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## 1.3 HELP

You have reached this Help window by either clicking on the Help button or by hitting the Help key within the Scion Genealogist Help utility. Unlike other help topics present in the Scion Help utility, the Help help topic opens its own window. You must close this window by clicking on the close gadget or hitting escape before returning to the Scion help utility. You cannot hit the Retrace button to return.

To quit the Scion Help utility, select Quit from the Project menu or click on the close gadget. You may also hit escape.

Most help screens will display one or more buttons as part of the text. Clicking on these buttons will provide further information on the topic listed on the button. You can also reach these help topics through the main Contents screen or one of its sub-screens.

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While in the Scion Help utility, you may retrace your steps through the help screens you have selected by clicking on the Retrace button.

The Browse buttons will move you forward and backwards between help screens.

Detailed description of AmigaGuide® keys, buttons, etc

## 1.4 AmigaGuide® Help

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## 1.5 AmigaGuide® Help: Buttons

Contents - Display the Table of Contents document for the current database.

Index - Display the index document for the current database.

Help - Display the help document for the current database. If the database doesn't have a Help document of its own, then the global Help database will be used instead.

Retrace - Go back to the previous node.

Browse - Step through the documents in sequential order, in the order they appear in the database.

## 1.6 AmigaGuide® Help: Menus

Project

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Print - Print the current document to the current print device.

Close Window - Close the active document window.

Quit - Close all windows for the current database, and exit.

Edit

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Mark - Start marking a block of text for copying to the

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clipboard.  
Copy - Copy the current document to the clipboard.  
Select All - Select all the lines of the current document.  
Clear Selected - Unselect all the lines of the current document.  
Print Selected - Print the selected lines to the current print device.

#### Navigation

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Find Document... - Locate a document.  
Find Text... - Locate all occurrences of text within the current document.  
Find Next - Show the Find Text document.  
Set Bookmark - Save the current location to the bookmark file.  
Go To Bookmark - Go to the location indicated by the bookmark file.

## 1.7 AmigaGuide® Help: Keystrokes

TAB - Cycle forward through the buttons.  
Shift-TAB - Cycle backwards through the buttons.  
HELP - Display this document in its own window.  
ESC - Close the active AmigaGuide® window.  
Backspace - Scroll backwards a page.  
RETURN - Activate the default button (the highlighted one).  
Shift-RETURN - Activate the default button (the highlighted one).  
If it is a document, then load it in a new window.  
SPACE - Scroll forwards a page.  
> - Go to the end of the current document.  
< - Go to the beginning of the current document.

## 1.8 AmigaGuide® Help: Arrow Keys

Up - Scroll up through the document.  
Down - Scroll down through the document.  
Shift-Up - Go up a page in the document.  
Shift-Down - Go down a page in the document.  
Alt-Up - Go to the beginning of the document.  
Alt-Down - Go to the end of the document.  
Left - Scroll left through the document.  
Right - Scroll right through the document.  
Shift-Left - Scroll left one window-full through the document.  
Shift-Right - Scroll right one window-full through the document.  
Alt-Left - Go to the extreme left of the document.  
Alt-Right - Go to the extreme right of the document.

## 1.9 AmigaGuide® Help: Function Keys

F9 - Activate Next Window.  
F10 - Cycle active AmigaGuide® window front to back.

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## 1.10 AmigaGuide® Help: Mouse

Select - Over a node, will activate the node.

Shift-Select - Over a node, will activate the node. If it is a document, then load the document in a new window.

## 1.11 AmigaGuide® Help: Environment Variables

Use the DOS command, SetEnv to set any of the following variables.

### AmigaGuide/Path

This variable contains the list of path names that AmigaGuide® should search through when it attempts to open a database.

For example:

```
SetEnv AmigaGuide/Path "Workbench:Autodocs Workbench:Includes"
```

### AmigaGuide/Pens

Gives you control over the colors that AmigaGuide® uses to render the text and link points with.

```
SetEnv AmigaGuide/Pens <abcdefgh>
```

where:

```
a = Background pen
b = Button text pen
c = Button background pen
d = Highlighted button text pen
e = Highlighted button background pen
f = Outline pen
g = Highlight outline pen
h = Text on background pen
```

For example:

```
SetEnv AmigaGuide/Pens 21213001
SetEnv AmigaGuide/Text BOLD
```

will give a very sharp look.

### AmigaGuide/Text

Enables you to determine what the link points look like.

```
SetEnv AmigaGuide/Text <style>
```

where style can be one of the following:

```
BUTTON
HIGHLIGHT
UNDERLINE
BOLD
```

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ITALIC

## 1.12 Programme Overview

### PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

PREPARE! PREPARE! PREPARE! PREPARE! PREPARE! PREPARE!

Make sure that you have ALL possible information available before you start (with all the inter-personal and family relations sorted out). It will make things MUCH easier if you have a good idea what you are planning to do before you start!

The programme is based on two windows, the  
Personal Details Window  
and the  
Family Details Window  
.

The Personal Details Window is used to enter and/or edit details about the people that make up the database, and the Family Details Window is used to establish the family relationships between these people.

Details on the various people making up the database should be entered FIRST and then the relationships between them can be established.

Scion Genealogist has been written in a totally non-sexist and secular manner, has no checking on sex (to allow for "unconventional" relationships), and has no name checking (to allow for adopted children). Because of the non-sexist nature of the programme, the partners of a family group (or marriage) are referred to as "Principal" and "Spouse". Either partner can be the Principal. However, to conform with genealogical conventions, when reports are printed the male partner is automatically "promoted" to Principal and male parents are displayed first.

Every person and family in the database is identified by a unique number:

IRN - Individual Record Number

FGRN - Family Group Record Number

## 1.13 Personal Details Window

### PERSONAL DETAILS WINDOW

The Personal Details Window is used to enter and/or edit details about the people that make up the database.

Details on the various people making up the database should be entered FIRST and then the relationships between them can be established.

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If, at any time, the Personal Details Window you move to has all the fields "ghosted", this means that somebody's record has been deleted from the database. What you are seeing is the position that was "reserved" for that person, and this will be reassigned when a new person is added to the database. Just step over the disabled window using the usual gadgets.

Entering and Editing Personal Information

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## 1.14 Entering and Editing Personal Information

Entering and Editing Personal Information

When a new person is added to the database (by clicking the mouse on the

Add New Person

gadget) or when an existing database is opened, the Personal Details Window displayed is where information about each person may be edited or added.

To enter or edit information in a particular field, just click on that field. For example, to enter the birth date just click on the Birth Date field and then type in the date. Pressing RETURN or TAB will automatically take you to the next field (in this example, the Birth Place field). Pressing Shift-TAB will take you to the preceding field. See also

Dates

.

To reduce the amount of typing required, and to help ensure that Last Names are consistent, use the

Pick

gadget located beside the Last Name entry field. Select (from the list displayed) the Last Name that you want entered into the Last Name field.

See also "Carry-over last names" under

Set Behaviour

.

## 1.15 Dates

All date fields are "free form" fields, to allow for entries such as "About 1983", and NO checking is carried out on the date entered. However, it is strongly recommended that you enter dates in the format "3 Jan 1956". Do NOT use dates such as "3/1/56". This could mean either 3 January 1956 or 1 March 1956. Equally it could mean 1856 and not 1956.

Date fields are limited to 12 characters which enforces the use of the genealogical convention of using three character names for the months. For example, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr....

Again to conform to general convention, the date field could contain one of the following "modifiers":

Bef (or Before)	Actual date is before the given date
Abt (or About)	Actual date is approximately the given date
Aft (or After)	Actual date is after the given date.

Where an event date is known to be within a range (such as between 1876 and 1879), enter the FIRST date in the appropriate date field, and make a note in the "comments" field about the possible range.

Where an event date is uncertain or unverified, add a question mark as the last character of the date. For example, 5 Jun 1974?

If this convention is adhered to, Scion Genealogist will list the children of a family group sorted by date of birth.

Examples:

```
23 Jan 1873
About 1923
Aft 1907
4 Apr 1765? (Unverified/uncertain date "format")
1945      (Comment: Date between 1945 and 1947)
Before 1987
```

## 1.16 Pick Gadget

"Pick" Gadget

(Located to the right of the Last Name entry field)

Every time that the <RETURN> key is pressed while in the Last Name entry field, that last name is checked against a list of names maintained in the "Last Name Pick List". If the current name is unique, it is added to that pick list. This list maintains the 8 most recent unique last names entered.

To transfer a last name from the pick list into the Last Name entry field, simply click on the appropriate name in the list. That name will then be transferred into the Last Name field where it may be accepted or edited.

This reduces the amount of typing required, and also ensures consistent spelling of last names.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "K" (not shown in gadget).

## 1.17 Navigating Around the Personal Database

Navigating Around the Personal Database

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The move around the Personal Database, use the "SELECT PERSON" gadgets:

```
|«  
Select the first person (in IRN numerical order)  
  
««  
Select the previous person (in IRN numerical order)  
  
LIST  
Display selection list of the people in the database  
  
»»  
Select the next person (in IRN numerical order)  
  
»|  
Select the last person (in IRN numerical order)
```

The IRN (Individual Record Number) of the currently displayed database entry is displayed at the bottom centre of the window.

To go directly to a particular person's record when their IRN is known, click on the

```
^  
gadget at the bottom centre of the screen and type in  
the IRN for that person. (Remember to press <RETURN>)
```

To search for (and go to the entry for) a particular person in the database, the

```
Personal Search  
gadget can be used.
```

To locate a particular ancestor, and go to the entry for a particular ancestor, use the

```
Anc  
(Ancestors) gadget.
```

To locate a particular descendant, and go to the entry for a particular descendant, use the

```
Desc  
(Descendants) gadget.
```

To locate the current person's father, and go to his entry, use the

```
Fath  
(Father) gadget.
```

To locate the current person's mother, and go to her entry, use the

```
Moth  
(Mother) gadget.
```

To move to Family Details Windows, use the "SELECT FAMILY" gadgets:

```
Parents/Siblings  
Select the person's parent's Family Details Window
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Spouse/Children  
 Select the Family Details Window for the current  
 person's first marriage

Family List...  
 Select a family from a list of families

Go to Family...  
 Select a family using a known FGRN

## 1.18 Personal Details Window Gadgets

### Personal Details Window Gadgets

SELECT PERSON Gadgets

|«

««

LIST

»»

»|

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Anc

Desc

Fath

```
Moth
^
Miscellaneous Gadgets
Pick
```

## 1.19 First Person Gadget

"|<" (First Person) Gadget

Clicking on the "|<" (First Person) gadget will take you to the window for the first person in the database (in IRN numerical order).

If the "|<" (First Person) gadget is "ghosted" (shaded grey) it means that you are already at the first person in the database and the gadget will do nothing.

## 1.20 Previous Person Gadget

"<<<" (Previous Person) Gadget

Clicking on the "<<<" (Previous Person) gadget will take you to the window for the preceding person (in IRN numerical order).

If the "<<<" (Previous Person) gadget is "ghosted" (shaded grey) it means that you are at the first person in the database and the gadget will do nothing.

## 1.21 List People Gadget

List People Gadget

Clicking on the "LIST" gadget will display a list of every person in the database.

By default, the list of people is in IRN numerical order. If you would prefer the list to be in alphabetical order, before displaying the list, select

