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#### 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"

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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

## 1.4 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.

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.

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Personal Details Window Gadgets

## 1.5 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

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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

and

Entry Shortcuts

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

.

If a Last Name should not be fully capitalised (for example, MacDONALD is preferred over MACDONALD) then these names should be added to the "Name Exceptions" list. Then, for example, if the Last Name is entered as "macdonald", it will be capitalised to "MacDONALD".

See

Set Name Exceptions

under the

Prefs

menu for more details.

See also

Setting Sex

## 1.6 Setting Sex

### Setting Sex

Clicking on this gadget will cycle through three sex choices - male, female or unknown.

## 1.7 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.

===== IMPORTANT =====

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.

If this convention is adhered to, Scion Genealogist will list the children of a family group sorted by date of birth, and all ages and date differences will be correctly calculated by Scion.

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 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?

Examples:

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

Death Date

Entry Shortcuts

## 1.8 Death Date

Death Date

Where a person is known to be dead, but the date of death is not known, entering the word "dead" in the death date field will set the person's age in the

Statistics field (and printed reports) to "DEAD".

See also:

Dates  
 and  
 Entry Shortcuts

## 1.9 Entry Shortcuts

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## Entry Shortcuts

To speed data entry, there are a number of key shortcuts available when entering data into any data field.

<Esc> Pressing the <Esc> key in any data entry field will cancel further entry into that field. No other field will be activated.

ALT CURSOR RIGHT Will move the cursor to the next word

ALT CURSOR LEFT Will move the cursor to the previous word

ALT BACKSPACE Will delete the previous word (the one to the left of the cursor)

ALT DEL Will delete the next word (the one to the right of the cursor)

ALT CURSOR UP Will move the cursor to the previous data entry field

ALT CURSOR DOWN Will move the cursor to the next data entry field

" Entering a " character (single double-quote) as the first character in a data entry field will, when <enter> is pressed, copy the entry in the field above into the current data entry field.

For example, entering " into the "Burial Date" field will cause the entry in the "Death Date" field to be copied into the "Burial Date" field.

= Entering a = character (single equal-sign) as the first character in a data entry field will, when <enter> is pressed, copy the entry in the same field in the PREVIOUS record into the current data entry field.

For example, entering = into the "Burial Date" field will cause the entry in the "Burial Date" field of the previous person (in numerical order) to be copied into the "Burial Date" field of the current person.

! Entering a ! character (exclamation point) as the first character in the "Ended" date field of a Family Details Window will, when <enter> is pressed, copy the EARLIER of the death dates of the Principal or Spouse of the current Family Group. Assumes that death dates are recorded for both the Principal and the Spouse. If either partner does not have a death date, then this shortcut will have no effect.

The "Ending" gadget will also change to "Death" to reflect that the partnership was ended by death. This can subsequently be changed by the user, if required.

For example, if the Principal has a death date of 2 Feb 1947 and the Spouse has a death date of 23 Apr 1953, then entering ! in the

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"Ended" date field will copy "2 Feb 1947" into that field.

Data entry fields also support  
clipboard copy and paste

## 1.10 Clipboard Copy and Paste

### Clipboard Copy and Paste

The data entry fields of Scion support the "copy" and "paste" functions of the clipboard.

When the cursor is within any data entry field, the clipboard keys are:

Right-Amiga C - will copy the current contents of the field to the  
clipboard

Right-Amiga V - will paste the contents of the clipboard into the current  
data entry field

This facility uses the "standard" Amiga clipboard, so will allow interchange of data with any other application supporting the clipboard. For example, if a text editor supports the clipboard, you could then "copy" the data from a particular Scion data entry field into the clipboard, and then paste that data into a text document by using "paste" from within the text editor.

## 1.11 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).

## 1.12 Navigating Around the Personal Database

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## Navigating Around the Personal Database

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

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|«
  Select the first person (in IRN numerical order)
Key shortcut = down-arrow

««
  Select the previous person (in IRN numerical order)
Key shortcut = left-arrow

LIST
  Display selection list of the people in the database

»»
  Select the next person (in IRN numerical order)
Key shortcut = right-arrow

»|
  Select the last person (in IRN numerical order)
Key shortcut = up-arrow
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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

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  gadget at the bottom centre of the screen and type in
the IRN for that person. (Remember to press <RETURN>)
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To search for (and go to the entry for) a particular person in the database, the

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Personal Search
  gadget can be used.
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To locate a particular ancestor, and go to the entry for a particular ancestor, use the

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Anc
  (Ancestors) gadget.
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To locate a particular descendant, and go to the entry for a particular descendant, use the

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Desc
  (Descendants) gadget.
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To locate a particular sibling, and go to the entry for a particular sibling, use the

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«Sib
  and
  Sib»
  gadgets.
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To locate the current person's father, and go to his entry, use the

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Father  
gadget.

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

Mother  
gadget.

To locate the current person's spouse, and go to their entry, use the

Spouse  
gadget.

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

Parents/Siblings  
Select the person's parent's Family Details Window

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

## 1.13 Personal Details Window Gadgets

### Personal Details Window Gadgets

SELECT PERSON Gadgets

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LIST

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TOOLS Gadgets  
Gadgets

EDIT DATABASE Gadgets

SELECT FAMILY ↔

Edit Notes

Add New Person

Parents/Siblings

View Picture

Delete Person  
 Spouse/Children  
 Personal Search  
 Set 1st Marriage  
 Family List...  
 Go to Family...  
     SELECT OTHER Gadgets  
 Anc  
 Desc  
 «Sib  
 Sib»  
     Miscellaneous Gadgets  
 Father  
 Mother  
 Spouse  
 Pick  
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 (IRN Gadget)

#### STATISTICS Area

The data in this area is maintained automatically by the programme.

Age = age of current person. See also  
 Ages

Siblings = total number of siblings of current person

Marriages = total number of marriages for current person.

Children = total number of offspring of current person (all marriages)

Refer also to

Statistics

## 1.14 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.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "down-arrow".

## 1.15 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.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "left-arrow".

## 1.16 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, in birth date order, or in death date order, before displaying the list, select

Extras  
from the  
menu bar, choose the  
Sort Order  
menu item, and select the required  
sort order.

A marker is displayed in the window title bar indicating the current sort order:

[N] = numerical order  
[A] = alphabetical order  
[B] = birth date order  
[D] = death date order

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.

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".

See also "Sticky Lists" under the  
Set Behaviour  
option of the "Prefs"  
menu.

## 1.17 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.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "right-arrow".

## 1.18 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.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "up-arrow".

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## 1.19 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".

## 1.20 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".

## 1.21 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".

## 1.22 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".

## 1.23 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".

## 1.24 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".

## 1.25 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".

## 1.26 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".

## 1.27 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".

See also "Sticky Lists" under the

Set Behaviour

option of the "Prefs"

menu.

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## 1.28 Go to Family Gadget

### 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".

## 1.29 Go to Father Gadget

### Go to Father Gadget

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

## 1.30 Go to Mother Gadget

### Go to Mother Gadget

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

## 1.31 Go to Spouse Gadget

### Go to Spouse Gadget

Clicking on the "Spouse" gadget will move to the Personal Details Window for the current spouse shown for the currently displayed person.

The select the current spouse when the person is married more than once, click on the "<" or ">" arrows at the right-hand side of the spouse display area.

## 1.32 Previous Spouse Gadget

### Previous Spouse Gadget

If the current displayed spouse is one of a number of spouses of the displayed person, clicking on this button will select the preceding spouse.

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### 1.33 Next Spouse Gadget

#### Next Spouse Gadget

If the current displayed spouse is one of a number of spouses of the displayed person, clicking on this button will select the following spouse.

### 1.34 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.

### 1.35 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.

### 1.36 Go to Previous Sibling Gadget

#### Go to Previous Sibling Gadget

Clicking on the "«Sib" gadget will move to the Personal Details Window for the previous sibling of the currently displayed person.

