

**BMSGH Bromsgrove  
Branch Briefing  
Editor Mike Fisher**

**Tuesday 8th November 2016 at 7.45 p.m.**

***“Extending Your Research before 1837  
Sources and Techniques”***

***by Society Member and Professional Genealogist***

***Mike Sharpe***

*Researching our ancestors before the start of civil registration and the 19th century censuses presents many challenges and often leads to ‘brick walls’. Professional genealogist and BMSGH member Mike Sharpe will look at alternative sources for research during the 17th and 18th centuries. He will also provide tips and techniques for making the most of the information available.*

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***Searching the birth indexes at the GRO***

Now you can search the birth and death indexes via the GRO website. You have to register for an account and then you can use the search facility.

The screenshot shows a search results page from the GRO website. At the top, there are 'Search' and 'Reset' buttons. Below them, the word 'Results:' is displayed. The search results are shown in a table with two columns: 'Name:' and 'Mother's Maiden Surname:'. The first result is 'ARTISS, GEORGE' with the maiden surname 'TAPLIN'. Below the name, the GRO Reference is given as '1841 D Quarter in CHIPPING NORTON Volume 16 Page 51'. There is an 'Order' button to the right of the reference. At the bottom of the results, it says '1 Record(s) Found - Showing Page 1 of 1' and 'Go to page 1'.

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This is the result for my great grandfather born in 1841. Note that the Mother's Maiden Surname "Taplin is included. So what we have wanted for years has now been given to us . The ability to see the mother's maiden name from the start of the register in 1837 up until 1912 after which it has always been included.

### Shakespeare Insult Kit

Combine one word from each of the three columns below, prefaced with "Thou":

| Column 1     | Column 2        | Column 3       |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| artless      | base-court      | apple-john     |
| bawdy        | bat-fowling     | baggage        |
| beslubbering | beef-witted     | barnacle       |
| bootless     | beetle-headed   | bladder        |
| churlish     | boil-brained    | boar-pig       |
| cockered     | clapper-clawed  | bugbear        |
| clouted      | clay-brained    | bum-bailey     |
| craven       | common-kissing  | canker-blossom |
| currish      | crook-pated     | clack-dish     |
| dankish      | dismal-dreaming | clotpole       |
| dissembling  | dizzy-eyed      | coxcomb        |
| droning      | doghearted      | codpiece       |
| errant       | dread-bolted    | death-token    |
| fawning      | earth-vexing    | dewberry       |
| fobbing      | elf-skinned     | flap-dragon    |
| froward      | fat-kidneyed    | flax-wench     |
| frothy       | fen-sucked      | flirt-gill     |
| gleeking     | flap-mouthed    | foot-licker    |
| goatish      | fly-bitten      | fustilarian    |
| gorbellied   | folly-fallen    | giglet         |
| impertinent  | fool-born       | gudgeon        |
| infectious   | full-gorged     | haggard        |
| jarring      | guts-gripping   | harpy          |
| loggerheaded | half-faced      | hedge-pig      |
| lumpish      | hasty-witted    | horn-beast     |

Next meeting is on the 13th December and we have "100 years of Comic Papers by Ray Aspen – A talk not to be missed.

*Mike Fisher*