



GENMatcher User Manual

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1 Overview

1.1 Welcome to GENMatcher

Overview

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Using GENMatcher

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1.2 Ordering GENMatcher

The GENMatcher trial version differs from the full version in three ways:

- A maximum of four matches are displayed
- Finding duplicates is disabled
- Printing and saving reports are disabled

To purchase a full license of GENMatcher, please go to www.mudcreek.ca for more information.

1.3 Installing GENMatcher

Web Site Download instructions

The file that is downloaded from the web, **genmatchersetup.exe**, is an installation program for GENMatcher.

After you have downloaded this file from the web, you need to run it in order to install GENMatcher on your computer. If you don't know where it has been downloaded, please follow these steps:

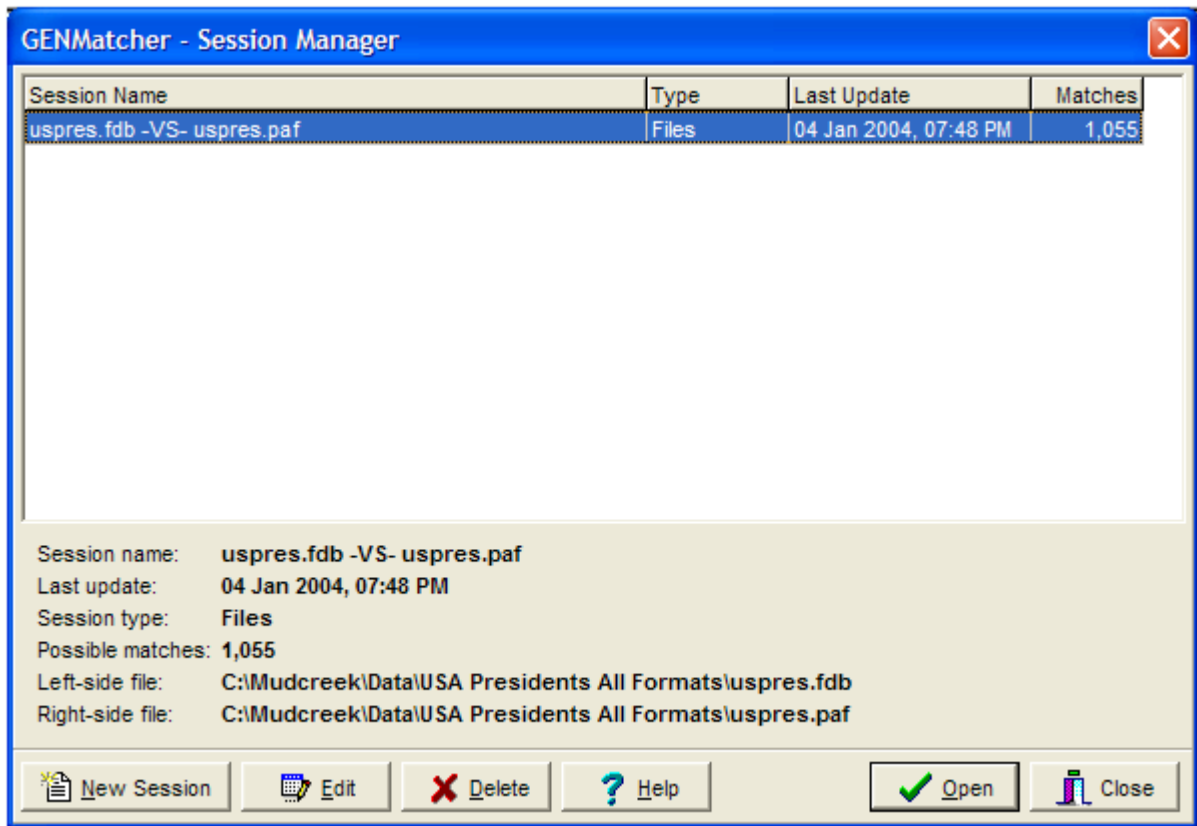
- 1) Right-click with your mouse on the **My Computer** icon on your Windows desktop.
- 2) Select the **Find** item.

- 3) Type **genmatchersetup.exe** in the **Named** section.
- 4) Press the **Find now** button. It will display where the **genmatchersetup.exe** file is located on your computer. Double-click on this file to start installing GENMatcher.

Installation Steps

The install program will go through the following steps.

- 1) The first screen is a small message box asking you if you want to install GENMatcher on your computer. Click **Yes** to continue. You can exit or cancel at any time.
- 2) Next is a welcome screen for GENMatcher. Press the **Next** button.
- 3) The following screen is used by the installation program to know where you want GENMatcher to be installed on your computer. The default directory is "c:\program files\mudcreek\GENMatcher". It is recommended to use this directory by pressing the **Next >** button. However, you can change this location by selected a different directory.
- 4) Next, the program group where GENMatcher will be located in the Windows **Start Programs Menu** of your computer is displayed. For example; If you select the default name of **MudCreek**, you will find a **MudCreek** folder when you click the Windows **Start** button and then the **All Programs** (or **Programs**) menu item. In the **MudCreek** folder, you will find GENMatcher.
- 5) Finally, press the **Install** button to start installing GENMatcher on your computer.
- 6) After GENMatcher is installed on your computer, it will display the [Session Manager](#), which is used to create or select a session:



7) GENMatcher is now up and running and displaying the main screen.

See Also

[Quick Help](#)

[Sessions](#)

[Session Manager](#)

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1.4 Uninstalling GENMatcher

To uninstall GENMatcher, please follow the following steps:

- 1) Click the Windows **Start** button and select **Control Panel**.
- 2) Double-click on **Add/Remove Programs**. This will display a list of all of the programs installed on your computer.
- 3) Search this list for **GENMatcher** and select it.
- 4) Click the **Change/Remove** button to remove GENMatcher from you computer.

1.5 Quick Help

This is a quick help page for users that want to get an idea of the features of GENMatcher. Please refer to rest of this user manual for a more complete description of GENMatcher's features.









What GENMatcher Does

- **Reads all popular file formats:**
 - **GEDCOM**, which is used by all popular genealogy programs
 - **Personal Ancestral File (PAF)** 3, 4, and 5
 - **The Master Genealogist (TMG)** 4.x
 - **Family Tree Maker (FTW, FBK)**
 - **Legacy (FDB)**
 - **Temple Submission File (SUB, XXX)**
- **Compare files** between any of the supported file formats. Files do not have to be the same format to be compared. No other software required.
- **No risk** to your data. Compare without needing to import or change your data.
- Use GENMatcher to analyze genealogy data:
 - **Tag found matches or duplicates** as a confirmed match, a non-match, a questionable match, or an unknown match
 - Save and recall any number of **work sessions**
 - **Run reports:**
 - Matches Report
 - Generation Information Report
 - Individual Report
 - Sessions Report
 - **Print, preview, or save reports** as a
 - Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) file
 - HTML file
 - Rich Text Format (RTF) file
 - JPEG (JPG) file
 - Bitmap (BMP) file
 - Enhance Meta File (EMF) file
- **Works incredibly fast.**

What GENMatcher Doesn't Do

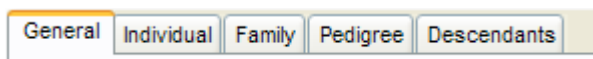
- GENMatcher can't edit or make any changes. It is a tool for analyzing your genealogy information, not for changing it.

Matching Grid

The grid located at the top of the main window displays match comparisons. Individual comparisons can be tagged using the toolbar buttons: , , , and . The matching grid also shows the tags: , , , and . Tags can be cleared by clicking on the toolbar button that is depressed, which corresponds to the current tag.

Tab Views




In GENMatcher, you can open either just one file to check for duplicates, or open two files to check for matches between the two files. The Tab Views show information about the open file(s).




General	Information about the file(s) you are viewing.
Individual	Detailed individual information.
Family	Family group view - father, mother, parents and children.
Pedigree	Pedigree chart displaying 4 generations.
Descendants	All of the descendants of an individual.

Sessions

[Sessions](#) let you save and recall your work later.

- Create new sessions using the New Session Wizard .
- The [Session Manager](#)  is used to select and manage sessions.
- [Session Properties](#)  let you edit session criteria.

Finding Individuals

Use [Find Name](#)  to quickly find individuals in the main grid.

See Also

[Matching Grid](#)
[Sessions](#)
[Session Manager](#)
[Session Properties](#)
[Tab Views](#)
[Find Name](#)

2 User Interface

2.1 Session Manager

The first time that you run GENMatcher, the **Session Manager** is displayed. The Session Manager is used to:

- Open a saved session
- Create new sessions
- Edit sessions
- Delete sessions

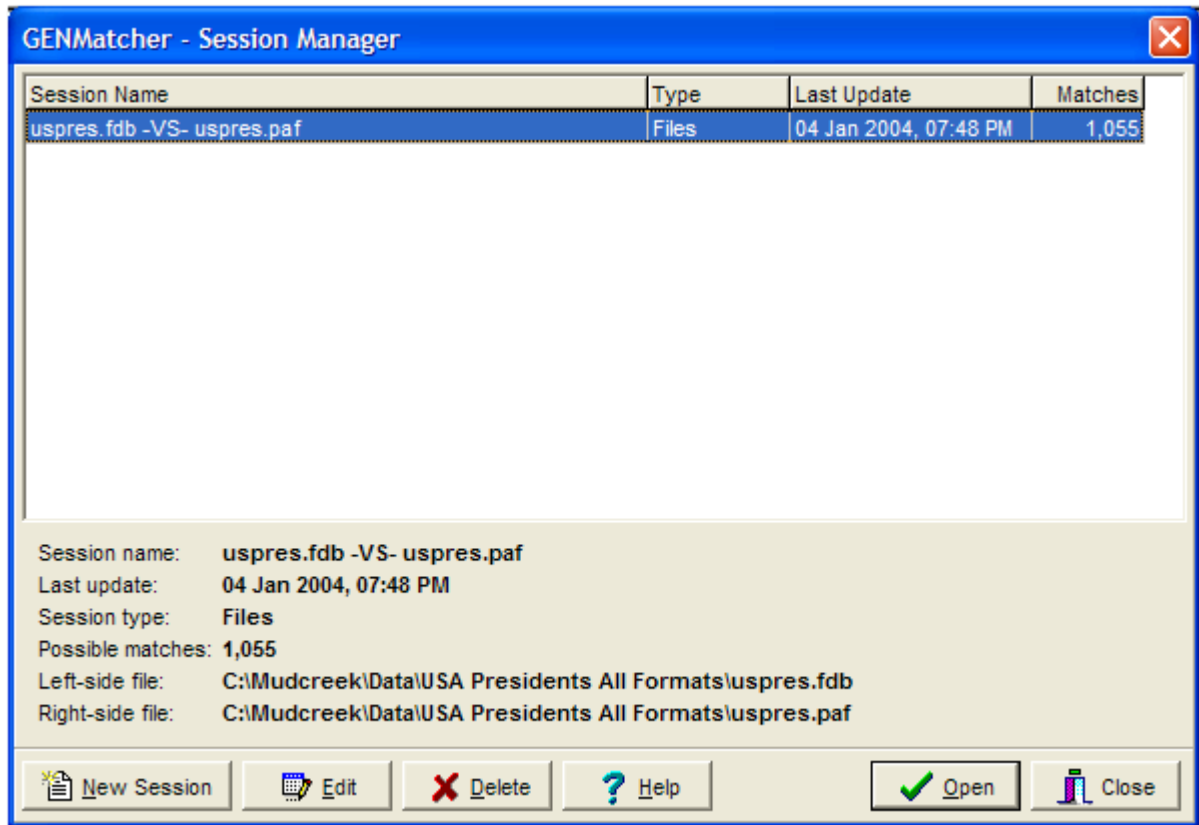
To automatically load the last session without using the **Session Manager**, set the option **Automatically load last session** on the [Options](#) screen.

Navigation

To display the Session Manager:

1. On the main toolbar, click **Session Manager** .

Screen Display



The Session Manager has these grid columns:

Session Name	Type	Last Update	Matches
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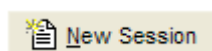
Session Name Description of each saved session. The session names are unique. GENMatcher makes sure of this. You can change the session name from the main screen by selecting [Session Properties](#).

Type Sessions can be **File** (comparing two files for matches) or **Duplicate** (finding duplicates in a file).

Last Update Date and time that the session matching data was last updated.

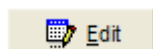
Matches Number of items in the session comparison

The Session Manager buttons:



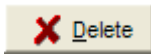
New Session

Creates a new session using the [New Session Wizard](#). After making a new session, the Session Manager is closed and the new session is opened.

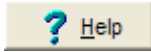


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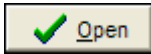
Edit a session's definition using the [Session Properties](#) screen.



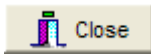
Delete the currently selected session. Confirmation is asked to make sure you want to permanently delete the selected session. The Default Session can not be deleted. The hotkey for Delete is **Del**.



Display help text for this screen.



Open the currently selected session.



Close the Session Manager screen. This will exit GENMatcher when run on startup.

See Also

[Sessions](#)

[New Session Wizard](#)

[Session Properties](#)

[Options](#)

2.2 Main Screen





GENMatcher's main screen is divided into several sections. For more information, click on a screen section or refer to the text below. GENMatcher can be used to find duplicates in a file, or to find matches in two files. This screen shows the layout when finding matches in two files.

Name	Birth		Name	Birth
Janet /Adair/ [301]	Abt 1714	◆	Janet /Adair/ [301]	Abt 1714
Abigail /Adams/ [1604]	14 Jul 1765	=	Abigail /Adams/ [1604]	14 Jul 1765
Charles /Adams/ [1606]	29 May 1770	◆	Charles /Adams/ [1606]	29 May 1770
Charles Francis /Adams/ [1627]	18 Aug 1807	=	Charles Francis /Adams/ [1627]	18 Aug 1807

Type	N	S	Date	Information	N	S	Date	Information
REF/AFN/Custom				301 / / Bush-241				301 / / Bush-241
Name				Janet /Adair/				Janet /Adair/
Birth			Abt 1714	Roth, Down, Ireland			Abt 1714	Roth, Down, Ireland
Marriage				Samuel /Holliday/, m.				Samuel /Holliday/, m.
Son			Abt 1755	William /Holliday/, (b. Abt 1755, Rath			Abt 1755	William /Holliday/, (b. Abt 1755, Rath

Left | C:\Mudcreek\Data\USA Presidents All Formats\uspres.fdb | I: 2,145 | F: 1,042 | D: 09 Jan 2002, 12:29 AM

Right | C:\Mudcreek\Data\USA Presidents All Formats\uspres.paf | I: 7,999 | F: 3,263 | D: 12 Mar 2002, 4:45 PM

- 1 **Toolbar** The main toolbar allows you to have quick access to some features such as printing reports or selecting a comparison display option.
- 2 **Matching Grid** The matching grid lists pairs of individuals. Each pair can be tagged as a **Match** , **Non-Match** , **Questionable** , or **Unknown** .
- 3 **Tabs** Each tab is used to display a different type of information found in the genealogy data file(s) you are viewing. In the above example, the **General** tab is selected.
- 4 **Status Bar** At the bottom of the screen, for each file, the status bar displays the total number of individuals (I) and families (F), and the file's last modified date (D). If only one file is used (for finding duplicates in a file), the status bar shows just that one.