### 1.37 Go to Next Sibling Gadget

#### Go to Next Sibling Gadget

Clicking on the "Sib»" gadget will move to the Personal Details Window for the next sibling of the currently displayed person.

### 1.38 Select IRN Gadget

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### "^" 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 Statistics

### Statistics Area

Personal Details Window:

Age = age of current person. See also  
 Ages  
     Siblings = total number of siblings of current person  
 Marriages = total number of marriages for current person.  
 Children = total number of offspring of current person (all marriages)

Family Details Window:

Princ. Age = age of Principal at date of marriage. See also  
 Ages  
     Spouse Age = age of Principal at date of marriage. See also  
 Ages  
     Years Wed = length of marriage of Principal and Spouse.  
 See also  
 Years Married  
 Children = number of children in this family group.

## 1.40 Ages

### Ages

Ages are maintained automatically by Scion. The "rules" used to calculate a person's age are as follows:

If the birth date is accurate, and the death date is accurate, the age is the difference between the two dates  
 If the death date field contains the word "DEAD", then age = "DEAD"  
 If birth date is blank, then age = "?"  
 If birth date is accurate, and death date is accurate, and age is less than 12 months, then age "<1"  
 If the death date is blank, then calculates the age from the difference between the birth date and the current date. Calculated age will be appended with a "?"  
 If the age (for whatever reason) is greater than 120, then age = ">>>"  
 If the death date is greater than the current date, appends "?" to the age



Additionally:

If any age is uncertain (due to approximate dates) then the age is appended with a "?"

For principal's or spouse's age at marriage, the above rules also apply, but use the birth date and marriage date as the source dates for calculations.

Examples-

BIRTH DATE	DEATH DATE	RESULTANT AGE
=====		
anything	DEAD	DEAD
..blank...	anything	?
4 Apr 1947	...blank...	48? (from current date)
4 Apr 1947	5 June 1958	11 (? appended if either date is uncertain)
4 Apr 1947	5 June 1947	<1 (? appended if either date is uncertain)
4 Apr 1789	5 June 1958	>>>
4 Apr 1789	...blank...	>>>

Examples of uncertain dates -

About 1947	-- 5 June 1958	11?
Before 1947		
After 1947	-+	
4 Apr 1947	-- About 1958	11?
	Before 1958	
	+ After 1958	

## 1.41 Years Married

### Years Married

Years married are maintained automatically by Scion. The "rules" used to calculate the duration of a marriage are as follows:

- If the Wedding Date is accurate, and the Ending Date is accurate, then the years married is the difference between the two dates.
- If the Wedding Date field is blank, then years married = "?"
- If either Wedding Date or Ending Date is uncertain (due to approximate dates), then the calculated years married will be appended by a "?"
- If the Ending Date field is blank, AND neither partner has a specified death date, then the years married is the difference between the Wedding date and the current date. The calculated years will be appended by a "?"
- If the Ending Date field is blank, AND either or both of the partners has a specified death date, then the years married is the difference between the Wedding Date and the earlier of the two death dates. The calculated years will be appended by a "?"
- If either or both of the partners has the word "DEAD" in their death date

field, then the calculated years will be "?"

Examples-

WEDDING DATE	ENDING DATE	YEARS MARRIED
..blank...	anything	?
4 Apr 1947	...blank...	47? (from current date if neither partner has a specified death date. Otherwise from the earlier of the two death dates.)
4 Apr 1947	...blank...	? (if either partners death date is the word "DEAD")
4 Apr 1947	5 June 1958	11 (? appended if either date uncertain)
4 Apr 1947	5 June 1947	<1 (? appended if either date uncertain)
4 Apr 1789	5 June 1958	>>>
4 Apr 1789	...blank...	>>>

Examples of uncertain dates -

About 1947	-- 5 June 1958	11?
Before 1947		
After 1947	-+	
4 Apr 1947	-- About 1958	11?
	Before 1958	
	+ - After 1958	

## 1.42 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.

Entering and Editing Family Information

Navigating Around the Family Database

Family Details Window Gadgets

## 1.43 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  
and  
Entry Shortcuts

## 1.44 Setting End Reason

Setting End Reason

Clicking on this gadget will cycle through six choices for the ending of a Family Group - unknown, none, divorce, separation, annulment or death.

## 1.45 Navigating Around the Family Database

Navigating Around the Family Database

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

SELECT MARRIAGE Gadgets:

|«  
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

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>>  
Select the next marriage of the current Principal

>|  
Select the last marriage of the current Principal

Exchange  
Exchange Principal and Spouse

SELECT FAMILY Gadgets:

|«  
Select the first family (in FGRN numerical order)  
Key shortcut = down-arrow

««  
Select the previous family (in FGRN numerical order)  
Key shortcut = left-arrow

LIST  
Display selection list of the families in the database

>>>  
Select the next family (in FGRN numerical order)  
Key shortcut = right-arrow

>|  
Select the last family (in FGRN numerical order)  
Key shortcut = up-arrow

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

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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.

## 1.46 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

    |«

    ««

LIST

    »»

    »|
    FGRN Gadget

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## 1.47 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".

## 1.48 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".

## 1.49 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.

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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".

You can also go directly to the Personal Details Window for a child by holding down the "Shift" key and clicking on the child of interest.

## 1.50 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

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.

You can also go directly to the Personal Details Window for a child by holding down the "Shift" key and clicking on the child of interest.

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.

## 1.51 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".

## 1.52 People List Gadget

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## 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, in birth date order, or in death date order, before displaying the list, select

Extras  
from the  
menu bar, choose the  
Sort Order  
menu item, and select the required  
sort order.

A marker is displayed in the window title bar indicating the current sort order:

[N] = numerical order  
[A] = alphabetical order  
[B] = birth date order  
[D] = death date order

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.

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".

See also "Sticky Lists" under the  
Set Behaviour

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option of the "Prefs" menu.

## 1.53 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".

## 1.54 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.

## 1.55 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.

## 1.56 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

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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.

## 1.57 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.

## 1.58 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.

## 1.59 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.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "down-arrow".

## 1.60 Previous Family Gadget

"<<<" (Previous Family) Gadget

Clicking on the "<<<" (Previous Family) gadget will take you to the window

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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.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "left-arrow".

## 1.61 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.

## 1.62 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.

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.

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

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "L".

See also "Sticky Lists" under the  
Set Behaviour  
option of the "Prefs"  
menu.

## 1.63 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.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "right-arrow".

## 1.64 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.

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "up-arrow".

## 1.65 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

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

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"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".

## 1.66 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".

## 1.67 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".

## 1.68 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.

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,

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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".

See also "Sticky Lists" under the  
Set Behaviour  
option of the "Prefs"  
menu.

## 1.69 Add Child Gadget

### Add Child Gadget

To add one or more children to a family group (thereby establishing the Principal and Spouse as the childrens' parents), click on the "Add Child" gadget. A list of all the people in the database WITHOUT parents 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 children you wish to add to the family group. To "de-select" a child selected accidentally, click on the child's name again.

When you are satisfied with the list of selected children, click on the "Accept" gadget and the children will be added to the family group.

The added children will then be displayed at the bottom of the list of children in the Family Details Window.

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

The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "A".

See also "Sticky Lists" under the  
Set Behaviour  
option of the "Prefs"  
menu.

## 1.70 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".

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The keyboard shortcut for this gadget is "R".

## 1.71 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 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".

## 1.72 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".

## 1.73 Project Menu

### "Project" Menu

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

New

Open...

Save  
Save As...  
Info...  
About...  
Help  
Quit

## 1.74 New

New:

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

## 1.75 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.

## 1.76 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.

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## 1.77 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".

## 1.78 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.

## 1.79 About...

About...

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

## 1.80 Help

Help:

Selecting "Help" will display this help file.

