	Hannah	All Saints, West Bromwich	C	29/5/1773	Nathan BRETTELL & Faith	marr William HOLLOWAY 29/3/1785 ??

Next Generation:

1787	0	BRETTELL	Nathan	Christchurch, Blackfriars Rd		1787	Lear BUNN	
1788	5	BRETTELL	John	Shoreditch, St Leonards	C	11/5/1788	Nathan BRETTELL & Leah	
1790	7	BRITTLE	Elisabeth	Shoreditch, St Leonards	C	25/7/1790	Nathan BRETTELL & Leah	
1791	8	BRITTELL	Joseph	Shoreditch. St Leonards	C	29/8/1791	Nathan BRETTELL & Leah	
1794	7	BRETTELL	Sarah	London, St Giles Cripplegate	C	30/7/1794	Nathan BRETTELL & Leah	
1796	1	BRITTLE	Joseph	London, St Giles Cripplegate	C	24/1/1796	Nathan BRETTELL & Leah	
1797	9	BRETTELL	Nathan	London, St Giles Cripplegate	C	3/9/1797	Nathan BRETTELL & Leah	
1799	9	BRITTEL	Thomas	London, St Giles Cripplegate	C	29/9/1799	Nathan BRETTELL & Leah	Marr Catharine ENSOR

1787	8	BRETTELL	William	W. Bromwich, All Saints	M	21/8/1787	Elizabeth WEALE	
1788	7	BRITTLE	Joseph	All Saints, W. Bromwich	C	6/7/1788	William BRETTELL & Elizabeth	
1789	11	BRITTLE	Faith	All Saints, W. Bromwich	C	2/11/1789	William BRETTELL & Elizabeth	
1793	3	BRETTELL	Hannah	All Saints, W. Bromwich	C	4/3/1793	William BRETTELL & Elizabeth	Died aged 2 yrs
1796	8	BRETTELL	Hannah	All Saints, W. Bromwich	C	22/8/1796	William BRETTELL & Elizabeth	
1799	1	BRETTELL	Thomas	All Saints, W. Bromwich	C	28/1/1799	William BRETTELL & Elizabeth	m. Eliz. Clark d. 1829

1795	10	BRITTLE	Thomas	Birmingham, St Martin	M		12/10/1795	Mary CASHMORE	
1796	9	BRETTELL	Hannah	All Saints, West Bromwich, Stafford	C		3/9/1796	Thomas BRETTELL & Mary	
1797	11	BRETTELL	Mary	All Saints, West Bromwich, Stafford	C		6/11/1797	Thomas BRETTELL & Mary	
1799		BRETTELL	Thomas *	West Bromwich, Staffordshire	B		1799	Thomas BRETTELL & Mary	m. Mary JONES 1818.

* Info on Thomas above comes from census entries.

Some other Thomas' births at a similar time:

1797	10	BRETTELL	Thomas	Kingswinford	C	15/10/1797	Henry BRETTELL & Hannah	
1798	3	BRATTELL	Thomas John	St George Hanover Sq.	C	4/3/1798	George BRETTELL & Mary	1841 was printer at 25 Rupert Street, Haymarket. d. 17/1/1867
1799	1	BRATTEL	Thomas	St Sepulchre, London	C	21/1/1799	Lewis BRATTEL & Mary	
1799	9	BRETTELL	Thomas	Dudley, St Thomas	C	3/9/1799	William BRETTELL & Sarah	
1799	7	BRETTELL	Thomas Russell	All Saints, West Bromwich	C	8/7/1799	Jane BRETTELL	

Families of the three Thomas':

1819	5	BRETTELL	Thomas	Aston Juxta	M			31/5/1819	Catherine ENSOR	Catherine was sister of Jane Eleanor ENSOR.
1820	5	BRETTELL	Nathan	Birmingham, St Phillips	C			25/5/1820	Thomas BRETTELL & Catherine	all together on 1841 census
1823	6	BRETTELL	Thomas	All Saints, West Bromwich	C			22/6/1823	Thomas BRETTELL & Catherine	all together on 1841 census
1825	4	BRETTELL	William	All Saints, West Bromwich	C			10/4/1825	Thomas BRETTELL & Catharine	all together on 1841 census
1827	3	BRETTELL	Joseph	All Saints, West Bromwich	C			11/3/1827	Thomas BRETTELL & Catharine	there is a John bn abt 1829, not a Joseph in 1841 with the family
Abt 1829		BRETTELL	John	West Bromwich	B			Abt 1829	Thomas BRETTELL & Catharine	On 1841 census with family (aged 12)
Abt 1833		BRETTELL	Catharine	West Bromwich	B			Abt 1833	Thomas BRETTELL & Catharine	On 1841 census with family (aged 8)

