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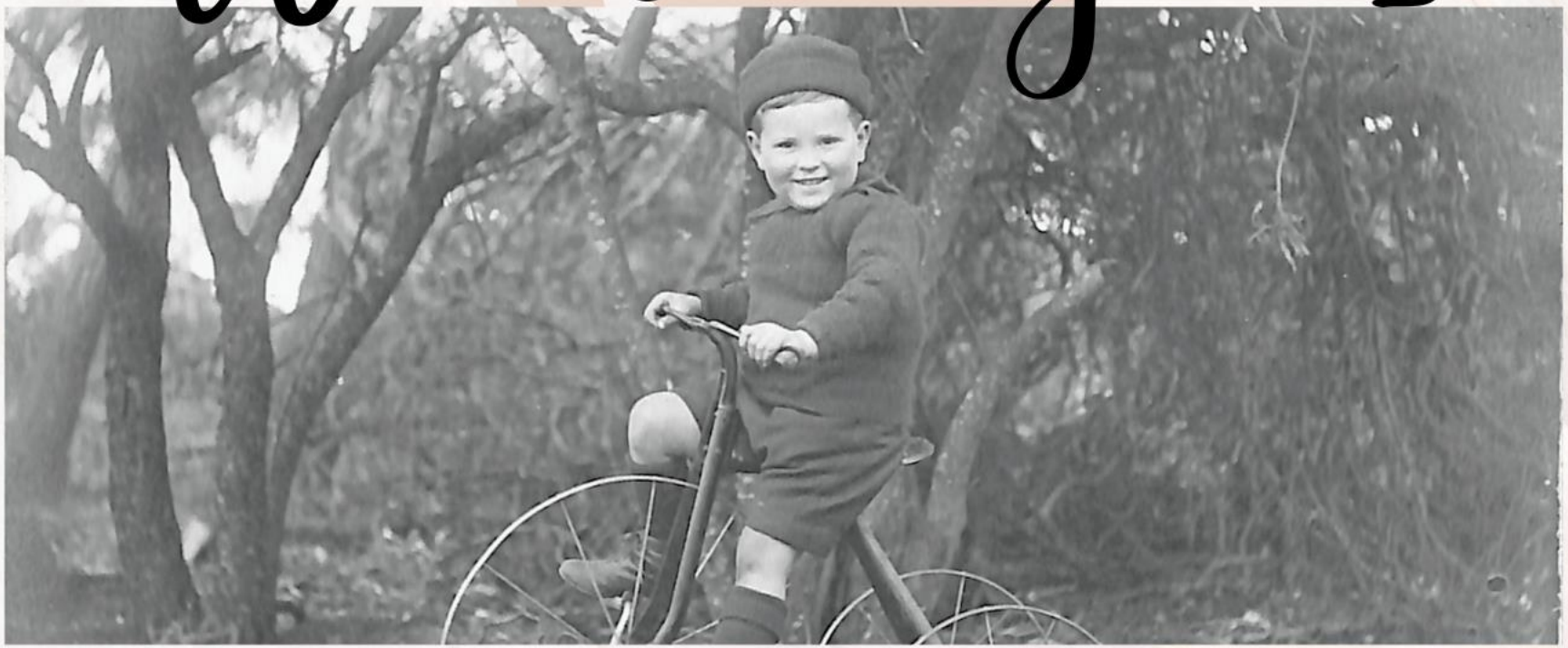

Genealogy SA

Helping find your family history

Genealogy SA Databases
Part 2
How to best use the search function in the Online Databases

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Presenter

David Ballinger FSAGHS
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Q&A

During the talk you will have an opportunity to ask questions via the chat function.

These will be collated and answered in chronological order

Before you start searching there are 3 pages you need to look at:-

Links to these will be found immediately under the database listing on the database search page on the website:-

Search tips

What is in a certificate and when (found under Important Notes)

Abbreviations Explained (found under Important Notes)

Search tips

In there will be tips on using the various features of the search function:-

Search tips

Part of page 1

of 5 pages

Search Tips

Specifying a date range for your search can speed the search process. The indexes for Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates have date restrictions due to government regulation. Read the story of the Genealogy SA BDM Certificates in https://www.genealogysa.org.au/services/help/abbreviations-explained.

Use the wildcards to search for parts of names, or names that begin or end with certain characters, * for multiple characters and ? for one character. eg. If searching for Joraslafsky or anything similar, enter *lafsky to find anything that ends in lafsky.

If searching for O'Dea or anything similar, enter O?Dea to find that name. The ? Wildcard replaces the apostrophe.

Likewise, if you want to find someone born in 1888 with Last name of Longbottom or similar, you enter Date 1888 and Last name Lon*. Note - the wildcard search requires 3 characters plus the wildcard symbol. This will give you hundreds of results to wade through

Sorting of columns

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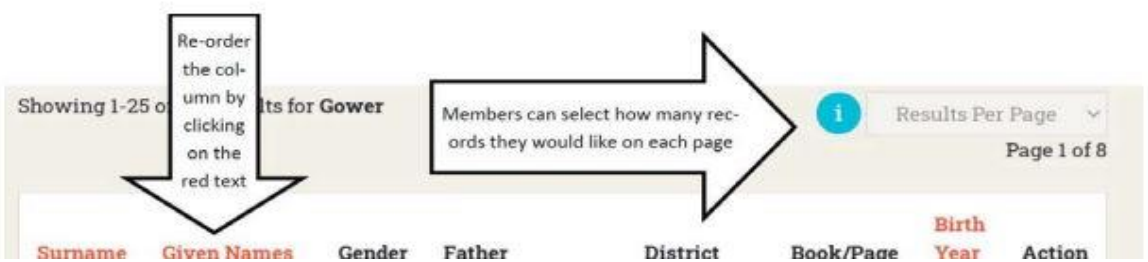

What is in a certificate and when?

Before requesting a birth, death or marriage certificate, check our "What is in a Certificate When?" document. This lists all of the fields that may be available in the certificate that you request.

In there will be information of what is in the Birth, Death and Marriage registrations databases and what is available and what date range these are applied to the registrations

What is in a certificate and when?

Birth (partial view of information recorded)

Information Recorded on Birth Certificates

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Page Number	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Year of Registration	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
District Name	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
District Number	-	-	-	-	From 1929	Y	Y
Date of Birth	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Place of Birth	-	-	from 1882	Y	Y	Y	Y
Name of Child (may include surname)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

What is in a certificate and when?

Marriage (partial view of information recorded)

Information Recorded on Marriage Certificates

y = yes, ? = may be recorded	1 Jun 1842 30 Jun 1856	1 Jul 1856 28 Feb 1868	1 Mar 1868 11 Dec 1907	12 Dec 1907 30 Apr 1937	1 May 1937 31 Aug 1963	1 Sep 1963 1964	1964 >
Registration Number	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Page Number	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Year of Registration	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
District Name	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
District Number	-	-	-	from 1929	Y	Y	Y

What is in a certificate and when?

Death (partial view of information recorded)

Information Recorded on Death Certificates

Please note we do not have copies of death Certificates after 1967, so we cannot transcribe them for you.

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Page Number	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Year of Registration	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
District Name	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
District Number	-	-	-	-	From 1929	Y	Y	Y
Date of Death	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Abbreviations Explained

Our index records contain abbreviations that are defined on our site at Abbreviations Explained

In there will be abbreviations used in various databases relating to the religion of the person in the record.

Religious Abbreviations.

These abbreviations are those that have been used through the years by SAGHS. Some religions may be in there more than once. They have been collated from Digger, BISA and all current databases.

Link to Religious Abbreviations

Partial view

Religious Abbreviations				
Religion	**Abreviation**		**Religion**	**Abreviation**
Australian Christian Church	ACC		Islam	Ism
Agnostic	Agn		Jewish	Jew
Anglican	Ang		Juddaism	Jud
Armenian Orthodox	AO		Jehovah's Witnesses	JV
Assemblies of God	AOG		Latter Day Saints (Mormons)	LDS
Atheist	Ath		Lutheran	Luth
Baha'i	Bah		Mission Church	MC
Belarusian Autocephalic Orthodox	BAO		Methodist	Meth
Baptist	Bapt		Mohammadin (& alternative spellings)	Moh
Bible Christian	Bc		Morovian	Mor

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Birth, Death and Marriage 'Symbol' Field.

These abbreviations are used by indexers to qualify the data recorded, and may signify that additional information is available on the original certificate. Up to two symbols may be recorded for any record.

Partial view

A - We have amended data during extraction to correct an error because we believe that a researcher will be mislead by data on the certificate, eg date of death after a data of burial, age at death less than age at marriage, a deceased person is the informant, or an end of year clerical error. This is somewhat similar to symbol 'E' below.

B - Data from both the Registrar's certificate and the District copy were used to compile the entry because the Registrar's certificate was damaged or illegible in parts.

C - An official correction exists on the Registrar's certificate that may or may not be on the District copy.

