

Over the years, Genuki.org has built up a wealth of family history information. Very often this will provide handy leads to the records you need, and sometimes you may find useful details right there. For instance, transcriptions for Trawsfynydd parish are available at [www.genuki.org.uk/big/wal/MER/Trawsfynydd/BTs/index.html](http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/wal/MER/Trawsfynydd/BTs/index.html).

bishops' transcripts, an annual copy sent to the bishop, had been transcribed from 1680 to 1839 with most years available online. This identified David as one of the sons of Hugh Pugh and his wife Eleanor/Ellin née Roberts. The 1806 marriage of Hugh and Eleanor revealed that the groom was from the parish of Llanfair, a small village some 16 miles away.

A further Google search on 'Pugh family Llanfair' brought up an even more surprising result. It was a reference that I felt was familiar and I realised that it was a quote from a book that I had on my bookshelf: *Second Stages in Researching Welsh Ancestry* edited by John and Sheila Rowlands. A quick look at this gave me a whole chapter, 'The Rise of a Native Middle Class, 1775-1900', on the Pugh family, which took my husband's line back through three further generations!

### Make new contacts and share ideas

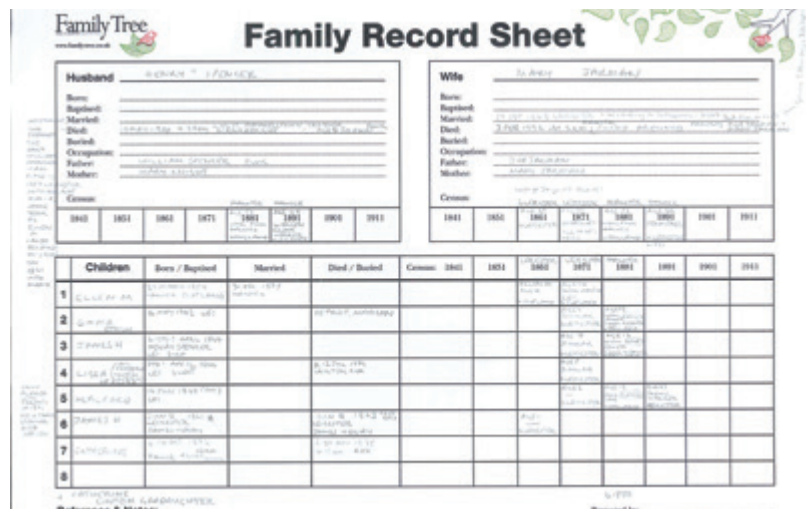
*Family Tree* editor Helen Tovey's brickwall has led to her finding new family contacts and they have been sharing research. This, she found, made her more methodical, focused and organised about her research as she knew she was going to have to share the results of her efforts. Pooling information with the wider family has helped to provide chinks in brickwalls, as, by following up the details of all the

siblings, they could see that the family played fast and loose with spellings, and even entire names, so that made them feel more confident that their mystery Henry/Daniel Spencer might be one and the same man.

While discussing the branch of the brickwall with family members, Helen has also found it interesting to hear other people's take on the facts, giving as an example her 3x great-granny who drowned in the River Teviot at 6 o'clock on a February morning. Her co-researchers believed this was likely to be suicide and while she herself might have wondered about this, she would have been less

sure than them so was interested to hear their thoughts. And a final bonus of working with others is that a co-researcher (a second cousin twice removed – she thinks!) has also provided photos of Helen's 3x great-grandparents and the house that they lived in – the first images she had seen of these ancestors.

So the next time you're faced with a brickwall, why not give thanks for all the new opportunities it may just bring. From new records to discover and long-lost cousins to contact, brickwalls can sometimes breathe new life into the past. 🌱



Two heads are often better than one, so why not share your brickwall with a long-lost/new-found cousin. Showing others your workings can be a good incentive to make neat notes! Download sheet free from [family-tree.co.uk/getting-started](http://family-tree.co.uk/getting-started).