

# **Idiosyncrasies of Australian Indexes**

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# Introduction

- Printed paper covers background
- Presentation concentrates on examples of the more common idiosyncrasies, and solutions

# Wildcards

- Most important tool
- Learn what your program is capable of
- \* commonly refers to one or more
  - \*donald matches McDonald, MacDonald, ODonald, 0Donald
- ? commonly refers to one
  - mari? matches Maria and Marie

# Wildcards

- Most programs have limits on use of these
- Can either be used at start? \*donald
- Can either be used within first three letters?  
m\*donald
- How many can be used at once? we\*r\*y  
matches worry, weary, werrey, wearry plus  
many other variations

# What is "Year"?

- Years stated in title or description are often registration years
- Is displayed year the event year or registration year?
- Is searched year the event year or registration year?

Family Name	Given Name	Spouse Family Name	Spouse Given Name	Reg Yr	Reg No	Rereg	Evt Yr	Reg Type	Evt
ODELL	Sarah Ann	WATSON	David Allan	1931	3020		1866	Corrected Registration	M
WATSON	David Allan	ODELL	Sarah Ann	1931	3020		1866	Corrected Registration	M
BUTLER	Margaret	WELCH	George	1922	4279		1870	Corrected Registration	M
BUTLER	Margaret	WELSH	Geo	1922	4279		1870	Corrected Registration	M
WELCH	George	BUTLER	Margaret	1922	4279		1870	Corrected Registration	M
WELSH	Geo	BUTLER	Margaret	1922	4279		1870	Corrected Registration	M
GARDNER	Thomas	GORMAN	Sarah Ellen	1933	8321		1876	Late Registration	M
GORMAN	Sarah Ellen	GARDNER	Thomas	1933	8321		1876	Late Registration	M
RINTOUL	Christina	STEVENSON	John	1933	8322		1876	Late Registration	M
STEVENSON	John	RINTOUL	Christina	1933	8322		1876	Late Registration	M
JAMES	Katherine Jane	MARSHALL	William	1933	8323		1876	Late Registration	M
MARSHALL	William	JAMES	Katherine Jane	1933	8323		1876	Late Registration	M
DOW	David Hill	MARSHALL	Barbara Stewart	1933	8324		1876	Late Registration	M
MARSHALL	Barbara Stewart	DOW	David Hill	1933	8324		1876	Late Registration	M
DICKSON	Mary Ann	FORBES	John William	1933	8325		1876	Late Registration	M
FORBES	John William	DICKSON	Mary Ann	1933	8325		1876	Late Registration	M
BRYANT	Harriet Rachel	NEAL	Henry William Sydney	1933	8326		1876	Late Registration	M
NEAL	Henry William Sydney	BRYANT	Harriet Rachel	1933	8326		1876	Late Registration	M
BELLAMY	George	GRAHAM	Margaret White	1933	8327		1876	Late Registration	M
GRAHAM	Margaret White	BELLAMY	George	1933	8327		1876	Late Registration	M
CARGILL	John Ashcroft	MATHIESON	Annie	1933	8328		1876	Late Registration	M
MATHIESON	Annie	CARGILL	John Ashcroft	1933	8328		1876	Late Registration	M
CLARKE	Henry	HOSIE	Helen	1933	8329		1876	Late Registration	M
HOSIE	Helen	CLARKE	Henry	1933	8329		1876	Late Registration	M
MCARTHUR	Charles	ROBERTSON	Elizabeth Rintoul	1933	8330		1876	Late Registration	M
ROBERTSON	Elizabeth Rintoul	MCARTHUR	Charles	1933	8330		1876	Late Registration	M
ANGELL	Alice	ATKINS	William	1933	8331		1876	Late Registration	M
ATKINS	William	ANGELL	Alice	1933	8331		1876	Late Registration	M
HOLLAND	Margaret Amelia	SWINDON	Thomas Henry	1933	8332		1876	Late Registration	M
SWINDON	Thomas Henry	HOLLAND	Margaret Amelia	1933	8332		1876	Late Registration	M
BREAKWELL	Alfred	CAMPBELL	Elizabeth	1933	8333		1876	Late Registration	M
CAMPBELL	Elizabeth	BREAKWELL	Alfred	1933	8333		1876	Late Registration	M
GRAY	James Burns	MCKEAN	Elizabeth	1925	9340		1877	Corrected Registration	M
GREY	James Burns	MCKEAN	Elizabeth	1925	9340		1877	Corrected Registration	M
MCKEAN	Elizabeth	GRAY	James Burns	1925	9340		1877	Corrected Registration	M
MCKEAN	Elizabeth	GREY	James Burns	1925	9340		1877	Corrected Registration	M
SIBLEY	Elizabeth	TREVASCUS	Abraham	1923	7290		1879	Corrected Registration	M
TREVASCUS	Abraham	SIBLEY	Elizabeth	1923	7290		1879	Corrected Registration	M
CUBBIN	Thomas	WEATHERILT	Annie Louisa	1922	237		1881	Corrected Registration	M
CUBBON	Thomas	WEATHERILT	Annie Louisa	1922	237		1881	Corrected Registration	M
WEATHERILT	Annie Louisa	CUBBIN	Thomas	1922	237		1881	Corrected Registration	M
WEATHERILT	Annie Louisa	CUBBON	Thomas	1922	237		1881	Corrected Registration	M
HAMPSON	Thomas Tyrer	LEADER	Sarah Jane	1926	4404		1881	Corrected Registration	M
LEADER	Sarah Jane	HAMPSON	Thomas Tyrer	1926	4404		1881	Corrected Registration	M
CORBY	Mary Ellen	OSTER	Joseph	1927	214	1886	1883	Corrected Registration	M
CORBY	Mary Ellen	OSTLE	Joseph	1927	214	1886	1883	Corrected Registration	M
OSTER	Joseph	CORBY	Mary Ellen	1927	214	1886	1883	Corrected Registration	M



