

William Shakespeare

Can you find the 30 missing words?



Shakespeare

William Shakespeare was _____ on or about 23rd April 1564 in the house preserved as his birthplace in Henley Street, Stratford-upon-Avon. The record of his _____ in the register is on 26th April.

Contrary to _____ given in some of the older biographies, Shakespeare came from good middle-class _____ on both sides. His mother, Mary Arden, was one of the eight _____ of a substantial farmer of Wilmcote, where the Arden farmstead may still be seen, his father, John Shakespeare was a prosperous and respected tradesman, who took an active part in _____ affairs.

William was the eldest son and third child of the marriage and _____ took on several responsibilities, including helping his father.

One day while doing an _____ for his father with his young brother Edmund, he stopped in the local _____ to buy something. His brother _____ in the mud and was helped to his feet by a young woman _____ name was Anne Hathaway. She was a country girl who lived a few miles from Stratford in a little village _____ Shottery. William and Anne soon fell in love and _____ married in 1582.

They started their married _____ in the family home in Henley Street, but unfortunately Anne _____ it difficult to get on with her mother-in-law Mary. Mary had always thought that her son could have chosen a more _____ wife.

After one year of marriage their daughter Susanna was born in May 1583 and not long after that William found a teaching job which _____ him to rent a little cottage for himself and Anne. They moved in _____ Christmas 1584 and in February 1585 Anne gave birth to twins, Hamnet and Judith. Hamnet was a weak baby and child and _____ at the age of eleven.

William had always been _____ by travelling actors and more than once had been on the point of following them to London to _____ his fortune. He, in fact, left when the twins were five and Susanna seven. He left his brother in _____ of looking after his family and regularly sent money to them. He came back to visit, but _____ most of his life living and working in London.

Having already _____ money in property in London, in 1597 (one year after Hamnet's death) he _____ New Place, one of the largest houses in Stratford. In 1610 he settled permanently there. By the standards of his day the poet was obviously _____.

Shakespeare died at the _____ of fifty-two on 23rd April 1616 and Anne in 1623. Their daughter Susanna married John Hall, a doctor and New Place was _____ to their daughter Elizabeth, who married twice, but _____ had any children. So Shakespeare's _____ line came to an end with her death in 1670.

Choose from these words:

age	purchased	left	spent	direct	make
wealthy	slipped	called	therefore	life	errand
impressions	around	municipal	were	never	birth
educated	baptism	found	market	enabled	parentage
died	whose	fascinated	daughters	charge	invested