MAPPING EXHIBITS IN TMG

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- TMG enables users to include exhibits in their projects: these may be photos of individuals or family groups, images of documents such as BMD certificates, family Bible pages, maps, pictures of houses, churches, burial grounds, monuments etc.
- The question arises as to how these images, especially large ones, are to be displayed when creating family charts or virtual websites such as those generated by programmes such as John Cardinal's Second Site.

- How does one go about identifying people in group photographs, especially if the group is a very large one such as a school photo?
 - Every photo in TMG should of course have a caption, but in group photos the captions can become very lengthy and unwieldy.
 - What should one do if not all the people in a group have been identified? Too many "unknown" labels are not very attractive or helpful. Not all the people in the photo are necessarily entered in the TMG data base; an image map makes it possible to show in Second Site the names of such individuals.

- In the newest versions of TMG (6 & 7) images are now stored in the "MyDocuments/TMG/ Exhibits" folder. If there is only one project there is no difficulty, but when there are multiple projects then it is advisable to create a subfolder for each separate TMG project, within the main Exhibits folder.
- My personal choice is then to create two further sub-folders within the Project exhibit sub-folder, one for (external) TMG exhibits, and a second for resized TMG exhibits that will be used by Second Site; this allows large images such as group photos to be properly displayed in SS.

RESIZING

The process of resizing images is simple, but requires the use of John Cardinal's free software, TMG Utility, in order to avoid having images too large to fit on the screen. This is an essential first step if one is mapping images that will be accessed by SS from a separate sub-folder, the second site alternate folder. If one resizes after mapping, SS will not recognize the mapping of the image.

MAPPING

What is meant my mapping? In simple terms it means creating a clickable link within an image: this is done using TMG Utility and consists of drawing a frame around the image of someone in the photo: when the image is called up in Second Site, and the cursor moved over that frame, the person's name will appear; clicking on the link then takes one to their individual entry in SS.

STEPS TO CREATE AN IMAGE MAP

1. Choose the image to be mapped, identify the person(s) to be mapped, and note their TMG numbers which must be entered in TMG utility. The TMG project must then be closed before opening the Utility, which can only function with TMG closed.

2. Open TMG Utility and select the relevant Project. In the Utility select "Exhibits", then "Edit Image Map"; and choose "Edit Image Map". Navigate to the second site alternate folder.

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UNDER "EDIT EXHIBIT IMAGE MAP", CLICK ON THE LOWER BUTTON, "EDIT IMAGE MAP"

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1. After clicking on the lower button, "Edit Image Map", navigate to your second site alternate image folder containing the image chosen for mapping and click on it; the image will then appear in a separate window, the "Image Map Editor" window.

When the cursor is moved over the image it appears as a large plus sign, which is then used to draw a frame, preferably around the head & shoulders of one of the persons you have chosen to map. Clicking within that frame brings up another box entitled "AREA Properties" in which one inserts the following information:

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- HREF: enter the person's TMG ID No. in the following format: p#12345 etc.
- Title: enter the person's name, title etc. as you wish it displayed
- Alt: same info as Title

Click O.K. The data is saved; repeat the process for all others in the photo whom you wish to identify. When you close the Image Map Editor, another box appears:

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Click Yes. THE PROCESS IS DONE AND TMG UTILITY CAN NOW BE CLOSED. THE NEXT TIME A NEW SS WEBSITE IS CREATED THE IMAGE MAP WILL FUNCTION AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

