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Lajos Boros Hungarian Cemetery Records **Searching Tips**

The data for the Lajos Boros Cemetery Collection was the second part of JewishGen's 2025 Summer update to the JOWBR (JewishGen's Online Worldwide Burial Registry). Unfortunately, the way the data was presented to us, it was very difficult to manipulate the data into our usual fields. Therefore, we would like to explain and offer some suggestions for successful searching.

The data was presented to us with all the names and dates in 1 field. Due to the way Hungarian names are recorded, it's possible to have 4 or 5 names in that field that represent married surnames, husband's given name, maiden surname and wife's given name...along with the possibility of multiple given names. Our goal was to add this data into JOWBR in a way that would lead to the most effective searching.

The problem was soon obvious. There are quite a few names that could be a surname or a given name; ÁBRAHÁM, JOZSEF, LASZLO, LAZAR, FARKAS, etc. Also, the wife's husband's name, if shown, could be something like Morné (wife of Mor) or FRIEDMANNNÉ (wife of FRIEDMANN), the "né" representing the husband's given name or surname if the given name isn't known.

Here are the basic decisions we made when building the database:

- 1) The original combined text was retained and entered in the Comments field. This way, you can determine if you think the data should have been split in a different way. Entries in the Comments field can be found with a "Text" search.
- 2) We manually reviewed each of the 280,000 records at least 4 times to focus on finding surnames and given names...the fields that most researchers use to find records.

Here are some additional searching tips given the data we saw. (You may want to consider these tips for other searches you do.)

- 1) Surnames: the Surname field may include married names, double surnames, maiden names, and variations of surnames.
- 2) Given Names: this field is populated with either a single given name, a double given name (given name and middle name), variations on given name, and in many cases more than one individual's name (including a male and female given name).
 - a. The male/female name could represent double (joint) burials which means that those records include more than 1 person. It's

impossible for us to tell if the two names are entered as spouse's or are actually double burials.

- b. In addition, if you see "N." as the given name, that could represent an abbreviation of a name or that the name was not known.

Searching Tip: try flipping the surname and given name when doing a search. That should help find those names which could be both surnames or given names.

- 3) Spouse's Name: the entry in this field could include the spouse's first name, surname or both. If there was a surname we could recognize in this column, we also made that surname searchable.
- 4) Other Surnames: this field includes maiden names and the names referred to above from a spouse. Again, these records will be returned in a Surname search.

We hope this collection, along with these search tips will help you in your family history searching.

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