

WAGS - The Master Genealogist SIG Meeting – 11.00am, 7 February 2009

1. **Present:** Anne Gilmour welcomed 10 members.
2. **Apologies:** Graham Bown

Neil Bradley demonstrated TMG, Second Site, and TMG Utilities.

3. Problems

- (1) WAGS view of TMG – Q: Person called WAGS and was told by a volunteer that WAGS does not support TMG. A: Edwina to raise with volunteers
- (2) Sources – Q: Can some sources be placed at the front and not in alphabetical order. A: Put an "A" in front of the source title.
- (3) Use Book Manager to run reports in sequence
- (4) Q: How do you create a Focus Group. A: Refer to the minutes of the meeting of 1 November 2008
- (5) Use of Flags – Neil uses them extensively eg Missing Deaths, Marriage Checked, Deaths Checked, WA Births, Sex (m or F), Living (Y or N). Initially all are set to "?" then steadily completed as either Y or N.

4. Second Site Demo – Making a CD

- (1) Create your focus group

Refer to the minutes of meeting 1 November 2008

- (2) Set a flag for all in your focus group eg "Bear Related"

File/Flag Manager/ Click on "Add"

Enter your label, eg Bear Related

Set Values as Y, N, ?

Click OK

Then all persons in your Focus Group will have a flag set for Bear Related = Y

Save the file

- (3) In Second Site

With Second Site opened, click on "File", then "New"

In the "Save In" window locate or create a folder within which you wish to save your Site Definition Files. Give the file a name, and click on "Save".

Select "English Standard" and click "OK". A properties page will then appear.

Click on "Set Database" and set the TMG database file you wish to use.

It is suggested as a first step that you leave all the properties at the default settings except for the following:

At Data/Database: click on "Set Database"; select the TMG file you want, click on "open"; select the data you want to show

At Data/People: click on "Set Flag Filter" ; flag Label = eg Bear Related; select "Include"; and set value = "Y" ; click "OK" . Make your other selections eg "Suppress Details of Living Persons".

At Data/Places: choose your place levels eg L2 to L6 inclusive

At Data/Memo: select eg "Append"

At Data/Sources: select eg leave as default

At Data/Exhibits: select what you wish eg "Images from Alternate Folder Only". Click on "Set Alternate Image Folder" and select the correct folder on your "C" drive.

At Data/Relationship: nominate your subject ID

At Pages/Site: enter the title of your site

At Pages/Compiler: enter details

At Pages/User Items: select what you want

At Pages/Page Sizes: Select Person Page Sequence = By Surname; select eg 20 people per page; etc

At Pages/Build: select what you want

At Pages/Media: tick "Add CD Auto run Files"

At Pages/Format: select Format = Narrative; tick "Show Surname Count"

At Stylesheets/Styles: select theme = "Carlas Family History"

Click on "File" then "Make Site"

Click on "Browse" to open the main page of your site.

Play with all the options in the properties page to see their impact.

When you are satisfied with the site save the file to a CD

Note: Clicking on "Help" gives you access to the Second Site Homepage website and Terry Reigel's Second Site Tips website.

Note: Neil's over 20,000 people, plus exhibits fits on a standard CD

Additional Features

Pedigree and Descendant Charts: may be included through Pages/User Items (refer to Help/Contents/User Items)

Information in Bullet Point format: may be included through Pages/Format/Format then select Bullets (refer also to Help/Format)

Custom Indexes, eg Notable People: may be included through Pages/User Items (refer to Help/User Items/Custom Indexes)

Place Indexes: may be included through Pages/User Items (refer to Help/User Items/Place Indexes)

4. Images

(1) Scanning Images

Neil suggested you scan at about 600dpi and save as a master. Then reduce the density for usable images for TMG

(2) Resizing Images Using TMG Utilities

Open your TMG file in TMGU by File/Open Functions/Exhibits/Export Images and set Width to say 200 and Height to say 300; leave Standard Options unticked; click on export images.
For Second Site use Jpeg or Tiff – not Bitmap

Meeting closed 1.00pm

Next Meeting: 2 May, 2009

Appendix A – Creating a Focus Group in TMG

Creating the Focus Group

Reference: "A Primer for TMG", Terry Reigel, p. 22

Click on "Focus Group" button

Click on "Add Individual"

Click on Binoculars

Select an individual, click on "OK"

Back at the Focus Group page:

Select "Ancestors", "Spouses" and "Generations (No.)", unselect "Descendants"

Click on "Add Others", then "Select All", then "Add Others". Note the number of persons selected.

Select "Descendant", "Spouses", and "Generations (No.)", unselect "Ancestors"

Click on "Add Others", then "Select All", then "Add Others". Note the increased number of persons selected.

Click on "Save" and name the dataset, eg "Ancestors & Descendants of FW Brown"

To Save the Focus Group as a Project File

Reference: As above p.58

Click on "Report", then "List of People"

Select "Focus Group", then your above named Focus Group

Click on "Options", then "Secondary Output", select "Suppress Output to Screen"

Select "Create New Project" and enter a name for the Project File

Click "OK"

Click on "Create Report" then "OK"

You then have a project saved under that name

Appendix B – Getting Started With Second Site

Reference: www.johncardinal.com/ss

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Click on "Set Database" and set the TMG database file you wish to use.

It is suggested as a first step that you leave all the properties at the default settings except for the following:

At Data/Relationships enter your ID

At Pages/Compiler enter your name

At Pages/Media tick "Add CD AutoRun Files"

At Stylesheets/Styles select "Carla's Family History"

Click on "File" then "Make Site"

Click on "Browse" to open the main page of your site.

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