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Using eBay to Illustrate Your Genealogy

by Ed Udovic

The online marketplace eBay presents unparalleled opportunities for genealogists to search online for items that can illustrate your family's story.

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Source/Citations Smart Practices

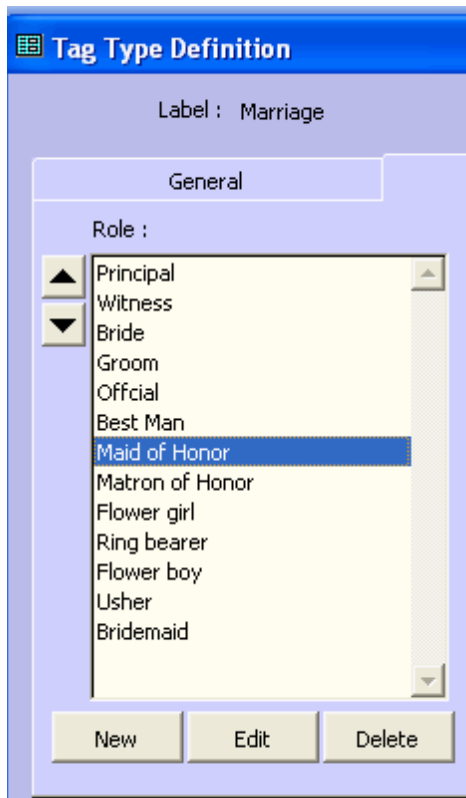
by Larry Olson

Larry will present his methods of citing sources and tips for identifying your citations.

Role Tips for TMG Users

By Anne Jacobs

I just discovered something of interest about the Role feature of The Master Genealogist™ software. As many of you already know, you can assign various roles for people in the events of their lives. You can also create sentence structures for those various roles. In a wedding, common roles are bride, groom, best man, maid of honor, flower girl, mother of the bride, etc. The roles can be as varied as you would like to make them.



TMG™ software already has Principal and Witness roles for various events and has a sentence structure for each of them. However, it is up to you to create any additional roles and sentence structures you desire.

For example, a sentence structure for the Maid of Honor might be:

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[W] served as maid of honor at the marriage of [P1] <[PAR1]> and [P2] <[PAR2]> <[D]> <[L]>
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For a Flower Girl it might be:

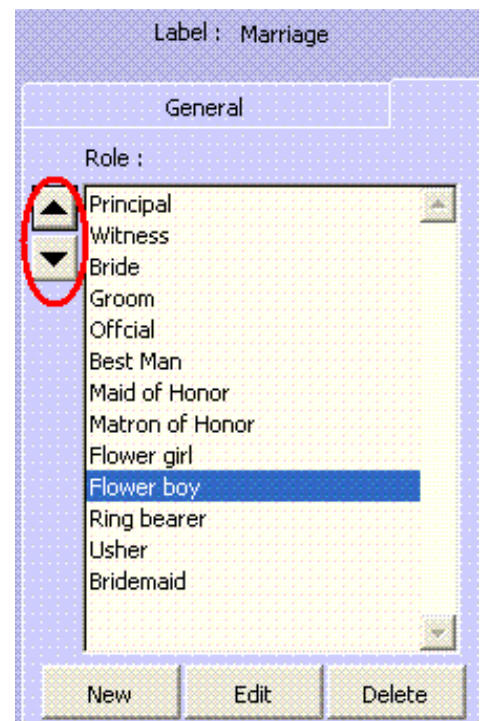
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[W] acted as flower girl at the marriage of [P1] <[PAR1]> and [P2] <[PAR2]> <[D]> <[L]>
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When you add new roles for a given tag, the roles are listed in the order you enter them, not necessarily in the order you desire. Take a look at the positions of Flower Girl and Flower Boy in Role of the Tag Type Definition screen above. If these roles are ones you use frequently, their current positions might be inefficient and irritating to you.

This can be remedied by changing the positions of the roles. To do this, click on the Tools menu and then Master Tag Type List. Click on the tag of interest to you (such as Marriage), and then Edit. Click on the Roles and Sentences tab. All the roles established for this tag will be listed. If a role is not listed in the order you desire, you can click on it and use the left-hand up and down arrows to move it to the desired position on the list. You can continue until all the roles are listed in the order you want.

(See next figure)

You should be cautioned when making changes on this list. The software assumes that the first two positions on the list are the Principal and Witness roles. The Principal role is used for both P1 and P2. If



you ignore this and move Bride to the first position on the list, the roles for P1 and P2 and any witnesses will be attributed to the Bride. Obviously this is something you would not want, so it is best to leave Principal and Witness in the first and second positions on the list. After Principal and Witness, however, you can reorder the roles to your heart's content.

