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### The Ins and Outs of Family Search Website (the LDS site)

Presented by Maureen Brady



A former FHC Director (two at once, as a matter of fact), Maureen is well versed in FHC resources - many of which may now be used at home via the Internet. She has learned many little known/used resources available on the FamilySearch.org web site. Maureen moves from the well-known features to under-used aids.

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by Beverly Levine Smallwood

ByGones is an electronic research log and note-taking system. If your research logs have buried you (or you never started a research log), this may be your answer

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by Tony Kierna

There are many resources available on the Internet. Tony will demonstrate a number of resources you may not be aware of, like OCLC, WorldCat and NSLS Liaison.

# TMG Symbol and Variable Cheat sheet

## Notations and Their Meanings

By Anne Jacobs

This article is in response to a request. As indicated last month, if you suggest a topic for an article, you may get your wish. The request was for a “cheat sheet” of the symbols used in sentences and their meanings.

Computer software uses delimiters to indicate the start and end of an action or field. If you look at a sentence template, it contains symbols which have special meaning. The square brackets [ and ] are delimiters used by TMG. [ indicates from this point to where you find the ending delimiter, it is an unit and should be kept together. < and > are others used by TMG<sup>1</sup>.

Variables are represented in capital letters and surrounded by square brackets []. Variables are made conditional by enclosing them with angle brackets <>. A variable is an element that will be replaced by actual data when a report is generated. Thus [L] in an event sentence will be replaced in the report as Chicago, Cook County, Illinois – or whatever value is entered in the location field of the event. The use of variables allows you to create sentence structures that can be used throughout your dataset with very little additional editing.

What replaces the variable(s) between depends on where you are. If you are working with a source citation, the source element will replace it, if you are working with a sentence, the appropriate data element will replace it.

For instance, if you have a “Description” event, you may see the following sentence:

[P] <was|and [PO] were> described  
<as [M]> <[D]> <[L]>

We will move from left to right through each symbol or symbol pair. Each [ ] pair surrounds a variable which will be replaced by information from the event. The variable content determines what will replace the symbol set. [P] stands for the current principal. [PO] stands for the other Principal in the event.

The other variables in this sentence are [M], [D] and [L]. There is a page in your manual which will define each possible variable’s meaning. Look up Variables or Sentence Variables in your manual’s index or in the help files provided with the software. You will find out that the other variables stand for.

Each < > pair surrounds an optional item. This means that if that data information is present in your event, it will be printed. If it is empty, nothing will print. The vertical pipe “|” separating “was” and “and” indicates an either/or situation. The choices appear on each side of the | symbol.

That covers all the special symbols. Going back to the sentence and assuming that the information in your event is John Doe, William Adams, 12 Dec 1870, Schaumburg, Cook, Illinois, USA, best friends and business partners. Your sentence would be constructed to read:

John Doe (substituted for [P]) and William Adams (substituted for [PO]) were (and were selected as there were 2 principals in the event) described as best friends and business partners (substituted for <[M]>) 12 December 1870 (substituted for <[D]>) Schaumburg, Cook, Illinois USA (substituted for <[L]>). This would read, without explanation:

John Doe and William Adams were described as best friends and business partners 12 December 1870 Schaumburg, Cook, Illinois USA.<sup>2</sup>

Pretend various pieces of information were not entered and see how it would read. Remember anything inside < and > pairs is optional.

The variable list will not be repeated here as they are each listed and explained better in the manual/help file. With this brief explanation and the knowledge that all the possible variables are listed in the manual, look over the sentences already constructed in TMG. See if they meet with your approval. What would you like to change? Experiment! Change to your heart’s content. Each Tag Edit window has a little button which says “[Re]build Sentence Structures”. If you don’t like

your changes, it is easy to return them to the original.

A mention of a couple of little asides relating to sentences and source citations is appropriate. The appearance of reports (sentences and citations) is also affected by exclusion marks. Using exclusion mark(s), with one or more of these elements, changes what is displayed/printed. There are “maybe” exclusion marks (a single hyphen -) and “definite” exclusion marks (a double hyphen —). A single hyphen will prevent the data from printing unless you override this by changing the options on that Report’s parameters. However, using a double hyphen will prevent the information from being display regardless of report settings.

