

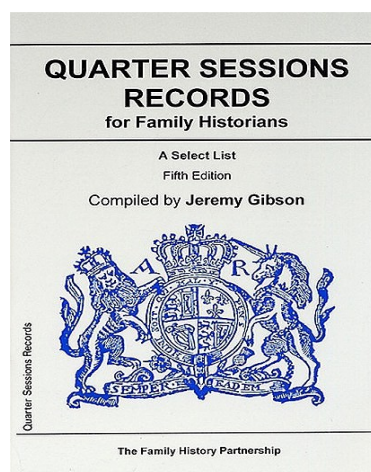
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“The Quarter Sessions”

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**WORCESTERSHIRE MICHAELMAS
QUARTER SESSIONS.**

The Michaelmas Sessions for the county were opened on Monday, the Earl of Dudley (Chairman of the Court), presided, and among the magistrates on the Bench, were Lord Lyttelton, Lord Northwick, Right Hon. Sir John Pakington, M.P., Sir H. E. F. Lambert, Admiral Hastings Capt. Candler, Col. Webb, Major Norbury, Capt. Fletcher, Capt. Trafford, Capt. Bourne, Capt. Bennett, Dr. Nash, Major Winnington; Rev. M. Amphlett, C. J. Sale, W. S. Vale, H. J. Hastings, A. B. Lechmore, Winnington Ingram, T. E. M. Holland, H. Biggs, C. Farley, J. Pearson, G. R. Gray, Hon. and Rev. H. Douglas, and J. R. Amphlett; and T. G. Curtler, W. C. Hemming, S. Baker, G. Whitaker, J. S. Pakington, B. Workman, J. G. Watkins, W. Acton, W. C. Dowdswell, R. W. Johnson, Isaac Averill, E. V. Wheeler, F. Holland (Crophorne), R. Berkeley, R. Berkeley, jun., H. Mitward, C. R. Coxwell, H. Talbot, J. E. Swindell, Walter De S. Blount, H. Allsopp, W. Hancock, W. Barrs, J. Hunt, H. Homfray, J. Auery, James Shaw, H. Hudson, R. A. D. Gresley, E. G. Stone, J. R. Cooke, and B. Freer, Esqrs.

The courts of Quarter Sessions were bodies with a wide range of functions, from hearing legal cases to various aspects of local administration. Probably every family appeared at the Quarter Sessions at one time or another. Their records are therefore a key, though often underutilised, resource for the family historian.

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***Just A Reminder*** – The GRO is piloting a service from 12 October 2017 to provide portable document format (PDF) copies of digitised historical birth and death records. The pilot will run for a minimum of 3 months to enable GRO to assess the demand for this service over a prolonged period.

Applications for each PDF cost **£6**, must be made online, and include a GRO index reference.

England and Wales records which are available as PDFs in this extended pilot include:

Births: 1837 –1916

Deaths: 1837 –1957

*The Genealogist* has added over 140,000 individuals to their Parish Records for Worcestershire and Warwickshire to increase the coverage of these midland counties.

Released in association with Malvern Family History Society and the Nuneaton & North Warwickshire Family History Society, this is an ongoing project to make available high quality transcripts to family history researchers.

97,841 individuals have been added to the Worcestershire baptism records  
44,250 individuals join the Warwickshire baptism records

These new records can be used to find your ancestors' baptisms, in fully searchable records that cover parishes from this area of England. With records that reach back to the mid 16th century, this release allows family historians to find the names of ancestors, their parents' forenames, the father's occupation (where noted), and the parish that the event took place at.

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Sorry about the shortness of this Briefing — but after the latest Windows update my main computer became unusable with the hard drive running at 100%. So I have had to re-install Windows and recover all my programs and data — taken over a week — good job a lot of it was synced in “the cloud” .

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*On the 12 Dec 2017 we have “An Object YOU Have & It's story Plus Festive Refreshments” - Note the date in your diary!*

*12 Dec 1901 Guglielmo Marconi sends the first transatlantic radio signal, from Poldhu in Cornwall to Newfoundland, Canada*

*Mike Fisher*

p.s. Look out for any Black Friday offer's by AncestryDNA  
(They now have of 6 million people to match with)