Creating a New TMG Project from an Existing Project:
A Comparison of Two Methods

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However, there are differences in the end results. Ron and I agree that the method using a Focus Group, has more people. In my test, Method 1 (that of David Walker) created a new project containing 637 people, while Method 2 (that of Ron Chenier) has 610 people. Ron did a similar test using his TMG project. Method 1 (that of David Walker) created a new project containing 5,588 people, while Method 2 (that of Ron Chenier) has 5,504 people.

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The obvious question is: Why is there a difference in the end result?

The purpose of this follow-up presentation is to discuss possible reasons for the discrepancy.

My test results will be the basis of this comparison.

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Joanna Gilman married first to Henry Dyer, second to Robert Coffin. Robert Coffin is a descendant of Tristram Coffyn, and would be included, as well as Joanna Gilman, in both methods. Henry Dyer was excluded by Method 2.

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These are the 27 people missing by using Method 2.

Example ~ Original Project

View of a family from the original project shows witnessed events.

Example ~ Method 1

Details

| Person | Family | Tree |

Type	Name
Name	George Price WALKER (153) (1857-1938)
Father	
Mother	

Type	Value
Reference	
Children	2
Soundex	W426

Type	Date	Name/Place	Age	M	S	W	E	T
* Birth	31 Mar 1857	Prince Edward Island, The death certificate has his birth date as March 31 1938, which was corrected at the	0	✓	✓			
Baptism	05 Jul 1857	North Bedeque United Church, Prince County, Prince Edward Island, 46.36518,-63.7241	0		✓		✓	
* Census	__ ___ 1881	the following are the names entered in the 1881 census.	~24	✓	✓			
Marr Lic	25 Aug 1882	Mary Adelaide CLARK (1123); Prince County, Prince Edward Island, Canada, at the time the license was issued	25	✓	✓			
* Marriage	30 Aug 1882	Mary Adelaide CLARK (1123), they were married by license. The marriage record shows George P. Walker	25	✓	✓			
* Appoint	01 Jan 1883	New Annan, Prince County, Prince Edward Island, Canada, Postmaster.	25	✓	✓			
* Dau-Bio	14 Apr 1883	Marjorie Ethel WALKER (1094); New Annan, Prince County, Prince Edward Island, Canada	26					
* Emigration	__ ___ 1888	New Annan, Prince County, Prince Edward Island, Canada, George, Adelaide and daughter Marjorie left for	~31	✓	✓			
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* Divorced	25 Jan 1900	Mary Adelaide CLARK (1123); Chaffee County, Colorado, U.S.A., Adelaide's name was entered as "Saddie M."	42	✓	✓		✓	
* Marriage	__ ___ ____	Mary A. ROBINSON (154)			✓			
* Immigratn	18 Feb 1918	White Rock, British Columbia, Canada, George and his second wife, Mary A. Robinson, entered Canada by	60	✓	✓	✓	✓	
* Residence	__ ___ 1918	Vancouver, British Columbia, His death certificate shows that he had lived in Vancouver for the last 10 years of	~61	✓	✓			
Occupation	__ ___ 1929	172 4th Ave., Vancouver, British Columbia, a rooming house keeper. His death certificate showed him as a	~72	✓	✓			
* Marriage	28 May 1929	Isabella Scott WALKER (1388); 172-4th Ave. West, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, The informant for his	72	✓	✓		✓	
* Death	24 Dec 1938	172 W. 4th Ave. (at home), Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, His death certificate shows that the	81	✓	✓	✓	✓	
* Burial	27 Dec 1938	Ocean View Cemetery, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, the informant for the death certificate was	81	✓	✓			✓

Repeated iterations in the Focus Group result in a more complete picture of the family than is possible with Method 2.

Example ~ Method 2

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Although all three marriage tags are displayed, the identities of two wives are missing.

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Which method is "more accurate"? It depends on what is wanted in the subset. If one is looking only for the direct line of descent, then Method 2 will suffice. If one wants to duplicate all members of each family in the line of descent as they appear in the original project, then one should use Method 1.