In addition, there are sensitivity brackets which may be used within the [M], the memo field. Anything between curly brackets {} will not be printed if your report is set to exclude sensitive information. This is a way to record sensitive information in your database without having it included in reports, unless you set it to in the report parameters to include such information.

That, in a nutshell, are the special symbols and their meanings. Now start creating sentences using these features of TMG to tailor the reports which use sentences as much as you want. And don’t forget the witness sentences and all the roles you can create.

## Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> These same symbols sets (<> and [ ]) are used in Source Templates. Their use is the same as indicated here so they will not be covered further.

<sup>2</sup> You can see that you should pay attention to your report options (found on Options 2 Tab in the report definition in version 4.7 and in Report Options in version 5.7) indicating whether the word “at”, “in” or blank (no word) should be included in your sentences. On that same tab is what elements of the location [L] should appear on reports.

## President's Letter

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I hope you all enjoyed the last of our genealogy software demonstrations for the year. I know Dan and I enjoyed sharing a bit of what we like best about our software of choice. If you missed the meeting, be sure to review the meeting notes elsewhere in this issue.

This month **Maureen Brady** will give us some tips on the FamilySearch web site. There is really a lot there to explore, so I know you'll get a lot out of her demonstration.

Next month I'll be demonstrating the Bygones note-taking software. We've done this before, so maybe some of you have already downloaded it or are playing with it – or, hopefully, using it. Please email me with any suggestions of what you'd particularly like to see demonstrated. As always, it is difficult to fully explore any software in such a short space of time.

After that, fall will be upon us. Please start thinking now about what programs you'd like to see on the slate for next year. We try to pull together a questionnaire around October to help plan out the programs. If you know of a speaker/topic that would be of interest, please email me. Your idea is more likely to get votes if it isn't a write-in candidate ;-).

End of year also means election time. Please consider whether you can contribute to the success of *your society* by taking part in one of the many offices necessary to make it go.

On that note, I'm looking for someone, or maybe two, to volunteer for two projects. The first is an indexing project. We are interested in creating an index of the newsletter articles for our web site. The other project is gathering a list of local society meetings, conferences, and workshops for the Other Events section of the monthly newsletter. I can provide a list of web sites to check each month. You may, of course, sleuth out more by whatever means are available to you. If you think you can help with either or both of these projects please contact me by email.

Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend the next meeting as I hope to be in a cemetery in upstate New York on that date. So, I'll see you in August.

*Beverly Levine Smallwood*



## Dominick's Benefit Days

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July 21-23, 2003

Our next fundraising campaign will begin on Monday, July 21st this month. This event will last three days. You may shop at your local Dominicks on any/all of these days turning in a Benefit Days coupon at the cash register. CAGG-NI will receive 5% of all the purchases made on its behalf. Active participation by the membership in this event would be wonderful.

Coupons are available at our web page <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilcaggi/fundraising/Dominicks.html> and will be available at both the TMG and CAGG-NI meetings.



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## Still More TMG *by Beverly Levine Smallwood*

I enjoyed demonstrating TMG (The Master Genealogist) at last month's meeting, but due to the time constraints, was unable to show you everything I like about the software. I'd like to offer you some additional bits about it over the course of the months ahead, and some references where you might learn more. Let's start with some websites that you may explore on your own.

TMG's home page [www.whollygenes.com](http://www.whollygenes.com) was redesigned last year. The easiest way to navigate is through the dropdown box in the upper right hand corner. For those of you who are installing or using TMG, take a gander at the "FAQ", or Frequently Asked Questions, pages. Here you will find questions and answers grouped under the categories: General, Installation, Importing Data, Generating Reports, Using Other Features, Known Problems and Solutions, and Tips and Hints.