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Abbreviations used in Death registration 'Relative' field

Partial view

A:AF:AM:AS - Aunt, Adoptive father, Adoptive mother, Adoptive son

B:BL - Brother, Brother-in-law

C - Cousin

D:DL:DH:DW - Daughter, Daughter-in-law, Deceased husband, Deceased wife

F:FL:FF:FM:FS - Father, Father-in-law, Foster father, Foster Mother, Foster son

GD:GF:GM:GS - Granddaughter, Grandfather, Grandmother, Grandson

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In there will be explanations for the Marriage symbols used registrations databases

Marriage Symbols

Partial view

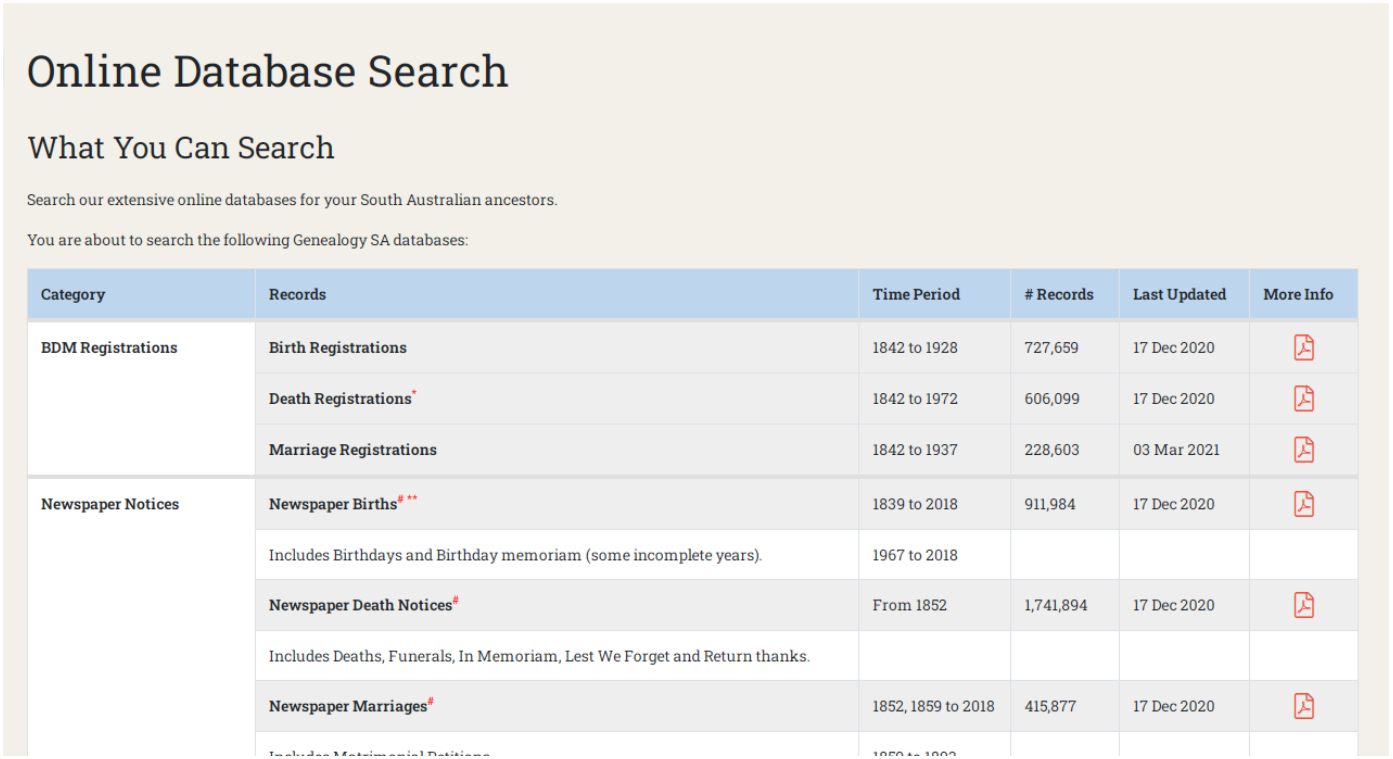
D - Divorced

S - Single; Bachelor or Spinster

What is in each Database?

The easiest method to find out what is in each database is to use the database search page on the website:-

https://www.genealogysa.org.au/resources/online-database-search



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Search our extensive online databases for your South Australian ancestors.

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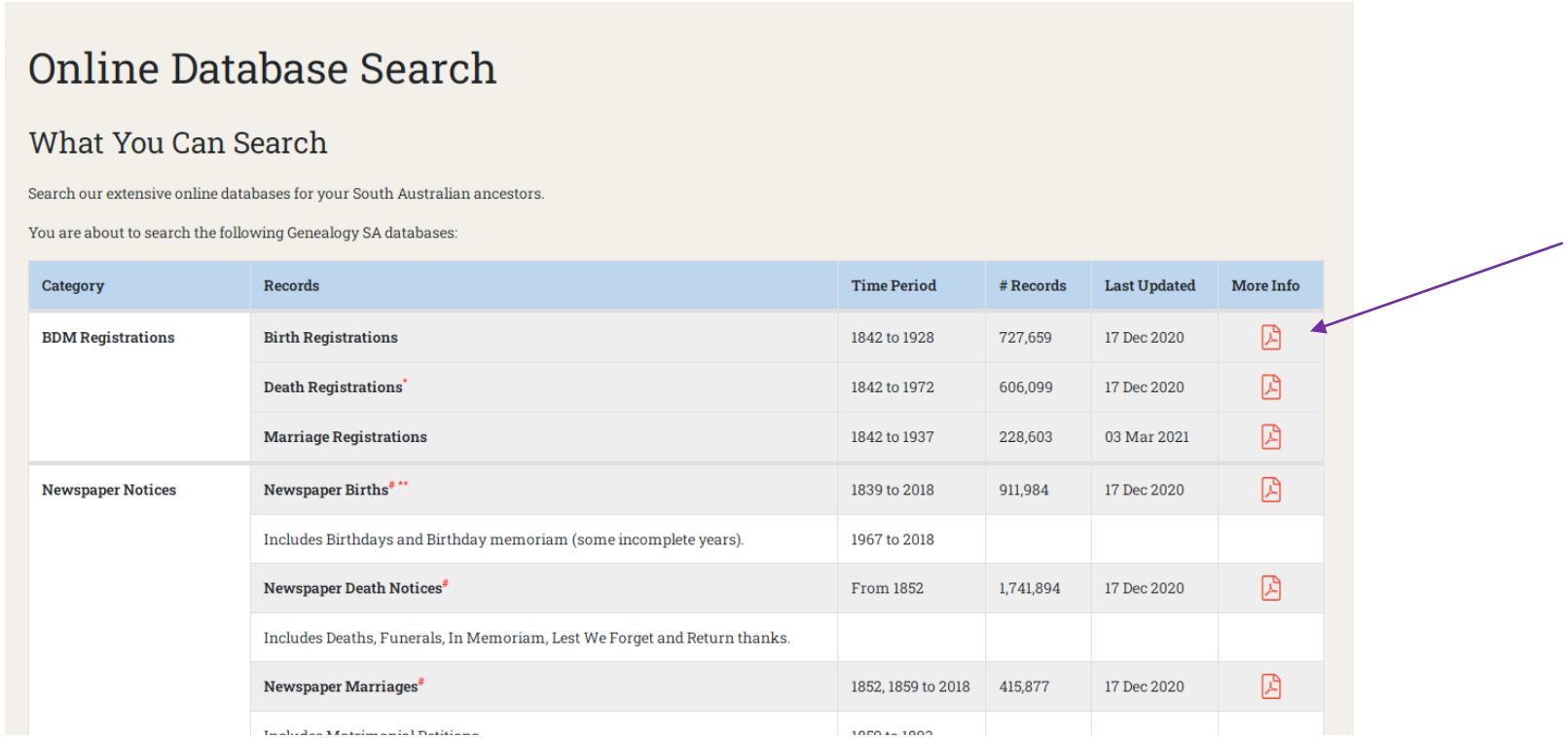
	Death Registrations*	1842 to 1972	606,099	17 Dec 2020	
	Marriage Registrations	1842 to 1937	228,603	03 Mar 2021	
Newspaper Notices	Newspaper Births#**	1839 to 1918	911,984	17 Dec 2020	
	Includes Birthdays and Birthday memoriam (some incomplete years).	1967 to 2018			
	Newspaper Death Notices#	From 1852	1,741,894	17 Dec 2020	
	Includes Deaths, Funerals, In Memoriam, Lest We Forget and Return thanks.				
	Newspaper Marriages#	1852, 1859 to 2018	415,877	17 Dec 2020	

To the right hand side is a column marked “More Info”.



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To access what is contained in each database you click on the Adobe icon. This will then open a separate file that lists what is there. For Birth registrations - https://www.genealogysa.org.au/images/PDF/Birth_registrations_in_South_Australia_1842_to_1928_ver_5.pdf

Birth Registrations in South Australia 1842 – 1928 more information page - Partial view

Birth registrations in South Australia 1842 to 1928.

ABOUT THIS DATASET

Birth registrations in South Australia 1842 to 1928 are recorded from South Australian Birth, Deaths and Marriages Registrars Head Office registers

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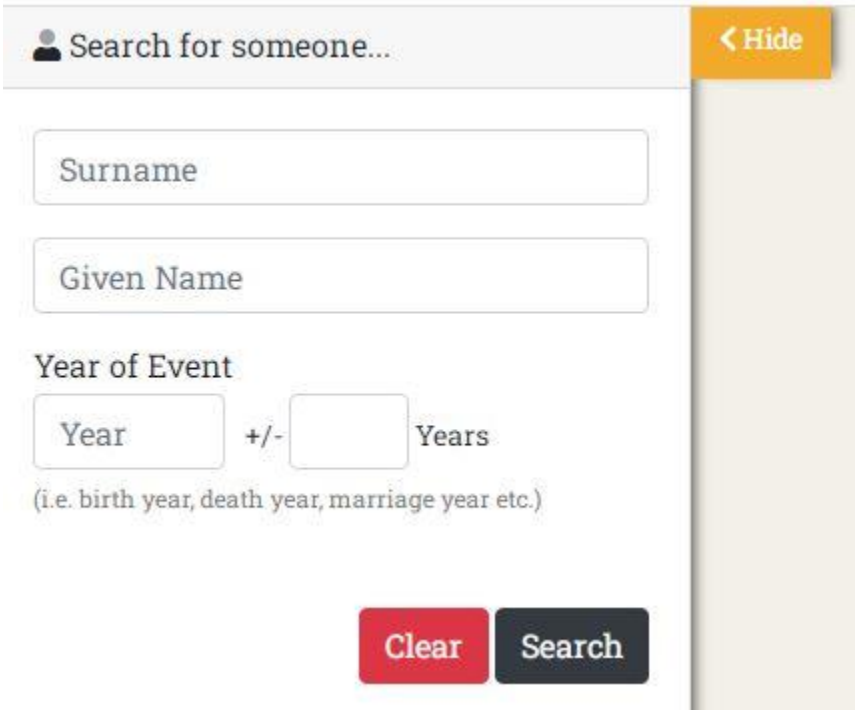
How to search?

