

Cleaning: Marriage Dates

A casual report

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Intro

I went about determining a constant marriage date by just considering the year, since it seemed like most of them only had the year (although some did have months and days). The way I did this was by ‘pulling’ the first instance in the ‘cell’ where there were 4 consecutive digits. In some cases, there were more than 1 instance. In some cases there was text but no year. Some cases had no text so obviously no year.

The first column of the tables is the state and by extension the spreadsheet the row can be found in. The second column is the original text (I changed the column name here for ease of coding), and the third column is the ‘chosen’ year (NA where there is no year).

As you’ll see in the following tables, there are times where the year is just in a two digit format (dd/mm/yy) and that is the reason my ‘algorithm’ isn’t catching it (for example rows 16 and 17 in the first table). Either I could code up something to deal with it, where I would need to find a way to extract the two digits and then ‘guess’ at which century they belong to, or we can go and manually change it in the original spreadsheets (I am guessing that’s the easier way since there aren’t that many).

In cases where multiple years are present, we can arbitrarily keep the first one mentioned, as I did here. Otherwise, we (you) can ‘choose’ another year by changing it in the original spreadsheet, by putting the chosen four digits at the start of the cell, or at least before any other four consecutive digits. A similar ‘solution’ applies to any other cell we want to change the ‘chosen’ year to.

First Marriages

Text but no year

(No four consecutive digits)

	state	FIRST_	first_marriage
1	NSW	in England	NA
2	NSW	in Glasgow	NA
3	NSW	April 17 last	NA
4	NSW	188	NA
5	NSW	18-. May. 10.	NA
6	NSW	July 22nd, July	NA
7	NSW	Narrabri	NA
8	Queensland	Apr. 25.	NA
9	Queensland	unknown	NA
10	Queensland	.Unknown	NA
11	Queensland	‘about 30 years ago”	NA
12	Queensland	unknown	NA
13	Queensland	married in Berkshire, England	NA
14	Queensland	in an asylum	NA
15	Tasmania	30 July,	NA
16	Victoria	22/12/34	NA
17	Victoria	11/03/39	NA
18	Victoria	Fitzroy (VIC)	NA

More than one year

	state	FIRST_	first_marriage
1	NSW	Sept 30 1859, lived together until September 1862.	1859
2	NSW	1839 / 26th day of November 1837 (Link 49)	1839
3	NSW	1849 (Link 25) 1852(other links)	1849
4	NSW	1858 or 1863	1858
5	NSW	November 6, 1881/1884	1881
6	NSW	May 8, 1882/ December 26, 1881	1882
7	NSW	Nov. 17, 1874 AND Mar. 14, 1889. (divorced then remarried in 1889 some years later after the divorce)	1874
8	NSW	Feb. 7, 1893 (link 13) / 1889 (link 9)	1893
9	NSW	2. Oct. 1904 (other links) / 1893 (link 32).	1904
10	NSW	1907, Nov.1 (or about)/ 1897, Nov.16 (7)	1907
11	NSW	1905, Nov.15/ 1915 (6&8)	1905
12	NSW	1910. Feb. 10. (link1) // 16. Jul. 1916 (link4)	1910
13	Queensland	Nov. 10, 1887.OR Dec 10 1887 Note1	1887
14	Queensland	Feb. 9, 1889 OR 1898.	1889
15	Queensland	Jun. 9, 1909 OR 1910	1909
16	Queensland	Jun. 1, 1899 OR 1898	1899
17	South_Australia	July 25, 18501850	1850
18	South_Australia	Jan. 26 1878 OR Jul. 26, 1878	1878
19	South_Australia	1919 or July 1918	1919
20	Tasmania	4 January 1869 OR 24 June, 1869	1869
21	Tasmania	19 January, 1891 OR 1890	1891
22	Western_Australia	1917, 1927	1917
23	Victoria	6/21/1863 (1953?)	1863
24	Victoria	31 January, 1884 (widower since 1878	1884
25	Victoria	23rd March 1909 (left her in 1916)	1909
26	Victoria	1914-1918	1914
27	Victoria	1943/1944	1943

Second Marriages

Text but no year

	state	SECOND_	second_marriage
1	NSW	alleged marriage	NA
2	NSW	HE IS CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTING TO COMMIT BIGAMY	NA
3	NSW	*(Link 1 states the marriage occurred on the 16th instant, however the article was published on the 3rd of January)	NA
4	NSW	Marrickville NSW	NA
5	NSW	Annie Smith	NA
6	NSW	March 24	NA
7	NSW	July 22,	NA
8	NSW	George Henry Palmer	NA
9	NSW	unknown	NA
10	NSW	July 11 last	NA