```
Extras
from the menu bar and choose the
Sorting On/Off
menu item.
```

If the lists are sorted, an [S] marker will be displayed in the window title bar. If the lists are not sorted, this marker will be absent.

If you are using a colour monitor, males will be displayed in blue and females will be displayed in red. If a person's sex has not been defined,

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their entry in the list will be displayed in yellow.

At the bottom of the list are two gadgets, a "cycle" gadget that displays either "Show All" or "Show only ->", and a string gadget labelled "Last Name". When the cycle gadget is displaying "Show All", the list displays all the people in the database. When the cycle gadget is displaying "Show only ->", the list displays only those people with the Last Name entered into the adjacent string gadget.

On first displaying a people list, the Last Name string gadget will contain "?\*". This represents a

Wildcard

matching ANY person in the database.

In this (default) case, the "Show only ->" state of the cycle gadget will ALSO display every person in the database.

To display only those people with a last name of "SMITH", for example, enter the name "SMITH" into the string gadget and make sure the cycle gadget is set to "Show only ->". The list will then only display those people who have the word "SMITH" in their last name. Note that because of the wildcard matching, "SMITH" will also match with "SMITHSON", "BLACKSMITH", etc.

To display a particular person's Personal Details Window, simply click on that person in the list. Selecting "Cancel" will return you to the original window.

The number displayed at the bottom centre of the Personal Details Window is the current IRN.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "L".

## 1.22 Next Person Gadget

"»»»" (Next Person) Gadget

Clicking on the "»»»" (Next Person) gadget will take you to the window for the next person (in IRN numerical order).

If the "»»»" (Next Person) gadget is "ghosted" (shaded grey) it means that there are no more people in the database and the gadget will do nothing.

## 1.23 Last Person Gadget

"»|" (Last Person) Gadget

Clicking on the "»|" (Last Person) gadget will take you to the window for the last person in the database (in IRN numerical order).

If the "»|" (Last Person) gadget is "ghosted" (shaded grey) it means that there are no more people in the database and the gadget will do nothing.

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## 1.24 Personal Note Editor Gadget

### Edit Notes Gadget

Clicking on the "Edit Notes" gadget will display a file requester where you can enter the name of the free-form note that you wish to edit. The editor that will be used is defined using the

Choose Editor  
option under

the

Prefs  
menu.

By default the notes are assigned the name PNx.database, where "PN" stands for "Personal Notes", "x" is the IRN of the current person displayed, and "database" is the name of the database. The name of the database is defined when you save the database.

The default name can be ignored, and the notes file can be given any name. (Note that the "pattern" field in the file requester may have to be changed so that you can see files with other than the default names. Enter #? as the pattern to see ALL files.)

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "N".

## 1.25 View Personal Picture Gadget

### View Picture Gadget

Clicking on the "View Picture" gadget will display a file requester where you can enter the name of the IFF picture file that you wish to view. The viewer that will be used is defined using the

Choose Viewer  
option under

the

Prefs  
menu.

By default the pictures are assigned the name PPx.database, where "PP" stands for "Personal Picture", "x" is the IRN of the current person displayed, and "database" is the name of the database. The name of the database is defined when you save the database.

The default name can be ignored, and the picture file can be given any name. (Note that the "pattern" field in the file requester may have to be changed so that you can see files with other than the default names. Enter #? as the pattern to see ALL files.)

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "V".

## 1.26 Personal Search Gadget

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### Personal Search gadget

This gadget allows you to search for a particular individual in the database.

After clicking on the "Personal Search" gadget you will be presented with a requester asking for "Last Name" and "First Names". Type the name of the person you are trying to find into these fields, and then click on "Find First" to find (and display) the Personal Details Window for the first person in the database matching your entries.

If the name fields already contain the name(s) that you want (from a previous search) click on "Find Next" to move to the Personal Details Window for the next person in the database matching your entries, or click on "Find Prev" to move to the Personal Details Window for the previous person in the database matching your entries.

To "browse" the database for people with the same last name (for example), from the Personal details window (with no data entry field active) press "P" to bring up the search requester, and then either "N" or "P" to find the next or previous person with that same last name.

In this way, repeatedly pressing "P" then "N" will progressively display the next person in the database with the name of interest.

NOTE: This same technique may be used to "browse" families, but the search will be initiated by pressing the "F" key (for "Family Search", and then followed by "N" or "P".

On first starting the programme, the Last Name and First Name(s) fields will contain "?\*". This represents a

Wildcard

matching ANY

person in the database. In this (default) case, clicking on "Find Next" will take you to the Personal Details Window for the next person in IRN numerical order.

If the screen flashes when carrying out a search, that means that there are no more matching entries in the database.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "P".

## 1.27 Add New Person Gadget

### Add New Person Gadget

To add a new person to the database, click on the "Add New Person" gadget. After confirming that that is what you want to do, you will be presented with a blank Personal Details Window (assigned the next available IRN) and information about the new person can immediately be entered.

If the programme behaviour is set to "no confirmation" (using the "Confirm 'Add Person'" option), the programme will not ask to confirm the addition of the new person. See

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Set Behaviour  
The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "A".

## 1.28 Delete Person Gadget

### Delete Person Gadget

To remove a person from the database, click on the "Delete Person" gadget. You will be asked to confirm your actions before the record is actually removed. Not only will the person's Personal Details Window data be deleted, but ALL references to that person as a child of a family or a partner in a marriage will also be removed. Any marriages that the person was a partner in will be dissolved, and the person will no longer be a parent of any of the children of that family group.

**WARNING:** Once you have removed a person from the database, their information is irretrievably lost, and their IRN and corresponding Personal Details Window are available for reassignment.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "D".

## 1.29 Set 1st Marriage

### Set 1st Marriage Gadget

If there are no marriages recorded for the current person, clicking on the "Set 1st Marriage" gadget will, after confirmation, create a family group corresponding to the first marriage of this person. A spouse and any children may then be added to the resulting family group.

If the gadget is "ghosted" (shaded grey) it means that the first marriage has already been established for this person and the gadget will do nothing. You can go to the Family Details Window for the (established) first marriage by clicking on the  
Spouse/Children  
gadget.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "M".

## 1.30 Parents/Siblings Gadget

### Parents/Siblings Gadget

Clicking on the "Parents/Siblings" gadget will take you to the Family Details Window for the person's parents where the person's siblings (brothers and sisters) are also displayed.

People have their parents established when a person is added to a family group as a child.

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The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "S".

### 1.31 Spouse/Children Gadget

#### Spouse/Children Gadget

If a family group (marriage) is established for this person, clicking on this gadget will take you to the first Family Details Window for that person.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "C".

### 1.32 Family List Gadget

#### Family List Gadget

Clicking on the "Family List..." gadget will display a list of every family in the database. The list of families is in FGRN numerical order.

At the bottom of the list are two gadgets, a "cycle" gadget that displays either "Show All" or "Show only ->", and a string gadget labelled "Last Name". When the cycle gadget is displaying "Show All", the list displays all the families in the database. When the cycle gadget is displaying "Show only ->", the list displays only those families in which one of the partners has the Last Name entered into the adjacent string gadget.

On first displaying a families list, the Last Name string gadget will contain "?\*". This represents a

Wildcard

matching ANY family partner

in the database. In this (default) case, the "Show only ->" state of the cycle gadget will ALSO display every family in the database.

To display only those families where one of the partners has a last name of "SMITH", for example, enter the name "SMITH" into the string gadget and make sure the cycle gadget is set to "Show only ->". The list will then only display those families with a partner who has the word "SMITH" in their last name. Note that because of the wildcard matching, "SMITH" will also match with "SMITHSON", "BLACKSMITH", etc.

To display a particular family's Family Details Window, simply click on that family in the list. Selecting "Cancel" will return you to the original window.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "F".

### 1.33 Go to Family Gadget

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### Go to Family Gadget

If the FGRN of a family of interest is known and you want to move directly to their Family Details Window, click on this gadget and type in the FGRN for that family. When the <RETURN> key is pressed, the Family Details Window for that family will be displayed.

To return to the Personal Details Window for the current person, select the "Cancel" gadget.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "G".

## 1.34 Go to Father Gadget

### Go to Father Gadget

Clicking on the "Fath" gadget will move to the Personal Details Window for the father of the currently displayed person.

NOTE: If there is no father defined (only a mother), then clicking on this gadget will cause the screen to flash. Similarly, if the father's "sex" field does not contain an "M" (for male), clicking on this gadget cause the screen to flash.

## 1.35 Go to Mother Gadget

### Go to Mother Gadget

Clicking on the "Moth" gadget will move to the Personal Details Window for the mother of the currently displayed person.

NOTE: If there is no mother defined (only a father), then clicking on this gadget will cause the screen to flash. Similarly, if the mother's "sex" field does not contain an "F" (for female), clicking on this gadget cause the screen to flash.

## 1.36 Ancestors Gadget

### Ancestors Gadget

Clicking on the "Anc" gadget will display an on-screen ancestor chart for the current person. To move to the Personal Details Window for a particular ancestor, click on their name in the ancestor chart. To return to the Personal Details Window for the current person, select the "Cancel" gadget.

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## 1.37 Descendants Gadget

### Descendants Gadget

Clicking on the "Desc" gadget will display an on-screen descendant chart for the current person. To move to the Personal Details Window for a particular descendant, click on their name in the descendant chart. To return to the Personal Details Window for the current person, select the "Cancel" gadget.

## 1.38 Select IRN Gadget

### "^" Select IRN Gadget

If the IRN of a person of interest is known and you want to move directly to their Personal Details Window, click on this gadget and type in the IRN for that person. When the <RETURN> key is pressed, the Personal Details Window for that person will be displayed.

To return to the Personal Details Window for the current person, select the "Cancel" gadget.

## 1.39 Family Details Window

### FAMILY DETAILS WINDOW

The Family Group Window displays the Principal, Spouse and children making up a family group and is where information about each family group may be edited or added.

When you select "Spouse/Children" or "Parents/Siblings" from a Personal Details Window, you will automatically change to the appropriate Family Details Window.

You will also automatically change to the appropriate Family Details Window when you create the first marriage for a person by selecting the "Set 1st Marriage" gadget.

NOTE: Details on the various people making up the database should be entered FIRST and then the relationships between them can be established.

If, at any time, the Family Details Window you move to has all the fields "ghosted", this means that some family's record has been deleted from the database. What you are seeing is the position that was "reserved" for that family, and this will be reassigned when a new family is added to the database. Just step over the disabled window using the usual gadgets.

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## Family Details Window Gadgets

### 1.40 Entering and Editing Family Information

#### Entering and Editing Family Information

When a new family is added to the database or when an existing database is opened, the Family Details Window is where information about each family may be edited or added.

To enter or edit information in a particular field, just click on that field. For example, to enter the wedding date just click on the Wedding Date field and then type in the date. Pressing RETURN or TAB will automatically take you to the next field (in this example, the Wedding Place field). Pressing Shift-TAB will take you to the preceding field.

See also

Dates

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### 1.41 Navigating Around the Family Database

#### Navigating Around the Family Database

To move around the Family Database, use the "SELECT MARRIAGE" and "SELECT FAMILY" gadgets:

SELECT MARRIAGE Gadgets:

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|«
Select the first marriage of the current Principal

««
Select the previous marriage of the current Principal

LIST
Display selection list of the marriages of current Principal

»»
Select the next marriage of the current Principal

»|
Select the last marriage of the current Principal

Exchange
Exchange Principal and Spouse
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SELECT FAMILY Gadgets:

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Select the first family (in FGRN numerical order)

««  
Select the previous family (in FGRN numerical order)

LIST  
Display selection list of the families in the database

»»  
Select the next family (in FGRN numerical order)

»|  
Select the last family (in FGRN numerical order)

The FGRN (Family Group Record Number) of the currently displayed database entry is displayed at the bottom centre of the window.

To go directly to a particular family's record when their FGRN is known, click on the

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gadget at the bottom centre of the screen and type in the FGRN for that family. (Remember to press <RETURN>)

To search for (and go to the entry for) a particular family in the database, the

Family Search  
gadget can be used.

To move to Personal Details Windows, use the "P" (Principal), "S" (Spouse), "C" (Child), "People List..." and "Go to Person..." gadgets:

P  
Select the current Principal's Personal Details Window

S  
Select the current Spouse's Personal Details Window

C  
Select the currently highlighted child's Personal Details Window

People List...  
Select a person from a list of people

Go to Person..  
Select a person using a known IRN

NOTE: If a family group is dissolved using the

Dissolve Family  
gadget,

you will be returned to the Personal Details Window for the current Principal.

## 1.42 Family Details Window Gadgets

## Family Details Window Gadgets

SELECT PERSON Gadgets

