

The Master Genealogist and GenSmarts

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I have not been paid in any way to make this presentation about GenSmarts and The Master Genealogist, either as employee, reviewer or in any other capacity.

I am simply a satisfied customer and user of both software packages .

Description of GenSmarts

- GenSmarts is a utility that reads your genealogy data directly and provides research recommendations (no gedcom needed)



- Coverage includes USA, UK and Canada



- No paid subscriptions are required



- Works with Windows 98 through Win 7

- Works directly with The Master Genealogist which may be open concurrently

What GenSmarts Can Do

- Analyze your TMG database, or a part of it for missing facts or sources (mainly BMD and census)
- Suggest where you might find that information
- Link to the appropriate website to execute the search



And also...

- **Print the To Do list e.g. for use at a repository or at a library with subscription access (paid version only)**
- **Export and/or print lists of people, tasks, call numbers**



What GenSmarts CANNOT Do

- Evaluate the results of your searches
- Enter new data into TMG for you
- Create reports or charts of your genealogical data
- Correct errors in your TMG data

Getting Started

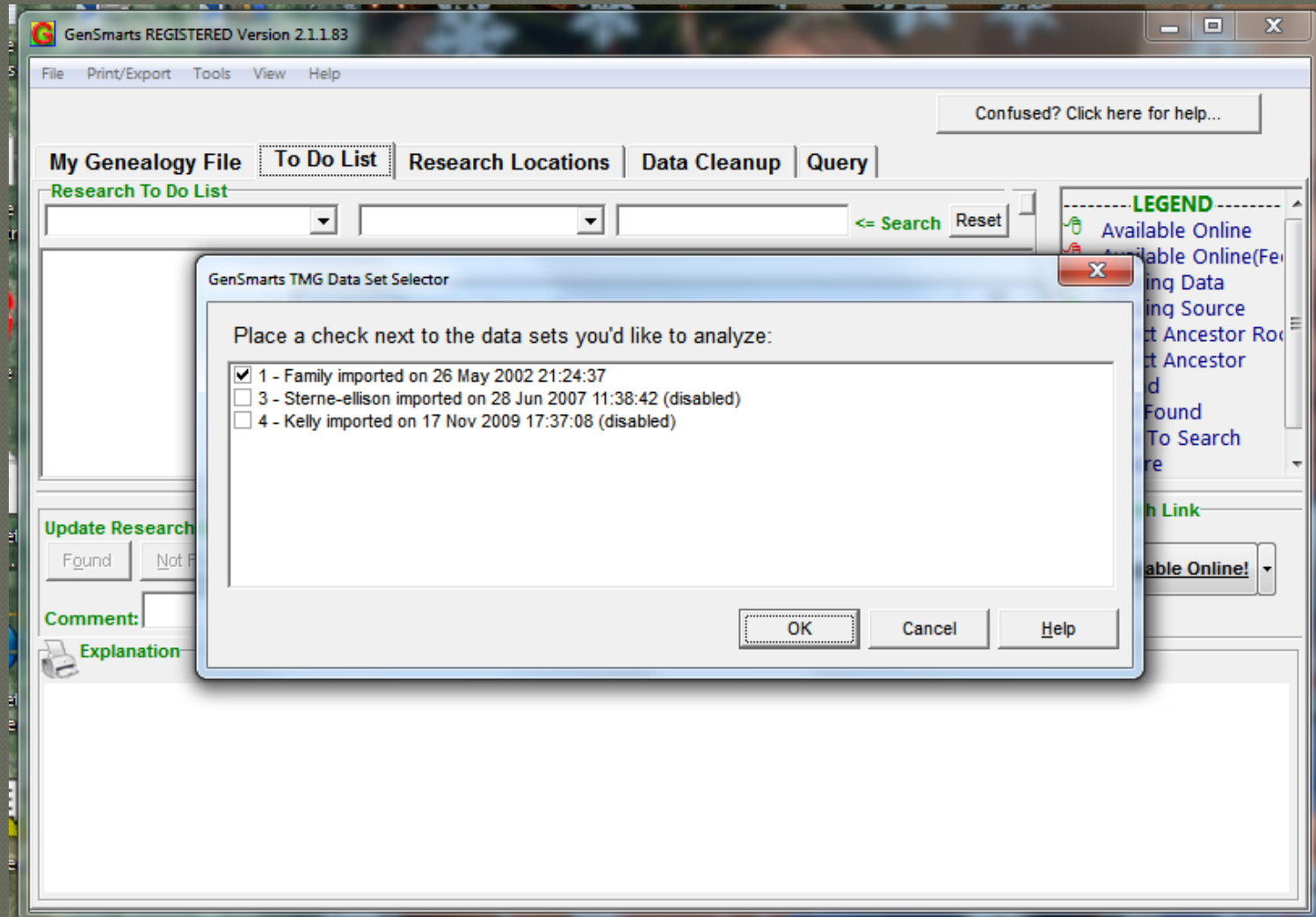


- **Install trial or full version of software**
(www.gensmarts.com)
- **Run the Welcome Wizard if desired**
- **Download the GenSmarts Manual (pdf)**

Step by step:

1. Specify the TMG project to be analyzed
2. Select dataset[s] to be included in analysis
3. Review the suggestions
4. Filter suggestions to focus your research
5. Conduct your research
6. Mark the suggestion appropriately

Selecting data sets



Five tabs on the main screen:

The default view is the To Do List...



My Genealogy File | To Do List | Research Locations | Data Cleanup | Query

...but we'll look at the others briefly first and come back to this one

My Genealogy File

GenSmarts Version 2.1.1.83 sample_.pjc

File Print/Export Tools View Help

Confused? Click here for help

My Genealogy File | To Do List | Research Locations | Data Cleanup | Query

File Facts

File Name: C:\...\The Master Genealogist v7\Projects\Sample\sample_.pjc
Date Modified: 2011-02-24 12:29:20 PM File Size: 3 KB

Data Facts

