~ Mapping with TMG v. 7.03 & Second Site v. 2.2 ~ View Your Events with On-line Maps

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- E-mail sent to Wholly Genes tech support
- Quick reply: Copy the placemap.ini file from desktop to notebook. The file is located in Documents and Settings / your user name / Application Data / The Master Genealogist V7.
- On the iMac the placemap.ini file is placed in C:/ Program Files / The Master Genealogist v.7 main directory.
- The available map options are now the same on all computers.

- Some Definitions (from Wikipedia):
- Latitude gives the location of a place on Earth (or other planetary body) north or south of the equator.
- Longitude is the geographic coordinate most commonly used in cartography and global navigation for east-west measurement. A line of longitude is a north-south meridian and half of a great circle.
- The Prime Meridian and the opposite 180th meridian, which the International Date Line generally follows, form a great circle that divides the Earth into the Eastern and Western Hemispheres.
- By international convention, the modern Prime Meridian is one passing through Greenwich, London, United Kingdom, known as the International Meridian or Greenwich Meridian.

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- Hand held
- Attached to notebook computer
- Attached to digital camera (e.g. Nikon D90 DSLR)

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 Attached to notebook computer. They interface to many software titles, such as MS Streets & Trips, MS Autoroute, National Geographic, Delorme, Rand McNally.



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 Attached to a notebook computer. This is a new gps from Microsoft, and is the same size as most memory sticks.



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Attached to digital camera (e.g. Nikon D90 DSLR). A major advantage of this technology is that the gps data become embedded into the image metadata, displaying that information for each photo when viewed by several image viewing/editing software titles.



No GPS available?

You can get lat/long data from several on-line sources, however the designated location will be the geometric centre of the place, or the centre of the downtown area, and may not be 'exactly' where the event took place.



A burial location would not be accurate if using an on-line location search.

A Google search for Fredericton pinpoints the downtown core, likely not representative of an event location.



If I enter the actual address where my family lived when I was born, it is displayed a few blocks away, and is the known location. This same map is produced from within TMG from the Tag Entry screen.



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Entering Lat/Long Data

Suggestions from Wholly Genes (TMG Help file)

Latitude and Longitude

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Place fields include LatLong for latitude and longitude. This field has the form DDMMSSNDDDMMSSE where: DD=Degrees latitude MM=Minutes SS=Seconds DDD=Degrees longitude All of the above must have the indicated number of digits with leading zeros if necessary. N=Latitude direction (N or S) E=Longitude direction (E or W)

For example: "361614N0823529W" is 36 degrees, 16 minutes, 14 seconds north latitude and 82 degrees, 35 minutes, 29 seconds west longitude. LatLong is the level 9 place field or [L9] when it is used in sentences.

Lookup: Data Entry: Places

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- Suggestions from John Cardinal (from Second Site 2 Help file)
- You can enter decimal degree notation in TMG's LatLong field, but as of TMG Version 7.01, TMG will convert that format into its internal format. TMG's internal format is not as precise as the decimal degree notation, so some precision is lost during the conversion. For example, if you enter 42.346351,-71.097615, the converted coordinates will equate to 42.346111,-71.0975 (Map), a spot near the Red Sox dugout, not the pitcher's mound.
- For that reason, Second Site recognizes an alternate format for entering decimal degrees notation in TMG. Use a tilde ("~") in place of a comma to separate latitude from longitude, i.e, 42.346351~-71.097615 in place of 42.346351,-71.097615. TMG will not convert that format to its internal format, but Second Site will recognize the value as a pair of decimal degrees notation LatLong values.
- I have asked to Wholly Genes to consider officially supporting the tilde-based notation and they are considering it. As of TMG v7.03, you can enter the coordinates with tildes as described. TMG will warn you that the text is not a valid LatLong value, but you have the option of telling TMG to accept the data as-is.

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Use Google Map to locate tombstone



- You may need to convert your data, depending upon your gps. There is a free solution, called GeoCalc (for Windows OS only), available from
- http://www.geocomp.com.au/geocalc/index.html

- Whether you are using the mapping features of TMG or Second Site, you must have an Internet connection.
- The following is a simplified, but working, set of instructions for setting up mapping in Second Site. Use these instructions along with Second Site's Help file.

Once your Second Site sdf file is loaded, highlight Pages > User Items. It is within the User Items window that you will enter the map items.

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From the top menu bar, select Add, then SubPage. This window will have a blank for the Title. You must enter something here, such as Maps or Event Locations, or any title you wish.

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Highlight Event Locations (or whatever title entry you created). From the top menu bar, select Add > SubPage Item > Map. Enter a title, such as Births. You may enter a Caption (option), which will appear in the bottom the map window. Select Left position for the Item List. Select Right for Map Alignment. Leave all other tabs with the defaults. Later on you may wish to change the Center Point for a region of your choice, as well as the default Zoom Level. Without making any changes, the default will show North America.

Finally, below the Map Events window select Add. Enter a Title, such as Births to match the previous window. From the list of Event Types, select Birth. For now, leave everything else. Select OK in the Edit Map window.



Repeat the above steps for any other events, such as Marriages, Deaths, Burials.

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You must enter a Google Maps Key, Yahoo! Maps Key and/or a MapQuest Key. Use the link from the Second Site Help file. For Google the link is <u>www.maps.google.com</u>. The service is free. Once you have registered copy and paste the API key into the Google Maps Key window of Second Site. Do the same for Yahoo! and MapQuest if you wish.

The above simple steps will give you a starting point for mapping with The Master Genealogist or Second Site.