TOOLS Gadgets

EDIT DATABASE Gadgets

P  
Select Principal  
Edit Notes  
  
Set Spouse  
  
S  
Select Spouse  
View Picture  
  
Add Child  
  
C  
Select Child  
Family Search  
  
Remove Child  
  
People List...  
  
Dissolve Family  
  
Go to Person..  
  
New Marriage  
SELECT MARRIAGE Gadgets  
  
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LIST  
  
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Exchange  
Exchange Principal and Spouse

SELECT FAMILY Gadgets

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LIST  
  
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FGRN Gadget

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### 1.43 Select Principal Gadget

"P" (Select Principal) Gadget

Clicking on the "P" (Select Principal) gadget will take you to the Personal Details Window for the Principal of the currently displayed family group.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "P".

### 1.44 Select Spouse Gadget

"S" (Select Spouse) Gadget

Clicking on the "S" (Select Spouse) gadget will take you to the Personal Details Window for the Spouse of the currently displayed family group.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "S".

### 1.45 Select Child Gadget

"C" (Select Child) Gadget

Clicking on the "C" (Select Child) gadget will take you to the Personal Details Window for the currently highlighted child of the currently displayed family group.

To highlight a child, click on the child in the list immediately above the "C" (Select Child) gadget. This child will then be displayed next to the gadget.

If you are using a colour monitor, males will be displayed in blue and females will be displayed in red. If a person's sex has not been defined, their entry in the list will be displayed in yellow.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "C".

### 1.46 Child List

Child List

This area contains a list of all the children attached to this family group sorted by date of birth. See also

Dates

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To highlight a child, click on the child in this list. The selected child will then be displayed in the box immediately below this list. You can then use the

C  
gadget to take you to the Personal Details Window for the selected child.

Clicking on the

Remove Child  
gadget also allows you to remove the selected child from the family group.

If you are using a colour monitor, males will be displayed in blue and females will be displayed in red. If a person's sex has not been defined, their entry in the list will be displayed in yellow.

## 1.47 Exchange Gadget

Exchange Gadget  
(Located to the right of the Principal & Spouse names)

Clicking on the Exchange gadget will exchange the Principal and Spouse in the current Family Details window. By using this gadget, you can trace the marriages of either partner in a family group.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "X".

## 1.48 People List Gadget

People List Gadget

Clicking on the "People List..." gadget will display a list of every person in the database.

By default, the list of people is in IRN numerical order. If you would prefer the list to be in alphabetical order, before displaying the list, select

Extras  
from the menu bar and choose the  
Sorting On/Off  
menu item.

If the lists are sorted, an [S] marker will be displayed in the window title bar. If the lists are not sorted, this marker will be absent.

If you are using a colour monitor, males will be displayed in blue and females will be displayed in red. If a person's sex has not been defined, their entry in the list will be displayed in yellow.

At the bottom of the list are two gadgets, a "cycle" gadget that displays either "Show All" or "Show only ->", and a string gadget labelled

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"Last Name". When the cycle gadget is displaying "Show All", the list displays all the people in the database. When the cycle gadget is displaying "Show only ->", the list displays only those people with the Last Name entered into the adjacent string gadget.

On first displaying a people list, the Last Name string gadget will contain "?\*". This represents a

Wildcard

matching ANY person in the database.

In this (default) case, the "Show only ->" state of the cycle gadget will ALSO display every person in the database.

To display only those people with a last name of "SMITH", for example, enter the name "SMITH" into the string gadget and make sure the cycle gadget is set to "Show only ->". The list will then only display those people who have the word "SMITH" in their last name. Note that because of the wildcard matching, "SMITH" will also match with "SMITHSON", "BLACKSMITH", etc.

To display a particular person's Personal Details Window, simply click on that person in the list. Selecting "Cancel" will return you to the original window.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "E".

## 1.49 Go to Person Gadget

Go to Person Gadget

If the IRN of a person of interest is known and you want to move directly to their Personal Details Window, click on this gadget and type in the IRN for that person. When the <RETURN> key is pressed, the Personal Details Window for that person will be displayed.

To return to the Family Details Window for the current family, select the "Cancel" gadget.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "G".

## 1.50 First Marriage Gadget

"|<" (First Marriage) Gadget

Clicking on the "|<" (First Marriage) gadget will take you to the window for the first marriage in the database for the current Principal.

If the "|<" (First Marriage) gadget is "ghosted" (shaded grey) it means that you are already at the first marriage for the current Principal and the gadget will do nothing.

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## 1.51 Previous Marriage Gadget

"<<<" (Previous Marriage) Gadget

Clicking on the "<<<" (Previous Marriage) gadget will take you to the window for the preceding Marriage of the current Principal.

If the "<<<" (Previous Marriage) gadget is "ghosted" (shaded grey) it means that you are at the first marriage for the current Principal and the gadget will do nothing.

## 1.52 List Marriages Gadget

List Marriages Gadget

Clicking on the "LIST" gadget will display a list of the spouses of every marriage in the database for the current Principal.

If you are using a colour monitor, male spouses will be displayed in blue and female spouses will be displayed in red. If a spouse's sex has not been defined, their entry in the list will be displayed in yellow.

To display a particular marriage's Family Details Window, simply click on that marriage in the list. Selecting "Cancel" will return you to the original window.

## 1.53 Next Marriage Gadget

">>>" (Next Marriage) Gadget

Clicking on the ">>>" (Next Marriage) gadget will take you to the window for the next marriage of the current Principal.

If the ">>>" (Next Marriage) gadget is "ghosted" (shaded grey) it means that there are no more marriages for the current Principal and the gadget will do nothing.

## 1.54 Last Marriage Gadget

">|" (Last Marriage) Gadget

Clicking on the ">|" (Last Marriage) gadget will take you to the window for the last marriage in the database for the current Principal.

If the ">|" (Last Marriage) gadget is "ghosted" (shaded grey) it means that there are no more marriages for the current Principal and the gadget will do nothing.

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## 1.55 First Family Gadget

"|<" (First Family) Gadget

Clicking on the "|<" (First Family) gadget will take you to the window for the first family in the database (in FGRN numerical order).

If the "|<" (First Family) gadget is "ghosted" (shaded grey) it means that you are already at the first family in the database and the gadget will do nothing.

## 1.56 Previous Family Gadget

"<<" (Previous Family) Gadget

Clicking on the "<<" (Previous Family) gadget will take you to the window for the preceding family (in FGRN numerical order).

If the "<<" (Previous Family) gadget is "ghosted" (shaded grey) it means that you are at the first family in the database and the gadget will do nothing.

## 1.57 Select FGRN Gadget

"^" Select FGRN Gadget

If the FGRN of a family of interest is known and you want to move directly to their Family Details Window, click on this gadget and type in the FGRN for that family. When the <RETURN> key is pressed, the Family Details Window for that family will be displayed.

To return to the Family Details Window for the current family, select the "Cancel" gadget.

## 1.58 List Families Gadget

List Families Gadget

Clicking on the "LIST" gadget will display a list of every family in the database. The list of families is in FGRN numerical order.

At the bottom of the list are two gadgets, a "cycle" gadget that displays either "Show All" or "Show only ->", and a string gadget labelled "Last Name". When the cycle gadget is displaying "Show All", the list displays all the families in the database. When the cycle gadget is displaying "Show only ->", the list displays only those families in which one of the partners has the Last Name entered into the adjacent string gadget.

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On first displaying a families list, the Last Name string gadget will contain "?\*". This represents a  
    Wildcard  
    matching ANY family partner  
in the database. In this (default) case, the "Show only ->" state of the cycle gadget will ALSO display every family in the database.

To display only those families where one of the partners has a last name of "SMITH", for example, enter the name "SMITH" into the string gadget and make sure the cycle gadget is set to "Show only ->". The list will then only display those families with a partner who has the word "SMITH" in their last name. Note that because of the wildcard matching, "SMITH" will also match with "SMITHSON", "BLACKSMITH", etc.

To display a particular family's Family Details Window, simply click on that family in the list. Selecting "Cancel" will return you to the original window.

The number displayed at the bottom centre of the Family Details Window is the current FGRN.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "L".

## 1.59 Next Family Gadget

">>>" (Next Family) Gadget

Clicking on the ">>>" (Next Family) gadget will take you to the window for the next family (in FGRN numerical order).

If the ">>>" (Next Family) gadget is "ghosted" (shaded grey) it means that there are no more families in the database and the gadget will do nothing.

## 1.60 Last Family Gadget

">|" (Last Family) Gadget

Clicking on the ">|" (Last Family) gadget will take you to the window for the last family in the database (in IRN numerical order).

If the ">|" (Last Family) gadget is "ghosted" (shaded grey) it means that there are no more families in the database and the gadget will do nothing.

## 1.61 Family Note Editor Gadget

Edit Notes Gadget

Clicking on the "Edit Notes" gadget will display a file requester where you can enter the name of the free-form note that you wish to edit. The editor that will be used is defined using the

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Choose Editor  
option under  
the

Prefs  
menu.

By default the notes are assigned the name FNx.database, where "FN" stands for "Family Notes", "x" is the FGRN of the current family displayed, and "database" is the name of the database. The name of the database is defined when you save the database.

The default name can be ignored, and the notes file can be given any name. (Note that the "pattern" field in the file requester may have to be changed so that you can see files with other than the default names. Enter #? as the pattern to see ALL files.)

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "N".

## 1.62 View Family Picture Gadget

### View Picture Gadget

Clicking on the "View Picture" gadget will display a file requester where you can enter the name of the IFF picture file that you wish to view. The viewer that will be used is defined using the

Choose Viewer  
option under

the

Prefs  
menu.

By default the pictures are assigned the name FPx.database, where "FP" stands for "Family Picture", "x" is the FGRN of the current family displayed, and "database" is the name of the database. The name of the database is defined when you save the database.

The default name can be ignored, and the picture file can be given any name. (Note that the "pattern" field in the file requester may have to be changed so that you can see files with other than the default names. Enter #? as the pattern to see ALL files.)

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "V".

## 1.63 Family Search Gadget

### Family Search gadget

This gadget allows you to search for a particular family in the database.

After clicking on the "Family Search" gadget you will be presented with a requester asking for "Last Name" and "First Names" of one of the partners in a marriage. Type the name of the person whose marriages you are trying

to find into these fields, and then click on "Find First" to find (and display) the Family Details Window for the first marriage in the database matching your entries.

If the name fields already contain the name(s) that you want (from a previous search) click on "Find Next" to move to the Family Details Window for the next marriage in the database matching your entries, or click on "Find Prev" to move to the Family Details Window for the previous marriage in the database matching your entries.

To "browse" the database for families with the same spouse (for example), from the Family details window (with no data entry field active) press "F" to bring up the search requester, and then either "N" or "P" to find the next or previous family with that same spouse.

In this way, repeatedly pressing "F" then "N" will progressively display the next family in the database with the spouse of interest.

NOTE: This same technique may be used to "browse" people, but the search will be initiated by pressing the "P" key (for "Personal Search", and then followed by "N" or "P".

On first starting the programme, the Last Name and First Name(s) fields will contain "?\*". This represents a

Wildcard  
matching ANY

person in the database. In this (default) case, clicking on "Find Next" will take you to the Family Details Window for the next marriage in FGRN numerical order.

If the screen flashes when carrying out a search, that means that there are no more matching entries in the database.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "F".

## 1.64 Set Spouse Gadget

### Set Spouse Gadget

To add a Spouse to a family group when there is no spouse already defined, (thereby establishing a "marriage" between the Principal and the Spouse), click on the "Set Spouse" gadget. A list of all the people in the database will be displayed.

If you are using a colour monitor, males will be displayed in blue and females will be displayed in red. If a person's sex has not been defined, their entry in the list will be displayed in yellow.

At the bottom of the list are two gadgets, a "cycle" gadget that displays either "Show All" or "Show only ->", and a string gadget labelled "Last Name". When the cycle gadget is displaying "Show All", the list displays all the people in the database. When the cycle gadget is displaying "Show only ->", the list displays only those people with the Last Name entered into the adjacent string gadget.

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On first displaying a people list, the Last Name string gadget will contain "?\*". This represents a  
Wildcard  
matching ANY person in  
the database. In this (default) case, the "Show only ->" state of the  
cycle gadget will ALSO display every person in the database.

To display only those people with a last name of "SMITH", for example, enter the name "SMITH" into the string gadget and make sure the cycle gadget is set to "Show only ->". The list will then only display those people who have the word "SMITH" in their last name. Note that because of the wildcard matching, "SMITH" will also match with "SMITHSON", "BLACKSMITH", etc.

Click on the Spouse you wish to add to the family group. The selected Spouse will then be displayed near the top of the Family Details Window next to the "S" (Select Spouse) gadget.

Selecting "Cancel" from the list of people displayed will abort this operation.

If there is already a spouse defined for the family group, and you wish to delete or change that spouse (maybe you had the wrong person), clicking on the "Set Spouse" gadget will ask if you wish to remove the existing spouse and (optionally) replace with a new spouse. If you select "yes", the existing spouse will be removed, a list of all the people in the database will be displayed, and you can select the "replacement" spouse as outlined above.