Source: TMG
Number Of Individuals: 63
Number Of Families: 25
Surnames: Alexander(22), Keebler(7), Fugate(4), Woods(4), Williams(3), Baldwin(2)

People

<= Search eMail/Copy

- Alexander, Annie Eliza [6] (B.1870 D.1936)
- Alexander, Carrie Tipton [8] (B.1874 D.1927)
- Alexander, Eliza Jane [37] (B.1843 D.1869)
- Alexander, Elizabeth [28] (B.1807 D.1866)
- ★ Alexander, Frank [1] (B.1838 D.1925)
- Alexander, Frank [39] (B.1882 D.1956)
- Alexander, James [63] (B.1830 D.1839)
- Alexander, Jane [15] (B.1802 D.1865)**
- ★ Alexander, John [10] (B.1812 D.1876)
- ★ Alexander, John [17] (B.1780 D.1831)
- Alexander, John Wright [5] (B.1867 D.1891)
- Alexander, Josiah [32] (B.1819 D.1882)

People Facts

Alexander, Jane [15] (B.1802 D.1865)

Jane Alexander [15]: She was born on 4-DEC-1802 in (GSEST, Tennessee), and she died in GSEST, 1865 in (GSEST, Tennessee). She married David Woods [14] on BEF. 1830. Her parents were John Alexander [17] (b. BET. 1770 - 1780, d. 18-JUL-1831 in Washington County, Tennessee), and Martha Ferguson [18] (b. 20-MAY-1784, d. 27-OCT-1863).

Her date of death was estimated based on the following events:

- 1802 - she was born
- BEF. 1830 - her spouse, David Woods [14], was married

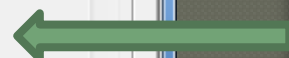
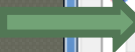
Direct Ancestor Tag:

Tag As Direct Ancestor Root Clear Tag Find Next Root

Database information



Set a root person



Date estimated

Research Locations

The screenshot shows the GenSmarts software interface with the 'Research Locations' tab selected. The interface is divided into several sections:

- My Genealogy File | To Do List | **Research Locations** | Data Cleanup | Query**
- Research Facilities**: A list of facilities with a search bar and '<= Search' button. The selected facility is 'Clayton Library Center For Gen. Res.'.
- Facility Facts**: Details for the selected facility, including the address: '5300 Caroline Houston, TX 77004'.
- Available For Research At The Facilities Selected Above**: A list of research suggestions with a search bar and '<= Search' button. The selected suggestion is 'Knox Tennessee Cemetery Records for Mary Virginia Alexander [9] (Houts)'.
- Research Comments**: A section providing information about the selected facility, including a list of books and their call numbers.

