

Installing ScionPC

The program was developed on Windows 2000, XP and Windows 7 and has been confirmed to run on Windows 98SE, ME, 2000, XP, Vista, Windows 7 and Windows 8. It should run on any other "32-bit" Windows such as 95, 98, NT3 (or later), but this has not currently been confirmed. It has been reported to run happily in Kubuntu Linux using Wine, so should run on most Linux distributions using Wine.



ScionPC does not require special installation. Simply carry out the following steps -

1. Standard Installation

The program is supplied as a ZIP archive file. Simply unzip the file's contents to a location of your choice. Make sure that you check the "Use folder names" in WinZip® to preserve the distribution's folder structure.

Double-click on the file "ScionPC.exe" to run the program.



TIPS: If you wish to retain an existing copy of an earlier version of ScionPC, simply install the new version in a different folder. If you would like to upgrade (overwrite) your existing copy, simply extract the files into your existing program folder. You do not have to delete the earlier version. Your existing program settings will remain unchanged.

Windows Vista and Windows 7 users - To avoid any possible "annoyances" with Windows User Account Control (UAC), it is recommended that you do not install ScionPC in the Windows "C:\Program Files" folder (or any of its sub-folders). Instead create a new folder elsewhere (such as "C:\My Portable Programs\ScionPC") and install ScionPC there.

Display Setting: ScionPC is best run on Windows with the default 96 DPI (dots per inch) display setting. If you are running Windows with a larger DPI setting, in some **very rare** situations it is possible some of ScionPC's buttons, etc may not be displayed in the correct location. If you experience this, please do either of the following -

1. On Windows Vista or Windows 7 (not available on earlier versions of Windows), right-click on the program icon, select "Properties", "Compatibility" and make sure the "Disable display scaling on high DPI settings" item is checked. Select "Okay" and run ScionPC again - the display should now be correct.
2. For any version of Windows, revert your display to the default (96 DPI) setting -
 - For Windows XP (or earlier), right-click anywhere on your desktop, and select "Properties". Navigate to "Settings" and click on "Advanced". In the "DPI setting" section, select "Normal size (96 DPI)". Accept the change.
 - For Windows Vista, right-click anywhere on your desktop, and select "Personalize". Select "Adjust Font Size (DPI)" and select "Default scale (96 DPI)". Accept the change.
 - For Windows 7, on the Start menu, click "Control Panel", click "Appearance and Personalization", and then click "Display". Select "Smaller - 100% (default)". Accept the change.

2. Minimal Installation

If you would instead prefer to do a **minimal** manual installation of ScionPC, simply carry out the following steps -

1. Unzip the archive file to a temporary location
2. Create a folder where you would like to place the program
3. Copy the program file "ScionPC.exe" from the temporary location to the folder created
4. Copy the on-line help file "ScionPCHelp.chm" from the temporary location to the same folder
5. Optional: If you're running ScionPC on Windows XP, Vista or Windows 7 and would like the program to fully exploit the new-style buttons, lists, etc introduced with Windows XP, also copy the file "ScionPC.exe.manifest" to the same folder.

If you would like spell-checking to be available within ScionPC then -

6. Copy the default main dictionary file "en_ANZ.dic" from the temporary location to the same folder
7. Copy the default main dictionary "affix" file "en_ANZ.aff" from the temporary location to the same folder

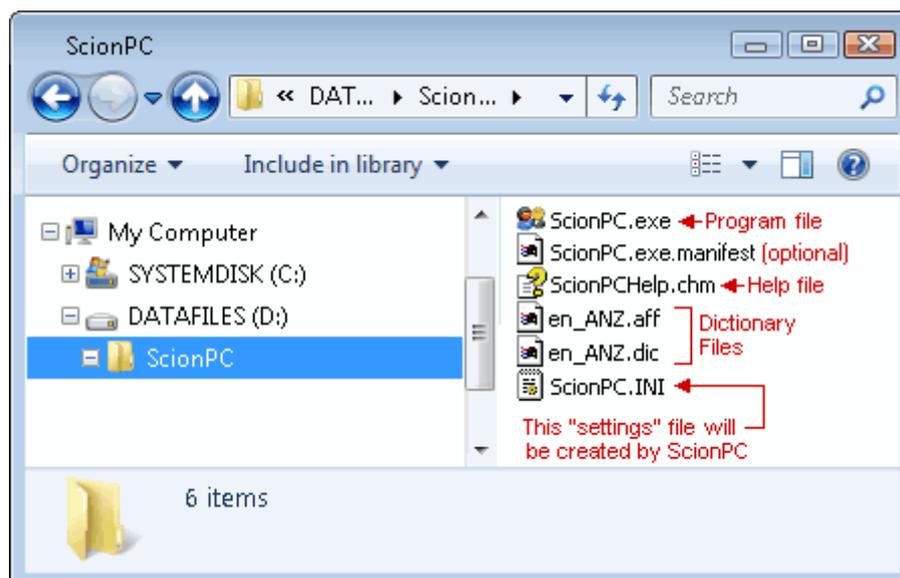
The minimal installation is complete -

8. Delete the temporary folder where you unzipped the distribution (and its contents)

SPECIAL NOTE: Dictionaries consist of two files. As noted above, the default dictionary consists of the files named "en_ANZ.dic" and "en_ANZ.aff".

ScionPC's spell-checking uses dictionaries from the open source spellers "MySpell" and "Hunspell". ScionPC is supplied with three dictionaries - British English, American English, and a combined Australia/New Zealand English dictionary (the default). Dictionaries for other languages can be downloaded from the Internet (search for "MySpell dictionaries" or "Hunspell dictionaries").

After copying the required files, you should end up with something like this...



3. Creating a Desktop Icon

You would probably create a shortcut to the ScionPC program and place that shortcut on your desktop. To do this -

1. Right-click on the "ScionPC.exe" file and select "Create Shortcut" from the pop-up menu that appears. This will create a file named "Shortcut to ScionPC.exe".
2. Right-click on this shortcut file and, while holding down the mouse button, drag the file onto your desktop.
3. When you release the mouse button, select the "Move Here" option from the pop-up menu that will appear.
4. Rename and position the icon as you please.
5. To run ScionPC from the desktop, simply double-click on the desktop icon just created.

4. Uninstall

To uninstall ScionPC, simply delete the folder containing the program and associated files, and delete any desktop icon you created.

5. Final Notes

ScionPC does NOT use the Windows Registry in any way. All settings are stored in a file named "ScionPC.ini" which is saved in the same folder as the program.

ScionPC contains no spyware, nor does it contain any advertising.