You use the search form on the left hand side of the Online Database Search page:-



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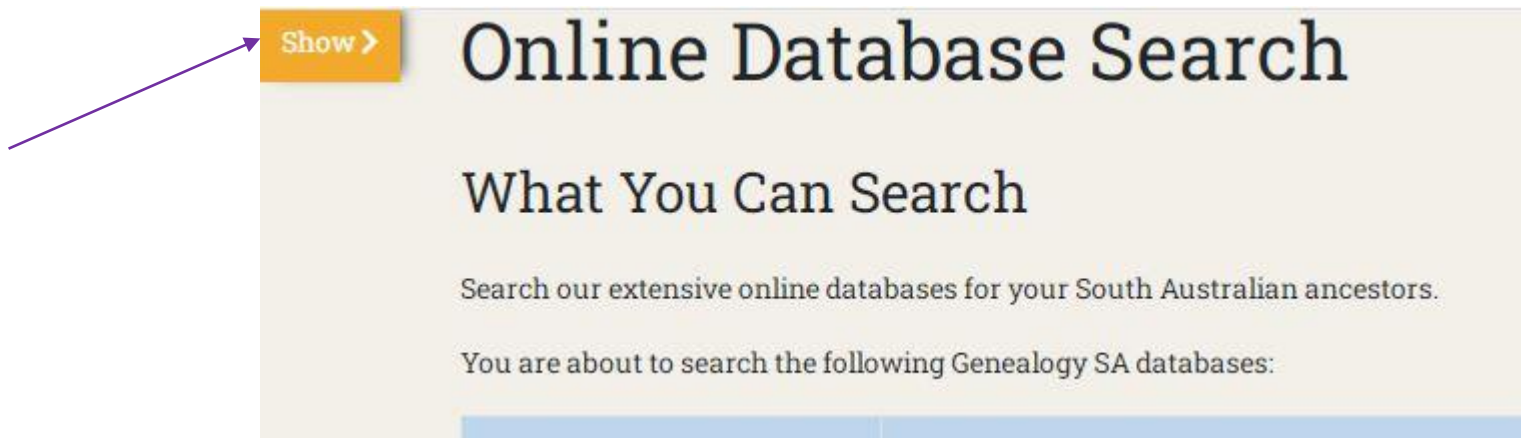
Then click on the “Show” button to open it.



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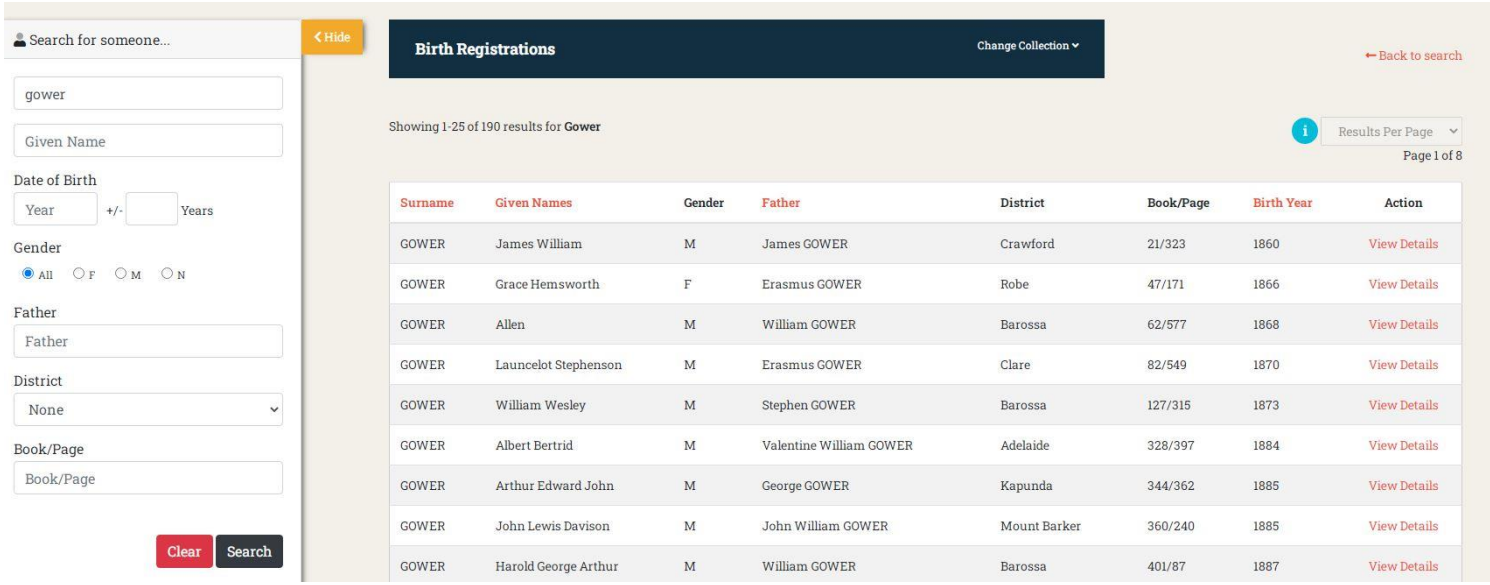

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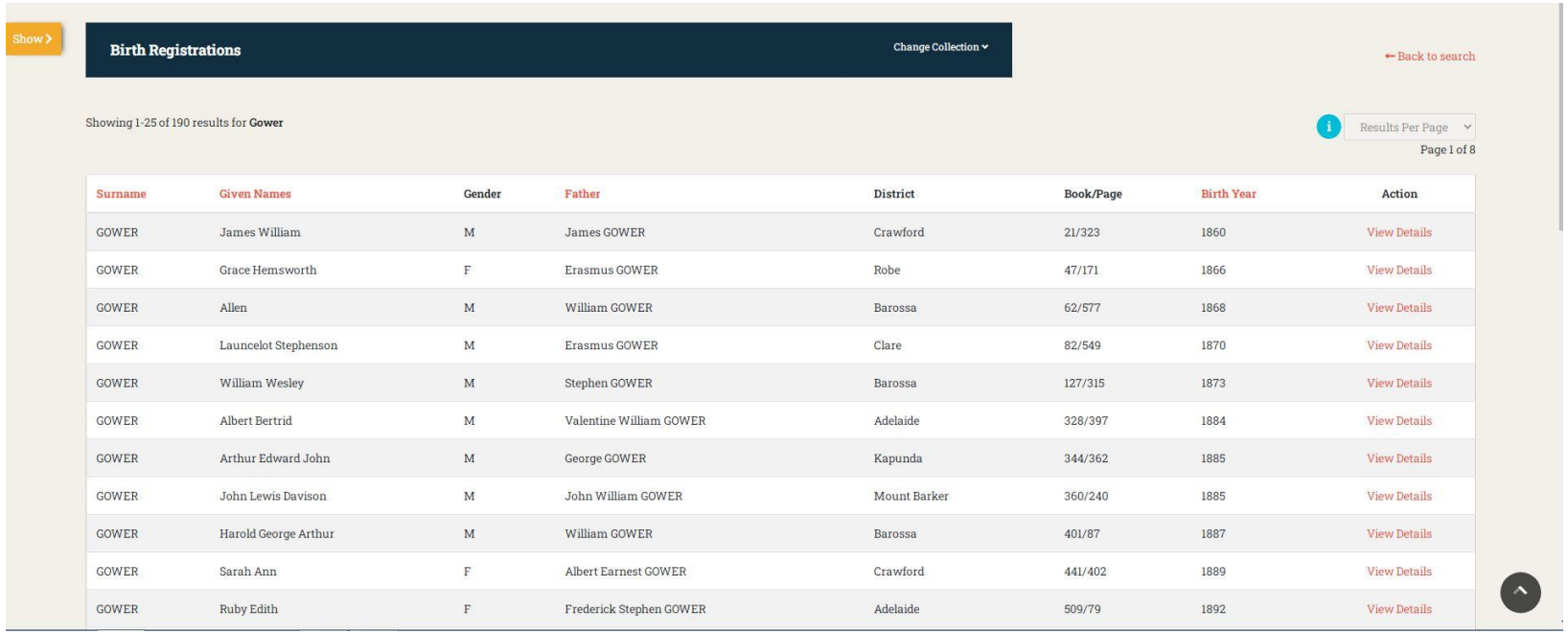

Surname	Given Names	Gender	Father	District	Book/Page	Birth Year	Action
GOWER	James William	M	James GOWER	Crawford	21/323	1860	View Details
GOWER	Grace Hemsworth	F	Erasmus GOWER	Robe	47/171	1866	View Details
GOWER	Allen	M	William GOWER	Barossa	62/577	1868	View Details
GOWER	Launcelot Stephenson	M	Erasmus GOWER	Clare	82/549	1870	View Details
GOWER	William Wesley	M	Stephen GOWER	Barossa	127/315	1873	View Details
GOWER	Albert Bertrid	M	Valentine William GOWER	Adelaide	328/397	1884	View Details
GOWER	Arthur Edward John	M	George GOWER	Kapunda	344/362	1885	View Details
GOWER	John Lewis Davison	M	John William GOWER	Mount Barker	360/240	1885	View Details
GOWER	Harold George Arthur	M	William GOWER	Barossa	401/87	1887	View Details
GOWER	Sarah Ann	F	Albert Earnest GOWER	Crawford	441/402	1889	View Details
GOWER	Ruby Edith	F	Frederick Stephen GOWER	Adelaide	509/79	1892	View Details