The undesirable results of not following this rule are shown on the following page.

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2007 Meeting Schedule

Date	Category	Program Title	Presenter
20-Jan	Research	Using eBay to Illustrate Your Genealogy	Ed Udovic
17-Feb	Publishing	Source/Citations - Smart Practices	Larry Olson
17-Mar	Hardware	What's New - Now & Soon	Ed Rosenthal
21-Apr	Research	Mining the National Archives.....	Ginger Frere
19-May	Skill Building	On-Line Genealogy Tutorials	Ralph Beaudoin
16-Jun	Publishing	Passage Express	Carole Magnuson
21-Jul	Research	FamilySearch Changes - Now and Future	Everett Butler
18-Aug	Research	Using gmail to enhance your Genealogy Process.....	Bev. Smallwood
15-Sep	Research	Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors' Arrival Records Online	Mike Karsen
20-Oct	Software	PC Protection - Inbound & Outbound	Gerry Czadowski
17-Nov	Software	Audio/Video Editing & Publishing	Everett Butler
6-Dec	Planning	First Saturday — CAGG-NI Business	

Role Tips



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Arlington Heights Memorial Library News

by Beverly Levine Smallwood

The AHML has a new microfilm reader/printer that also functions as a microfilm scanner. You can bring a usb drive (usb hard drive or jump drive, thumb drive, etc.) and save your scanned images directly to file. This is way better than printing a page from microfilm, taking it home, then scanning it into your computer. Much less loss of detail.

As an added perk, there is no cost to save them to your own media. If you print to paper, the charges are the same as all the other reader/printers.

AHML is also able to borrow films through the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, just like a Family History Center. Imagine being able to order a film, having access to it for greatly increased hours* and save the images in a digital format.

*AHML is open seven days a week, most days from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. with somewhat shorter hours on the weekend. Most Family History Centers are open four days a week for eight hours or less per day.



Chicago City Directories

by Beverly Levine Smallwood

Arlington Heights Memorial Library has the full run of Chicago City Directories on microfilm, as do the Newberry and Harold Washington Libraries. Genealogy Trails is transcribing them in bits and parts on their web site:

<http://genealogytrails.com/ill/cook/censusindex.html#Citydirectories>

The cool thing about looking at them online is you can use the Find function of your browser to locate people or addresses. For instance, I opened the 1844 directory and did a find for "Heartt". I located his entry alphabetically where expected, but also learned that he ran a boarding house and found all the other people who lived there in 1844. This would not have been possible or practical in the paper or micro-filmed versions.

There are a good many other databases and images related to Chicago and Cook County on their main page.

Cook County History and Genealogy part of the Genealogy Trails Group

<http://genealogytrails.com/ill/cook/>

You may also find this page useful for tips and techniques in Chicago research:

Chicago Genealogy Research Articles by Michael John Neill

<http://www.rootdig.com/chicago.html>

FGS Audio Available by Download

by Beverly Levine Smallwood

The Federation of Genealogy Societies is making the audio portion of the lectures given this past fall available on the internet. You may purchase and download sessions for only \$1.99 each or in blocks of 15 sessions for \$25. The files are in mp3 format and can be listened to on your computer or any mp3 player.

<http://stores.lulu.com/FGS2006>



Other Group Events *compiled by Beverly Levine Smallwood*

12/12/2006 - SCHAUMBURG

Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions

STDL Genealogy Group
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3402
<http://www.stdl.org/>

12/31/2006 - CHICAGO

Genealogy Committee Meeting

Contact: Brian Donovan (P) 773-282-7035
(Saturdays 9-2)
Irish American Heritage Center
<http://www.irishamhc.com/programs.asp#history>

1/9/2007 - MUNDELEIN

MAUREEN BRADY

So you think you know how to use a LDS Family History Center

Lake County Genealogical Society
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~illcgs/index.htm>

1/13/2007 - GLENVIEW

JEFFREY A. BOCKMAN

No Birth Certificate? No Problem!

North Suburban Genealogical Society
<http://www.wpld.alibrary.com/nsgs.asp>

1/13/2007 - HAZEL CREST

Show and Tell

South Suburban Genealogical & Historical Society
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ssghs/>

1/14/2007 - SKOKIE

Judy Frazin - Beginner's Workshop

Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois
<http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsi/meetings.htm>

1/16/2007 - ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

GEORGE SCHWEITZER (VIDEO TAPE)

Migration Methods Across the U.S.

Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists
<http://nsgs.mtprospect.org/>

1/17/2007 - WHEATON

Group Discussion and Sharing

DuPage County Genealogical Society
<http://www.dcgsg.org/>

1/20/2007 - RICHMOND, IL

Roundtable Discussions

BIGWILL - British Interest Group of Wisconsin and Illinois
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wiilbig/meet.htm>

1/28/2007 - SKOKIE

JEANNE LARZALERE BLOOM

Unpolished Gems:

Cook County Irregular Indexes
Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois
<http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsi/meetings.htm>

Workshops & Conferences

12/16/2006 - CHICAGO

GEORGE RYSKAMP

Finding Your Hispanic Roots

Newberry Library
<http://www.newberry.org/genealogy/genealogyevents.html>

2/24/2007 - ST. CHARLES

Annual Conference

DuPage County Genealogical Society
<http://www.dcgsg.org/>

3/16-17/2007 - BYU CONFERENCE CENTER

Computerized Genealogy Conference

BYU Conferences and Workshops
<http://ce.byu.edu/cw/cwgeneal/>

4/13-14/2007 - OCONOMOWOC

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Gene-A-Rama 2007

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wsgs/>

4/20-21/2007 - SPRINGFIELD, IL

Illinois State Archives Tours and Death Certificate Assistance Program

Illinois Genealogical Society
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs/index.html>

4/21/2007 - MOLINE

PAULA STUART WARREN

33rd Annual Conference

Rock Island County Genealogical Society
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilbgsrim/>

4/28/2007 - FT. WAYNE

Annual Meeting & Conference

FEATURING AMY JOHNSON CROW
Indiana Genealogical Society
<http://www.indgensoc.org/conference.html>

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Firefox vs. IE 7

by Beverly Levine Smallwood

Bob Rankin gives his reasons for sticking with IE, but I learned lots about Firefox and Opera in the comments section. His second article addresses extensions and add-ons for Firefox, as well as security issues. Add-ons and extensions are small programs written to provide added functionality or added security.

I use Firefox at both work and home and I really like the tabbed browsing feature. You can also save your bookmarks and open them in groups. I haven't tried any extensions yet but will be soon. As usual, the commenters provide their favorite extensions.

Ask Bob Rankin "Is Firefox for Everyone?"

http://askbobrankin.com/is_firefox_for_everyone.html

Ask Bob Rankin "Firefox Extensions"

http://askbobrankin.com/firefox_extensions.html

Another note about the tabbed browsing: I use CTRL+click on links to open them in a tab rather than in the same window (replacing the existing page) or in a separate browser window. Sometimes I have lots of web pages open and no time to look them over. I use the Bookmarks – Bookmark All Tabs feature to save them all to a folder. Then when I'm ready to resume, I can go to that bookmark folder and tell it to open them all in tabs.

Privacy and the Internet

by Beverly Levine Smallwood

A couple of technology articles address topics of personal security and privacy in the information age. The first one deals with online phone directories. Should you remove yourself? Does the potential for good outweigh the potential for evil? I leave that to you to decide. However, the links will also point you to various online directories you might find useful to locate lost friends, relatives and classmates.

Ask Bob Rankin. "Remove Phone Listing"

http://askbobrankin.com/remove_phone_listing.html

The second article addresses your vulnerability to web sites. What information can a website gather about you? If you accidentally click on an adult site or get redirected there by a deceptive link, can they harvest your email addresses? Is this the cause of increased spam? Bob Rankin answers these questions and more.

Ask Bob Rankin "Revealing Your Email Address"

http://askbobrankin.com/revealing_your_email_address.html

And, as is often the case, the readers' comment sections at the bottom of the article/page contain many other suggestions you might find useful. One of these comments points out another way spammers might be getting your email address. Have you ever received a forwarded email containing the email addresses of everyone it was forwarded to each of the eighteen times it was forwarded? If this gets forwarded to the wrong person, everyone listed is going on a spam list. So, if you are forwarding a message, please take a moment to delete all the forwarding headers and just forward the message. Consider also using BCC (Blind Carbon Copy) instead of TO: when adding your recipients. This will hide the email addresses of your friends and family should someone further down the line not be so considerate.

Other Group Events (Continued)

5/16-19/2007 - RICHMOND, VA
29th NGS Conference in the States
National Genealogical Society
<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>

7/14/2007 - WHITEWATER, WI
Larry Jensen - Annual Workshop
German Interest Group of Wisconsin
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wigig/index.html>

8/15-18/2007 - FT. WAYNE
FGS and Allen County
Public Library Conference
Federation of Genealogical Societies
<http://www.fgs.org/2007conf/FGS-2007.htm>