ScionPC is a "portable" application and runs happily from a USB flash-drive and will leave no traces behind on any host computer.

ScionPC Quick Start Guide

ScionPC is based on two pages, the **Personal Details Page** and the **Family Details Page**, and employs the following **3 Step** model -

- 1 Add people to the database** (creating Personal Details Pages)
- 2 Join couples to create family groups** (creating Family Details Pages)
- 3 Add children to the family groups** (using Family Details Pages)

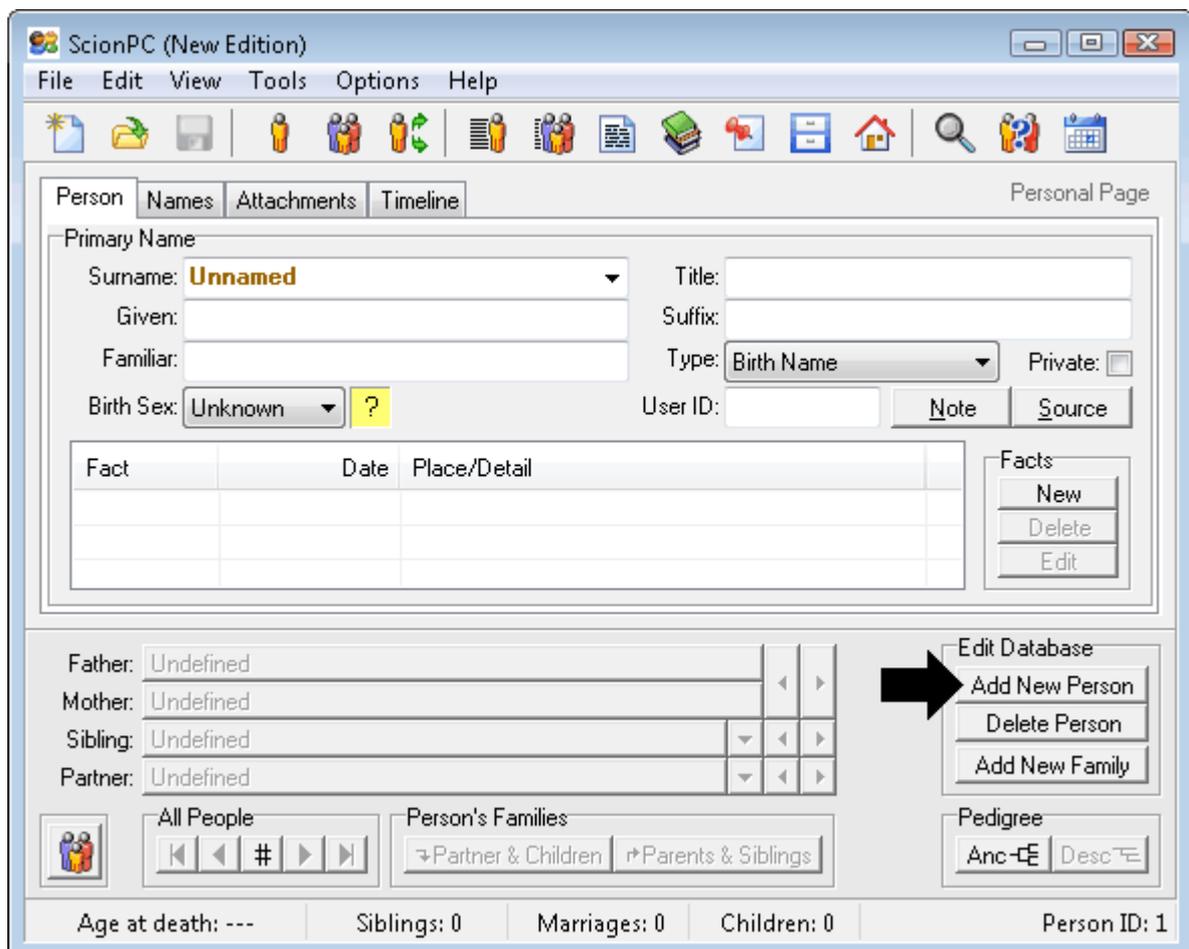
That is, details on the various people making up the database are entered **FIRST** and then the relationships between them are established.

● Create a New Database

To create a new (empty) database, click on the  (New Database) icon in the toolbar or select "New" from the "File" menu. You will then have an empty Personal Details Page.

Step

1 Add a New Person



The screenshot shows the ScionPC (New Edition) software interface. The window title is "ScionPC (New Edition)". The menu bar includes "File", "Edit", "View", "Tools", "Options", and "Help". The toolbar contains various icons for file operations and database management. The main window is titled "Personal Page" and contains the following elements:

- Person** tab selected, with sub-tabs for "Names", "Attachments", and "Timeline".
- Primary Name** section with fields for Surname (set to "Unnamed"), Given, and Familial. A "Title" field is also present.
- Birth Sex** dropdown set to "Unknown" with a yellow question mark icon.
- Type** dropdown set to "Birth Name" and a **Private** checkbox.
- User ID** field and **Note** / **Source** buttons.
- Facts** table with columns: Fact, Date, Place/Detail.
- Facts** sidebar with "New", "Delete", and "Edit" buttons.
- Relationships** section with fields for Father, Mother, Sibling, and Partner, each with "Undefined" text and navigation arrows.
- All People** and **Person's Families** navigation buttons.
- Pedigree** section with "Anc" and "Desc" buttons.
- Status** bar at the bottom showing: Age at death: ---, Siblings: 0, Marriages: 0, Children: 0, Person ID: 1.

A black arrow points to the **Add New Person** button in the right-hand sidebar.

Click on the “Add New Person” button in the “Edit Database” area in the lower right-hand section of the window. This is indicated with the black arrow in the figure above. **NOTE:** For convenience, the “Add New Person” button is duplicated on the Family Details Page.

You will now have a Personal Details Page for the new (as yet un-named) person (see figure above).

The Person's Name

Enter the name of the person and **select their sex**. The top portion of the window will now (depending on the data entered) look something like -

The screenshot shows a software window titled 'Person' with tabs for 'Names', 'Attachments', and 'Timeline'. The 'Primary Name' section contains the following fields: Surname: SMITHSON, Title: (empty), Given: John George, Suffix: (empty), Familiar: Jack, Type: Birth Name, Private: (unchecked), Birth Sex: Male (with a male symbol icon), and User ID: (empty). Below these fields is a table with columns 'Fact', 'Date', and 'Place/Detail'. To the right of the table is a 'Facts' panel with buttons for 'New', 'Delete', and 'Edit'.

