

UPDATING GARY GRAY AND EDNA DEAN

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In the May 1986 *Word Ways* I described a search of telephone directories for individuals whose given names are transpositions of their surnames, as exemplified by the title of this article. Such a search has been made far easier by the advent of PhoneDisc, described in the May 1991 *Word Ways*, which consists of two CD-ROM disks that claim to include 90 million names, addresses and telephone numbers of US residents. The table below extends the one given in the earlier article; numbers in parenthesis give the counts found earlier.

Gary Gray 544 (163)	Marc Cram 9
Ronald Arnold 147 (47)	Albert Bartel 8 (4)
Edna Dean 57 (10)	Neal Lane 7 (4)
Ronald Roland 35 (9)	Arnold Roland 6 (2)
Eric Rice 35 (9)	Lewis Wiles 5 (1)
Debra Beard 31	Erich Reich 5 (2)
Leon Noel 30 (5)	Earl Lear 4
Amy May 29	Romeo Moore 3 (1)
Norma Moran 25 (3)	Leah Hale 2
Roland Arnold 23 (9)	Edna Dane 1
Lena Lane 17	Albert Bartle 1
Dale Deal 10 (2)	Elsa Sale 1
Debra Bader 10	Lionel O'Neill 1

There are 1045 individuals represented here, comparing quite favorably with Jeff Grant's discovery to 22 transposable names among more than two million registrants on the New Zealand electoral rolls. Apparently transposability is a property occurring in 0.001 per cent of names.

No doubt additions to the list are possible. Recently Jeff Grant enclosed an obituary notice of a Mona Oman of Napier, New Zealand.