1824	6	BRETTELL	Thomas	West Bromwich, All Saints	M			5/6/1824	Elizabeth CLARKE	Elizabeth is married to Robert Squires in 1851
1825	9	BRETTALL	Fanny	Oldbury, Worcs	C			11/9/1825	Thomas BRETTELL & Elizabeth	with mother Eliz Squires in 1851
1826	8	BRETTALL	Edwin	Oldbury, Worcs	C			26/8/1826	Thomas BRETTELL & Elizabeth	with mother Eliz Squires in 1851
1829	5	BRETTALL	Betsy	Oldbury, Worcs	C			31/5/1829	Thomas BRETTELL & Elizabeth	with mother Eliz Squires in 1851

1829	5	BRETTEL	Thomas	W. Bromwich, All Saints	30	Bur		21/5/1829	s/o William BRETTELL & Elizabeth chr All Saints W.Brom 1799. Husband of Eliz above.	
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1830	10	BRETTELL	Elizabeth	Birmingham, St Phillip	M			18/10/1830	Robert SQUIRES	
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1818	10	BRITTELL	Thomas	West Bromwich, All Saints	M			6/10/1818	Mary JONES	Thos b~1799 W.Brom. Mary b~1801 W.Brom. Poss s/o Wm & Elizth chr W.Brom 28/1/1799. 1841 Occ Tinner.
1820	1	BRETTELL	Mary-Ann	All Saints, West Bromwich	C			9/1/1820	Thomas BRETTELL & Mary	not with parents 1841
1822	6	BRITTLE	Sarah	All Saints, West Bromwich	C			9/6/1822	Thomas BRETTELL & Mary	
1824	4	BRETTELL	John	All Saints, West Bromwich	C			11/4/1824	Thomas BRETTELL & Mary	on 1841 with parents
1826	4	BRETTELL	Hannah	All Saints, West Bromwich	C			9/4/1826	Thomas BRETTELL & Mary	
1828	5	BRITTELL	Faith	All Saints, West Bromwich	C			18/5/1828	Thomas BRETTELL & Mary	poss with parents 1841 as Wright age 10.
1830	7	BRITTLE	Atkinson Wright	All Saints, West Bromwich	C			11/7/1830	Thomas BRETTELL & Mary	on 1851 with parents. Marr 6/1852.
1832	3	BRETTELL	Joseph	All Saints, West Bromwich	C			25/3/1832	Thomas BRETTELL & Mary	on 1841 & 1851 with parents
1834	8	BRETTELL	Emma	All Saints, West Bromwich	C			17/8/1834	Thomas BRETTELL & Mary	on 1851 with parents - birth yr 1837
1836		BRETTELL	Jane	W. Bromwich	B			1836	Thomas BRETTELL & Mary	on 1841 with parents
1839		BRETTELL	Harriot	West Bromwich	B	18	522	15/12/1838	Thomas BRETTELL & Mary	on 1841 with parents
1844		BRETTELL	Fanny	West Bromwich	B	18	530	1/8/1841	Thomas BRETTELL & Mary	on 1851 with parents
1844		BRETTELL	Thomas	West Bromwich, Stafford	C	18	636	21/3/1844	Thomas BRETTELL & Mary	on 1841 & 1851 with parents. Married Louisa. With wife & daur Harriet 1 mth in 1871.