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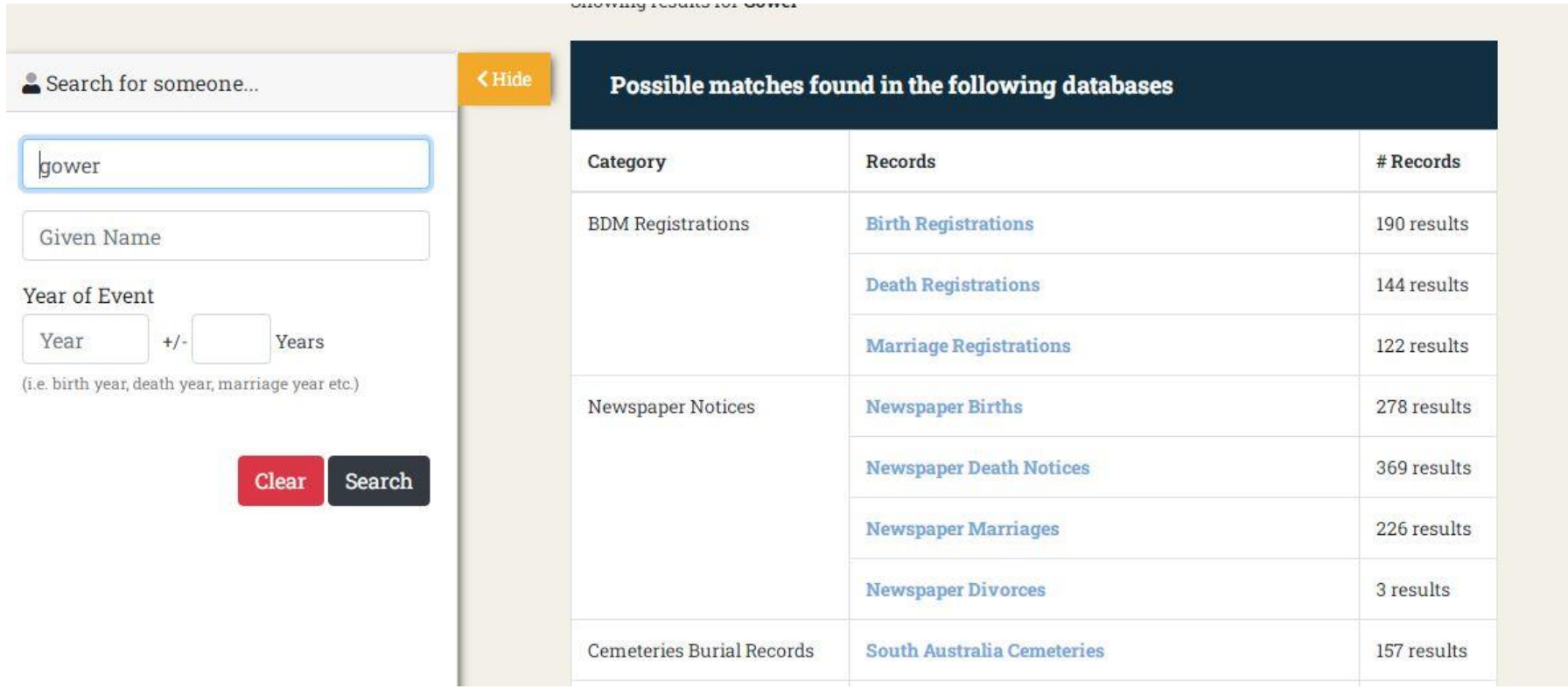
How to search?

As from the instructions in the Search Tips you can search either with, or without wildcard symbols

Without wildcard symbol:-



How to search?

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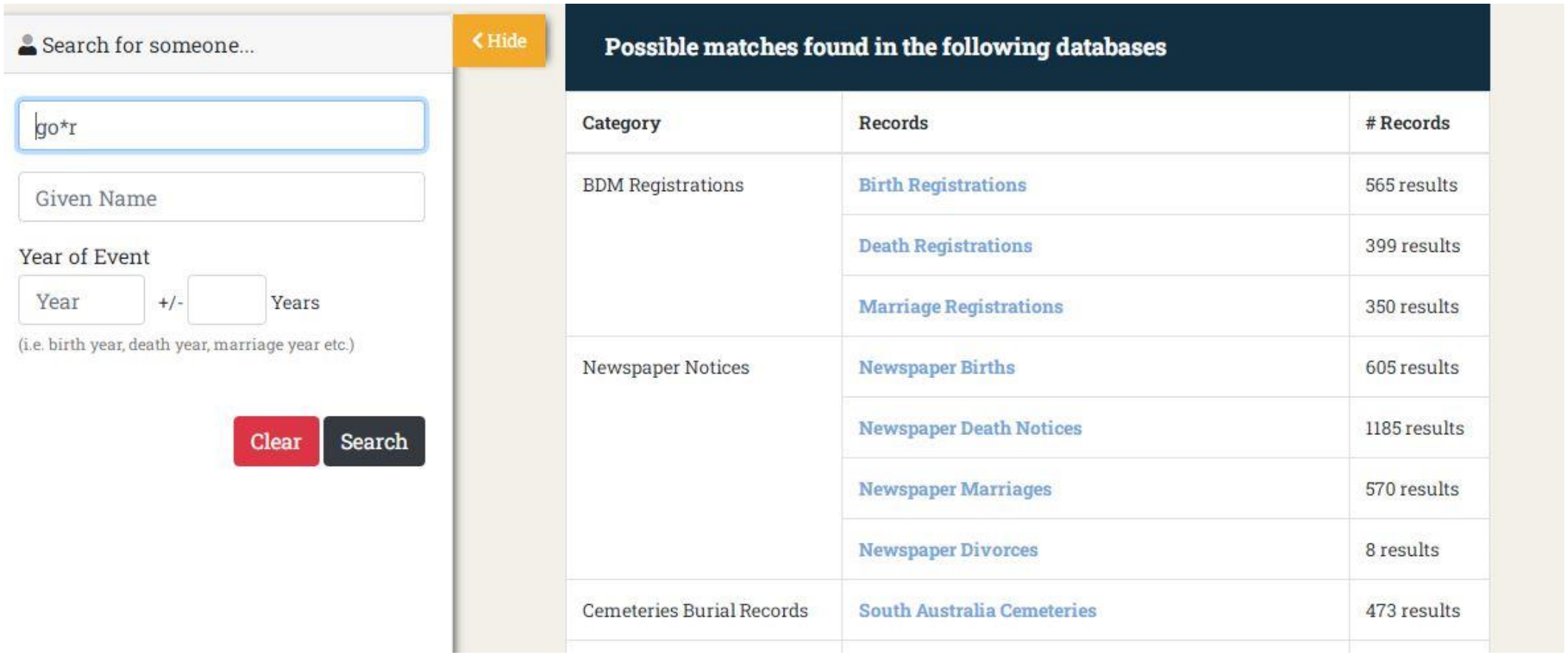

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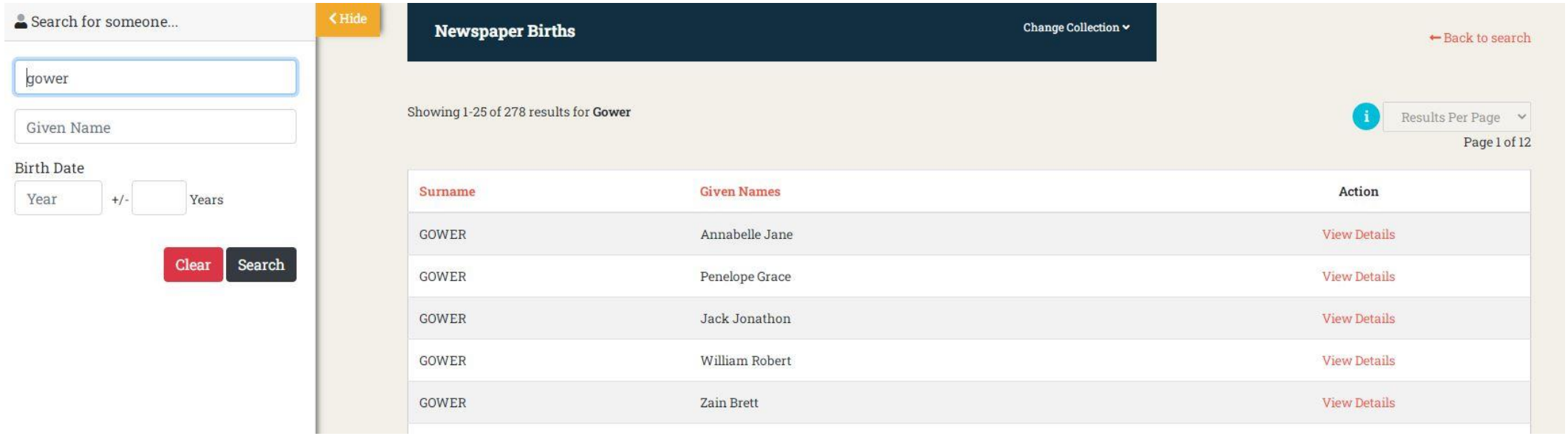
Non-member view