11	NSW	no marriage as he learned that he was married after the fact with the first one...	NA
12	NSW	March 15	NA
13	NSW	Aubrun	NA
14	NSW	December 23	NA
15	NSW	September 4	NA
16	NSW	July 20	NA
17	NSW	August 11	NA
18	NSW	December 27	NA
19	NSW	March 9	NA
20	NSW	January 3	NA
21	NSW	June 28	NA
22	NSW	December 3	NA
23	NSW	March 27	NA
24	NSW	October 5	NA
25	NSW	December 13	NA
26	NSW	April 28	NA
27	NSW	July 5	NA
28	NSW	January 26	NA
29	NSW	December 20	NA
30	NSW	December 31	NA
31	NSW	February 19	NA
32	NSW	July 20	NA
33	NSW	March 13	NA
34	NSW	June 4	NA
35	NSW	August 23	NA
36	NSW	January 5	NA
37	Queensland	The complainant didn't say the year, didn't remember the name of the Rev.	NA
38	Queensland	Also charged with bigamy with this marriage previously but he was found not guilty and discharged as well	NA
39	Queensland	21, February	NA
40	Queensland	February 26	NA
41	Queensland	March 26 last	NA
42	Queensland	April 5	NA
43	Queensland	September 18	NA
44	South_Australia	April 11	NA
45	South_Australia	August 14	NA
46	South_Australia	June 17	NA
47	Tasmania	4/10/??	NA
48	Tasmania	8/28/??	NA
49	Tasmania	12/14/??	NA
50	Tasmania	7/30/??	NA
51	Tasmania	9/19/??	NA
52	Tasmania	1/26/??	NA
53	Western_Australia	November 8	NA
54	Western_Australia	6/30/xxx1	NA
55	Western_Australia	October 10	NA
56	Victoria	January 8	NA
57	Victoria	July 31	NA
58	Victoria	July 31	NA

59	Victoria	26/2/46	NA
60	Victoria	7/28/41	NA
61	Victoria	5/20/33	NA
62	Victoria	5/24/46	NA
63	Victoria	22/11/46	NA
64	Victoria	7/25/46	NA
65	Victoria	2/12/43	NA
66	Victoria	12/23/46	NA
67	Victoria	28/5/47	NA
68	Victoria	28/5/47	NA
69	Victoria	9/11/42	NA
70	Victoria	1/18/47	NA
71	Victoria	1/25/47	NA
72	Victoria	1/25/41	NA
73	Victoria	5/3/47	NA
74	Victoria	4/12/47	NA

More than one year

	state	SECOND_	second_marriage
1	NSW	13 august 1842 (link 2), or 23 august 1842 (link 3)	1842
2	NSW	1st august 1855 or 21 jan 1857 (link 18)	1855
3	NSW	Aug. 13, 1869. and again in 1875 in Sydney	1869
4	NSW	Mar. 22, 1873 OR 1872	1873
5	NSW	Dec. 7, 1880 OR Feb. 26, 1881	1880
6	NSW	Jan. 16, 1896. (or May 1896)	1896
7	NSW	Aug. 10, 1890 OR Aug. 13, 1890	1890
8	NSW	September 12th, 1906December 12th, 1904 (Link 9)	1906
9	NSW	1910. Apr. 16. / 1914. Apr. ? (link 12)	1910
10	Queensland	Jul. 19, 1899 or 1898	1899
11	Queensland	Oct. 24, 1906 OR 1907	1906
12	Queensland	Jun. 9, 1909 OR 1910	1909
13	Queensland	5/4/1916/ Dec.4 1915 (25)	1916
14	Queensland	09/21/1939or1941	1939
15	South_Australia	Feb. 2, 1876 OR March 27, 1876	1876
16	South_Australia	October 1905 or October 11, 1906	1905
17	South_Australia	in 1931 first on May 4, and again in 1933, Dec 14	1931
18	South_Australia	5/30/1936 or May 20, 1936	1936
19	South_Australia	3/10/1932 OR 1930	1932
20	Tasmania	1855 OR 1856; 4 February, 1860	1855
21	Western_Australia	8/26/1901 and after the conviction on May 25 1903	1901
22	Western_Australia	January 13, 1905 OR February 13, 1904	1905
23	Western_Australia	November 12, 1887 OR 1889	1887
24	Victoria	Oct 19. 1864 (in 1871 she marries someone else)	1864
25	Victoria	10/22/1869 or 10/29/1869	1869
26	Victoria	Jun. 8, 1874, and again in 1887	1874
27	Victoria	Jun 10, 1911, Lawfully married 23 October 1913	1911
28	Victoria	November 12, 1942 OR 1945	1942

Third Marriages

Text but no year

(No four consecutive digits)

	state	THIRD_	third_marriage
1	NSW	0	NA
2	NSW	Bertha May Cullen	NA
3	South_Australia	May 12	NA
4	Western_Australia	already served 9 months for bigamy in England. He had 4 wives!	NA
5	Victoria	did not marry	NA
6	Victoria	-	NA
7	Victoria	-	NA
8	Victoria	7/2/47	NA
9	Victoria	10/30/46	NA
10	Victoria	2/1/46	NA

More than one year

	state	THIRD_	third_marriage
1	NSW	around 1876 or 1877	1876
2	Queensland	April 19 1912 / 9. Apr. 1907 (link 2)	1912
3	Victoria	1944 (in 1949, still lives with him)	1944
4	Victoria	7/27/1946 Fourth wife: 3 April 1951	1946