1841 census

at Spon Lane, West Bromwich

Thomas Brettell	40	Tinner	born Staffs	(born ~ 1796-1801)
Mary Brettell	40		born Staffs	
John Brettell	15		born Staffs	
Wright Brettell	10		born Staffs	(Atkinson Wright chr 1830)
Joseph Brettell	9		born Staffs	
Emma Brettell	9		born Staffs	
Jane Brettell	4		born Staffs	
Harriot Brettell	5		born Staffs	
Thos Brettell	1?		born Staffs	

at Spon Lane, West Bromwich, Staffordshire

Thomas Brettell	40	Smith	born out of County	
Catherine Brettell	45		born out of County	
Nathan Brettell	20		born Staffordshire	
Thomas Brettell	15		born Staffordshire	
William Brettell	15		born Staffordshire	m. Susan Macduff
John Brettell	12		born Staffordshire	m. Ann MIDDLETON 1853 then Eliz. NOCK 1857
Catherine Brettell	8		born Staffordshire	

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also at Spon Lane

Robert Squires	30	Pot Maker	born in county	
Elizabeth Squires	30		born in county	was 43 in 1851 bn~1807. Nee CLARK. <i>Widow of Thos who died 1829</i>
Helen Squires	1		born in county	
Fanny Brettell	15		born in county	
Edwin Brettell	12		born in county	
Betsy Brettell	10		born in county	

See document "Thomas Brettell & Elizabeth Clark of Spon Lane" for further information on this family

1851 census:

at Spon Lane, West Bromwich

Thomas Brettell	Head	52	Tinner ????	born W. Bromwich	(bn abt 1799)
Mary Brettell	wife	50		born W. Bromwich	(nee JONES?)
Atkinson Brettell	son	20	Moulder	born W. Bromwich	(Atkinson Wright chr 1830)
Joseph Brettell	son	19	Tinner	born W. Bromwich	
Emma Brettell	daur	16	Milliner	born W. Bromwich	
Harriot Brettell	daur	12		born W. Bromwich	
Fanny Brettell	daur	9		born W. Bromwich	
Thomas Brettell	son	7	Scholar	born W. Bromwich	

At Harborne, Staffs

James Middleton	Head	45	Iron founder	born Smethwick	
Elizabeth Middleton	wife	37		born W. Bromwich	
Ann Middleton	daur	18	Governess	born Smethwick	
Charlotte Middleton	daur	9	Scholar	born Smethwick	
James Middleton	son	7	Scholar	born Smethwick	
Philip Henry Middleton	son	5	Scholar	born Smethwick	
John Brettell	srvt	21		born W. Bromwich	m. Ann Middleton 1853 then Eliz. NOCK 1857

At Spon Lane West Bromwich

Thomas Brettell	Head	51	Jobbing Smith	London, Middlesex
Catharine Brettell	Wife	55		Birmingham, Warks
William Brettell	son	25	Clerk at Tin Wks	West Bromwich, Staffs
Joseph Brettell	son	23	Moulder	West Bromwich, Staffs
Catharine Brettell	daur	18		West Bromwich

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at Canal Company's Engine, Smethwick, Harborne

Edward Nock	Head	57	Engineer	b. Salop, Bridgenorth
Ellen Nock	Wife	57		b. Salop, Stokesay
Elizabeth Nock	Daur	25		b. Staffs., Smethwick
Susan Sadler	Serv.	16	House Servant	b. Staffs., Smethwick

1851	9	BRETTEL	Thomas	W. Bromwich	D	18	407		husband of Catharine? Birth year 1800? Was (deceased) on marriage of John below
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16 Nov 1853 at Wesleyan Methodists Chapel, Smethwick

John Brettell 24 years Bachelor Iron Moulder Residence: New Street, Smethwick Father: Thomas Brettell (deceased) Smith

Ann Middleton 20 years Spinster Residence: New Street, Smethwick Father: James Middleton Iron Founder

Witnesses: James Middleton & Thomas Brettell

1853	12	BRETTELL	John	Kings N.	M	6c	815	16/11/1853	Ann Middleton	s/o Thos. & Cath.
1854	12	BRETTELL	Ann	Kings N.	D	6c	281			Nee Middleton
1857	9	BRETTELL	John	Kings N.	M	6c	611	27/8/1857	Elizabeth NOCK	See emails from William Breeze.
1858	9	BRETTELL	Edward Nock	Kings N.	B	6c	411		John Brettell & Elizabeth Nock	

Marriage: Date: 27 Aug 1857 at Harborne Parish Church

John Brettell full age Widow Iron Founder Residence: West Bromwich Father: Thomas Brettell Smith

Elizabeth Nock full age Spinster Residence: Harborne Father: Edward Nock Engineer

