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ID Numbers

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ID numbers in Reunion can be used for navigation and searching as well as to identify individuals or families.

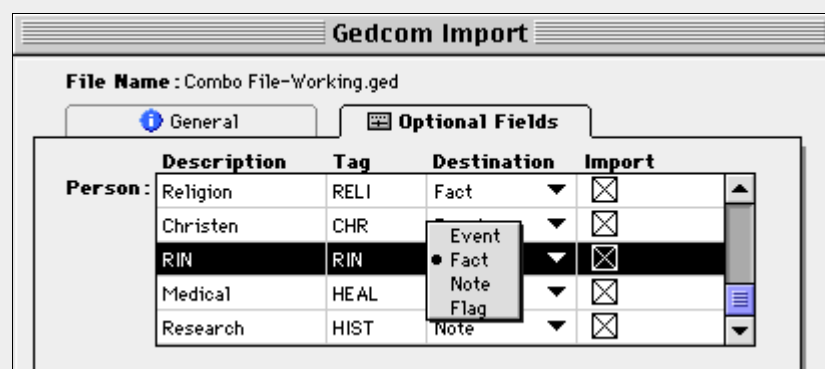
Reunion's ID Numbers

Each person that you enter into a Reunion family file is assigned a unique ID number called a **Person ID**. Each immediate family is also assigned a number called a **Family ID** (even if there is only one person in the immediate family). These numbers can be shown on the family card in the status bar, and in lists, reports, and charts if you choose. These Person and Family ID numbers are appointed by Reunion and cannot be changed by the user. Reunion uses these numbers, among other things, when creating certain reports.

Your Own ID Numbers

If you are an organized researcher and already have identifiers for your people or families, you can import or enter them into any field in Reunion.

For instance, RINs (Record Identification Numbers) from a PAF GEDCOM file could be imported to a fact field called "RIN." Using the **Import -> GEDCOM** feature, under the **Optional Fields** tab, select the RIN field and use the **Destination** pop-up menu to choose a fact field. Make sure the box is checked in the **Import** column, and click the **Import** button. Your RIN numbers from PAF will now be in a separate fact field in your new Reunion family file.



User ID Numbers

Reunion offers a **User ID** field into which you can place anything you want, up to 255 characters. This is a great place to enter cross-references to folders or documents in a filing cabinet, as well as individual identification data. You can edit this field from any **Edit**

Person window, under the **Name** tab.

Edit Person

Stephen Lawrence GEORGE Person ID: 16

Name | Events | Facts | Notes | Flags

First Name: Stephen Lawrence Sex: Male ▼

Last Name: GEORGE User ID: G145s1

Prefix Title: Soundex: G620

Suffix Title: ☒ Last Name UPPERCASE

☒ Initial Caps

Although you cannot import your own identifiers directly into the **User ID** field, you can get them there with one extra step. Here's how:

1. Import the GEDCOM into a new family file as directed above, placing your ID numbers into a fact field;
2. After the import, from any card, select **File -> Delete/Move Fields**;
3. Using the two pop-up menus in the middle of the Delete/Move Fields window (next to the **Move Field** button), choose the fact field containing your ID numbers as the **From** field, and the **User ID** field as the **To** field;
4. Click the **Move Field** button.

Delete/Move Fields

Field: None ▼

From: RIN-PAF ▼

To: User ID ▼

Source Field: None ▼

Ta-dah! Your ID numbers are now in the **User ID** field.

If you already had data entered into any **User ID** field in this family file, moving the contents of another field into the **User ID** field will **not** affect the entered data. Any new data is appended to (added at the end of) whatever was there.

Displaying ID Numbers

ID numbers can be shown in many places within Reunion as well as in reports and on charts. On each family card, you can choose to view the **Little Status Bar**, which includes the **ID Number** (Person ID) or the **User ID**. To choose which one to view, use the **Options -> Define -> Views** menu item [**Help -> Search for Help, "define views"**]. On each family card, the **Big Status Bar** at the bottom of the window includes the Family ID in the center.

In **list views**, such as in the Index and Relationship windows, you can see ID numbers in three ways:

1. The **Person ID** of the selected person is shown in the **Find ID** button at the bottom of the window. (If you click this button, the **Find Person** window opens with this Person's ID already entered.)