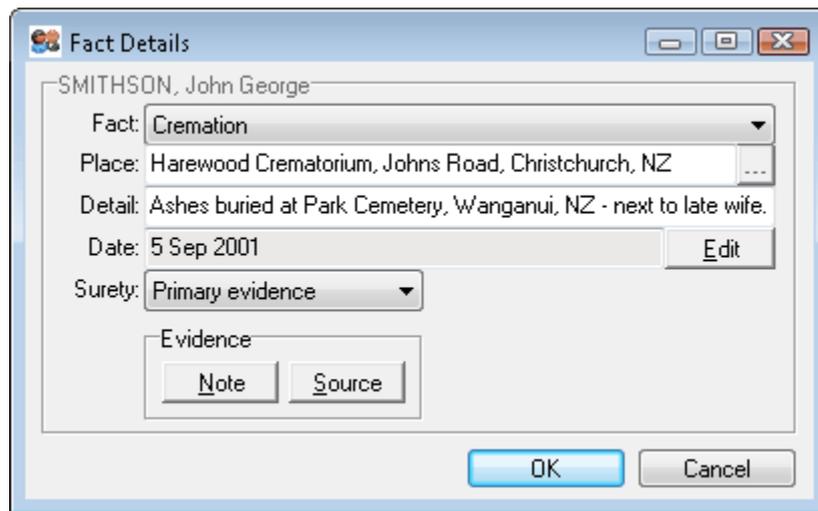
Note that the colour of the names has changed to reflect the sex of the person. In this case, **BLUE** to represent a male.

Facts About the Person

To add facts (such as birth, death, etc.) for the person, click on the “New” button in the “Facts” area at the centre right-hand side of the window. This is indicated with the black arrow in the figure below.

This screenshot is identical to the previous one, but a black arrow points from the right side of the 'Fact' table towards the 'New' button in the 'Facts' panel.

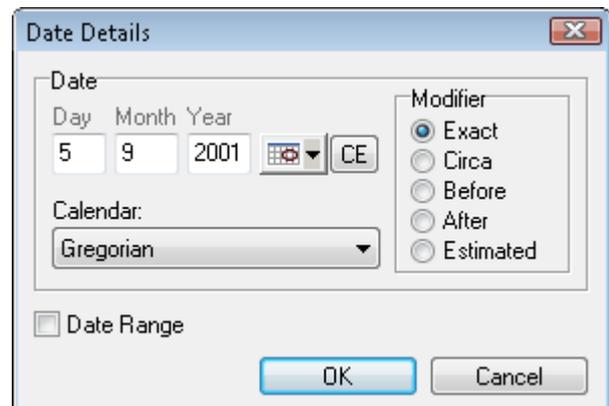
This will display a Fact Details window similar to the one shown below. Select the type of fact (birth, death, etc.) and then enter at appropriate details. When the information is complete, click the “OK” button, otherwise click on the “Cancel” button to abort entry.



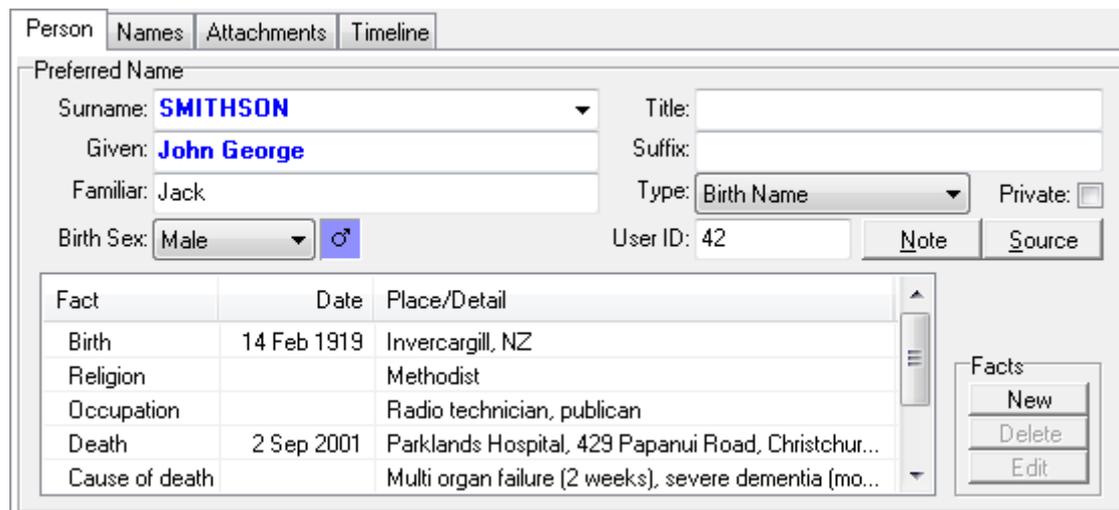
Fact Dates

To set or change the date of an event, click on the “Edit” button to the right of the “Date” field. This will display a Date Details dialog similar to -