Birth: certificate on Ancestry for Edward Nock Brettell:

Born: Nineteenth June 1858 At: New Street, Smethwick Edward Nock - Boy

Father: John Brettell Ironfounder (master) Mother: Elizabeth Brettel formerly Nock

1861

At Brassingham Street, Wet Bromwich

Thos Brettell	Head	63	Tinner	West Bromwich, Staffs
Mary Brettell	Wife	63		West Bromwich, Staffs
Fanny Brettell	Daur	19		West Bromwich, Staffs
Thomas Brettell	son	17	Tinner	West Bromwich, Staffs
Hannah?? ???	granddaur	3mo		West Bromwich, Staffs
Thos Barrs	boarder	23	Wood Carver	Middlesex, London

See Atkinson Wright Brettell document for further information on this family

At Glover Street, West Bromwich

Joseph Jones	Head	30	Forgeman	Tipton, Staffs
Cathrine Jones	Wife	28		West Bromwich, Staffs
Cathrine Jones	daur	2		West Bromwich, Staffs
Cathrine Brettell	mo-in-law	66		B'ham?, Warwickshire (nee ENSOR)
Thomas Brettell	bro-in-law	38	Blacksmith	West Bromwich, Staffs

At Harborn (Smethwick)

John Brettell	Head	32	Iron Founder	West Bromwich, Staffs	indexed as Brother
Elizabeth Brettell	Wife	35		Smethwick, Staffs	indexed as Brother
Edward Nock Brettell	son	2		Smethwick, Staffs	indexed as Brother
Samuel Brettell	son	1		Smethwick, Staffs	indexed as Brother
Ellen Nock	mo-i-law	68	widow	Newton, Salop	indexed as Hock

I found them by looking for Ellen NOCK and found her indexed as HOCK with the Brettells indexed as BROTHER

1862 Birth:

14/10/1862 at New St Smethwick, **Thomas John Brettell**, father John Brettell, Ironfounder (master), mother Elizabeth (nee NOCK)

Reg'd Kings Norton

Notes on John Brettell:

John Brettell commenced business as an Iron Founder in Spon Lane Smethwick, Warley and his sons joined in the firm. The firm traded as T & J Brettell Ltd and it is not known whether Frederick Charles Brettell was a Director, but he may well have had some interest in this form.

Source: Solicitors' letter of 1978 (via Shane Brettell)

John BRETTELL was one of the first people to join the Golden Dawn. He was initiated in April 1888, taking the Latin motto 'Luci'. In January 1893 he reached the GD's 2nd Order level, at which you could start to do some practical magic rather than just reading about it. Although he was a member of the Isis-Urania temple, which held its meetings and rituals in London, he lived and ran his own business in the Midlands so he may not have been able to be a very active member.

John was born in West Bromwich, into a family of blacksmiths. His father was Thomas Brettell, who on the day of the 1841 census was living at Spon Lane West Bromwich, a centre of Black Country iron-working. The 1841 census doesn't go in for being specific and detailed about people's work, and Thomas Brettell was just noted down as a "smith". However, I believe he was the proprietor of the firm T and J Brettell which, at least as early as 1859, operated a foundry at 193 Spon Lane. It's likely that all Thomas Brettell's sons were trained to carry on the family business. On the day of the 1851 census John Brettell was living in New Street, Harborne in the household of James Middleton, who owned another foundry probably much bigger than the Brettell's one (he employed 80 men). John Brettell was described by the 1851 census official as a servant but it's very unlikely that he was employed in the house; it's more likely that he was living with the family while serving an apprenticeship in the business.

Thomas Brettell died young ... and it seems that although John was the youngest son, it was he that carried on the business. By 1859 he was, perhaps, spending more time in the office than on the foundry floor, because he joined the Phonetic Society, run by Pitman's the shorthand firm. He was also expanding the firm into new areas of work: in a Directory issued in 1862 T and J Brettell appears in the two listings, as iron founders and as engineers.