Family Name	Given Name	Spouse Family Name	Spouse Given Name	Reg Yr	Reg No	Rereg	Evt Yr	Reg Type	Evt
SMITH	Myrtle	KEENAN	Arthur Brougham	1939	10409A		1938	Corrected Registration	M
THOMAS	Olive Joyce Lloyd	KEENAN	Arthur Brougham	1939	10409A		1938	Corrected Registration	M
DOBSON	Thomas Augustine	LUCAS	Nola Elizabeth	1939	7173		1938	Corrected Registration	M
LUCAS	Nola Elizabeth	DOBSON	Thomas Augustine	1939	7173		1938	Corrected Registration	M
HUNTLEY	Neilson Leonard Stenhouse	LACEY	Lillian Myrtle	1939	7264		1938	Corrected Registration	M
HUNTLEY	Neilson Leonard Stenhouse	PARSONS	Mary May	1939	7264		1938	Corrected Registration	M
LACEY	Lillian Myrtle	HUNTLEY	Neilson Leonard Stenhc	1939	7264		1938	Corrected Registration	M
PARSONS	Mary May	HUNTLEY	Neilson Leonard Stenhc	1939	7264		1938	Corrected Registration	M
EDWARDS	Lina Caroline	LORD	John Alway	1939	8129		1938	Corrected Registration	M
LORD	John Alway	EDWARDS	Lina Caroline	1939	8129		1938	Corrected Registration	M
FINDLOW	George Thomas	GISSING	Gertrude Ethel	1940	17150		1938	Corrected Registration	M
GISSING	Gertrude Ethel	FINDLOW	George Thomas	1940	17150		1938	Corrected Registration	M
GISSING	Gertrude Ethel	LOYAL	George Thomas	1940	17150		1938	Corrected Registration	M
LOYAL	George Thomas	GISSING	Gertrude Ethel	1940	17150		1938	Corrected Registration	M
DUNCAN	Andrew Kenneth	PRICE	Olive Margaret	1942	12692		1938	Corrected Registration	M
PRICE	Olive Margaret	DUNCAN	Andrew Kenneth	1942	12692		1938	Corrected Registration	M
JOLLEY	Florence Elizabeth	KELSO	George Ivan	1942	20314		1938	Corrected Registration	M
KELSO	George Ivan	JOLLEY	Florence Elizabeth	1942	20314		1938	Corrected Registration	M
KELSO	George Ivan	PATTERSON	Florence Elizabeth	1942	20314		1938	Corrected Registration	M
PATTERSON	Florence Elizabeth	KELSO	George Ivan	1942	20314		1938	Corrected Registration	M
HEALY	Timothy Kevin Younger	KAY	Anne	1943	17366		1938	Corrected Registration	M
KAY	Anne	HEALY	Timothy Kevin Younger	1943	17366		1938	Corrected Registration	M
TRESISE	Wallis Phillip	WARNE	Valerie Freda	1944	11752		1938	Corrected Registration	M
WARNE	Valerie Freda	TRESISE	Wallis Phillip	1944	11752		1938	Corrected Registration	M
DUNCOMBE	Walter Arnold	PARKER	Olive May	1945	16964		1938	Corrected Registration	M
PARKER	Olive May	DUNCOMBE	Walter Arnold	1945	16964		1938	Corrected Registration	M
GRIFFIN	Eleanor	WOODWARD	George Henry	1946	18944		1938	Corrected Registration	M
GRIFFIN	Eleanor	WOODWARD	George Henry	1946	18944		1938	Corrected Registration	M
WOODWARD	George Henry	GRIFFIN	Eleanor	1946	18944		1938	Corrected Registration	M
WOODWARD	George Henry	GRIFFIN	Eleanor	1946	18944		1938	Corrected Registration	M
CLEARY	Louisa Amelia	MOTT	William	1951	3273		1938	Corrected Registration	M
DAVIS	Louisa	MOTT	William	1951	3273		1938	Corrected Registration	M
MOTT	William	CLEARY	Louisa Amelia	1951	3273		1938	Corrected Registration	M
MOTT	William	DAVIS	Louisa	1951	3273		1938	Corrected Registration	M
ANDRE	Mary Eileen	HUTCHISON	Robt Arbuthnot	1935	12318		1939	Cancelled	M
HUTCHISON	Robt Arbuthnot	ANDRE	Mary Eileen	1935	12318		1939	Cancelled	M
CLINEFELTER	George Amos	HIND	Gloria Joy	1944	3543		1942	Corrected Registration	M
CLINEFELTER	George Amos	HYND	Gloria Joy	1944	3543		1942	Corrected Registration	M
HIND	Gloria Joy	CLINEFELTER	George Amos	1944	3543		1942	Corrected Registration	M
HYND	Gloria Joy	CLINEFELTER	George Amos	1944	3543		1942	Corrected Registration	M
LUNDY	Jean	SMITH	Roy Dudley	1926	1542		A		M
SMITH	Roy Dudley	LUNDY	Jean	1926	1542		A		M
GRIFFITHS	Anna Jane	YATES	Francis Joseph	1934	3980		A		M
YATES	Francis Joseph	GRIFFITHS	Anna Jane	1934	3980		A		M
GRASLE	Kino	HARRIS	Nancy Kleen Stewart	1934	3980		B		M
HARRIS	Nancy Kleen Stewart	GRASLE	Kino	1934	3980		B		M



Browse Year

Father/  
Mother/Spo

Value	Count
1869	2
1871	1
1875	2
1876	1
1877	1
1878	1
1880	2
1881	1
1882	2
1883	1
1884	4
1885	2
1886	4
1887	6
1888	10
1889	1888

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Surname	Given Names	Ev	Fthr/Sps Snm	Mthr/Sps Gnm	Date	Ref
Unknown	Unnamed Male	D			1869-00-00	1896/ 002509
Schulthies	Heinrich	D			1869-02-24	1891/B024321
Fishbourne	John Maloney	B	William	Matilda OBrien	1871-06-15	1910/ 003071
Fishbourne	Patrick	B	William	Matilda OBrien	1875-03-17	1910/ 003069
Olive	Mabel Olive	B	Edmund Abraham Cumberbatch	Grace Neil	1875-10-26	1900/ 002288
Harmon	George	B	Edward James	Anne Shepherd	1876-03-02	1914/ 001876
Coyne	John	B	Patrick	Bridget Portley	1877-09-10	1890/ 000628 MB
Fishbourne	Elizabeth	B	William	Matilda OBrien	1878-08-12	1910/ 003070
Pickett	William	B	William	Alice Rose	1880-04-08	1890/ 006212
Walker	Ernest John	B	John	Susannah Pratchatt	1880-08-20	1910/ 006764
Fishbourne	Jane	B	William	Matilda OBrien	1881-03-12	1910/ 003072
Churchett	Bertie	B	William	Emma Prickett	1882-09-19	1912/ 009271
Slack	Louise	B	Daniel	Frances Maria Wynne	1882-09-26	1911/ 007313
Harrison	Harry	D			1883-00-00	1896/ 000014
Ainsworth	Archie	B	Ralph	Isabella Willard	1884-02-04	1903/ 007321
Buckley	James William	B	James	Caroline Julia Harris	1884-02-18	1902/ 007917
Ketteringham	Bertie Nugent	B	William Toma	Madeline Kinsella	1884-03-19	1905/ 002920
Brosnan	Julia	B	Cornelius	Mary Ann Downies	1884-11-02	1904/ 000880 MB
Watts	William	D			1885-00-00	1891/ 000069
Weber	Ernstine Wilhelmina	B	Wilhelm August Carl Friedrich	Maria Louisa Theresa Brauer	1885-07-19	1901/ 004446
Steel	Louisa Elizabeth	B	James	Henrietta Kyling	1886-01-30	1908/0011895
Steel	Louisa Elizabeth	B	James	Henrietta Kyling	1886-01-31	1908/ 011895
Aldridge	Essie	B	Harry Edgar	Lappy Tanner	1886-08-04	1900/B001522
Corbett	Sarah	B	James	Maria Lucas	1886-09-21	1901/ 011544
Lawless	Michael	D			1887-00-00	1897/ 000971
McFarlane	Robert	B	Robert	Mary Stevenson	1887-05-16	1906/B012658
Renner	Harry Mendle	B	Harry	Ann Mohr	1887-08-06	1914/B037817
Brady	Kate	B	Joseph	Ann McDowall	1887-08-23	1902/ 001666
DEvin	Martha Theresa	B	William Francis	Caroline Elizabeth Walsh	1887-10-15	1906/B012419
Smith	Basil George	B	William Richard	Ellen Rosetta Doherty	1887-12-05	1914/ 001874
Steel	George Henry	B	James	Henrietta Kyling	1888-04-05	1908/ 001896
Steel	George Henry	B	James	Henrietta Kyling	1888-04-05	1908/ 011896
Hayes	Mary Kate	B	Timothy	Mary Merrick	1888-04-06	1914/ 001871
Mathews	Thomas	D			1888-04-21	1890/ 000469
Suley	James Ernest	B	Fred	Elizabeth Frances Wastling	1888-09-08	1910/ 002860
Gernox	John Henry	D	Frederick Gernox	Dora Hemme	1888-10-10	1890/ 000471
tobin	William	D	Thomas Tobin	Johanna Morrisey	1888-11-09	1890/ 000421
Buckley	Alma Ethel	B	James	Caroline Julia Harris	1888-12-14	1902/ 007918
Gilchrist	Frederick	D			1888-12-15	1890/ 000486
Brock	James	D			1888-12-27	1890/ 000485
White	Joseph	D			1889-01-01	1890/ 000470
O'Shea	Patrick	D	Michael O'Shea	Margaret Hynes	1889-01-07	1890/B022678
Fordham	John William	B	George	Mary Collins	1889-01-19	1890/ 000185
Moriarty	Thomas	B	Thomas	Jane Connihan	1889-01-24	1890/ 000218
Savage	Tomeo	B	Sam	Mary Ann Pitt	1889-02-04	1890/ 011240
Roffe	Violet Mary	B	Thomas Frederick Henry	Mary Smith	1889-02-20	1890/ 005419
Kelliber	John	B	Denis	Eliza Lee	1889-02-22	1890/ 008654