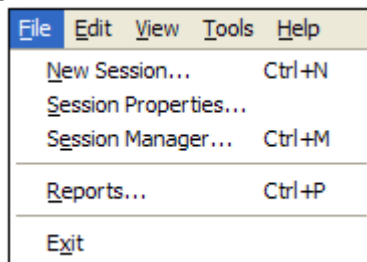
See Also

[Quick Help](#)
[Main Menu](#)
[Toolbar](#)
[Matching Grid](#)
[Tabs](#)

2.3 Main Menu

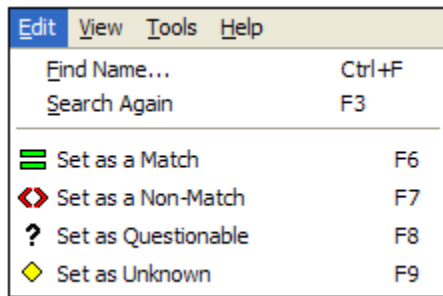
This section outlines GENMatcher's main menu.





File



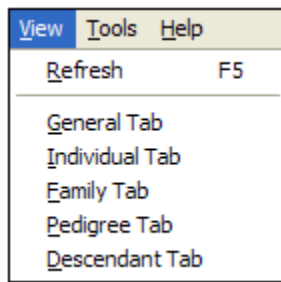
- | | |
|---------------------------|---|
| New Session | Creates a new session using the New Session Wizard . The hotkey for this is Ctrl+N . |
| Session Properties | Display the Session Properties dialog box. |
| Session Manager | Display the Session Manager to select or maintain (add, change, delete) Sessions . The hotkey for this is Ctrl+M . |
| Reports | Reports dialog box. The hotkey for this is Ctrl+P . |
| Exit | Exit GENMatcher. |

Edit



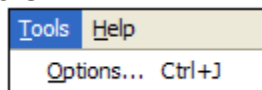
- Find Name** Displays the [Find](#) screen, which is used to find individuals based on name. See the [Find](#) dialog for more information. The hotkey for this is **Ctrl+F**.
- Search Again** Searches again for the name. The [Find](#) dialog is displayed if no name was searched for previously. The hotkey for this is **F3**.
- Set as a Match** Tag the current pair of individuals in the [Matching Grid](#) as a match, which is displayed as  in the grid. The hotkey for this is **F6**.
- Set as a Non-Match** Tag the current pair of individuals in the [Matching Grid](#) as not a match, which is displayed as  in the grid. The hotkey for this is **F7**.
- Set as Questionable** Tag the current pair of individuals in the [Matching Grid](#) as a questionable match, which is displayed as  in the grid. The hotkey for this is **F8**.
- Set as Unknown** Tag the current pair of individuals in the [Matching Grid](#) as unknown, which is displayed as  in the grid. The hotkey for this is **F9**.

View



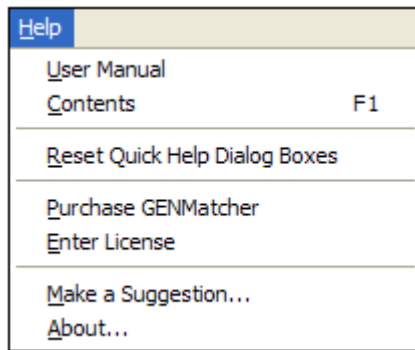
- Refresh** All data of the current [Session](#) is refreshed. Matching is done again. The hotkey for this is **F5**.
- General Tab** Moves to the [General Tab](#) in the main screen.
- Individual Tab** Moves to the [Individual Tab](#) in the main screen.
- Family Tab** Moves to the [Family Tab](#) in the main screen.
- Pedigree Tab** Moves to the [Pedigree Tab](#) in the main screen.
- Descendants Tab** Moves to the [Descendants Tab](#) in the main screen.

Tools



- Options** Displays the [Options](#) screen.

Help

**User Manual**

Displays the user manual for GENMatcher; that is [Welcome to GENMatcher](#).

Contents

Displays help for the [main screen](#). The hotkey for this is **F1**. Start displaying the Quick Help Dialog Boxes again.

Reset Quick Help Dialog Boxes

Opens a dialog box to help you purchase GENMatcher. This menu item only appears in the GENMatcher trial version.

Enter License

Opens a dialog box to enter your GENMatcher license. This menu item only appears in the GENMatcher trial version.

Make a Suggestion

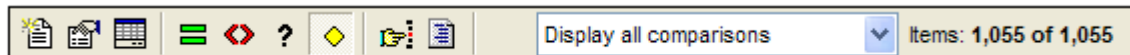
Displays a dialog box that allows users to email suggestions, problems, and questions to MudCreek Software.

About








Displays the About dialog box, which shows, among other things, GENMatcher's detailed version number.








2.4 Toolbar

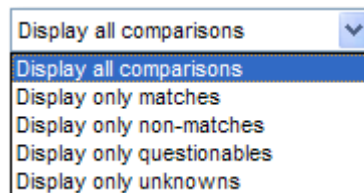
The main screen toolbar is used to allow the user to have quick access to GENMatcher's most common features.



Toolbar Items

- 
New Session Add a new [Session](#) using the [New Session Wizard](#).
- 
Session Properties Display the [Session Properties](#) dialog box.
- 
Session Manager Display the [Session Manager](#) to select and maintain (add, change, delete) [Sessions](#).
- 
Match Tag the current pair of individuals in the [Matching Grid](#) as a match, which is displayed as  in the grid. If the current row in the matching grid is tagged as a match, this button is displayed as depressed. The hotkey for this is **F6**.
- 
Non-Match Tag the current pair of individuals in the [Matching Grid](#) as a non-match, which is displayed as  in the grid. If the current row in the matching grid is tagged as a non-match, this button is displayed as depressed. The hotkey for this is **F7**.

-  **Questionable** Tag the current pair of individuals in the [Matching Grid](#) as a questionable match, which is displayed as  in the grid. If the current row in the matching grid is tagged as a questionable match, this button is displayed as depressed. The hotkey for this is **F8**.
-  **Unknown** Tag the current pair of individuals in the [Matching Grid](#) as an unknown match, which is displayed as  in the grid. If the current row in the matching grid is tagged as an unknown match, this button is displayed as depressed. The hotkey for this is **F9**.
-  **Find** Displays the [Find](#) screen, which is used to find individuals based on name. See the [Find](#) dialog for more information. The hotkey for this is **Ctrl+F**.
-  **Reports** Display the [Reports](#) dialog box.
- Display Comparisons** Select a comparison display option for the [Matching Grid](#). Click  or on the name to display the list:



- Items** The number of displayed matches in the [Matching Grid](#) and the total number of matches.





2.5 Matching Grid

The Matching Grid displays comparisons; that is, duplicates within one file, or matches between two files.

Name	Birth		Name	Birth
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Charles /Adams/ [1606]	29 May 1770	?	Charles /Adams/ [1606]	29 May 1770
Charles Francis /Adams/ [1627]	18 Aug 1807	◆	Charles Francis /Adams/ [1627]	18 Aug 1807

Grid Columns

- Name** Individual's name and ID – from one or two open files.
- Birth** Individuals's date of birth – from one or two open files.
- Tag** In the middle column of the Matching Grid, comparison tags are displayed:



-  – A match
-  – A non-match
-  – A questionable Match
-  – An unknown match

2.6 Sessions

Sessions lets you save and recall your work later. GENMatcher allows you to save named sessions. Here is a list of what is saved from session to session:

- Left and right file selections
- Comparison tags (Match, Non-Match, Questionable, Unknown)

Working With Sessions

- To add new sessions, click [New Session Wizard](#) .
- To manage (change or delete) sessions, click [Session Manager](#) .

See Also

[New Session Wizard](#)
[Session Manager](#)
[Session Properties](#)

2.7 New Session Wizard

The New Session Wizard is used to add [Sessions](#). There are several steps (wizard pages) needed when adding a Session.

Navigation

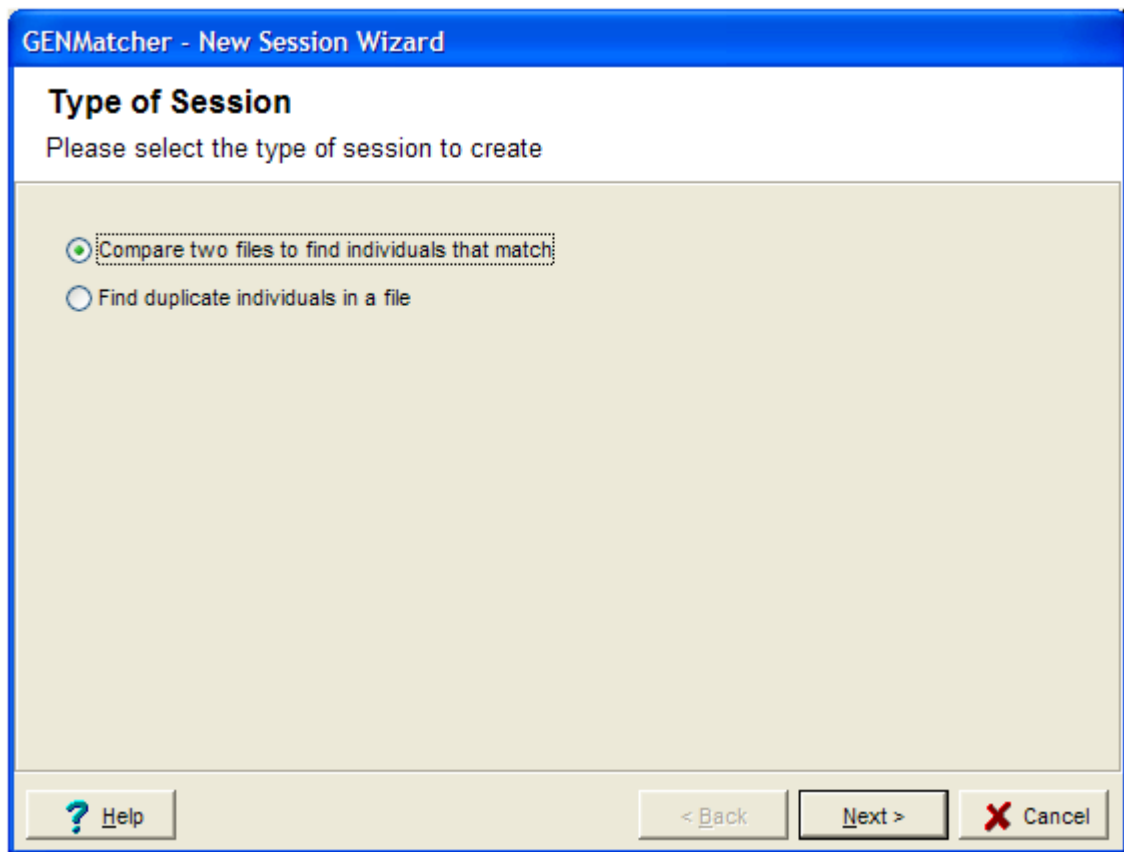
To display the New Session Wizard:



1. On the main toolbar, click **New Session Wizard** .

The New Session Wizard can also be run from the [Session Manager](#).

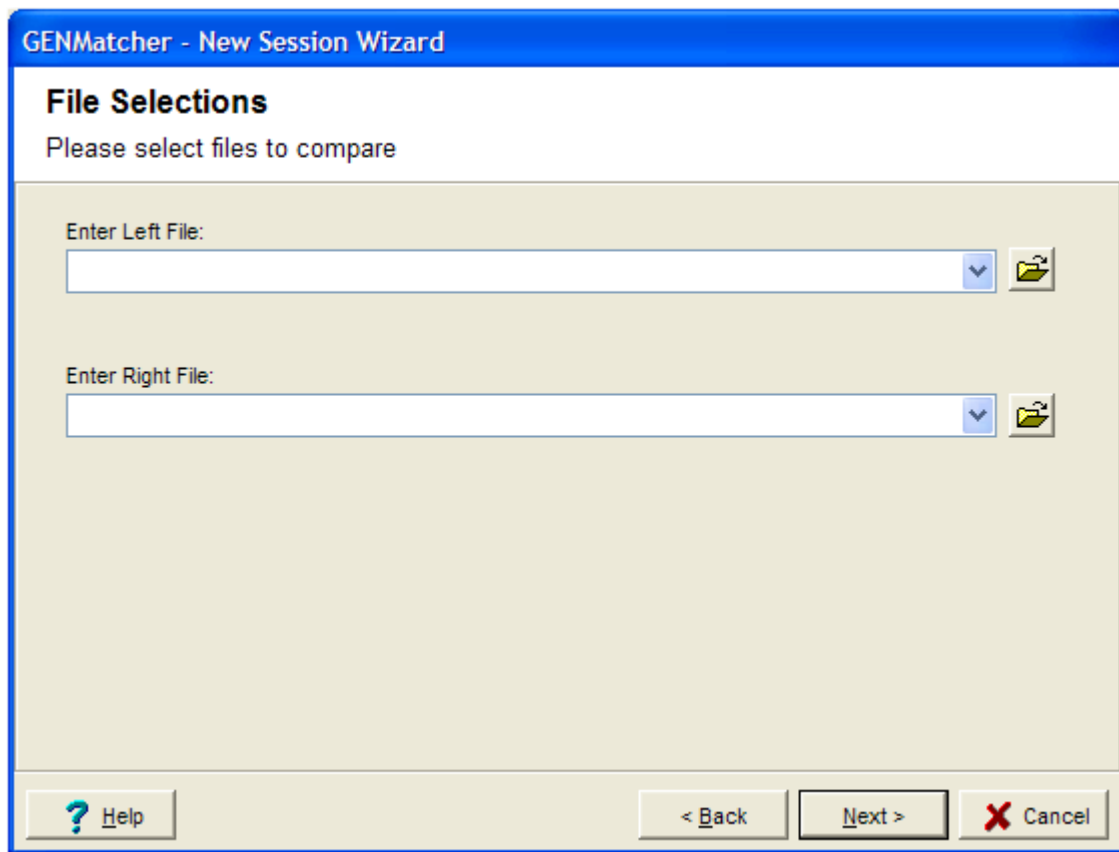
Screen Display



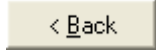


Type of Session



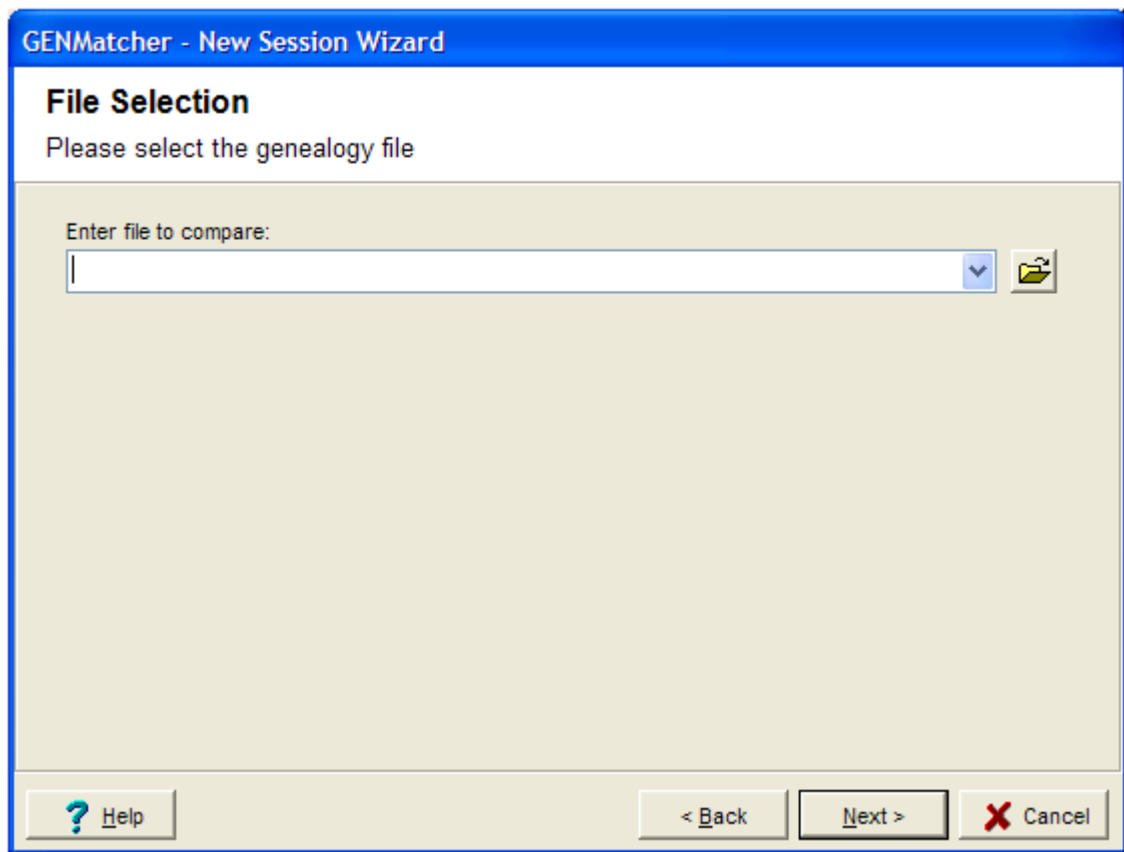
- On the New Session Wizard's startup screen, you need to select the type of session to create. Sessions can be used to either compare two files for matches or to find duplicates in a file.
- Choose between comparing two files for matches or one file for duplicates.
- Click **Next**  when ready to go to the next step.
- Click **Cancel**  to exit the New Session Wizard without adding a new session.



