

TMG to FH

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When Bob Velke gave up support for TMG I was devastated. I loved TMG, it gave me most of what I wanted. However, one of the most important facts to me was a continuation or transfer of my system, and I couldn't, in good faith, keep up a system that was no longer supported. So I looked around and found FH.

My goal is to get TMG in (perfect) shape to transfer to FH and Gedsite. I have not given up on TMG – yet. I continue to work with my data and refine it for eventual transfer.

Topics

- My System
- Best Practices
- FH Help
- My Conversion
- Comparison of TMG & FH
- Further Thoughts & Additional Slides

My System – Direct Import

- My focus is on sharing data – reports and especially on-line.
- Large database: over 50,000 people, 8,000 sources, 8,000 media items
- I have customized source templates, added tags and customized tag sentences
- I use Second Site – therefore my migration needs to work with GedSite (replacement for SS)
- My goal is to get FH and GS completely in shape for transfer. Weekly update until I am bored with xfer all the time, decide not to use FH, or TMG falls apart
- I spent a great deal of time on making my system work because the FH import didn't work very well – no sort date, tag sentences were not OK, sourcing was terrible.
- For those migrating now it will be easier. FH has realized quite a few TMG users have migrated to FH or are about to and has made major advances in their direct import

Best Practices

- Review your system to ensure (at least) you will avoid major problems i.e. clean up the mess as much as possible
- Learn about GedCom. FH is based on GedCom.
- Download a trial version of FH, import your data, and spend time with it. Learn where things are, how to do routine things
- Subscribe to the mailing list. Subscribe to the Forum digest. When a question comes up that might interest you or that you understand, look at the program, see how it works, try it out
- FH will never be TMG. Get over it.
- A task/procedure/report/query/analysis that you do in TMG can be done in FH, maybe in a different way. But it can be done. And sometimes better
- It's better to clean up data in TMG (you know the system); however chances are if data transfers into the wrong field a plugin can be written to fix it
- How do you eat an elephant?One bite at a time -from David Hopper

FH Help

- [Family-historian.co.uk/support](http://family-historian.co.uk/support)
 - Frequently Asked Questions – for TMG Users
 - Importing from The Master Genealogist
- Family Historian User Group:
 - Forum: fhug.org.uk/forum/ – especially active
 - FH KnowledgeBase: fhug.org.uk/kb/
- Mailing list: family-historian@groups.io
- Facebook group: Family Historian Users Group

Conversion – read before

- [Family-historian.co.uk/support/support-overview](http://family-historian.co.uk/support/support-overview)
 - TMG Import: Pre-import tips

Conversion: What I do

- New project from my TMG project (direct import)
- Do not import media
 - I keep it in my structure I use for TMG. Works fine
- Language – English, US
- Add fact Definitions to: I uncheck import TMG sentences. I have my own custom
 - I worked on my sentences before the import was OK
 - I try to use more of the FH structure than the TMG
 - TMG needs 2 sentences for M & F – FH doesn't
 - TMG needs <> if there is no data – FH doesn't
- Attributes:
 - Text value: First sentence of Memo
 - Notes: Memo (always)
 - Sentence in FH uses only {notes}
 - the Property Box main screen can have the Attribute {value}
- Add commas to place parts
 - Otherwise your places will be REALLY messed up
- Uncheck Import Relationship Notes & Citations
 - Names normally in FH don't have citations – they aren't 'facts'
 - The import will import citations; however that adds 'facts' to the tab in the property box – the mother's birth, etc
- I unchecked Convert TMG Sentence Codes & Log Code Conversions because I am not importing TMG sentences

Conversion – read after

- Importing from TMG
 - TMG Import: Post-import Checks for Best Results
 - General Tips for TMG Users

Benefits of FH

- FH is supported software
- Large, active, knowledgeable and helpful community
- Fast
- Flexible
- Diagrams/charts are way better than TMG
- I think media is handled better than TMG (I have not investigated it very much yet)
- Queries are very powerful
- Closer to GedCom standard, so transferring to another system would be easier :(

Differences between FH & TMG

- No roles for a tag P1
- Cannot have multiple names and use them easily in reports
- Place data is not very good – because it is based on Gedcom
- Place data comes from all places – including places in sources
- Relationship tags using xfer (so name & relationship sources are available) are terrible – they create new facts.
- Baptism is not considered a birth event. Therefore no lifespan for those people
- No way of using flags for accents for color – to identify people in the project
- In xfer only a few types of tags are considered ‘family’ . All other TMG family tags xfer as a single event with a witness.
- Transfer to GedSite not as easy or seamless as transfer to SS.
- Reports do not have nearly as many options - the options available are not as easy & seamless as TMG. Queries do not automatically get saved in excel.

