

**BMSGH Bromsgrove
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“Worcestershire Turnpikes”

by popular local speaker

Julian Hunt



Some of the Turnpikes in Worcestershire date back 300 years. The tolls levied along them paid for the maintenance of the main roads between the city and its surrounding towns. Prior to the Turnpikes the state of the roads made them impassable for much of the year and dangerous when passable.

I have been researching my family history for nearly 30 years. My paternal line goes back to the 1600s in Tipton, Staffordshire. My maternal line goes back to the 1700s in Worcestershire. All the rest of my ancestors I have found come from Staffordshire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Shropshire, Derbyshire & Oxfordshire. Some in Worcestershire to before 1538.

So I am British !!

My Ancestry DNA ethnicity report:-

Europe West	71%
Ireland	15%
Great Britain	10%
Scandinavia	4%

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So my Fishers came from Germany ?
But I'm more Irish than British !
I have blue eyes and was blonde, so some Scandinavian.

I had one of my paternal 1st cousins tested. Her results came back with the correct amount of DNA matching for a 1st cousin.

Her ethnicity report:-

Great Britain	58%
Scandinavia	20%
Ireland	7%
Europe West	7%
Italy Greece	3%
European Jewish	2%
Finland/Northwest Russia	1%

I have no testable maternal first cousins and I am trying to contact maternal 2nd cousins.

So my mother must have a lot of French? DNA from her Artiss paternal ancestors I think. And paternal my cousins mother, had a look of the Romany about her and I am researching her ancestry at the moment.

My interest in family history was first kindled by a TV program on ITV in 1979 presented by Gordon Honeycombe who died on 9th October. This program is available on YouTube.

And about the same time there was a program by a descendant of some TV presenter connected to “the mutiny on the Bounty” and Alex Haley's Roots program.

Then my work colleague and friend Peter Collingbourne who's ancestors came from village of Collingbourne Ducis.

Mike Fisher

*The November meeting on the 10th is
“Writing Your Family History”
by Mike Sharpe.*