Before version 5 was released, Wholly Genes released a read-only version called Family Tree SuperTools. FTST was designed as a utility for users of other software so they might enjoy many of the features of TMG. TMG and FTST are able to import data directly from most of the major genealogy programs without having to use GEDCOM. Thus, less data is lost or misunderstood. I bring up FTST because an online tour is available at <http://www.whollygenes.com/ftsttour.htm> that will give a good foundation for understanding many of TMG 5's features. In fact, many of the things you build in FTST (screen layouts, filters, accent color schemes) can be copied to TMG5 without any changes. This tour of FTST also touches on some features that I was unable to cover like: timelines, web searches, and slideshows.

For a full list of TMG5's features, hardware requirements, and programs that may be directly imported, see <http://www.whollygenes.com/tmg5.htm>.

Companion products are listed at the bottom of the page. The videos are very good. I worked on the sample dataset along with the videos to learn some of the features. Additionally, Lee Hoffman, a long time TMG user, has edited a book of advice from TMG power users on nearly every topic. I found the book easy to read and very informative. It is a great supplement to the help files within the program.

Lee Hoffman is also the list owner of the RootsWeb mailing list for TMG. Instructions for joining and leaving the list, and searching the list archives can be found at <http://lists.rootsweb.com/index/other/Software/TMG.html>. Be warned,

**In the months ahead I hope to post other articles highlighting various features I use and how they help me in my research.**

however, this is a very active list.

Lee also has a very informative web page called TMG Tips <http://www.tmgtips.com/> that you might want to explore first. His version 5 specific pages have some links to download screen layouts that he and other users have designed.

Another of my favorite websites is Terry Reigel's Terry's TMG Tips <http://www.reigelridge.com/tmg/>. He has articles posted for version 4, versions 4 & 5, and version 5 only. He has great suggestions on creating custom tags (events), sentence structures, controlling report output, report filters, using roles, dealing with conflicting dates, moving or copying people between datasets, importing data, and managing alternate languages, as well as understanding the basics. His style is clear and easy to follow.

John Cardinal <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~johncardinal/TMG/> has created some companion products that might be of in-

terest. Two of them are "donorware" which is to say, he asks that if these utilities are helpful to you that you make a donation in his name to his charity. Details are found on his web page. These two utilities are "On This Day" and "TMG 5 Utilities". On This Day will produce anniversary type lists of birth, marriage, and death events for a particular date. It's a sort of "on this day in history" generator using your family's



history for its elements. The utilities do a wide range of things and can save you countless hours of repetitive editing. A complete list of what they can do may be found on his web page. The third

product on his page is "Second Site". It may be purchased through the TMG web store on Wholly Genes' website. It is a professional website generator that will read your TMG dataset (either version 4 or 5) and create html using parameters you have set. There are links to many different sites that were created with this tool so you can see the power and variety possible.

TMG is a robust product with an active user base. Please take some time to explore these pages and their links in detail. In the months ahead I hope to post other articles highlighting various features I use and how they help me in my research.

## National Cemetery Administration's Memorials Inventory Project

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*Mr. Larry Olson,*

You recently expressed interest in volunteering to document memorials for the National Cemetery Administration's Memorials Inventory Project. A number of memorials in your state have recently been added to our list of resources to be documented. Listed below is the current list of available states and cemetery locations with memorials that need to be documented. If you would like to participate in the project and would like to be assigned to document one of the memorials below, please let me know.

### California

Golden Gate National Cemetery (San Bruno) - 1

### Colorado

Fort Logan National Cemetery (Denver) - 1

### Illinois

Rock Island National Cemetery (Rock Island) - 1  
Camp Butler National Cemetery (Springfield) - 1

### Missouri

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery (St. Louis) - 1  
Springfield National Cemetery (Springfield) - 1

### South Carolina

Florence National Cemetery (Florence) - 1

### Virginia

Culpeper National Cemetery (Culpeper) - 5  
Quantico National Cemetery (Triangle) - 3

Thank you for your consideration.  
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## Pension Documents, Bounty Land Warrants and TMG

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by *Larry Olson*

**TMG User's Group Meeting  
9 August 2003**



George Leach served in the 2nd Virginia Regiment in the Revolutionary War. He and his wife moved to Ohio and eventually applied for pensions and bounty land warrants. Larry has a small stack of papers that document the somewhat confusing process. He wants to make better sense of it by arranging the events, including the appropriate persons, dates, places, and witnesses. He anticipates needing to create custom event tags that fit the circumstances.

