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Go	Children: 10	Sex	Birth	Death
▲	John Doe	M	01 Jan 1901 in New York, New York, USA	
◀	Doe	M	01 Jan 1901 in New York, New York, USA	
◀	Doe	M	01 Jan 1901 in New York, New York, USA	
◀	?Doe	M	01 Jan 1901 in New York, New York, USA	
◀	Unknown Doe	M	01 Jan 1901 in New York, New York, USA	
◀	(Unknown) Doe	M	01 Jan 1901 in New York, New York, USA	
◀	[Unknown] Doe	M	01 Jan 1901 in New York, New York, USA	
◀	UNK Doe	M	01 Jan 1901 in New York, New York, USA	
◀	FNU Doe	M	01 Jan 1901 in New York, New York, USA	
◀	<no Doe	M	01 Jan 1901 in New York, New York, USA	
	Add Child			

All searches performed with no edits.

- Best: First and Last Name
- 2nd: Special characters only (other than wild cards), or blank first name
- Other options directly affect search results:
- Special characters other than specific wild cards are ignored. Any word or abbreviation containing letters, whether within special characters or not, is treated as an actual first name and skews the search.
- A question mark is a wild card. Used by itself as a name, it is likely to return too many results to show.

Search Criteria

First: **John**

Last: Doe

The screenshot shows a search results page for 'John Doe'. The title is 'All results for John Doe' with 'John Doe' highlighted in a red box. The page includes search filters on the left, a 'Matching Person' section with a silhouette and biographical details (Birth: Abt. 1900, Death: Abt. 1940 - New York, Spouse: Rylie Gertrude Seaborn), and a 'Matching Records' section listing three census records from 1910, 1940, and 1940. The 1910 record lists John D Roes, born abt 1897, residing in Manhattan Ward 12. The 1940 records list John Doe, born abt 1900, residing in Springs Park and Binghamton, New York.

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Searches for Doe and | | Doe create the same query and produce the same result:

Search Criteria First: Last: Doe

The screenshot shows a search interface with the following details:

- Search Filters:** Broad (selected), Exact. Search term: Doe. Filters: BORN 1901, - in New York...
- Search Results:** "All results for Doe" (Doe is circled in red). Results 1-50 of 355,100. Records and Categories tabs are visible.
- Search Criteria:** Doe
- First:** | |
- Last:** Doe

Year	Name	Mother	Birth	Residence
1910 United States Federal Census	Francis Doe	Mary Doe	abt 1900 - New York	1910 - Ogdensburg Ward 4, Saint Lawrence, New York
1910 United States Federal Census	Alexander Doe	Mary Doe	abt 1904 - New York	1910 - Ogdensburg Ward 4, Saint Lawrence, New York
1900 United States Federal Census	Francis Doe	Mary Doe	Jul 1899 - New York	Ogdensburg Ward 4, Saint Lawrence, New York
1910 United States Federal Census	Wilford Doe	Mary Doe	abt 1906 - New York	1910 - Ogdensburg Ward 4, Saint Lawrence, New York
1930 United States Federal Census	Albion Noyes Doe	Edith W Doe	abt 1885 - California	

Search Criteria First: | | Last: Doe

This screenshot is identical to the one above, showing the same search results for 'Doe' with the search criteria '| |' and 'Last: Doe'.

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Searches for **Unknown** Doe, **(Unknown)** Doe, and **[Unknown]** Doe create the same query and produce the same result:

Search Criteria First: **Unknown** Last: Doe

The screenshot shows a search results page titled "All results for Unknown Doe". The search filters on the left include "Unknown", "Doe", "BORN: 1901", and "in New York...". The search criteria are "All Collections". The results list shows 1-50 of 244 records. The first result is "Minnesota, Death Index, 1908-2002" for "Unknown John Doe #102", born 1 Jan 1900, died 7 Aug 1961 in Hennepin. Other results include "Minnesota, Death Index, 1908-2002" for "Unknown John Doe # 104", "Unknown John Doe No. 100", "Unknown John Doe No. 101", "Unknown John Doe No. 97", and "U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1800s-Current" for "Unknown John Doe" born 1896, died 5 Aug 1951.

Search Criteria First: **(Unknown)** Last: Doe

The screenshot shows a search results page titled "All results for (Unknown) Doe". The search filters on the left include "(Unknown)", "Doe", "BORN: 1901", and "in New York...". The search criteria are "All Collections". The results list shows 1-50 of 244 records. The first result is "Minnesota, Death Index, 1908-2002" for "Unknown John Doe #102", born 1 Jan 1900, died 7 Aug 1961 in Hennepin. Other results include "Minnesota, Death Index, 1908-2002" for "Unknown John Doe # 104", "Unknown John Doe No. 100", "Unknown John Doe No. 101", "Unknown John Doe No. 97", and "U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1800s-Current" for "Unknown John Doe" born 1896, died 5 Aug 1951.

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Search Criteria

First: [Unknown]

Last: Doe

The screenshot shows a search results page titled "All results for Unknown Doe". The search filters on the left include: (Unknown), Doe, BORN 1901, in New York, GENDER: Male, PARENTS: || Doe, Mary \ \, and COLLECTION: All Collections. The results list shows five entries from the Minnesota Death Index (1908-2002) and one from the U.S. Find A Grave Index (1800s-Current). The first result is for "Unknown John Doe #102" with birth date 1 Jan 1900 and death date 7 Aug 1961 in Hennepin.

Searches that use words or abbreviations create queries and produce results that vary based on the word or abbreviation.