If, at this point, you select the "Cancel" gadget in the list of people, the original spouse will have been removed (deleting them from the family group).

If you wish to re-instate a deleted spouse to the family group, click on the "Set Spouse" gadget again and add them to the family group as outlined above.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "O".

## 1.65 Add Child Gadget

### Add Child Gadget

To add a child to a family group (thereby establishing the Principal and Spouse as the child's parents), click on the "Add Child" gadget. A list of all the people in the database will be displayed.

If you are using a colour monitor, males will be displayed in blue and females will be displayed in red. If a person's sex has not been defined, their entry in the list will be displayed in yellow.

At the bottom of the list are two gadgets, a "cycle" gadget that displays either "Show All" or "Show only ->", and a string gadget labelled "Last Name". When the cycle gadget is displaying "Show All", the list displays all the people in the database. When the cycle gadget is

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displaying "Show only ->", the list displays only those people with the Last Name entered into the adjacent string gadget.

On first displaying a people list, the Last Name string gadget will contain "?\*". This represents a

Wildcard

matching ANY person in the database.

In this (default) case, the "Show only ->" state of the cycle gadget will ALSO display every person in the database.

To display only those people with a last name of "SMITH", for example, enter the name "SMITH" into the string gadget and make sure the cycle gadget is set to "Show only ->". The list will then only display those people who have the word "SMITH" in their last name. Note that because of the wildcard matching, "SMITH" will also match with "SMITHSON", "BLACKSMITH", etc.

Click on the child you wish to add to the family group. The selected child will then be displayed at the bottom of the list of children immediately to the left of this gadget.

Selecting "Cancel" from the list of people displayed will abort this operation.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "A".

## 1.66 Remove Child Gadget

### Remove Child Gadget

To remove a child from a family group:

(1) Highlight the child to be removed by clicking on the chosen child from the list displayed immediately to the left of the "Remove Child" gadget. The selected child will then be displayed in the position below the list (next to the "C" gadget).

(2) Click on the "Remove Child" gadget. You will be asked to confirm that you wish to remove the child from the family group. Replying "no" will cancel the operation. Replying "yes" will remove the child from the family group.

The child removed will become an "orphan".

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "R".

## 1.67 Dissolve Family Gadget

### Dissolve Family Gadget

To remove a family from the database, click on the "Dissolve Family" gadget. You will be asked to confirm your actions before the record is

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actually removed. Not only will the family's Family Details Window data be deleted, but ALL references to that family will also be removed. Children specified as part of the family group will become "orphans", and the original Principal and Spouse will be "divorced".

WARNING: Once you have removed a family from the database, the information is irretrievably lost, and the original FGRN and corresponding Family Details Window are available for reassignment.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "D".

## 1.68 New Marriage Gadget

"New Marriage Gadget"

This gadget allows you to establish additional marriages (family groups) for the current Principal. Clicking on this gadget will, after confirmation, display a new Family Details Window corresponding to a new marriage for the Principal. A spouse and children may now be added to this family group as for the first marriage.

(To move between marriages, use the "marriage navigation" gadgets at the bottom-left of the Family Details Window.)

If this gadget is "ghosted" (shaded grey), it means that the Principal has already been married for the maximum number of times permitted, and this gadget will do nothing.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "M".

## 1.69 Project Menu

"Project" Menu

The following functions are available from the "Project" menu:

- New
- Open...
- Save
- Save As...
- Info...
- About...
- Quit

## 1.70 New

New:

Selecting "New" will, after requesting confirmation, delete the existing database.

## 1.71 Open...

Open...

Selecting "Open..." will, after requesting confirmation, display a standard file requester. Select the database you wish to load, and click on the "Open" gadget to bring that database into Scion Genealogist. If you do not wish to load the selected database, click on the "Cancel" gadget.

## 1.72 Save

Save:

Selecting "Save" will save the existing database immediately to disk without asking for confirmation or whether you wish to overwrite an existing copy of that database.

NOTE: When you save a database using the

Save As...  
option, the

filename that you give the database will become the default name that will be used by this "Save" option.

If there is no database name, or the database is called "Unnamed", this "Save" option will ask that you name the database first.

## 1.73 Save As...

Save As...

Selecting "Save As..." will, after requesting confirmation, display a standard file requester. Select the database you wish to save (or type in the name for a new database file) and click on the "Save" gadget to save that database. If you do not wish to save the database, click on the "Cancel" gadget.

NOTE: When you save a database, the filename that you give the database will become the default name for the database. If you do not enter a database file name, the database name will default to "Unnamed".

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## 1.74 Info...

Info...

Selecting "Info..." will display a requester containing the following information:

Project name:           The name set when you save a database, see  
                          Save As...  
                          ',  
                          otherwise will be "unnamed"  
Editor name:            The name of your selected editor. See  
                          Choose Editor  
  option under the  
                          Prefs Menu  
                          menu.  
Viewer name:            The name of your selected viewer. See  
                          Choose Viewer  
  option under the  
                          Prefs Menu  
                          menu.  
Programme version:    The current version number of Scion Genealogist.  
ARexx port name:      The ARexx port name for this instance of the programme.  
Current number of people: The current number of people.  
Current number of families: The current number of families.  
Remaining space:      The approximate amount of space (in people) remaining  
                          in the database.

## 1.75 About...

About...

Selecting "About..." will display a requester containing information about the programme.

## 1.76 Quit

Quit:

Selecting "Quit" will, after requesting confirmation, exit the programme.

## 1.77 Print Menu

"Print" Menu

The following functions are available from the "Print" menu:

List of People

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List of Families  
Personal Summary  
Family Group Sheet  
Descendant Chart  
Pedigree Chart

## 1.78 Print List of People

Print List of People:

This menu item will print a list of the people currently defined in the database. If sorting is on, the list will be printed in alphabetical order, otherwise the list will be printed in numerical order.

See

Sorting On/Off  
option under the  
Extras Menu  
menu.

Printing can be aborted at any time.

## 1.79 Print List of Families

Print List of Families:

This menu item will print a list of the families currently defined in the database.

Printing can be aborted at any time.

## 1.80 Print Personal Summary

Print Personal Summary:

This menu item will print a detailed summary of all the information in the database about the specified person.

The "Current" option will print details on the current person.  
The "Range..." option will display a requester where you can enter the starting IRN and ending IRN for a printed range of personal summaries.  
The "All" option will print personal summaries for all people in the database.

Printing can be aborted at any time.

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## 1.81 Print Family Group Sheet

Print Family Group Sheet:

This menu item will print a Family Group Sheet containing all the information in the database about the specified family.

The "Current" option will print a Family Group Sheet for the current family.

The "Range..." option will display a requester where you can enter the starting FGRN and ending FGRN for a printed range of Family Group Sheets.

The "All" option will print Family Group Sheets for all families in the database.

Printing can be aborted at any time.

## 1.82 Print Descendant Chart

Print Descendant Chart:

This menu item will print a Descendant Chart for the current person.

The "With IRNs" option will print the chart with each person's IRN attached to the end of their entry.

The "Without IRNs" option will omit the printing of IRNs for every person.

Printing can be aborted at any time.

## 1.83 Print Pedigree Chart

Print Pedigree Chart:

This menu item will print a Pedigree Chart for the current person.

Printing can be aborted at any time.

## 1.84 Prefs Menu

Prefs (Preferences) Menu

The following functions are available from the "Prefs" menu:

Choose Editor

Choose Viewer

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Set User Labels

Set Behaviour

## 1.85 Choose Editor

Choose Editor:

This allows you to choose the editor to use to create and edit "free-form" notes.

Selecting this item will display a standard file requester. Select the editor that you wish to use, and then click on "Use It" in the requester. The editor that you choose is remembered when you save a database, and will be restored when that database is re-loaded.

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## 1.86 Choose Viewer

Choose Viewer:

This allows you to choose the picture viewer to use to view any pictures you may have.

Selecting this item will display a standard file requester. Select the viewer that you wish to use, and then click on "Use It" in the requester. The viewer that you choose is remembered when you save a database, and will be restored when that database is re-loaded.

## 1.87 Set User Labels

Set User Labels:

This allows you to choose the labels for the last three data entry fields in the Personal Details Window and the last two data entry fields in the Family Details Window. The default labels for the personal fields are: Label 1 = "Occupation", Label 2 = "Comments" and Label 3 = "References". The default labels for the family fields are: Label 1 = "Celebrant" and Label 2 = "Comments". These labels are displayed immediately to the left of the appropriate data entry fields.

Selecting this item will display a data entry requester. The gadgets will display the current settings for the five user-defined labels. To change any label, activate the appropriate entry gadget and type in the new label (up to 13 characters per label). When you are happy with your labels, click on the "Accept" gadget. The new labels will then be displayed in the Personal Details Window and Family Details Window in place of the default

labels.

If you do NOT wish to change the labels, click on the "Cancel" gadget in the requester.

Your user-defined labels will be stored with your database, and be restored the next time you load that database.

## 1.88 Set Behaviour

Set Behaviour:

This allows you to control some of the behaviour of the programme.

(1) Confirm "Add Person"

By default, the programme will always ask you to confirm if you wish to add a new person when you click on the "Add New Person" gadget. When the Confirm "Add Person" checkbox is ticked, this is the behaviour that will occur. If the checkbox is NOT ticked, the programme will NOT ask you to confirm if you wish to add a new person.

(2) Capitalize first names

By default, the programme will force all names in a "first name(s)" field to lower-case with the initial letter of every name capitalized. When the "Capitalize first names" checkbox is ticked, this is the behaviour that will occur. If the checkbox is NOT ticked, any entries in a "first name(s)" field will be left as typed.

(3) Capitalize event place names

By default, the programme performs NO processing of the data entered into an event place field (for example, Birth Place). When the "Capitalize event place names" checkbox is ticked, the programme will force all words in an "event place" field to lower-case with the initial letter of every word capitalized. If the checkbox is NOT ticked, any entries in an "event place" field will be left as typed.

(4) Carry-over last names

By default, when a new person is added to the database (using the "Add New Person" gadget), the Last Name field will be blank. If the "Carry-over last names" checkbox is ticked, the programme will fill in the Last Name field of a new person with the last name of the most recently displayed person. This shortcut is often useful when adding a number of people with the same last name. When the checkbox is NOT ticked, any new person added will start out with a blank Last Name field.

See also the

Pick  
gadget.

## 1.89 Extras Menu

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## "Extras" Menu

The following functions are available from the "Extras" menu:

Sorting On/Off

Add People

Colours

### 1.90 Sorting On/Off

Sorting On/Off:

This will toggle sorting on and off. If sorting is on, an [S] marker will be displayed in the window's title bar, and any lists of people will be displayed in alphabetical order. If sorting is off, there will be no marker in the window's title bar, and lists of people will be displayed in IRN numerical order.

Sorting also applies to printed "List of People" reports. With sorting on, the list will be printed in alphabetical order. If sorting is off, the list will be printed in IRN numerical order.

At programme start-up, sorting is OFF by default. If sorting is on when you save your database, this fact is remembered, and the next time you load your database, sorting will be turned on.

NOTE: Sorting ONLY applies to lists of people. It does NOT affect the order of the people in the database.

### 1.91 Add People

Add People:

Instead of adding people to the database one at a time (using the "Add Person" gadget in the Personal Details Window), you can "bulk" add space for people by using this menu item.

There are two sub-items in this menu -

- Make space for 10: This will add 10 "blank" people to the database, if space is available.
- Make space for 20: This will add 20 "blank" people to the database, if space is available.

### 1.92 Colours

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Colours:

This allows you to "customize" the colour of the display from a pre-defined selection. To choose a particular colour, select that colour from this menu. The screen will immediately change colour to reflect your new choice.

Colours are remembered when you save a database, and will be restored when that database is re-loaded.

## 1.93 ARexx Interface

### ARexx Interface

Scion Genealogist provides an ARexx interface for reading and modifying the information contained in a database.

The default ARexx port name is SCIONGEN. If this name is not unique, or more than one copy of Scion is running, the default ARexx port name will be suffixed with a digit from 1 to 9. For example, SCIONGEN3. Therefore, up to 10 copies of Scion can be run, each with a unique ARexx port name.

To determine the actual ARexx port name in use, select the "Info" item in the Project menu.

"People" Commands:

EXISTPERSON

GETTOTALIRN

PUTNEWPERSON

GETLASTNAME

PUTLASTNAME

GETFIRSTNAME

PUTFIRSTNAME

GETSEX

PUTSEX

GETBIRTHDATE

PUTBIRTHDATE

GETBIRTHPLACE

PUTBIRTHPLACE

GETDEATHDATE

PUTDEATHDATE

GETDEATHPLACE

PUTDEATHPLACE

GETBURIALDATE

PUTBURIALDATE

GETBURIALPLACE

PUTBURIALPLACE

GETPARENTS

GETMARRIAGE

"Families" Commands:

EXISTFAMILY

GETTOTALFGRN

GETPRINCIPAL

PUTNEWFAMILY

GETSPOUSE

PUTSPOUSE

GETCHILD

PUTCHILD

GETMARRYDATE

PUTMARRYDATE

GETMARRYPLACE

PUTMARRYPLACE

"Configuration" Commands:

GETPERSUSER1

PUTPERSUSER1

GETPERSUSER2

PUTPERSUSER2

GETPERSUSER3

PUTPERSUSER3

GETFAMUSER1



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PUTFAMUSER1
GETFAMUSER2
PUTFAMUSER2
GETPERSLABEL
PUTPERSLABEL
GETFAMLABEL
PUTFAMLABEL
"Miscellaneous" Commands:
GETDBNAME
GETPERSONWIN
GETFAMILYWIN
GETPROGVERSION
GETLANGUAGE
```

