

TMG

"People Filters" sort through your family members

★ The Picklist allows sorting and filtering

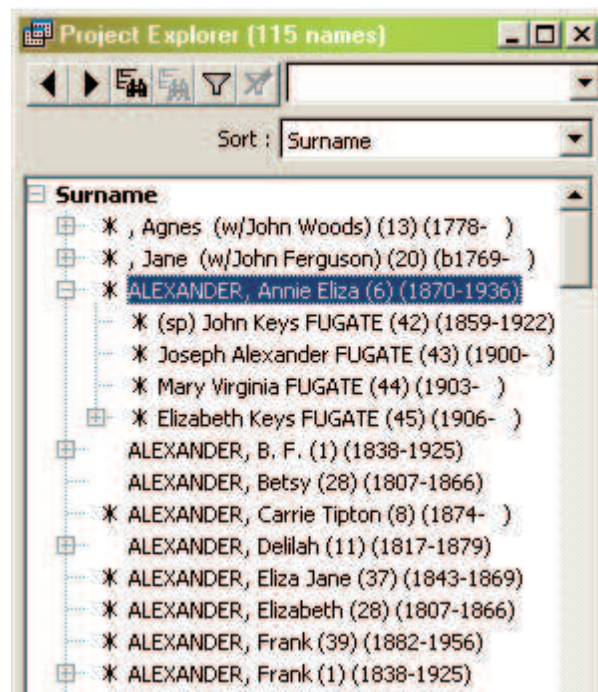
The Picklist by default lists all members of your dataset sorted by surname then given name. Change from surname to other fields such as birth date or given name to locate people with other similarities. Filters will limit the people on the list so that you can work with a smaller group for research or editing. When you close TMG the picklist will return to the default, but filters may be saved and reused in version 5. In version 4 use the List of People report.

★ List of People (LOP) Reports select filtered groups

The List of People report is a powerful tool which can create reports, tabular output, change flags, lock and unlock timelines, produce filtered picklists or generate new datasets (or projects). In TMG v4 the report definitions screen has tabs for general setup, secondary output, focus (this is the filter), output columns and a few options. In TMG v5.07 the report definition screen has the general setup and all the filter criteria with an Options button at the bottom left which covers secondary output, output columns and other appearance features.

★ In TMG v5 the Project Explorer is a prime tool

In its default surname sort, the Project Explorer looks like a cross between the Picklist and your Windows Explorer file structures. Like the Picklist, it can be sorted on various fields, filtered and explored with the back and forth arrows. It can be linked to your other TMG windows or not. Plus [+] symbols when clicked open show spouse and children and their families may also be opened to show descendant trees. Filters may be saved and Project Explorer can be the selection tool for Focus Groups and List of People reports.



Unlike the Picklist, you can arrange your TMG windows so that you can see a filtered Project Explorer as you work through the people in it. The expansion of a person's family still works even though the spouse and children do not fit the filter. This is a great way to see every one named Mary to see which is the one you want or find everyone who was buried in the county you're about to visit. See "Getting the Most Out of The Master Genealogist" chapter 11 by Allen Mellen for more on "People Filters".

★ Focus Groups in TMG v5 further enable selections

Focus Groups are another new feature in TMG. Help defines them as "a collection of individuals that may be used to specify Subjects when searching the web and for other purposes such as export. Once a Focus Group has been set, the window does not have to stay open for the Focus Group to remain current. You can also save Focus Groups for later use."

*TMG v5.07 now available: fixes, but no more reports
Book: "Getting the Most Out of TMG" is out*

