

WAGS - The Master Genealogist SIG Meeting – 11.00am, 6 February 2010

1. **Present:** Anne welcomed 10 members
2. **Apologies:** Bev Lunt, Cynthia Brock

3 . A3 Scanner

It was agreed that the TMG Interest Group would contribute all its meeting contributions for 2010 towards WAGS acquiring an A3 scanner and associated computer.

3. Western Ancestor

Neil reported contributing an article for the next edition.

4. Other TMG Interest Groups

Neil reported contacting all the other TMG groups in Australia and inviting them to attend our meetings, and to access our minutes on the WAGS website.

5. TMG Version Version 8

Due for release soon

6. TMG Guidance/Help

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

(1) Foster Children

Create a custom "Foster" tag and show to whom fostered. Choose which parents are to be the "primary parent". Customise the narrative as required.

(2) Biographical Information

This can added to each event, using the Memo field

(3) Photos

- Best to be located in a special folder on the hard drive, and referenced from TMG.
- Neil has adopted a standard size of 250 x 300 in JPEG and uniformly sized them en globo using Second Site.
- There is a facility within TMG to edit photos, although most people use standard programs to do so.

(4) CD's and Web Sites

Neil again demonstrated how to create web sites and CD's using Second Site.

(5) Editing Charts

Neil demonstrated combining two descendant charts, by highlighting, cutting and pasting one on to the other.

Charts can also be edited by highlighting and deleting sections not wanted.

(6) Using Two Computers

Some members use TMG and their personal database on two computers. It is essential that you use exactly the same pathway for your separately filed exhibits. If faced with a problem of the pathways not being identical use the "Validate file integrity" feature of TMG or the program "Pathwiz".

(7) Editing Place Lists

Periodically it is advisable to edit your list of place names.

Tools-> Master Place list, brings up the list. Expand the columns to see the full entries.

Correct the errors, and ensure that slight differences for the same place are corrected. To move an item from one column to another, click on the item to highlight it then use the Ctrl and arrow keys to move it. Once you have corrected the multiple listings for the same place, they will be merged next time you open the Master place list.

(8) Updating Your Database

Periodically a new source of information becomes available eg on a website or a CD.

Example 1: New info is available for Dorset, UK.

Create a flag for Dorset.

Filter your database for any event = Dorset

Apply the flag to each identified case

Go through your database for each case identified with that flag, and add the new information where appropriate.

In the cases where there is no additional info available cancel the flag.

Example 2: New marriage info available for WA marriages 1960 to 1965

Create a flag for WA Marriages 1960-1965

Filter your database for:

- WA marriages
- Marriages < or = to 1965
- Marriages > or = to 1960

Proceed as for Example 1

(9) BDM Registration Numbers

Common practice is to record these in the Memo field.

(10) Timelines

The Wholly Genes newsletter 2010/1 advises that an updated version of "TimelinerPlus !" is available from <http://beesoft.info/>

7. Other News

Neil advised that:

- WA Marriages up to 1965 info is now available on fiche
- WA Reverse Marriage info up to 1963 will be available soon
- WA Death info 1954 to 1980 now records the name of the parents

8. Next Meeting

Next Meeting scheduled for 11.00am, Saturday, 1 May 2010