## 1.94 GETDBNAME

GETDBNAME command:

SYNTAX: GETDBNAME

result: Name of current database (could be "Unnamed").

The result is returned in the ARExx variable RESULT.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
GETDBNAME /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Current database name is " RESULT
```

## 1.95 GETTOTALIRN

GETTOTALIRN command:

SYNTAX: GETTOTALIRN

result: Total number of people in the database.

NOTE: This also includes any deleted people.

The result is returned in the ARExx variable RESULT.

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## EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
GETTOTALIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Number of people in database = " RESULT
```

## 1.96 GETTOTALFGRN

## GETTOTALFGRN command:

SYNTAX: GETTOTALFGRN

result: Total number of family groups in the database.

NOTE: This also includes any dissolved family groups.

The result is returned in the ARExx variable RESULT.

## EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
GETTOTALFGRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Number of families in database = " RESULT
```

## 1.97 EXISTPERSON

## EXISTPERSON command:

SYNTAX: EXISTPERSON CurrentIRN

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person  
of interest in the Scion databaseresult: YES if specified person exists in database  
NO if specified person does NOT exist in database

The result is returned in the ARExx variable RESULT.

## EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */
EXISTPERSON MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
if RESULT = 'YES' then
do
Say "Person was found in database
end
else
Say "That person does not exist in the database"
```

## 1.98 GETLASTNAME

GETLASTNAME command:

SYNTAX: GETLASTNAME CurrentIRN

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person  
of interest in the Scion database

result: The last name of the specified person

The result is returned in the ARExx variable RESULT.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */
GETLASTNAME MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Person's last name is:" RESULT
```

## 1.99 GETFIRSTNAME

GETFIRSTNAME command:

SYNTAX: GETFIRSTNAME CurrentIRN

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person  
of interest in the Scion database

result: The first name(s) of the specified person

The result is returned in the ARExx variable RESULT.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */
GETFIRSTNAME MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Person's first name is:" RESULT
```

## 1.100 GETSEX

GETSEX command:

SYNTAX: GETSEX CurrentIRN

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person  
of interest in the Scion database

result: The sex (gender) of the specified person

The result is returned in the ARExx variable RESULT.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
```

```
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */
GETSEX MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Person's gender is:" RESULT
```

## 1.101 GETBIRTHDATE

GETBIRTHDATE command:

SYNTAX: GETBIRTHDATE CurrentIRN

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person  
of interest in the Scion database

result: The date of birth of the specified person

The result is returned in the ARExx variable RESULT.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */
GETBIRTHDATE MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Person's date of birth is:" RESULT
```

## 1.102 GETBIRTHPLACE

GETBIRTHPLACE command:

SYNTAX: GETBIRTHPLACE CurrentIRN

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person  
of interest in the Scion database

result: The place of birth of the specified person

The result is returned in the ARExx variable RESULT.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */
GETBIRTHPLACE MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Person's place of birth is:" RESULT
```

## 1.103 GETDEATHDATE

GETDEATHDATE command:

SYNTAX: GETDEATHDATE CurrentIRN

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person  
of interest in the Scion database

result: The date of death of the specified person

The result is returned in the ARexx variable RESULT.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARexx address to that port */
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */
GETDEATHDATE MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Person's date of death is:" RESULT
```

## 1.104 GETDEATHPLACE

GETDEATHPLACE command:

SYNTAX: GETDEATHPLACE CurrentIRN

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person  
of interest in the Scion database

result: The place of death of the specified person

The result is returned in the ARexx variable RESULT.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARexx address to that port */
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */
GETDEATHPLACE MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Person's place of death is:" RESULT
```

## 1.105 GETBURIALDATE

GETBURIALDATE command:

SYNTAX: GETBURIALDATE CurrentIRN

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person  
of interest in the Scion database

result: The date of burial of the specified person

The result is returned in the ARexx variable RESULT.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARexx address to that port */
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */
GETBURIALDATE MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Person's date of burial is:" RESULT
```

## 1.106 GETBURIALPLACE

GETBURIALPLACE command:

SYNTAX: GETBURIALPLACE CurrentIRN

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person  
of interest in the Scion database

result: The place of burial of the specified person

The result is returned in the ARExx variable RESULT.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */
GETBURIALPLACE MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Person's place of burial is:" RESULT
```

## 1.107 GETPERSUSER1

GETPERSUSER1 command:

SYNTAX: GETPERSUSER1 CurrentIRN

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person  
of interest in the Scion database

result: The contents of the "user 1" field of the specified person.  
By default, this field corresponds to "occupation"

The result is returned in the ARExx variable RESULT.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */
GETPERSUSER1 MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Person's occupation is:" RESULT
```

## 1.108 GETPERSUSER2

GETPERSUSER2 command:

SYNTAX: GETPERSUSER2 CurrentIRN

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person  
of interest in the Scion database

result: The contents of the "user 2" field of the specified person.  
By default, this field corresponds to "Comment"

The result is returned in the ARExx variable RESULT.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

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```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */
GETPERSUSER2 MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Personal comment:" RESULT
```

## 1.109 GETPERSUSER3

GETPERSUSER3 command:

SYNTAX: GETPERSUSER3 CurrentIRN

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person  
of interest in the Scion database

result: The contents of the "user 3" field of the specified person.  
By default, this field corresponds to "References"

The result is returned in the ARExx variable RESULT.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */
GETPERSUSER3 MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "References:" RESULT
```

## 1.110 GETPARENTS

GETPARENTS command:

SYNTAX: GETPARENTS CurrentIRN

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person  
of interest in the Scion database

result: The FGRN (Family Group Record Number) for the parents  
of the specified person

The result is returned in the ARExx variable RESULT.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */
GETPARENTS MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Parent's FGRN:" RESULT
```

## 1.111 GETMARRIAGE

GETMARRIAGE command:

SYNTAX: GETMARRIAGE CurrentIRN MarriageNum

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person  
of interest in the Scion database, and

MarriageNum is the marriage number for specified person  
(ie. 0, 1, 2, etc. for first, second, third, etc. marriage)

result: The FGRN (Family Group Record Number) for the specified  
marriage number of the specified person

The result is returned in the ARexx variable RESULT.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARexx address to that port */
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */
MarryNum = 2 /* Examine 3rd marriage of this person */
GETMARRIAGE MyIRN MarryNum /* Issue command */
Say "FGRN of person's marriage number" MarryNum ":" RESULT
```

## 1.112 EXISTFAMILY

EXISTFAMILY command:

SYNTAX: EXISTFAMILY CurrentFGRN

where: CurrentFGRN is the FGRN of the person  
of interest in the Scion database

result: YES if specified family exists in database  
NO if specified family does NOT exist in database

The result is returned in the ARexx variable RESULT.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARexx address to that port */
MyFGRN = 5 /* Set MyFGRN to family 5 */
EXISTPERSON MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
if RESULT = 'YES' then
do
Say "Family was found in database"
end
else
Say "That family does not exist in the database"
```

## 1.113 GETPRINCIPAL

GETPRINCIPAL command:

SYNTAX: GETPRINCIPAL CurrentFGRN



where: CurrentFGRN is the FGRN of the family  
of interest in the Scion database, and

result: The IRN of the Principal of the specified family

The result is returned in the ARexx variable RESULT.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARexx address to that port */
MyFGRN = 5 /* Set MyFGRN to family 5 */
GETPRINCIPAL MyFGRN /* Issue command */
Say "IRN of principal of family:" RESULT
```

## 1.114 GETSPOUSE

GETSPOUSE command:

SYNTAX: GETSPOUSE CurrentFGRN

where: CurrentFGRN is the FGRN of the family  
of interest in the Scion database, and

result: The IRN of the Spouse of the specified family

The result is returned in the ARexx variable RESULT.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARexx address to that port */
MyFGRN = 5 /* Set MyFGRN to family 5 */
GETSPOUSE MyFGRN /* Issue command */
Say "IRN of spouse of family:" RESULT
```

## 1.115 GETMARRYDATE

GETMARRYDATE command:

SYNTAX: GETMARRYDATE CurrentFGRN

where: CurrentFGRN is the FGRN of the family  
of interest in the Scion database

result: The date of marriage for the specified family

The result is returned in the ARexx variable RESULT.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARexx address to that port */
MyFGRN = 5 /* Set MyFGRN to family 5 */
GETMARRIAGEDATE MyFGRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Date of marriage is:" RESULT
```

## 1.116 GETMARRYPLACE

GETMARRYPLACE command:

SYNTAX: GETMARRYPLACE CurrentFGRN

where: CurrentFGRN is the FGRN of the family  
of interest in the Scion database

result: The place of marriage for the specified family

The result is returned in the ARExx variable RESULT.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
MyFGRN = 5 /* Set MyFGRN to family 5 */
GETMARRIAGEPLACE MyFGRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Place of marriage is:" RESULT
```

## 1.117 GETFAMUSER1

GETFAMUSER1 command:

SYNTAX: GETFAMUSER1 CurrentFGRN

where: CurrentFGRN is the FGRN of the family  
of interest in the Scion database

result: The contents of the "user 1" field of the specified family.  
By default, this field corresponds to "celebrant"

The result is returned in the ARExx variable RESULT.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
MyFGRN = 5 /* Set MyFGRN to family 5 */
GETFAMUSER1 MyFGRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Marriage celebrant was:" RESULT
```

## 1.118 GETFAMUSER2

GETFAMUSER2 command:

SYNTAX: GETFAMUSER2 CurrentFGRN

where: CurrentFGRN is the FGRN of the family  
of interest in the Scion database

result: The contents of the "user 2" field of the specified family.  
By default, this field corresponds to "comment"

The result is returned in the ARExx variable RESULT.

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## EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
MyFGRN = 5 /* Set MyFGRN to family 5 */
GETFAMUSER2 MyFGRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Family comment:" RESULT
```

## 1.119 GETCHILD

## GETCHILD command:

```
SYNTAX: GETCHILD CurrentFGRN ChildNum
```

where: CurrentFGRN is the FGRN of the family  
of interest in the Scion database, and

ChildNum is the "number" of the specified child  
(ie. 0, 1, 2, etc. for first, second, third, etc. child)

result: The IRN (Individual Record Number) for the specified  
child "number" of the specified family

The result is returned in the ARExx variable RESULT.

## EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
MyFGRN = 5 /* Set MyFGRN to family 5 */
ChildNum = 2 /* Examine 3rd child of this family */
GETCHILD MyFGRN ChildNum /* Issue command */
Say "IRN of family's child number" ChildNum ":" RESULT
```

## 1.120 PUTLASTNAME

## PUTLASTNAME command:

```
SYNTAX: PUTLASTNAME CurrentIRN "Last Name"
```

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person  
of interest in the Scion database

Set the last name of the specified person in the database  
to the quoted string "Last Name"

result: none (database updated)

## EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */
PUTLASTNAME MyIRN "Smith" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.121 PUTFIRSTNAME

PUTFIRSTNAME command:

```
SYNTAX: PUTFIRSTNAME CurrentIRN "First Names"
```

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person  
of interest in the Scion database

Set the first names of the specified person in the database  
to the quoted string "First Names"

result: none (database updated)

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */  
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */  
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */  
PUTFIRSTNAME MyIRN "John Robert" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.122 PUTSEX

PUTSEX command:

```
SYNTAX: PUTSEX CurrentIRN "M | F"
```

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person  
of interest in the Scion database

Set the sex of the specified person in the database  
to male ("M") or female ("F"). Any other value is  
indeterminate (but permitted).

result: none (database updated)

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */  
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */  
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */  
PUTSEX MyIRN "M" /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
```

## 1.123 PUTBIRTHDATE

PUTBIRTHDATE command:

```
SYNTAX: PUTBIRTHDATE CurrentIRN "Birth Date"
```

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person  
of interest in the Scion database

Set the birth date of the specified person in the database  
to the quoted string "Birth Date"

result: none (database updated)

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## EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */
PUTBIRTHDATE MyIRN "14 Jun 1893" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.124 PUTBIRTHPLACE

## PUTBIRTHPLACE command:

```
SYNTAX: PUTBIRTHPLACE CurrentIRN "Birth Place"
```

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person  
of interest in the Scion database

Set the birth place of the specified person in the database  
to the quoted string "Birth Place"

result: none (database updated)

## EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */
PUTBIRTHPLACE MyIRN "St Helen's Maternity" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.125 PUTDEATHDATE

## PUTDEATHDATE command:

```
SYNTAX: PUTDEATHDATE CurrentIRN "Death Date"
```

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person  
of interest in the Scion database

Set the Death date of the specified person in the database  
to the quoted string "Death Date"

result: none (database updated)

## EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */
PUTDEATHDATE MyIRN "14 Jun 1903" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.126 PUTDEATHPLACE

## PUTDEATHPLACE command:

```
SYNTAX: PUTDEATHPLACE CurrentIRN "Death Place"
```

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person

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of interest in the Scion database

Set the death place of the specified person in the database to the quoted string "Death Place"

result: none (database updated)

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */
PUTDEATHPLACE MyIRN "Public Hospital" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.127 PUTBURIALDATE

PUTBURIALDATE command:

SYNTAX: PUTBURIALDATE CurrentIRN "Burial Date"

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person of interest in the Scion database

Set the Burial date of the specified person in the database to the quoted string "Burial Date"

result: none (database updated)

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */
PUTBURIALDATE MyIRN "17 Jun 1903" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.128 PUTBURIALPLACE

PUTBURIALPLACE command:

SYNTAX: PUTBURIALPLACE CurrentIRN "Burial Place"

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person of interest in the Scion database

Set the burial place of the specified person in the database to the quoted string "Burial Place"

result: none (database updated)

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */
PUTBURIALPLACE MyIRN "King Cemetery" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.129 PUTPERSUSER1

PUTPERSUSER1 command:

```
SYNTAX: PUTPERSUSER1 CurrentIRN "Field contents"
```

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person  
of interest in the Scion database

Set the "user 1" field of the specified person in the  
database to the quoted string "Field contents".  
By default, this field is labelled "Occupation"

result: none (database updated)

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */  
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */  
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */  
PUTPERSUSER1 MyIRN "School teacher" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.130 PUTPERSUSER2

PUTPERSUSER2 command:

```
SYNTAX: PUTPERSUSER2 CurrentIRN "Field contents"
```

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person  
of interest in the Scion database

Set the "user 2" field of the specified person in the  
database to the quoted string "Field contents".  
By default, this field is labelled "Comment"

result: none (database updated)

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */  
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */  
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */  
PUTPERSUSER2 MyIRN "Hanged for murder" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.131 PUTPERSUSER3

PUTPERSUSER3 command:

```
SYNTAX: PUTPERSUSER3 CurrentIRN "Field contents"
```

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person  
of interest in the Scion database

Set the "user 3" field of the specified person in the  
database to the quoted string "Field contents".  
By default, this field is labelled "References"

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result: none (database updated)

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARexx address to that port */
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */
PUTPERSUSER3 MyIRN "1876 BDM Index #19536" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.132 PUTMARRYDATE

PUTMARRYDATE command:

SYNTAX: PUTMARRYDATE CurrentFGRN "Marriage Date"

where: CurrentFGRN is the FGRN of the family  
of interest in the Scion database

Set the Marriage date of the specified family in the  
database to the quoted string "Marriage Date"

result: none (database updated)

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARexx address to that port */
MyFGRN = 5 /* Set MyFGRN to family 5 */
PUTMARRYDATE MyFGRN "23 Feb 1897" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.133 PUTMARRYPLACE

PUTMARRYPLACE command:

SYNTAX: PUTMARRYPLACE CurrentFGRN "Marriage Place"

where: CurrentFGRN is the FGRN of the family  
of interest in the Scion database

Set the Marriage place of the specified family in the  
database to the quoted string "Marriage Place"

result: none (database updated)

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARexx address to that port */
MyFGRN = 5 /* Set MyFGRN to family 5 */
PUTMARRYPLACE MyFGRN "Catholic Cathedral" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.134 PUTFAMUSER1



PUTFAMUSER1 command:

SYNTAX: PUTFAMUSER1 CurrentFGRN "Field contents"

where: CurrentFGRN is the FGRN of the family  
of interest in the Scion database

Set the "user 1" field of the specified Family in the  
database to the quoted string "Field contents".  
By default, this field is labelled "Celebrant"

result: none (database updated)

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
MyFGRN = 5 /* Set MyFGRN to family 5 */
PUTFAMUSER1 MyFGRN "Rev John Smith" /* Issue command */
```

### 1.135 PUTFAMUSER2

PUTFAMUSER2 command:

SYNTAX: PUTFAMUSER2 CurrentFGRN "Field contents"

where: CurrentFGRN is the FGRN of the family  
of interest in the Scion database

Set the "user 2" field of the specified Family in the  
database to the quoted string "Field contents".  
By default, this field is labelled "Comment"

result: none (database updated)

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
MyFGRN = 5 /* Set MyFGRN to family 5 */
PUTFAMUSER2 MyFGRN "No children recorded" /* Issue command */
```

### 1.136 PUTNEWPERSON

PUTNEWPERSON command:

SYNTAX: PUTNEWPERSON

Create a new personal record in the database.

result: IRN of new record created. A return value of 0 signifies  
a command failure because of no free space remaining.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
```

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```
Address value MyPort /* Change ARexx address to that port */
PUTNEWPERSON
If RESULT = 0 then say "Command failed"
else say "IRN of new record = " RESULT
```

## 1.137 PUTNEWFAMILY

PUTNEWFAMILY command:

SYNTAX: PUTNEWFAMILY CurrentIRN

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person that a new family group is required for.

Create a new family group record in the database. The person specified by the "CurrentIRN" argument will be established as the Principal of that new family group. If the specified person already has existing marriages, this command will add an ADDITIONAL family group to that person's list of marriages.

result: FGRN of new record created. A return value of 0 signifies a command failure because of no free space remaining.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARexx address to that port */
MyIRN = 5 /* Set MyIRN to person 5 */
PUTNEWFAMILY MyIRN
If RESULT = 0 then say "Command failed"
else say "FGRN of new record = " RESULT
```

## 1.138 PUTSPOUSE

PUTSPOUSE command:

SYNTAX: PUTSPOUSE CurrentFGRN SpouseIRN

where: CurrentFGRN is the FGRN of the family group that the spouse will be added to.

SpouseIRN is the IRN of the person to add to the family group as the spouse.

Add a spouse to an existing family group. Any existing spouse is replaced, but children and other family group details remain unchanged. If "SpouseIRN" = 0, then the existing spouse in the family group is deleted from that group (no new spouse is added).

result: A return value of 1 signifies success. Other return values are as follows:

0 = invalid command ("SpouseIRN" was probably omitted) or

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- specified family does not exist
- 1 = specified spouse does not exist.
- 2 = the spouse's personal record has been previously deleted from the database.
- 3 = the selected spouse is the same person as the principal of the family group.
- 4 = the selected spouse has already been married the maximum number of times permitted.
- 5 = the selected spouse is already a child of the family group.
- 6 = the selected spouse is a child of one of the children in the family group.

**EXAMPLE USAGE:**

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
MyFGRN = 5 /* Set MyFGRN to family 5 */
SpouseIRN = 12 /* Set SpouseIRN to 12 */
PUTSPOUSE MyFGRN SpouseIRN
if RESULT = 1 THEN Say "Success!"
else Say "Failed: Error return value = " RESULT
```

**1.139 PUTCHILD****PUTCHILD command:**

**SYNTAX:** PUTCHILD CurrentFGRN ChildIRN

**where:** CurrentFGRN is the FGRN of the family group that the child will be added to.

ChildIRN is the IRN of the person to add to the family group as a child.

Add a child to an existing family group.

**result:** A return value of 1 signifies success. Other return values are as follows:

- 0 = invalid command ("ChildIRN" was omitted) or specified family does not exist.
- 1 = specified child does not exist.
- 2 = the family already has the maximum number of children
- 3 = the child's personal record has been previously deleted from the database.
- 4 = the selected child already has parents defined
- 5 = the selected child is one of the parents of the family group.
- 6 = the selected child is a parent of the principal of the family group.
- 7 = the selected child is a parent of the spouse of the family group.

**EXAMPLE USAGE:**

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
```

```
MyFGRN = 5      /* Set MyFGRN to family 5 */
ChildIRN = 12   /* Set ChildIRN to 12 */
PUTCHILD MyFGRN ChildIRN
if RESULT = 1 THEN Say "Success!"
else Say "Failed: Error return value = " RESULT
```

## 1.140 GETPERSONWIN

GETPERSONWIN command:

SYNTAX: GETPERSONWIN ShowIRN

where: ShowIRN is the IRN of the person to display.

Move to the specified person's data record and display it.  
(Bring Personal Window to the front)

result: A return value of 1 (TRUE) signifies success. A return value of 0 (FALSE) signifies failure.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARexx address to that port */
ShowIRN = 12        /* Set ShowIRN to 12 */
GETPERSONWIN ShowIRN /* Display person's record */
if RESULT = 1 THEN Say "Success!"
else Say "Failed"
```

## 1.141 GETFAMILYWIN

GETFAMILYWIN command:

SYNTAX: GETFAMILYWIN ShowFGRN

where: ShowFGRN is the FGRN of the family group to display.

Move to the specified family's data record and display it.  
(Bring Family Window to the front)

result: A return value of 1 (TRUE) signifies success. A return value of 0 (FALSE) signifies failure.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARexx address to that port */
ShowFGRN = 12       /* Set ShowFgRN to 12 */
GETFAMILYWIN ShowFGRN /* Display family's record */
if RESULT = 1 THEN Say "Success!"
else Say "Failed"
```

## 1.142 GETPROGVERSION

GETPROGVERSION command:

SYNTAX: GETPROGVERSION

Get version number of Scion Genealogist

result: Programme version number

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARexx address to that port */
GETPROGVERSION /* Get programme version number */
Say "Programme version number is " RESULT
```

## 1.143 GETLANGUAGE

GETLANGUAGE command:

SYNTAX: GETLANGUAGE

Get current language that Scion Genealogist is using

result: language being used (e.g. "english.language",  
"deutsch.language")

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARexx address to that port */
GETLANGUAGE /* Get current language */
Say "Current language is " RESULT
```

## 1.144 GETPERSLABEL

GETPERSLABEL command:

SYNTAX: GETPERSLABEL LabelNumber

where: LabelNumber is the "number" of the Personal Details Window  
user defined label. By default:

```
1 = "Occupation"
2 = "Comments"
3 = "References"
```

Get Personal Details Window user defined label.

result: Current content of user-defined label

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARexx address to that port */
GETPERSLABEL 1 /* Get label number 1 */
Say "User defined personal label #1 is " RESULT
```

## 1.145 GETFAMLABEL

GETFAMLABEL command:

SYNTAX: GETFAMLABEL LabelNumber

where: LabelNumber is the "number" of the Family Details Window user defined label. By default:

1 = "Celebrant"  
2 = "Comments"

Get Family Details Window user defined label.

result: Current content of user-defined label

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
GETFAMLABEL 1 /* Get label number 1 */
Say "User defined family label #1 is " RESULT
```

## 1.146 PUTPERSLABEL

PUTPERSLABEL command:

SYNTAX: PUTPERSLABEL LabelNumber LabelString

where: LabelNumber is the "number" of the Personal Details Window user defined label. By default:

1 = "Occupation"  
2 = "Comments"  
3 = "References"

LabelString is the new label string for the specified label

Set Personal Details Window user defined label.

result: A return value of 1 (TRUE) signifies success. A return value of 0 (FALSE) signifies failure.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
PUTPERSLABEL 1 "Education" /* Set new string for label number 1
                             to be "Education" */
if RESULT = 1 THEN Say "Success!"
else Say "Failed"
```

## 1.147 PUTFAMLABEL

PUTFAMLABEL command:

SYNTAX: PUTFAMLABEL LabelNumber LabelString

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where: LabelNumber is the "number" of the Family Details Window user defined label. By default:

```
1 = "Celebrant"
2 = "Comments"
```

LabelString is the new label string for the specified label

Set Family Details Window user defined label.

result: A return value of 1 (TRUE) signifies success. A return value of 0 (FALSE) signifies failure.

#### EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARexx address to that port */
PUTFAMLABEL 1 "Priest" /* Set new string for label number 1
                        to be "Priest" */
if RESULT = 1 THEN Say "Success!"
else Say "Failed"
```

## 1.148 Individual Record Number

IRN - Individual Record Number

Every person in the database is automatically assigned a unique IRN. These numbers will NEVER change, even if people are deleted from the database. A deleted person's IRN will be automatically reassigned whenever a new person is added to the database.

## 1.149 Family Group Record Number

FGRN - Family Group Record Number

Every family in the database is automatically assigned a unique FGRN. These numbers will NEVER change, even if families are deleted from the database. A deleted family's FGRN will be automatically reassigned whenever a new family is added to the database.