Annotations with arrows point to specific elements:

- Address**: Points to the address '5300 Caroline Houston, TX 77004'.
- Web Link**: Points to the 'WWW Link' field.
- Call numbers**: Points to the list of call numbers and titles in the 'Research Comments' section.
- Research suggestions**: Points to the list of research suggestions in the 'Available For Research' section.

Data Cleanup

The screenshot shows the GenSmarts software interface. The 'Data Cleanup' tab is selected and highlighted with a green box. Below the navigation tabs, there is a search box and a '<= Find Next' button. A 'Help On Place Name Data Cleanup' button is also visible. The main area displays a table with two columns: 'From Your File...' and 'GenSmarts Interpretation'. The table lists various place names and their corresponding interpretations, with 'Lenoir City, Tennessee' highlighted in blue. To the right of the table, there are three buttons: 'Place Names', 'Save Issues', and 'Estimating', each with a green arrow pointing to it. Below the table, there is an 'Explanation' section with a printer icon and the text: 'Lenoir City, Tennessee. The place name in question, "Lenoir City, Tennessee", comes from the birth event for Houts, Thomas Jefferson [49] (B.1867 D.1937). The place name used by GenSmarts for this session will be: Lenoir City, Loudon, Tennessee'.

From Your File...	GenSmarts Interpretation
B) Marion, Smyth County, Virginia	LOCL: Marion, Smyth County DIV2: DIV1: VA COUNTRY: USA
B) Sullivan County, Tennessee	LOCL: Sullivan County DIV2: DIV1: TN COUNTRY: USA
B) Washington County, Tennessee	LOCL: Washington County DIV2: DIV1: TN COUNTRY: USA
E) Knoxville, Tennessee	LOCL: Knoxville DIV2: Knox DIV1: TN COUNTRY: USA
E) Dickensonville, Virginia	LOCL: Dickensonville DIV2: Russell DIV1: VA COUNTRY: USA
E) Bristol, Tennessee	LOCL: Bristol DIV2: Sullivan DIV1: TN COUNTRY: USA
E) Lenoir City, Tennessee	LOCL: Lenoir City DIV2: Loudon DIV1: TN COUNTRY: USA
F) Missing for death event for Alexander, Carrie Tipton [8] (B.1874 D.1927)	LOCL: DIV2: DIV1: VA COUNTRY: USA
F) Missing for birth event for Alexander, Carrie Tipton [8] (B.1874 D.1927)	LOCL: DIV2: DIV1: VA COUNTRY: USA
F) Missing for death event for Alexander, Eliza Jane [37] (B.1843 D.1869)	LOCL: DIV2: DIV1: TN COUNTRY: USA
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Explanation

Lenoir City, Tennessee

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Data cleanup on Place names, Save issues and Estimating algorithm, encountered by GenSmarts during analysis process

The Query Tab

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File Print/Export Tools View Help

Confused? Click here for help.

My Genealogy File | To Do List | Research Locations | Data Cleanup | **Query**

Data About The Person That You Want Suggestions For (Specify At Least The Name And One Place And Date)

Name: Male Female Never Married Still Living

Date Born: Date Married: Date Died:

Place Born: Place Married: Place Died:

His or Her Spouse

Name: Male Female Never Married Still Living

Date Born: Date Died:

Place Born: Place Died:

Their Child

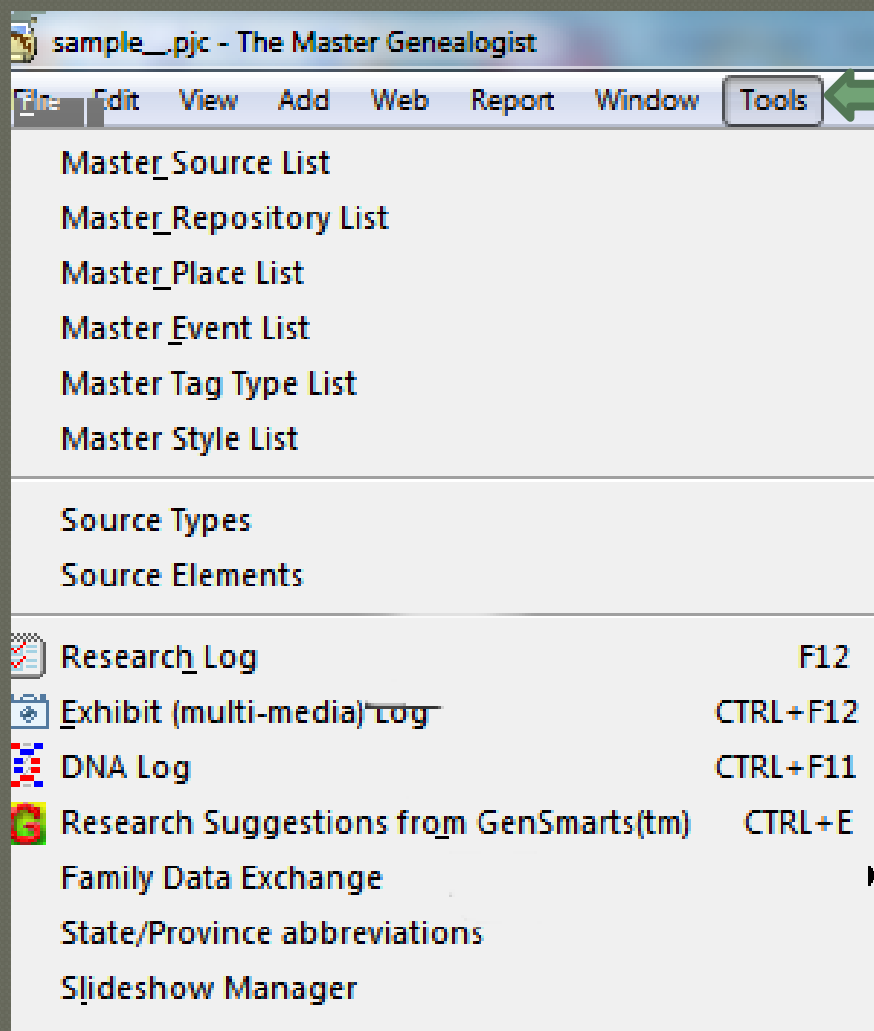
Name: Male Female Never Married Still Living

Date Born: Date Married: Date Died:

Place Born: Place Married: Place Died:

Use for a person not in your database.

Search from within TMG



TMG Tools menu

Keyboard shortcut is Control + E



To Do List Normal View

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File Print/Export Tools **View** Help

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My Genealogy File **To Do List** Research Locations Data Cleanup Query

Research To Do List

Suggestions for Alexander, Frank [1] (B.1838 D.1925) Sorted by Research Priority 10 Suggestions Displayed

- Virginia 1880 Census for Frank **Alexander** [1]
- Virginia 1900 Census for Frank **Alexander** [1]
- Virginia 1870 Census for Frank **Alexander** [1]
- Virginia 1920 Census for Frank **Alexander** [1]
- Tennessee 1920 Census for Frank Alexander [1]**
- Tennessee Civil War Service Records for Frank **Alexander** [1]
- Tennessee 1870 Census for Frank **Alexander** [1]
- Tennessee 1900 Census for Frank **Alexander** [1]
- Tennessee 1910 Census for Frank **Alexander** [1]

LEGEND

- Available Online
- Available Online(Free)
- Missing Data
- Missing Source
- Direct Ancestor Root
- Direct Ancestor
- Found
- Not Found
- Plan To Search
- Ignore
- Revisit Later

Update Research Status, Mark As...

Found Not Found Plan To Search Ignore Revisit Later Clear Status

Research Link

Available Online!

Comment:

Explanation Tennessee 1920 Census for Frank Alexander [1]

Why?

Researching the Tennessee 1920 Census makes sense because his spouse, **Mary Catherine Keebler** [2], died in 1915 in Erwin, Unicoi County, Tennessee and he died in 1925 in Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Background

Some background on **Frank Alexander** [1]: He was born on 3-OCT-1838 in Elizabethton, Carter County, Tennessee.