All TMG users are welcome, as well as persons with experience with Rev. War pension records.

## English Handwriting

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by *Larry Olson*

While reading old documents written in English, have you ever been thrown for a loop by words or abbreviations such as "succesf," or "wch" [the ch is in a superscript]?

You might want to take a look at the following online course.

**English Handwriting 1500-1700: An Online Course**

<http://www.english.cam.ac.uk/ceres/ehoc/>

Developed in the United Kingdom, it has:

- 28 lessons of increasing difficulty with images of actual handwriting,
- 58 additional images of other old texts,
- samples of various historic alphabets, and
- rules for transcribing plus definitions (For instance, a diplomatic transcription is one in which everything is copied just as it appears, such as 'wch'. A semi-diplomatic transcription makes changes in the interest of clarity and readability, including, expanding 'wch' to 'which'.)

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## Chicagoland Family History Centers

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### Buffalo Grove FHC News (Cook, Lake Counties)

15 East Port Clinton Road

(Corner of Prairie & Port Clinton Roads)

1-847-913-5387

Hours: Wed., Thurs. 10:00am-2:00pm and 7:00pm-9:30pm

Sat. 10:00am-2:00pm Closed Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Friday

All are invited to attend the monthly training meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Our July 15th meeting will be at 7:30 PM, featuring Gloria Henke presenting a workshop on "Researching State Censuses". For additional information and to signup, contact the Family History Center.

## Other Group Events *compiled by Beverly Levine Smallwood*

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21 JUL 2003 - 7 PM

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### Using the National Archives

Zion Genealogical Society

<http://nns.nslsilus.org/wkkhome/zion/index.html>

24 JUL 2003 - 7:15 PM

ST. CHARLES PUBLIC LIBRARY

### CAGG-NI Member Beverly Levine Smallwood File Organization

Kane County Genealogical Society

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilkcgs/>

26 JUL 2003 - 2 PM

Gary T. Johnson

### Scandinavian American Genealogy with a spotlight on Norway

Northminster Presbyterian Church

2515 Central Park, Evanston

North Suburban Genealogical Society

<http://www.wpld.alibrary.com/nsogs.htm>

23 AUG 2003 - 2PM

### Genealogy and Personal Digital Assistants

North Suburban Genealogical Society

<http://www.wpld.alibrary.com/nsogs.htm>

12 AUG 2003 - 7 PM

### CAGG-NI Member Beverly Levine Smallwood Modern Census Returns-Getting Them and Getting Everything Out of Them

Lake County Genealogical Society

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~illcgs/lcigs/meetings.htm>

12 AUG 2003 - 7 PM

MARIAN RICHTER SCHUETZ

### The Ellis Island Experience

Schaumburg Township District Library

Genealogy Group

14 AUG 2003 - 7 PM

ED URBAN

### Researching Your Civil War Ancestor

McHenry County Genealogical Society

<http://www.mcigs.org/MeetingNew.htm>

18 AUG 2003 - 7 PM

### Fred Egloff - Western Trail?

Zion Genealogical Society

<http://nns.nslsilus.org/wkkhome/zion/index.html>

21 AUG 2003 - 7 PM

### Ancient Germany

Researcher/novelist, Jane Swan will discuss her recently completed trilogy, The Saxon Chronicles. Her three-volume set covers ancient German Saxon heroes beginning in 782 A.D., moves forward through the middle ages where she begins to trace her own genealogy and continues up to 1900 when she ends with her grandparents

