

# BMSGH BROMSGROVE BRANCH BRIEFING

Editor: Mike Fisher February 2012

Tuesday 14th February 2012 at 7.45 p.m.

## The Inclosure of the Waste & Common of Chadwick (1791-1795)

Speaker: George Gascoyne

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### When was your grandfather born?

Both of my grandfathers were born in the early 1880's so I was surprised to read this.

John Tyler was born in 1790, and became the 10th President of the United States in 1841; his son Lyon Gardiner Tyler was born in 1853, when John Tyler was 63 years old. Lyon's son Lyons Junior and Harrison were born in 1924 and 1928 respectively - and are still alive today, 222 years after their grandfather was born!

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### Bromsgrove BMSGH Website update

There are two new sets of data, which have now been added to our website. They were transcribed by Chris El-Amir.

- **Universal British Directory 1793-98**  
A transcription of the *Principal* Inhabitants of Worcester City
- **Pigot's Directory of Worcestershire 1835**  
Listed by 18 different areas of the county

We hope they will add something to you tree and encourage you to check this and other original source material. There are other resources on our site as well, e.g. the 1811 & 1821 census for Bromsgrove, links to help you trace your ancestors, and a downloadable list of websites suitable for Beginners.

To be able to see these copyrighted resources you will need to subscribe to our website, which is free. [www.bromsgrovebmsggh.co.uk/](http://www.bromsgrovebmsggh.co.uk/)

The **National Archives** launched a new online catalogue at the end of January. Called *Discovery*, it will make it easier for people to search the online collections. Discovery will run in parallel with the old search catalogue until 31 March, at which time the old search methodology will be permanently disabled. There is a fee to access most of the extensive collections of the National Archives, which currently number over 11 million records. <http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk>

The **Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain** has integrated their databases onto the JewishGen system to form one integrated database with JewishGen. The combined database lists more than 220,000 records of individuals from the United Kingdom as well as the Republic of Ireland. Included are various types of records such as birth, marriage, burials, census, trader lists, etc. Access is free. <http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/UK/>

In 1911 **life expectancy** at birth in England was a mere 52 years for men, and 55 years for women - but the primary reason these figures are so low (by modern standards) was the high rate of infant mortality. As the article points out, a man who reached the age of 40 could expect to live to 68, whilst a woman of the same age might live to 70. Going back to 1841, the year of the first census, a man of 40 could expect to live to 67 and a woman of 40 to 68 - yet life expectancy at birth was only 40 years for boys and 42 years for girls.

These and many more figures can be found in a [spreadsheet](#) that you can download from the website of the Office of National Statistics, and which covers the period from 1841-2002 at roughly 10 year intervals. I should stress that these were projections prepared at the time and based on past experience, so it's likely that people actually lived even longer than predicted.

March meeting “**Mike's Magic Lantern Show**”

Due to an unexpected Christmas present I will be unable to attend the meeting but I have prepared the slides for the Magic Lantern Show which will be shown by someone else.

Regards Mike Fisher