Mike's Monthly TMG Tips

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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

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Social Media Update

TMG-REFUGEES: sixteen messages in June 2015
(http://lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com/index/other/Miscellaneous/TMG-REFUGEES.html)
Website: https://sites.google.com/site/tmgrefugees

TMG Facebook Page: one post since 13 May 2015
(https://www.facebook.com/groups/themastergenealogist/)

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

- April 2015: 206 messages
- May 2015: 169 messages
- June 2015: 199 messages

Windows 10

- 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

Step-parents and children

- I would think that using the "step" tag for the children/step-parent would prevent those children from showing up on a journal report looking like full, biological children of both parents.

- Not so. There is just one kind parent/child relationship tag. The various labels - bio, step, god, etc. - are just decorations. The only purpose they serve, other than confusing users, is to provide some information when you view the tag in the Details view.

- When you make a Relationship tag primary it is treated like a biological relationship, now matter which variety of Relationship tag you are using.

Step-parents and children

- Judy Madnick: What I do (which may not be totally "kosher") is to use a custom birth tag that reads "[P] was born <[D]> <[L]><[M]>," and the memo says "to `the birth parents' names". So even though the Journal Report refers to the child as the son or daughter of the stepparent, the birth tag explains who the birth parents were. Of course, that doesn't help with the Descendant Indented Chart....

Changing the colour of particular memo texts

I have the situation where an individual's life events intermix between business details and home life. Consequently the text does not read very coherently as it switches abruptly between the two contexts throughout their individual page. Is there some way of putting the work events in a separate colour?

Terry R: There are color codes available that will let specified text print in color. They are on the right-click menu for Memos, so you can add colors to the text of specific text. They are not on the right-click for Sentences, so I don't know if they work there. I suspect they may but haven't tried them. If so, you could create separate Tag Types or Roles that specify color for the text.

However, I'm not convinced that color is the best approach. I think using sort dates to arrange the tags more logically is a better approach. You can group personal and business events in a way that provides a more logical text.

How best to enter two competing ancestries for one person?

- I have a ggg-grandfather for whom I have found competing ancestries in the genealogical literature. I have found discussions online of the disagreement that pretty clearly indicate that until someone does some DNA testing and publishes the results, there will be no clear answer as to which lineage is correct. I'm not counting on living long enough to find out what the answer might eventually be.

- Lee Hoffmann: There really is not a best way to show this. You have to "make do" in the way that suits you best. Aside from variations on a theme, there are a number of ways to treat these situations and all have obvious disadvantages.

How best to enter two competing ancestries for one person?

One method I have tried allows full printing of both version of information. This means that all data for both line is entered. The person that is common is also entered twice except I add a SAMEPERSON Tag with no date (to allow it to sort to the top and have the ID# of the duplicate persons and the First and Second Principals. The SAMEPERSON Tag is a quick reminder of the conflicting data and allows easy navigation between lines. The Sentence for the SAMEPERSON Tag is:

[P] and [PO] [M].

with a commentary in the Memo to **very** briefly explain the conflict. Most of the information regarding the conflicting data would be contained in the citations attached to the various Tags, but there is always some added information that needs describing and this Tag Memo is as good as any.

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A second method is similar except the common person is not duplicated. The two set of parents remain entered fully, but you arbitrarily decide which line is (for the moment) the "true" line and that set of parents is entered as the parents of the common person. The other "untrue" line parents are entered for the common person, but an Non-Primary parents. This means that both lines are easily accessible.

The main disadvantage of this method is that while the "true" line (as arbitrarily selected) may be printed normally, the "untrue" line will not print until the Primary ("true") and N on-Primary ("untrue") parents are swapped allowing the printing of the other ('untrue") line.

The big problem with both methods is where there is other duplication in the lines. In most cases for me, the two lines are not completely different. That is, some of the ancestors are shown in both lines. So, it comes down to doing the same things above all over again and getting things very complicated.

How best to enter two competing ancestries for one person?

A third method is entering the "untrue" line persons (those not duplicated) and assigning SAMEPERSON Tags as appropriate. Printing of these lines mean that swapping of connections need to be made. A Variation of this is to create a "Holding" person and attaching persons to that person so that data may be 'stored' and thus easily available.

In all methods, commentary may be added to fill out your thoughts and further explain data that you find.

So, it's really your choice and when its all said and done, you won't be satisfied with almost any method. I have tried all the above (with minor variations as well) and nothing suits me. I have examples of all the above sprinkled throughout my project.

Age Variable

- The definition of the variable is very muddy. It's really two different variables. If both the primary birth date and the tag date are full days, it becomes the "Exact Age" variable, working as you recall.

- But if either is a partial date (when [A] produces no output) it becomes the "Estimated Age" variable producing the year only. No wonder users are confused

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