

# BMSGH BROMSGROVE BRANCH BRIEFING

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**Tuesday 10th May 2011 at 7.45 p.m.**

*“The Sheldon’s of Beoley - 1470 to 1684”*

*by Ralph Richardson, well known local historian*

This will be not only the story of a fascinating Worcestershire gentry family but also how to be a Catholic in Elizabethan England; how not to be involved in the Gunpowder Plot and how to lose money on a 1st folio Shakespeare.

As a follow-up to this event, again with Ralph Richardson, on **Tuesday 14th June**, we are to have an outing to look around **St.Leonard’s Church, Beoley**. As numbers are limited bookings will be taken and a nominal payment requested.

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## **No Will post 1858**

Can't find a will for your ancestor? They may have made one and it may have been executed. To be in in the index it must have a grant of probate or letters of administration.

So if as in my grandmother's case she had no money but did want her possessions, linen, clothing etc. spread around the family members and this was done and I have the will.

If the estate was below the estate duty level it was up to the executors to apply for probate.

The same goes for Small Estates these days if no asset is worth more than £5000.

If any of the estate is owned in joint names then on production of the death certificate it passes by survivorship. So the terms of the will may not be executed if exact amounts of money were quoted and the estate likely to be small and exempt.

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**If** you have Birmingham ancestors or relatives in the 19<sup>th</sup> or early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries you can find out where they lived and more latterly who they - were living with. You can do this on your computer from Midlands Historical Data <http://www.midlandshistoricaldata.org/> . This is a voucher or subscription site. It's good value for money as you only pay to see the actual page image, the search results give lot of information. You can search for an individual, or to narrow the results search giving the name of another person at the same address and restrict the date range.

These are the books covered:-

North Warwickshire Poll Book , 1832, 1835  
North Warwickshire Electoral Register, 1836  
North Warwickshire Poll Book, 1837  
Burgess Roll, 1838, 1839  
Birmingham Burgess Roll (1868)  
Electoral Register, 1912/13  
Electoral Register, 1918 - 1939 (Absent voters list)  
Electoral Register, 1920 (Spring), 1922 (Autumn)  
Electoral Register, 1925 (Spring), 1927 (Autumn)  
Electoral Register, 1930/1, 1935/6, 1939/40  
Electoral Register, 1945/46, 1950/51, 1955

The absent voter list give eg.

1918 Kings Norton Ward District 307 Roll No4183  
Jack Fisher 10048517, 37th Training Squad, RFC  
100 PERSHORE ROAD

For the my family just before the war :-

1939 Kings Norton 327 34 R O Abel James Fisher	31 DELL ROAD
1939 Kings Norton 327 35 Rw Sarah Florence Fisher	31 DELL ROAD
1939 Kings Norton 327 36 R - Ralph James Fisher	31 DELL ROAD
1939 Kings Norton 327 37 Rw Nancy Winifred Fisher	31 DELL ROAD

And for my wife's service relatives in the Service Register (X)

1945 Hall Green Ward 467 17 SE Alan K Thompson 9 BRADNOCK  
CLOSE  
1945 Hall Green Ward 467 16 SE Peggie D Thompson 9 BRADNOCK  
CLOSE

Regards Mike Fisher