2 ways to change view

To-Do List Advanced View

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My Genealogy File **To Do List** Research Locations Data Cleanup Query

Research To Do List 202 Suggestions Displayed

Show All Suggestions Sorted by Research Priority Search Reset

- Tennessee Marriage Records for Martha **Ferguson** [18] (m. John **Alexander** [1])
- Virginia Marriage Records for John **Woods** [12] (m. Agnes **UNKNOWN/** (w [1])
- Tennessee 1880 Census for Samuel **Alexander** [33]
- Tennessee 1880 Census for Josiah **Alexander** [32]
- Virginia 1880 Census for Frank **Alexander** [1]
- Tennessee 1850 Census for Martha **Ferguson** [18] (Alexander)
- Tennessee 1850 Census for John **Woods** [12]
- Virginia 1900 Census for Frank **Alexander** [1]

LEGEND

- Available Online
- Available Online(Fe
- Missing Data
- Missing Source
- Direct Ancestor Root
- Direct Ancestor
- Found
- Not Found
- Plan To Search
- Ignore
- Revisit Later

Update Research Status, Mark As... Last updated: 25-Feb-2011

Found Not Found Plan To Search Ignore Revisit Later Clear Status

Comment:

Explanation

Why?

Researching the Virginia 1880 Census makes sense because his child, **Mary Virginia Alexander** [9], was born in 1876 in (GSEST. Virginia) and his child, **Frank Alexander** [39], was born in 1882 in (GSEST. Virginia). The 1880 census is important because it contains birthplace information for parents of the people listed, as well as the relationships between people living in the household.

Hypothesis

GenSmarts has hypothesized a PLACE for you (indicated by the GSEST. prefix) to come up with this suggestion. The basis for this hypothesis was:

Research Link

Available Online!

To Do

Help

Legend

Links to research locations

Add your own comments here

Reasoning

Search filtered to Ancestry, sorted by record type

Filters

The screenshot shows the GenSmarts software interface. The title bar reads "GenSmarts Version 2.1.1.83 sample_.pjc". The menu bar includes "File", "Print/Export", "Tools", "View", and "Help". A "Confused? Click here for help." button is in the top right. Below the menu bar are tabs for "My Genealogy File", "To Do List", "Research Locations", "Data Cleanup", and "Query". The "Research To Do List" tab is active, showing a list of suggestions. The list is filtered to "Suggestions available at Ancestry" and sorted by "Record Type". The first suggestion is highlighted in blue: "United States World War II Older Men Registrations for Frank Alexander [39]". Other suggestions include "United States Social Security Death Index for Louise Kyle Baldwin [61]", "Kansas 1855 State Census Records for Serapta Daira Silliman [59]", "Virginia World War I Draft Registrations for Joseph MacNaughton Waterman [6]", and "Florida World War I Draft Registrations for Joseph MacNaughton Waterman [62]". A "LEGEND" panel on the right lists various status icons: Available Online, Available Online (Fe), Missing Data, Missing Source, Direct Ancestor Ro, Direct Ancestor, Found, Not Found, Plan To Search, and Ignore. Below the list is a section for "Update Research Status, Mark As..." with buttons for "Found", "Not Found", "Plan To Search", "Ignore", "Revisit Later", and "Clear Status". A "Research Link" section contains an "Available Online!" button. A "Comment:" field is also present. The "Explanation" section for the selected record states: "United States World War II Older Men Registrations for Frank Alexander [39]". Under "Why?", it says: "Researching the United States World War II Older Men Registrations makes sense because he was born in 1882 in (GSEST. Virginia) and he died in 1956 in (GSEST. Virginia)". The "Hypothesis" section is currently empty.

My Genealogy File | To Do List | Research Locations | Data Cleanup | Query

Research To Do List

166 Suggestions Displayed

Suggestions available at Ancestry | Sorted by Record Type | Search | Reset

- United States Social Security Death Index for Louise Kyle Baldwin [61] (Waterman)
- Kansas 1855 State Census Records for Serapta Daira Silliman [59]
- Virginia World War I Draft Registrations for Joseph MacNaughton Waterman [6]
- Florida World War I Draft Registrations for Joseph MacNaughton Waterman [62]
- United States World War II Older Men Registrations for Frank Alexander [39]**
- United States World War II Older Men Registrations for Joseph MacNaughton Waterman [6]

LEGEND

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- Not Found
- Plan To Search
- Ignore

Update Research Status, Mark As...