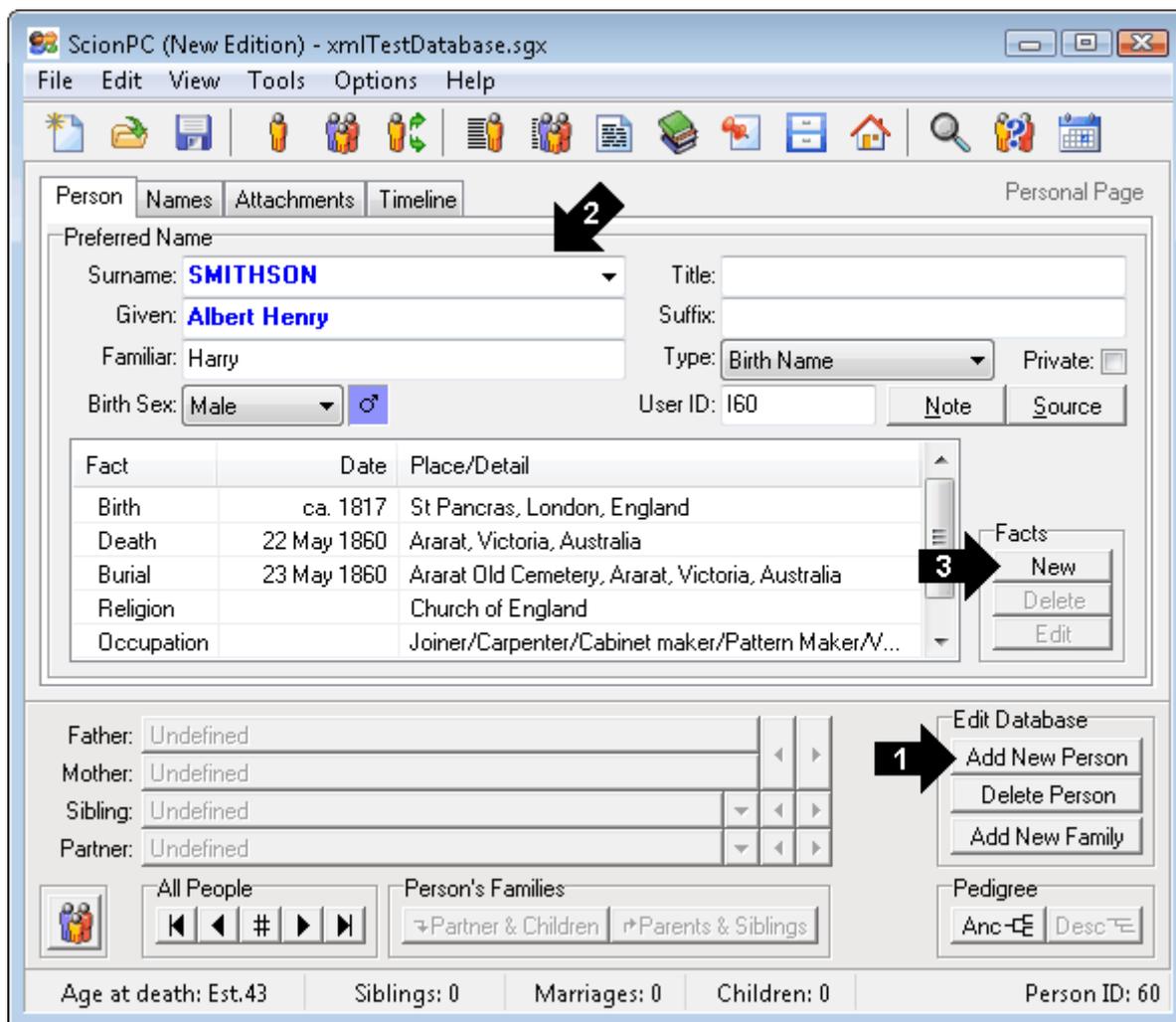
Enter the day, month and year values and select a date Modifier and Calendar.



Continue in a similar manner adding other facts about the person. When you are finished, the top portion of the window will now (depending on the data) look something like -



Add More New People



ScionPC (New Edition) - xmlTestDatabase.sgx

File Edit View Tools Options Help

Person Names Attachments Timeline Personal Page

Preferred Name

Surname: SMITHSON Title:

Given: Albert Henry Suffix:

Familial: Harry Type: Birth Name Private:

Birth Sex: Male User ID: 160 Note Source

Fact	Date	Place/Detail
Birth	ca. 1817	St Pancras, London, England
Death	22 May 1860	Ararat, Victoria, Australia
Burial	23 May 1860	Ararat Old Cemetery, Ararat, Victoria, Australia
Religion		Church of England
Occupation		Joiner/Carpenter/Cabinet maker/Pattern Maker/W...

Facts

New Delete Edit

Father: Undefined

Mother: Undefined

Sibling: Undefined

Partner: Undefined

All People

Person's Families

Partner & Children Parents & Siblings

Pedigree

Anc Desc

Age at death: Est.43 Siblings: 0 Marriages: 0 Children: 0 Person ID: 60

Repeat the steps outlined above to add additional people to the database. That is -

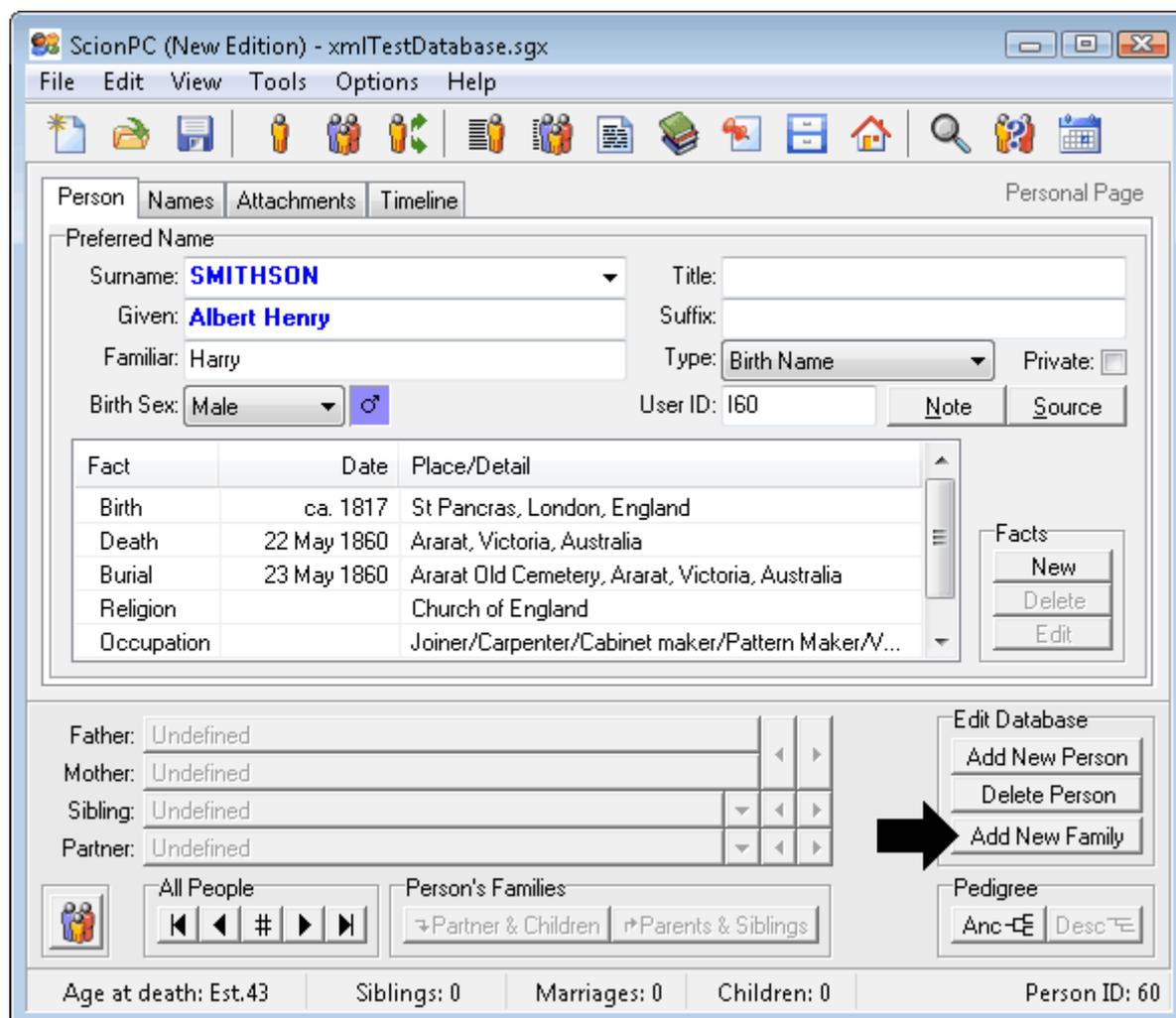
1. Click the "Add New Person" button to add a new person to the database.
2. Enter their name and sex details, and any User ID and Privacy marker.
3. Enter facts about the person by clicking on the "New" button in the "Facts" area.