# Name Abbreviations

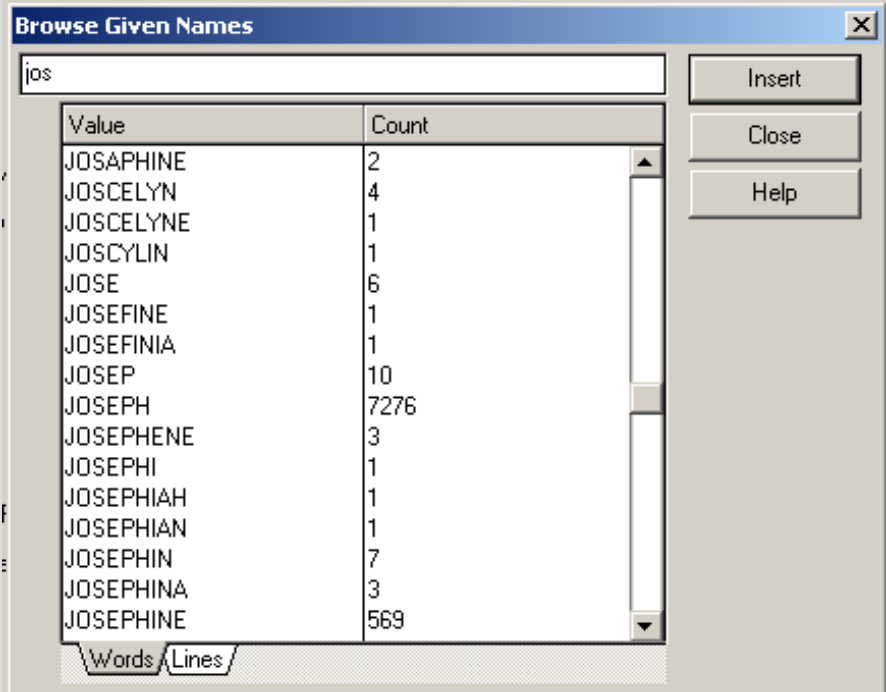
- Names are abbreviated in some indexes
- Extremely important to use wildcards
- For example, Great War Index Victoria has
  - 19871 entries with Jas
  - 5054 entries with James
  - 450 entries with John
  - 35547 with Jno
  - 11507 with Margt
  - 577 with Marg
  - 1604 with Margaret
  - 22 with Margret
  - 7 With Mrgt



Surname	Gvn Nms	Event	Sex	Sps Snm/Father	Sps Gvn/Mother	Age	Age Cd	Bth Plc	Dth Plc	Year	Reg. No
OCONNOR	Brdgt	D		Clancey	Unknown UNKNOWN	65			Carlton	1916	13424
DELANEY	Bride Jphine	M		RODRIGUEZ	Wm Giovanni					1919	3109
TROTT	Bridget Jphine	D		McMahon Thos	Hannah OLOUGHLIN	76			Pran	1919	9067
CRONAN	Cath Jphine	D		Cronan Danl	Cath DERMONDY	1			Carl	1918	636
DAVIES	Cath Jphine	M		MCNAMARA	Peter					1920	12703
DENNEHY	Cath Jphine	D		Flannery Patk	Bridget UNKNOWN	55			Ldale	1918	13456
GUNNING	Cath Jphine	M		MCKENZIE	Walt Murray					1920	1319
WEBB	Cath Jphine	D		Unknown	Unknown UNKNOWN	71			Kew	1918	9373
DUNN	Claire Jphine	M		LANGRIDGE	Josh Bernard					1919	940
REILLY	Clara Jphine	M		HORNE	Kenny Geo					1920	6222
RILEY	Clara Jphine	M		HORNE	Kenny Geo					1920	6222R
HOWARD	Clare Jphine	B		Anthony	Margt MULLANEY			BRUTHEN		1918	17292
PAYNE	Coleen Jphine	B		Saml Jno	May WATERS			WMSTOWN		1918	7585
TAYLOR	Ctina Jphine	D		Pedrina Peter Anthy	Mary MCSWEENEY	44			Echuca	1919	1522
WALSH	Ctina Jphine	M		LAWSON	Thos Mitchell					1919	6285
GLENISTER	Daisy Jphine	M		DAVIES	Jno Wm Chas					1920	2449
WHISTON	Doreen Jphine	B		Ernt Jno	Linda FISHER			BUNYIP		1918	17311
GADD	Dory Jphine	M		MCKENDRICK	Jno					1919	5855
PENNEY	Dory Jphine	M		MCMASTER	Jas Leslie					1920	1162
GUBBINS	Eileen Jphine	B		Patk Josh	Margt Mary MORGAN			S YARRA		1918	31010
KETT	Eileen Jphine	M		JAMES	Stanley Warren					1919	6307
FANNING	Elizth Jphine	M		BATTEN	Herbt Leslie Roy					1919	2874
JOHNSON	Elizth Jphine	M		MEADE	Jno Josh					1920	10769
WIDDECOMBE	Elizth Jphine	D		Scott Robt	Isbla GILBERT	53			Goroke	1919	12678
OBRIEN	Ellen Jphine	D		Kersey	Unknown OBRIEN				Hoth E	1919	17619
JESSOP	Ellin Jphine	D		Mahoney Pat	Margt RYAN	56			Katamite	1918	1864
SULLIVAN	Emily Enid Jphine	M		LACEY	Alfd Richd					1920	8247
BOYD	Emily Jphine	D		Unknown	Unknown UNKNOWN	87			Kew	1918	9375
CHADWICK	Emily Jphine	M		MILLAR	Jas Hair					1919	9253
DUNPHY	Emily Jphine	M		DAY	Chas					1920	12500
SPARK	Emily Jphine	M		QUINN	Thos Laurence					1919	9715
YOUNG	Emily Jphine	M		SPIERS	Arth Leslie					1920	1519
SCHRIEBER	Ernestina Jphine	B		Chas Fredk	Flor Ellen BATSON			KBURRA		1919	28622
GILLILAND	Esther Jphine	M		BARNES	Hy Josh					1920	7926
HASLETT	Esther Jphine	D		Lane Hy Wm	Sarah HODGE	36			Ncote	1919	3382
DOWNWARD	Ethel Jphine	D		Downward Alfd	Jphine KERR	34			Mornington	1918	10178
OSULLIVAN	Ethel Jphine	M		HEALEY	Edwin Landseer					1919	10295
SHANAHAN	Eva Jphine	M		MCDUFF	Ernt Eberhard					1919	9506
KAINE	Flor Jphine	M		MORRIS	Sydney Herbt					1919	9539
LAY	Flor Jphine	M		ANDERSON	Thos Richd Wallis					1920	11820
OSULLIVAN	Flor Jphine	M		PEMBROKE	Francis					1920	4858
HANSFORD	Frances Jphine	M		EDDY	Alfd Norman					1920	14504
MCSPEERIN	Franziska Mary Jphine	D		Ran Jno	Mary Teresa TRUDEWD 43				Fitz S	1919	12356
BOWDEN	Gladys Jphine	M		KIRBY	Stanley Hy					1919	7677
EASTWOOD	Helen Jphine	B		Regd	Nellie Hart KENT			PRAN		1920	25145
MAHER	Helena Jphine	M		GILLIES	Jno Kessell					1920	1372

