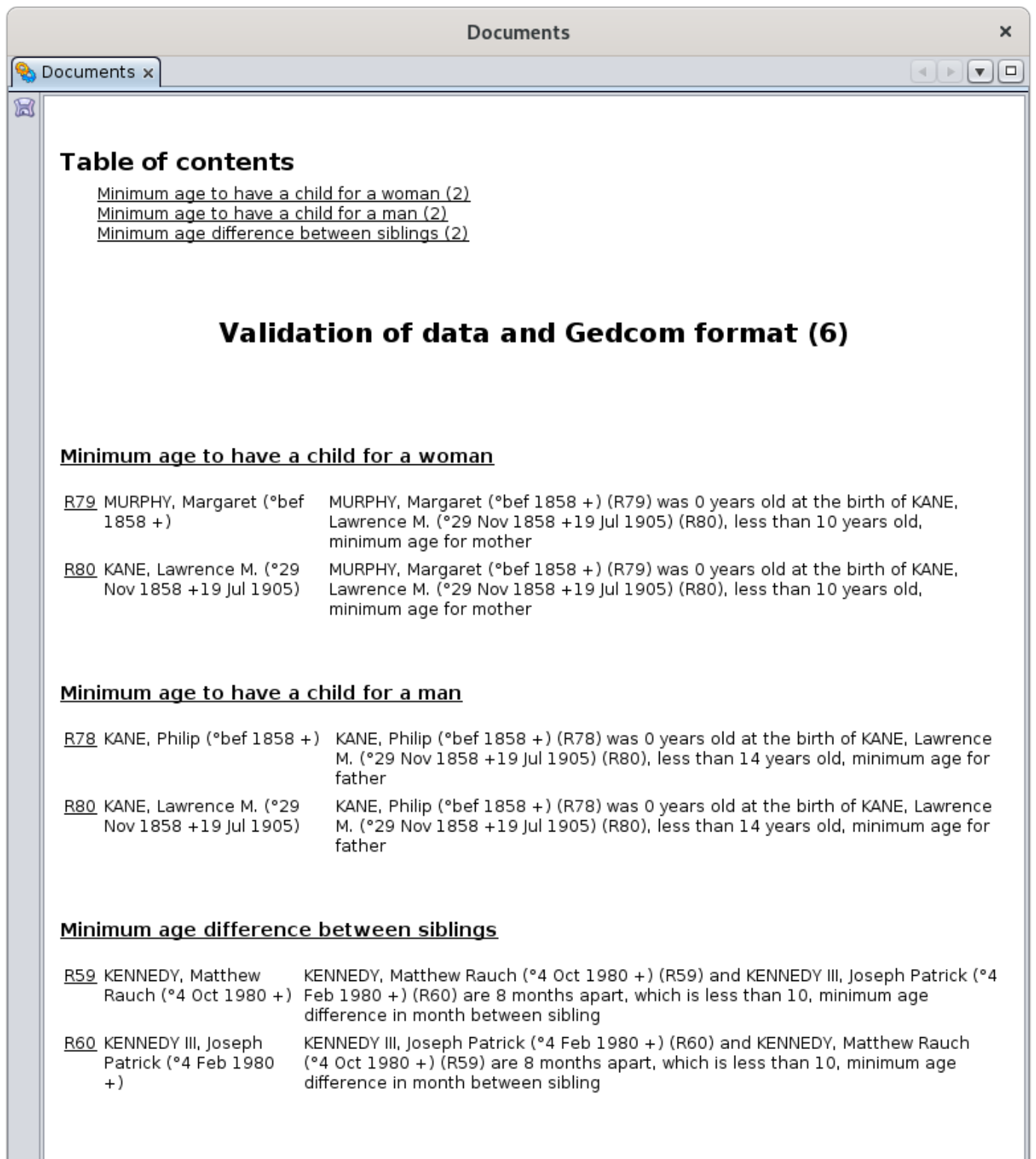


# Validate Gedcom compliance and data consistency

This tool checks your genealogy data for anomalies, in terms of incompatibility with the **Gedcom standard** and in case of **genealogical inconsistencies**.