Step

2 Join Couples to Create Family Groups

Once a number of people have been added to the database, they can now be “connected” to form family groups.

To create a Family Group with a specified couple as the husband and wife, click on the “Add New Family” button in the “Edit Database” area in the lower right-hand section of the window. This is indicated with the black arrow in the figure below.



NOTE: For convenience, the “Add New Family” button is duplicated on the Family Details Page, and may be accessed there.

You will then be presented with a “wizard” style dialog where you can select the two people who will become the Prime and Partner (typically husband and wife) of the family -



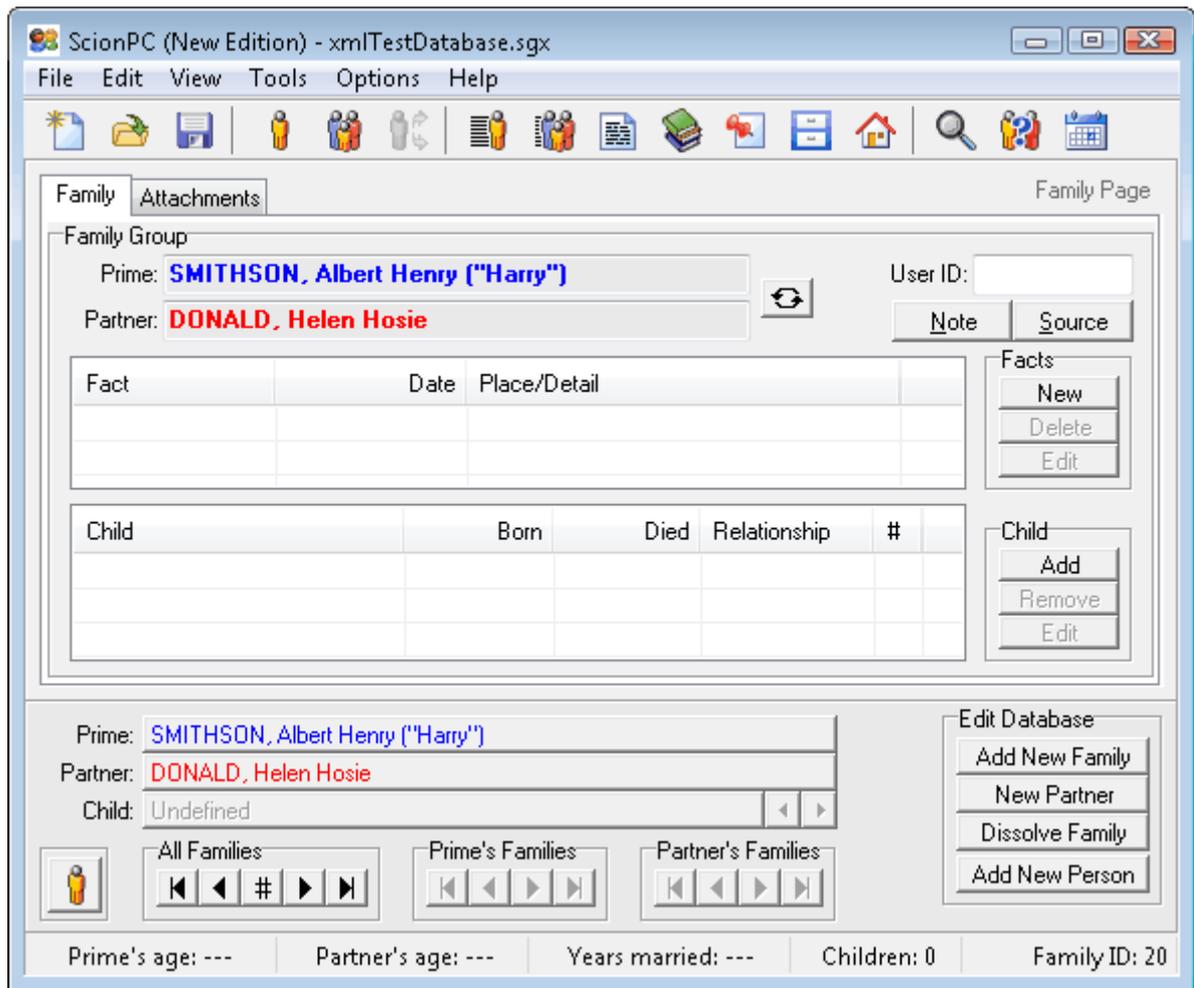
When you have selected the appropriate couple, click on the “Next” button to continue. Assuming there are no errors, you will be presented with a dialog page similar to the following -



If you have chosen the wrong couple, click on the “Back” button to return to the previous page where you can select the correct couple. If you are happy with the selection, click on the “Finish” button to create a new Family Group with the selected couple as the Prime and Partner.

ScionPC makes no distinctions between people on the basis of sex, therefore, instead of “husband” and “wife”, ScionPC uses the terms “**Prime**” and “**Partner**”. Either partner in a family can be the Prime.

