

Midland Ancestors
Bromsgrove Branch Briefing
Editor Mike Fisher
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“A Girl called “Jim””

by Mrs Margaret Roy

This story is about a relative whose life spanned most of the 20th century and some of the 21st.

In some ways her life was typical of her time in that the great social changes, especially those affecting women, had a influence on her life.

It wasn't until after her death that her life history was pieced together from the vast amount of resources she left behind.



Following last months talk I was asked if I could help the Society with setting up of a group for discussing DNA testing and how to use the results. As there are a number of DNA user groups on facebook I thought that was the most suitable place as the Society already has a group there.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bmsggh/>

So we now have a DNA group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/MidlandAncestorsDNA/>.

Many of you don't want to join facebook because you don't want to be involved in this “social media” rubbish and - PTO

are worried about having to give away their privacy. Well you don't have to make anything public(if you don't want). I administer a number of groups(DNA, local history, family history) and many of the people who join these groups have been on facebook since 2007 and have no description apart from their name, they have no "friends" and only belong to these groups. All you have to do is answer a question asked about joining the group.

Marriages get recorded in the quarter the marriage took place or the next quarter. The same thing happens with deaths. But births ! you have "6 weeks" to register it so it could occur but can be the next quarter or in rare cases the quarter after that. But....

I am creating a tree for a friend of mine as she now has a grandson.

I thought I ought to investigate the daughter in law's tree for immediate family. I could not find her birth in the year she was born but four years later. I found another birth to the parents in the same year with the same reference number which was her younger sister. Suspicious I looked for the parents marriage and it was in the same year as these birth entries. I looked back four years and found her birth registered in her mother's surname. But this was not the mother's birth name as it was her surname from a previous marriage that had been dissolved. People don't make it family history research in these says.

*Next meeting Tuesday 14th November 2017
"The Quarter Sessions" by Member Mike Sharpe*

Regards

Mike Fisher