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Announcements

Further Discount Coupons for Family Tree DNA Sale

Family Tree DNA has a sale of all their products at the moment. Prices have been reduced until December 31. Check the website for details at www.familytreedna.com [Family Finder \$89 (for relatives on both sides of your family); Y-DNA (\$129 for 37 marker test – men only); mtDNA (\$169 for direct maternal line only)].

Existing customers are also offered a special discount coupon every few days. The coupons expire within a few days and then a new batch is offered. Customers are welcome to share the discount codes with their friends and relatives. Each one is only good for one purchase.

Linda Reid manages a large number of kits and has a lot of discount codes that she is willing to give away. One is for \$100 on the Big Y test and the others are for \$10 off different products. If you would like to have a code for an additional discount on top of the sale price, please email Linda at: fdnacoupons@yahoo.ca (This email address will only be used until the sale ends at the end of December.) Tell her what product you plan to buy: e.g. Family Finder, Y-chromosome (37, 67 or 111), Big Y, full sequence mitochondrial, and she will email a discount code.

The current batch of codes expires on Sunday, December 7 so you will have to decide promptly. We expect that there will be new codes on December 8 and if she can't fill your request right away she will try the next week.

What's New

FamilySearch has updated records since last week for Michigan (obituaries), Barbados (church records), North Dakota (1915 census), Oklahoma (county marriages) and Hawaii (obituaries).

Ancestry has added and updated a number of West Yorkshire record collections. The Select Land Tax Records 1704-1932 has nearly four million new records; the Bastardy Records 1690-1914 has 14,000 new records; the Select Rate Books 1705-1893 contains 163,000 new records and the Wakefield Charities Coroners Notebooks 1852-1909 has 19,000 new records. The West Yorkshire parish record collections have been updated: the Baptisms, Marriages & Burials 1512-1812 has over three million records; the Births and Baptisms 1813-1910 has over two million records; and the Deaths and Burials 1813-1985 now has 1,331,000 records. A new database for Australia is the Sydney Morgue Registers of Bodies 1881-1908 with 6,700 records.

FindMyPast has added records for three US states: Arizona marriages 1865-1949 (149,000 records), Iowa Deaths and Burials 1850-1990 (397,000 records) and Oregon Births and Baptisms 1868-1929 (61,000 records). They proudly announced the addition of Scottish Births and Baptisms 1564-1950 (9.3 million records) and Scotland Marriages 1561-1910 (4.1 million records). But these have been [on FamilySearch](http://FamilySearch) for years and are also available on Ancestry. An

additional 1.3 million new articles in Irish newspapers have been added (not available at FHCs). New maps of England and Wales from the *Comprehensive Gazetteer of England and Wales* of 1895 have 19,000 images and maps available to view.

Derry City Records

RootsIreland.ie has compiled seven small new databases for Derry city: the rent roll of 1628 (a census substitute); 905 men from Derry and surrounds who fought in the 1641 Rebellion; 1660 supporters of the Williamite campaign 1689-1691; 226 citizens of the city in 1696; 110 leaseholders in 1738; 191 names in the County jail 1839-1856; and a reconstruction of a census for 1920 with 8,367 heads of households. A complete list of Derry records on RootsIreland is available [here](#).

National Library of Ireland – Catholic Church Records – Next Summer

George Tuck sent the Bulletin a link to an article on IrishCentral.com which states that the National Library of Ireland will give free access to its online collection of Catholic Church records, from summer 2015. Millions of people around the world tracing their roots in Ireland will be excited about this [announcement](#). The 390,000 digital images due to be published by the NLI will be searchable by parish location only. They will not be transcribed or indexed by the NLI, and the images will be of the microfilms of the original registers, some of which were in poor condition when the microfilming took place. The images will be in black and white.

The Forum:

Questions:

Q1/2014/44. Canada.

I have found records on FamilySearch relating to the Hunter side of my family, David Hunter (Sr.), son David (Jr.) and his wife Harriet Jane Romburgh/Rombough and their children Berta Victoria and Robert Irvine/Irwin Hunter. My great grandmother was the sister of David Hunter (Jnr). The records list a submitter's name: sesharp3792910. I would like to contact this person to see if he or she has any further information about my family. Would FamilySearch be able to allow contact with this person?

Q1/2014/43. Germany. An Update to the question.