# Typographical Errors

- Even the best, most carefully checked index will probably contain some typing or reading errors
- Use “Browse” option if available to gain a feeling for the types and frequency of errors

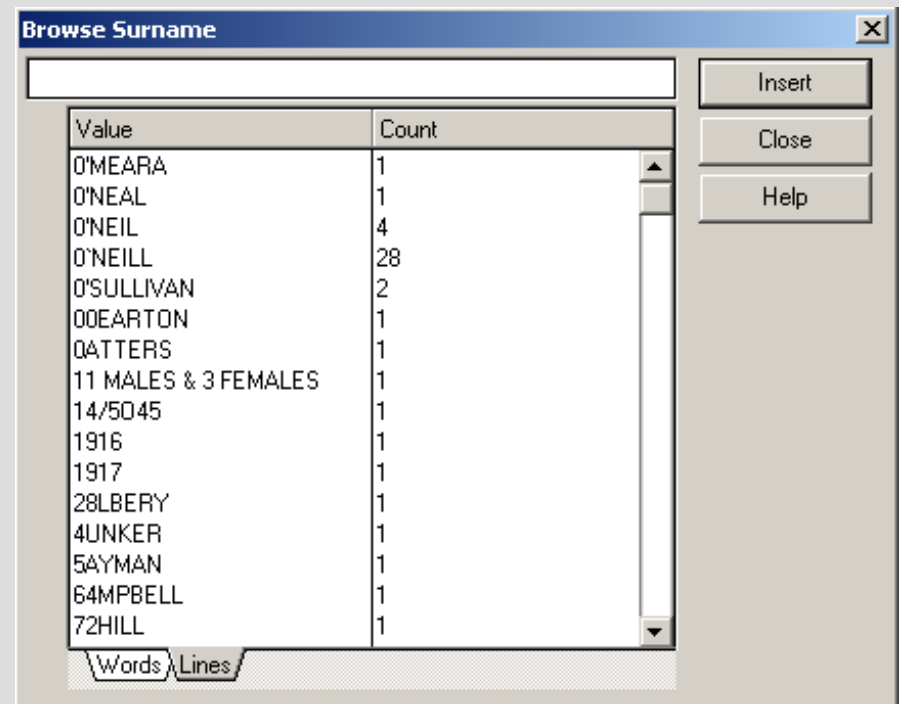


The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Browse Given Names" with a search input field containing "jos". Below the search field is a table with two columns: "Value" and "Count". The table lists various names and their corresponding counts. To the right of the table are three buttons: "Insert", "Close", and "Help". At the bottom of the dialog, there are two tabs: "Words" and "Lines".

Value	Count
JOSAPHINE	2
JOSCELYN	4
JOSCELYNE	1
JOSCYLIN	1
JOSE	6
JOSEFINE	1
JOSEFINIA	1
JOSEP	10
JOSEPH	7276
JOSEPHENE	3
JOSEPHI	1
JOSEPHIAH	1
JOSEPHIAN	1
JOSEPHIN	7
JOSEPHINA	3
JOSEPHINE	569

# Typographical Errors

- Typos at start of surname are particularly difficult
- 0 (number) instead of O (letter) is common
- Need wildcards to cope with these



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Browse Surname" with a search input field at the top. Below the input field is a table with two columns: "Value" and "Count". The table lists various surnames and their corresponding counts. To the right of the table are three buttons: "Insert", "Close", and "Help". At the bottom of the dialog, there are two tabs: "Words" and "Lines".

Value	Count
O'MEARA	1
O'NEAL	1
O'NEIL	4
O'NEILL	28
O'SULLIVAN	2
OOEARTON	1
OATTERS	1
11 MALES & 3 FEMALES	1
14/5045	1
1916	1
1917	1
28LBERY	1
4UNKER	1
5AYMAN	1
64MPBELL	1
72HILL	1

# Typographical Errors



**Person you are searching for**

Last name

Given name(s)

**and**

Father's given name(s)

Mother's given name(s)

**Records you want to search**

Births [1788 - 1905]

Deaths [1788 - 1975]

**Year(s) to be searched**

From  To

Required Optional

**District the event was registered**

Tip  
Optional

[Search Now](#)

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## SEARCH RESULTS

You searched **births** for the given name **eliza** (and the father's given name **ebenezer**) in the years **1852** to **1854**

1 - 1 of 1 matches found

Click on a column heading to sort the column alphabetically.

< Previous | Start | 1 | End | Next >

Registration Number	Last Name	Given Name(s)	Father's Given Name(s)	Mother's Given Name(s)	District	Purchase Certificate
V18535924 121/1853	4UNKER	ELIZA	EBENEZER	SARAH		<a href="#">Buy Now</a>

< Previous | Start | 1 | End | Next >

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# Truncation

- Some indexes have truncated data
- Will not match full name
- Use wildcards
- Use other names!
  - If John Henry was known as Henry, you might search for Henry
  - If index truncates name to John Hen, then you won't find it

Digger - VIC Death Index 1921-1985 - [Results List]

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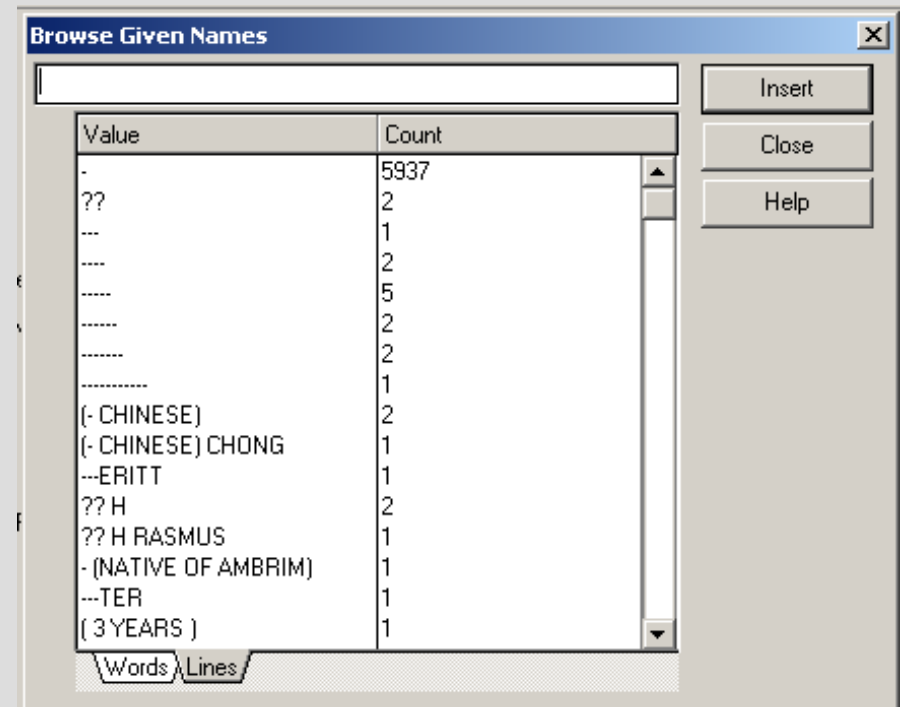


