

Midland Ancestors



Bromsgrove Branch Briefing

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Next meeting Tuesday 12th November 2019 7.45 p.m.

"My Churchley Family 1300-2019: a typical West Midlands Family??"

by Richard Churchley



Richard follows the ups and downs of his family using a variety of sources, some well-used and others more unusual.

His family exhibits many of the characteristics of families at different periods, e.g. leaving the land, migration into towns, changes in marriage practices, literacy, etc.

How typical is his family?

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On a personal note *the optician referred me to a consultant for a cataract in my right eye which has started causing problems over the summer. It is getting rapidly worse, also on the 2nd October 1959 at school we looked at a solar eclipse without protection leading to a very small hole affecting the middle of my left eye. It has not caused me any trouble as my brain switched from been left eye dominant to right eye dominant. The consultant agreed to do the right eye but said I need the left eye doing also. So now I have had to change my screen setting to 125% and I am still struggling and will be unable to drive to the monthly meetings. I hope to keep on with the briefings.*

A little historical information

Names for the Penis, from Gargantua by François Rabelais (1693)

A pillicock, a fiddle-diddle, the staff of love, a tickle-gizzard, a gentle-titler, a sugar-plum, a kingo, the old Rowley, a touch-trap, a flap dowdle, a brand of coral, a plackeracket, the Cyprian sceptre, a tit-bit, a bob-lady, my Roger, a cockatoo, a nimblewimble, a bush-beater, a claw-buttock, an eavesdropper, a pick-lock, a pioneer, a bully-ruffin, a smell-smock, a trouble-gusset, the lusty live sausage, a crimson chitterlin, a rump-splitter, a shove-devil, the down right to it, the stiff and stout, the in and to, the at her again, a coney-borrow-ferret, a wily-beguiley, a pretty rogue.

November is the month to buy DNA tests as there are many offers on. Start with AncestryDNA and transfer it to other companies for free or a small fee to unlock their tools.

If your parents are gone then aunts and uncles can be of great use to you. ALL their matches must come from their parents, these are your paternal or maternal grandparents. ALL matches you share with them must come via that set of grandparents.

Next get your siblings tested, their DNA make up is different to yours.

My wife has 342 4th cousins or closer matches, her brother 235

Her mother has 245 and her sister has 269

My 1st cousin sisters, 182 and 247

Next 1st cousins and if not them their children

Then 2nd cousins and unless you have a specific reason to test a more distant cousin I would stop there.

*Next meeting 10 Dec "The English Civil War in Worcestershire"
by Max Keen*

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