Found | Not Found | Plan To Search | Ignore | Revisit Later | Clear Status

Research Link

Available Online!

Comment:

Explanation

United States World War II Older Men Registrations for Frank Alexander [39]

Why?

Researching the United States World War II Older Men Registrations makes sense because he was born in 1882 in (GSEST. Virginia) and he died in 1956 in (GSEST. Virginia).

Hypothesis

And the result found...

try.ca U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942 Record for Frank Alexander

Search Results West Virginia > A > Aalto, Alex Edward - Anderson, Isaac Earl > 1820

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REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER	1. NAME (Print)	ORDER NUMBER
U 1553	Frank Alexander	
	(First) (Middle) (Last)	

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)
105 W. 2nd. Ave. Williamson Mingo W. Va.
(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)

[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]

3. MAILING ADDRESS
Box 419---Williamson, W. Va.
[Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same]

4. TELEPHONE	5. AGE IN YEARS	6. PLACE OF BIRTH
527	60	Marion
(Exchange) (Number)	DATE OF BIRTH	(Town or county)
	Aug. 30 1882	Virginia
	(Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)	(State or country)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS
Mrs. Sallie R. Alexander 105 W. 2nd. Ave. Williamson, W. Va.

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS
Norfolk & Western Railroad

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS
Williamson Mingo W. Va.
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

Frank Alexander

Enter your new data in TMG

- Use your usual procedure for entering new-found facts and exhibits into The Master Genealogist.



- Go back to GenSmarts and update your research list by marking the suggestion Found, Not Found, Ignore, etc.

Set the Status

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My Genealogy File **To Do List** Research Locations Data Cleanup Query

Research To Do List 203 Suggestions Displayed

Show All Suggestions Sorted by Record Type Search Reset

- Kansas 1855 State Census Records for Serapta Daira **Silliman** [59]
- Florida 1895 State Census Records for Joseph MacNaughton **Waterman** [62]
- Richmond Virginia Voting Records for Joseph MacNaughton **Waterman** [62]
- Virginia World War I Draft Registrations for Joseph MacNaughton **Waterman** [62]
- Florida World War I Draft Registrations for Joseph MacNaughton **Waterman** [62]
- United States World War II Enlistment for Thomas L. **Williams** [46]
- United States World War II Older Men Registrations for Frank **Alexander** [39]
- United States World War II Older Men Registrations for Joseph MacNaughton **Waterman** [62]

LEGEND

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- Plan To Search
- Ignore
- Revisit Later

Update Research Status, Mark As... Last updated: 25-Feb-2011

Found Not Found Plan To Search Ignore Revisit Later Clear Status

Research Link Available Online!

Comment:

Explanation Florida World War I Draft Registrations for Joseph MacNaughton Waterman [62]

Why?

Researching the Florida World War I Draft Registrations makes sense because he was born in 1894 in Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida and he was married in 1918 in Richmond, (Independent City), Virginia.

Ignore

Found

TMG or GenSmarts?

- **Similar Task Lists can be created within TMG**
- **They may be more difficult to craft, but can be very specific**
- **Both TMG filters and GenSmarts filters are useful research tools**

TMG Filter for WWI draftees

The image shows two overlapping windows from the TMG software. The left window is the 'Report Definition Screen - List of People'. It has a configuration name 'List of People' and a subject filter 'men who might have registered for ww1 draft'. The right window is the 'Report Filter' dialog, showing a filter rule: 'men who might have registered for ww1 draft'. Below this, a table defines the filter logic:

	* Field	Subfield	Operator	Value	Connect
<input type="checkbox"/>	SEX		= Equals	M	AND
<input type="checkbox"/>	Birth Group...	Date	> Comes	10 SEP 1872	AND
<input type="checkbox"/>	Birth Group...	Date	< Comes	13 SEP 1900	AND
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Death Group...	Date	> Comes	05 JUN 1917	OR
<input type="checkbox"/>	Death Group...	Date	Is empty		OR
<input type="checkbox"/>	Death Group...	Date	Is irregular		OR
<input type="checkbox"/>	Death Group...	# of Tags	= Equals	0	END

At the bottom of the filter dialog, there are options for 'Spouses', 'Ancestors' (250 generations), and 'Descendants' (250 generations).

