

The logo for 'The Master Genealogist' features the text in a stylized, gold-colored, gothic-style font. The words 'The Master' are on the top line and 'Genealogist' is on the bottom line, both centered.

The Master
Genealogist

Mike's Monthly TMG Tips

Ottawa TMGUG

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TMG 9.05

TMG 9.05 is available. Download directly

- <http://whollygenes.swmirror.com/tmg9setup.exe> (US version)
- <http://whollygenes.swmirror.com/tmg9uksetup.exe> (UK version)

Change Log: www.whollygenes.com/files/changelog.rtf

TMG problems

- Go to the list archives Search link here: <http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/search?path=TMG>
- Simply type in the first (`Body`) field
- No need to enter a date or any other info
- Click on Search
- You have your answer

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SEARCH MILLIONS OF ORIGINAL SOURCE DOCUMENTS



Archives Search Engine

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Body:

Subject:

From:
(email address of poster)

List:
(limit search to one mailing list)

Date:
(e.g. 10 Jun 2005, Jun 2005, or 2005)

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Social Media Update

TMG-REFUGEES:

(<http://lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com/index/other/Miscellaneous/TMG-REFUGEES.html>)

Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/tmgrefugees>

TMG Facebook Page: six posts since 1 Oct 2015

(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/themastergenealogist/>)

TMG Mailing List (<http://lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com/index/other/Software/TMG.html>)

- September 2015 254 messages
- October 2015 234 messages
- November 2015 203 messages

History Research Environment (HRE)

No Change

- HRE is an international collaborative GPL software project to create a versatile history recording and analysis application that includes genealogy. It has been in design phase for over a year. But it is a very large task and will take time before it will get a public showing.
- Progress is being made in the design. About 40 mainly dedicated TMG users, some with IT expertise and many who have tried to push the existing TMG features to their unintended limits, have identified the new data representations and their interactions. Each needs detailed study to minimize the need for subsequent database definition changes. We are trying to think ahead, leave hooks that can then be enriched later, but allowing the basic system can be tested as soon as possible.
- The use of TMG-L and REFUGEES lists is a way of raising interesting discussion topics.

Windows 10

No Change



- TMG 9.05 runs fine on Windows 10 Preview 10030 - Don Ferguson
- In Windows 10 (64 bit), the Wholly Genes PDF does not work when running as a normal user but works fine when TMG is run as an Administrator. Generating the report directly to PDF will not work. However, sending the report to 'Printer' and selecting the 'Microsoft Print to PDF' printer does work and appears to produce very similar if not identical results. - Wade Oram

One Huge Project or 15+ Projects?

Do I keep each family separate or just have one gigantic database?

Terry Riegel:

- Put everything in one project absent some strong reason not to. I have 20,000 people in my project with no issue, other than with over 6000 sources, the Master Source List takes a tad longer to open than I'd like.
- If the lines intermix this makes things much simpler. Even if they don't, it's simpler to manage any customization of Tag Types, Source Types, etc., in one Project, and it's simpler to navigate from one person to another.
- Should you want to put people from the various lines in a single report or website created with Second Site they must be in the same Data Set within the same Project.

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- My website gives the illusion that they are in separate sections since there are separate "family" pages, and separate indexes and charts, but they really are in a single site. That not only makes maintaining the site and the underlying TMG Project easier, but it also lets readers navigate seamlessly across family lines when they intermarried. That is, when a reader following one family comes to a person who married into another family, they can just click the link to the spouse and are now looking at the member of the other family.
- Creating any of the "genealogy" (as opposed to analysis) reports for a single line in a large project is simple, because the reports themselves follow ancestor or descendant lines.

Two projects visible/functional at once?

How to open two of my projects so both are visible and I can work with both of them at the same time?

1. Open one project, then click the same TMG shortcut and open TMG again, this time to the second Project.
 2. Or, with one project open, use the File>Open command, or click the other project from the bottom of the File menu. When asked whether you want to close the current project click No.
- You will want run each taking only take part of the screen. It will probably help to resize one or both windows for best results. You can leave them partly overlapping and click on one or the other to bring it to the top as needed. - Terry Reigel

Reference Field by Rae Jean

The Reference field (RF) is the most underused search tool for finding a subject on either the Picklist or Project Explorer. These RF codes expand the ability to find a desired subject. They illustrate relationships, website inclusion, marriage order (for females) and military service (for males), along with those who died without issue.

Example Reference field content for a female:

A6G @ {Vines>Smaw}

Codes:

A6G = relationship 6th great grandmother.