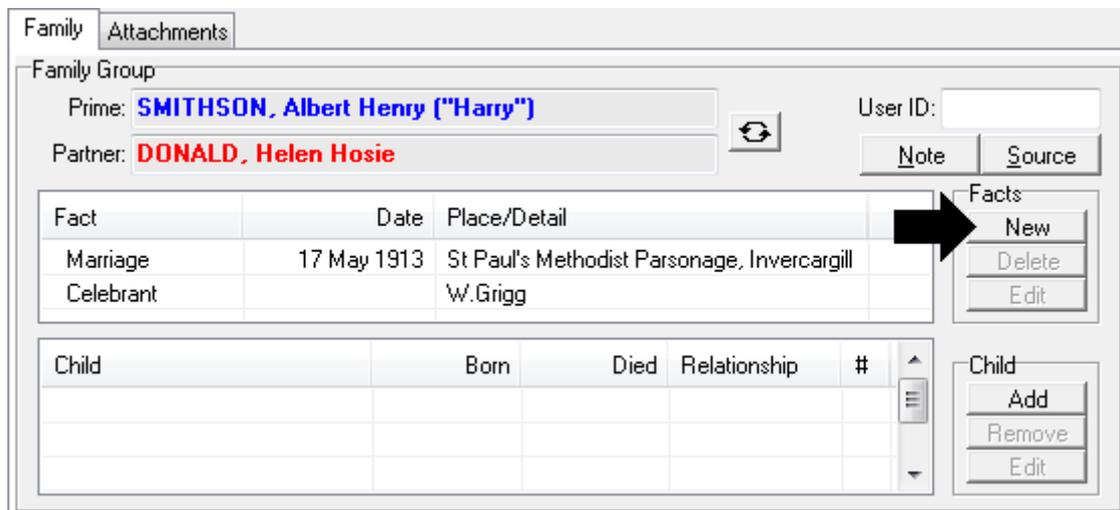
You will then have a new Family Details Page with the selected couple as “Prime” and “Partner” -



To exchange the roles of Prime and Partner in a family, click on the ↻ “Exchange Prime and Partner” button beside the names at the top of the family window.

Facts About the Family

Facts about the family can be added in a manner similar to that used to add personal facts. Click on the “New” button in the “Facts” area at the centre right-hand side of the window. When you are finished, the top portion of the window will now (depending on the data entered) look something like -



Step

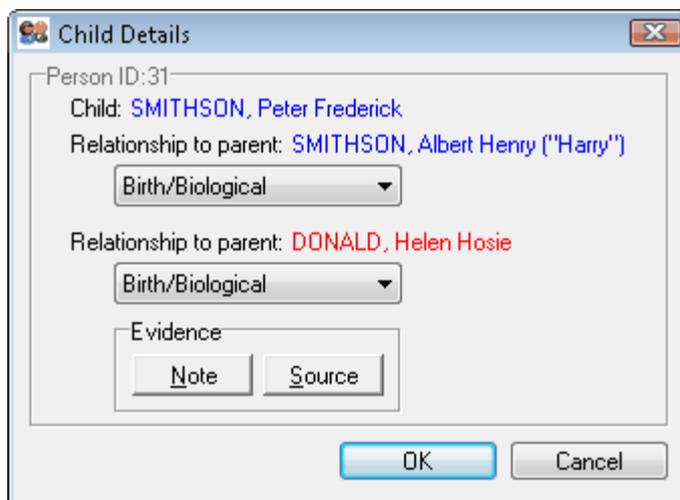
3 Add Children to the Family

To add a child to the family, click on the “Add” button in the “Child” area at the centre right-hand side of the window. From the list of people displayed, select the child of interest and click on the “Add to Family” button (or “Cancel” to abort).

As each child is added, you will see a “Child Details” dialog -

Use this dialog to set the relationship of the child to each parent.

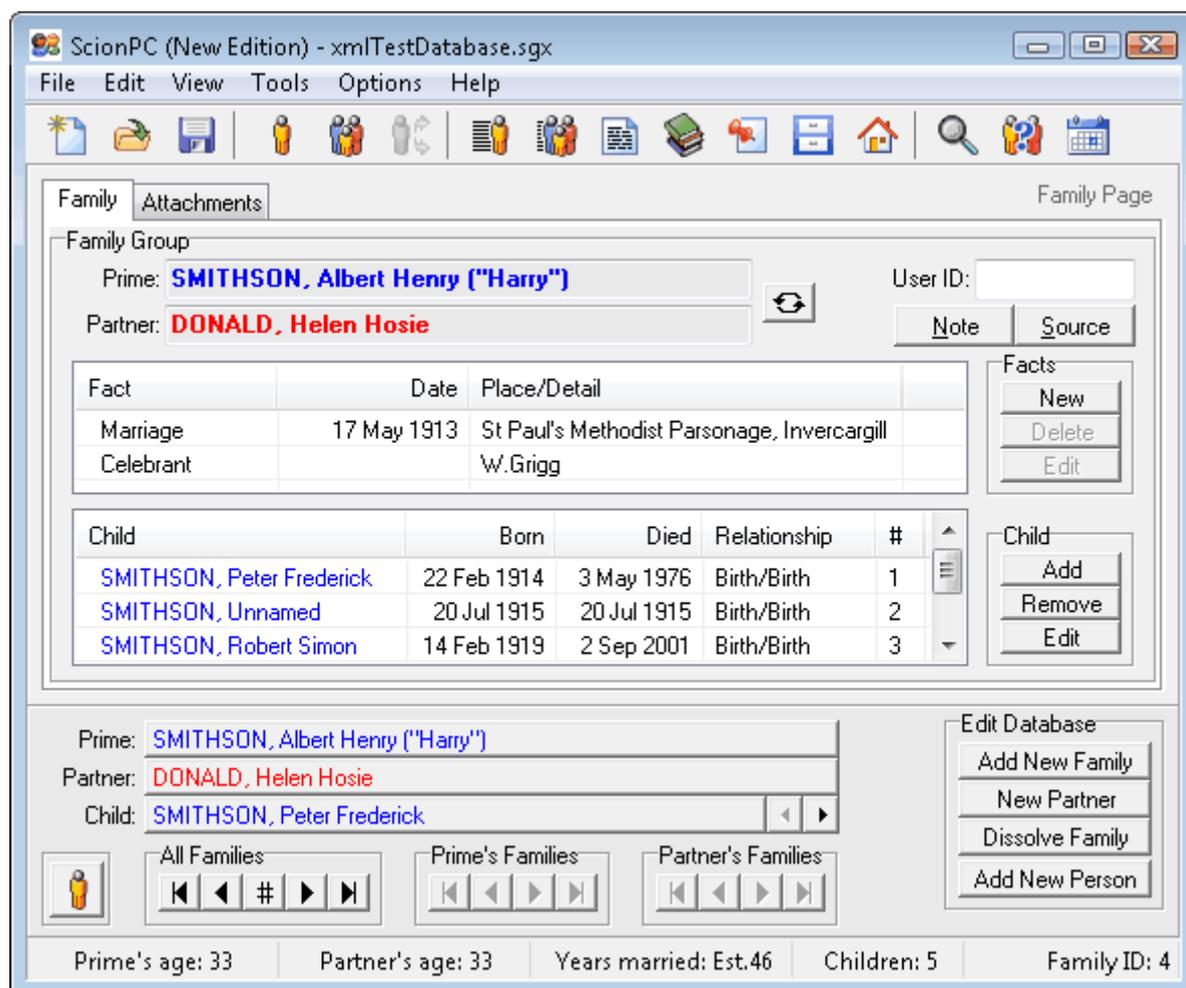
Selecting “Cancel” from this dialog will abort the addition of the child to the family group.