Search Criteria

First: FNU

Last: Doe

The screenshot shows a search results page titled "All results for Fnu Doe". The search filters on the left include: FNU, Doe, BORN 1901, in New York, GENDER: Male, PARENTS: || Doe, Mary \ \, and COLLECTION: All Collections. The results list shows three entries from the New York Passenger Lists (1820-1957) and one from the UK Incoming Passenger Lists (1878-1960). The first result is for "Blanche F Doe" with birth date 'date', departure from New York, New York, United States, and arrival at 'date' in Southampton, England.

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Search Criteria

First: UNK

Last: Doe

All results for Unk Doe

Search Filters: Broad Exact

UNK
Doe
BORN 1901
in New York

Hide additional fields
GENDER: Male
PARENTS: | Doe, Mary \\
COLLECTION: All Collections

Edit Search New Search
UPDATE

All Categories

- Census & Voter Lists 11
- Birth, Marriage & Death 24
- Military 1
- Immigration & Travel 4
- Newspapers & Publications 110
- Pictures 18
- Stories, Memories & Histories 7
- Schools, Directories & Church Histories 87
- Wills, Probates, Land, Tax & Criminal 3

Results 1-50 of 258

RECORDS CATEGORIES

To get better results, add more information such as or Death Info—even a guess will help. Edit your search or learn more.

U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007 WILLS, PROBATES, LAND, TAX & CRIMINAL	NAME: John Doe BIRTH: 10 Jul 1902 - Unk DEATH: 6 Dec 1906 CIVIL: 13 Sep 1969
U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007 WILLS, PROBATES, LAND, TAX & CRIMINAL	NAME: John Doe BIRTH: 10 Jul 1902 - Goldston, North Carolina DEATH: 3 Aug 2002
Public Member Photos & Scanned Documents PICTURES	PHOTO: Hebert Murphy dau Daisy Sam Booth Sr unk Ben Wms Dau Ethel CATEGORY: Portrait ATTACHED TO: Hebron Murphy (1898-1976)
The Hopewell Herald (Hopewell, New Jersey) NEWSPAPERS & PUBLICATIONS	NEWSPAPER: The Hopewell Herald PUBLICATION: 8 Mar 1905 - Hopewell, New Jersey

Search Criteria

First: No

Last: Doe

All results for No Doe

Search Filters: Broad Exact

no
Doe
BORN 1901
in New York

Hide additional fields
GENDER: Male
PARENTS: | Doe, Mary \\
COLLECTION: All Collections

Edit Search New Search
UPDATE

All Categories

- Census & Voter Lists 193
- Birth, Marriage & Death 251
- Military 19
- Immigration & Travel 90
- Newspapers & Publications 7
- Pictures 89
- Stories, Memories & Histories 23
- Maps, Atlases & Gazetteers 3
- Schools, Directories & Church Histories 954
- Wills, Probates, Land, Tax 27

Results 1-50 of 1,561

RECORDS CATEGORIES

1920 United States Federal Census CENSUS & VOTER LISTS	NAME: Charles N Doe BIRTH: abt 1902 - New York RESIDENCE: 1920 - Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island
1930 United States Federal Census CENSUS & VOTER LISTS	NAME: Charles N Doe BIRTH: abt 1902 - New York RESIDENCE: 1930 - Queens, Queens, New York
1910 United States Federal Census CENSUS & VOTER LISTS	NAME: Chas N Doe BIRTH: abt 1902 - New York RESIDENCE: 1910 - Fall River Ward 8, Bristol, Massachusetts
1930 United States Federal Census CENSUS & VOTER LISTS	NAME: Albion Noyes Doe SPOUSE: Edith W Doe BIRTH: abt 1885 - California RESIDENCE: 1930 - Queens, Queens, New York
U.S., Applications for Seaman's Protection Certificates, 1916-1940 IMMIGRATION & TRAVEL	NAME: N. W. Doe BIRTH: abt 1901 - US CIVIL: 1922 - New York, New York, USA
New York, State Census, 1925 CENSUS & VOTER LISTS	NAME: Chas N Doe

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Searches that use wildcards often create queries that produce too many results to display.

Search Criteria

First: ?

Last: Doe

All results for ? Doe

Search Filters: broad Exact

?
Doe
BORN: 1901
in New York
Hide additional fields
GENDER: Male
PARENTS: || Doe, Mary \\
COLLECTION: All Collections
Edit Search New Search
UPDATE

All Categories
Shortcut Keys

Too many matches with the wildcard search: ? Doe

Wildcards are special symbols which are used in place of letters or numbers. They can be used to match distinct but similar words. An asterisk "*" replaces zero or more characters, and a question mark "?" replaces exactly one character. For example, a search for "fran" will return matches on words like "Fran," "Franny," or "Frank." A search for "Johns?n" matches "Johnson" and "Johnsen," but not "Johnston."

Here are some suggestions on how you can better use wildcards to complete your search:

- Use more characters before the wildcard. For example, use "Able*" instead of "Abi*"
- Specify both a first and last name or a partial first and last name. Please try your search again.
- Try using the single-character wildcard "?" rather than the multiple-character wildcard "*".

For example, using "Hans?n" matches both "Hansen" and "Hanson" rather than using "Hans*"

- Either the first or last character must be a non-wildcard character. For example, "Han*" and "*son" are okay, but not "*anso*"
- Names must contain at least three non-wildcard characters. For example, "Ha*n" is okay, but not "Ha*"

Search Criteria

First: *

Last: Doe

All results for * Doe

Search Filters: broad Exact

*
Doe
BORN: 1901
in New York
Hide additional fields
GENDER: Male
PARENTS: || Doe, Mary \\
COLLECTION: All Collections
Edit Search New Search
UPDATE

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