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## Orlando One Name Study

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please let me know.

## DNA

The DNA project is ticking along rather slowly and I did send out an email to all the members of the DNA project. Just recently Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) has enabled a new website and I switched the Orlando study over to the new site in advance of the date. The site does look nice and has a familiar feel to it. We do need some more male ORLANDO's to take the test so we can build up a database of material and try and tie together the various Orlando groups.

## WELCOME TO THE LATEST EDITION OF ORLANDO NEWS.

If you found this newsletter because you have just typed Orlando into Google and were looking for details on a holiday destination, sorry you are not in the right place. Don't leave though, perhaps you might find this newsletter of interest or know someone else who will.

## SINCE LAST TIME...

Last time I mentioned that there had been a few domestics which had slowed down the processing of the Orlando material. Sadly things did not get any better and my beloved Mum passed away in Feb 2014.

It has only been in the last few months that I have again turned my attention back to the One Name Study and the task of adding the enormous pile of information to the master index.

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*Structure is everything.....*

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## NEWSLETTER ARCHIVES

The newsletter is archived with the Guild of One Name Studies. I have also approached the British Library for an ISSN Number and as such each edition is lodged with them. Are there any organization which you of would like a digital copy? If there are

## OBITUARIES

The Orlando blog has been where I have been sharing the numerous Orlando obituaries that have been published in the various newspapers. I have rather a large backlog and more recently I have been trying not publish them on the site within a month of the individual passing away.

Once the obituary is on the blog the details are added to the master index and then linked to the website. I noticed this morning that I have about 40 obituaries sitting in draft and another 100 or so to still do.

As material is published on the blog it is tweeted and shared to the Facebook Orlando Group.

## INTERESTING SITES

A few weeks ago I stumbled across this site – The Righteous Among the Nations (<http://db.yadvashem.org/>). The database is about 80% complete and records, quite rightly so, those who risked their lives to shelter those persecuted during the Nazi regime. As I often do I popped the name of Orlando into the search box never expecting to get a positive response and was delighted to see a reference. Firstly the search is carried out in two databases. Firstly those who were rescued and secondly those who were the rescuers.

The Orlando search was positive of someone who was rescued. Two sisters, Ida and Louise Cook rescued 29 Jews from the horrors of Europe in the period leading up to the Second World War.

Friedl Orlando, originally from Frankfurt was a journalist by profession who had given up hope of leaving Germany. She came to London on a student's permit.

Ida Cook shared her experiences in her autobiography, "We Followed our Stars" published in 1956. Ida was known under her pen name as Mary BURCHELL ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary\\_Burchell](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Burchell)).

In 2008 the book was rewritten and expanded with the title "Safe Passage". I have just reserved this from my local library and will share via the blog any Orlando references.

## ROOTSWEB

Those of us who have been doing genealogical research for some time may well recall the days of Rootsweb mailing lists and message boards. In the last few days I have been back through the Orlando mailing list extracting and downloading some of the material with a hope to looking at those family lines and to write to those who posted their queries to the mailing list and used email or those what left an email address on the message board.

The plan is try to get some more interaction with other Orlando researchers and if you know of anyone who is researching the surname then please do get them to look at the website and perhaps join the Facebook group.

Until next time,

*Julie*