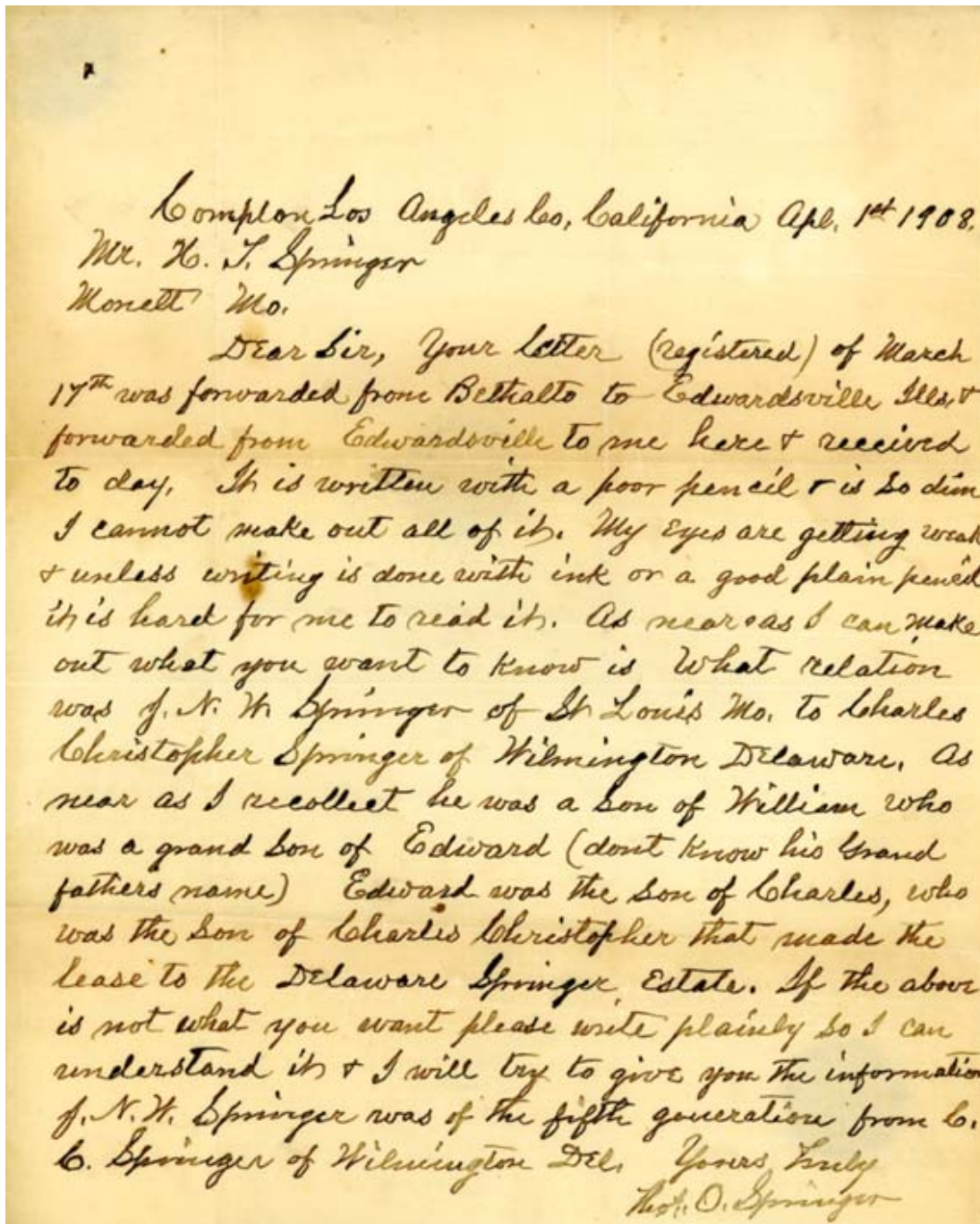


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Document Title: April 1, 1908 Letter from Thomas O. Springer to Mr. H. T. [Hershel Thomas] Springer, grandson of Rev. John N. W. Springer of Missouri



Compton Los Angeles Cal, California Apr. 1st 1908.
Mr. H. T. Springer
Monett Mo.

Dear Sir, Your letter (registered) of March 17th was forwarded from Bethalto to Edwardsville Ill. & forwarded from Edwardsville to me here & received to day. It is written with a poor pencil & is so dim I cannot make out all of it. My eyes are getting weak & unless writing is done with ink or a good plain pencil it is hard for me to read it. As near as I can make out what you want to know is what relation was J. N. W. Springer of St. Louis Mo. to Charles Christopher Springer of Wilmington Delaware. As near as I recollect he was a son of William who was a grand son of Edward (dont know his Grand fathers name) Edward was the son of Charles, who was the son of Charles Christopher that made the lease to the Delaware Springer Estate. If the above is not what you want please write plainly so I can understand it & I will try to give you the information. J. N. W. Springer was of the fifth generation from C. C. Springer of Wilmington Del.

Yours Truly
Thos. O. Springer

Source: Original Letter in the Private Family Papers of W. Bruce Springer, St. Louis, 2007.

Please note that the lineage described back to Charles Springer, Swedish immigrant to Delaware by 1693, is NOT accurate.

A direct descendant of Rev. John N.W. Springer has had a 37-marker Y-DNA test as part of the Springer Surname Y-DNA Project, and he is does not match the group who can establish descent from Charles Springer of Delaware. This descendant differs on about 12-14 markers out of 37 markers compared with the descendants of Christopher Springer of Sweden, father of Charles Springer who immigrated to Delaware. This Springer group, as of 2007, includes a descendant of Charles's half-brother, Lars Springer, who remained in Sweden, and four American lines who descend from Charles Springer. DNA Groups are established, based on their DNA values, rather than on paper trails.

For more information about the Springer Y-DNA Project, go to the Family Tree DNA (familytreedna.com) page at:

http://www.familytreedna.com/surname_join.aspx?code=D99857&special=True&projecttype=S