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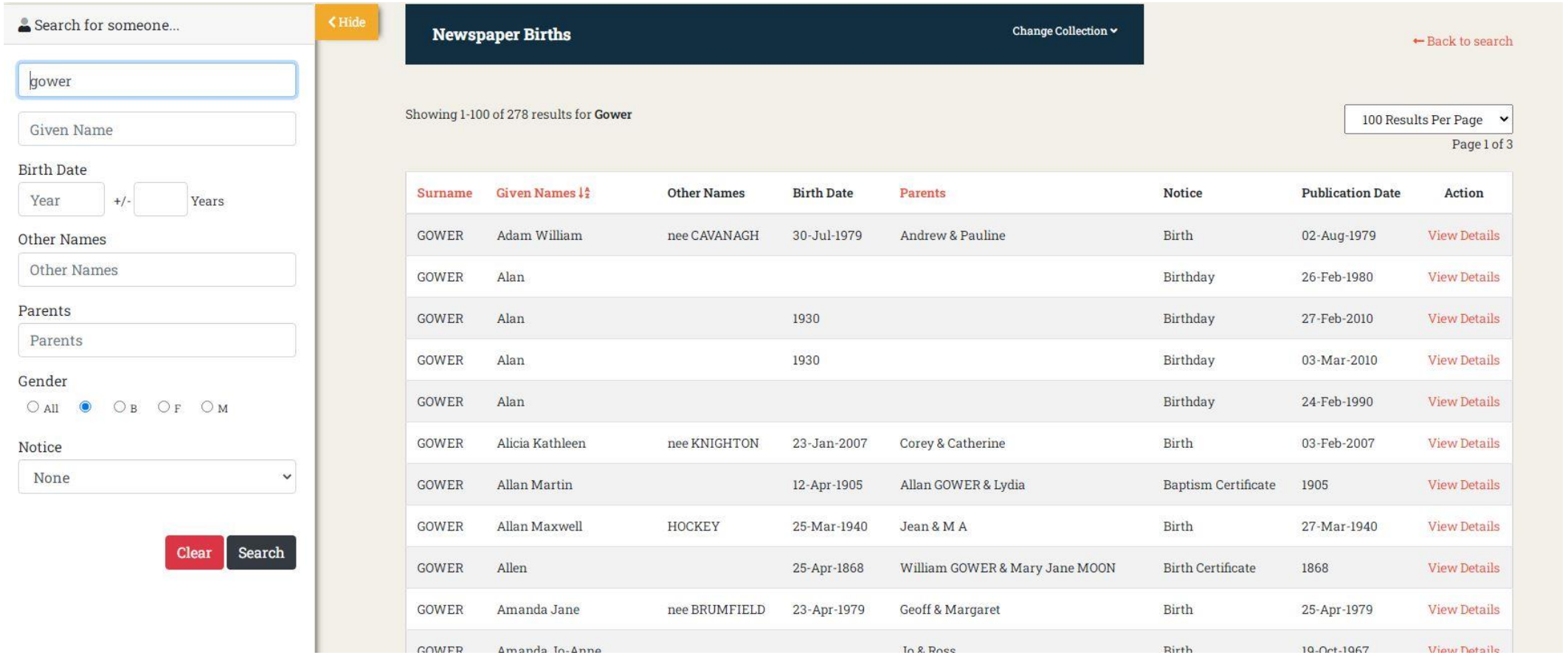

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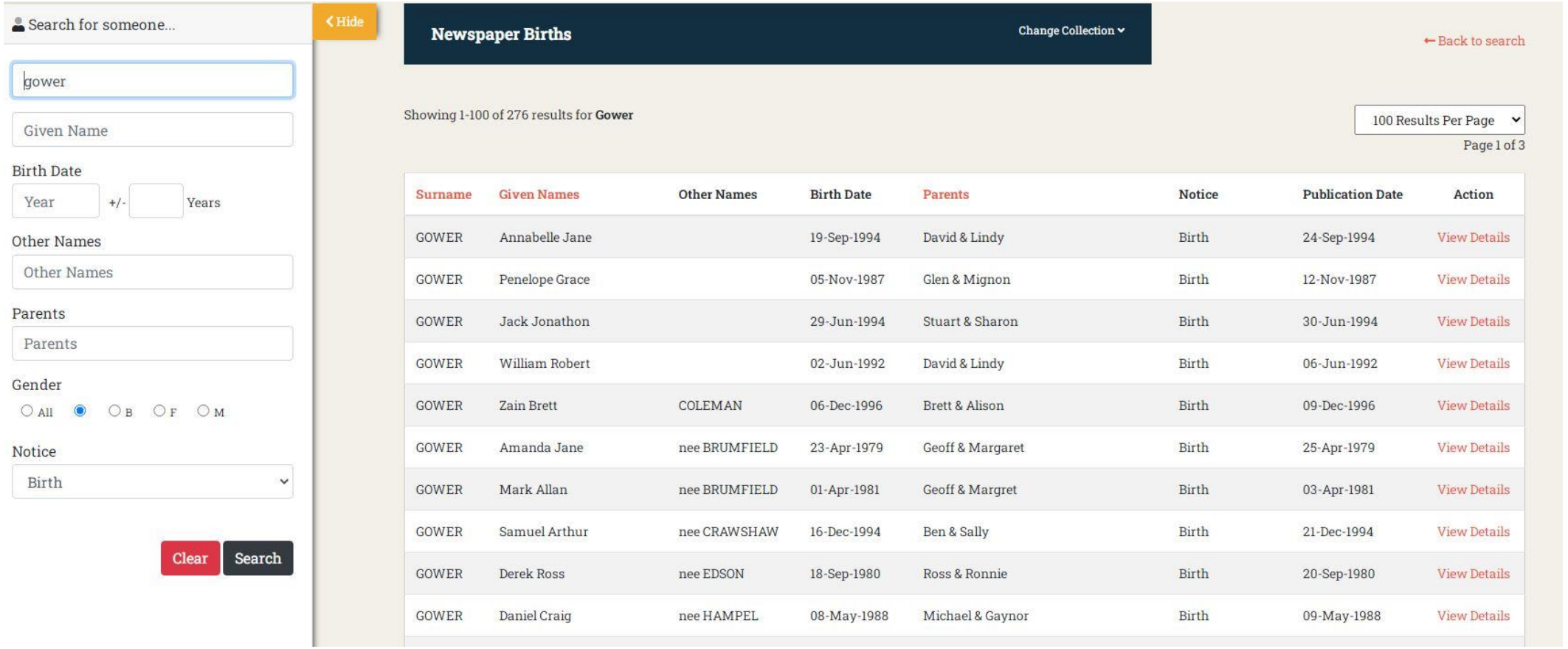
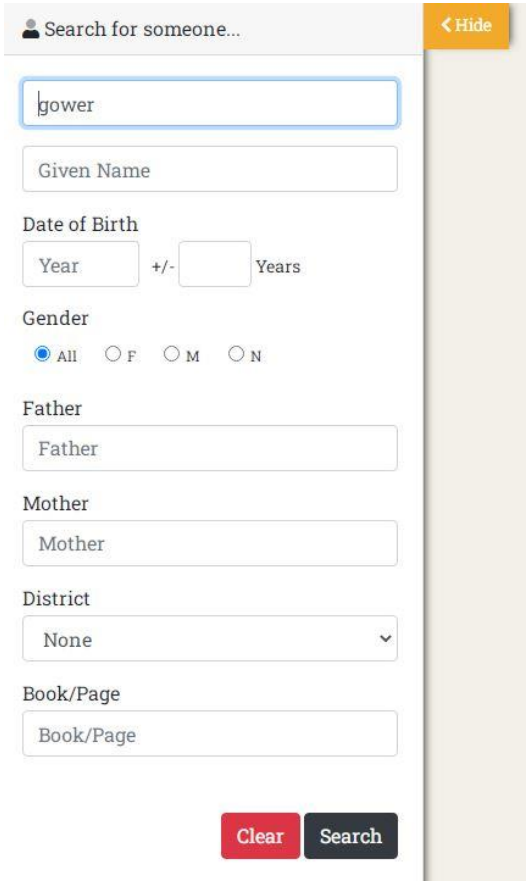
Member view filtered on Birth Notice



Surname	Given Names	Other Names	Birth Date	Parents	Notice	Publication Date	Action
GOWER	Annabelle Jane		19-Sep-1994	David & Lindy	Birth	24-Sep-1994	View Details
GOWER	Penelope Grace		05-Nov-1987	Glen & Mignon	Birth	12-Nov-1987	View Details
GOWER	Jack Jonathon		29-Jun-1994	Stuart & Sharon	Birth	30-Jun-1994	View Details
GOWER	William Robert		02-Jun-1992	David & Lindy	Birth	06-Jun-1992	View Details
GOWER	Zain Brett	COLEMAN	06-Dec-1996	Brett & Alison	Birth	09-Dec-1996	View Details
GOWER	Amanda Jane	nee BRUMFIELD	23-Apr-1979	Geoff & Margaret	Birth	25-Apr-1979	View Details
GOWER	Mark Allan	nee BRUMFIELD	01-Apr-1981	Geoff & Margret	Birth	03-Apr-1981	View Details
GOWER	Samuel Arthur	nee CRAWSHAW	16-Dec-1994	Ben & Sally	Birth	21-Dec-1994	View Details
GOWER	Derek Ross	nee EDSON	18-Sep-1980	Ross & Ronnie	Birth	20-Sep-1980	View Details
GOWER	Daniel Craig	nee HAMPEL	08-May-1988	Michael & Gaynor	Birth	09-May-1988	View Details

Filters in the different databases, and so on

Birth Registrations



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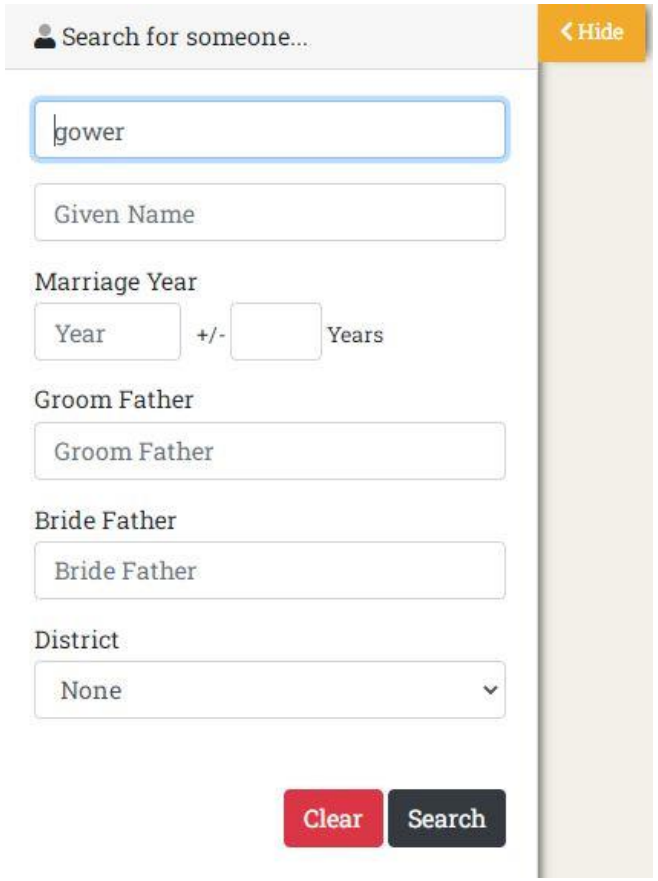

Death Registrations

How to search?

