



# Recording people

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# Contexts in which we record people

- ▶ Genealogy (BMD; census returns; relationships)
- ▶ Correspondence
- ▶ Bibliographic records
- ▶ Historical texts (journals; newspapers; etc.)
- ▶ Museum and archive catalogue records
- ▶ ... and more, I'm sure

# Disambiguating people

- ▶ Need for (and absence of) unique persistent identifiers
- ▶ ‘bibliographic authority file’ approach; bundle metadata into the identifier
- ▶ Ideal solution would have unique identifiers plus sufficient machine-processible metadata to disambiguate
- ▶ What data do we need to disambiguate people:
  - ▶ Name
  - ▶ Date and place of birth and death
  - ▶ ... ?

# One authority to rule them all?

- ▶ Current authorities tend to focus on subsets, e.g.:
  - ▶ VIAF: bibliographic people (authors; subjects)
  - ▶ ULAN: artists etc.
  - ▶ WikiData: 'notability'
- ▶ WikiTree accepts everyone, but API design pretty closed at present
- ▶ Linked Pasts idea of distributed resources following common standards (and supported by shared software)

# Standards for biographical data

- ▶ GEDCOM (ancient, but the only format actually supported for genealogy)
- ▶ SNAP-DRGN (Pelagios)
- ▶ SARI (George to comment)
- ▶ CIDOC CRM relevance?

# Genealogical data

- ▶ Many search sites are secondary sources (FreeBMD, FreeReg, FreeCen)
- ▶ Most 'curated' results are
  - ▶ Behind paywalls
  - ▶ On single name study sites
  - ▶ On personal sites
- ▶ Lack of sources, or sources cited 'anecdotally' rather than via URLs (FreeREG working towards having persistent URLs)
- ▶ Co-reference between existing sources already an issue

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Person abode	Ham
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

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












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Born **10 Oct 1865** in **Preston Candover, Hampshire, England** <sup>?</sup>

Son of [Daniel Lazarus Light](#) and [Elizabeth Rampton](#)

ANCESTORS

Brother of [William Henry Light](#), [Maria Eliza Light](#) and [John Lloyd Light](#) [add sibling](#)

Husband of **Mary Elizabeth Ford** — married before Sep 1890 in Portsea <sup>?</sup>

Father of [William Bryan Light](#), [Frank Terence Light](#) and [John Patrick Light](#) [add child](#)

DESCENDANTS

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## Biography

**Born** ABT 1866. Preston Candover, Hampshire, England. <sup>[1]</sup>

**Born** 10 OCT 1865. <sup>[2]</sup> FSFTID LZJX-3Z8.

**Baptism:** 12 NOV 1865. Condover-Preston, Hampshire, England. <sup>[3]</sup>

**Residence** Relation to Head of House: Head. 1891 Ropley, Hampshire, England. <sup>[4]</sup>

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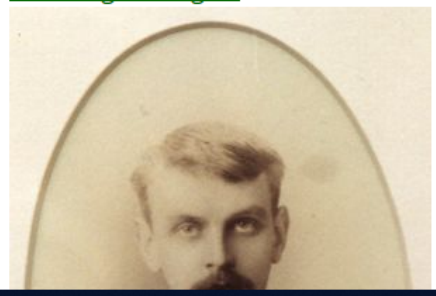
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- Edward Light** ([V,display](#))

**Nationalities:**

- British (modern) ([preferred](#))

**Roles:**

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- inventor
- musical instrument maker

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# SNAP-DRGN ontology

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the SNAP-DRGN ontology website. The page title is "Standards for Networking Ancient Prosopographies". The main navigation menu includes links for ABOUT, ADVISORY BOARD, COOKBOOK, DATA, IMPACTS, ONTOLOGY (highlighted), and TEAM. The "ONTOLGY" section is active, showing a list of files: [OWL file](#) and [OWLDocs](#). Below this, there are visualisations of the ontology: [Visualisation 1 \(OntoGraf\)](#) and [Visualisation 2 \(OwlViz\)](#). A text box on the right explains the project's goal: "SNAP:DRGN is building a virtual authority list for ancient people through Linked Data collection of common information from many collaborating projects. The graph will provide: 1. identifiers for all persons who appear in one or more corpora and catalogues; 2. gold standard normalization data for parsing and proofing tools; 3. visualization of ancient persons, names, titles and relationships; 4. research tools for historians; 5. standards and software contributing to the Linked Ancient World Data community." The ISBN 978-1-912466-14-6 is also listed. A "RECENT POSTS" section on the right lists several articles, including "Recommendations for EDH person-data RDF" and "SNAP at WebSci2015". The left sidebar contains a "RELATED" section with links to "Ancient-People list", "Pelagios Project", and "LAWDI", as well as a "#snapdrgn Twitter Hashtag" and a search bar. A "CATEGORIES" section lists various topics like "api", "CIDOC-CRM", and "ontology". The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the system clock as 17:01 on 01/04/2019.

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