## 1.81 Quit

Quit:

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

## 1.82 Print Menu

### "Print" Menu

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

- List of People
- Personal Summary
- Pedigree Chart
- Ahnentafel Chart
- Descendant Chart
- Progeny Chart
- List of Families
- Family Group Sheet
- Chronology Chart
- Same-Date-Events List
- List of Anniversaries

## 1.83 Print List of People

Print List of People:

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

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The list can be printed in numerical order (by IRN), in alphabetical order, by order of Birth Date or by order of Death Date.

Printing can be aborted at any time.

Example:

List of People in Database (Order: Alphabetical)

Project Name: Example

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=====
IRN      Name of Person                Sex Birth Date   Death Date  Parents
-----
108  ADAMS, Amanda Helen            F  19 May 1980    105  106
107  ADAMS, Anthony David           M  26 Jun 1956    104  103
104  ADAMS, David James             M  14 Jul 1926
105  ADAMS, Paul Raymond            M  19 May 1953    104  103

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... etc...

## 1.84 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.

Example:

Personal Summary - Caroline Mary MATHEWS [5]

Project Name: Example

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=====
Sex:           F
Born:          ? Aug 1879   Place: Thomastown, Victoria, Australia
Baptised:      Place:
Died:          3 Mar 1962   Place: Coronation Hospital, Christchurch, NZ
Buried:        5 Mar 1962   Place: Park Cemetery, Rangiora, NZ
Occupation:
Education:
Religion:
Died of:
Comments:      Refs: Marriage Certificate, Death Certificate
References:
Parents:       Robert John MATHEWS [8]
               Eliza Ann WILSON [9]
Age: 82? (DEAD), Marriages: 1, Children: 4, Siblings: 8

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FGRN: 4      Spouse 1: Donald Gordon SMITH [4]      Married: 17 May 1913
=====
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## 1.85 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.

## 1.86 Print Ahnentafel Chart

Print Ahnentafel Chart:

This menu item will print an Ahnentafel Chart for the current person.

Printing can be aborted at any time.

Example:

Ahnentafel Chart - Albert Henry SMITH

Project Name: Example

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=====
1  Albert Henry SMITH [1] b: 4 Apr 1947, Maternity Hosp., Ashley Road,
   Rangiora, NZ
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2  Hamilton Robert SMITH [2] b: 14 Feb 1919, Invercargill, NZ; m: 12
   Jan 1946, John Knox Presyterian Church, Rangiora, NZ [FGRN=1]
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3  Wilma Henrietta CLARKSON [3] b: 17 Jan 1921, Fraserburgh, Scotland
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4  Donald Gordon SMITH [4] b: 3 Jun 1879, Pleasant Creek, Victoria,
   Australia; d: 14 Feb 1960, Christchurch, NZ; m: 17 May 1913, St
   Paul's Methodist Parsonage, Invercargill [FGRN=4]
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5  Caroline Mary MATHEWS [5] b: ? Aug 1879, Thomastown, Victoria,
   Australia; d: 3 Mar 1962, Coronation Hospital, Christchurch, NZ
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6  .....
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7  .....
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... etc ...

## 1.87 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.

Example:

Descendant Chart - Charles SMITH

Project Name: Example

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1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9  10
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----
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Charles SMITH

|s:Selina Julia BLISS

| Charles Alfred SMITH

| |s:Margaret DONALD

| | Selina Mary SMITH

| | |s:William DOBSON

| | Charles Henry (Harry) SMITH

| | |s:Mary ANDERSON

| | | Donald SMITH

| | |s:Joyce CASTLE

... etc ...

## 1.88 Print Progeny Chart

Print Progeny Chart:

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

Printing can be aborted at any time.

Example:

Progeny Chart - Donald Gordon SMITH

Project Name: Example

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=====
I      Donald Gordon SMITH [4] b: 3 Jun 1879, Pleasant Creek, Victoria,
      Australia; d: 14 Feb 1960, Christchurch, NZ; m: 17 May 1913, St
      Paul's Methodist Parsonage, Invercargill, s: Caroline Mary
      MATHEWS [5] [FGRN=4]
      1 Charles Allan SMITH
      2 Unnamed SMITH
      3 John Donald SMITH
      4 Hamilton Robert SMITH

II     Charles Allan SMITH [29] b: 22 Feb 1914; d: 3 May 1976, Tauranga,
      NZ; m: NZ, s: Helen BAIN [32] [FGRN=5]
II     Unnamed SMITH [30] b: 20 Jul 1915, Invercargill, NZ; d: 20 Jul 1915
II     John Donald SMITH [31] b: 14 Jan 1917; d: 15 Mar 1973, Christchurch,
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NZ; m: 2 Apr 1941, Rangiora, NZ, s: Kathleen Margaret GRANVILLE [33]  
 [FGRN=6]  
 1 Donald Bertram SMITH  
 2 Jennifer Margaret SMITH

... etc...

## 1.89 Print List of Families

Print List of Families:

This menu item will print a list of the families currently defined in the database. Lists can either be printed in numerical order (by FGRN) or in alphabetical order.

NOTE: With alphabetical lists, each family will appear twice, once for each partner.

Printing can be aborted at any time.

Example:

List of Families in Database (Order: Alphabetical)

Project Name: Example

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FGRN Name of Principal      IRN  Name of Spouse                IRN  Married
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33  ADAMS, David James      104  SMITH, Margaret Ellen        103  11 Sep 1948
34  ADAMS, Paul Raymond    105  WATSON, Sarah                106  23 Apr 1976
21  ANDERSON, Helen        63   DONALD, Peter                62
9   ANDERSON, Mary         41   SMITH, Charles Henry (Har    35   10 Sep 1908
16  ANDERSON, Robert       52   RAMAGE, Mary                 53
5   BAIN, Helen            32   SMITH, Charles Allan         29

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... etc ...

## 1.90 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.

Example:

Family Group Sheet 2

Project Name: Example

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PRINCIPAL: Robert John MATHEWS [8]

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Sex: M  
 Born: About 1838 Place: Dublin, Ireland  
 Baptised: Place:  
 Died: 28 Sep 1891 Place: Fitzroy, Bourke, VIC, Australia  
 Buried: 30 Sep 1891 Place: Coburg Cemetery  
 Occupation: Schoolteacher  
 Education:  
 Religion:  
 Died of:  
 Comments:  
 References:  
 Parents: James William MATHEWS [54]  
 Ann BURCHELL [55]  
 Age: 53? (DEAD), Marriages: 1, Children: 9, Siblings: 0

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Only one marriage recorded.

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SPOUSE: Eliza Ann WILSON [9]

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Sex: F  
 Born: About 1845 Place: County Monaghan, Ireland  
 Baptised: Place:  
 Died: 7 Jan 1911 Place: South Preston, Bourke, VIC, Australia  
 Buried: 9 Jan 1911 Place: Coburg Cemetery  
 Occupation:  
 Education:  
 Religion:  
 Died of:  
 Comments:  
 References:  
 Parents: Thomas WILSON [10]  
 Eliza IRWIN [11]  
 Age: 66? (DEAD), Marriages: 1, Children: 9, Siblings: 8

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Only one marriage recorded.

=====

Engaged: Place:  
 Married: 5 Dec 1867 Place: Moyston, near Ararat, VIC, Australia  
 Ended: Place:  
 Celebrant:  
 Comments: Refer also to personal notes for [8]  
 References:  
 End Reason: Unknown  
 Years Wed: 23?, Children: 9

=====

Sex DETAILS OF CHILDREN

=====

M Name: Herbert Wiley MATHEWS [16]  
 Born:                           Place:  
 Died: Before 1892       Place:  
 Marr: No record of any marriages  
 Spse: <none>

... etc ...

## 1.91 Print Chronology Chart

Print Chronology Chart:

Prints a list of events in chronological order.

Printing can be aborted at any time.