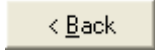


File Selections - 2 Files (Comparing Two Files)



- If the option **Compare two files** was selected in the first step, here you need to select the two files to compare.
- Click **Open File**  to help you select a file. You can also type the file path and name or select a previous entry from the dropdown list by clicking . The files must already exist.
- Click **Back**  to return to the previous step.
- Click **Next**  when ready to go to the next step.
- Click **Cancel**  to exit the New Session Wizard without adding a new session.

File Selection - 1 File (Finding Duplicates in a File)



- If the option **Find duplicate individuals in a file** was selected in the first step, here you need to select the genealogy file to process.
- Click **Open File**  to help you select a file. You can also type the file path and name or select a previous entry from the dropdown list by clicking . The file must already exist.
- Click **Back**  to return to the previous step.
- Click **Next**  when ready to go to the next step.
- Click **Cancel**  to exit the New Session Wizard without adding a new session.

Matching Options

GENMatcher - New Session Wizard

Matching Options

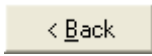


Please select the matching criteria

Surname	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Use exact name	<input type="radio"/> Use soundex to match	<input type="checkbox"/> Use blank surnames
Given Names <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Length: 5		<input type="checkbox"/> Use blank names
Birth Dates <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Days: 180	<input type="checkbox"/> Blank dates	<input type="checkbox"/> Use places
Chr Dates <input type="checkbox"/>	Days: 180	<input type="checkbox"/> Blank dates	<input type="checkbox"/> Use places
Death Dates <input type="checkbox"/>	Days: 180	<input type="checkbox"/> Blank dates	<input type="checkbox"/> Use places
Burial Dates <input type="checkbox"/>	Days: 180	<input type="checkbox"/> Blank dates	<input type="checkbox"/> Use places

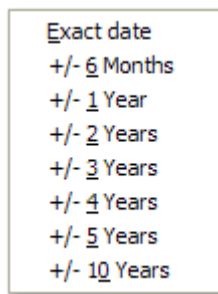
Compatible Gender Ignore Spaces
 Ignore Punctuation

? Help < Back Next > X Cancel

- On this step, the matching criteria options are specified. They are saved as part of the session's definition, and are used when the data is compared.
- All selected matching criteria are cumulative. For example, by default, as show above: surnames are matched using exact names, the first 5 letters of the given names must match, and the birth dates must be within 180 days of each other.
- Match comparisons are based on:
 - **Surname** - this criteria is always used and can be modified using these options:
 - **Use exact name** - match on all letters; that is, surnames names must match exactly
 - **Use soundex to match** - match names using a soundex comparison, which tries to match on similarly spelled names. For example, both Smith and Smythe would match.
 - **Use blank surnames** - this option allows a match to be made for individuals that do not have a surname. For example, "Abe" – with no surname – will potentially match with "Abe Smith".
 - **Given Names** - check this option to match on given names
 - **Length** - by default, only the first 5 letters is used for comparing given names; set this option to 0 to make full comparisons
 - **Use blank names** - this option allows a match to be made for individuals that do not have given names. For example, "Smith" – with no given names – will potentially match with "Abe Smith".
 - **Birth Dates** - check this option to match on birth dates
 - **Days** - set how close dates can be, in days, for them to considered a match; set this option to 0 to make exact date comparisons
 - **Blank dates** - if checked, a blank date will be considered a match with another date or blank date

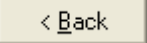
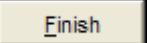
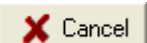
- **Use places** - if checked, the birth place will be used for comparing births
 - **Length** - when **Use places** is checked, this is the length used to compare locations
 - **Blank places** - when **Use places** is checked, if this option is checked, blank locations will be considered a match with other another locations or blank location.
 - **Chr Dates** - check this option to match on christening dates
 - **Days** - set how close dates can be, in days, for them to considered a match; set this option to 0 to make exact date comparisons
 - **Blank dates** - if checked, a blank date will be considered a match with another date or blank date
 - **Use places** - if checked, the christening place will be used for comparing christenings
 - **Length** - when **Use places** is checked, this is the length used to compare locations
 - **Blank places** - when **Use places** is checked, if this option is checked, blank locations will be considered a match with other another locations or blank location.
 - **Death Dates** - check this option to match on death dates
 - **Days** - set how close dates can be, in days, for them to considered a match; set this option to 0 to make exact date comparisons
 - **Blank dates** - if checked, a blank date will be considered a match with another date or blank date
 - **Use places** - if checked, the place of death will be used for comparing deaths
 - **Length** - when **Use places** is checked, this is the length used to compare locations
 - **Blank places** - when **Use places** is checked, if this option is checked, blank locations will be considered a match with other another locations or blank location.
 - **Burial Dates** - check this option to match on burial dates
 - **Days** - set how close dates can be, in days, for them to considered a match; set this option to 0 to make exact date comparisons
 - **Blank dates** - if checked, a blank date will be considered a match with another date or blank date
 - **Use places** - if checked, the burial place will be used for comparing burials
 - **Length** - when **Use places** is checked, this is the length used to compare locations
 - **Blank places** - when **Use places** is checked, if this option is checked, blank locations will be considered a match with other another locations or blank location.
 - **Compatible Gender** - if checked, comparisons will use genders (male, female, and unknown).
 - **Ignore Spaces** - if checked, comparisons will ignore spaces (" ") in the data.
 - **Ignore Punctuation** - if checked, comparisons will ignore punctuation (!"#\$%&'()*+,-./:;<=>?@[]^_`{|} '~) in the data.
- Click **Back**  to return to the previous step.
 - Click **Next**  when ready to go to the next step.
 - Click **Cancel**  to exit the New Session Wizard without adding a new session.

Tip: you can also select values by right-clicking on the **Days** fields to display a popup menu:



Session Name

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "GENMatcher - New Session Wizard". The main heading is "Session Name" with the instruction "Please select the name of the session". Below this is a text input field labeled "Session Name" containing the text "uspres.paf - Duplicates". At the bottom of the dialog, there are four buttons: a "Help" button with a question mark icon, a "< Back" button, an "Finish" button, and a "Cancel" button with a red 'X' icon.

- Accept or change the name that you want to save this session as. Session names must be unique. This is checked when **Finish** is clicked.
- Click **Back**  to return to the previous step.
- Click **Finish**  to save the session's definition, to exit the New Session Wizard.
- Click **Cancel**  to exit the New Session Wizard without adding a new session.

See Also


[Sessions](#)
[Session Manager](#)
[Session Properties](#)

2.8 Session Properties

The Session Properties screen is used to view and change session definitions. This screen has two tabs. The General Information tab has two versions: one where the session is for finding duplicates in a file; the other where the session is for comparing two files. The Session Properties screen cannot be used to change the type of session; that is, change between finding duplicates in one file and finding matches in two files.

Navigation

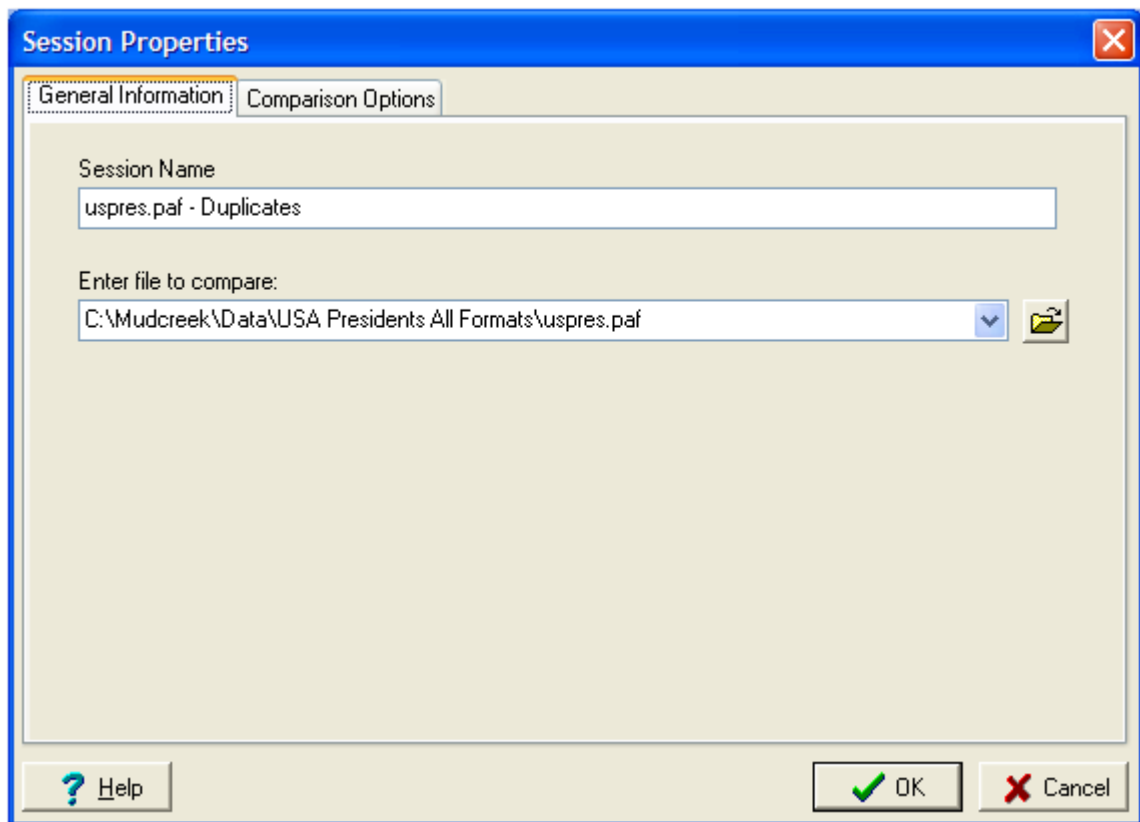
To display the Session Properties screen:

1. On the main toolbar, click **Session Properties** .

Screen Display

General Information Tab - 1 File (Finding Duplicates in a File)

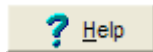
The General Information tab is used to set the session's name and the data file(s). Here, when finding duplicates, just one file is used.



Session Name Description of each saved session. The session names are unique.

Enter file to compare Click **Open File**  to help you select a file. You can also type the file path

and name or select a previous entry from the dropdown list by clicking . The file must already exist.



Help

Display help text for this screen.



OK

Save changes and exit Session Properties.

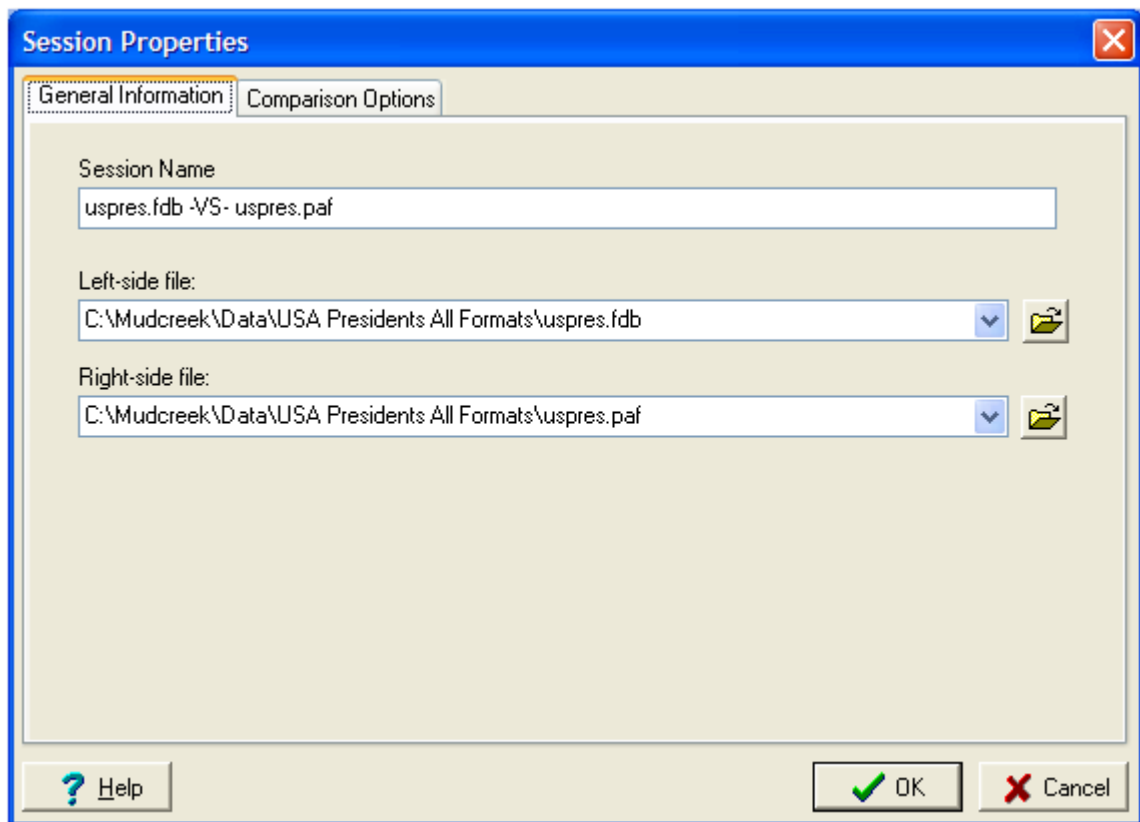


Cancel



Exit Session Properties without saving changes.


General Information Tab - 2 Files (Comparing Two Files)


The General Information tab is used to set the session's name and the data file(s). Here, when comparing files for matches, two files are used.

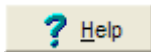


Session Name Description of each saved session. The session names are unique.

Left-side file Set the left-side file. Click **Open File**  to help you select a file. You can also type the file path and name or select a previous entry from the dropdown list by clicking . The file must already exist.

Right-side file Set the left-side file. Click **Open File**  to help you select a file. You can also type the file path and name or select a previous entry from the dropdown list by

clicking . The file must already exist.



Display help text for this screen.



