James Bott and Sarah Whitehead married at St Martins Church in the heart of Birmingham in 1768.

No baptism circa 1748 has been found for James in the city of Birmingham however as the couple married by License this would suggest that one of the couple was not born in Birmingham, thus having to apply for a license to marry.

Having found the baptism for Sarah at St Philips we can safely assume that James was not originally from Birmingham. Also information from the marriage copy tells us that James's occupation was a Brass Founder.

Only three children have been found in the parish register of St Philips, none appeared in the registers of St Martins for James & Sarah.

George Mealing Bott the couple's youngest son was baptized in St Philips in 1775. Interestingly the witness at James and Sarah's wedding ceremony signed as George Maling, perhaps this is coincidence or was George named after him, through some form of connection?

It is also interesting that most of the early Bott ancestors could sign their own names; this was not a common occurrence and shows that education was a priority in the families.

George left Birmingham and married Mary Chambers in the bride's parish church of Tanworth in Arden in 1797. They had a large family of six children all baptized in the Town of Solihull.

Unfortunatley the baptism copies do not state George's occupation. Mary died in 1814 no burial has been found for George in the Solihull registers. John their eldest child married Sarah Smith from Yardley, by License at St Alphege Solihull.

Interestingly there were three John Bott's whom all married Sarah's at St Alphege in 1814, 1820 and 1826 respectively. We know from the census that the correct Sarah claimed to have come from Yardley, Worcestershire and that she was born circa 1799. The Yardley registers showed a baptism in November 1799 for a Sarah Smith daughter of John and Mary Smith. The couple lived in the area of Solihull where John worked as an Agricultural Labourer and a Farmer. They had a large family of seven children.

Samuel was the sixth child to John @ Sarah. He married Ann Pennington in West Bromwich, Staffordshire where Ann and her five siblings grew up. The couple moved to Aston where Samuel was firstly a Brewer then a Publican. Evidence taken from the 1891 census, show us that Samuel was the Landlord at the Bulls Head Inn, Bloomsbury St,
Aston. His daughter Ann Elizabeth, one Samuel's four children, worked as a barmaid in the same pub. Ann died in 1891 with Samuel only living for just under one year after that.

Edward was the youngest of the couple's four children; he stayed and lived in the district of Aston, where he married Fanny Riley from Tamworth at Aston Registry Office. Only three children have been found for Edward and Fanny. Edward like his father was a Brewer then later a jobbing Gardener. Edward died in 1930 in Birmingham. No burial has been found for Fanny between the years of 1929-1950 in the districts of Birmingham and Aston.

The couple had three sons, William Edward born 1906 was the youngest of the three. He married Amy Winifred Sanders in Birmingham Registry Office, but lived in Shirley Solihull. He worked as a mechanic and commercial motor driver. William like so many served in the forces during WW2. William and Edith had two daughters both born in Warwickshire Winifred Edith and Joan.

It was Winifred whom met and married Peter Caleb Fletcher in 1946 at Solihull Register Office where the Bott and Fletcher families became related.