Example:

Chronological List of Events (Exact dates only)

Project Name: Example

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=====
                                1848
  9 Apr 1848 Birth: Charles Alfred SMITH [6]
                                1850
 15 Mar 1850 Birth: Margaret DONALD [7]
                                1867
  5 Dec 1867 Wedding: Robert John MATHEWS [8] & Eliza Ann WILSON [9]
                                1873
 10 Feb 1873 Death: Thomas WILSON [10]
                                1877
  8 Jan 1877 Birth: Ernest Alfred SMITH [37]
... etc ...
```

## 1.92 Print Same-Date-Events List

Print Same-Date-Events List:

Prints a list of events that occur on the same date (but maybe in different years).

Printing can be aborted at any time.

Example:

List of Events Occurring on the Same Date

Project Name: Example

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=====
 14 Feb 1919 Birth: Hamilton Robert SMITH [2]
 14 Feb 1960 Death: Donald Gordon SMITH [4]
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15 Mar 1850 Birth: Margaret DONALD [7]  
15 Mar 1973 Death: John Donald SMITH [31]  
  
31 Mar 1942 Wedding: Eric Frank SMITH [66] & Phyllis Edna JARVIS [67]  
31 Mar 1958 Death: Mary ANDERSON [41]  
  
6 Apr 1883 Birth: Edgar Eric SMITH [38]  
6 Apr 1883 Birth: Victor Arthur SMITH [89]  
  
... etc ...

## 1.93 Print List of Anniversaries

Print List of Anniversaries:

Prints a chronological list of events. Events supported are births, deaths and marriages.

Printing can be aborted at any time.

Example:

List of Anniversaries (Birth)

Project Name: Example

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=====
 8 Jan 1877 Ernest Alfred SMITH [37]
 9 Jan 1974 David Peter SMITH [73]
14 Jan 1917 John Donald SMITH [31]
17 Jan 1921 Wilma Henrietta CLARKSON [3]
29 Jan 1925 Margaret Ellen SMITH [103]

14 Feb 1919 Hamilton Robert SMITH [2]
21 Feb 1948 Kaylene Maree SMITH [72]
22 Feb 1914 Charles Allan SMITH [29]
28 Feb 1959 Roger Dean SMITH [70]
```

... etc ...

## 1.94 Prefs Menu

Prefs (Preferences) Menu

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

Choose Editor

Choose Viewer

Set Screen Mode

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Set Behaviour  
Set Function Keys  
Set Name Exceptions  
Open  
Save  
Save As

## 1.95 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.

Tested Editors

## 1.96 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.

## 1.97 Set Screen Mode

Set Screen Mode:

This allows you to control the behaviour of the Scion "public" screen.

A public screen is a screen that allow other applications to open their display windows on that screen instead of the Workbench screen.

Scion's public screen name is the same as the ARexx port name. See

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ARexx Interface  
for further information.

- (1) Make default public screen  
By default, the Amiga's default public screen is the Workbench screen. Selecting this option makes the Scion screen the default public screen instead.
- (2) "Shanghai" windows  
If this option is selected, older application programmes which expect to open their windows on the Workbench screen will open their windows instead on the default public screen (which may or may not be the Scion screen - see (1) above).
- (3) Pop screen to front  
If this option is selected, the Scion screen will be "popped" to the front when a window opens on it.

## 1.98 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
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Last Name field.

See also the

Pick  
gadget.

#### (5) "Sticky" Lists

By default, whenever a personal or family list is displayed, the list is always positioned to display the first record at the top of the list. When this "Sticky" Lists" checkbox is ticked, the lists will remember their previous positions (if possible). This means that, if a particular list had been scrolled to the mid-point of the list, then the next time that list is displayed, it will still be positioned at the previous mid-point.

#### (6) Print To File

By default, Scion will print all reports to the printer. If this "Print to File" checkbox is ticked, then reports will be "printed" to a disk file. In this case, every time a report is to be printed, a file requester will be displayed to allow you to enter the name for the print file.

NOTE: The reports "printed" to file are plain ASCII with no printer control characters.

## 1.99 Set Function Keys

Set Function Keys

This allows you to define operations that can be carried out using the Amiga function keys F1...F10.

Typically these keys could be used to issue ARexx commands, although any valid command can be attached to a function key.

Type in the commands you want executed into the appropriate string gadget(s) for the required function key(s) and then click on the "Accept" button. To cancel out of the operation, click the "Cancel" button.

Example:

Entering "rx Scion2GEDCOM" into the "F1" entry gadget will mean that the Arexx programme "Scion2GEDCOM.rexx" will be run any time the F1 function key is pressed.

## 1.100 Set Name Exceptions

Set Name Exceptions

This allows you to maintain a list of Last Names that should not be fully capitalised. For example, MacDONALD may be preferred over MACDONALD. Scion will automatically choose the correct capitalisation of a Last Name from

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this list.

Selecting this item will display a list of currently defined Name Exceptions.

To add a new name to the list, type the name as you wish it to be capitalised (for example, MacDONALD) into the entry field near the bottom of the list and then press <enter>. The name will now be displayed in the list above.

To change an existing entry in the list, click on the name in the main list area. The name will now be displayed in the entry field near the bottom of the list. Type the corrections required, and then press <enter>. The changed name will be added back to the main list.

To delete an entry in the list, click on the name in the main list area. The name will now be displayed in the entry field near the bottom of the list. Click on the "Delete" button. The name has now been removed from the list.

When you are satisfied with the contents of the Name Exception list, click on the "Accept" button.

## 1.101 Open/Save/Save As... Preferences

"Open/Save/Save As... Preferences"

These menu items allow you to select and save the current programme preferences.

"Open" Opens a file requester, and allows you to load a previously saved set of Scion preferences.

"Save" Save the current programme preferences as the default preferences. These preferences will then be loaded as the default next time that Scion is started.

"Save As" Opens a file requester and allows you to save the current programme preferences to a file of your choice. This allows a number of different preferences to be stored. These preferences can then be re-loaded using the "Open" option above.

NOTE: The DEFAULT Scion preferences are stored in a file named "Scion.prefs" located in both the "ENV:Scion" and "ENVARC:Scion" directories.

## 1.102 Extras Menu

"Extras" Menu

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

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Sort Order

Add People

Colours

### 1.103 Sort Order

Sort Order:

By default, lists of people are in IRN numerical order. If you would prefer the lists to be in alphabetical order, in birth date order, or in death date order, before displaying the list, select the required sort order.

A marker is displayed in the window title bar indicating the current sort order:

[N] = numerical order  
[A] = alphabetical order  
[B] = birth date order  
[D] = death date order

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

### 1.104 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.

### 1.105 Colours

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.

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

## 1.106 Programme Preferences

### Programme Preferences

Scion Genealogist is supported by a companion "preferences" programme named "ScionPrefs". This allows the user to define their preferred configuration of Scion independently of the programme.

All the options available under the  
Prefs  
menu, and the "Sort Order"  
and "Colours" options under the  
Extras  
menu can be set using this  
programme.

This allows a user to maintain one or more preferred configurations for Scion.

These preferences can also be established or modified from within Scion, independent of "ScionPrefs", if so wished.