Sname	Gvn Nm	Father	Mother	Dth Plc	Age	Age	AgeC	Yr	Regno	Evt
ADAM	Mary Adelaide Fo	Fox Herbert Hen	Alma	CAMB	078	78		1985	16182	D
AHERN	John William Ih	John William	Grace	MTWA	067	67		1985	10606	D
ALBERTS	Winifred Christi	Unknown Unknown	Unknown	WEND	063	63		1985	01976	D
ALBRECHT	Herbert Frederic	Ernest Llewell	Der Straaten Elsi	BURW	076	76		1985	20702	D
ALEXANDER	Alphonsus Patric	John	Margaret	KEW	075	75		1985	18471	D
ALFORD	Leslie Alfred Ge	Arthur William	Clara May	PORT	072	72		1985	15773	D
ALLEN	Gladys Mary Cour	Stenniken Benja	Sarah Jane	MIDD	086	86		1985	13798	D
ALLISON	Harry Robert Sou	Harry	Edith Southey	FRAN	079	79		1985	04978	D
ALMOND	William Ewart Gl	William Thomas	Fanny	EIVA	074	74		1985	06278	D
AMOS	Donald David Wil	Harold Arthur	Irene Mary	WARR	054	54		1985	08403	D
ANDERSON	Alfred Robert Au	Unknown Unknown	Unknown	SYAR	082	82		1985	22099	D
ANDERSON	Barry Robert Kin	Robert Kinross	Phylis May	TRAR	052	52		1985	02599	D
ANDERSON	Maria Eliza Phoe	Evans Edwardo He	Eliza Phoebe	STAW	090	90		1985	06671	D
ANDERSON	Patrick	Anoriopoulos Ar	Helen	FOOT	059	59		1985	26619	D
ANDERSON	Phyllis May	Boyle Thomas Fr	Martha	SALE	073	73		1985	23813	D
ANDERSON	Phyllis	Romey Harry Joh	Esther Charlotte	PARK	054	54		1985	25999	D
ANDREWS	Doreen	Middleton Alber	Mary Amelia	WATT	073	73		1985	16686	D
ANDREWS	Florence May	Birch George He	Cathrine Mary	WARR	063	63		1985	14760	D
ANDREWS	Grace Ruth	Cowen Allan Bas	Blsie Grace	BERW	060	60		1985	27345	D



# Difficult Originals

- Most (not all!) Digger titles use ~
- Other commonly-used indicators:  
? - \_
- Some indexes use more than one!



The screenshot shows a window titled "Browse Given Names" with a search bar at the top. Below the search bar is a table with two columns: "Value" and "Count". The table lists various names and their corresponding counts. To the right of the table are three buttons: "Insert", "Close", and "Help". At the bottom of the window, there are two tabs: "Words" and "Lines".

Value	Count
-	5937
??	2
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----	2
-----	5
-----	2
-----	2
-----	1
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[ - CHINESE ] CHONG	1
---ERITT	1
?? H	2
?? H RASMUS	1
- (NATIVE OF AMBRIM)	1
---TER	1
[ 3 YEARS ]	1

Digger - TAS Muster - [Results List]

File Edit View Tools Window Help

Getting Started...

Surname	Given names	Plc	Ship	Stat	Yr to	Frm	Reel	Sctn	Num
ADDIE	JOHN	NORFOLK ISLAND			1796	(1)	P3-8	A1958	CY 367
ADDISON	THOMAS	NEWCASTLE NSW			1825	(14)	P3-8	ML-MSS2	CY 367
ADDISON	THOMAS	NEWCASTLE NSW			1825	(8)	P3-8	ML-MSS2	CY 367
ADDISON	Mr	VAN DIEMENS LAND			1832	0243	P2-6		CY 1278
ADDISON	Mr	VAN DIEMENS LAND			1832	0305	P2-6		CY 1278
ADDISON	Mr	VAN DIEMENS LAND			1832	0308	P2-6		CY 1278
ADDISON ~	HUGH	VAN DIEMENS LAND			1832	0331	P2-6		CY 1278
ADDISON ~	J E	VAN DIEMENS LAND			1832	0331	P2-6		CY 1278
ADDISON	J E	VAN DIEMENS LAND			1835	0012	P2-5		CY 1277
ADDISON	J E	VAN DIEMENS LAND			1835	0067	P2-7		CY 1279
ADDISON	Mr	VAN DIEMENS LAND			1835	0252	P2-7		CY 1279
ADDISON	W H	VAN DIEMENS LAND			1835	0320	P2-7		CY 1279
ADDISON	J E	VAN DIEMENS LAND			1837	0049	P2-8		CY 1280
ADDISON	Mr	VAN DIEMENS LAND			1837	0335	P2-8		CY 1280
ADDISON	Mr	VAN DIEMENS LAND			1837	0190	P2-8		CY 1280
ADDISON	Mr	VAN DIEMENS LAND			1838	0283	P2-9		CY 1281
ADDISON	Mr	VAN DIEMENS LAND			1838	0247	P2-9		CY 1281
ADDISON	Mr	VAN DIEMENS LAND			1841	0023	P2-10		CY 1282
ADDISON	Mrs	VAN DIEMENS LAND			1841	0257	P2-10		CY 1282
ADDESEY ~	EDWARD	RICHMOND	GILMORE (3)	BOND	1844	(127)	P3-10	ML329	CY 151
ADDIE	THOMAS	RICHMOND	SIR GODFREY WEBSTER	TICKET OF LEAVE		(99)	P3-10	ML329	CY 151
ADDINGTON or THOMPSON	ELIZABETH	HOBART TOWN	LADY JULIANA			0102	P3-2		CY 957
ADDIRE	EDWARD	RICHMOND	GILMORE (3)	BOND		(126)	P3-10	ML329	CY 151
ADDISON	Const	RICHMOND DISTRICT				(47)	P3-9	ML324	CY 11
ADDISON	EDWARD	RICHMOND COURT				P22	P3-10	ML327	CY 151
ADDISON	EDWARD	NORFOLK ISLAND to VAN DIEMENS LAND	GILMORE (3)			(1)	P3-8	D113	CY 367
ADDISON	HUGH	VAN DIEMENS LAND				546	P3-11	ML176-8	CY 2142
ADDISON	HUGH	VAN DIEMENS LAND				005	P3-12	ML175	CY 878
ADDISON	HUGH	VAN DIEMENS LAND				075	P3-12	ML175	CY 878
ADDISON	HUGH	VAN DIEMENS LAND				154	P3-12	ML175	CY 878
ADDISON	HUGH	VAN DIEMENS LAND				249	P3-12	ML175	CY 878
ADDISON	HUGH	VAN DIEMENS LAND				315	P3-12	ML175	CY 878
ADDISON	JOHN	VAN DIEMENS LAND				005	P3-12	ML175	CY 878
ADDISON	JOHN	VAN DIEMENS LAND				075	P3-12	ML175	CY 878
ADDISON	JOHN	VAN DIEMENS LAND				154	P3-12	ML175	CY 878

# Solutions

- Learn the limitations of the program you are using
- Make copious and varying use of wildcards
- Enter the minimum amount of information necessary
- Try different combinations of known information

# Example 1

- Robert Absalom was born about 1855 in Victoria
- Locate his birth
- Who were his parents?
- Who were his siblings?
- Locate parent's marriage

Digger - VIC Pioneers 1836-1888 - [Query]

File Edit View Tools Window Help



Surname:	absalom	90	...
Given Names:	robert	36078	...
Event:			...
Spouse Surname/Father:			...
Spouse Gvn Names/Mother:			...
Age:			...
Birth Place:			...
Death Place:			...
Year:	1855	27465	...
Reg Number:			...
Denomination:			...
Parish:			...