The "Child Details" dialog box shows the following information:

- Person ID: 31
- Child: SMITHSON, Peter Frederick
- Relationship to parent: SMITHSON, Albert Henry ("Harry")
Birth/Biological
- Relationship to parent: DONALD, Helen Hosie
Birth/Biological
- Evidence: Note, Source
- Buttons: OK, Cancel

After the addition of all the children, the Family Details Page will now look similar to -



The Family Details Page shows the following information:

- Family Group: Prime: SMITHSON, Albert Henry ("Harry"), Partner: DONALD, Helen Hosie
- User ID: []
- Fact Table:

Fact	Date	Place/Detail
Marriage	17 May 1913	St Paul's Methodist Parsonage, Invercargill
Celebrant		W.Grigg

- Child Table:

Child	Born	Died	Relationship	#
SMITHSON, Peter Frederick	22 Feb 1914	3 May 1976	Birth/Birth	1
SMITHSON, Unnamed	20 Jul 1915	20 Jul 1915	Birth/Birth	2
SMITHSON, Robert Simon	14 Feb 1919	2 Sep 2001	Birth/Birth	3

- Buttons: Note, Source, New, Delete, Edit, Add, Remove, Edit
- Prime: SMITHSON, Albert Henry ("Harry")
- Partner: DONALD, Helen Hosie
- Child: SMITHSON, Peter Frederick
- Navigation: All Families, Prime's Families, Partner's Families
- Summary: Prime's age: 33, Partner's age: 33, Years married: Est.46, Children: 5, Family ID: 4

Setting the Order of Children

By default, the children appear in the order in which they were added to the family. The red arrow below indicates the "order" column.

Child	Born	Died	Relationship	#
MERCHANT, Rose Bertha	ca. 1881	Aft. 1910	Birth/Birth	1
MERCHANT, Caroline Mary	24 Aug 1879	3 Mar 1962	Birth/Birth	2
MERCHANT, Robert		Bef. 1879	Birth/Birth	3
MERCHANT, Jacob William	ca. 1870	Aft. 1910	Birth/Birth	4

Use the "Order Children..." item under the **Edit** menu to arrange the children in a user-specified order. Prior to re-ordering, the "Order Children" dialog may appear similar to -

Order Children

Select Child to Move

#	Child	Born	Died
1	MERCHANT, Rose Bertha	ca. 1881	Aft. 1910
2	MERCHANT, Caroline Mary	24 Aug 1879	3 Mar 1962
3	MERCHANT, Robert		Bef. 1879
4	MERCHANT, Jacob William	ca. 1870	Aft. 1910
5	MERCHANT, Annie Eliza	ca. 1869	Aft. 1910
6	MERCHANT, Herbert Watson		Bef. 1879
7	MERCHANT, John Robert	ca. 1883	Bef. 1912
8	MERCHANT, Harold Frederick		Bef. 1879
9	MERCHANT, Thomas Edwin	ca. 1874	Aft. 1910

Birth Order Make First Move Up Move Down Make Last

OK Cancel

After re-ordering the children, the dialog may appear similar to -

Order Children

Select Child to Move

#	Child	Born	Died
1	MERCHANT, Robert		Bef. 1879
2	MERCHANT, Herbert Watson		Bef. 1879
3	MERCHANT, Harold Frederick		Bef. 1879
4	MERCHANT, Annie Eliza	ca. 1869	Aft. 1910
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Birth Order Make First Move Up Move Down Make Last

OK Cancel

Click on "OK" to accept the new child order, or "Cancel" to leave the order unchanged.

