

Meeting Reports – Update

13th October 2023

The return of Allan Jones, who told us another gripping tale of the Brown Brothers, his third in the series. It was eagerly awaited by followers of this saga, who enjoyed an hour of entertainment, with our newcomers appreciating the craft that had gone into this great work. The genealogical tips that emerged from the tales were: the value of the British Newspaper Archive (BNA) and the details that can be found in Wills to add, corroborate and enhance the knowledge that can be found in PRs and civil BMDs, Monumental Inscriptions, the Census, Military records etcetera. John W pointed out that the BNA is held at Boston Spa by the British Library, and is more complete than the records available from FindMyPast. Another helpful point: if illegitimacy appears to be a brick wall in the search for an errant father of a love child, add 'affiliation' to the child's name. This may turn up the father identity, if he has been formally held to account for the cost of the child's upbringing.

Perhaps Allan Jones may be persuaded to add another Part (IV) to the Brown Brothers lives and legacy. I wish they were my Browns. Thank you, Allan.