Elgin Genealogical Society

<http://www.elginarea.org/egs/>

## Workshops and Conferences

03-06 SEP 2003 - ORLANDO

### Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference

<http://www.fgs.org/2003conf/FGS-2003.htm>

27 SEP 2003 - 9 AM - 4 PM NAPERVILLE

JAMES W. & PAULA STUART WARREN

### Finding Your One-of-a-Kind Ancestors in Original Documents

Fox Valley Genealogical Society

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilfvgs/index.htm>

02-04 OCT 2003 - ALTOONA, IOWA

### Where's my Line

FEATURING GEORGE G. MORGAN AND BEAU SHARBROUGH

IGS Annual Fall Conference

<http://www.iowagenealogy.org/>

03-05 OCT 2003 - ROSEMONT

### Polish Genealogical Society of America - 25th Anniversary Conference

Details TBA

<http://www.pgsa.org/meetings.htm>

18 OCT 2003 - WISCONSIN DELLS, WI

### Fall Seminar featuring Rhonda McClure

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wsogs/meetings.htm>

24-25 OCT 2003 - SPRINGFIELD

Illinois State Genealogical Society Fall Conference

### Images and Information

Past, Present, and Future

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs/projects/2003falconf.pdf>

# June Meeting Notes

## TMG and FTM Demonstrations

This month brought the last in the demonstrations of lineage genealogy software: TMG and FTM. The prior demonstrations were of Ancestral Quest and Personal Ancestral File (PAF). Those are very closely related as they are based on the same beginning point. Ancestral Quest donated an older copy of its software to LDS so that PAF could become a fully operational Windows program. From that point forward each was developed separately and became different in appearance and functionality. This month's software selections are drastically different. TMG is very flexible, customizable and considered by many to be the most comprehensive package available. Due to its flexibility and features, it is considered complex. FTM is frequently the software chosen by genealogy beginners as it is the package found at local stores and is considered to be less complex.

**Bev Smallwood** began by demonstrating The Master Genealogist (TMG). This package has always been extremely flexible but since the release of version 5 there is even more that can be tailored to your preferences. One concept of the newest release of TMG is that you create an element and then use it in multiple ways. For instance, you create a filter to focus on a segment of your database. You then use that filter with the report generation tool or to limit the Pick List (list of people in your database) or the Project Explorer.

Bev discussed how you can design your own TMG desktop by selecting from a number of screen elements. You select from the following sections: person's event list, children, siblings, flags, images and project list. Each of these areas can be sized as desired. After design, you save the layout. You then select the desktop layout based on what you are doing with your database at the time. Additionally, the TMG toolbar can be customized adding functions you use frequently. Toolbars may be anchored to the top, bottom, or either side. As with FTM, there are three screen layouts for the person's event list: person, family and tree.

The person view lists every event in a person's life making it a timeline for that person. Events are stored in Tags, which contain the date, place, memo, source citations, and other people linked to the same event. Tags can be created for any event you find in your ancestor's life. One tag

Bev created was OBIT into which she transcribes the entire text of an obit and attaches everyone mentioned in the text to the tag. While creating a custom tag such as this, a sentence describing the event can be created. A newer feature of TMG is that you can assign roles to various people participating in an event; this was added to accommodate Ultimate Family Tree converts (UFT is no longer available.)

One great feature demonstrated is the ability to open the same project twice and view it in side-by-side windows to facilitate comparisons between two individuals. The Project may contain multiple databases, so you may import other people's datasets or GEDCOMs and view them along with your data, but still keep them separate. Datasets or filtered parts of a dataset may be color coded to visually differentiate between the subsets.

Bev also showed some report output, including graphical charts that may be customized and printed. Another important report is the List of People report. This report can use the filters mentioned above to provide detailed lists to take with on your research like "everyone buried in xx cemetery". It can also be used to create a new database from the subset or to set the value a Flag. Flags are single character descriptions. The character may define a number of conditions. For instance, Bev set up a Flag called "Sweden" with values to indicate which county people were from. She is then able to color code her dataset based on county of origin.

