

# Pedigree, loves and ‘hates’

A *personal* view by  
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Who am I?



# Can you judge a man from his grandparents?

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PEDIGREE
Alt-File Edit Lists Print Options RODNEY
children
grandfather Rev.Barnard Halsey TYRWHITT-DR
grandmother Dorothy DONCASTER
father Col.Barnard Peter TYRWHITT-DRAKE
Kathleen Marg 13 Jun 1944
← Barnard Guy
Anthony Peter Evelyn Diana MASSY
mother Evelyn Diana MASSY
grandfather W/Cmdr Derek FitzGerald MASSY
grandmother Margaret Vida SMITH (Gans)
person list
Barnard Guy TYRWHITT-DRAKE (Barney)(30
Christine Margaret PARTRIDGE (Chris)(0
Claire Victoria TYRWHITT-DRAKE (18 Feb
Felicity Jane TYRWHITT-DRAKE (29 Apr 1
Col.Barnard Peter TYRWHITT-DRAKE (25 A
Evelyn Diana MASSY (25 May 1920 at Heb
Kathleen Margaret TYRWHITT-DRAKE (03 J
Anthony Peter TYRWHITT-DRAKE (01 Oct 1
Details
Barnard Guy TYRWHITT-DRAKE (Barney)
M.A.
BORN: 30 Jul 1947 at Kirkby Lonsdale,
WES, ENG b. at 1.10 a.m. in the
Nursing Home 02 Aug 1947 Birth
Certificate Sub-District of
Milnthorpe, County of Westmorland
Marked:
F1-help F3-jump F8-find in list +/-select marriage SPACE-list F4-zoom
ENTER-reposition ESC-back Edit Mark Place Detach Insert Select Change marriage
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## It's sad I know but...

- 99% of genealogists came to computing through genealogy.
- 1% of genealogists came to genealogy through computing.
- I am from the 1%...

# My personal computing highlights

- 1965 - English Electric KDF9(Algol)
- 1980 - Sinclair ZX80(Basic)
- 1982 - BBC Model B(Basic, Assembler, Pascal)
- 1983 - PC(DOS, Windows,Basic, Pascal)
- 2000 - PDA(PalmOS)
- 2002 - PC(Linux, Pascal)

# Keyboard or Mouse?

- CLI
- GUI

# Pedigree loves

- Speed/CLI
- Flexibility
- Completeness
- Text output
- GEDCOM robustness
- Support

# Pedigree 'hates'

- Person rather than document focus
- The manuals!
- Non-standard details (CCC and ...)
- Truncations (names and children)
- GEDCOM 5.5 absence
- Wheelmouse support
- DOS limitations

# Sing for your supper!

- We hate Family Tree Maker,
- We hate Generations too (and PAF),
- We hate Family Origins,
- But Pedigree we love you!
- Yes, Pedigree we love you.