Save changes and exit Session Properties.



Exit Session Properties without saving changes.

Comparison Options Tab

The Comparison Options tab is used to specify the comparison criteria that GENMatcher uses for finding duplicates in a file or comparing two files. These are the same criteria as when defining a session using the [New Session Wizard](#).

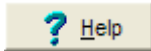
All selected matching criteria is cumulative. For example, by default, as show below, surnames are matched using exact names, the first 5 letters of the given names must match, and the birth dates must be within 180 days of each other.

The Comparison Options that can be changed are:

- **Surname** - this criteria is always used and can be modified using these options:
 - **Use exact name** - match on all letters; that is, surnames names must match exactly
 - **Use soundex to match** - match names using a soundex comparison, which tries to match on similarly spelled names. For example, both Smith and Smythe would match.

- **Use blank surnames** - this option allows a match to be made for individuals that do not have a surname. For example, "Abe" – with no surname – will potentially match with "Abe Smith".
- **Given Names** - check this option to match on given names
 - **Length** - by default, only the first 5 letters is used for comparing given names; set this option to 0 to make full comparisons
 - **Use blank names** - this option allows a match to be made for individuals that do not have given names. For example, "Smith" – with no given names – will potentially match with "Abe Smith".
- **Birth Dates** - check this option to match on birth dates
 - **Days** - set how close dates can be, in days, for them to considered a match; set this option to 0 to make exact date comparisons
 - **Blank dates** - if checked, a blank date will be considered a match with another date or blank date
 - **Use places** - if checked, the birth place will be used for comparing births
 - **Length** - when **Use places** is checked, this is the length used to compare locations
 - **Blank places** - when **Use places** is checked, if this option is checked, blank locations will be considered a match with other another locations or blank location.
- **Chr Dates** - check this option to match on christening dates
 - **Days** - set how close dates can be, in days, for them to considered a match; set this option to 0 to make exact date comparisons
 - **Blank dates** - if checked, a blank date will be considered a match with another date or blank date
 - **Use places** - if checked, the christening place will be used for comparing christenings
 - **Length** - when **Use places** is checked, this is the length used to compare locations
 - **Blank places** - when **Use places** is checked, if this option is checked, blank locations will be considered a match with other another locations or blank location.
- **Death Dates** - check this option to match on death dates
 - **Days** - set how close dates can be, in days, for them to considered a match; set this option to 0 to make exact date comparisons
 - **Blank dates** - if checked, a blank date will be considered a match with another date or blank date
 - **Use places** - if checked, the place of death will be used for comparing deaths
 - **Length** - when **Use places** is checked, this is the length used to compare locations
 - **Blank places** - when **Use places** is checked, if this option is checked, blank locations will be considered a match with other another locations or blank location.
- **Burial Dates** - check this option to match on burial dates
 - **Days** - set how close dates can be, in days, for them to considered a match; set this option to 0 to make exact date comparisons
 - **Blank dates** - if checked, a blank date will be considered a match with another date or blank date
 - **Use places** - if checked, the burial place will be used for comparing burials
 - **Length** - when **Use places** is checked, this is the length used to compare locations
 - **Blank places** - when **Use places** is checked, if this option is checked, blank locations will be considered a match with other another locations or blank location.
- **Compatible Gender** - if checked, comparisons will use genders (male, female, and unknown).
- **Ignore Spaces** - if checked, comparisons will ignore spaces (" ") in the data.
- **Ignore Punctuation** - if checked, comparisons will ignore punctuation (!"#\$%&'()*+,-

./;<=>?@[]^_`{|}'~) in the data.



Display help text for this screen.



Save changes and exit Session Properties.



Exit Session Properties without saving changes.

See Also

[Sessions](#)

[New Session Wizard](#)

[Session Manager](#)

2.9 Find Name


Search for individuals using Find Name. You can enter a full or partial name to search. Search again for the name using the hotkey **F3**.

The factors regarding searching for a name are:

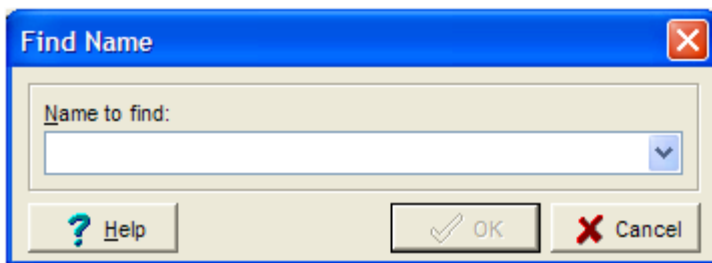
- Only names visible in the main grid are searched. Names can be hidden when the comparison display option (that is, the dropdown list on the main toolbar) limits the displayed items to a comparison type.
- Searching is done ignoring upper and lower case letters.
- The first name searched is the one after the current position.
- Searching continues to the bottom of the grid and then continues from the top down to the original position.
- If the name is not found, the main grid's position does not move.
- Spaces before and after the name to be searched are ignored.


Navigation

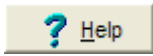
To display Find Name:

1. On the main toolbar, click **Find Name** .

Screen Display



Name to find Enter a full or partial name to search. Click  to select a previous entry from the dropdown list.



Display help text for this screen.



Save changes and exit Session Properties. OK is enabled once text is entered.



Exit Find Name without doing a search.

See Also

[Matching Grid](#)

2.10 Options

GENMatcher has general options that effect the way GENMatcher behaves or the way that information is displayed.

Navigation

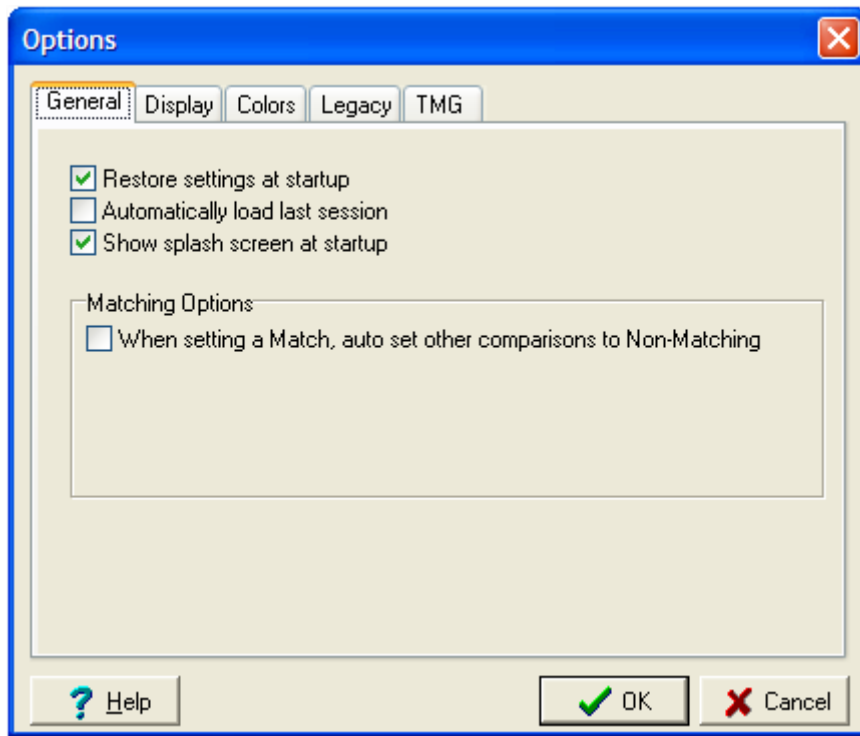
To display the Options screen:

1. On the **Tools** menu on the main menu, click **Options**.

Screen Display

The default options are shown on the screens below.

General Tab



Restore settings at startup

This option instructs GENMatcher to save the current settings when it is closed. At startup, GENMatcher will restore these values:

- Size and position of the main screen
- Size and position of the report preview window
- Size of the main screen's grid and tab sections



Automatically load last session

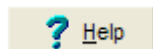
This option instructs GENMatcher to reload the last session used.

Show splash screen at startup

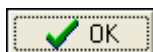
If checked, this option causes GENMatcher to display the splash screen at startup. Turning this option off will make GENMatcher load faster.

When setting a Match, auto set other comparisons to Non-Matching

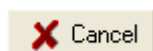
When two individuals are tagged as a **Match** , this option causes other comparisons to the individual to be marked as **Non-Matching** .



Display help text for this screen.

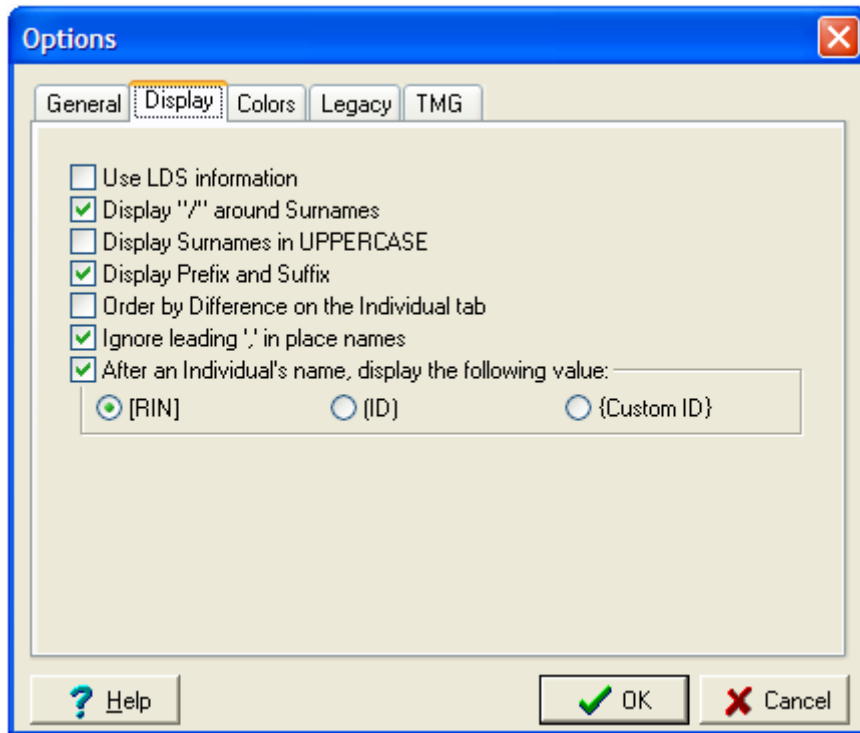


Save option changes and exit Options.



Exit Options without saving changes.

Display Tab



Use LDS information

If this option is checked, GENMatcher will display LDS (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) information for individuals.

Display "/" around Surnames

If checked, GENMatcher will display "/" characters before and after an individual's surname.

Display Surnames in UPPERCASE

If checked, GENMatcher will display surnames in uppercase letters.

Display Prefix and Suffix

This option displays an individual's prefix and suffix names.

Order by Difference on the Individual tab

This option allows events to be grouped together by difference; that is, data that matches, data that doesn't match, and data that is unique to a file are displayed together. This is the same option as **Order by Difference** at the top of the Individual tab – changing one will change the other.

Unchecking this option, causes GENMatcher to display events in the following order:

- 1) Virtual Events - Birth, Christening, Death, and Burial events
- 2) LDS events if the option **Use LDS Information** is set on the [Options](#) screen
- 3) User Events
- 4) Parents
- 5) Marriages - spouses and children

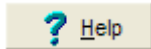
Ignore leading ',' in place names

If checked, any leading comma characters ',' will be ignored in place names.

After an Individual's name, display the following value:

If checked, GENMatcher will display one of these choices:

- [RIN]** RIN value displayed in square brackets "[]"
- (ID)** ID or Index value displayed in brackets "()"
- {Custom ID}** Custom ID displayed in curly brackets "{}"



Display help text for this screen.

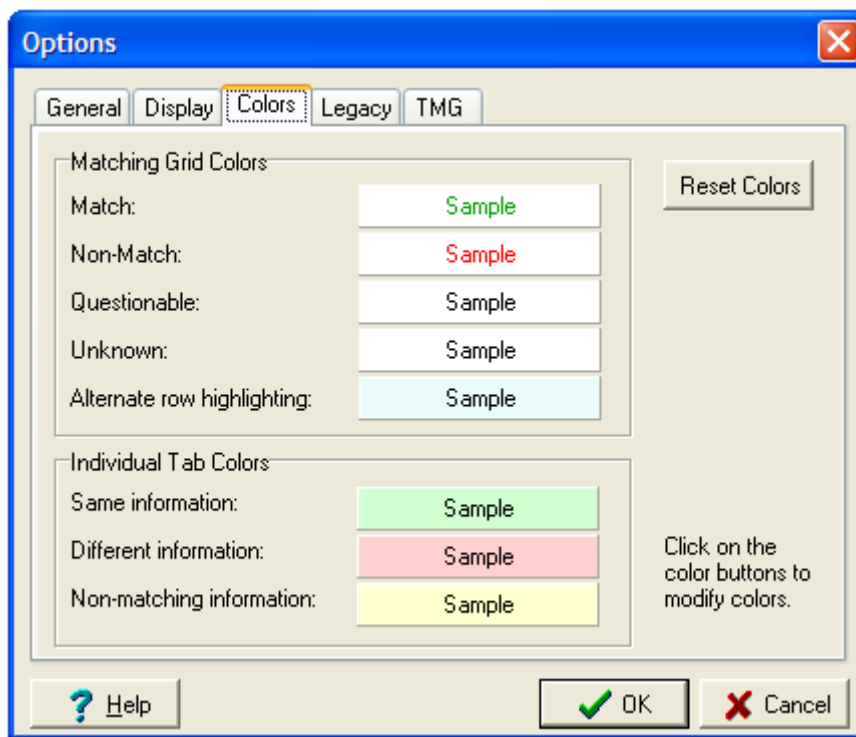


Save option changes and exit Options.



Exit Options without saving changes.

Colors Tab



To select a color, click **Sample** for each option.


Matching Grid Colors - Match

Set the color for matches in the matching grid.


Matching Grid Colors - Non-Match

Set the color for non-matches in the matching grid.

Matching Grid Colors - Questionable

Set the color for questionable matches  in the matching grid.

Matching Grid Colors - Unknown

Set the color for unknown matches  in the matching grid.

Matching Grid Colors - Alternate row highlighting

Set the background color for alternate rows in the Matching Grid.

Individual Tab Colors - Same information

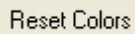
Set the color for identical information on the Individual tab.

Individual Tab Colors - Different information

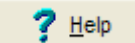
Set the color for different information on the Individual tab.

Individual Tab Colors - Non-matching information

Set the color for unique (that is, non-matching) information on the Individual tab.



Reset all colors to their defaults.



Display help text for this screen.