As TMG is much too big a topic to do justice to in this shortened format, Bev invited questions either by e-mail or by attending the CAGG-NI TMG SIG (special interest group) which meets monthly on the second Saturday of the month at the same time and in the same room as CAGG-NI meetings.

The second presentation was by **Dan Niemiec** who has been using FTM for approximately 13 years, his entire family research career. Although he has kept updating FTM with each new release, he stopped purchasing the CDs which are bundled with each new release. Dan is so well versed with FTM that he can tell you in which version a particular new feature was added.

Dan demonstrated the various screens of FTM (person, family and tree). There are various features which are clearly vis-

ible from the main screen, the person screen. Others closely related to the person are indicated by tabs on the right as well as children listed at the bottom of the screen. You can tell if you have a source recorded for a piece of information ("S" displayed next to info); if any possible matches for this person on one of the many CDs also sold by the owners of FTM on the most recent search (blue star). The toolbar at the top of the screen clearly indicates how to navigate to other features.

FTM is well known for its excellent graphic depiction of a family. One of the most popular reports of FTM is its graphic representation of the family tree (a descendancy box chart). This is fully customizable by selecting what information will be included. Dan demonstrated how the content of this report can be further controlled by selecting different options (include siblings, include family of spouses). The report may increase exponentially based on these selections. The report is printed with an overlap margin so that you can easily paste it together. A click of the mouse causes each family tree to be created on a separate page making it more compatible for inclusion in a book.

Another report shown was address labels. Every Christmas Dan creates a mailing label for everyone with their own picture on it for his Christmas cards. This not only makes Dan memorable to his relatives but it also helps in getting additional pictures. Numerous pictures may be added for each person. However, this drastically increases the size of your database as they are stored inside your database. This is a feature which Dan would like changed to include a pointer to the image outside the database.

One of the neatest features of FTM's person list report is that by double clicking on a piece of data (the death date, for instance), a window opens up taking you right to that information. You can then edit the information and immediately return to the report with the newly entered data reflected without regenerating the report. Dan noted that he frequently uses this facility to also easily navigate his database. What a great idea!

Those in attendance were treated to a real look at each of these programs comparing the features of each.

## Links Around The World *by Frank McGovern*

This month's column will be like bridge mix: it will have raisins and its share of nuggets of information covered with sweet chocolate. In other words we will cover many topics: Links, Important dates in Irish and American History, Story Tellers, and a tale of nine brave men.

### Links

#### [www.bensguide.gpo.gov](http://www.bensguide.gpo.gov)

Ben's guide to U.S. Government services available from GPO Access, a vast site of interest to all ages, fall within the following categories:

- Government information databases.

- Tools to locate government information.

- Collections of government information available through the Federal Depository Libraries.

- Federal agency files available for download.

- User support.

GPO Access is a free service of the U.S. Government Printing Office that provides electronic access to a wealth of important information products produced by the government. Information on this site is the official, published version and may be retrieved and without restriction, unless specifically noted.

#### [www.ancestorsreunited.com](http://www.ancestorsreunited.com)

Ancestors Reunited is United Kingdom gravestone photography service for genealogists with an extensive network of photographers available covering England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.

#### [www.archives.gov/add/print](http://www.archives.gov/add/print)

U.S. National Archives & Records Administration (NARA) gives you ready access to:

- A selection of nearly 50 million historic electronic records created by more than 20 federal agencies on a wide

range of subjects.

- The ability to search for records which may contain the specific information you seek.

- Important contextual information which helps you understand the records better including code lists and explanatory notes from NARA archivists.

#### [www.sag.org.au/new/aisn.htm](http://www.sag.org.au/new/aisn.htm)

Society of Australian Genealogists has a useful newsletter which notes a wide range of new little-known resources that may be useful to Irish family history researchers. Over four years of past newsletters are now available on the web site, in PDF format, so you'll need Acrobat Reader to access them. Review site for the issues of particular interest to you. Using the form on the site, you can subscribe to this useful monthly listing of Irish sources. I wish to thank Patricia J. Weisshaus for the above web site.

