

BMSGH Bromsgrove
Branch Briefing
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“A Tragic Family”
by Branch member
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This is the story of the Edmonds families in the Forest of Dean.

Highlighted will be the trials and tribulations of the family including accidents, suspected incest and possible murder!

For Annette it was a long, protracted and arduous journey to discover information about the families.

I have just come across this thread and wonder how you would add the following from a Church of England Baptism Register ?(from Guy Etchells)

Bottesford Cof E baptism register

Sarah, daughter of William Ravell & Hannah his wife, born 18 September 1797
baptised at Long Bennington, 7th October 1797,
christened at Bottesford, April 12th 1798

Long Bennington was/is another C of E parish adjacent to Bottesford
Or perhaps

Catharine daughter of Samuel Tyler of Normanton in this parish & Sarah
baptised and christened October 7th 1798

I could show with many christened and baptised entries from this and
other registers across England if need be.

The modern interchangeability of the words was not always so.

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So what is the difference between a Baptism & a Christening ?
(email me you views for a future newsletter-)

P.T.O.

Records Say the Darnedest Things: Darned Grave Markers

Good genealogists extract subtle clues from records while simultaneously holding that same record suspect. The two are at odds, but both are necessary. Many records have additional value waiting for the careful, well-informed researcher. However, no record is above verification.

A case in point is the grave marker of Donald N. Hall and Dorothy N, pictured here.



What clues can you discern from this marker? Are there any clues about religion or economic circumstances? If you deduced that Dorothy is still living, you are correct. However, you might have made another, incorrect assumption without even thinking. Can you guess what it might be?

If you assumed that Donald and Dorothy were married, you are correct; BUT NOT TO EACH OTHER!

They are, however, related. They are twins.

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For our May meeting on 13th we have "The History of Bromsgrove" by the popular local speaker Julian Hunt. - Note the date in your diary!

Regards

Mike Fisher