John Brettell was married twice. In 1853 he married his former boss's daughter, Anne Middleton, at the Wesleyan chapel in Smethwick. Then, however, he was overtaken by one of those tragedies that were all too familiar in Victorian England: Anne died in childbirth in 1854, and the baby died with her. In 1857 he married Elizabeth Nock, the daughter of an engineer who worked on the canals in the West Midlands. On the 1861 census, they were in Harborne. They were on the 1871 census, at Union Street, north Harborne in Smethwick. Elizabeth's widowed mother Ellen Nock was also living with them. And T and J Brettell was doing well enough for the Brettells to employ one live-in servant. The employment of your first servant was seen by Victorians as an important rite of passage as you made your way out of the working-class and into the middle-class.

John Brettell might have had an interest in the occult from long before he discovered the GD - after all, iron-making is alchemy. He acted as a witness at the marriage of Mina Bergson to Samuel Mathers, which took place in 1890 with GD member the Rev William Alexander Ayton performing the ceremony, in the church of which Ayton was the vicar, at Chacombe in Northants. It's a question of who invited Brettell to be at the ceremony. John Brettell was a much older man than either Mina or Samuel Mathers and moved in very different social and geographical circles - would they really have known him well enough to call for him to be a witness? I think it's much more likely to have been William Ayton who knew him. However, William Ayton was not the man WHO INVITED JOHN BRETTELL INTO THE GOLDEN DAWN. It was John Brettell who was initiated first, though there was only a month or two in it. It's just occurred to me as I write this piece that alchemical laboratories need a lot of equipment, including some iron-work of a particular kind that you probably can't just buy over the counter. William Ayton did experiments in alchemy in his vicarage basement. It's pure speculation, though, that John Brettell supplied William Ayton with equipment.

1888-91 seems to have been a period of expanding horizons for John Brettell: after joining the GD he also became a member of the Theosophical Society. I couldn't read which TS lodge he belonged to - it might have told me a bit more about his contacts in the TS and even in his business.

A note on his TS record says that John Brettell died during February 1901. The business he had built up was still working in 1933 and had become a limited company; most of its directors had the surname Cook but there was one director who was still a Brettell - Kate.

Source: <http://www.wrighrp.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/GD/BRETTELL.htm>

**From Sandwell Community History and Archives Service,
Smethwick Library, High Street, Smethwick, West Midlands, B66 1AA 0121 558 2561:**

John Brettell lived at No 68 Union Street, Smethwick, until his death aged 71 on the 14th February 1901.

John Brettell was an Iron Founder for the firm T and J Brettell Iron Founders and Engineers of Spon Lane.

He was prominently identified with the public life of the town.

He was for several years a member of the local board and took the deepest interest in the Free Library, to which he rendered considerable service.

1871

At Smethwick

John Brettell	Head	41	Iron Founder/Master	born Smethwick	(birth yr ~1830)
Elizabeth Brettell wife		44		born Smethwick	(nee NOCK)
Edward N Brettell	son	12	Scholar	born Smethwick	(Edward Nock Brettell)
Samuel Brettell	son	11	Scholar	born Smethwick	
Thomas J Brettell	son	9	Scholar	born Smethwick	
Howard R Brettell	son	6	Scholar	born Smethwick	
Walter Brettell	son	7	Scholar	born Smethwick	
Mary E Brettell	daur	4	Scholar	born Smethwick	
Ellen Nock	mo-i-law	78	Canal Engineer Widow	bornStokesay, Shropshire	

At Glover St West Bromwich

Joseph Brettell	Head	45	Iron Moulder	born West Bromwich, Staffs	
Mary A	Wife	47		born West Bromwich, Staffs	(nee WITHERS)
Thomas	son	15	Fitter	born West Bromwich, Staffs	
John	son	13	Clerk	born West Bromwich, Staffs	
William	son	10	Scholar	born West Bromwich, Staffs	
Catherine	daur	8	Scholar	born West Bromwich, Staffs	
Joseph C Jones	Head	40	Iron Roller	born Princes End, Staffs	
Catharine Jones	Wife	39		born West Bromwich, Staffs	
Catharine Jones	daur	12		born West Bromwich, Staffs	
Joseph Hones	son	12	Scholar	born West Bromwich, Staffs	
Isabella Jones	daur	1		born West Bromwich, Staffs	
Catherine Brettell	Mother	76		born Birmingham, Warks (nee ENSOR)	
Thomas Brettell	bro-in-law	49	Smith	born West Bromwich, Staffs	Unmarried

1886 Edward Nock Brettell was a Retail Brewer at The Brewers Arms, Spon Lane, West Bromwich, Staffs (see pdf)

Notes on John Brettell from William Breeze:

He was a witness was to a marriage in Northampton in 1890. The name of the witness is John Brettell, giving an address of Union Street, Smethwick, Birmingham.

