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“Men of the Mechanicals”

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*The founding of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers on
the trackside of the Lickey Incline.*



“When I was younger, so much younger than today”

In the late 50's / early 60's my favorite group was Johnny & the Hurricanes

When I started my family history journey in the late 80's my late Aunty Nancy told me “Cornelius went to America”. This was my great grandfather's (Joseph Cornelius Fisher) young brother Cornelius Fisher. Before the days of the internet I spent many hours going through the many volumes of Passenger Lists on the shelves of Birmingham Central Library, all to no avail. Come 'tinternet I made contact with relatives due to the fact that his nephew died in Toledo, Ohio and the fact is recorded on a memorial inscription on a grave in Kings Norton Church. Her was shot dead when trying to stop a “black man” who had stolen Cornelius's wife purse. I am now in touch with the family in Toledo, Ohio.

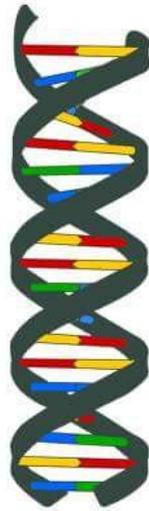
In one of my musical reveries I google “Johnny & the Hurricanes” only to find out that they came from Toledo, Ohio. p.t.o.

I posted these results of these reveries on my “cousins” facebook page & received the following reply.

“Johnny lives 4 doors down the block from us on Parkway North in Maumee, Oh. We use to get to listen to the Hurricaines practice in his garage on many occasions. Great memories”



Normal DNA vs Italian DNA



On the DNA facebook groups

A large number of people appear to be finding they are having to redraw their family trees . Their siblings are not related or ½ siblings. Their father isn't their father. Their grandfathers aren't their grandfathers.

Oh, what a tangled web we weave. When first we practise to deceive!

Next month we have the “*The Road To Bristol*” the bit from Birmingham to Bromsgrove at least.

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