

Presentation and Symbols

- terminology If we consider the person called Solomon Mandel, then:
The expression “given name” refers to Solomon. An equivalent expression is “personal name”.
The expression “family name” refers to Mandel.
Note that a person can have several given names and because of the 1808 name changes they might also have a “former name” or perhaps even several former names.
The expression “name” refers to the combination, Solomon Mandel.
- presentation Each ancestor appears at least once in a “presentation” form. This is illustrated by the main entry for Solomon Mandel (see below for the symbols and abbreviations used):
Solomon Mandel★ , *Solomon Hirtzel* (111•12/112•12)1804.04.15 [25 Germinal XII], Dauendorf -- 1865.11.08, Dauendorf [AN, 1808, AM, AD, S].
Solomon Hirtzel is the former, in this case the pre-1808, name of Solomon Mandel. The names are followed by his identification number, birth and death dates/places and a list of the documents that are available.
Note that women are always referred to by their pre-marriage names. The spelling of names has been standardized in the text e.g. Mantel ⇒ Mandel; Lévi ⇒ Lévy; Salmann ⇒ Solomon, etc.. For an AM taken from [Fraen-mar] I have kept the original spelling.
- dates Dates are given in the format: year.month.day, e.g. 1811.03.19 for March 19, 1811.
Note also that numbers less than 10 are written with a 0 before the number, i.e. the above date is *not* written as 1811.3.19. [This format provides a means of listing the files in a directory of the DVD in the correct chronological order].
Often it is not clear, or not indicated, if the date on a document is the actual date of an event (e.g. AD) or the date when the event was reported. Thus dates indicated may be off by a few days.
Starting on September 22, 1792 [01 vendémiaire of year I] until January 01, 1806 [11 nivôse of year XIV] the French Republican calendar was in effect.^{HTML} If a document was written in the period covered by the French Republican calendar then the date corresponding to the usual calendar is listed first, followed by the Republican date in square brackets. For conversions and more information:
www.poissons52.fr/histoire/revolution1789/calendrier_v.php

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- ★ There is a special section devoted to this person.
- ca. Circa, used when an educated guess can be made concerning a date. E.g. the age of a deceased person might appear on the death certificate, without the actual year of birth being given. The estimated date of birth is obtained by subtraction, but this might be off by one or more years.
- b. Before the date, e.g. b.1808 is used when the person is not listed in the change of name registers of 1808 ([1808], [Katz-1808]) and there is reason to believe that they were no longer alive. This information should be used with caution, because the person may have changed domicile.
- a. After the date, e.g. a.1784 is used when the person is not listed in the census of 1784 ([1784]) and there is reason to believe that they had not yet been born. This information should be used with caution, because of the great variation in names between 1784 and 1808, etc.
- * No information, used, e.g., when a first or last name or a date is missing.
- ?, ??, ??? These indicate respectively, “not absolutely certain”, “educated guess”, “wild guess”. These are not employed on the charts or on the list of all the ancestors.
- !, !!, !!! These indicate respectively, “does not seem right”, “hard to believe”, “truly unbelievable”. These reflect such things as disparate ages of children, etc..
- DVD The AN, AM, AD that are mentioned in the text appear on the accompanying DVD. The symbol DVD is used with other documents, images etc. to indicate that they too appear on the DVD.
- HTML Used to indicate that a topic can be accessed on the DVD from the HTML page: `symbols_sources_references_etc.html`.
- ↪ Used with long web addresses to indicate that the address is continued on the next line.
- Information, e.g. from a web page, which I was unable to verify via documents, texts, etc..