This filter is included in the TMG sample project:
“men who might have registered for ww1 draft”

GenSmarts filter for “World War”

The screenshot shows the GenSmarts software interface. At the top, the window title is "GenSmarts Version 2.1.1.83 sample_.pjc". Below the title bar is a menu bar with "File", "Print/Export", "Tools", "View", and "Help". A "Confused? Click here for help." button is visible. The main interface has several tabs: "My Genealogy File", "To Do List", "Research Locations", "Data Cleanup", and "Query". The "To Do List" tab is active, showing a "Research To Do List" section. A dropdown menu is set to "Show All Suggestions" and a search filter "world war" is applied. A green arrow points to this filter. Below the search bar, five suggestions are listed, each with a status icon and a description:

- United States World War II Older Men Registrations for Joseph MacNaughton **Wate**
- United States World War II Older Men Registrations for Frank **Alexander** [39]
- United States World War II Enlistment for Thomas L. **Williams** [46]
- Virginia World War I Draft Registrations for Joseph MacNaughton **Waterman** [62]
- Florida World War I Draft Registrations for Joseph MacNaughton **Waterman** [62]

To the right of the suggestions is a "LEGEND" section with various status icons and their meanings: Available Online, Missing Data, Missing Source, Direct Ancestor Root, Direct Ancestor, Found, Not Found, Plan To Search, Ignore, and Revisit Later. Below the suggestions is a "Update Research Status, Mark As..." section with buttons for "Found", "Not Found", "Plan To Search", "Ignore", "Revisit Later", and "Clear Status". A "Comment:" field is also present. At the bottom, there is an "Explanation" section with a printer icon.

List of All Suggestions, filtered for “World War”

GS found the same two men and suggested some WWII draft candidates as well.

Printing Options

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File Print/Export Tools View Help

Confused? Click here for help.

My Genealogy File To Do List Research Locations Data Cleanup Query

Research To Do List

Suggestions available (free or p... Sorted by Record Type

- Tennessee Civil War Service Records for H...
- ★ Virginia Land Patent for John **Alexander**
- Virginia Land Patent for Jacob **Keebler** [5]
- Virginia Land Patent for John **Keebler** [5]
- Oregon Land Patent for Isabella Cox **Ro**
- Kansas Land Patent for Serapta Daira **Sill**
- ★ Virginia Land Patent for John **Woods** [12]
- 😊 Tennessee Marriage Records for Jane **Ale**
- 😊 Tennessee Marriage Records for John **Ale**

Update Research Status, Mark As...

Found Not Found Plan To Search Ignore Revisit Late

Comment:

Explanation Virginia Land

Why?

Researching the Virginia Land Patent makes sense (GSEST. Virginia) and his child, Levi **Woods** [16], w

Hypothesis

GenSmarts has hypothesized a PLACE for you (indi...
The basis for this hypothesis was:

GSEST. Virginia was estimated because his spouse, Agnes **UNKNO** (w [15], was born in 1778 in Virginia.

GenSmarts Print To Do List Dialog

Which To Do's do you want to print?

- Only the ones highlighted
- Only those marked "Plan To Search"
- Only those marked "Searched And Found"
- Print All Displayed

How much detail do you want to print?

- (TO DO LIST) One line per To Do
- (MODERATE) Multiple To Do's per page
- (FULL) One Page Per To Do
- (WORKSHEET) Combination Of Info + Input Form
- (RESEARCH PACK) Collated set of To Do's and People

Which location? (for Worksheet and Research Pack)

U.S Bureau of Land Management

How do you want the information sorted?

- By Record Geography (e.g. country/city/state)
- By Surname

What type of output do you want?

Printed Report (with preview)

OK Cancel Help

There are many print/output options available, for whole lists, individuals, or selected groups; film /call numbers, tasks, person summaries, etc.

In conclusion...

Using several different research strategies can be more productive, and GenSmarts is one more approach.

Re-analysis locates information in new databases and collections we may not have been aware of.

GenSmarts' strengths lie in the ability to analyze a whole or partial database for missing information, its ease of use, and its integration with TMG and other genealogy software programs.