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Arthur Cayley, James Joseph Sylvester, and Charles L. Dodgson were the most important nineteenth century mathematicians whose work has influenced the modern development of quasideterminants. In this paper I will discuss those contributions and their significance. (Received May 27, 2008)