# Description

The window displays a control report.

A table of contents lists the different types of controls performed, for which at least one anomaly has been detected, and the number of corresponding entities is in brackets.

Then the sections follow. In each section, you have the list of entities in anomaly.

Each entity number can be clicked. It selects the entity in the Ancestris views so you can see the details.

## Usage

This tool covers two major needs.

- a need for transmission and durability of your genealogy, since it enables you to respect the Gedcom standard as closely as possible
- a need to control the data that has been entered

Depending on the size of your genealogy file, a progress bar appears to perform the whole analysis.

The report is then displayed.

Click on the entity numbers to display them in the editors and correct any anomalies.

After correcting several anomalies, you can restart a new report that will present the remaining anomalies.

You can also change the thresholds for triggering anomalies using the preference settings described below.

You can ignore an anomaly for a given tag using with a `_VALID` tag placed under the tag that generates the anomaly.

- For instance, if twins are born on different days and you want to avoid the anomaly and confirm this is correct, just add the `_VALID` tag underneath the `FAM:CHIL` of both twins.
- Also, to confirm a couple with too many years apart, add `_VALID` underneath the `FAM:HUSB` and `FAM:WIFE` tags.
- You may want to add a `NOTE` as well to explicit your confirmation.

To ignore anomalies with `_VALID`, you have to check the corresponding preferences (see next paragraph)

# Customization

The controls to be performed are linked to the Preferences settings, Extensions pane, Validation tab.

They are pretty much self explanatory so we will not provide more details at this stage.

The screenshot shows the 'Preferences' dialog box with the 'Validation' tab selected. The dialog has a title bar with a close button. Below the title bar is a toolbar with icons for Appearance, Data, Files, Editing, Extensions (selected), Keymap, and Proxy. A search bar is on the right. Below the toolbar is a row of tabs: Support, Geo, Genealogy Compare, Validation (selected), Family groups, and Web Site. The main area is divided into several sections: 'Lifespan' with 'Allow years from' (1 to 3000) and 'Maximum lifespan' (120); 'Ages' with various age limits for fathers, mothers, siblings, and spouses; 'Family' with checkboxes for 'Extramarital child is valid' and 'Same sex family is valid'; 'Places' with 'Places not matching format in header are valid'; 'Missing information' with checkboxes for 'Private values are valid', 'Empty values are valid', 'File not found is valid', and 'Isolated entity is valid'; and 'Gedcom' with checkboxes for 'Underscore tags are valid custom tags', 'Order of properties is discretionary (INDI:FAMS, FAM:CHIL)', and 'Ignore anomalies with \_VALID'. At the bottom are 'Export...' and 'Import...' buttons on the left, and 'OK', 'Apply', and 'Cancel' buttons on the right.

**Preferences**

Appearance Data Files Editing **Extensions** Keymap Proxy

Support Geo Genealogy Compare **Validation** Family groups Web Site

**Lifespan**  
Allow years from 1 to 3000  
120 Maximum lifespan

**Ages**  
64 Maximum age for father  
14 Minimum age for father  
48 Maximum age for mother  
10 Minimum age for mother  
21 Maximum age difference between siblings  
10 Minimum age difference in month between sibling  
☐ Show potentiel twins  
20 Maximum age difference between spouses  
120 Maximum age when baptised  
12 Minimum age when marrying  
30 Minimum age when retiring

**Family**  
☐ Extramarital child is valid  
☐ Same sex family is valid

**Places**  
☐ Places not matching format in header are valid

**Missing information**  
☒ Private values are valid  
☒ Empty values are valid  
☐ File not found is valid  
☐ Isolated entity is valid

**Gedcom**  
☒ Underscore tags are valid custom tags  
☒ Order of properties is discretionary (INDI:FAMS, FAM:CHIL)  
☐ Ignore anomalies with \_VALID

Export... Import... OK Apply Cancel

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