Further thoughts

- Ancestral Sources – no interest in
- If I started from scratch in FH my data would not be set up the same way at all.
- I find Knowledge Base has LOTS of info and is IMPOSSIBLE to search
- Plugins – users can write routines to change/fix/export/whatever data & reports. Extremely powerful
- Many functions in building/creating sentences – more options than in TMG
- Can customize a lot
- The export to FH caused me to look at my data in a slightly different way. This caused lots of reworking of my TMG data
- I have only worked with a small piece of FH – much yet to learn
- I have chosen to fix all my data in TMG.
 - I plan on exporting once a week. Therefore data must be good in TMG

Additional slides

- TMG Tags to FH Facts – attributes & events
- Dates
- Names and Name Tags
- TMG flags to FH flags – Named Lists
- Sources
- Report
- Queries
- Charts/Diagrams
- Media
- Security/Privacy
- GedSite

TMG Tags to FH Facts - attributes & events

- Learn about attributes and events, the differences, how to use them. I had problems with same name attribute & event
- My attributes are: Child count, Education, Religion, Residence, Occupation
- My attributes have a {value} and a {note}
 - The {value} is used on the main screen of the Property Box
 - The {note} is used in sentences for reports and GedSite
- It works because of my data and the conversion – the first sentence of the attributes goes in the value, and the entire [M] (including the first sentence) goes in the {notes}
- Facts in FH don't need dates
 - when you create a fact there is a field normal time (pre-birth, birth, shortly after birth, life, marriage, post-marriage, death, post-death)
 - GedSite requires dates – why FH needed to add sort dates
- Relationship tags from TMG with their sources added in v7. I think they are terrible –
 - The parent is added as witness to the child's birth
 - The birth of the child is shown on the parent's property box fact tab
 - i.e. the relationship is more parent to child, rather than child to parent (TMG)
 - The facts tab becomes totally confusing
- I created my own custom sentences for facts, before v7, so I use these, not the one automatically created
- Usually the sentences will work OK in FH. Problems when you get to GS. FH does some 'under the hood' processing
 - Age variable can have a number:
 - Age variable can have 'infant' & the sentence says 'as an infant'
 - Age variable can have <30 yrs, sentence is 'aged 30 or less'
- Baptism is NOT counted as a birth event (in TMG it goes in the birth group); Burial tags cannot go in the death group

TMG Tags to FH attributes & events- cont.

- Marr-Intentions changed to Marriage Banns
- Number of children changed to Child Count
- WebLink doesn't work – need to fix in FH (I think)
- P1 from TMG cannot have a role in FH
- All tags (except marriage) with P1 & P2 migrate as P1. P2 is a witness.
 - FH will allow tags to have P1 & P2
 - But xfer will not allow
- 'Partner' transfers as a single event w/witness, not a {couple}.
- FH allows couple – perhaps fix after conversionThe only formatting codes in FH for events are new line
 and new paragraph <para>
- FH will not accept a tag with a ' in it

Dates

- FH7 has sort dates.
- Different sorting of dates
 - Occupation tag: 1930
 - Census tag: 22 Apr 1930
 - Printing in FH – Census comes first, then occupation
 - I like the other way around – I ‘could’ fix my data
- I have no other problems with dates....

Name Parts

- I have gotten rid of all my name styles. Well not quite yet. Haven't yet quite decided what to do
 - English royalty: Elizabeth II, Queen of Great Britain
 - Welch name: ap Gruffudd
 - Long name – has a prefix to the surname
- In FH
 - Dr is a name prefix
 - Lord Beaconsfield is a name title
- TMG Title goes into the Name Prefix box
- TMG Prefix goes into the Name prefix field on the 'more' screen from the main screen of the property box.
 - I can't find out how to print it, but I assume you can
- TMG PreSurname is lumped together with FH Surname
 - Not such a bad thing. De Clifford sorts under 'D' but you can search for Clifford
- Suffix goes into the Name Suffix box
- My system of unknown first names (mainly men) and unknown last names (mainly women) did not look well in FH. Had to fix it.
- Do not use the 'other' field in the name.
 - It goes in the Nickname field. It can be used as a data-reference field in a sentence
 - GedSite will use it as William ("Bill") every time it is used
 - I deleted all mine
- To create accents for a letter, press & hold the letter in the property box – a list will popup!