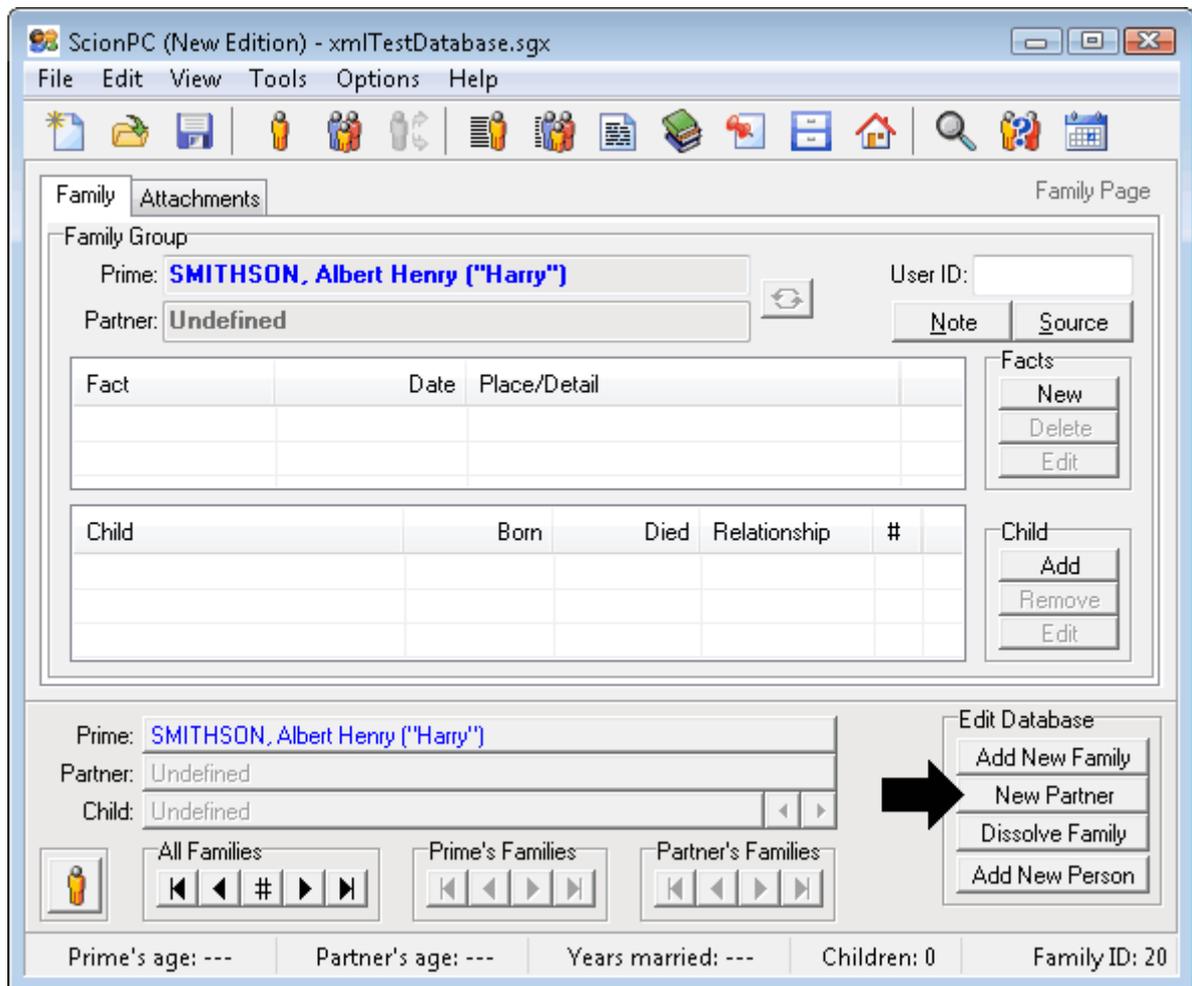
Create More New Families

Repeat the steps outlined above to create additional families in the database. That is -

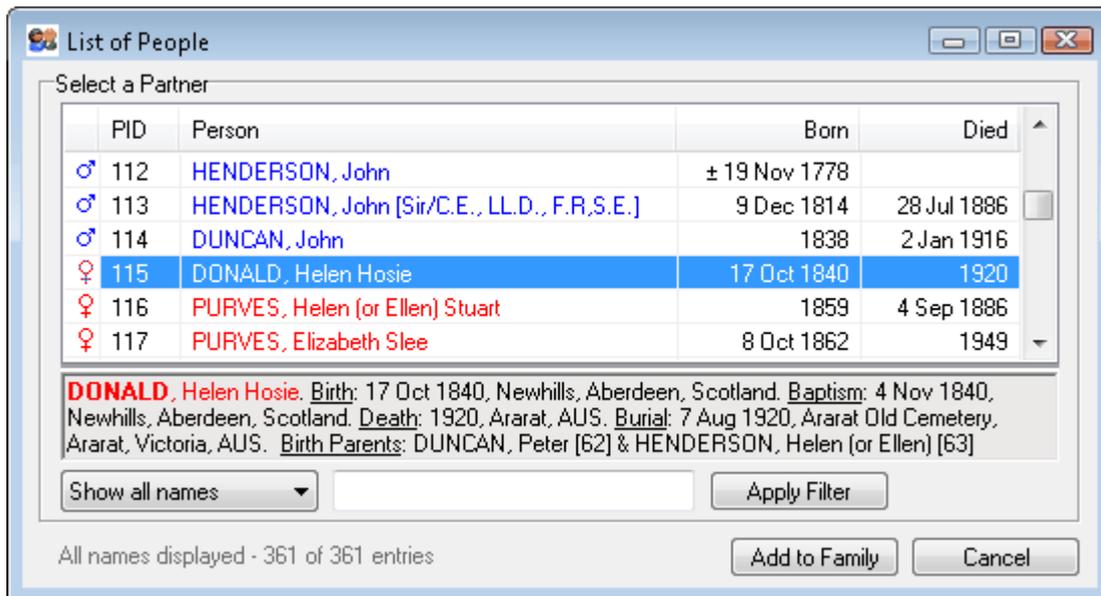
1. Click the "Add New Family" button in the "Edit Database" area of a Personal Details Page or Family Details Page to create a new family.
2. Enter facts about the family by clicking on the "New" button in the "Facts" area.
3. Add children to the family by clicking on the "Add" button in the "Child" area.

Adding a Partner at a Later Time

When you first create a Family Group, you can create it without a partner and then add a partner at a later time. To do this, click on the "New Partner" button in the "Edit Database" area in the lower right-hand section of the appropriate Family Details Page. This is indicated with the black arrow in the figure below.



This will display a list of people in the database -



Select the person who will be the Partner in the Family Group (in this example, Helen Hosie DONALD), and click on the “Add to Family” button (or “Cancel” to abort).

Then proceed as described above to add/edit facts and children for the family.

● Save the Database

When all the data is entered, and the relationships established in family groups, save the database using the “Save As...” item in the “File” menu. This will ask you for a location and name for the database.

Once saved, the database filename will be shown in the titlebar of the ScionPC window -

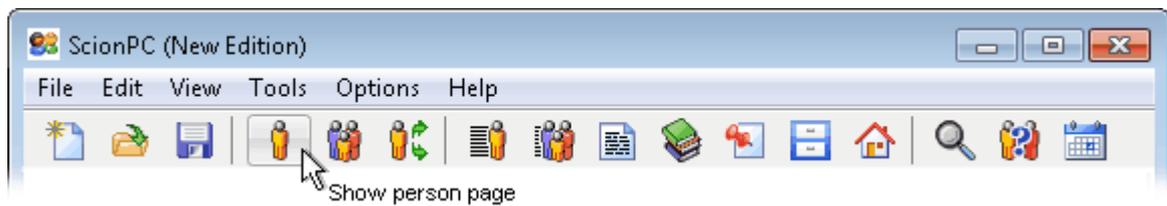


Once the database has been saved (and its filename established), you can quickly save any subsequent changes to the same file by using the “Save” item in the “File” menu, or by clicking on the “Save” button in the toolbar -

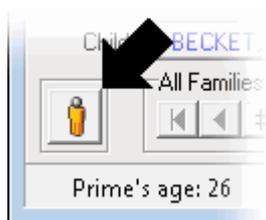


● Switching between Personal and Family Detail Pages

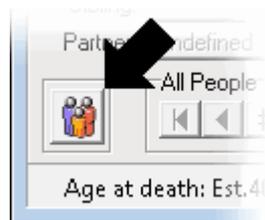
At any time, to switch between Personal and Family Detail Pages, use the buttons in the toolbar -



or the buttons in the bottom, left corner of the windows -



Show Person Page



Show Family Page

For further information on all the program features, please consult the on-line help (just press F1), or the ScionPC Reference Manual.

TOP TIP

PREPARE! PREPARE! PREPARE! PREPARE!

Make sure that you have ALL possible data available before you start (with all the inter-personal and family relations sorted out). It will make things MUCH easier if you have a good idea what you are planning to do before you start!