Find ID*:

2. You can also choose to show all the Person ID numbers just before the names in the list. Use the **Sort** pop-up menu at the top left to choose the order of the names and numbers.

Index				
Sort: Last Name, First Name		Show: All	Entries: 635	
Type letters to			Marked People: 9	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Last Name			Birth Place	Person ID
PRYOR				120
PRYOR			1813	122
PRYOR			1819	123
PRYOR				152
PRYOR			1855 Appoquinimink, New Ca	7
PRYOR	Lawrence Joseph	18 Sep 1918		48
PRYOR	Lillian Katherine	20 Nov 1938	Scranton, Lackawanna	65
PRYOR	Mae J.	1885	DE	13

3. You can also choose the **Person ID**, the **Family ID**, the **Parent's ID** (the Family ID of that person's parents), or the **User ID** as a column in a list window. Use the pop-up menus to choose a field to view.

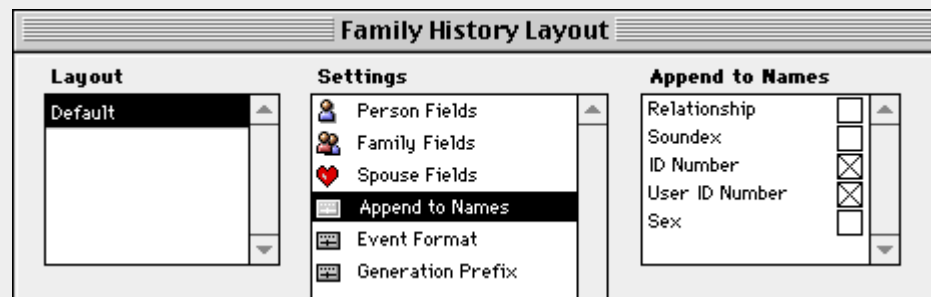
Found List		
Sort: ID# - Last Name, First Name		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Last Name	First Name	User ID
11-PRYOR	Allen P.	P11ap
13-PRYOR	Mae J.	P13mj
26-PRYOR	Ruth Marguarite	P26rm
30-PRYOR	Janet Elizabeth	P30je
48-PRYOR	Lawrence Joseph	P38lj
71-PRYOR	Harry	P71h
74-PRYOR	Eugene	P74ep
75-PRYOR	Catherine	P75c

When you choose to show **couples** in list views like the **anniversary calendar** or a **found list** (after using **Find Anything -> Couples**), the **Family ID** is one of the default columns. When you select a couple in one of these lists, the **Find ID** button at the bottom of the window shows their Family ID. When you click on this button, a Find window opens with this Family ID entered.

Reports and Charts

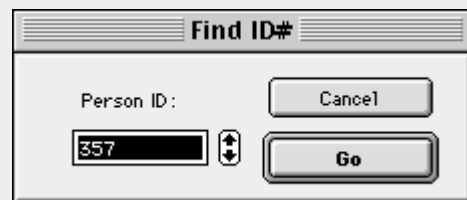
You have the option to show ID numbers when you create most reports and charts. All charts except the Timeline, and all reports except the Tiny Tafel (and any blank reports, of course) allow you to include the Person ID in the **Layout**. Use the **Define Layout** command and choose the

setting **Append to Names**. Here you may choose the Person ID and/or the User ID. [In the Cascading Pedigree window, click the "**Box Setup**" button to do the same.]



Searching and Navigation

In addition to the **Find ID** buttons in list windows, you can search for the card of a specific ID Number by 1) using the **Find -> ID -> Person or Find -> ID -> Family** menu items, or 2) clicking on an ID number in either the **Little Status Bar** (Person ID) or the **Big Status Bar** (Family ID). That handy Find ID box will open again. Enter the desired ID number, click **Go** and you're whisked to that family card.



[If you have chosen to view **User ID** in the **Little Status Bar**, clicking it will open the **Edit Person** window under the **Name** tab, and the cursor will be in the user ID field.]

You can also search for the cards of a set of consecutive ID Numbers using **Find -> Anything**. You can then mark these cards for export, reports, or charts.



Finally, when **exporting text** (**File -> Import/Export -> Export Text**), you can include any of the ID numbers in Reunion (Person, Family, Parents, or User), and you can sort the exported text by Person ID numbers.

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