#### <http://home.about.com>

Browse through genealogy with Kimberly Powell, your guide to hundreds of sites. Read her latest article, "Googling Genealogy Style." Learn how to Google as you've never Googled before. It is more than just a tool for finding web sites. I wish to thank Anne Jacobs for the above site.

#### [www.phmc.state.pa.us](http://www.phmc.state.pa.us)

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Web Site. Christine Clark, CAGG-NI Historian, suggests that some of our members may be interested in this website. They have a weekly newsletter which on an irregular basis focuses on genealogy. Just sign up via the web site.

#### [www.rootsweb.com/~itappcnc/pipcstreet.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~itappcnc/pipcstreet.htm)

These pages, created by a CAGG-NI member, Dan Niemiec, are designed to give you information about Chicago neighborhood streets. Use these pages to find Chicago street number coordinates

for both existing and renamed streets. Then use the location and coordinates to find the city ward, census enumeration district, and World War 1 draft board. The above information is from the PIP (POINTers in Person) Chicago - North Chapter.

#### [www.mapsworldwide.com](http://www.mapsworldwide.com)

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### Important Dates in Irish-American History

**July 4, 1836** - Illinois-Michigan Canal work began.

**June 12, 1865** - Birth of author William Butler Yeats.

**June 17, 1867** - Birth of John Gregg, developer of Gregg shorthand.

**June 5, 1868** - Birth of James Connolly.

**July 19, 1874** - Cornerstone of Holy Name Cathedral set in place.

**June 14, 1884** - Birth of singer, John McCormick.

**June 28, 1885** - Mount Olivet Cemetery consecrated.

**June 28, 1922** - Irish Civil War began.

### Storyteller (Shanachie)

Northwestern University School of Continuing Studies is proud to present "An Evening of Stories from Ireland with Batt Burns," featuring the popular storyteller Bartholomew "Batt" Burns on Saturday, November 18th from 7pm to 9pm at Harris Hall, Room 107 on the Evanston campus. A reception with Burns will be held immediately following the performance at Parks Hall, Room 122. Burns 1998 appearance on campus was to a full house.

In Ireland Burns is known as a "seanachie" or storyteller. For hundreds of years "seanachies" have preserved the

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history of Irish people by recounting the magical events as well as the misfortunes of their lives. He draws the listeners in with ghost stories, traditional folklore, stories of adventure and poetry. His stories are laced with Kerry wit and humor from great Kerry writers such as Sigerson Clifford, Bryan McMahon and Brendan Kennelly.

### History

I found this story on the sleeve of an old 33 ½ RPM record. Author unknown. It is an interesting story and I thought that I would pass it on.

In the young Irish disorders, in Ireland in 1848 the following nine men were captured, tried and convicted on treason against Her Royal Majesty the Queen, and sentenced to death: John Mitchell, Morris Lyene, Pat Donahue, Thomas McGee, Charles Duffy, Thomas Meagher, Richard O’Gorman, Terrance McManus and Michael Ireland. Before passing sentence, the judge asked if there was anything that anyone wished to say. Meagher, speaking for all, said: ‘My lord this is our first offense but not our last. If you will be easy with us this once, we promise, on our word as gentlemen, to try to do better next time. And next time - sure we won’t be fools to get caught. Thereupon the indignant judge sentenced them all to be hanged by the neck until dead and drawn and quartered. Passionate protests from all over the world forced Queen Victoria to commute the sentence to transportation for life to far wild Australia.

In 1874, word reached the astounded Queen Victoria that the Sir Charles Duffy who had been elected Prime Minister of Australia was the same Charles Duffy who had been transported 25 years before. On the Queen’s demand, the records of the rest of the men who were transported were revealed and this is what it uncovered:

■ THOMAS F. MEAGHER, Governor of Montana.

■ TERRANCE McMANUS, Brigadier General, United States Army.

■ PATRICK DONAHUE, Brigadier General, United States Army.

■ RICHARD O’GORMAN, Governor General of Newfoundland.