Total Matching Records: 2

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Digger - VIC Pioneers 1836-1888 - [Results List]

File Edit View Tools Window Help



Sname	Gvn Nm	Evt	Sps Snm/Father	Sps Gvn/Mother	Age	Age	Sex	Bth Plc	Dth Plc	Yr	Regno	Denom	Parish	Fiche
ABSALOM	Robert	B	Richard	Eliza	0			MELB		1855	19163	Church of England	ST JAMES, MELBOURNE	308
ABSALOM	Robert	B	Richard	Eliza EVEREST	0			MELBOURNE		1855	9591			

# Example 1

- Now know:
  - Robert Absalom born 1855
  - Baptised St James, Melbourne
  - Birth registered (#9591)
  - Parents Richard Absalom and Eliza Everest
- Who were his siblings?

**Digger - VIC Pioneers 1836-1888 - [Query]**

File Edit View Tools Window Help

Getting Started...

Surname:	absalom	90	...
Given Names:			...
Event:			...
Spouse Surname/Father:	richard	26626	...
Spouse Gvn Names/Mother:	eliza everest	13	...
Age:			...
Birth Place:			...
Death Place:			...
Year:			...
Reg Number:			...
Denomination:			...
Parish:			...
Total Matching Records:		2	

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**Digger - VIC Pioneers 1836-1888 - [Results List]**

File Edit View Tools Window Help

Getting Started...

Sname	Gvn Nm	Evt	Sps Snm/Father	Sps Gvn/Mother	Age	Age	Sex	Bth Plc	Dth Plc	Yr	Regno	Denom
ABSALOM	Robert	B	Richard	Eliza EVEREST	0			MELBOURNE		1855	9591	
ABSALOM	Henry	D	Richard	Eliza EVEREST	0	12D		MELB		1861	745	

# Example 1

- Now know
  - Robert had a brother, Henry
  - Henry died 1861 aged 12 days
- Where is Henry's birth?
- Perhaps surname misspelt?

Digger - VIC Pioneers 1836-1888 - [Query]

File Edit View Tools Window Help



Surname:	<input type="text" value="abs?l?m"/>	129	...
Given Names:	<input type="text"/>		...
Event:	<input type="text"/>		...
Spouse Surname/Father:	<input type="text" value="richard"/>	26626	...
Spouse Gvn Names/Mother:	<input type="text" value="eliza everest"/>	13	...
Age:	<input type="text"/>		...
Birth Place:	<input type="text"/>		...
Death Place:	<input type="text"/>		...
Year:	<input type="text"/>		...
Reg Number:	<input type="text"/>		...
Denomination:	<input type="text"/>		...
Parish:	<input type="text"/>		...

Total Matching Records: 5

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Digger - VIC Pioneers 1836-1888 - [Results List]

File Edit View Tools Window Help



Sname	Gvn Nm	Evt	Sps Snm/Father	Sps Gvn/Mother	Age	Age	Sex	Bth Plc	Dth Plc	Yr	Regno	Deno
ABSALOM	Robert	B	Richard	Eliza EVEREST	0			MELBOURNE		1855	9591	
ABSOLOM	Henry	B	Richard	Eliza EVEREST	0			MELBOURNE		1861	1009	
ABSOLOM	Eliza	B	Richard	Eliza EVEREST	0			MELB		1862	9861	
ABSALOM	Henry	D	Richard	Eliza EVEREST	0	12D		MELB		1861	745	
ABSOLOM	Richard John	D	Richd	Eliza EVEREST	34	34			SRIDGE	1883	9573	

# Example 1

- Now know
  - Henry born 1861 in Melbourne
  - Robert had a sister, Eliza, born 1862
  - Robert had a second brother, Richard John
  - Richard John died 1883, aged 34
- Where is Richard John's birth?
- Perhaps remove mother's maiden name

**Digger - VIC Pioneers 1836-1888 - [Query]**

File Edit View Tools Window Help

Getting Started...

Surname:	<input type="text" value="abs?!?m"/>	129	...
Given Names:	<input type="text"/>		...
Event:	<input type="text"/>		...
Spouse Surname/Father:	<input type="text" value="richard"/>	26626	...
Spouse Gvn Names/Mother:	<input type="text" value="eliza"/>	184970	...
Age:	<input type="text"/>		...
Birth Place:	<input type="text"/>		...
Death Place:	<input type="text"/>		...
Year:	<input type="text"/>		...
Reg Number:	<input type="text"/>		...
Denomination:	<input type="text"/>		...
Parish:	<input type="text"/>		...
Total Matching Records:		12	

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Digger - VIC Pioneers 1836-1888 - [Results List]

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Sname	Gvn Nm	Evt	Sps Snm/Father	Sps Gvn/Mother	Age	Age	Sex	Bth Plc	Dth Plc	Yr	Regno	Denom	Parish	Fiche
ABSALOM	Mary	B	Richard	Eliza	0			MELB		1849	16198	Church of England	ST JAMES, MELBOURNE	291
ABSOLOM	Charl Jane	B	Richard	Eliza	0		F	MELBOURNE		1851	27042	Church of England	ST PETERS, MELBOURNE	396
ABSOLOM	Rachel	B	Richard	Eliza	0		F	MELBOURNE		1853	27857	Church of England	ST PETERS, MELBOURNE	409
ABSALOM	Mary	D	Richard	Eliza	5	5		MELBOURNE		1854	5545			
ABSALOM	Rachel	D	Richard	Eliza	1	1		MELBOURNE		1854	5553			
ABSALOM	Robert	B	Richard	Eliza	0			MELB		1855	19163	Church of England	ST JAMES, MELBOURNE	308
ABSALOM	Robert	B	Richard	Eliza EVEREST	0			MELBOURNE		1855	9591			
ABSALOM	David	B	Richard	Eliza EVERIST	0			MELBOURNE		1857	13510			
ABSOLOM	Henry	B	Richard	Eliza EVEREST	0			MELBOURNE		1861	1009			
ABSALOM	Henry	D	Richard	Eliza EVEREST	0	12D		MELB		1861	745			
ABSOLOM	Eliza	B	Richard	Eliza EVEREST	0			MELB		1862	9861			
ABSOLOM	Richard John	D	Richd	Eliza EVEREST	34	34			SRIDGE	1883	9573			

# Example 1

- Now know
  - Robert had four sisters, three brothers
    - Mary born 1849, died 1854
    - Charl Jane (Charlotte?) born 1851
    - Rachel born 1853 died 1854
    - David born 1857
    - Henry born 1861 died 1861
    - Eliza born 1862
    - Richard John born about 1849 died 1883
- Still don't have Richard John's birth
- What about marriage parents?



**Digger - VIC Pioneers 1836-1888 - [Query]**

File Edit View Tools Window Help

Getting Started...

Surname:	<input type="text" value="abs?!?m"/>	129	...
Given Names:	<input type="text" value="rich*d"/>	19558	...
Event:	<input type="text"/>		...
Spouse Surname/Father:	<input type="text"/>		...
Spouse Gvn Names/Mother:	<input type="text"/>		...
Age:	<input type="text"/>		...
Birth Place:	<input type="text"/>		...
Death Place:	<input type="text"/>		...
Year:	<input type="text"/>		...
Reg Number:	<input type="text"/>		...
Denomination:	<input type="text"/>		...
Parish:	<input type="text"/>		...
Total Matching Records:		<input type="text" value="3"/>	

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**Digger - VIC Pioneers 1836-1888 - [Results List]**

File Edit View Tools Window Help



Sname	Gvn Nm	Evt	Sps Snm/Father	Sps Gvn/Mother	Age	Age	Sex	Bth Plc	Dth Plc	Yr	Regno	
ABSALOM	Richard John	B	Richard John	Annie ROWE	0			SAND		1884	5478	
ABSOLOM	Richard John	D	Richd	Eliza EVEREST	34	34			SRIDGE	1883	9573	
ABSOLOM	Richard	M	ROWE	Anne	0			LONDON		1869	4690	

**Digger - VIC Pioneers 1836-1888 - [Query]**

File Edit View Tools Window Help

Getting Started...