By using the sort function on some columns

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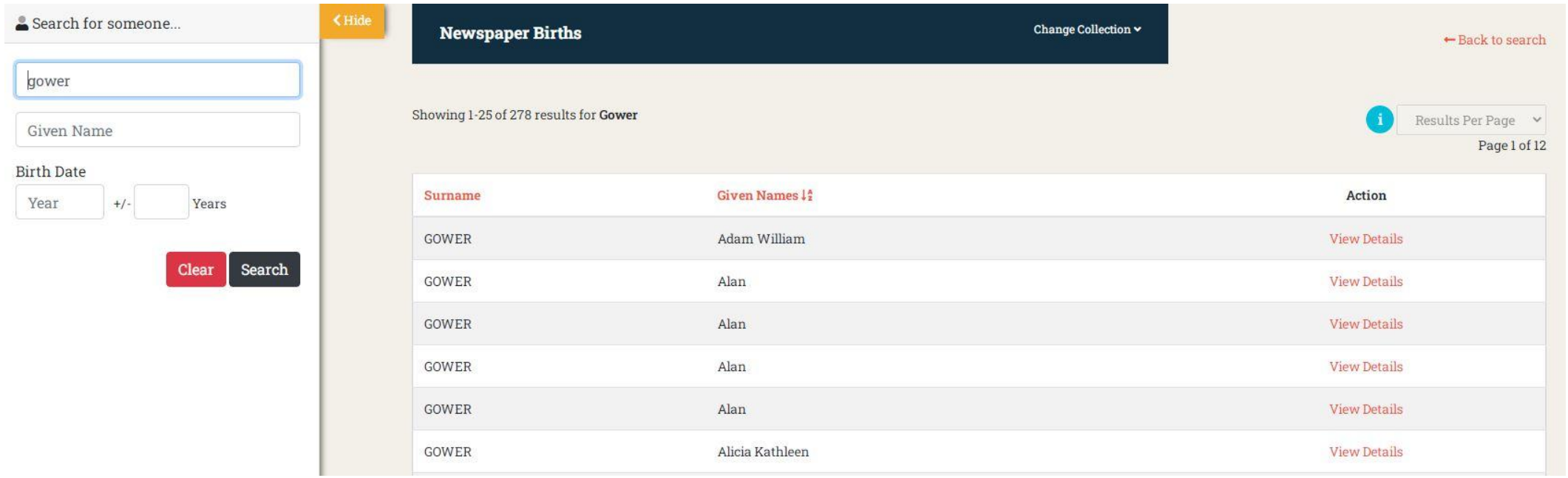
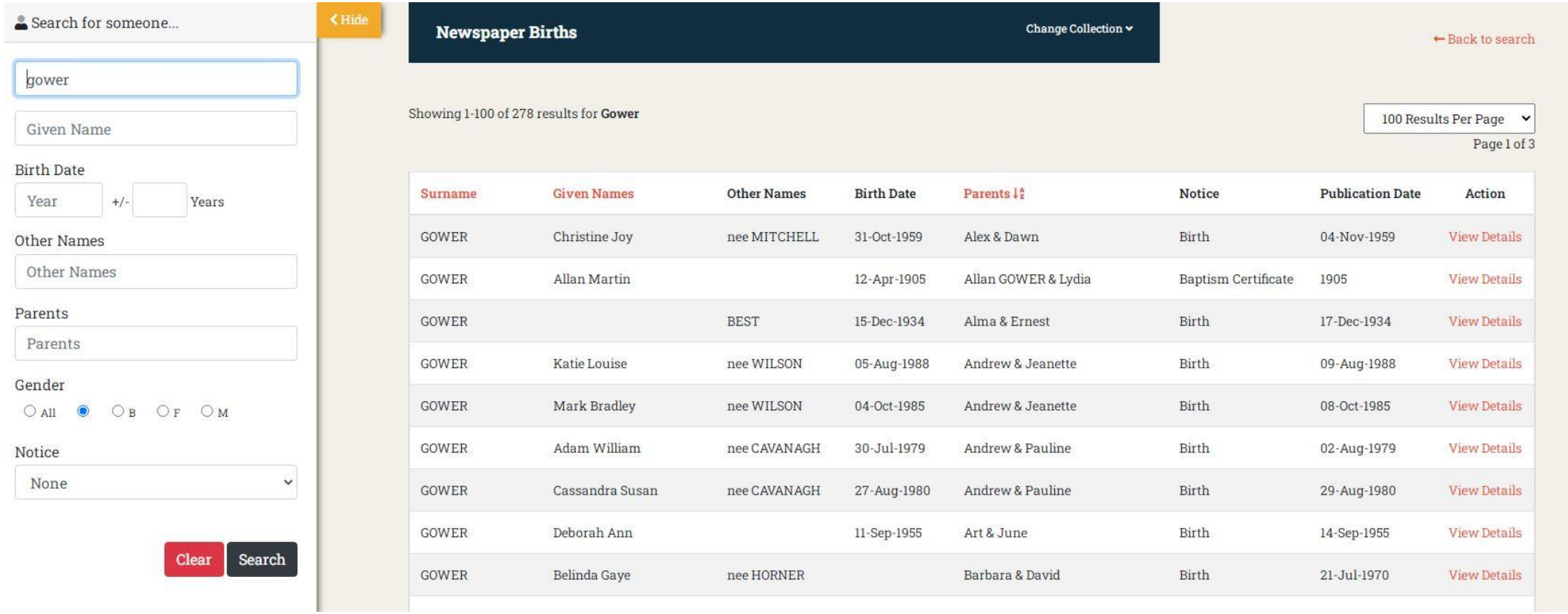


How to search?

Or by using the sort function on some columns

Member view – sorted on parents



Surname	Given Names	Other Names	Birth Date	Parents	Notice	Publication Date	Action
GOWER	Christine Joy	nee MITCHELL	31-Oct-1959	Alex & Dawn	Birth	04-Nov-1959	View Details
GOWER	Allan Martin		12-Apr-1905	Allan GOWER & Lydia	Baptism Certificate	1905	View Details
GOWER		BEST	15-Dec-1934	Alma & Ernest	Birth	17-Dec-1934	View Details
GOWER	Katie Louise	nee WILSON	05-Aug-1988	Andrew & Jeanette	Birth	09-Aug-1988	View Details
GOWER	Mark Bradley	nee WILSON	04-Oct-1985	Andrew & Jeanette	Birth	08-Oct-1985	View Details
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GOWER	Cassandra Susan	nee CAVANAGH	27-Aug-1980	Andrew & Pauline	Birth	29-Aug-1980	View Details
GOWER	Deborah Ann		11-Sep-1955	Art & June	Birth	14-Sep-1955	View Details
GOWER	Belinda Gaye	nee HORNER		Barbara & David	Birth	21-Jul-1970	View Details

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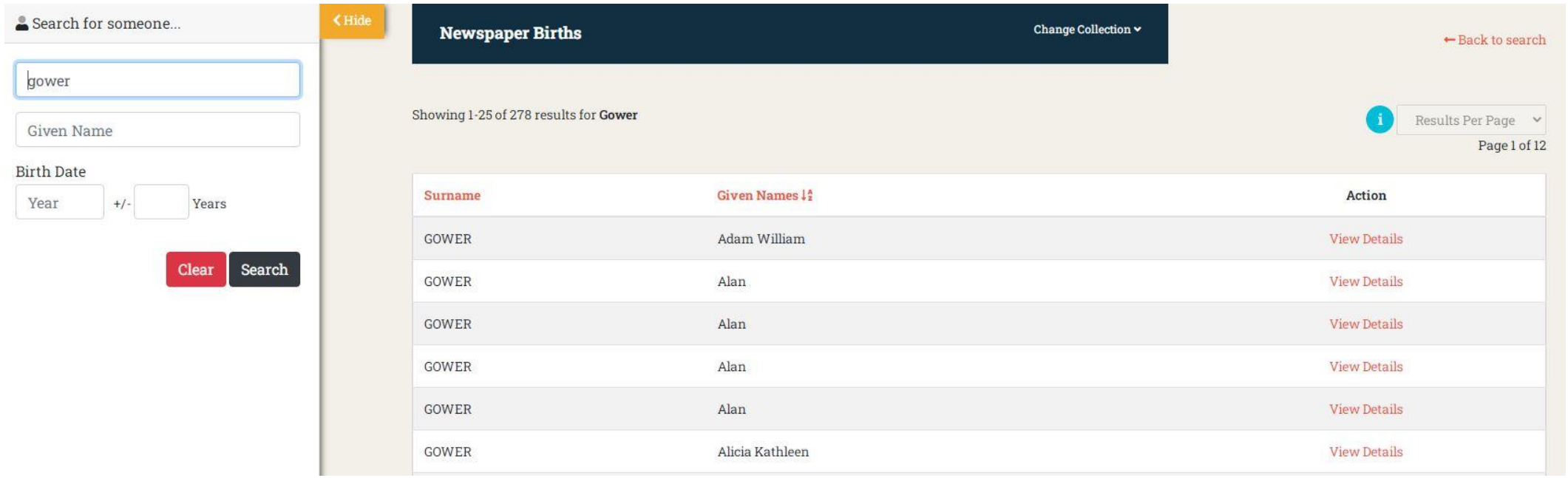
Non-member view