1871 census. There is a John Brettell, iron founder (master), on Union Street in Smethwick. Yeats was notoriously vague about practical particulars, so he may have thought him a brass founder, and ... considered Birmingham to be "the North." It is also possible that John Brettell's family lived in Smethwick but he worked up north, which might account for his attendance at a wedding that far afield.

They had a large family with one servant, and he had married a girl whose father was a canal engineer – a serious profession. All of this makes it more likely that he would have become "learned," I think.

I checked the membership records for the group that derived from the small circle of "Hermetic Students" (and sometimes called the "Hermetic Students" by Yeats, confusingly). This was an organization called the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn, now considered the most influential esoteric order of the 19th-20th century in England.

John Brettell was a very early member, the 17th, joining in April 1888. The register has "Brettell, John (*Luci*) Union Street, Smethwick, nr. Birmingham." He rose to the "inner circle" of members in January 1893, the 33rd member of the organization to do so). Members took mottos -- usually in Latin -- in this group; his was "*Luci*" (*Light*). My source is R.A. Gilbert, "The Golden Dawn Companion: A Guide to the History, Structure, and Workings of the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn" (Wellingborough: Aquarian, 1986).

The bits I'd like to save for publication is that John Brettell was probably the mysterious "brassfounder" mentioned in Yeats' 1925 introduction to "A Vision," and the fact that he was a witness to SL Mathers' wedding. In the scholarly world, such things matter, in terms of gaining credibility for ones' scholarship. There are bits in my book that will shed new light on scholarship relating to Yeats, Poe and Robert Louis Stevenson, so I'm hoping that librarians will want to take on the book in their libraries, as they will if enough English department types get on to them.

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Marriage:

Edward Nock Brettell 1878 Oct West Bromwich, Staffordshire, Age: 20, Marriage to Elizabeth Povey

*Shon Kane
West Brook*


BIRMINGHAM
Messrs. T. S. J. Brettell & Co. Ltd.
Spon Lane,
West Bromwich.

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WEST BROMWICH
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*Messrs. T. S. J. Brettell
Spon Lane
West Bromwich*

1881:

At Union St, Smethwick

John Brettle	Head	52	Really hard to read occ	West Bromwich, Staffs
Elizabeth Brettle	Wife	55		Smethwick, Staffs
Mary Ellen Brettle	Daur	14	Scholar	Smethwick, Staffs
Samuel Brettle	Son	21	Really hard to read occ	Smethwick, Staffs
Thomas W. Brettle	Son	19	Really hard to read occ	Smethwick, Staffs
Walter Brettle	Son	17	Engineer Fitter at Works	Smethwick, Staffs
Howard Brettle	Son	16	Clerk	Smethwick, Staffs
Mary White	Servant	39	Domestic Servant	Cannot read birth place

At 193 Spon Lane, West Bromwich

Edward N. Brettell	22	Head	Iron Founders Clerk	Smethwick
Elizabeth Brettell	20	Wife		West Bromwich
Sarah E. Brettell	<1mth			West Bromwich

Marriage:1888 12 BRETTELL Samuel **Birmingham** 6d 139 Clara HUDSON**1891:**

John Brell A	Head	62	Iron Founder	West Bromwich
Elizabeth Brell A	Wife	65		Smethwick
Thomas J Brell A	Son	29	Traveller(?)	Smethwick
Howard H Brell A	Son	26	Clerk	Smethwick
Mary E Brell A	Daur	24		Smethwick

In Oldbury Rd Smethwick/Harborne

Samuel Brettell	Head	31	Turner & Fitter in Engineering Works	born Smethwick
Clara Brettell	Wife	27		born Birmingham
Frederick C Brettell	Son	1		born Smethwick.

At 193 Spon Lane, West Bromwich

Edward N Brettell	Head	32	Ironfounders Clerk	born Smethwick
Elizabeth Brettell	Wife	31		born West Bromwich
Sarah E Brettell	Daur	9	Scholar	born West Bromwich
John N Brettell	Son	8	Scholar	born West Bromwich
Albert E Brettell	Son	3		born West Bromwich
Mary A Brettell	Daur	1		born West Bromwich

John Brettell died in February 1901 at Union Street Smethwick.