Surname:	<input type="text" value="abs?l?m"/>	129	...
Given Names:	<input type="text"/>		...
Event:	<input type="text"/>		...
Spouse Surname/Father:	<input type="text" value="ever*"/>	279	...
Spouse Gvn Names/Mother:	<input type="text"/>		...
Age:	<input type="text"/>		...
Birth Place:	<input type="text"/>		...
Death Place:	<input type="text"/>		...
Year:	<input type="text"/>		...
Reg Number:	<input type="text"/>		...
Denomination:	<input type="text"/>		...
Parish:	<input type="text"/>		...
Total Matching Records:		<input type="text" value="1"/>	

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Digger - VIC Pioneers 1836-1888 - [Results List]

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Sname	Gvn Nm	Evt	Sps Snm/Father	Sps Gvn/Mother	Age	Age	Sex	Bth Plc	Dth Plc	Yr	Regno	Denc
ABSOLOM	Eliza	D	Everist William		43	43		TASM		1869	4957	

# Example 1

- Now know
  - Mother of Robert died 1869, aged 43
  - She was born about 1826 in Tasmania
- Perhaps marriage was in Tasmania?
- Perhaps Richard John born Tasmania?

**Digger - Tasmanian Pioneer Index 1803-1899 - [Query]**

File Edit View Tools Window Help

Getting Started...

Surname:	abs?l?m	65	...
Given Names:			...
Event:			...
Father/Spouse Surname:	everl	85	...
Mother/Spouse Given Names:			...
Day:			...
Month:			...
Year:			...
Age:			...
Sex:			...
Registration Place:			...
Registration Number:			...
Total Matching Records:		0	

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**Digger - Tasmanian Pioneer Index 1803-1899 - [Query]**

File Edit View Tools Window Help

Getting Started...

Surname:	abs?l?m	65	...
Given Names:	rich*	4824	...
Event:			...
Father/Spouse Surname:			...
Mother/Spouse Given Names:			...
Day:			...
Month:			...
Year:			...
Age:			...
Sex:			...
Registration Place:			...
Registration Number:			...
Total Matching Records:		3	

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Digger - Tasmanian Pioneer Index 1803-1899 - [Results List]

File Edit View Tools Window Help



Surname	Given Names	Event	Father/Sps Sname	Mother/Sps Gname	Da	Mc	Year	Age	Sx	Sps	Sps'	Reg Place	Reg No	Ref
ABSOLOM	RICHARD	Birth	RICHARD	EVEREST ELIZA	30	10	1846		M			HOBART	2018/1846	RGD 33
ABSOLOM	RICHARD	Birth	RICHARD	EVEREST ELIZA	30	10	1846		M			HOBART	2026/1846	RGD 33
ABSALOM	RICHARD	Marriage	EBERIDGE	ELIZA	27	10	1845	26	M	21	F	HOBART	1724/1845	RGD 37



# Example 1

- Found birth Richard in Tasmania 1846
- Found potential marriage in Tasmania 1845

# Example 2

- We know William Fishbourne and Matilda O'Brien had seven children in Queensland
  - John c1871
  - Robert c1873
  - Patrick c1875
  - Elizabeth c1878
  - Jane c1881
  - Mary c1884
  - Joseph c1886

**Digger - Qld Pioneers Index 1829-1889 - [Query]**

File Edit View Tools Window Help

Getting Started...

Surname: fishbourne 5 ...

Given Names: ...

Event: ...

Spouse Surname/Father: ...

Spouse Gvn Names/Mother: ...

Day: ...

Month: ...

Year: ...

Reference: ...

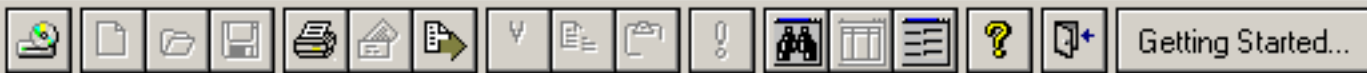
Notes: ...

Total Matching Records: 5

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Digger - Qld Pioneers Index 1829-1889 - [Results List]

File Edit View Tools Window Help



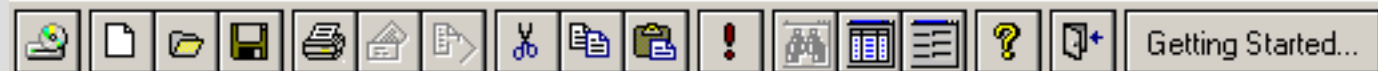
Sname	Gvn Nm	Evt	Sps Snm/Father	Sps Gvn/Mother	Day	Mn	Yr	Ref	N
Fishbourne	John Maloney	Birth	William	Matilda OBrien	15	06	1871	1910/ 003071	
Fishbourne	Robert	Birth	William	Matilda OBrien	06	04	1873	1910/ 003068	
Fishbourne	Jane	Birth	William	Matilda OBrien	12	03	1881	1881/ 001187	
Fishbourne	Mary Ellen	Birth	William	Matilda OBrien	08	11	1883	1910/ 003073	
Fishbourne	Joseph	Birth	William	Matilda OBrien	11	07	1886	1910/ 003074	

## Example 2

- Patrick and Elizabeth are missing!
- Just as well we know about them from other sources.
- Perhaps births not registered?
- Keep searching...

Digger - Qld Pioneers Index 1829-1889 - [Query]

File Edit View Tools Window Help



Surname:	<input type="text" value="fish*"/>	298	...
Given Names:	<input type="text"/>		...
Event:	<input type="text"/>		...
Spouse Surname/Father:	<input type="text" value="william"/>	36678	...
Spouse Gvn Names/Mother:	<input type="text"/>		...
Day:	<input type="text"/>		...
Month:	<input type="text"/>		...
Year:	<input type="text"/>		...
Reference:	<input type="text"/>		...
Notes:	<input type="text"/>		...

Total Matching Records: 24

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Digger - Qld Pioneers Index 1829-1889 - [Results List]

File Edit View Tools Window Help



Sname	Gvn Nm	Evt	Sps Snm/Father	Sps Gvn/Mother	Day	Mn	Yr	Ref	Nts
Fishbourne	Joseph	Birth	William	Matilda OBrien	11	07	1886	1910/ 003074	
Fishbourne	Mary Ellen	Birth	William	Matilda OBrien	08	11	1883	1910/ 003073	
Fishbourne	John Maloney	Birth	William	Matilda OBrien	15	06	1871	1910/ 003071	
Fishbourne	Robert	Birth	William	Matilda OBrien	06	04	1873	1910/ 003068	
Fishbourne	Jane	Birth	William	Matilda OBrien	12	03	1881	1881/ 001187	
Fisher	James	Death	William Fisher	Mary Ann Gillesby	04	09	1884	1884/B017068	
Fish	William George Lawrance	Birth	William John	Margaret Lake	24	06	1887	1887/B039062	
Fisher	James Maxwell	Birth	William	Jessie Beaton	10	12	1867	1867/B007827	
Fisher	Unnamed (F)	Birth	William	Jessie	24	03	1864	1864/ 000242 MA	
Fish	George Jonathan	Birth	Jonathan William	Frances Dorothy Page	10	08	1868	1868/ 001400	
Fisher	Joseph William	Birth	William	Emily Vince	05	04	1880	1880/ 002955	
Fisher	Marion	Birth	William	Ellen Hamilton	23	04	1866	1866/ 000487	
Fisher	Joseph Henry	Birth	William Thomas	Bridget Boyland	04	07	1876	1876/ 003142	
Fisher	Margaret Ann	Birth	William Thomas	Bridget Boyland	30	09	1874	1874/ 003570	

# Example 2

- That didn't help
- Some are registered in 1910!
- Try Queensland Federation!