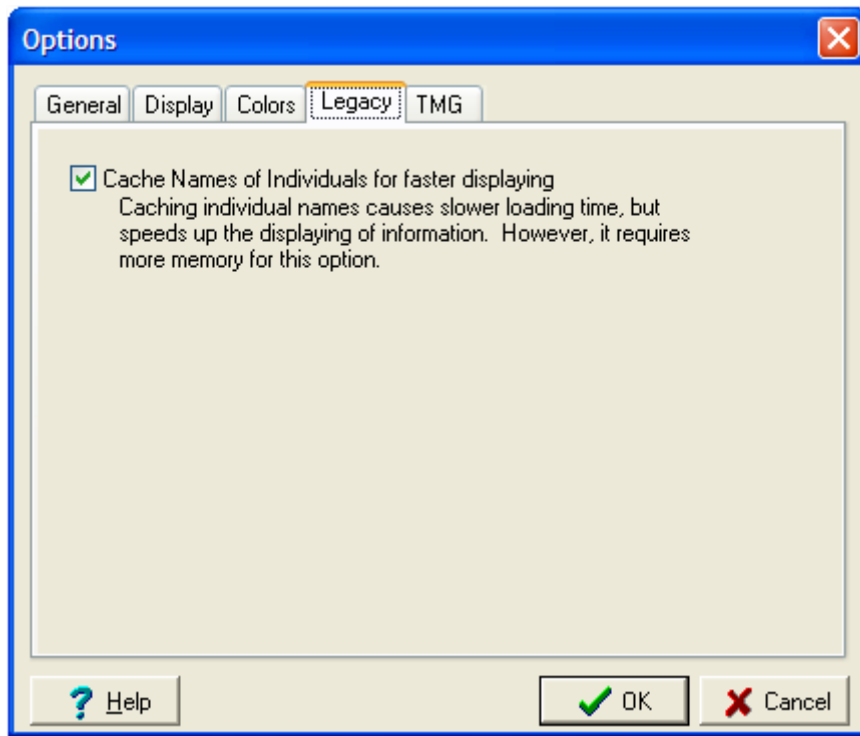


Save option changes and exit Options.



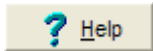
Exit Options without saving changes.

Legacy Tab



Cache Names of Individuals for faster displaying

This option allows GENMatcher to cache individual names while viewing a Legacy database. This increases displaying speed but increases loading time.



Display help text for this screen.

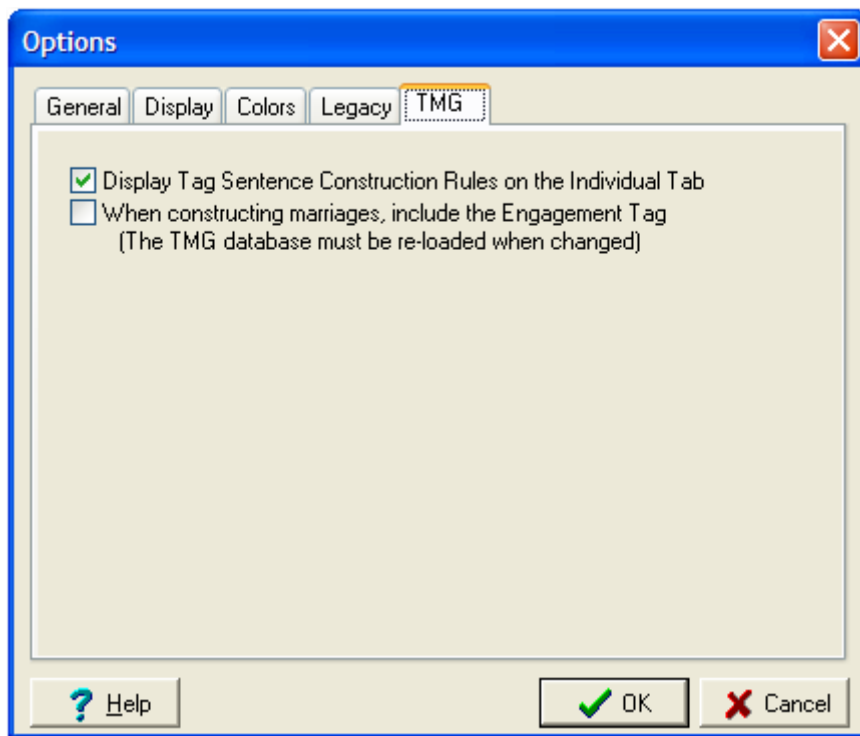


Save option changes and exit Options.



Exit Options without saving changes.

TMG Tab

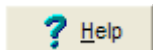


Display Tag Sentence Construction Rules on the Individual Tab

If checked, GENMatcher will display construction sentences of events in the Notes area of the Individual Tab.

When constructing marriages, include the Engagement Tag

This option indicates that engagement tags should be used as if the individuals are married.



Display help text for this screen.



Save option changes and exit Options.

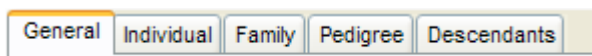


Exit Options without saving changes.

3 Tab Views

3.1 Tabs Overview

In GENMatcher, you can open either just one file to check for duplicates, or open two files to check for matches between the two files. The Tab Views show information about the open file(s).



General	Information about the file(s) you are viewing.
Individual	Detailed individual information.
Family	Family group view - father, mother, parents and children.
Pedigree	Pedigree chart displaying 4 generations.
Descendants	All of the descendants of an individual.

See Also

[General Tab](#)
[General Report](#)
[Individual Tab](#)
[Individual Report](#)
[Family Tab](#)
[Pedigree Tab](#)
[Descendants Tab](#)

3.2 General Tab

The General tab displays general information about the genealogy file(s).

File Information		File Information	
Name	C:\Mudcreek\Data\USA Presidents All Formats	Name	C:\Mudcreek\Data\USA Presidents All Formats
Size	3,915,776	Size	3,895,296
Date	09 Jan 2002, 1:29 AM	Date	12 Mar 2002, 5:45 PM
# Individuals	2,145	# Individuals	7,999
# Marriages	1,042	# Marriages	3,263
# Notes	0	# Notes	713
# Sources	1	# Sources	111
Submitter Information		Submitter Information	
Name		Name	
Address Line 1		Address Line 1	
Address Line 2		Address Line 2	
Address Line 3		Address Line 3	
Web Site		Country	
Phone		Phone	
Email		Email	
Header Information		Header Information	
File Type	Legacy Genealogy Database	Source	PAF
Database Version	3s	Oldest Version	500
		Version	500
		Deleted Individuals	0

This tab has three sections:

File Information Displays information about the file:

- **Name** - name of the file
- **Size** - size of the file in bytes
- **Date** - date and time of file's last update
- **# Individuals** - number of individuals
- **# Marriages** - number of marriages
- **# Notes** - number of notes
- **# Sources** - number of sources

Submitter This is the individual that created the genealogy file.

Header Information Displays information about the genealogy file such as source, date created, character set. Each file format has different header information.

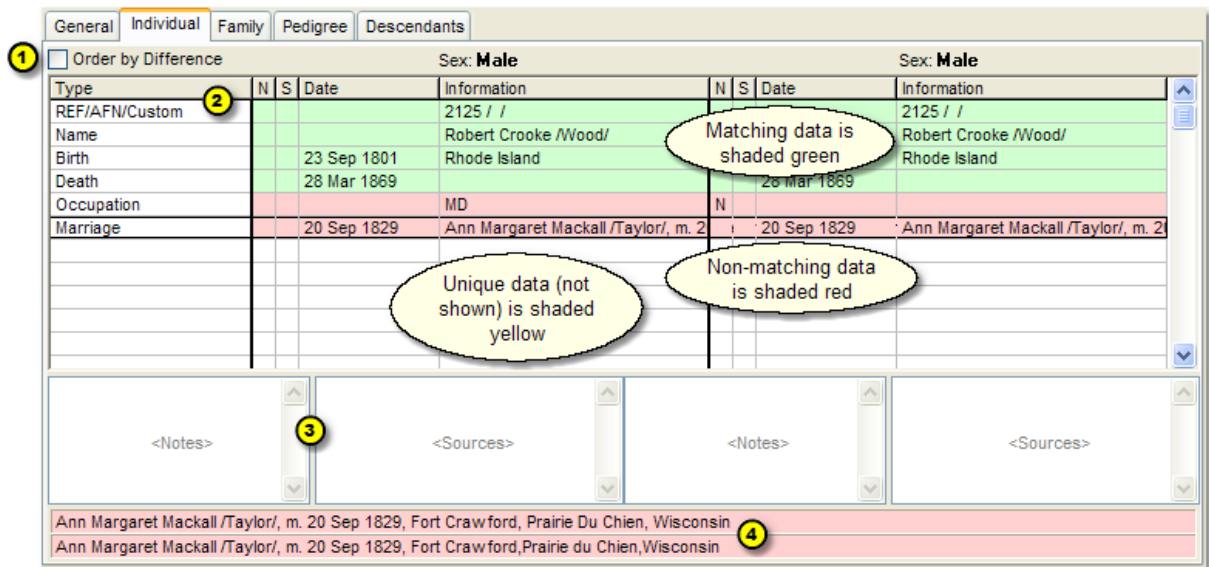
See Also

- [Tabs Overview](#)
- [General Report](#)
- [Individual Tab](#)
- [Individual Report](#)
- [Family Tab](#)
- [Pedigree Tab](#)
- [Descendants Tab](#)

3.3 Individual Tab

The Individual tab displays detailed information about the selected individuals of the [Matching Grid](#). Use the [Options](#) screen to change the colors used on this tab. The Individual tab is divided into four sections:

1. The top section displays rows of detailed information about the individual such as name, birth, death, parents, and marriage information.
2. The bottom left of the Tab displays the text of any notes for the individual. The detailed section has a column labeled **N**. On a row of information, if there is a note for that event or information, **N** is displayed. To see the text of the note, use the mouse cursor to select this row. The general note for the individual is indicated in the first row titled "REF/AFN/Custom".
3. The bottom right of the tab for an individual displays the source information. The detailed section has a column labeled **S**. On a row of information, if there is a source for that event or information, **S** is displayed. To see the text of the source, use the mouse cursor to select this row. The general source for the individual is indicated in the first row titled "REF/AFN/Custom".
4. At the bottom, a two-line comparison of the data is displayed. This makes it easier to compare and find differences.



1 Tab Header

- Order by Difference** This option allows events to be grouped together by difference; that is, data that matches (shaded green), data that doesn't match (shaded red), and data that is unique to a file (shaded yellow) are displayed together.

Unchecking this option, causes GENMatcher to display events in the following order:

- 1) Virtual Events - Birth, Christening, Death, and Burial events
- 2) LDS events if the option **Use LDS Information** is set on the [Options](#) screen
- 3) User Events
- 4) Parents
- 5) Marriages - spouses and children

Sex Sex of the individual: Male, Female, or Unknown.

2 Grid Columns

Type Description of the event type or item.

N "N" indicates that a note is assigned to the event or information. Here, George Washington has a note assigned to him - indicated by the "N" in the row that has "RIN/AFN/Custom". The text in the note is displayed in the bottom left section of the tab.

S "S" indicates that a source is assigned to the event or information. The source is displayed in the bottom of the tab to the right of the note.

Date This column displays the date of the event or information in the row.

Information The information column displays a detailed description of the event.

3 **Notes and Sources** Any notes and sources for the selected item in the grid are displayed below the grid.

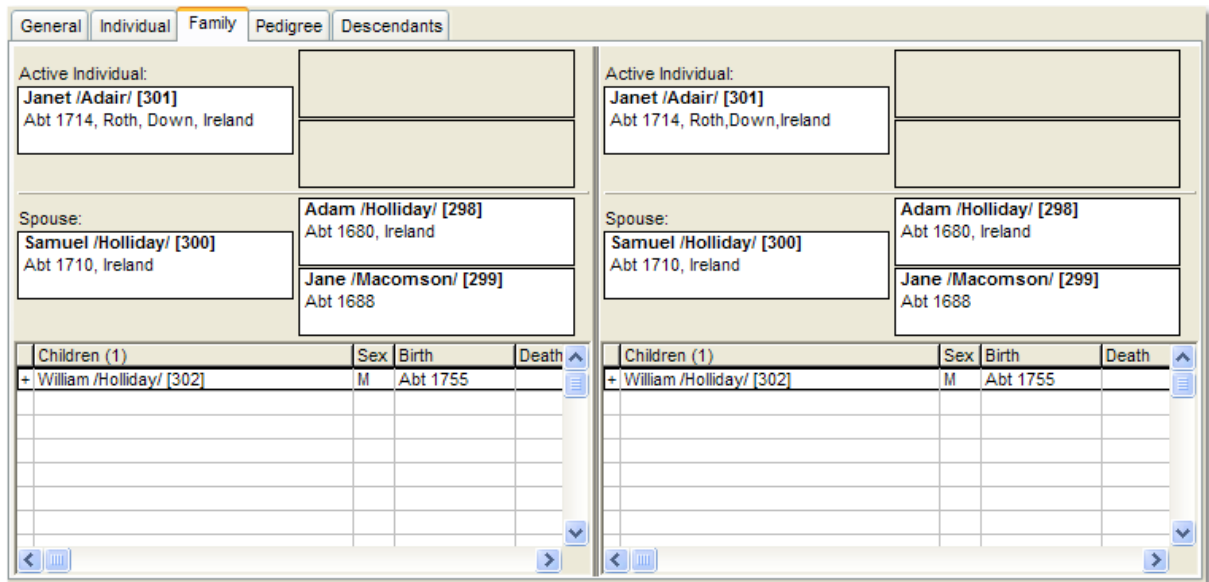
4 **Comparison Lines** At the bottom of the screen, for each file, the status bar displays full text of the **Information** fields from the left and right sides.

See Also

[Tabs Overview](#)
[General Tab](#)
[General Report](#)
[Individual Report](#)
[Family Tab](#)
[Pedigree Tab](#)
[Descendants Tab](#)

3.4 Family Tab

The Family Tab displays the family information for the selected individuals in the [Matching Grid](#). The individual is displayed in the top left along with their parents. Beneath, the individual's spouse and spouse's parents are displayed. Children – in the bottom grid – are sorted by birth date.



The Children Grid showing all fields:

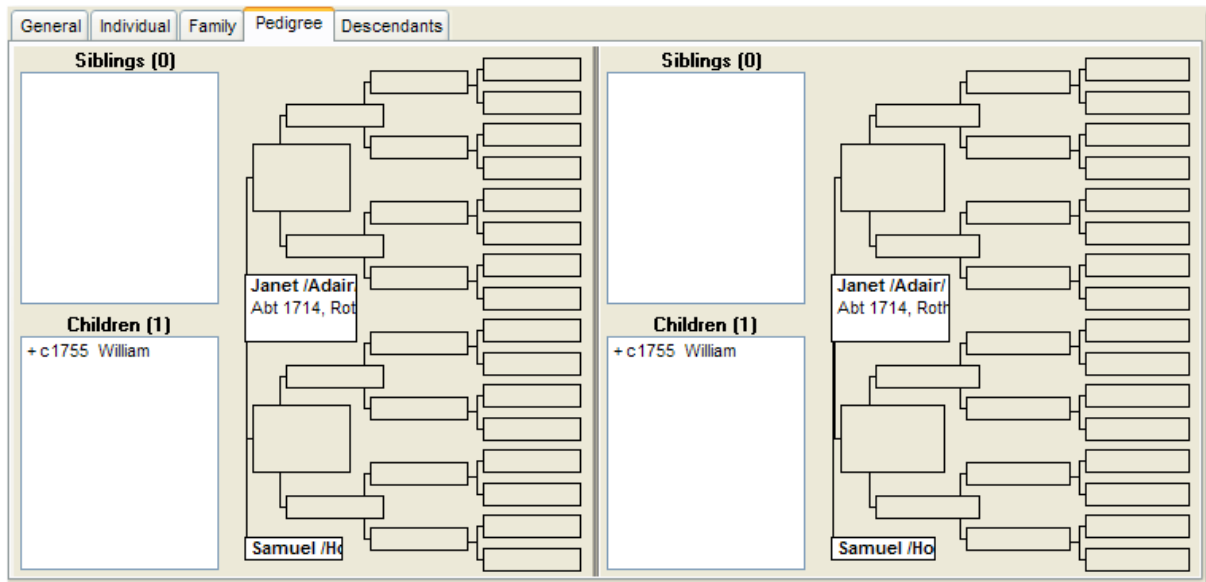
Children (5)	Sex	Birth	Death	Spouse
Abigail /Adams/ [1604]	F	14 Jul 1765	10 Jun 1816	William Stephens /Smith/ [1608]
+ John Quincy /Adams/ [1602]	M	11 Jul 1767	23 Feb 1848	Louisa Catherine /Johnson/ [1624]
Susanna /Adams/ [1605]	F	28 Dec 1768	4 Feb 1770	
Charles /Adams/ [1606]	M	29 May 1770	30 Nov 1800	Sarah /Smith/ [1609]
Thomas Boylston /Adams/ [1607]	M	15 Sep 1772	13 Mar 1832	Ann /Harrod/ [1610]

- Children (x)** In the grid, this field displays the child's name. In the title, the number of children is displayed in parenthesis.
- Sex** Sex of the child - **F** for female; **M** for male; **U** for unknown.
- Birth** Birth date.
- Death** Death date.
- Spouse** Spouse of the child.