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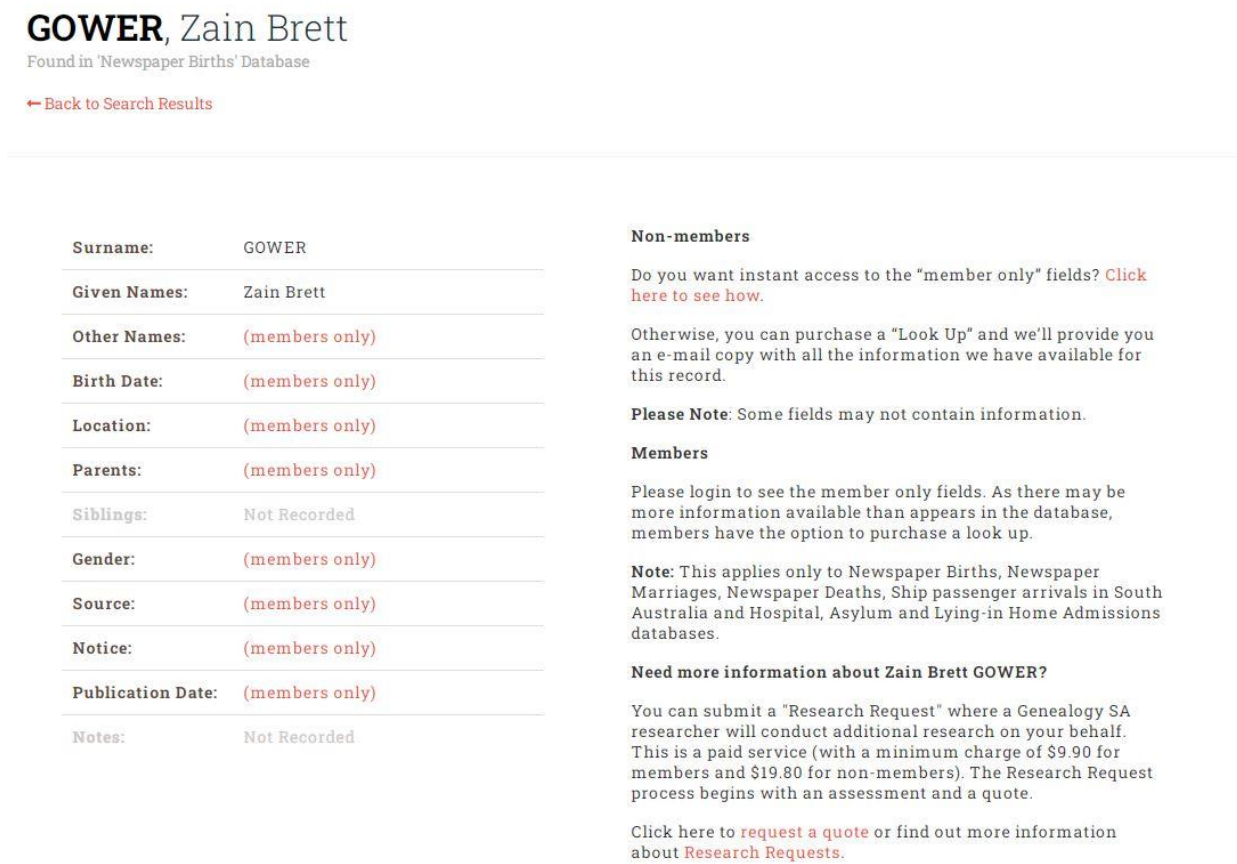

GOWER, Zain Brett

Found in 'Newspaper Births' Database

← Back to Search Results

Surname:	GOWER
Given Names:	Zain Brett
Other Names:	(members only)
Birth Date:	(members only)
Location:	(members only)
Parents:	(members only)
Siblings:	Not Recorded
Gender:	(members only)
Source:	(members only)
Notice:	(members only)
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Notes:	Not Recorded

Non-members

Do you want instant access to the "member only" fields? Click here to see how.

Otherwise, you can purchase a "Look Up" and we'll provide you an e-mail copy with all the information we have available for this record.

Please Note: Some fields may not contain information.

Members

Please login to see the member only fields. As there may be more information available than appears in the database, members have the option to purchase a look up.

Note: This applies only to Newspaper Births, Newspaper Marriages, Newspaper Deaths, Ship passenger arrivals in South Australia and Hospital, Asylum and Lying-in Home Admissions databases.

Need more information about Zain Brett GOWER?

You can submit a "Research Request" where a Genealogy SA researcher will conduct additional research on your behalf. This is a paid service (with a minimum charge of $9.90 for members and $19.80 for non-members). The Research Request process begins with an assessment and a quote.

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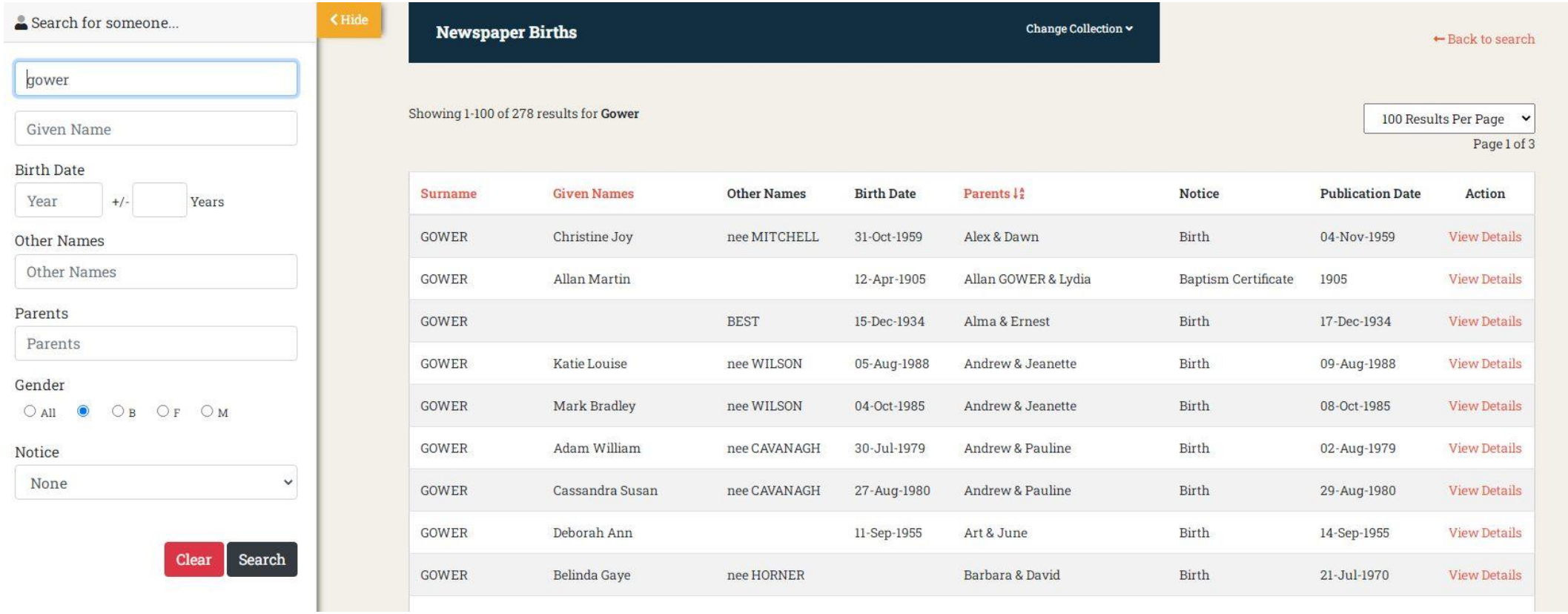

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Member

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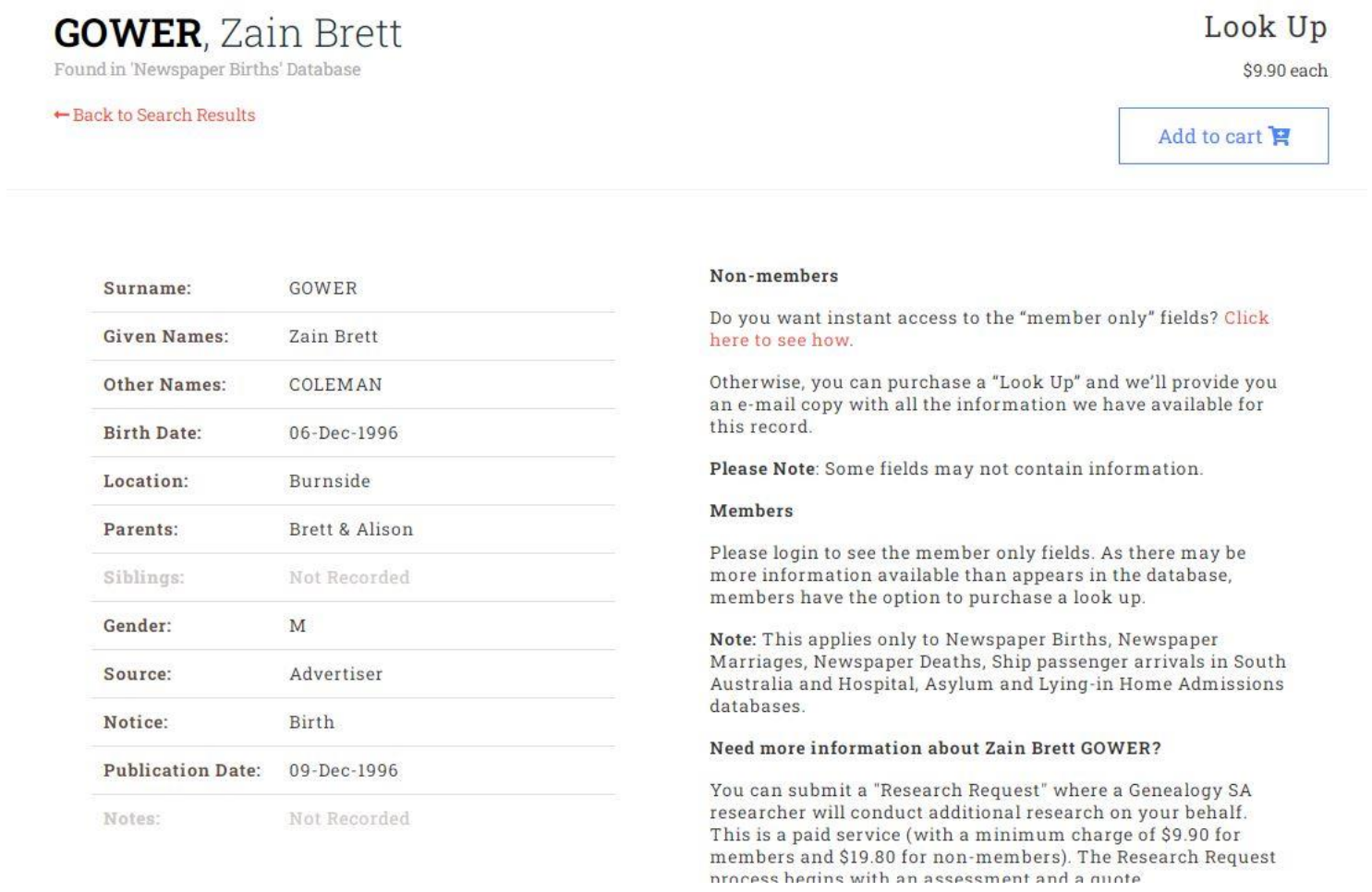