@ = subject on website.

{Vines>Smaw} = married first a Vines, married second a Smaw.

Example Reference field content for a male:

C @ DSP CSA

Codes:

C = relationship collateral.

@ = subject on website.

DSP = died without issue.

CSA = Confederate States of America veteran

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How to expand the length of the Reference field:

Right click on the Reference field label in the _Other box_.

Click on _Customize Other Info_.

Select Reference, click on Customize.

Change the length of the Reference field to a number of your choice. (Mine is 32.)

Click OK.

Empty Split Field Parts

The Citation Detail field and the Memo field can be split into up to nine individual parts. The parts are separated by two vertical lines (||).

Empty Split Citation Detail and Citation Memo Field Parts

- If you use field parts, you should always use a 'place holder' space in any empty memo parts.
- For example, use:
 - || || || Miscellaneous notes || Pages 7-9 (Memo parts 1, 2 and 3 are empty in this example.)
- And don't use:
 - || || || || Miscellaneous notes || Pages 7-9

Empty Split Field Parts

- Michael Hannah has documented the bizarre behavior of empty split Citation Detail parts in my Source Elements chapter in the discussion about elements that are entered on the Citation Screen. He has now expanded that description to be even more of a warning when using split Citation Details or split Citation Memos.
- <http://www.mjh-nm.net/SRCELEMS.HTML#CitationElements>
- Michael also already had a more general and thorough discussion about Empty Split Memo Parts in my Tag Sentences chapter:
- <http://www.mjh-nm.net/TAGSENTS.HTML#EmptyMemoVariables>
- That text also has been expanded to hopefully be even more clear on this issue. It also includes the TMGU "Find and Replace" patterns to globally insert place holder characters where needed.

Export to GEDCOM & Witnessed Events

- GEDCOM has no provision for witnesses, so witnesses are never exported.
- Events with witnesses should export, absent the witnesses, provided they are "legal" GEDCOM events, i.e. either have one Principal, or two Principals who are a "family" - that is they have a marriage tag together or have children together.
- If there are two Principals that are not "family" (i.e. if the two Principals are sibling or unrelated, or one of them is a "Pseudo People") the event will **not** export.

Pseudo People

A TMG “person” entry can be thought of more generically as a “thing” entry with a name/label, tags that describe possibly dated “stuff” or events about this “thing”, the ability to link (relate) this “thing” directly or via events to other “things” and people, and the ability to generate reports about these “things”. If you can force yourself to *ignore* that TMG *labels* the entry a “person” and that it *labels* the links to other entries as “children”, “parents”, and “witnesses”, then the possible uses of TMG “person” entries, tags, and links is limited only by your own imagination.

Pseudo People

- Census Person - used to link to an individual in the census
- Year Person - a separate pseudo person for each year for a variety of reasons to link something to a particular year.
- One-name or Surname “Data” or “Name” Person - used to link a collection of otherwise unrelated people identified in a one-name study.
- Sentence or Tag Structure Person - When you copy *some* of a dataset, only the tags (and sources) associated with the *included* people are copied. ²⁶ Can construct a pseudo person as a holder for example or “standard” sentences for all possible tags.

Pseudo People

The Style chapter of Michael Hannah's on-line book contains a major section discussing the whole concept of using "pseudo" people in a TMG project. Users interested in exploring this concept of "pseudo" people in more detail may be interested in those notes.

[http://www.mjh-nm.net/
STYLE.HTML#PseudoPeople](http://www.mjh-nm.net/STYLE.HTML#PseudoPeople)

Project Files

- Do not try to move the Project files with Windows Explorer. Instead, use the functions built into TMG.
 - If there are any Projects you want to get rid of in the TMG folder, use the Delete Project command on the File menu in TMG.
 - To move the projects from the TMG folder, use the Copy Project command. Once you are sure you have all the Project files you want copied, you can delete the entire TMG folder.

Upcoming Events

- Sat 19 December, 10:30am - 12:00pm:
 - Genealogy: Back to Basics - 7 Common Genealogy Research Mistakes to Avoid
 - City of Ottawa Archives, 100 Tallwood Drive
- Sat 19 December, 1pm - 3pm:
 - Ottawa Branch Potluck and Resource Share
 - City of Ottawa Archives, 100 Tallwood Drive
- 1-2 April 2016:
 - GENE-O-RAMA:
 - Confederation Education Centre 1645 Woodroffe Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario (Corner of Hunt Club & Woodroffe)



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