- See Also**
- [Tabs Overview](#)
 - [General Tab](#)
 - [General Report](#)
 - [Individual Tab](#)
 - [Individual Report](#)
 - [Pedigree Tab](#)
 - [Descendants Tab](#)

3.5 Pedigree Tab

This Pedigree tab displays 4 generations of the selected individuals in the [Matching Grid](#). Also, the siblings and children of the individual are listed to the left – they are sorted by birth date.

**See Also**

- [Tabs Overview](#)
- [General Tab](#)
- [General Report](#)
- [Individual Tab](#)
- [Individual Report](#)
- [Family Tab](#)
- [Descendants Tab](#)

3.6 Descendants Tab

This tab displays the descendants and their spouse of the selected individuals in the [Matching Grid](#).

General	Individual	Family	Pedigree	Descendants
Descendants (17 individuals)				
1 - Janet /Adair/ [301] + Samuel /Holiday/ [300]				
2 - William /Holiday/ [302] + Martha /Patton/ [303]				
3 - Joseph /Holiday/ [304] + Nancy R. /McCune/ [305]				
4 - John James /Holiday/ [306] + Lucretia Green /Foree/ [307]				
5 - Nannie E. /Holiday/ [308] + James Hutchenson /Wear/ [506]				
6 - Lucretia (Loulie) /Wear/ [347] + George Herbert /Walker/ [346]				
7 - Dorothy /Walker/ [297] + Prescott Sheldon /Bush/ [296]				
8 - Prescott Sheldon /Bush/ [796]				
8 - George Herbert Walker /Bush/ [282] + Barbara /Pierce/ [281]				
9 - Dorothy Walker /Bush/ [805]				
9 - Robin /Bush/ [804]				
9 - Marvin Pierce /Bush/ [803]				
9 - Neil Mallon /Bush/ [802]				
9 - John Ellis /Bush/ [801]				
9 - George Walker /Bush/ [800]				
8 - Nancy /Bush/ [797]				
8 - Jonathan James /Bush/ [798]				
8 - William Trotter /Bush/ [799]				

See Also[Tabs Overview](#)[General Tab](#)[General Report](#)[Individual Tab](#)[Individual Report](#)[Family Tab](#)[Pedigree Tab](#)

4 Reports

4.1 Reports Overview

GENMatcher allows you to print several report using the Reports screen:

- [Matches Report](#)
- [General File Information Report](#)
- [Individual Report](#)
- [Sessions Report](#)

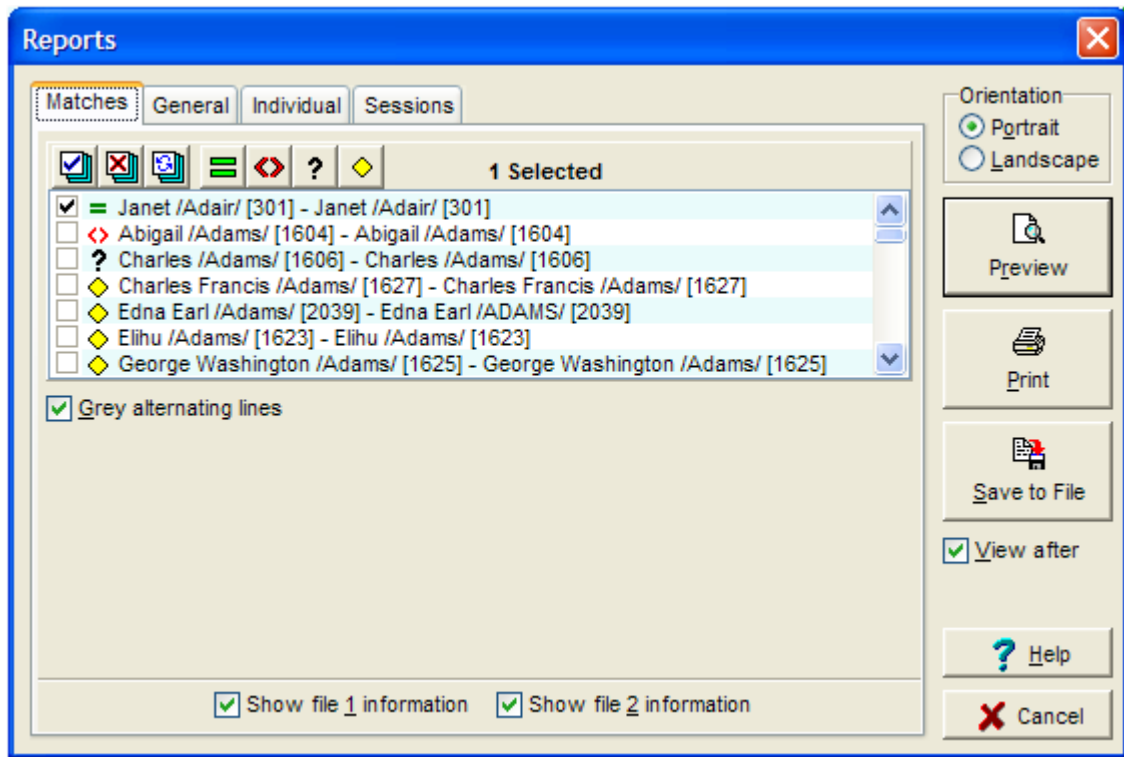
Navigation

To display the Reports screen:

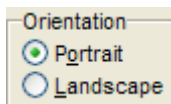
1. On the main toolbar, click **Reports** .

Screen Display

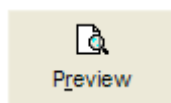
To select a report, click on one of the tabs on the **Reports** screen. Report specific options are located on their own tabs.



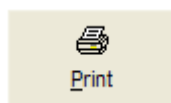
Options for all reports:



Select the report's page orientation.




Preview the selected report. Use this to quickly check the report to verify that it will look the way you want it before printing or saving it to a file.



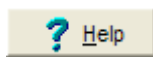
Print the selected report. See [How to Print a Range of Pages](#) for more information.



Save the selected report to a file. The following file formats are supported:

- PDF Adobe Acrobat file.
- HTML HTML (Web pages).
- RTF Rich Text Format. These files can be read by Microsoft Word and WordPerfect.
- JPEG Image format that is very popular on web pages.
- BMP Window's Bitmap file format.
- EMF Enhanced Meta File format. These files can be imported into drawing programs such as CorelDraw. **Tip:** to copy one page into the Windows Clipboard, which is the EMF format, click **Copy**  in the [Preview Reports](#) screen.

View after Click this option to view the file after it has been saved.



Display help text for this screen.



Exit this screen.

See Also


[Matches Report](#)
[General File Information Report](#)
[Individual Report](#)
[Sessions Report](#)
[Preview Reports](#)
[How to Save Reports to a File](#)
[How to Print a Range of Pages](#)

4.2 Matches Report

The Matches Report shows matching data that corresponds to the [Matching Grid](#) on the main screen.

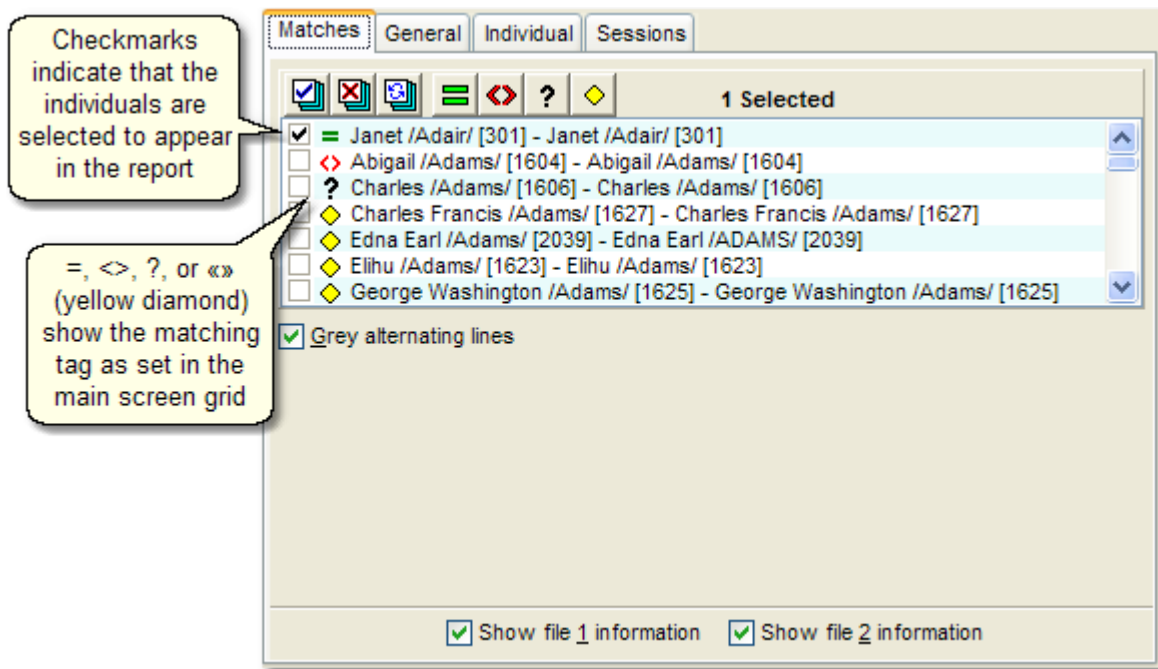
Navigation

To run the Matches Report:

1. On the main toolbar, click **Reports** .
2. On the **Reports** screen, click the **Matches** tab.
3. Optionally, on the **Matches** tab, set the report options.
4. On the **Reports** screen, preview the report by clicking **Preview**.
 - Or -
Print the report by clicking **Print**.
 - Or -
Save the report to a file by clicking **Save to File**. To view a report saved to a file, click the option **View after** before clicking **Save to File**.

Report Options

Set the report options in the **Matches** tab on the **Reports** screen.



In the list of individuals, select the individuals to be output on the report by clicking in the checkbox on the left. By default, only the selected matching pair from the main screen's matching grid is selected.

Other option features:



Select All

Select all individuals in the list. This function is also available on the list's right-click menu.



Unselect All

Unselect all individuals in the list. This function is also available on the list's right-click menu.



Inverse Selection

Inverse selections for all individuals in the list. This function is also available on the list's right-click menu.



Select All Matches

Select individuals that are tagged as a match in the main screen's [Matching Grid](#). This function is also available on the list's right-click menu.



Select All Non-Matches

Select individuals that are tagged as a non-match in the main screen's [Matching Grid](#). This function is also available on the list's right-click menu.



Select All Questionables

Select individuals that are tagged as questionable matches in the main screen's [Matching Grid](#). This function is also available on the list's right-click menu.



Select All Unknowns

Select individuals that are tagged as unknowns. This function is also available on the list's right-click menu.



Grey alternating lines

This option adds a grey-shaded background to alternating rows of

the report.

- Show file 1 information** Set this option to have the left-side (file 1) data included in the report.
- Show file 2 information** Set this option to have the right-side (file 2) data included in the report.

Report Layout

Matches Report					
Left-side file USPRES.FDB			Right-side file USPRES.GED		
Name	Birth	Death	Name	Birth	Death
Janet /Adair/ [301]	Abt 1714		= Janet /Adair/ [301]	Abt 1714	
Abigail /Adams/ [1604]	14 Jul 1765	10 Jun 1816	? Abigail /Adams/ [1604]	14 Jul 1765	10 Jun 1816
Charl[...]	Individual's Birth Date	Individual's Death Date	? Charl[...]	Individual's Birth Date	Individual's Death Date
Edna Earl /Adams/ [2039]	19 Apr 1878	8 Aug 1952	? Edna Earl /ADAMS/ [2039]	19 Apr 1878	8 Aug 1952
Elihu /Adams/ [1623]	1741	1776	? Elihu /Adams/ [1623]	1741	1776
George Washington /Adams/ [1625]	12 Apr 1801	30 Apr 1829	= George Washington /Adams/ [1625]	12 Apr 1801	30 Apr 1829
John /Adams/ [1614]	1691		=, <>, ?, or «» (diamond) show the matching tag as set in the main screen grid	1691	1761
John /Adams/ [1601]	30 Oct 1735		John /Adams/ [1601]	30 Oct 1735	4 Jul 1826

See Also


- [Reports Overview](#)
- [Matching Grid](#)
- [Preview Reports](#)
- [How to Save Reports to a File](#)
- [How to Print a Range of Pages](#)

4.3 General File Information Report

The General File Information Report shows file information data that corresponds to the [General Tab](#) on the main screen.

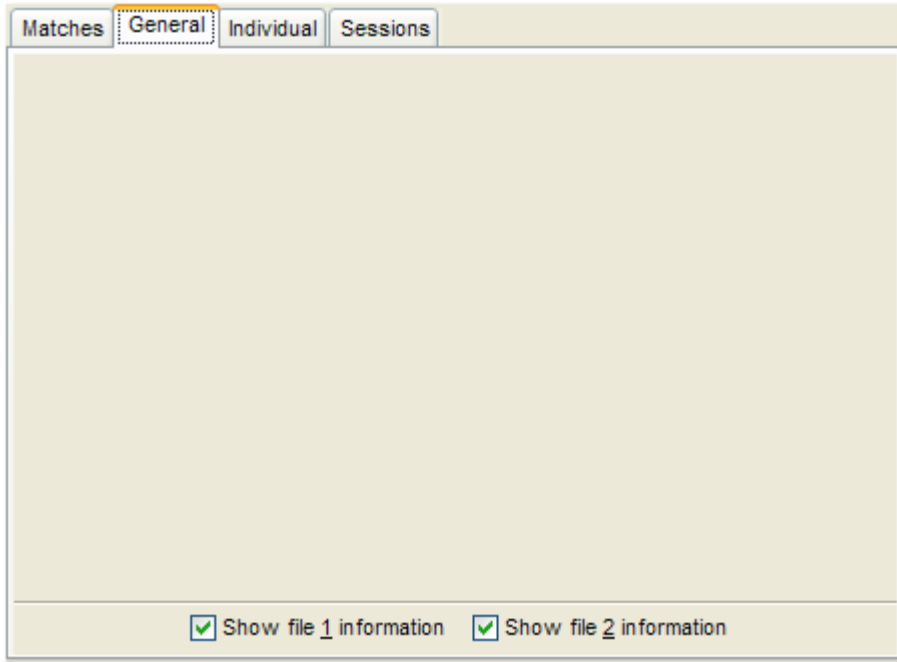
Navigation

To run the General File Information Report:

1. On the main toolbar, click **Reports** .
2. On the **Reports** screen, click the **General** tab.
3. Optionally, on the **General** tab, set the report options.
4. On the **Reports** screen, preview the report by clicking **Preview**.
 - Or -
 - Print the report by clicking **Print**.
 - Or -
 - Save the report to a file by clicking **Save to File**. To view a report saved to a file, click the option **View after** before clicking **Save to File**.

