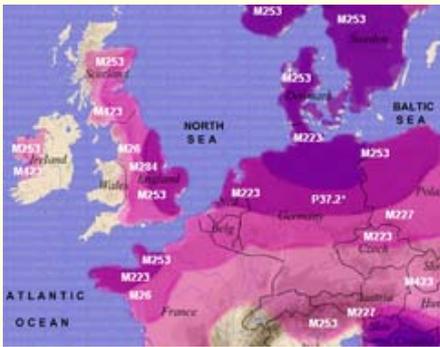


The Spearin Surname Project update - June 2011

Clarification of Haplogroup

Samples previously analysed at DNA Heritage estimated that the four project members concerned belonged to haplogroup I1c. However, project members who tested with FTDNA have an estimated haplogroup of I2b1. This disparity between the two labs has been a source of some confusion. However, one of our project members (who had undertaken the 111-marker test) recently joined the [I2b1 Y-Clan Study](#) at FTDNA.



The Administrator for this project (Aaron Salles Torres) has examined this Spearin 111-marker haplotype and concluded that he belongs to Cont1, the Continental subgroup of I2b1. This is simply a group of individuals that have similar marker values, many of whom have origins in continental Europe - as opposed to the Isles subgroup, in which most members have roots in the British Isles. This is in keeping with an origin for the Spearin's in Flanders (Northern France / Belgium / Netherlands).

DNA Heritage samples to migrate to FTDNA

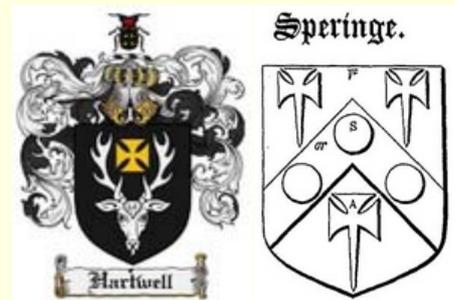
After several weeks of speculation, it now looks like project members who tested with DNA-Heritage will now have their results transferred to FTDNA for free. It remains to be clarified how these members will be allowed to upgrade their results in the future, but no major problems are envisaged because all of them (with one member pending) have results that match the FTDNA 37-marker panel (so upgrading to 67 or 111 markers should not be a problem).

At last all project members can be compared on the one page on the [FTDNA website!](#)

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

New Members to be DNA Tested

A project member from the Dublin Spierin's has ordered his test kit (from family DUBO1 in the [Traditional Families table](#) on the website). If the results match the other members in Genetic Family 1, then all/most Spierin's in Dublin today can trace their roots back to London in the 1500's. The results should take about 6 weeks to become available. Watch this space!



Website Updates

New Documents - It's been a busy month for creative writing! Our thanks to Dan, Pam, Bob, Neil and Joe for contributing various biographies and short stories to the [Storyteller section](#).



Bob has updated the page "[The Many Faces of Hartwell Spearin](#)" and now there are 24 different individuals there who have the Christian name Hartwell as part of their name.



Pam has added a list of Spearin's (plus variants) from the Australian phonebook so we can now see how common each name is in the different parts of Australia. Check out the winners at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~spearin/distribution/Australia.html>

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!)

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.

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.



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.

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