## 1.107 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

GETCURRENTIRN

PUTNEWPERSON

GETLASTNAME

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PUTLASTNAME  
GETFIRSTNAME  
PUTFIRSTNAME  
GETSEX  
PUTSEX  
GETBIRTHDATE  
PUTBIRTHDATE  
GETBIRTHPLACE  
PUTBIRTHPLACE  
GETBAPTISMDATE  
PUTBAPTISMDATE  
GETBAPTISMPPLACE  
PUTBAPTISMPPLACE  
GETDEATHDATE  
PUTDEATHDATE  
GETDEATHPLACE  
PUTDEATHPLACE  
GETBURIALDATE  
PUTBURIALDATE  
GETBURIALPLACE  
PUTBURIALPLACE  
GETOCCUPATION  
PUTOCCUPATION  
GETEDUCATION  
PUTEDUCATION  
GETRELIGION  
PUTRELIGION  
GETDIEDOF  
PUTDIEDOF

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GETPERSCOMMENT

PUTPERSCOMMENT

GETPERSREFS

PUTPERSREFS

GETPARENTS

GETMARRIAGE

GETFATHER

GETMOTHER

GETAGE

GETNUMMARRY

GETTOTALCHILD

GETNUMSIB

"Families" Commands:

EXISTFAMILY

GETTOTALFGRN

GETCURRENTFGRN

GETPRINCIPAL

PUTNEWFAMILY

GETSPOUSE

PUTSPOUSE

GETCHILD

PUTCHILD

GETENGAGEDATE

PUTENGAGEDATE

GETENGAGEPLACE

PUTENGAGEPLACE

GETMARRYDATE

PUTMARRYDATE

GETMARRYPLACE

PUTMARRYPLACE

GETENDDATE

PUTENDDATE

GETENDPLACE

PUTENDPLACE

GETCELEBRANT

PUTCELEBRANT

GETWITNESS

PUTWITNESS

GETFAMCOMMENT

PUTFAMCOMMENT

GETFAMREFS

PUTFAMREFS

GETENDING

PUTENDING

GETYEARSWED

GETPAGE

GETSAGE

GETNUMCHILD

"Miscellaneous" Commands:

GETDBNAME

GETDBPATH

GETDBVERSION

GETPROGVERSION

GETFILEVERSION

GETPERSONWIN

GETFAMILYWIN

GETLANGUAGE

GETFUNKEY

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PUTFUNKEY

GETEDITOR

GETVIEWER
Obsolete Commands:

GETPERSUSER1

PUTPERSUSER1

GETPERSUSER2

PUTPERSUSER2

GETPERSUSER3

PUTPERSUSER3

GETFAMUSER1

PUTFAMUSER1

GETFAMUSER2

PUTFAMUSER2

GETPERSLABEL

PUTPERSLABEL

GETFAMLABEL

PUTFAMLABEL
```

## 1.108 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
```

See also

GETDBPATH

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## 1.109 GETDBPATH

GETDBPATH command:

SYNTAX: GETDBPATH

result: Path to the currently loaded database, or the current location of Scion if no database is loaded.

The result is returned in the ARExx variable RESULT.

- NOTES: (1) Returns the path in the form "Work:Data/Example" (no terminating '/'), or "MYDATA:Example" (where "MYDATA" is an existing assign).
- (2) The maximum length of the returned result is 255 characters. If you get a RESULT of 255 characters you can probably be fairly certain that the result has been truncated! If you are concerned about this, you should check the length of RESULT and behave accordingly.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

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

See also

GETDBNAME

## 1.110 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.

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
```

## 1.111 GETCURRENTIRN

GETCURRENTIRN command:

SYNTAX: GETCURRENTIRN

result: The IRN of the currently displayed person.

NOTE: This also includes any deleted people.

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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 */
GETCURRENTIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Currently displayed person = " RESULT
```

## 1.112 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
```

## 1.113 GETCURRENTFGRN

GETCURRENTFGRN command:

SYNTAX: GETCURRENTFGRN

result: The FGRN of the currently displayed family.

NOTE: This also includes any deleted families.

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 */
GETCURRENTFGRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Currently displayed family = " RESULT
```

## 1.114 EXISTPERSON

EXISTPERSON command:

SYNTAX: EXISTPERSON CurrentIRN

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

result: YES if specified person exists in database

NO if specified person does NOT exist in database

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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"
```

## 1.115 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
```

## 1.116 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
```



## 1.117 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
```

## 1.118 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
```

## 1.119 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
```

## 1.120 GETBAPTISMDATE

GETBAPTISMDATE command:

SYNTAX: GETBAPTISMDATE CurrentIRN

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

result: The date of baptism 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 */
GETBAPTISMDATE MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Person's date of baptism is:" RESULT
```

## 1.121 GETBAPTISMPPLACE

GETBAPTISMPPLACE command:

SYNTAX: GETBAPTISMPPLACE CurrentIRN

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

result: The place of baptism 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 */
GETBAPTISMPPLACE MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Person's place of baptism is:" RESULT
```

## 1.122 GETDEATHDATE

GETDEATHDATE command:

SYNTAX: GETDEATHDATE CurrentIRN

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

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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
```

## 1.123 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
```

## 1.124 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
```

## 1.125 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
```

## 1.126 GETOCCUPATION

GETOCCUPATION command:

SYNTAX: GETOCCUPATION CurrentIRN

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

result: The occupation 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 */
GETOCCUPATION MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Person's occupation was:" RESULT
```

## 1.127 GETEDUCATION

GETEDUCATION command:

SYNTAX: GETEDUCATION CurrentIRN

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

result: The recorded educational achievements 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 */
GETEDUCATION MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Person's educational achievements are:" RESULT
```

## 1.128 GETRELIGION

GETRELIGION command:

```
SYNTAX: GETRELIGION CurrentIRN
```

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

result: The recorded religion 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 */
GETRELIGION MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Person's religion is:" RESULT
```

## 1.129 GETDIEDOF

GETDIEDOF command:

```
SYNTAX: GETDIEDOF CurrentIRN
```

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

result: The cause 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 */
GETDIEDOF MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Person's cause of death was:" RESULT
```

## 1.130 GETPERSCOMMENT

GETPERSCOMMENT command:

```
SYNTAX: GETPERSCOMMENT CurrentIRN
```

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

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result: The comments recorded for 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 */
GETPERSCOMMENT MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Personal comments:" RESULT
```

## 1.131 GETPERSREFS

GETPERSREFS command:

SYNTAX: GETPERSREFS CurrentIRN

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

result: The references recorded for 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 */
GETPERSREFS MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Personal references:" RESULT
```

## 1.132 GETFATHER

GETFATHER command:

SYNTAX: GETFATHER CurrentIRN

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

result: The IRN of the specified person's father.

NOTE: If neither of the person's parents have a specified sex, this  
function MAY return the wrong parent.

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 */
GETFATHER MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Person's father's IRN = " RESULT
```

### 1.133 GETMOTHER

GETMOTHER command:

SYNTAX: GETMOTHER CurrentIRN

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

result: The IRN of the specified person's mother.

NOTE: If neither of the person's parents have a specified sex, this  
function MAY return the wrong parent.

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 */
GETMOTHER MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Person's mother's IRN = " RESULT
```

### 1.134 GETAGE

GETAGE command:

SYNTAX: GETAGE CurrentIRN

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

result: The age 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 */
GETAGE MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Person's age = " RESULT
```

### 1.135 GETNUMMARRY

GETNUMMARRY command:

SYNTAX: GETNUMMARRY CurrentIRN

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

result: The number of marriages recorded for 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 */
GETNUMMARRY MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Number of time person has been married = " RESULT
```

## 1.136 GETTOTALCHILD

## GETTOTALCHILD command:

SYNTAX: GETTOTALCHILD CurrentIRN

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

result: The total number of offspring of the specified person (for  
ALL marriages).

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 */
GETTOTALCHILD MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Total number of offspring of person = " RESULT
```

## 1.137 GETNUMSIB

## GETNUMSIB command:

SYNTAX: GETNUMSIB CurrentIRN

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

result: The number of siblings (brothers and sisters) 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 */
GETNUMSIB MyIRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Total number of siblings of person = " RESULT
```

## 1.138 GETPERSUSER1



GETPERSUSER1 command:

This command is now obsolete, and is equivalent to  
GETOCCUPATION

Returns the occupation of the specified person.

### 1.139 GETPERSUSER2

GETPERSUSER2 command:

This command is now obsolete, and is equivalent to  
GETPERSCOMMENT

Returns the comments recorded for the specified person.

### 1.140 GETPERSUSER3

GETPERSUSER3 command:

This command is now obsolete, and is equivalent to  
GETPERSREFS

Returns the references recorded for the specified person.