Report Options

Set the report options in the **General** tab on the **Reports** screen.



Options:

- Show file 1 information** Set this option to have the left-side (file 1) data included in the report.
- Show file 2 information** Set this option to have the right-side (file 2) data included in the report.

Report Layout

General File Information Report			
Information - File 1		Information - File 2	
File Type	Legacy Genealogy Database	Application	PAF
Database Version	3s	Application Name	Personal Ancestral File
File Description		Application Version	5.1.12.0
		Application Corp.	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
		Application Address	50 East North Temple Street
		Destination	Other
		Date	8 Jan 2002 22:53:33
		File name	uspres.ged
		GEDC Version	5.5
		GEDC Form	LINEAGE-LINKED
		Char Set	ANSEL
Submitter			
Information	Description - File 1	Description - File 2	
Name		Luc Comeau	
Address 1		12 Archibald Drive	
Address 2		Fall River	
Address 3		NS, B2T 1E8	
Web Site / Country		Canada	
Phone		123-1232	
Email		luc@mudcreek.ca	
File Information			
Stats	Description - File 1	Description - File 2	
File Name	C:\Mudcreek\Data\USA Presidents All Formats\uspres.fdb	C:\Mudcreek\Data\USA Presidents All Formats\uspres.ged	
File Size	3,915,776 bytes	693,140 bytes	
File Date	09 Jan 2002, 12:29 AM	08 Jan 2002, 11:53 PM	
# Individuals	2,145	2,145	
# Families	1,042	1,042	
# Notes	0	0	
# Sources	1	1	

See Also

[Reports Overview](#)

[General Tab](#)

[Preview Reports](#)

[How to Save Reports to a File](#)


[How to Print a Range of Pages](#)

4.4 Individual Report

The Individual Report shows detailed information about individuals that corresponds to the [Individual Tab](#) on the main screen.

Navigation

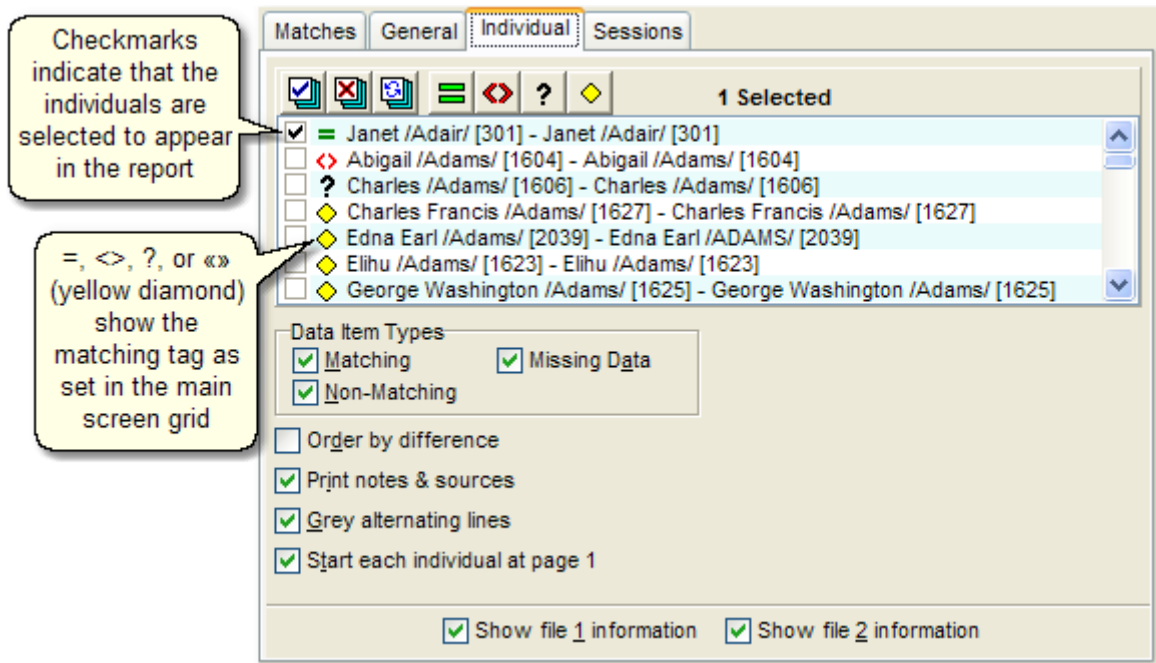
To run the Individual Report:

1. On the main toolbar, click **Reports** .
2. On the **Reports** screen, click the **Individual** tab.

3. Optionally, on the **Individual** tab, set the report options.
4. On the **Reports** screen, preview the report by clicking **Preview**.
 - Or -
 - Print the report by clicking **Print**.
 - Or -
 - Save the report to a file by clicking **Save to File**. To view a report saved to a file, click the option **View after** before clicking **Save to File**.

Report Options

Set the report options in the **Individual** tab on the **Reports** screen.



In the list of individuals, select the individuals to be output on the report by clicking in the checkbox on the left. By default, only the selected matching pair from the main screen's matching grid is selected.

Other option features:



Select All

Select all individuals in the list. This function is also available on the list's right-click menu.



Unselect All

Unselect all individuals in the list. This function is also available on the list's right-click menu.



Inverse Selection

Inverse selections for all individuals in the list. This function is also available on the list's right-click menu.



Select All Matches

Select individuals that are tagged as a match in the main screen's [Matching Grid](#). This function is also available on the list's right-click menu.

**Select All Non-Matches**

Select individuals that are tagged as a non-match in the main screen's [Matching Grid](#). This function is also available on the list's right-click menu.

**Select All Questionables**

Select individuals that are tagged as questionable matches in the main screen's [Matching Grid](#). This function is also available on the list's right-click menu.

**Select All Unknowns**

Select individuals that are tagged as unknowns. This function is also available on the list's right-click menu.

Data Item Types **Matching**

Set this option to output data items that match exactly between the two files. This is indicated by "=" on the report.

 Non-Matching

Set this option to output data items that do not match between the two files. This is indicated by "<>" on the report.

 Missing Data

Set this option to output data items that are missing in the other file.

 Order by difference

This option allows events to be grouped together by difference; that is, data that matches, data that doesn't match, and data that is unique to a file are displayed together.

Unchecking this option, causes GENMatcher to display events in the following order:

- 1) Virtual Events - Birth, Christening, Death, and Burial events
- 2) LDS events if the option **Use LDS Information** is set on the [Options](#) screen
- 3) User Events
- 4) Parents
- 5) Marriages - spouses and children

 Print notes & sources

Set this option to output notes and sources for each individual.

 Grey alternating lines

This option adds a grey-shaded background to alternating rows of the report.

 Start each individual at page 1

Set this option to restart page numbering for each individual so that each individual starts as page 1.

 Show file 1 information

Set this option to have the left-side (file 1) data included in the report.

 Show file 2 information

Set this option to have the right-side (file 2) data included in the report.

Report Layout

Individual Report

George Washington /Adams/ [1625] - George Washington /Adams/ [1625]

Match Type: *

Type	N	S	Date	Information	N	S	Date	Information
Name	-	-		George Washington /Adams/	=	-		George Washington /Adams/
REF/AFN/Custom	a	-		1625 / /	=	a		1625 / /
Birth	-	-	12 Apr 1801	Berlin, Germany	<>	-	12 Apr 1801	Berlin, Germany
Death	-	-	30 Apr 1829	Long Island, New York	<>	-	30 Apr 1829	Long Island, New York
Father	b	-	11 Jul 1767	John Quincy /Adams/	<>	b	11 Jul 1767	John Quincy /Adams/
Mother	-	-	12 Feb 1775	Louisa Catherine /Johnson/, (b. 12 Feb 1775, London, England), (d. 15 May 1852, Washington D.C.)	<>	-	12 Feb 1775	Louisa Catherine /Johnson/, (b. 12 Feb 1775, London, England), (d. 15 May 1852, Washington D.C.)

Notes - USPRES.FDB Notes - USPRES.PAF

#	Notes	#	Notes
a	GENERAL NOTES: Had fallen into dissipation and debt. Committed suicide.	a	Had fallen into dissipation and debt. Committed suicide.
b	GENERAL NOTES: Was elected in 1824 by a popular vote of 108,740 and an electoral vote of 13,544 popular and 99 electoral votes. However, no candidate had a majority, and election was decided in the House of Representatives. During his single term 1825-1829 John C. Calhoun served as his vice-president. Was elected in 1830 as Representative in Congress.	b	Was elected in 1824 by a popular vote of 108,740 and an electoral vote of 13,544 popular and 99 electoral votes. However, no candidate had a majority, and election was decided in the House of Representatives. During his single term 1825-1829 John C. Calhoun served as his vice-president. Was elected in 1830 as Representative in Congress.

Annotations in the image:

- N = Notes, S = Sources
- Left-side file
- Right-side file
- Match type as set in the matching grid (= for match; <> for non-match; ? for questionable; diamond for unknown)
- Letters are used to identify Notes and Sources
- Matching and non-matching detail lines are indicated with "=" and "<>"
- The Name & REF/AFN/Custom fields always appear first
- Notes for left-side file
- Notes for right-side file
- Sources for left-side file follow after the Notes
- Sources for right-side file follow after the Notes

See Also


- [Reports Overview](#)
- [Individual Tab](#)
- [Preview Reports](#)
- [How to Save Reports to a File](#)
- [How to Print a Range of Pages](#)

4.5 Sessions Report

The Sessions Report shows information about all GENMatcher [Sessions](#).

Navigation

To run the Sessions Report:

1. On the main toolbar, click **Reports** .
2. On the **Reports** screen, click the **Sessions** tab.
3. Optionally, on the **Sessions** tab, set the report options.
4. On the **Reports** screen, preview the report by clicking **Preview**.
 - Or -
 - Print the report by clicking **Print**.
 - Or -
 - Save the report to a file by clicking **Save to File**. To view a report saved to a file, click the option **View after** before clicking **Save to File**.

Report Options

Set the report options in the **Sessions** tab on the **Reports** screen.



Options:

- Grey alternating lines** This option adds a grey-shaded background to alternating rows of the report.

Report Layout

Sessions Report						
Name	Type	Left File	Right File	Last Update	Items Outdated	
Default Session	File-to-File	C:\Mudcreek\Data\Tuttle \Tuttle 2000.08.ged	C:\Mudcreek\Data\Tuttle \Tuttle 2003.05.ged	04 Dec 2003, 09:57 PM	2,588	
uspres.fdb - Duplicates	Duplicates	C:\Mudcreek\Data\USA Presidents All Formats\uspres.fdb		04 Dec 2003, 03:58 PM	0	
uspres.fdb -VS- uspres.ged	File-to-File	C:\Mudcreek\Data\USA Presidents All Formats\uspres.fdb	C:\Mudcreek\Data\USA Presidents All Formats\uspres.ged	05 Dec 2003, 10:35 PM		
uspres.ged - Duplicates	Duplicates	C:\Mudcreek\Data\USA Presidents All Formats\uspres.ged		04 Dec 2003, 03:58 PM		

Indicates if the session's data is out-of-date compared to the file(s)

Date-time of the session's last update

Number of comparison matches in the session

See Also

- [Reports Overview](#)
- [Preview Reports](#)
- [How to Save Reports to a File](#)
- [How to Print a Range of Pages](#)


4.6 Preview Reports

Use the [Report](#) screen's Preview function to view reports without printing or saving them to a file.

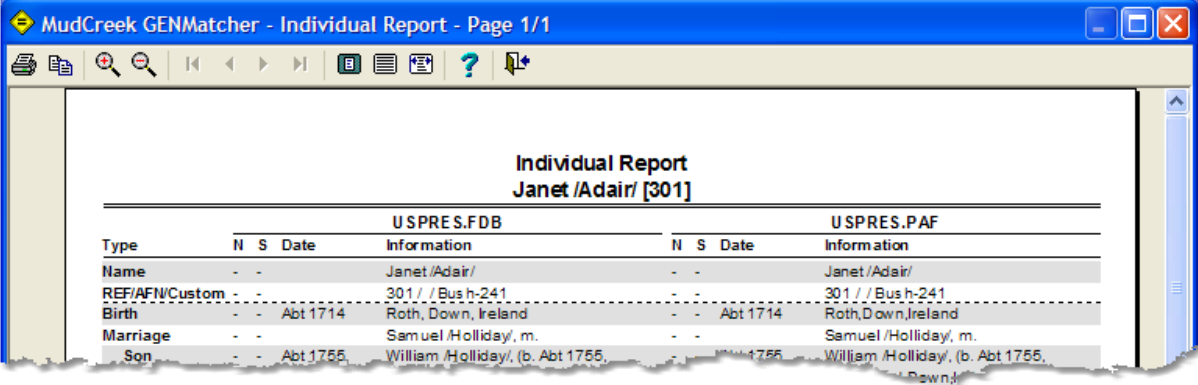
The Preview screen's size, position, and zoom are saved. To reset them to their defaults, go to the [Options](#) screen and uncheck the option **Restore settings at startup**.

Navigation

To preview a GENMatcher report:

1. On the main toolbar, click **Reports** .
2. On the **Reports** screen, click one of the tabs. Each tab represents a report.
3. On the **Reports** screen, click **Preview**.

Screen Display



Individual Report Janet /Adair/ [301]								
USPRES.FDB					USPRES.PAF			
Type	N	S	Date	Information	N	S	Date	Information
Name	-	-		Janet /Adair/	-	-		Janet /Adair/
REF/AFN/Custom	-	-		301 / / Bus h-241	-	-		301 / / Bus h-241
Birth	-	-	Abt 1714	Roth, Down, Ireland	-	-	Abt 1714	Roth, Down, Ireland
Marriage	-	-		Samuel /Holliday/, m.	-	-		Samuel /Holliday/, m.
Son	-	-	Abt 1755	William /Holliday/, (b. Abt 1755,	-	-	Abt 1755	William /Holliday/, (b. Abt 1755,



Print

Print the report. This brings up the default Windows print dialog screen. The hotkey for this is **Ctrl+P**.



Copy

Copy the current page to the Windows Clipboard. The contents can be pasted into applications such as Microsoft Word and Microsoft Outlook (set the message format to RTF). The hotkey for this is **Ctrl+C**.



Zoom In

Increase the preview's zoom. The hotkey for this is **Ins**.



Zoom Out

Decrease the preview's zoom. The hotkey for this is **Del**.



First Page

Go to the first page. The hotkey for this is **Ctrl+PgUp**.



Previous Page

Go to the previous page. The hotkey for this is **PgUp**.








Next Page

Go to the next page. The hotkey for this is **PgDn**.



Last Page

Go to the last page. The hotkey for this is **Ctrl+PgDn**.

-  **Zoom To Fit** Set the preview zoom so that the whole report page is visible.
-  **Zoom 100%** Set the preview zoom to 100%.
-  **Zoom To Width** Set the preview zoom so that the report page fits the width of the window.
-  **Help** Display help text for this screen.
-  **Close Preview** Exit Preview Reports.

See Also

[Reports Overview](#)

[How to Save Reports to a File](#)

[How to Print a Range of Pages](#)

5 Tutorials

5.1 Tutorial Overview

This following tutorials will help you to quickly learn the features of GENMatcher.