## 1.150 Wildcards

"Wildcards"

In either the "Personal Search" or "Family Search" requesters, the use of "wildcards" is permitted in both name fields. Wildcards are also permitted in the last name field of "people list" and "family list" requesters.

WILDCARDS:

? - matches any single character  
 c\* - matches zero or more occurrences of character c  
 ?\* - matches zero or more occurrences of ANY character  
 (ie. matches anything. These are the default wildcards)  
 c+ - matches one or more occurrences of character c  
 \? - matches a question mark (?)  
 \\* - matches an asterisk (\*)  
 \+ - matches a plus sign (+)

#### EXAMPLES:

"tom" - matches only "tom" anywhere in a name  
 "to\*m" - matches "tm", "tom" or "toom", etc.  
 "to+m" - matches "tom", "toom" or "tooom", etc.  
 "to?\*m" - matches any part of a name beginning with "to"  
 and ending in "m", e.g. "toejam"  
 "ab\+c" - matches only "ab+c"

Note that the search patterns are "un-anchored" - this means that the name entered in a field will match that name ANYWHERE in the database. For example, a search for a Last Name of "Smith" will match with "Smithson" and "Blacksmith" as well as "Smith".

## 1.151 Free Form Notes

### Free Form Notes

Scion Genealogist allows you to create and edit note files of any size using any editor of your choice. The editor to use is set up by selecting the

Choose Editor  
 option from the  
 Prefs  
 menu.

Personal notes are accessed by clicking on the  
 Edit Notes  
 gadget in the

Personal Details Window, and family notes are accessed by clicking on the

Edit Notes  
 gadget in the Family Details Window.

Tested Editors

## 1.152 Viewing Pictures

### Viewing Pictures

Scion Genealogist allows you to view IFF picture files using any picture viewer of your choice. The viewer to use is set up by selecting the

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Choose Viewer  
option from the  
Prefs  
menu.

Personal pictures are accessed by clicking on the  
View Picture  
gadget in  
the Personal Details Window, and family pictures are accessed by clicking  
on the

View Picture  
gadget in the Family Details Window.

## 1.153 Hints, Tips & Questions

### SOME COMMON QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO SET ABOUT CREATING MY DATABASE?

PREPARE! PREPARE! PREPARE! PREPARE! PREPARE! PREPARE!

Make sure that you have ALL possible information available before you start (with all the inter-personal and family relations sorted out). It will make things MUCH easier if you have a good idea what you are planning to do before you start!

It is recommended that you enter all the information you can about the various people making up your database FIRST, working in the Personal Details Windows. Then establish the relationships between these people by "marrying" couples and adding children to the resulting family groups. Parents are established by adding people to a family group as children.

HOW DO I GET THE PROGRAMME TO PRINT THE LIST OF PEOPLE IN THE DATABASE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER INSTEAD OF IN NUMERICAL ORDER?

Before printing the report, select  
Extras  
from the menu bar and  
choose the  
Sorting On/Off  
menu item.

If the report is to be printed alphabetically, an [S] ("sorted") marker will be displayed in the window title bar. If the report is to be printed in IRN numerical order, this marker will be absent.

HOW DO I PRINT REPORTS TO A DISK FILE RATHER THAN TO THE PRINTER?

Use the AmigaDOS command "CMD" to re-direct printer output to a file. Refer to your Amiga manual for more information.

NOTE: The pedigree charts printed by Scion Genealogist rely on the back-spacing capability of your printer. Pedigree charts printed to a file might not be readily interpreted.

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#### HOW DO I PRINT THE FREE-FORM NOTES I HAVE CREATED?

Use the printing features of your chosen text editor to print the notes. If your editor does not support printing, use the AmigaDOS command "PrintFiles". Refer to your Amiga manual for more information.

#### HOW DO I ASSIGN A NAME TO MY DATABASE?

When you select the

Save As...

item from the

Project

menu you are

presented with a file requester. Simply type the new name for your database in the box near the bottom of the requester. The name of the database will also be used as a "suffix" for your free form notes and picture files.

NOTE: It is strongly recommended that you "name" your database as soon as you start working on it. For example, add one person to the database and then save the database with a suitable name. This will then establish its name (for notes, etc).

#### I TRY TO LOAD MY DATABASE FILE AND NOTHING HAPPENS!

It probably means that your database file is too big for the remaining memory in your computer. Either:

- (1) you created the database on a computer with more memory, in which case you will need to continue with the other computer or buy more memory, or
- (2) you have one or more other application programmes running at the moment, in which case you should close them down to free up some memory.

#### WHEN I CLICK ON ONE OF THE "EDIT NOTES" GADGETS, ALL I GET IS A BRIEF FLASH OF THE WORKBENCH SCREEN?

Either:

- (1) your specified editor is not available (have you removed the disk, where it is located, from your disk drive?), or
- (2) you do not have enough memory left to run the editor, or
- (3) your chosen editor will not run from this environment (try using a different editor).

Tested Editors

WHEN I CLICK ON ONE OF THE "VIEW PICTURE" GADGETS, ALL I GET IS A ←  
BRIEF

#### FLASH OF THE WORKBENCH SCREEN?

Either:

- (1) the picture file you have specified does not exist, or
  - (2) your specified picture viewer is not available (have you
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removed the disk, where it is located, from your disk drive?),  
or

- (3) you do not have enough memory left to run the picture viewer (try using a different viewer), or
- (4) your chosen picture viewer will not run from this environment.

WHEN I TRY TO USE THE EDITOR OR VIEWER I GET "Error 103 detected" MESSAGES. I HAVE PLENTY OF FREE MEMORY, SO WHY THE ERROR?

You have probably 'launched' Scion Genealogist via one of the utility 'launching' programmes such as "AmiDock", "ToolsDaemon", or "ToolsManager" with Scion Genealogist specified as a 'CLI' type of programme.

These 'launching' programmes require you to specify whether the programme you wish to launch is a "CLI" or "Workbench" type of programme. To eliminate these "Error 103 detected" messages when using one of these 'launching' programmes, make sure you specify Scion Genealogist as a "Workbench" type programme.

WHAT ARE THE FILES NAMED "PN1.unnamed", "FN1.unnamed", ETC. THAT I FIND IN MY DATABASE DIRECTORY (DRAWER)?

You have created free form notes without first naming the database. Refer to

    Edit Personal Notes

    and

    Edit Family Notes

    HOW DO I MARRY A PERSON MORE THAN ONCE?

Establish the first marriage for the person by clicking on the

    Set 1st Marriage

    gadget in the Personal Details Window for

that person. This will place you in the first Family Details Window with that person as "Principal".

To create another marriage for that Principal, click on the

    New Marriage

    gadget in the Family Details Window. You will be

asked if you want to create a new family group for that Principal. Answer "yes" and continue as you did for the first marriage by first adding a new Spouse (for the second marriage) and then adding the children of the second marriage.

HOW DO I MAKE THE "SPOUSE" IN A FAMILY DETAILS WINDOW INTO THE "PRINCIPAL"?

Either:

- (1) Click on the  
    Exchange  
    gadget in the Family Details window, or
  - (2) From the Family Details Window, click on the  
    S  
    (Select Spouse)
-

gadget. You will be returned to the Personal Details Window for the Spouse. Now click on the Spouse/Children gadget for that person. You will be returned to the Family Details Window with the person now listed as the Principal.

#### HOW DO I CHANGE THE SPOUSE IN A FAMILY GROUP TO A DIFFERENT PERSON?

From the appropriate Family Details Window, click on the

Set Spouse gadget. You will be asked if you wish to remove the existing spouse and (optionally) replace with a new spouse.

Answer "yes".

You will then be presented with a list of the people currently in the database. Click on the name of the person that you wish to be the new spouse.

#### HOW DO I DELETE A SPOUSE FROM A FAMILY GROUP?

From the appropriate Family Details Window, click on the

Set Spouse gadget. You will be asked if you wish to remove the existing spouse and (optionally) replace with a new spouse.

Answer "yes".

At this point the existing spouse will be removed, and you will be presented with a list of the people currently in the database. Click on the "Cancel" gadget at the bottom of the list. The original spouse has now been removed from the family group.

NOTE: If you need to re-instate the original spouse to the family group, click on the "Set Spouse" gadget again and add them (from the displayed list) to the family group.

#### HOW DO I QUICKLY MOVE FROM PERSON TO PERSON WHERE ALL THE PEOPLE OF INTEREST HAVE THE SAME LAST NAME?

Click on "Personal Search" gadget, and enter the last name in which you are interested into the Last Name field of the requester. Click on "Find First", "Find Next" or "Find Prev" to locate the next person.

From the Personal details window (with no data entry field active) press "P" to bring up the search requester, and then either "N" or "P" to find the next or previous person with that same last name.

In this way, repeatedly pressing "P" then "N" will progressively display the next person in the database with the name of interest.

NOTE: This same technique may be used to "browse" families, but the search will be initiated by pressing the "F" key (for "Family Search", and then followed by "N" or "P".

#### I HAVE MORE THAN 1000 PEOPLE IN MY DATABASE. HOW DO I COPE WITH THIS?

Split your database in half. For example, if you are tracing your OWN family tree, try making one database starting with your father and another database starting with your mother.

## 1.154 LDS Compatibility

### LDS Compatibility

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS for short), requires that additional information particular to that church be recorded.

To achieve a level of LDS compatibility, use the user-defined field labels in the following manner:

```
Select the
    Set User Labels
    option under the
    Prefs
    menu.
Set Personal Label 1 to "Baptism"
Set Personal Label 2 to "Endowment"
Set Personal Label 3 to "C/P Sealing"
Set Family Label 1 to "W/H Sealing"
```

