



**Midland
Ancestors** 

Midland Ancestors is the public face of The
Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy &
Heraldry

Charity No: 5059116

Birmingham: 1st November 2pm-

‘Was your ancestor a criminal?’

Kenilworth: 12th November 7.30pm-

‘North to Alaska the Klondike gold-rush
1897-99’

North Staffs: 3rd November 7.30pm-

Research Evening

Stourbridge & Black Country: 18th
November 7.30 pm ‘Weighing the
World- Story of W.T. Avery Ltd’

Wolverhampton: 26th November
7.15pm-Christmas Themed Evening

Warwickshire County Records Office:

8th November 2pm – “The State Visit of
King Henry VIII- 1511. £5 on the door.

E- Newsletter:
November 2025

Collecting Oral Histories: Chance Migration Stories

CALLING EX-EMPLOYEES OF CHANCE
BROTHERS GLASS WORKS, SMETHWICK.



Did you migrate to England to work for Chance in the 1960s-1980s, or
know of someone who did?

Would you like to share your story? Then we would like to talk to you!

For more information, please contact Karen Davies, Project Archivist,
at Karen_TracyDavies@sandwell.gov.uk



**Would like to get to a local
group, can't manage public
transport? – Contact your local
secretary who may be able to
put you in touch with someone
who can pick you up.**

***Many hands make light work-
Support Your Society!***



Quote of the Month:

***"If you shake your family tree,
watch for the nuts to fall"***

DNA testing company MyHeritage has launched the first whole genome sequencing product aimed at general consumers.

The upgrade will enable MyHeritage to offer deeper insights into ethnic origins, family connections and genetic genealogy. Customers will also be able to download their entire genome at no extra cost in CRAM format.

Most current commercial DNA tests only read about 700,000 base pairs of nucleotides, looking for shared patterns. Whole genome sequencing will read around three billion base pairs giving unprecedented insight into our genetic code.



Thinking about purchasing genealogy software- unsure what to buy? - check out the latest edition. They have reviewed:

- [Family Tree Maker review](#)
- [Legacy 10 review](#)
- [MacFamilyTree 10 review](#)
- [Family Historian review](#)
- [RootsMagic 10 review](#)
- [Heredis 2026 review](#)

Birmingham Heritage Week:

The 'Break Down the Brick Wall' event proved so popular we've laid on another date in November! Guess what -that's full as well!

Volunteering Opportunities-
contact the general secretary for further details:

- Chairman
- Birmingham Programme Secretary
- On-line shop support
- Librarians at the Family History Centre to cover for annual leave and a new exciting project

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