Will of John Brettell of Smethwick, Iron Founder dated 13/7/1901

He left his estate to Wife Elizabeth and on her demise the estate to be divided between

Daur Mary Ellen Brettell

Sons Samuel Brettell & Walter Brettell

to Son Edward Nock Brettell to he left 50 pounds and no more so Edward was obviously out of favour

he also left legacies to ...

Grandson Frank Snape Brettell

Grand daughter Kathleen Mary Brettell

1901:

At 76 Regent St, Smethwick

Samuel Brettell	Head	41	Ironfounder & Engineers Clerk	Smethwick
Clara Brettell	Wife	37		Birmingham
Frederick C Brettell	Son	11		Smethwick
Albert N Brettell	Son	5		Smethwick

At 44 Victoria Park Road Smethwick, Handsworth

Edward Brettell	Head	43	Moulder	born Smethwick
Elizabeth Brettell	Wife	42		born West Bromwich, Staffs
Lilly Brettell	Daur	21	Pen Maker	born Smethwick
John Brettell	Son	18	Brass??er	born Smethwick
Albert Brettell	Son	14		
Mary Brettell	Daur	10		
Howard Brettell	Son	8		
Alfred Brettell	Son	2		

Marriage 1905: STONE Thomas F to BRETTELL Sarah E - Smethwick, Holy Trinity Sandwell Register Office 1/5/498
<http://bcconnections.tribalpages.com/family-tree/bcconnections/216201/104624/Sarah-Brettell-Family>

Around 1906 Edward Nock Brettell (apparently) left his family in Smethwick and went to Aston to live with Alice Turperfield (see solicitors' letter in Edward Nock Brettell folder)

1911:

At 4 Nelson Street, Tat Bank, Oldbury

Thomas Frederick Stone	26	Head	Painter Paperhanger Marr	Manchester, Ancoates
Sarah Elizabeth Stone	30	Wife	Pen Worker	West Bromwich, Spon Lane – Marr. 6yrs - Children
Clara Elizabeth Glendora Stone Lewis	4	Adopted Daur		Oldbury, Worcestershire
Elizabeth Brettell	50	Mo-in-law	Marr House Keeper	West Bromwich, Spon Lane – <i>nee POVEY w. of Edw.</i>
Mary Amelia Glendora Brettell	21	Sis-in-law	Single - Pen Worker	West Bromwich
Thomas Howard Brettell	17	Bro-in-law	Single - Rivet Heater	Smethwick
Alfred Risdale Brettell	12	Bro-in-law		Smethwick bn 1899

Elizabeth Brettell above is the deserted wife of Edward Nock BRETTELL

At Little Moor Hill, Smethwick

Samuel Brettell	Head	51	Managing Clerk Iron Founder & Engineer	Smethwick
Clara Brettell	Wife	47	Marr. 22 yrs 2 chn (both living)	Birmingham
Frederick Charles Brettell	Son	21	Clerk at Ironfounders	Smethwick
Albert Nock Brettell	Son	15	Engineer Turner	Smethwick

At 1 Bk 13 Whitehouse St Aston

Edward Brettell	Head	50	Cycle Lamp Manufacturer	Smethwick
Alice Turperfield Brettell	Wife	42		Smethwick
Robert Turperfield Brettell	Son	4		Aston
Alice Turperfield Brettell	Daur	2		Aston
George Hodgkiss	boarder	42	Wdwr - Wagoner	Neen Sollars

Misc:

Kellys Directory 1936 West Bromwich

Brettell T & J Ltd, iron founders, Spon Lane

Spon Lane railway station

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Spon Lane railway station was a [railway station](#) in [England](#), built by the [London and North Western Railway](#) on their Stour Valley Line in 1852. It served the western part of [Smethwick](#).

The station closed in 1964, although the [Rugby-Birmingham-Stafford Line](#) loop from the [West Coast Main Line](#) still runs through the site of the station today.

There is little evidence of the location of the station on the ground today, and [Smethwick Galton Bridge](#), which opened in 1995 a short distance to the east, now serves the area.