

Reunion Nuts and Bolts
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Today's goal – To make Reunion for the Mac more readable and more serviceable.

Help>Contents – This is where you can revisit the exact instructions for the actions described below.

Font size

Change all - command plus and command minus changes text for **all** fields in family view, sidebars, & lists
To change Lists and Data Entry go to Reunion > Preferences > General > Select a font, style, and size under the heading **Font for lists and data entry**.

Side Bars – Can show and hide them using the double arrows at the top of each sidebar in the title bar.

Explore the Family View

Home Button – The home family is the family that opens when you open a family file. Establish home family: drag any button onto the **Home** button in the bottom bar of the family view.

History Button - Shows a list of couples that you have visited recently.

Children list, Parent list – Change the view to a list or buttons. Go to Preferences>Family View – choose Children>Show buttons in a list or choose Parents>Stacked or Side by side

Adding People

Adding a new person

Spouse – Click on the blank where the spouse will go or use the plus sign above the related person

Child – Click on the plus sign below the parent

Parent – Click on the blank where the parent will go or use the plus sign above the related person

Unrelated person – Edit>Add unrelated person

From another family – When adding a parent, child or spouse, someone already in your database, drag the person from the sidebar.

Name Panel

Formatting the Name Panel

Last Name UPPERCASE – Check box

Initial Caps – Check box

Surname of father is repeated; can be changed

Sex and user ID – optional

Don't forget to add a source!

Hint: If it's the same as the very last source that you used, type ⌘r

Add extra info about the source in the detail field.

Events Panel – *Hint:* can use tab key to move from field to field

Date

Set date format in Preferences>Dates – make choices

Can use ca, bef, aft, abt

Feasibility checking: If you enter an impossible, questionable, or unlikely date, a Date Feasibility

Warning window will appear. Preferences>Dates – turn on and check boxes

Place

Check box for initial caps

Begin typing, then select the name if it is something you have already entered

Hint: If you are repeating the last place you entered, simply type Command ditto (⌘“)

Memo

Can add notes about differences you've found in the date or place

Death and other events – Add info in the same way

Hint: Tabbing takes you through the events

Add an event

Click *Add Event* button and choose (typing first letter of the event will move you to that section of the list).

Enter info for the new event.

Sort events – Puts them in chronological order.

Can also drag events into the order you want.

Facts Panel – Use as you choose

Can add facts and create new facts

Initial caps check box

Notes Panel

Place to store logs, info, other details

How do you use this section?

Hint: Put census title info in color

Put source after each entry – *Hint:* on a separate line

Reunion Shortcuts

My favorites (*Long* list under help)

⌘ (Command key) d – direct lines bold

⌘ (Command key) f – find – in program or in notes field

⌘ (Command key) “ (ditto) – repeat last place used

⌘ (Command key) r – repeat last source used

*Caution: In Notes Panel, Enter moves you to the next line

Use ⌘ Enter button to close Notes window

Usual Apple short cuts that are also used in Reunion using Command key (⌘)

⌘ h – hide Reunion

⌘ q – quit Reunion

⌘ w – close window

⌘ c – copy highlighted material

⌘ v – paste copied material

⌘ x – cut highlighted material

⌘ z – undo previous action

⌘ y – repeat previous action

⌘ a – select all

⌘ [- go back

⌘] - go forward

⌘ + - increase font size

⌘ - decrease font size

Enter (without ⌘) – clicks the default button shown in blue*

