

TMG

v5: Import and Export data with GEDCOM or GenBridge

★ Got GEDCOM ?

Have you downloaded a GEDCOM from WorldConnect or Family Search and need to get it into TMG v5? The process is almost the same as version 4, but with help from a wizard! Go to **File > Import** and the Import Wizard will appear. Choose the simple wizard if you want TMG to select all your import options or if the GEDCOM has only basic events. The advanced wizard will allow you to better map the translation of tags into TMG events. You may want to try an import, repeating with fine tuning for better results.

HELP - click the Help button from the wizard screen

Getting the Most Out of The Master Genealogist - see chapter 3: Importing Data

★ Better yet, use GenBridge™

If you are getting data from another person, try to get it in a file from their genealogy program instead of a GEDCOM (see the help or *GtMOoTMG* for a list of programs that will convert.) This at least eliminates a step that will distort the way information was recorded by your friend and TMG will have more options in translating it. Note that importing a large file may be slow.

Some TMG users feel they can better maintain data and format standards if they enter all data themselves without any wholesale imports.

★ Export a GEDCOM

Go to **File > Export** rather than the Report Writer. TMG now has a wizard for exports, particularly GEDCOMs. Check the help in TMG or read chapter 15 in *GtMOoTMG* for a run down on the steps to create your GEDCOM. To select only part of a data set or project, you can beforehand create a Focus Group or make selections in the Project Explorer.

There are 3 screens of options and this is the third.

It is easy to go with the defaults!

The screenshot shows the 'Export Reference field as' dialog box. It has three radio buttons for reference fields: 'Ancestral File # (AFN)', 'Reference (REFN)' (which is selected), and 'Social Security # (SSN)'. Below this is an 'Exclusion' section with three checked checkboxes: 'Show Excluded Data', 'Show Sensitive Data', and 'With Brackets'. At the bottom, there is a 'Maximum GEDCOM line length' field set to '80' characters. On the right side, there is a 'Places' section with a list of checkboxes: 'Short Place', 'Addressee', 'Detail' (checked), 'City' (checked), 'County' (checked), 'State' (checked), 'Country' (checked), 'Postal Code', 'Phone', 'LatLong', 'Temple (TEMP)', 'Commas When Missing', and 'Trim Lead/Tail'.

★ Other ways to share

For a great discussion of different people with whom you want to share data and the ways one TMG user prefers to meet their needs, see Terry Reigel's TMG Tips on Sharing Your Data at

<http://tmg.reigelridge.com/sharing.htm>

Journal reports are a great way to give detailed information with all your sources. More TMG users are going to web page design either for the Internet or on CD and many find John Cardinal's program Second Site to be the perfect solution.