### 1.141 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
```

### 1.142 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
```

## 1.143 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"
```

## 1.144 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
```

## 1.145 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
```

## 1.146 GETENGAGEDATE

## GETENGAGEDATE command:

```
SYNTAX: GETENGAGEDATE CurrentFGRN
```

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

result: The date of engagement 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 */
GETENGAGEDATE MyFGRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Date of engagement is:" RESULT
```

## 1.147 GETENGAGEPLACE

GETENGAGEPLACE command:

SYNTAX: GETENGAGEPLACE CurrentFGRN

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

result: The place of engagement 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 */
GETENGAGEPLACE MyFGRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Place of engagement is:" RESULT
```

## 1.148 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
```

## 1.149 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
```

## 1.150 GETENDDATE

GETENDDATE command:

```
SYNTAX: GETENDDATE CurrentFGRN
```

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

result: The date of the ending of the 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 */
GETENDDATE MyFGRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Date of marriage ending is:" RESULT
```

## 1.151 GETENDPLACE

GETENDPLACE command:

```
SYNTAX: GETENDPLACE CurrentFGRN
```

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

result: The place of ending of the 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 */
GETENDPLACE MyFGRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Place of marriage ending is:" RESULT
```

## 1.152 GETCELEBRANT

GETCELEBRANT command:

```
SYNTAX: GETCELEBRANT CurrentFGRN
```

where: CurrentFGRN is the FGRN of the family

---

of interest in the Scion database

result: The celebrant of the 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 */
GETCELEBRANT MyFGRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Marriage celebrant was:" RESULT
```

## 1.153 GETWITNESS

GETWITNESS command:

SYNTAX: GETWITNESS CurrentFGRN

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

result: The witness of the 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 */
GETWITNESS MyFGRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Marriage witness was:" RESULT
```

## 1.154 GETFAMCOMMENT

GETFAMCOMMENT command:

SYNTAX: GETFAMCOMMENT CurrentFGRN

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

result: The comments recorded 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 */
GETFAMCOMMENT MyFGRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Family comments:" RESULT
```

## 1.155 GETFAMREFS

GETFAMREFS command:

SYNTAX: GETFAMREFS CurrentFGRN

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

result: The references recorded 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 */
GETFAMREFS MyFGRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Family references:" RESULT
```

## 1.156 GETENDING

GETENDING command:

SYNTAX: GETENDING CurrentFGRN

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

result: The reason for the end of the marriage for the specified  
family.

Result values are:

- 0 = Unknown
- 1 = None
- 2 = Divorce
- 3 = Separation
- 4 = Annulment
- 5 = Death

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 */
GETENDING MyFGRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "End reason:" RESULT
```

## 1.157 GETYEARSWED

GETYEARSWED command:

SYNTAX: GETYEARSWED CurrentFGRN

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

result: The number of years married 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 */
GETYEARSWED MyFGRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Years married:" RESULT
```

## 1.158 GETPAGE

GETPAGE command:

SYNTAX: GETPAGE CurrentFGRN

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

result: The age of the principal of the specified family at the  
date of marriage

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 */
GETPAGE MyFGRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Principal's age at marriage:" RESULT
```

## 1.159 GETSAGE

GETSAGE command:

SYNTAX: GETSAGE CurrentFGRN

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

result: The age of the spouse of the specified family at the  
date of marriage

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 */
GETSAGE MyFGRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
```



Say "Spouse's age at marriage:" RESULT

## 1.160 GETNUMCHILD

GETNUMCHILD command:

SYNTAX: GETNUMCHILD CurrentFGRN

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

result: The number of children 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 */
GETNUMCHILD MyFGRN /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Number of children in this family:" RESULT
```

## 1.161 GETFAMUSER1

GETFAMUSER1 command:

This command is now obsolete, and is equivalent to

GETCELEBRANT

Returns the marriage celebrant for the specified family.

## 1.162 GETFAMUSER2

GETFAMUSER2 command:

This command is now obsolete, and is equivalent to

GETFAMCOMMENT

Returns the comments recorded for the specified family.

## 1.163 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
```

## 1.164 GETFILEVERSION

GETFILEVERSION command:

SYNTAX: GETFILEVERSION

result: The current database file version set by Scion.

Scion will always read databases with version numbers less than or equal to this number.

See also

GETDBVERSION

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 */
GETFILEVERSION /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Current Scion database file version:" RESULT
```

## 1.165 GETDBVERSION

GETDBVERSION command:

SYNTAX: GETDBVERSION

result: The version number of the database currently loaded into Scion.

See also

GETFILEVERSION

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 */
GETDBVERSION /* Issue command to Scion Genealogist */
Say "Currently loaded database file version:" RESULT
```

## 1.166 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 */
```

## 1.167 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 */
```

## 1.168 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 */
```

## 1.169 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)

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 */
```

## 1.170 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 */
```

## 1.171 PUTBAPTISMDATE

PUTBAPTISMDATE command:

```
SYNTAX: PUTBAPTISMDATE CurrentIRN "Baptism Date"
```

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

---

Set the baptism date of the specified person in the database to the quoted string "Baptism 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 */
PUTBAPTISMDATE MyIRN "14 Jun 1893" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.172 PUTBAPTISMPPLACE

PUTBAPTISMPPLACE command:

SYNTAX: PUTBAPTISMPPLACE CurrentIRN "Baptism Place"

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

Set the baptism place of the specified person in the database to the quoted string "Baptism 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 */
PUTBAPTISMPPLACE MyIRN "St John's Church" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.173 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 */
```

## 1.174 PUTDEATHPLACE

PUTDEATHPLACE command:

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

where: CurrentIRN is the IRN of the person  
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 */
```

## 1.175 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 */
```

## 1.176 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 */
```

## 1.177 PUTOCCUPATION

PUTOCCUPATION command:

```
SYNTAX: PUTOCCUPATION CurrentIRN "Occupation"
```

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

Set the occupation of the specified person in the  
database to the quoted string "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 */
PUTOCCUPATION MyIRN "School teacher" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.178 PUTEDUCATION

PUTEDUCATION command:

```
SYNTAX: PUTEDUCATION CurrentIRN "Education"
```

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

Set the educational achievements of the specified person  
in the database to the quoted string "Education".

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 */
PUTEDUCATION MyIRN "Bachelor of Engineering" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.179 PUTRELIGION

PUTRELIGION command:

```
SYNTAX: PUTRELIGION CurrentIRN "Religion"
```

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

---

Set the religion of the specified person in the database to the quoted string "Religion".

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 */
PUTRELIGION MyIRN "Methodist" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.180 PUTDIEDOF

PUTDIEDOF command:

SYNTAX: PUTDIEDOF CurrentIRN "Died Of"

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

Set the cause of death of the specified person in the database to the quoted string "Died Of".

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 */
PUTDIEDOF MyIRN "Heart failure" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.181 PUTPERSCOMMENT

PUTPERSCOMMENT command:

SYNTAX: PUTPERSCOMMENT CurrentIRN "Comment"

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

Set the personal comments of the specified person in the database to the quoted string "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 */
PUTPERSCOMMENT MyIRN "Founder of Scion fanclub" /* Issue command */
```



## 1.182 PUTPERSREFS

PUTPERSREFS command:

```
SYNTAX: PUTPERSREFS CurrentIRN "References"
```

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

Set the personal references of the specified person in the  
database to the quoted string "References".

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 */  
PUTPERSREFS MyIRN "Death certificate XY12345" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.183 PUTPERSUSER1

PUTPERSUSER1 command:

This command is now obsolete, and is equivalent to

PUTOCCUPATION

Sets the occupation of the specified person.

## 1.184 PUTPERSUSER2

PUTPERSUSER2 command:

This command is now obsolete, and is equivalent to

PUTPERSCOMMENT

Sets the personal comment of the specified person.

## 1.185 PUTPERSUSER3

PUTPERSUSER3 command:

This command is now obsolete, and is equivalent to

PUTPERSREFS

Sets the personal references of the specified person.

## 1.186 PUTENGAGEDATE

PUTENGAGEDATE command:

```
SYNTAX: PUTENGAGEDATE CurrentFGRN "Engagement Date"
```

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

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Set the engagement date of the specified family in the database to the quoted string "Engagement 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 */
PUTENGAGEDATE MyFGRN "23 Feb 1897" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.187 PUTENGAGEPLACE

PUTENGAGEPLACE command:

SYNTAX: PUTENGAGEPLACE CurrentFGRN "Engagement Place"

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

Set the engagement place of the specified family in the database to the quoted string "Engagement 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 */
PUTENGAGEPLACE MyFGRN "Rangiora, NZ" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.188 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 */
```

## 1.189 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 */
```

## 1.190 PUTENDDATE

PUTENDDATE command:

```
SYNTAX: PUTENDDATE CurrentFGRN "End Date"
```

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

Set the end date of the specified family in the  
database to the quoted string "End 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 */  
PUTENDDATE MyFGRN "23 Feb 1897" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.191 PUTENDPLACE

PUTENDPLACE command:

```
SYNTAX: PUTENDPLACE CurrentFGRN "End Place"
```

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

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

result: none (database updated)

EXAMPLE USAGE:

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```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
MyFGRN = 5 /* Set MyFGRN to family 5 */
PUTENDPLACE MyFGRN "Christchurch, NZ" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.192 PUTCELEBRANT

PUTCELEBRANT command:

```
SYNTAX: PUTCELEBRANT CurrentFGRN "Celebrant"
```

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

Set the celebrant of the marriage for the specified family  
in the database to the quoted string "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 */
PUTCELEBRANT MyFGRN "Rev. Smith" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.193 PUTWITNESS

PUTWITNESS command:

```
SYNTAX: PUTWITNESS CurrentFGRN "Witness"
```

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

Set the witness of the marriage for the specified family  
in the database to the quoted string "Witness"

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 */
PUTWITNESS MyFGRN "John Doe" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.194 PUTFAMCOMMENT

PUTFAMCOMMENT command:

```
SYNTAX: PUTFAMCOMMENT CurrentFGRN "Comment"
```

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

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Set the family comments for the specified family in the database to the quoted string "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 */
PUTFAMCOMMENT MyFGRN "Husband absconded" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.195 PUTFAMREFS

PUTFAMREFS command:

SYNTAX: PUTFAMREFS CurrentFGRN "References"

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

Set the family references for the specified family in the database to the quoted string "References"

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 */
PUTFAMREFS MyFGRN "Marriage Certificate AB9876" /* Issue command */
```

## 1.196 PUTENDING

PUTENDING command:

SYNTAX: PUTENDING CurrentFGRN EndNum

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

Set the ending for the specified family in the database to the value in "EndNum".

Valid values are:

- 0 = Unknown
- 1 = None
- 2 = Divorce
- 3 = Separation
- 4 = Annulment
- 5 = Death

Values greater than 5 will have no effect.

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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 */
MyFGRN = 5 /* Set MyFGRN to family 5 */
PUTENDING MyFGRN 5 /* Issue command (ending = "death") */
```

## 1.197 PUTFAMUSER1

PUTFAMUSER1 command:

This command is now obsolete, and is equivalent to

PUTCELEBRANT

Sets the celebrant of the specified family.

## 1.198 PUTFAMUSER2

PUTFAMUSER2 command:

This command is now obsolete, and is equivalent to

PUTFAMCOMMENT

Sets the family comments of the specified family.

## 1.199 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 */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
PUTNEWPERSON
If RESULT = 0 then say "Command failed"
else say "IRN of new record = " RESULT
```

## 1.200 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
```

## 1.201 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 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
```

## 1.202 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
```

## 1.203 GETPERSONWIN

GETPERSONWIN command:

SYNTAX: GETPERSONWIN ShowIRN

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

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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"
```

## 1.204 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"
```

## 1.205 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
```

## 1.206 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
```

## 1.207 GETFUNKEY

GETFUNKEY command:

SYNTAX: GETFUNKEY FunctionKey

where: FunctionKey is a number from 1 to 10 inclusive, representing  
F1 - F10 inclusive.

Return the string currently assigned to a function key.

result: The string currently assigned to a function key.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
GETFUNKEY 3 /* Get string assigned to F3 */
Say "F3 is currently " RESULT
```

## 1.208 PUTFUNKEY

PUTFUNKEY command:

SYNTAX: PUTFUNKEY FunctionKey "mystring"

where: FunctionKey is a number from 1 to 10 inclusive, representing  
F1 - F10 inclusive, and

"mystring" is a string to assign to that function key.

Assign a string to a function key.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
PUTFUNKEY 3 "rx Scion2GEDCOM" /* Set string assigned to F3 */
```

## 1.209 GETEDITOR

GETEDITOR command:

SYNTAX: GETEDITOR

Returns the full path/filename of the user-defined text editor. If the editor is undefined, returns an "empty" string.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
GETEDITOR
if (RESULT = "") then say "No editor defined"
else say "Editor path/name = " RESULT
```

## 1.210 GETVIEWER

GETVIEWER command:

SYNTAX: GETVIEWER

Returns the full path/filename of the user-defined picture viewer. If the viewer is undefined, returns an "empty" string.

EXAMPLE USAGE:

```
MyPort = "SCIONGEN" /* Point at Scion Genealogist port */
Address value MyPort /* Change ARExx address to that port */
GETVIEWER
if (RESULT = "") then say "No viewer defined"
else say "Viewer path/name = " RESULT
```

## 1.211 GETPERSLABEL

GETPERSLABEL command:

This command is no longer supported.

Label 1 will always return "Occupation".

Label 2 will always return "Comments".

Label 3 will always return "References".

## 1.212 GETFAMLABEL

GETFAMLABEL command:

This command is no longer supported.

Label 1 will always return "Celebrant".

Label 2 will always return "Comments".

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## 1.213 PUTPERSLABEL

PUTPERSLABEL command:

This command is no longer supported, and will always return a value of 1 (TRUE) signifying success.

## 1.214 PUTFAMLABEL

PUTFAMLABEL command:

This command is no longer supported, and will always return a value of 1 (TRUE) signifying success.

## 1.215 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.

## 1.216 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.

## 1.217 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".

## 1.218 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

## 1.219 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

Choose Viewer  
option from the  
Prefs  
menu.

Personal pictures are accessed by clicking on the

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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.

## 1.220 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 PRINT REPORTS TO A DISK FILE RATHER THAN TO THE PRINTER?

Make sure the "Print to file" option under the "Set Behaviour" item of the "Prefs" menu is checked. See  
Set Behaviour

NOTE: Descendant Charts will print to file, but because of ↔  
the way  
that they are constructed, will not be in an easily editable form.  
They will, however, print correctly from the file.

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 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.

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#### 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 5000 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.

## 1.221 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.

This version of Scion does not support this additional information explicitly. The "comments" or "references" fields can be used to record this additional LDS information.

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## 1.222 GEDCOM Support

### GEDCOM Support

Scion can export and import GEDCOM data by way of ARexx scripts. Two such scripts are supplied, "Scion2GEDCOM.rexx" and "GEDCOM2Scion.rexx", written by Freddy Ariës of the Netherlands.

Scion2GEDCOM will export GEDCOM data from a Scion database, and GEDCOM2Scion will import GEDCOM data into a Scion database.

These ARexx scripts can either be run from a "shell" (once Scion is running), or can be assigned to one of the user-defined function keys. See

Set Function Keys

For example, you might define "F1" to be "rx REXX:Scion2GEDCOM" and "F2" to be "rx REXX:GEDCOM2Scion" (when the ARexx scripts are in the "REXX:" location). If these ARexx scripts are in a different location, replace "REXX:" with the location of the scripts. Now when "F1" is pressed, the Scion2GEDCOM ARexx script will be executed from within Scion, etc.

