

# Midland Ancestors



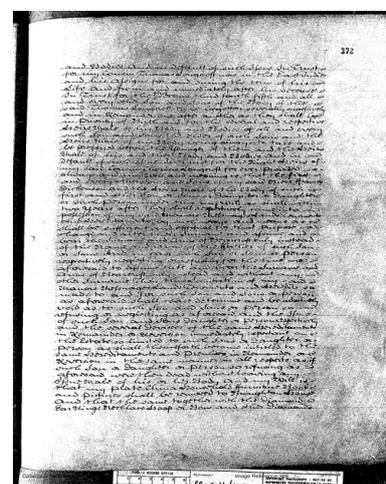
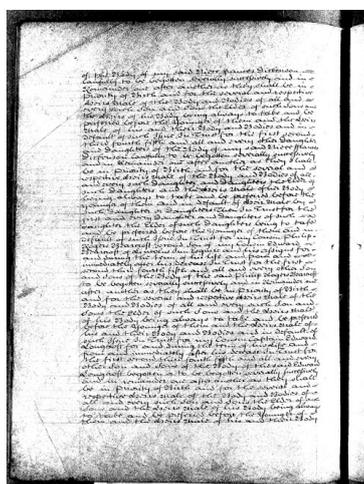
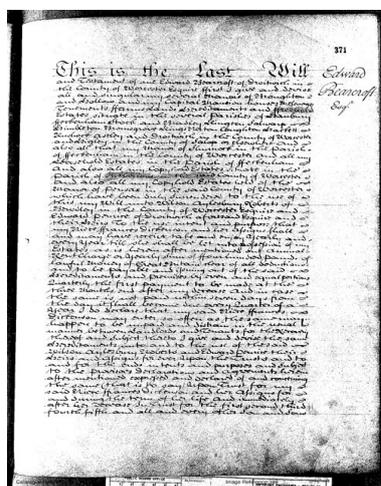
## Bromsgrove Branch Briefing

Editor Mike Fisher

Tuesday 12th Jun 2018 at 7.45 p.m.

### "Palaeography"

by Member **Jenny Townshend**



**What does it say on that will? Trying to read wills from The National Archives. Help will be given in reading the hand writing of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century.**

**Bring your ancestor's will along to the meeting and find out what it says.**

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**Thirty years ago** I started my family history and looked for my mother's Artiss surname so I bought her father's birth certificate so I knew who my great grandfather was. Then in the IGI on fiche at Birmingham Central Library I managed to find a George Artiss marrying in Worcester. I then found a baptism for a George Artiss in Oxfordshire and purchased his birth certificate and went on to record all the Artiss information in Oxfordshire in Brothers Keeper. P.T.O.

*Some people kept coming up who were born as Arthurs but died as Artiss. I worked on my Artiss and got them back to William Artiss who married 1784 and died 1822 in Enstone and all the people in the village and close area connected to Artiss connected to him, no baptism for him. At the same time in the looking at the IGI fiche in getting to Artiss I had to go past a load of Arthurs entries in different areas of Oxfordshire so I started recording those and building their trees and connecting them all together.*

*Come my AncestryDNA results and I had a match to a descendant William, and then another and another this week. This week I also had a new match Gladys Arthurs Hall who share a match Barabara Gamblin Clover who shared a match Thelma Gamblin and her family went back to Arthurs in Oxfordshire. I contacted Gladys and she has been researching Arthurs in Oxfordshire as long as me. She has a William Arthers baptized in 1764 who is the brother of her ancestor and could not find anymore about him, there father was John Artos 1738. His line goes back to a John Arthurs born 1660, just after the Civil War and there are Arthurs in the village before the Civil War.*

*Now we have a group of Artiss descendants match a group of Arthurs descendants so my William Artiss is their William Arthers and our common ancestors are John Artos and his wife Ann Cassel. The couple now have 1643 descendants including the descendants wives in my tree with surnames from Abott to Yewen.*

*If you love researching your family AncestryDNA test, put a tree on there (it can be a private tree) but connect your DNA to you in it. You never know what you will find and what brickwalls you will knock down.*

*The July meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> we have a visit to Greyfriars at Worcester contact Annette Chubb for details.*

***Mike Fisher***