■ MORRIS LYENE, Attorney General of Australia, succeeded by MICHAEL IRELAND.

■ THOMAS McGEE, Member of Parliament Montreal, Minister of Agriculture and President of Council Dominion of Canada.

■ JOHN MITCHELL, Prominent New York Politician; father of John Purroy Mitchell, Mayor of New York at the outbreak of World War I.

## Countdown to Discovery: A World of Hidden Treasures

The 2003 FGS/FSGS Conference “Countdown to Discovery: A World of Hidden Treasures” will be held 3-6 September 2003 at the Renaissance Orlando Resort at SeaWorld in Orlando, Florida. Hosted by the Florida State Genealogical Society, this conference will offer over 175 lectures and an exhibit area for browsing and shopping.

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# This and That

By Anne Jacobs

This article is about sorting a portion of a Word document. Sometimes I have created a list within a document and then I wish it were listed alphabetically. This is a very simple task. You can even

use a prior newsletter technique in the process.

You must first select the portion of the document you want to sort. You do this by highlighting it which is the tech-

nique given in a prior newsletter. After highlighting the section to be sorted, you select the Sort selection under the Tools menu. See sequence of screen shots below.

This is a list created as an example to depict a partial sort. The categories are artificial.

Figure 1

**Category 1**  
Neideraden  
Meisburg  
Lasel  
Oberweis  
Kyllburgweiler  
Gondenbrett  
Dollendorf  
Bitburg

**Category 2**

a partial sort. The

Figure 2

**Category 1**  
Neideraden  
Meisburg  
Lasel  
Oberweis  
Kyllburgweiler  
Gondenbrett  
Dollendorf  
Bitburg

**Category 2**

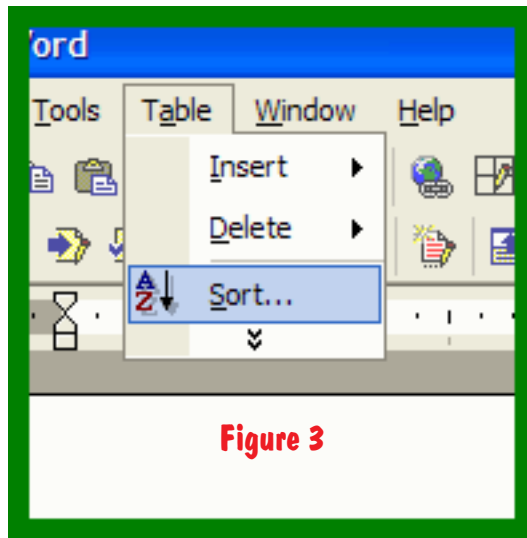


Figure 3

a partial sort. The ca

Figure 5

**Category 1**  
Bitburg  
Dollendorf  
Gondenbrett  
Kyllburgweiler  
Lasel  
Meisburg  
Neideraden  
Oberweis

**Category 2**

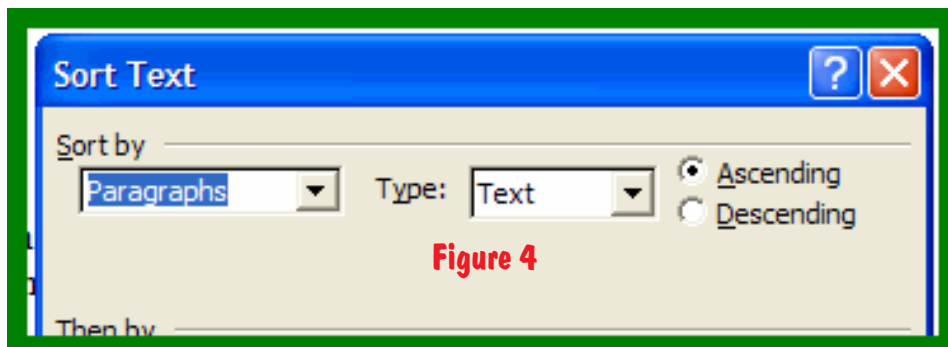


Figure 4