GOWER, Zain Brett

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Surname:	GOWER
Given Names:	Zain Brett
Other Names:	COLEMAN
Birth Date:	06-Dec-1996
Location:	Burnside
Parents:	Brett & Alison
Siblings:	Not Recorded
Gender:	M
Source:	Advertiser
Notice:	Birth
Publication Date:	09-Dec-1996
Notes:	Not Recorded

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View details

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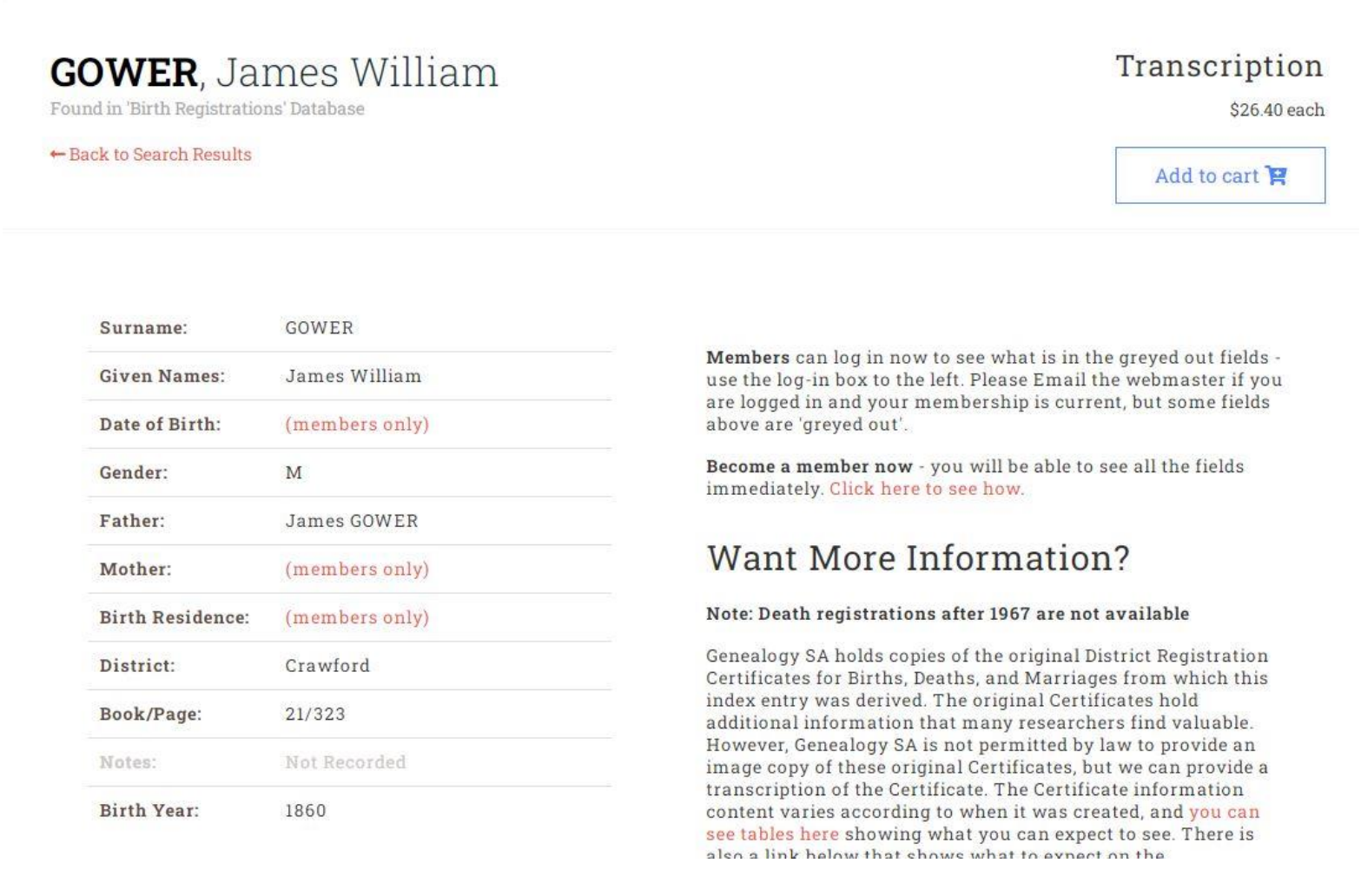

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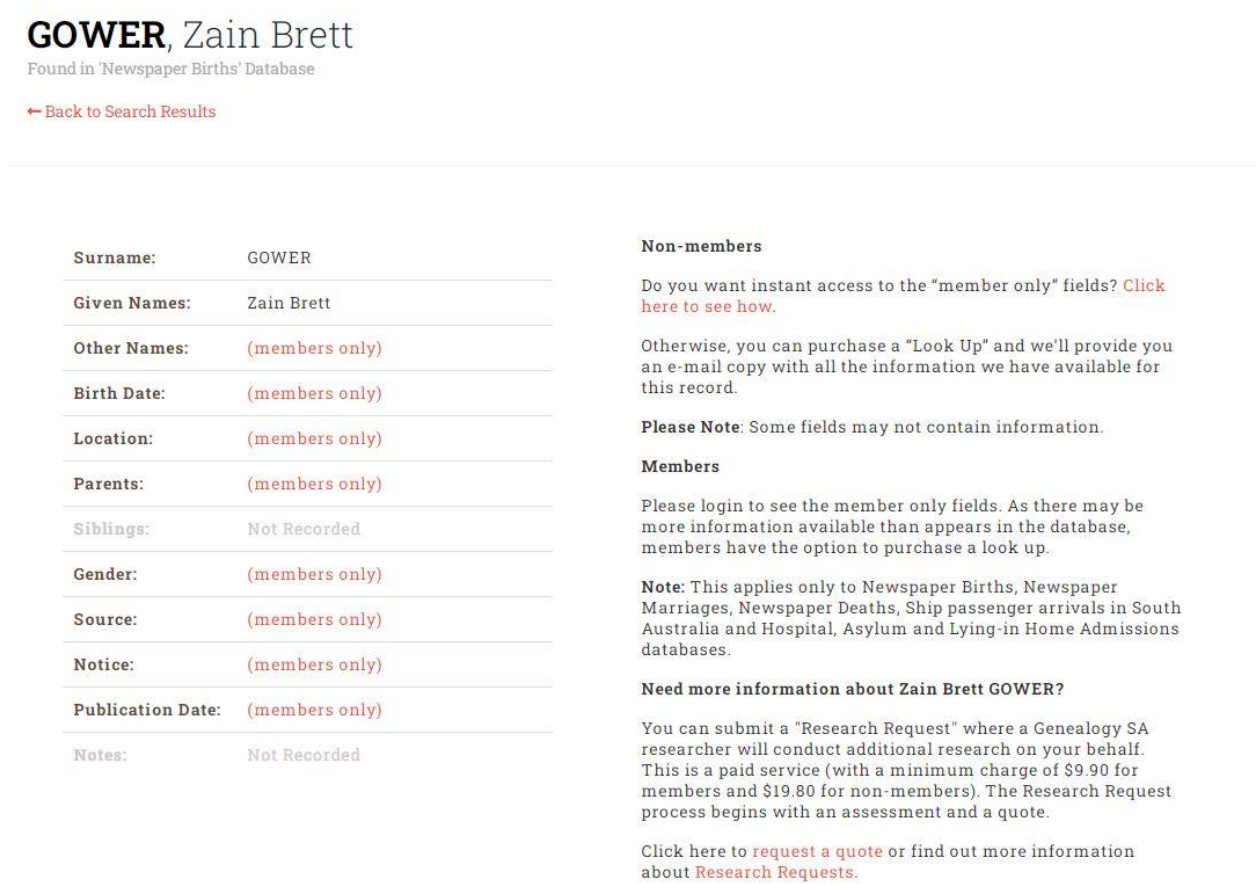

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Birth Date:	(members only)
Location:	(members only)
Parents:	(members only)
Siblings:	Not Recorded
Gender:	(members only)
Source:	(members only)
Notice:	(members only)
Publication Date:	(members only)
Notes:	Not Recorded

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How to search?

As we have seen, there are numerous different ways to search and filter and sort the results.

What you get from your efforts are dependant on what you put into the search parameters

So, to reflect, the steps are:-

1. Check Search hints, what is available and when, abbreviations used and what's in each database
2. Decide what search parameters you are going to use
3. Decide on what filtering and sorting you will be doing
4. Keep your initial search as simple as you can. This way you can get the maximum results for your effort. You can always expand the search parameters later

Good luck with your searching

Q&A

Seaman’s lists via the AJCP is Records of the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen and successor - https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-743615651

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