

USING THE MGA DATABASE AND INDEX

The MGA Database is a register-style report in which a narrative paragraph is created for each individual. It begins with a selected couple, Daniel and Sarah Murphree, and includes all of their descendants up to a specified number of generations. Each descendant is assigned a unique number. The children of each descendant are identified with lowercase Roman numerals in the order of birth. The entire report is divided by generations. An index is included as a separate file which lists each person alphabetically by last name along with his or her ID number.

The database file contains two numerical listings within the same report. One listing which is referred to as the **bold numerical listing** is located to the left of each column. The number and the person's name are both in bold type. The second listing is referred to as the **indented numerical listing**. The number is in bold type but the person's name is in normal type and is always in the first indentation location.

Use the Index file to find a specific individual. Look for the person alphabetically by last name in BOLD letters. All the individuals with the same last name will be listed ' alphabetically by first name under the last name. The number to the right is the ID number for that person, or the ID number of that person's parent or spouse. That person may be listed as 'child of' or "spouse of * an individual with an ID number.

Example: Information is needed on JOHN DOE.

Sample index entry:

DOE

ASA	child of 1 1 2 4
JANE	spouse of 1 1 8
JOHN	325

ASA can be found by going to the entry 1124 which is the entry for one of his parents. Jane Doe is included as part of her husband's entry at 1 1 8. JOHN DOE'S ID number is 325.

To find John Doe search the BOLD numerical listing for **325**. JOHN DOE. (Both will be in **bold** numbers and letters and located at the left of the column.). The following is the entry located. His children are listed with their ID numbers.

325. JOHN DOE. Born 18 Jun 18 19
He married Sara Brown.
They had the following children.
1142. i ROBERT DOE
1143. ii SARAH DOE
iii WILLIAM DOE, Born on 1 Jul 18 45

To find the descendants of JOHN DOE, use the ID numbers of his children and go forward until you see the ID number **1142**. ROBERT DOE. Both will be in **bold** numbers and letters. This process can be repeated to find all future generations. If there is no number by a name that means that there is no information on that person other than what is given in this location.

1142. ROBERT DOE. Born 1841
He married JOAN JONES
They had the following children.
2315. i RALPH DOE

To go back or find the ancestors of JOHN DOE, locate his ID number in the **indented numerical listing**. This will take you to John Doe's parents. This process can be repeated to trace the line back to the next set of parents.