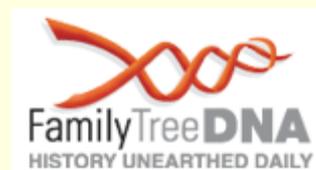


The Spearin Surname Project update – July/Aug 2011

New Members to be DNA Tested

Since the June newsletter, an additional 3 people have asked to be DNA tested. This will increase the total number of project members to 9.



The 3 new members are from Ireland (Cork), Ontario (Toronto) and Maine (Benton). And the families they belong to in the [Traditional Families table](#) on the website are CAN2 (ON1), CAN7 (ON2), and an unknown Canadian family.

If the results match the other members in Genetic Family 1 (GF1), then all members of these families can trace their roots back to London in the 1500's.

DNA Heritage samples have migrated to FTDNA

With a few hiccups the migration of DNA results to FTDNA is complete. At last all project members can be compared on the one page on the [FTDNA website!](#)

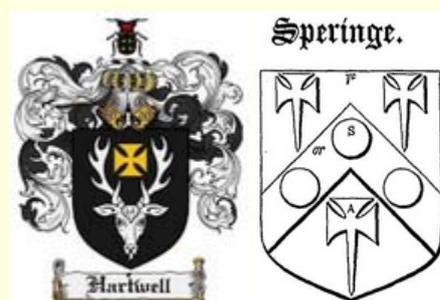


Unfortunately only the 43-marker panel was migrated and not the additional 15 markers tested by 3 members. This means that these 3 members have the equivalent of the FTDNA 25-marker panel rather than the 37-marker panel, but I did manage to get a \$10 discount from FTDNA for these 3 members on any future upgrades.

Hot off the press – Results just in!

Preliminary results have just come in for two of the new members!

Both of them are exact matches at 25 markers with the other members of GF1. This means that they and their wider families are related to everyone else in GF1 and can trace their roots back to London in the 1500's.



The two new related families are as follows:

- IRL4 (DUB1) – mostly Spierin's with an origin in Dublin. The earliest known ancestor is Patrick Spierin (1802-1872, married Mary Morgan).
- CAN7 (ON2) – this is the Sunderland, Ontario group. The earliest known ancestor is John Speering (1800-1852, married Mary Ruckle/Ruttle). Speering became Speiran.

I will update the [Traditional Families table](#) on the website to reflect this.

The rest of the results for the 37-marker panel should be available by the end of September.

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Facebook Updates

We now have 114 members on our Facebook page, and a big thank you goes out to Margaret for moderating the page and to everyone who has made a contribution in these last 2 months. It's great to see so many people swapping stories and making connections.



We are also offering a free Pedigree Chart service to the Facebook group. If anyone wants to have a chart generated of their Spearin ancestors, all they need to do is contact us and we will do it. Several people have already taken advantage of this service.

And we have had our first Facebook member to be DNA tested! A Spearin from Benton, Maine – the most north-eastern of the US states.

For ongoing real time developments with the project, why not join our Facebook group at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/219630734727688> and sign up for notifications of any posts or comments by clicking "Edit Settings" and configuring it the way you want it.

Results of our first Mail Shot

Margaret wrote to most Spearin families in the phone book in Ireland. Many replied and joined our Facebook group. Several have expressed an interest in testing and we hope to see more people join the DNA project in the near future.



Pam wrote to a select group of about 50-60 Spearin's in Australia (Sperrin, Sperring, Spierin, Spiering, Sperne, Sperinck, Sperrink, Spearman, Spearman). Already we have had replies from several Sperring's and there is a lot of activity clarifying their earliest known ancestor and if these particular Sperring families represent a variant of the name Spearin and may be related to Genetic Family 1 (GF1) in our DNA project. In due course it may be worthwhile testing a male Sperring from these families to confirm or refute a genetic connection.

Pam's list of Spearin's (plus variants) from the Australian phonebook can be viewed at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~spearin/distribution/Australia.html>

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Website Updates

The summer months have seen a flurry of creative writing and there is quite a back log to be loaded up to the website, but I am hoping to finish that this coming weekend.



The [Traditional Families table](#) is being updated and links added to online family trees, both on [Rootsweb](#) (accessible to all) and [Ancestry.com](#) (subscription needed). This is an ongoing exercise – we have 193 families to get through (currently!)

rootsweb

Why not find your ancestor by going to <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/> and putting their name in the Advanced Search section on the left? Or just click on the link to your family in the [Traditional Families table](#).



And if you have your own tree online, please send us the link so that we can put it in the table on the website.

Spreading the Word

Please feel free to pass this on to anyone who is interested in researching the Spearin name.

And if you want to add others to the mailing list that you know would be interested, please [forward me](#) their email address and I will add them to the list.

If you have a genealogical question that you want to “put out there”, please post it to our genealogical mailing list at SPEARIN@ROOTSWEB.COM where our team of researchers will be waiting to help you out. And if you have a specific question about the DNA results, post it to SPEARIN-DNA@ROOTSWEB.COM.

The website for the Spearin Surname Project is at

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~spearin/Index.html>

If you want to be Y-DNA tested at a discounted rate through our project, [click here](#).

If you want to [unsubscribe](#) from this list at any time, just let me know. No questions asked!

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Sep 7th 2011*