Name Tags

- Name tags in FH do not have dates. Therefore they cannot be associated with a person at a particular time (after marriage use another name). Big shortcoming with FH.
- All alternate name tags (name-nick, name-standard etc) from TMG go into the 2nd screen of names. They lose their tag names – name-birth, name-alt-spelling and their sentences
- Report options allow you to either include all alternate names or exclude all alternate names
- If include names, format is (of first sentence): John Smith (also known as Johnny Smith)
- Function to 'adorn' names – means names will have prefix & suffix
 - Title of rpt: Captain Joseph Kingsbury
 - First sentence: Joseph Kingsbury was born.....
- Memo field in name tag is not transferred. Loose data. Fix in TMG
- Confusing – Name-Nick does NOT go into Nickname field.
- I had 12 different name tags

TMG flags to FH flags

- No Living Flag in FH that is automatically set. You can set it yourself
- Flags that do not have a value are not imported.
- Flags that have a value of 'Y' are imported.
- Flags that have a value of other than ? or Y are transferred singly:
Military_2, Military_1
- If a doesn't have a value for a person (College) it can will not xfer.
- At present the flags Ancestor Interest and Descendant Interest are transferred, whether they have a value or not. (I think a bug)
- People with a flag can be transferred to a named list.
 - Run query Miscellaneous/has flag or Work with data/flags & lists
 - Than click cog wheel: add row records to named list

Sources

- Looking much better after a rough start (the author field didn't transfer into the FH author field!)
- Big discussion in FH about Source templates. Go with TMG. Difficult to fit into FH source templates.
- Xfer added commas to source templates
 - TMG: Find A Grave: <[CEMETERY]><, [STREETNAME]><, [TOWN]><, [STATE]><, [COUNTRY]><, [COMMENTS]><, [CD]> <,[CM]>.
 - FH: Find A Grave: <{Cemetery}>, <{Streetname}>, <{Town}>, <{State}>, <{Country}>, <{%SOUR.NOTE2%}>, <{Citation_Detail}> <,{%CUR~CITN.NOTE2%}>.
- Source Templates – xfer as variants if there is 'extra data' in the TMG source
 - Extra data creates a new source template with the same name
 - Must run Create Source Template Definitions plugin to create the definitions from the templates
 - The plugin will not run if there are two source templates with the same name
- FH doesn't recognize '-' as a privacy/do not print marker. It uses [[]]. Must remove the '-'
- No data in a field in TMG doesn't mean the same thing in FH. In TMG [AUTHOR] renders Unknown Author. In FH nothing prints. [PUBLISHER] in TMG print n.pub. In FH nothing prints
- <i> transfers properly
- When you use a generic source in FH7, there are no source templates explicitly assigned to the source in a GEDCOM export (John Cardinal statement)

Reports

- ‘say’ for dates translated
 - On fact’s tab: 1852 (est)
 - In reports: (estimated) 1852
 - On left-side of main window: 1852?
- Circa seems to behave as expected – c. or circa
- L2 in FH is really thought of as the ‘address’ not the ‘Location’. But you can use it as you like
- Used L2 in sentences in TMG. Not good in FH. (removed L2)
- FH can accommodate L2 data properly. Knows difference in ‘at’ and ‘in’
- Don’t need his & her sentences in FH just {his/her}
- Ahnentafel reports do NOT have Ahnentafel numbers. People are sequentially numbered!
- Not nearly so many options
- Reports take up a lot of space. Not compact like TMG
- Index of names, places, attributes. All mixed together
- I have family flags. Created a ‘named list’ used that list to generate a report. (like TMG focus group)
- The main reports I use are Ahnentafel, Individual Narrative and Journal
- There are audit reports – called ‘work with data’
- Kinship report is a query in FH (and doesn’t really work)

Queries

- Queries are like TMG 'list of ...' reports
- Looking good
- Lots to learn here. I think you can do more than in TMG

Charts-Diagrams

- FH started out as a charting system. After a few versions they added the screens we see today.
- Many users work from diagrams to enter, manipulate the data
- Many people work from the charts only
- The fan chart is awesome
- Made a chart – waterfall – about 100 people, descendants of grandchild of an early relative. Normal chart, name, b,d,m. Changed scheme to name, lifespan dates, relationship, in 1 second I could see how everyone was related to me.
- Made a fan chart, 5 gens Then easily added a 5 gen descendant chart below

Media

- All media transfers
- 'Primary' photo in TMG doesn't xfer as primary.
First photo becomes the 'primary'

Security/Privacy

- A report option
 - Individuals can be flagged as private (I don't know how)
- '-' and '—' are transferred 'as is' and not meaning anything
- 4 levels of security on a fact: Private, Preferred, Tentative, Rejected
- Within a note (memo) double square brackets will be private
 - He died [[committed suicide]]

GedSite

- FH has lots of customizations – they don't always work in GedSite
- Day of the Week (TMG DD) works in FH, is not supported in GedSite
- Export GedCom from FH is plugin
 - Exports all fact sentences, whether used or not
 - Can have an attribute & event of the same name
 - Causes problems in GS, attribute not used, event used, GS uses first sentence, which is attribute
- No dates for name tags; they appear 1st in narrative. Not good
- FH Nickname gets changed to John (“Johnny”) Smith