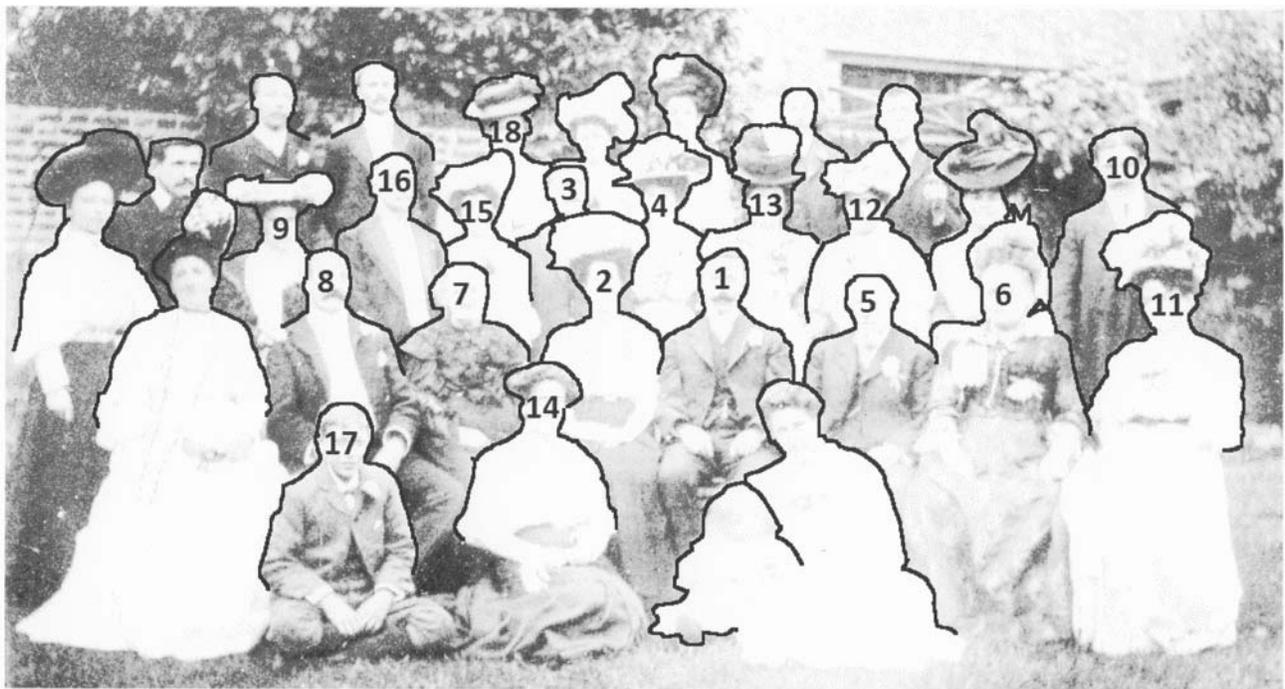
I am looking for information on Hugo Heinrich Spengler, born 6 Sept 1872 in Bruchsal, Germany. I think that he died between January and April, 1937 in Karlsruhe, Germany. In 1908 he was *Oberapotheker* in Neudenau, in 1929, he was *Apotheke* in Karlsruhe and in 1937 he was *Besitzer der Stern-Apotheke* in Karlsruhe in 1937 (owner of Star Pharmacy). I thought that he died in early 1937 in Karlsruhe, and would like to find the exact date of death and where he is buried. Further, I would like information about his children. I believe that he had a daughter named Anneliese Spengler who was also a Pharmacist in Neudenau, Germany. I think that she took over the pharmacy that her father worked in Neudenau while he went to work in Karlsruhe, perhaps in 1929. But now I find a Spruchkammer file (a file from the trials the Germans held for those who were Nazis or involved with the Nazis) for Hugo Heinrich Spengler. I presume this means that, if this were the same person, Hugo Heinrich Spengler was alive in 1946 and that he could have been alive after World War II. Do these Spruchkammer files contain any personal information about family? How do I get his file?

There have been no suggestions for this question. The researcher has now asked: Is there any way to find out if Hugo Heinrich Spengler survived WWII? He worked in Karlsruhe (I only assume he lived there also), and I know that Karlsruhe was severely bombed during the war, destroying around 80% of the houses and killing hundreds of people - probably up to thousands of people. Are there lists of war dead in each city? Did they make lists of those killed in bombing raids?

Were You Aware...

Labelling Photographs with Names

All family historians with pictures in their collections will probably want to digitize their pictures and label them for future generations. How many of us have struggled to figure out who is in the old pictures we have? A couple of years ago an internet cousin sent us a photograph of a wedding and a traced copy of the same photograph onto which her grandmother had typed the names of the guests. We thought it was very clear and have used a similar technique for a lovely wedding photo we have from 1907.



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| 1 Frederick Chas Billing | 6 Rebecca Billing | 11 Ellen Poulton | 16 Herbert Grover |
| 2 Beatrice Mary Billing | 7 Ann Clark | 12 Harriet Clark | 17 Sidney Hindmarsh |
| 3 Edward Billing Jr. | 8 John R (Jack) Clark | 13 Rebecca Hindmarsh | 18 Elizabeth Neale |
| 4 Matilda Billing | 9 Eliza Smith | 14 Louisa Clark | |
| 5 Edward Billing Sr. | 10 Alfred Clark | 15 Jane Clark | |

Doing this digitally was not difficult (my husband did it!) He overexposed the photograph and then using the very basic MS Paint program to trace the outline of each person and to add numbers on the known faces. He imported the image into a word processor to easily add and align the names at the bottom. I think that it is now easy to see who is who.

Overexposing the image by my favourite free program (the image viewer and converter - Irfanview - download from [TuCows](#)) is very easy to do. Go to *Colour Corrections* under *Image* and increase the *Gamma Correction*. I found that increasing it to 6 worked very well. The same thing can be done in other photo viewer/editor programs like Photoshop or ACDSsee. Of course, non-computer tracing works just as well. Just do not use the original image in case the pencil/pen should damage the print.

Films received in the week ending December 4th and due for return about the end of January.

Film Content	Film No
DEU MEC Barkow Taufen 1810-1841	0068978
DEU MEC Garwitz Taufen 1787-1875	0069113
DEU MEC Gischow Ch. Rec.	0069118
DEU MEC Grebin Taufen, Konfirmation 1808-1906	0069143
HUN Cinkota Jewish records BMD 1878-1882	0642851

A patron wishing to view a film ordered by another should check first with staff. The description of the film given above may not be a full description but a search in the FamilySearch catalogue will reveal the full content. The geographical abbreviations are Chapman codes.

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Tuesday 9:30 am to 2 pm (Linda)

Wednesday 9:30 am to 3:45 pm (Ann, Joe am, Helen & Leslie pm); 6:30pm to 9:30pm (Helen)

Thursday 9:30am to noon (Don & Roberta); 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm (Don & Roberta)

Closures: **December 19, 2014 to January 5, 2015 inclusive.** If you do not have a booking, call before you come.

For a copy of a searchable listing of all films, fiche, CDs and books held at the Toronto Family History Centre in pdf format, click [here](#).

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