Digger - Qld Federation Index 1890-1914 - [Query]

File Edit View Tools Window Help



Surname:	fish*	535	...
Given Names:			...
Event:			...
Father/Spouse Surname:	w*m	76968	...
Mother/Spouse Given Names:	mat*	8506	...
Day:			...
Month:			...
Year:			...
Reference:			...

Total Matching Records: 4

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**Digger - Qld Federation Index 1890-1914 - [Results List]**

File Edit View Tools Window Help

Getting Started...

Surname	Given Names	Evt	Fthr/Sps Snm	Mthr/Sps Gnm	Date	Ref
Fishbourne	John Maloney	B	William	Matilda OBrien	1871-06-15	1910/ 003071
Fishbourne	Patrick	B	William	Matilda OBrien	1875-03-17	1910/ 003069
Fishbourne	Elizabeth	B	William	Matilda OBrien	1878-08-12	1910/ 003070
Fishbourne	Jane	B	William	Matilda OBrien	1881-03-12	1910/ 003072

# Example 2

- Now have
  - John Maloney b 15 Jun 1871 registered 1910
  - Robert b 6 Apr 1873 registered 1910
  - Patrick b 17 Mar 1875, registered 1910
  - Elizabeth b 12 Aug 1878 registered 1910
  - Jane b 12 Mar 1881 registered 1881 and 1910
  - Mary Ellen b 8 Nov 1883 registered 1910
  - Joseph b 11 Jul 1886 registered 1910
- Why so many registered 1910?

**Digger - Qld Federation Index 1890-1914 - [Query]**

File Edit View Tools Window Help

Getting Started...

Surname:	<input type="text" value="fishb*"/>	23	...
Given Names:	<input type="text"/>		...
Event:	<input type="text"/>		...
Father/Spouse Surname:	<input type="text"/>		...
Mother/Spouse Given Names:	<input type="text"/>		...
Day:	<input type="text"/>		...
Month:	<input type="text"/>		...
Year:	<input type="text"/>		...
Reference:	<input type="text"/>		...
Total Matching Records:		23	

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**Digger - Qld Federation Index 1890-1914 - [Results List]**

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Surname	Given Names	Evt	Fthr/Sps Snm	Mthr/Sps Grm	Date	Ref
Fishbourne	Patrick	M	Leftwich	Annie Evelyn	1910-02-07	1910/ 000737
Fishbourne	Kathleen Cecelia	B	Patrick	Annie Evelyn Cahill	1914-09-16	1914/ 003459
Fishbourne	Mary	B	Patrick Joseph	Annie Evelyn Cahill	1912-02-07	1912/ 002937
Fishbourne	William Patrick	B	Patrick	Annie Evelyn Cahill	1910-09-08	1910/ 003041
Fishbourne	Edith Isabel	M	Burns	David Finlay	1896-11-12	1896/ 001317
Fishbourne	Joseph Dominic	M	Simmons	Eva May	1910-09-27	1910/ 003087
Fishbourne	Agnes Mary	B	Joseph Dominic	Eva May Simmons	1913-01-04	1913/ 003122
Fishbourne	Robert Francis	B	Joseph Dominic	Eva May Simmons	1910-11-15	1911/ 002716
Fishbourne	Mary Ellen	M	Dougall	James	1903-03-07	1903/B002444
Fishbourne	william	D	Robert Fishbourne	Mary Lee	1910-12-25	1911/ 001030
Fishbourne	William	M	OBrien	Matilda	1910-10-05	1910/ 000779
Fishbourne	Elizabeth	B	William	Matilda OBrien	1878-08-12	1910/ 003070
Fishbourne	Jane	B	William	Matilda OBrien	1881-03-12	1910/ 003072
Fishbourne	John Maloney	B	William	Matilda OBrien	1871-06-15	1910/ 003071
Fishbourne	Patrick	B	William	Matilda OBrien	1875-03-17	1910/ 003069
Fishbourne	John	M	Ambrey	Patience Adelaide	1907-02-11	1907/ 000699
Fishbourne	Elizabeth Mary	B	John	Patience Adelaide	1907-08-29	1907/ 002519
Fishbourne	John Arthur	B	John	Patience Adelaide	1911-06-16	1911/ 002874
Fishburn	George	M	Paterson	Robina White	1896-04-06	1896/B017938
Fishburn	Mabel Chambers	B	George	Robina White Pate	1896-11-06	1896/B059376
Fishborn	George	D	George Fishborn	Sophia Freshmann	1896-07-15	1896/ 003109
Fishborn	George	D	George Fishborn	Sophia Treshman	1896-07-15	1896/B028919
Fishbourne	Jane	M	Reymond	William Henry	1901-11-27	1901/ 000486

## Example 2

- Matilda O'Brien and William Fishbourne were married 5 Oct 1910!
- Registrations in 1910 were therefore legitimisations
- Were births registered at time of birth?

**Digger - Qld Pioneers Index 1829-1889 - [Query]**

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Getting Started...

Surname:	<input type="text"/>		...
Given Names:	<input type="text"/>		...
Event:	<input type="text"/>		...
Spouse Surname/Father:	<input type="text"/>		...
Spouse Gvn Names/Mother:	mat* *br*n	12	...
Day:	<input type="text"/>		...
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Year:	<input type="text"/>		...
Reference:	<input type="text"/>		...
Notes:	<input type="text"/>		...
Total Matching Records:		12	

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Getting Started...

Sname	Gvn Nm	Evt	Sps Snm/Father	Sps Gvn/Mother	Day	Mn	Yr	Ref	N
Fishbourne	Joseph	Birth	William	Matilda OBrien	11	07	1886	1910/ 003074	
Fishbourne	Mary Ellen	Birth	William	Matilda OBrien	08	11	1883	1910/ 003073	
Fishbourne	John Maloney	Birth	William	Matilda OBrien	15	06	1871	1910/ 003071	
Fishbourne	Robert	Birth	William	Matilda OBrien	06	04	1873	1910/ 003068	
OBrien	Jane	Birth		Matilda OBrien	12	03	1881	1881/ 001187	
Fishbourne	Jane	Birth	William	Matilda OBrien	12	03	1881	1881/ 001187	
OBrien	John Maloney	Birth		Matilda OBrien	15	06	1871	1872/ 000242	
OBrien	Julia	Death		Matilda OBrien	17	03	1869	1869/ 000160	
Beier	Matilda	Death	Johann Beier	Leonie Antonatta Mathia Gulbrannser	30	10	1879	1879/ 000206	
Beier	Johanna	Birth	Johann	Elvine Antonetta Mathea Gulbransen	10	10	1884	1884/B033075	
Beier	Andrew Wilhelm	Birth	Johanan	Elvine Antonatta Mathia Gulbransen	25	12	1881	1882/ 000588	
Beier	Matilda	Birth	Johann	Elvine Antonatta Mathew Gulbransen	13	10	1879	1879/ 000576	



## Example 2

- Now have original births of John Maloney and Jane as O'Brien
- Also death of Julia O'Brien in 1869!
  - Is she related?

# Solution Summary

- All indexes have their own idiosyncrasies
- To maximise chances of finding what you are looking for
  - learn what your search program is capable of
  - make copious use of wildcards
  - don't enter more information than necessary
  - try different combinations of search criteria