



Create a Book for Your Family History

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How many times have you been asked, "When are you going to publish your book?" This article will use the capabilities of TMG we have learned over the past year using the chapters of Terry Reigel's book *A Primer for The Master Genealogist* to create a book. In this article we will create a simple book; it will contain no exhibits, and will cover only four family lines to make it more workable.

You will be able to use the article to build a book of more family lines just as easily. The article will not cover finding a publisher or associated tasks to build our book. We need only the tools of TMG and our word processor (Microsoft Word used here) and our own imagination. The first part of the article describes the preparation we must do before we can make a quality book; the second part covers the steps the author used to create a book. What do we need to do to get ready for publication?

Preparation for creating your book

The most important task (not said lightly) is to

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Velke will demo TMGv8 at Jan. 14 RUG meeting

TMGv8 Announcement

TMGv8 has been released! Wholly Genes Software announced the following with a press release from their international headquarters in Columbia, Maryland, on Wednesday, 21 December 2011.

Excerpts from the release: "TMG," is favored by novice and expert researchers alike because of its extreme flexibility, extensive documentation features, and the ability to transform dry family data into impressive charts, forms, and narrative reports.

This new release, TMGv8, includes a completely new report writer to accommodate 64-bit operating systems, but that is just the beginning of an impressive list of new and expanded features.

"For 18 years, TMG has consistently introduced innovative features that have slowly developed into industry standards," said company president Bob Velke. "Version 8 is no exception, with groundbreaking features like color-coded narrative reports and the ability to import groups of people or entire families from a spreadsheet."

Many of the program's most useful features were suggested by TMG's very active user community. Other examples include a greatly expanded list of default roles (to link witnesses to the events of other people), an option to design new roles "on the fly," new features to share your customizations with other researchers, and the ability to output Pedigree charts to Word or RTF with an index.

The expanded web-searching tool supports 15 sites, including Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org, One Great Family, Footnote/Fold3, World Vital Records, and FindAGrave.com. (Some sites provide search results but require a subscription for full access to the records.) The feature supports the specific search options of each site and can even be configured to search them all at once. TMG's new web-searching tool won't forget to try all of the permutations of your search that are supported by each site and could lead to great new discoveries.

The upgrade for users of v7 is \$29.95. An optional CD is available by mail for a nominal extra charge. 🌳

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