

Two Instant Reports: Obituary; Names & Facts



We use Reunion to keep a record of the information we have about our family, the birth, marriage, and death dates and places, where they lived and what they did.

We also use it to show us ways to enjoy what we have learned about our family story and to evaluate our progress by exploring the information we have stored in our Reunion files.

Are there new relationships? Are there blips in the ancestor or descendant trail? Are there facts that haven't explored been explored that might be worth a rabbit hole or two?

Like reading a census report, there may be details already in your Reunion files that might have slipped past you. Time to find them and enhance them!

The Instant Reports for Obituary and Names & Facts are two ways to help you find and use the information stored in your Reunion files.

Reports:

- Not charts, which use graphics (boxes, lines, etc., to represent people and connections visually).
- Reports are documents containing mainly text, information gathered from your Reunion files. There are two types of reports: *Configured and Instant*.
- *Configured Reports* are often used for ancestors or descendants to demonstrate how we are related to people in our extended family. For these you choose the criteria and format that will be used in producing the report.
- *Instant Reports* are the last 5 on the list – in blue text!

Instant Reports

- Some are actually instantly generated and clicking on one may show results instantly, or,
- If more than a few seconds are needed, **Build report** may show. This depends on which report and/or the size of your family file.

Obituary

- Using Instant Reports Obituary: to compare information in your Reunion database with a real obit: *Who was still alive, who was not, where they lived*. Almost better than creating a timeline.
- Using Instant Reports Obituary: to find connections in your database; *I had fun just clicking around and reading. This pulled up info that I knew (it was in my Reunion) but for which I hadn't made that connection*.
- You can write your own: Use Reunion's Obituary Report to pull up the info needed to get you started. You can test the accuracy and tweak it as needed, adding further information about the person's interests and activities.

Features:

Creates an obit for a person in the current family view (only for those with a death date).

- Uses information from the person's Reunion Event section; does not include Facts or Notes.
- Shows the obits for a couple with buttons at the top for the obit of each.
- Includes preferred picture.
- Worded as if written on the day he/she died.

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Configured reports.

Instant reports.

Obituary (cont.)

- Adds day of birth and death (ex. Sunday).
- Includes grandchildren when person died; those born later are not mentioned.
- No obituary will be created for people without a death date.
- Married siblings and daughters are listed using their married names, *the name at the time of the obit*.
- While looking at an obit, you can create one for any name on the side bar with a single click.
- People without marriage dates for a couple, will be excluded; any children will still be listed. If there is a marriage date, the obit will say he/she is survived by wife/husband of xx number of years.
- *Of a place* is the most recent for a person; it may be the place of death or may be the residence years earlier.
- The obit can be shared using the Share button at the bottom. Opens in Word or Pages, creates an email with the obit attached, creates an RTF text file, or copies to clipboard where you can paste it into your chosen application.

Names & Facts –

The Names & Facts Report provides an overall snapshot of your research.

Build Report – can be anyone in family view, can be everyone or choose *marked or unmarked people* (see **Marking** below).

Features:

- Opens with whatever criteria you last used.
- The first four items list and show unique usage for **all people or marked people** which can be sorted by usage, dates, living, alphabetical.
 - Last names (aka surnames).
 - Words in the Last Name.
 - First/Middle names (aka given names). Can click to see the list, two-part names are listed separately. (Mary and Mary Ann)
 - Words in the First/Middle Name. Separates them into individual names. (Mary Ann counted with Mary and with Ann)
 - Fact fields show the distribution of different entries you've recorded in Fact fields for **all people or marked people** in your file.
 - Ex: a list of entries in the Fact field "Religion" for marked people.

Last Name Field
Words in the Last Name Field
First & Mid Name Field
✓ Words in the First & Mid Name Field
Education Fact Field
Religion Fact Field
Occupation Fact Field
Alias/AKA Fact Field
Cause of death Fact Field
Degree Fact Field
Description Fact Field
Eye color Fact Field
Hair color Fact Field
Height Fact Field
Hobbies Fact Field
Soc. Sec. # Fact Field
Weight Fact Field
Political Fact Field
DAR # Fact Field
Gedmatch # Fact Field
Military # Fact Field
DNA Match Fact Field
Haplogroup Fact Field

A Names & Facts report showing entries in the Religion field (for marked people).

Show: Religion Fact Field

for: Marked people (27)

7 unique Religion fact fields found in 27 person records.

Religion	Usage	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Living
Protestant	10	23 Nov 1876	5 Aug 2020	3
Presbyterian	6	13 Feb 1810	6 Apr 1912	0
Methodist	4	28 Oct 1913	5 Aug 2020	2
Catholic	2	18 Feb 1932	5 Aug 2020	2
Lutheran	2	26 Oct 1916	30 Sep 2007	1
United Methodist	2	29 Sep 1908	25 Jul 2005	0
Anabaptist	1	1545	1614	0

Marking

To use this feature to search only a specific section of your large database: **adjust marking to change number of generations, include siblings, etc.** Here's a possible setting:

- 8 generations
- Ancestors of yourself (source person)
- unmark everybody first
- mark source person
- mark spouses
- mark parents of spouses
- mark descendants of spouses for 5 generations