Use these fields to enter information as follows:

```
Baptism      - enter baptism date and temple.
               Eg. "23 May 1947  Temple: Hamilton, NZ

Endowment    - enter endowment date and temple.
               Eg. "23 Jun 1983  Temple: Hataitai, NZ

C/P Sealing  - enter child to parents sealing date and temple.
               Eg. "14 Aug 1972  Temple: Christchurch, NZ

W/H Sealing  - enter wife to husband sealing date and temple.
               Eg. "11 Nov 1957  Temple: Wellington, NZ
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(Don't forget to type the word "Temple:" into the entry field!)

## 1.155 Tested Editors

The following editors have been tested for compatibility with Scion Genealogist:

These DO work:

- 1: "Mg2a" (formerly MicroGnuEmacs) Text Editor. Copyright various
- 2: "Mg3a" (formerly MicroGnuEmacs) Text Editor. Copyright various

- 3: "MicroEMACS" V2.1 Text Editor. Copyright © 1986 by Commodore-Amiga, Inc. (Authors David Conroy & Andy Finkel). Supplied with Amiga computer
- 4: "Scribble!" V2.00 Word Processor. Copyright © by Micro-Systems Software
- 5: "TurboText" Text Editor. Copyright © 1991 by Martin Taillefer
- 6: "MicroEMACS" V3.9 Text Editor. Copyright © 1987 by David M Lawrence
- 7: "CygnusEd Professional" Text Editor. Copyright © by CygnusSoft Software
- 8: "VizaWrite" Word Processor. Copyright © Viza Software
- 9: "Excellence!" Word Processor. Copyright © by Micro-Systems Software
- 10: "Ed" V2.0 Text Editor. Copyright © 1991 by Commodore-Amiga, Inc. (Authors David Conroy & Andy Finkel). Supplied with Amiga computer
- 11: "Final Copy II". Copyright © by Softwood Inc.
- 12: "DME". Copyright © by Mathew Dillon.
- 13: "PageLiner". Copyright © by Soft-Logik Publishing Corp.
- 14: "Articel Editor". Copyright © by Gold disk.

My thanks to Peter Billing of Yinnar, Australia, for supplying me with "compatibility" information for numbers 11 - 14 inclusive.

These do NOT work:

- 1: "QED" V1.0 Text Editor. Copyright © 1989 by Darren M. Greenwald
- 2: "Text Plus" V3.0 Text Editor. Copyright © by Martin Stepler
- 3: "WordPerfect" Word Processor. Copyright © by WordPerfect Corporation
- 4: "Textra" V1.13 Text Editor. Copyright © 1993 by Mike Haas

## 1.156 Programme Specification

### Programme Specification and Requirements

Database stored in RAM for maximum speed.

Works with floppy and/or hard disk drives.

Maximum number of people per database = 999

Maximum number of marriages per person = 10

Maximum number of children per family group = 40

Available reports:

- List of People (in IRN numerical order or alphabetical order)
  - List of Family Groups
  - Personal Summary
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Family Group Sheet  
Pedigree Chart  
Descendant Chart

#### REQUIREMENTS:

1 Mbyte of RAM required for maximum sized database. Reduced size databases possible with 512 kbytes.

Kickstart/Workbench v2.04 (or later) required. Version 2.10 (or later) required for locale support (alternative languages).

Any preferences supported printer capable of printing 80 columns in normal mode, and 130 columns in condensed (fine) mode. Back-spacing capability required for printing pedigree charts.

See

Version Information

for more about the features of each release

version of the programme.

## 1.157 Version Information

### Version Information

- 3.04: This was the first public release of the programme, when it was known as ArJay Genealogist.
- 3.05: Internal beta release of 3.06 (see below). Not released publicly.
- 3.06: Programme renamed to Scion Genealogist.
- Some bug fixes:
    - (1) Programme did not support shortcut keys correctly with European mapped keyboards. This has now been corrected, and shortcut keys are "simple" keyboard characters (rather than ALT characters) to conform with interface guidelines.
    - (2) There was a very subtle bug that got past ALL my debugging tools (including enforcer - which SHOULD have found it!). This bug caused the programme to think that a child (being added to a family group) was (erroneously) a parent of one of its own parents. HOPEFULLY this has been fixed.
    - (3) Circumvented a bug in "amigaguide.library"® (it didn't release a lock on the help file). The disk icon will now go away when the disk is ejected.
    - (4) Some very minor bugs that nobody reported or probably even noticed!
  - New features:
    - (1) "Pick list" of last names added to reduce typing and to help ensure name spelling is consistent. See Pick

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(2) Database loading is now about 2½ times faster.

(3) Can now type in IRN (or FGRN) to go directly to a particular record (using the

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gadget in the Personal Details Window, or the

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gadget in the Family Details Window).

(4) "Add Spouse" gadget changed to

Set Spouse

. This gadget

now permits removal of an existing spouse (without dissolving the whole family group), the changing of an existing spouse to another, or adding a new spouse (as before).

(5) An additional data field has been added to the Personal Details Window.

(6) The last three data fields in the Personal Details Window and the last two fields in the Family Details Window now have user configurable labels. (Possible LDS compatibility)

(7) The original

Spouse/Children

gadget is now purely a

"navigation" gadget and will take you to the Family Details Window for the current person's spouse and children. To establish the FIRST marriage (family group) for the current person, use the new

Set 1st Marriage

gadget.

Similarly in the Family Details Window, the "».." (next marriage) gadget is also now purely a "navigation" gadget. To establish further marriages for the current principal, use the new

New Marriage

gadget.

(8) Some changes to the menus layout.

(9) "Find Previous" gadget added to search requester. Search requester can now be conveniently used as a "browser".

(10) Option to print IRN's of each person on a descendant chart.

(11) New

Go to Family

and

Go to Person

gadgets to go

directly to the appropriate details window when the FGRN or IRN is known.

(12) New

Fath

(Go to Father) and

Moth

(Go to Mother)

gadgets to go directly to the Personal Details Window for



the currently displayed person's father or mother.

(13) New

Set Behaviour

menu item that allows the user to set:

- Whether confirmation is required on "Add New Person"
- Whether first names should be capitalized
- Whether event place names (such as Birth Place) should be capitalized

- Whether the current Last Name should automatically be carried over into the Last Name field of a new person.

(14) New "Save" menu item (in addition to "Save As..." option).

(15) Children of a family group are sorted by date of birth.

See also

Dates

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3.07: Internal beta release. Not released publicly.

3.08: Internal beta release. Not released publicly.

3.09: Internal beta release. Not released publicly.

3.10: Internal beta release. Not released publicly.

3.11: Internal beta release. Not released publicly.

3.12: Internal beta release. Not released publicly.

3.13: New public release.

- Some minor bug fixes

- New features:

(1) Programme is now localized with catalogs for German, Dutch and French. Kickstart/Workbench v2.10 (or later) is required for locale support.

(2) Filtering of people in people lists and filtering of partners in family lists. See

List People  
and

List Families

.

(3) New ARexx commands :

PUTNEWPERSON

PUTNEWFAMILY

PUTSPOUSE

PUTCHILD

GETPERSONWIN

GETFAMILYWIN

GETPROGVERSION

## 1.158 Credits

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Scion Genealogist

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Scion Genealogist is a genealogical database programme for managing information about your "family tree" and printing a variety of reports.

This programme is FREeware and is NOT to be sold (although a nominal charge may be made for copying). If you would would like to make a contribution to its author, or report on any bugs or suggested enhancements, please address any correspondence to:

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## 1.159 Error Messages

Explanation of Error Message Returned by Scion Genealogist

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"Couldn't allocate the about gadgets"

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"Couldn't allocate the SetUser gadgets"

Programme was unable to allocate the gadgets in the window used by Scion Genealogist to get user-definable information from the user. Probably due to memory running short.

"Couldn't attach family menus"

Programme was unable to attach the programme menus to the window used by Scion Genealogist to display family details. Probably due to memory running short. Fatal error.

"Couldn't attach person menus"

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"Database was saved using a more modern version of the programme. You will need to update Scion!"

The file that you tried to load was created using a more modern version of Scion Genealogist than you are currently using. Change to the correct (or later) version of the programme.

"Editor not defined"

You tried to edit a file without first defining the editor to use. Define the editor by selecting "Choose Editor" from the "Prefs" menu.

"Editor or viewer filename too long"

The name of the editor or viewer that you have chosen is too long.

"Error number <number> detected"

This error message will be displayed if AmigaDOS detects an error. Refer to your AmigaDOS manual for an explanation of the error number.

"Error saving file"

An error occurred while you were attempting to save a database file. Refer to your AmigaDOS manual for more information.

"File is write protected"

The database file you tried to save has its 'protected from writing' flag set. Use the AmigaDOS 'protect' command to change this protection bit. Refer to your AmigaDOS manual for more information.

"Incomplete file has been deleted"

The destination disk became full when you saved a database and the resulting incomplete file has been deleted. Try saving your database to a different disk with more available space.

"Invalid range specified"

The range that you specified in a 'print range' requester is invalid. The end of the range must be greater than the start of the range, the start range must be less than or equal to the total number of people or families in the database, and neither the start range nor end range may be zero or negative.

"Maximum number of children reached"

The current family group already has 40 children, the maximum number permitted for any one family group.

"Maximum number reached"

Either: (1) You have reached the maximum number of people you can have in a database (999), or,  
(2) you have reached the maximum number of families you can have in a database (999).

"Maximum number would be exceeded"

When you attempted to 'bulk add' people to the database using the 'Add People' option under the 'Extras' menu, the number you tried to add would have exceeded the limit of the programme (999).

"No database name specified"

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You did not specify a database name when you tried to save that database. Either select an existing database from the "Save As..." file requester, or type in a new name for the database in the file requester.

"No database name specified. Save using "Save As" option."

When you tried to save a database using the "Save" option, there was either no database name already defined, or else the name of the database was the default "Unnamed". Use the "Save As..." option to save the database with a name.

"No family notes file specified"

You have not specified a note file to edit. Enter an appropriate name in the file requester displayed when you click on the "Edit Notes" gadget in the Family Details Window.

"No family picture file specified"

You have not specified a picture file to view. Enter an appropriate name in the file requester displayed when you click on the "View Picture" gadget in the Family Details Window.

"No personal notes file specified"

You have not specified a note file to edit. Enter an appropriate name in the file requester displayed when you click on the "Edit Notes" gadget in the Personal Details Window.

"No personal picture file specified"

You have not specified a picture file to view. Enter an appropriate name in the file requester displayed when you click on the "View Picture" gadget in the Personal Details Window.

"Not a valid Scion database"

The file that you tried to load was not a valid Scion database. Make sure that you selected the correct file.

"On-line help is not currently available"

'amigaguide.library' could not be opened when the programme was started, and therefore on-line help is not available.

"On-line help will not be available"

The 'amigaguide.library' could not be opened, and hence on-line help will not be available. Make sure that you have installed the supplied 'amigaguide.library'.

"Out of memory"

You ran out of memory when trying to 'bulk add' people to the database using the 'Add People' option under the 'Extras' menu.

"Printer is not online"

Either: (1) The printer is not on-line, or,  
(2) the printer is not turned on, or,  
(3) the printer cable is not connected.

"Printer is out of paper"

The printer is out of paper.

"The person selected already has parents defined"

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The child you tried to add to a family group (using the "Add Child" gadget) already has it's parents defined by being a member of another family group.

"The person selected has been deleted from the database"

You have tried to select the record corresponding to a person who has subsequently been deleted from the database.

"The selected child is a parent of the Principal"

The child you tried to add to a family group (using the "Add Child" gadget) is a parent of the Principal of the current family group.

"The selected child is a parent of the Spouse"

The child you tried to add to a family group (using the "Add Child" gadget) is a parent of the Spouse of the current family group.

"The selected spouse has already been married for the maximum number of times"

The spouse that you have selected for a family group (using "Add Spouse") has already been married 10 times, the maximum number of marriages permitted for any one individual.

"The selected spouse is a child of one of the children of the family"

The spouse that you have selected for a family group (using "Add Spouse") is actually a child of one of the children of that family group.

"The selected spouse is already one of the children of the family"

The spouse that you have selected for a family group (using "Add Spouse") is actually one of the children of that family group.

"Unable to gain access to the printer. Maybe it is in use?"

When trying to print a report, the programme was unable to gain access to the printer. Maybe another programme is using the printer or has not released it properly after use.

"Unable to get VisualInfo from the screen"

Programme was unable to obtain information about the custom screen used by Scion Genealogist. People, family and marriage lists will not be available. Possibly due to memory running short. If this error occurs during startup, it is a fatal error.

"Unable to open 'library' version 'version number' (or greater)"

The programme was unable to open the AmigaDOS library 'library' with a version number of 'version number' (or later). If 'rexxsyslib.library' could not be opened, ARexx functions will not be available. All other library open failures are 'fatal'. The required libraries are either not present, or the library version is not modern enough.

"Unable to open about window"

Programme was unable to open window used by Scion Genealogist to display the "about" requester. Probably due to memory running short.

"Unable to open ancestor window"

Programme was unable to open window used by Scion Genealogist to

display the on-screen ancestor chart. Probably due to memory running short.

"Unable to open family window"

Programme was unable to open the window to be used by Scion Genealogist to display family details. Probably due to memory running short. Fatal error.

"Unable to open help file"

There was a problem detected when 'amigaguide' help system tried to open the Scion.guide help file.

"Unable to open list window"

Programme was unable to open the list window to be used by Scion Genealogist to display people, family and marriage lists. Probably due to memory running short.

"Unable to open number window"

Programme was unable to open the window to be used by Scion Genealogist to get IRN or FGRN input from the user. Probably due to memory running short.

"Unable to open personal window"

Programme was unable to open the window to be used by Scion Genealogist to display personal details. Probably due to memory running short. Fatal error.

"Unable to open pick window"

Programme was unable to open the window to be used by Scion Genealogist to display the last name pick list. Probably due to memory running short.

"Unable to open range window"

Programme was unable to open the range window to be used by Scion Genealogist to get range information from the user. Probably due to memory running short.

"Unable to open screen"

The programme could not open its required custom screen. Probably due to a shortage of memory. Fatal error.

"Unable to open search window"

Programme was unable to open the search window to be used by Scion Genealogist to get search information from the user. Probably due to memory running short.

"Unable to open SetBehave window"

Programme was unable to open the window to be used by Scion Genealogist to get user-definable behaviour from the user. Probably due to memory running short.

"Unable to open SetUser window"

Programme was unable to open the window to be used by Scion Genealogist to get user-definable information from the user. Probably due to memory running short.

"Unable to open Topaz font"

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The programme could not open the system font 'topaz 8'. Fatal error (this font should always be available!).

"Unique ARexx port could not be created. ARexx functions will not be available."

The programme could not create a unique ARexx port name. Only 10 possible unique names are supported.

"Viewer not defined"

You tried to view a picture file without first defining the viewer to use. Define the viewer by selecting "Choose Viewer" from the "Prefs" menu.

"WARNING: Memory is almost exhausted! Recommend saving your database NOW!"

Scion Genealogist has detected that memory is running low. Save your database AT ONCE as functions (including the ability to save the database) may cease to be available if you continue adding people and/or families to the database. If you have other applications running, close them down to free up some more memory.

"You are trying to make one of the parents their own child"

The child you tried to add to a family group (using the "Add Child" gadget) is already defined as either the Principal or Spouse of the current family group.

"You are trying to marry the Principal of this family to themselves!"

The spouse that you have selected for a family group (using "Add Spouse") has already been set as the principal of that family group.

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