The Basics

Exercise: [How to Understand Index numbers](#)

Exercise: [How to Understand RIN/REF Values](#)

Exercise: [How to View General Information about a File](#)

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Exercise: [How to View Notes/Sources of an Individual](#)

Exercise: [How to View Family Information](#)

Exercise: [How to View Pedigree Information](#)

Exercise: [How to View Information About Descendants](#)

Exercise: [How to View the Current Version of GENMatcher](#)

Exercise: [How to Join/Leave GENMatcher Mailing Lists](#)

Exercise: [How to Make Suggestions or Comments about GENMatcher](#)

Exercise: [How to Display LDS Information](#)

Intermediate

Exercise: [How to Customize GENMatcher](#)

Exercise: [How to Install a Newer Version of GENMatcher on your Computer](#)

Reports

Exercise: [How to View Reports](#)

Exercise: [How to Save Reports to a File](#)

Exercise: [How to Print a Range of Pages in a Report](#)

5.2 How to Understand Index Numbers

GENMatcher gives each individual in a genealogy file a consecutive number starting with the value of one. They are assigned in the order found in the genealogy file. This value is independent of the RIN

values used by some genealogy programs.

See Also

[How to Understand RIN/REF Values](#)

5.3 How to Understand RIN/REF Values

RIN Numbers

RIN numbers are used by several genealogy programs. They are used to give each individual a unique ID. When viewing a genealogy file that supports RIN numbers, GENMatcher will display the RIN number.

REF Values

Reference values are used in GEDCOM files. They give each individual and marriage a unique reference. They are alphanumeric. When viewing a GEDCOM file, GENMatcher will display the REF value.

See Also

[How to Understand Index numbers](#)

5.4 How to View General Information About a File

1. Click on the [General tab](#).
2. This tab displays general information about the genealogy file. The submitter and the number of individuals, marriages, notes and sources are displayed.

See Also

[General Tab](#)
[Tabs Overview](#)

5.5 How to View Detailed Information About an Individual

1. Click on the [Individual tab](#).
2. This tab displays detailed individual information.

See Also

[Individual Tab](#)
[Tabs Overview](#)

5.6 How to View Notes and Sources of an Individual

See [How to view detailed information about an individual](#).

See Also

[Individual Tab](#)
[Tabs Overview](#)

5.7 How to View Family Information

1. Click on the **Family** tab.
2. This tab displays family information about individuals.
3. The individual's information is displayed at the top left of the tab along with the their parents.
4. The individual's spouse and spouse's parents are display beneath. If the individual has more than

1 marriage, a small down-arrow is displayed on top of the spouse's information. Use the mouse cursor to rotate through the marriages.

5. At the bottom, the children are displayed.

See Also

[Family Tab](#)

[Tabs Overview](#)

5.8 How to View Pedigree Information

1. Click on the **Pedigree** tab.
2. This tab displays pedigree information about individuals.
3. The individual is the "root" of the 4 generation pedigree.
4. The individual's spouse is displayed beneath the individual. If the individual has more than 1 marriage, a small down-arrow is displayed on top of the spouse's information. Use the mouse cursor to rotate through the marriages.
5. To the left, the individual's siblings and children are displayed
6. Using the mouse cursor, you can navigate to any individual that is displayed in the pedigree by double-clicking on their name.

See Also

[Pedigree Tab](#)

[Tabs Overview](#)

5.9 How to View Information About Descendants

1. Click on the Descendants tab.
2. This tab displays descendant information about individuals.
3. The individual is the first one in the descendency list.
4. An individual's spouse is displayed on the same line in the list. Multiple spouses are indicated with the text "[1 of 2]" meaning that this spouse is the one of the two marriages for the individual.
5. In square brackets, the individual's Index number is displayed after their name.

See Also

[Descendants Tab](#)

[Tabs Overview](#)

5.10 How to View the Current Version of GENMatcher

To find GENMatcher's current version,

1. On the main screen, click **About** on the **Help** menu.
2. GENMatcher's version is displayed at the top.

5.11 How to Join or Leave GENMatcher Mailing Lists

There are two Internet mailing lists to help keep you informed about GENMatcher:

1. **MudCreek Mailing List** (Usually 1 to 2 emails per month)

This mailing list is used to make announcements of new products and releases from MudCreek Software. Only the MudCreek moderator can post emails to this list.

To join, email MudCreek-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

To leave, email MudCreek-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

2. GENMatcher Mailing List (Usually less than 10 emails per week)

This mailing list is used by GENMatcher users to share questions, ideas, and problems about working with GENMatcher. Any member of the mailing list can post a message.

To join, email GENMatcher-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

To leave, email GENMatcher-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

To post a message, email GENMatcher@yahoogroups.com

5.12 How to Make Suggestions or Comments about GENMatcher

MudCreek Software welcomes all user comments.

- For a suggestion, send an email to suggest@mudcreek.ca
- For a question or help, send an email to service@mudcreek.ca

5.13 How to Display LDS Information

To display LDS information in GENMatcher,

1. On the main screen, click the **Options** menu item on the **Tools** menu. This will display the Options dialog box.
2. Enable the option **Use LDS Information**.

See Also

[Options Overview](#)

5.14 How to Customize GENMatcher

To customize GENMatcher,

1. On the main screen, **Options** menu item on the **Tools** menu. This will display the Options dialog box.
2. Enable or disable options by clicking on their check boxes.

See Also

[Options Overview](#)

5.15 How to Install a Newer Version of GENMatcher

To install a newer version of GENMatcher on your computer,

1. Download the latest version of GENMatcher from www.mudcreek.ca. The file will be named **genmatchersetup.exe**.
2. Run this latest version of GENMatcher that you downloaded. The installation process will ask you for different options and directory locations, please use all the default values during the installation process.
3. Your license information will not have to be re-entered. You do not need to uninstall your old


version first.

See Also

[Installing GENMatcher](#)

5.16 How to View Reports

To view GENMatcher's reports:

1. On the main toolbar, click **Reports** .
2. On the **Reports** screen, click one of the tabs. Each tab represents a report.
3. On the **Reports** screen, preview the report by clicking **Preview**.
 - Or -
 - Print the report by clicking **Print**.
 - Or -
 - Save the report to a file by clicking **Save to File**. To view a report saved to a file, click the option **View after** before clicking **Save to File**.

See Also

[Reports Overview](#)

[Matches Report](#)

[General File Information Report](#)

[Individual Report](#)


[Sessions Report](#)

[How to Print a Range of Pages](#)

[How to Save Reports to a File](#)

5.17 How to Save Reports to a File

To save GENMatcher's reports to a file:

1. On the main toolbar, click **Reports** .
2. On the **Reports** screen, click one of the tabs. Each tab represents a report.
3. On the **Reports** screen, click **Save to File**. To view a report saved to a file, click the option **View after** before clicking **Save to File**.
4. On the **Save to File** screen, select the file name and the file type of the report. The supported file types are:

PDF	Adobe PDF (Acrobat) file.
HTML	HTML (Web pages).
RTF	Rich Text Format. These files can be read by Microsoft Word and WordPerfect.
JPEG	Image format (Can be used in a web page).
BMP	Window's Bitmap file format.
EMF	Enhanced Meta File format. These files can be imported into drawing programs such as CorelDraw.

5. Click **Save** to save the report to a file.

See Also

[Reports Overview](#)

[Matches Report](#)

[General File Information Report](#)


[Individual Report](#)

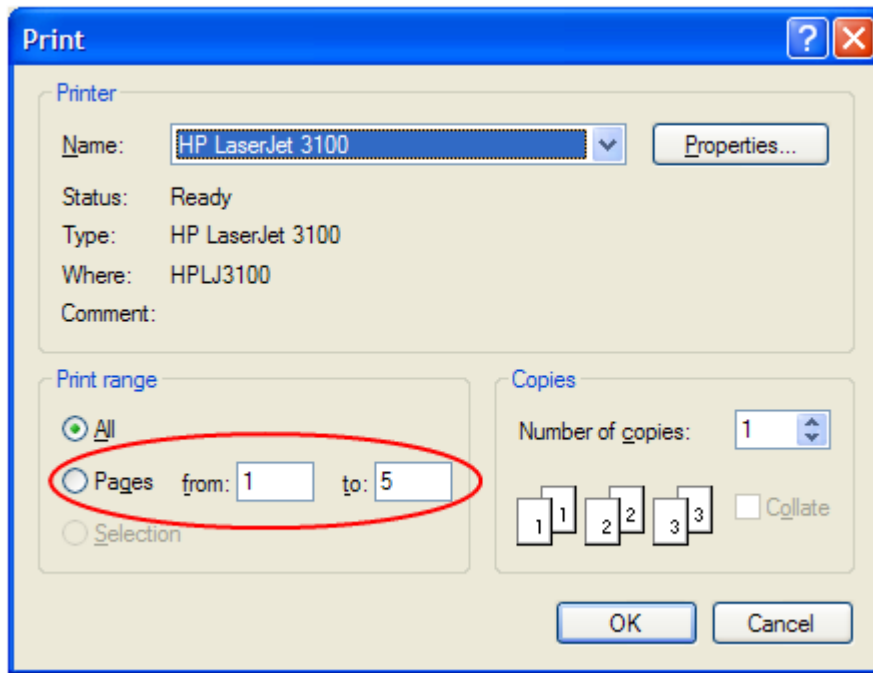
[Sessions Report](#)

[How to Print a Range of Pages](#)

5.18 How to Print a Range of Pages

To print a range of pages:

1. On the main toolbar, click **Reports** .
2. On the **Reports** screen, click one of the tabs. Each tab represents a report.
3. On the **Reports** screen, click **Print**.
4. On the **Print** screen, click **Pages** and set the page range:



See Also

- [Reports Overview](#)
- [Matches Report](#)
- [General File Information Report](#)
- [Individual Report](#)
- [Sessions Report](#)
- [How to Save Reports to a File](#)

6 Reference

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6.3 Updates and Releases

Version 1.03 - January 14, 2004

Matching

Fixed matching based on places.

General

New menu item: Enter License.

New Menu item: Purchase GENMatcher.

New dialog box to display trial information.

Added "(Trial Version)" in the title bar.

Added "Buy now" in the toolbar.

Version 1.02 - January 12, 2004

Matching

Matching tags are now persistent. They are no longer lost when refreshing the session data. Also, minor changes to the source data files will no longer cause the matching tags to be lost.

Fixed problems with matching.

Fixed: matching grid color now displayed as set in Options.

Fixed problem with the tab view not updated as the display options (on the main toolbar) were changed.

Matches Report

Fixed landscape output: position of unknown tag.

Version 1.01 - January 5, 2004

Help

Quick Help added. Each one only appears once. To see them again, on the Help menu, click on Reset Quick Help Dialog Boxes.

Help buttons added to dialog boxes and on report previewer.

Make a Suggestion to MudCreek menu item added to Help menu.

Matching

Replaced Possible Match button with Questionable (question mark) button to tag matches.

Added Unknown button (yellow diamond) to the main toolbar. It's used for the initial comparison state. In version 1.00, this state was displayed as a blank in the matching grid; now, it is a yellow diamond.

In Options, can now set the color of unknown matches.

On exit of Session Properties, can now press Cancel when warned about losing matching tags. This allows a return back to the Session Properties screen to cancel all session changes so that tags are not lost.

Individual Tab: better matching of marriages and children.

Sessions

In the Session Manager, added a confirmation message before deleting a session.

In the Session Manager, after using the New Session Wizard to create a new session, the Session Manager is closed and the new session is opened.

Changed default for new sessions: ignore spaces and punctuation are now on by default.

Session Properties: fixed problem with the check for a valid file causing a "Cannot Focus a disabled or invisible window" error.

Session Properties: fixed problem with renaming the session to an existing name.

Individual Report

Added Match Type to top right of report to show the matching tag for the individual pair.

Now display the two individual names with IDs instead of just the left one with the two IDs.

Now shows whether each detail line is a match ("=") or non-match ("<>"). This is the same comparison criteria as used in the Individual tab on the main screen.

Now using same technique as on main screen to check for match type (matching, non-matching, missing data). This means that comparison settings such as ignoring blanks or punctuation are also used for the report.

Lining up Notes and Sources of different lengths fixed.

Sessions Report

Fixed problem with blank output.

Version 1.00 - January 2, 2004

Initial release.

6.4 System Requirements

System Requirements

- Windows 95/98/Me/NT/2000/XP. GENMatcher is a 32-bit Windows program.
- 5MB of hard drive space is required for the application and data files. More free space is required while viewing genealogy files. The size of free space requires depends on the size of the genealogy file.

Reading Legacy files

- To view Legacy files, GENMatcher requires the Microsoft Access DAO drivers to be installed. You can install Legacy version 3.0 in order to install the correct drivers required. Legacy is a free

download at: www.legacyfamilytree.com

6.5 What is GENMatcher?

GENMatcher quickly compares two genealogy files for matches, or one genealogy file for duplicates.

Features

- **Reads all popular file formats:**
 - **GEDCOM**, which is used by all popular genealogy programs
 - **Personal Ancestral File (PAF)** 3, 4, and 5
 - **The Master Genealogist (TMG)** 4.x
 - **Family Tree Maker (FTW, FBK)**
 - **Legacy (FDB)**
 - **Temple Submission File (SUB, XXX)**
- **Compare files** between any of the supported file formats. Files do not have to be the same format to be compared. No other software required.
- **No risk** to your data. Compare without needing to import or change your data.
- Use GENMatcher to analyze genealogy data:
 - **Tag found matches or duplicates** as a confirmed match, a non-match, a questionable match, or an unknown match
 - Save and recall any number of **work sessions**
 - **Run reports:**
 - Matches Report
 - Generation Information Report
 - Individual Report
 - Sessions Report
 - **Print, preview, or save reports** as a
 - Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) file
 - HTML file
 - Rich Text Format (RTF) file
 - JPEG (JPG) file
 - Bitmap (BMP) file
 - Enhance Meta File (EMF) file
- **Works incredibly fast.**

See Also

[Quick Help](#)

6.6 What is GENViewer?

GENViewer is another Mudcreek utility that is used to view, search, and analyze genealogy files.

Features

- **Reads all popular file formats:**
 - **GEDCOM**, which is used by all popular genealogy programs
 - **Personal Ancestral File (PAF)** 3, 4, and 5
 - **The Master Genealogist (TMG)** 4.x
 - **Family Tree Maker (FTW, FBK)**
 - **Legacy (FDB)**
 - **Temple Submission File (SUB, XXX)**
- **Incredibly fast.** Reads genealogy files in seconds not minutes without having to import data into your genealogy program.

- Analyze genealogy data:
 - **Highlight individuals** based on one or more conditions. Select from over 80 unique conditions such as "Sibling Surname" and "Has No Birth Date". Combine them using AND or OR conditions.
 - Display **independent family groups** within a genealogy file called Islands.
 - **Search Internet** genealogy web sites for your ancestors at a click of a button.
 - **Search your computer** for individuals in genealogy files.
- Create **self-viewing GEDCOM files** that you can email so that others can see exactly what you see on your screen.

For more information about GENViewer, please visit our web site www.mudcreek.ca.

6.7 Reading TMG Databases

This section outlines the features in the shareware version of GENMatcher in viewing TMG databases.

Important: Because TMG 4.x is an 16 bit application, GENMatcher and TMG can not view the same database at the same time.

- Only version 4.x TMG databases can be viewed.
- GENMatcher uses the sort dates of events when the chronological option is used in the Individual Tab.
- In order to manage child to parent relationships, GENMatcher might be required to create temporary families. This means that the family count that GENMatcher indicates for a TMG database will be greater than the actual number in the database.

6.8 Reading Legacy Files

This section outlines the features in the shareware version of GENMatcher in viewing Legacy databases.

Important: GENMatcher requires Microsoft Access DAO drivers to be installed on your computer before GENMatcher can read Legacy files. If you are having problems reading Legacy files with GENMatcher, please download a free version of Legacy from www.LegacyFamilyTree.com and install it on your computer. This will install the required Access drivers to allow GENMatcher to read your Legacy files.

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