See also the "ReadMe" file supplied with the ARexx scripts.

## 1.223 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
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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

## 1.224 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 = 4999

Maximum number of families per database = 4999

Maximum number of marriages per person = 10

Maximum number of children per family group = 40

#### REQUIREMENTS:

A minimum of 1 Mbyte of RAM is required. This will allow for approximately 800 people. 4 Mbytes of RAM is required for the full 4999 people.

Scion will use any "virtual" memory allocated by virtual memory managers such as GigaMem (© Copyright 1991,1992 Christian A Schnedier, F Burgel, Relog AG) and VMM (© Copyright 1994 Martin Apel).

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 ALSO

What's New

## 1.225 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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Particular thanks go to Freddy Ariës of the Netherlands for his enthusiastic support, testing, suggestions, translations, and major ARexx support programmes which have helped to make Scion the success it has been. Many thanks, Freddy.

Thanks also to all those people who have taken the time to make suggestions. It is only through such feedback that I can try to make Scion the sort of programme that users want.

#### TRANSLATIONS

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Dutch: Freddy Ariës  
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Norwegian: Tor Willy Austerslatt  
French: Alain Bourgery  
Italian: Andrea Mansella  
Swedish: Ulf Andersson  
Finnish: Manu Pärssinen

## 1.226 What's New

### What's New for Version 4 of Scion

Personal Details Window:

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Additional data entry fields -

Baptism date and place  
Education  
Religion

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Died Of (as in "Cause of death")

Additional Navigation gadgets -

Go to spouse (select from multiple spouses with adjacent gadgets)  
Next/Previous Sibling ("Sib>" and "<Sib")

Other Changes -

Sex gadget is now a cycle gadget rather than a string entry gadget  
New statistics display of -  
Age  
No. of Marriages  
No. of Children (total from all marriages)  
No. of Siblings

Family Details Window:

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Additional data entry fields -

Engagement date and place  
Ended date and place  
Witness  
References

New Gadgets -

End Reason (of marriage) - choices "Unknown/None/Divorce/  
Separation/Annulment/Death"

Other Changes -

New statistics display of -  
Years wed  
Principal's age at marriage  
Spouse's age at marriage  
No. of Children (for this marriage)

General changes:

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Number of records -

Scion will now handle up to 5000 people and 5000 family groups.  
As the records are stored in RAM, these limits will only be possible with sufficient RAM. Scion will use any "virtual" memory allocated by virtual memory managers such as GigaMem (© Copyright 1991,1992 Christian A Schnedier, F Burgel, Relog AG) and VMM (© Copyright 1994 Martin Apel).

Many more ARexx commands -

See  
ARexx Interface  
for more information.

Also, the following commands are now obsolete:

GETPERSUSER1

PUTPERSUSER1

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GETPERSUSER2

PUTPERSUSER2

GETPERSUSER3

PUTPERSUSER3

GETFAMUSER1

PUTFAMUSER1

GETFAMUSER2

PUTFAMUSER2

GETPERSLABEL

PUTPERSLABEL

GETFAMLABEL

PUTFAMLABEL

Database Name on Screen -

Scion now displays the name of the current database in the titlebar.

Preferences programme to set -

Behaviour of programme -

Confirm "Add Person"

Capitalize first names

Capitalize place names

Carry-over last names

"Sticky" lists (NEW - See below)

Print to file (NEW - Directs the output of printed reports to file rather than to the printer)

Default public screen +-+

"Shanghai" windows | (NEW - Public screen support)

Pop screen to front ---+

Colours schemes

Sort Order of lists

Selection of user-defined text editor

Selection of user-defined picture viewer

Name Exceptions (NEW - see below)

User-defined function keys (NEW - assign any command such as a DOS command or ARexx macro to any function key)

Name Exceptions -

By default, Scion fully capitalizes last names. In some cases this behaviour is undesirable. For example, "MacDONALD" is better than "MACDONALD" and "van de HAAR" is better than "VAN DE HAAR".

Scion now supports user-definable "name exception" lists. Into these lists, the user types the "correct case" version of names that should not be fully capitalized. For example, if an entry in a list is "MacDONALD", then that capitalization will always be

used for that last name.

#### "Sticky" Lists -

Lists of people can now be made (optionally) "sticky". What this means is that if a people list has been scrolled to some position and then closed, when that list is re-opened, it will display from the same position. No more scrolling down from the top every time. Note that if the number of people in the list changes for any reason, the list will "reset" to displaying initially from the top.

#### Multiple Addition of Children -

The "Add Child" list now allows for multiple selection. In this way, more than one child can be added to a family group at once.

The list of possible children to add to a family is now also limited to showing those people WITHOUT parents, reducing the possibility of trying to add children who already have parents defined.

#### Improved Screen Handling -

Scion now fully supports public screens.

Where possible, Scion will also honour the user's preferences for screen mode. For example, if a (default) PAL user prefers to use an NTSC type display, Scion will attempt to open its screen in NTSC.

I'd be interested in hearing how well Scion works with one of those fancy display cards? Let me know!

#### Improved Date Handling -

#### Clipboard support -

Scion now supports the standard Amiga clipboard for copy and paste operations. Press Right-Amiga-C to copy the entry in any string gadget to the clipboard. Press Right-Amiga-V to paste the contents of the clipboard into a string gadget. Note that text can be copied and pasted between ANY Amiga application supporting the clipboard, not just Scion!

#### Special keyboard shortcuts -

There are now special short-cut keys to speed the entry of duplicate information.

For event date and place fields, if the first character entered into the field is a double-quote ("), then the entry in the field immediately above will be copied into the current field. Also, if the first character entered into the field is an equal sign (=), then the entry in the equivalent field in the previous record (by numerical order) will be copied into the current field.

For other data fields, if the first character entered into the field is an equal sign (=), then the entry in the equivalent field in the previous record (by numerical order) will be copied into the current field.

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For the Family Group "Ended" date field, if the first character entered into the field is an exclamation mark (!), then the earlier of the principal's or spouse's death date will be copied into the field and the "End Reason" gadget will change to "Death". Note that both the Principal's and Spouse's death date must be present for this behaviour.

Special handling of "unknown" death -

The Death Date field will now accept the word "dead" instead of a date. In this event, the "Age" statistics will display "DEAD".

New and Revised Printouts -

LIST OF PEOPLE...  
.. Alphabetical order  
.. Numerical order  
.. Birth date order  
.. Death date order  
PERSONAL SUMMARY...  
.. Current  
.. Range  
.. All  
PEDIGREE CHART  
..... ANY SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS VERY WELCOME .....

AHNENTAFEL CHART...  
.. Include known  
.. Known only  
DESCENDANT CHART...  
.. With IRN  
.. Without IRN  
PROGENY CHART  
LIST OF FAMILIES  
.. Alphabetical order  
.. Numerical order  
FAMILY GROUP SHEET ...  
.. Current  
.. Range  
.. All  
CHRONOLOGY CHART...  
.. Exact dates only  
.. All dates  
SAME-DAY-EVENTS LIST  
LIST OF ANNIVERSARIES...  
.. Birth  
.. Death  
.. Marriage

## 1.227 Error Messages

Explanation of Error Message Returned by Scion Genealogist

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"Couldn't allocate the ..... gadgets"

Programme was unable to allocate the gadgets in a window used by Scion Genealogist.

Probably due to memory running short.

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"Couldn't attach ..... menus"

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

"Couldn't initialize the ..... gadgets"

Programme was unable to initialize the gadgets in a window used by Scion Genealogist. Probably due to memory running short.

"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"

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Either: (1) You have reached the maximum number of people you can have in a database (4999), or,  
(2) you have reached the maximum number of families you can have in a database (4999).

"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 (4999).

"No database name specified"

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

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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"

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 'rexsyslib.library' could not be opened, ARexx functions will

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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 ..... window"

Programme was unable a to open window used by Scion Genealogist. 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 Topaz font"

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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