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Preparing for Sharing

Thank you for the positive response to our first issue of **Ohana Insights**. We hope you will find this and future issues equally helpful. We are sorry for the printing problem some of you experienced with our last newsletter and want you to know it has been fixed.

If tools separate man from beast then our most complex tools, computers and the Internet, separate our current generations from the past. We have the capacity to share our family history with the world without laboriously hand writing or re-typing everything. We may share our research directly by attaching a GEDCOM file to an email. We may share indirectly by uploading our records to a website or Pedigree Resource File, or by submitting names for temple work. Others find our information when they search these online repositories. Likewise, we hope to find our ancestors among these records.

As we embrace sharing, we need to be aware of the pitfalls and work to reduce them. In the days of paper records, we commonly found parenthetical comments like, "Twin" or "Stillborn". These comments did not inhibit us from recognizing the name. Similarly, we may not notice a missing comma between a state and country but in a computer program, these same entries may reduce the effectiveness of a search because it tries to match what it sees. If the program only recognizes Maryland as a state and USA as a country, it probably will not recognize "Maryland USA" as a valid place. Eliminating confusing entries by attention to detail pays off when we share information and search for our ancestors.

I believe we are all grateful for the inventions that enable the worldwide gathering and sharing of family records. I hope each of us will do our part to facilitate this work by making our records computer friendly and available for others.

Cina Johnson

Insights into Insight: Edit RINs and Pedigrees

Initially, PAF Insight had four features, Merge, Edit RINs and Pedigrees, Compare and Sync, and Repair. These file clean up modes culminated with the addition of Edit Places in the 2006 version. This new cleanup tool for PAF files provided a way for us to examine our records in new ways, discover potential problems, and fix them before sharing the information or searching the IGI. Many users overlook these vital components of PAF Insight and jump right into searching the IGI without first cleaning their file. This oversight may result in redundant searches or incomplete findings.

In the next few issues, **Insights into Insight** will focus on the cleanup aspect of PAF Insight. We begin with the Edit RINs and Pedigrees mode and offer some more tips, tricks and troubleshooting.

I understand there may be unlinked families or individuals in my records. Is there a way to find them and how do I link them?

Be prepared for a surprise. I found about 15 unlinked pedigrees when I did this the first time.

- Open PAF Insight in the Edit RINs and Pedigrees mode.
- Click on the Filter drop down arrow. (The filter is above the names list on the same line as Sort and Find.) Unlinked families or individuals are listed as Pedigree 2, Pedigree 3, Pedigree 4, etc.
- Click the pedigree to see the list of people within that pedigree.

Sometimes unlinked people are duplicates of individuals in other pedigrees. Merging people can merge pedigrees, too.

- Open the Merge mode and merge any duplicate (or triplicate) people.
- Save your work
- Return to Edit RINs and Pedigree and check the filter for pedigrees.
- Click any remaining pedigrees and look for people you recognize.
- If you recognize a person on the list, return to PAF and link them to their family.

If the person is a child, find a parent in the **Family View**.

- Click on **Add** and select **Child**
- Choose **Select Existing Individual**
- Find them by their RIN or their name, click on them, then click OK

If the person is a spouse, find the spouse in the **Family View**.

- Click on **Add Spouse**
- Choose **Select Existing Individual**
- Find them by their RIN or their name, click on them then, click OK

What can I do with an unlinked "pedigree" if I don't know who the people are or who they belong to?

You can do one of three things:

1. Do nothing. Other than taking up space, the records are harmless
2. Mark them for future research by highlighting the person or people in the pedigree and clicking the **Research** button. This adds the following note to their records, **RESEARCH-FOR-TRIM: Should this individual be deleted?**

Later, you can find everyone with this note by using the Advanced Focus Filter in PAF. [Click here](#) to learn how to use Advanced Focus Filter.

NOTE: Slide 7 illustrates what the note should contain. Change it from "RESEARCH-FOR-MERGE" to "**RESEARCH-FOR-TRIM**"

3. Trim (delete) the person or people in this pedigree.

- Highlight someone on the names list
- Click the **Trim** button
- Select what you want to trim (delete).

Besides trimming the highlighted person, you can choose from **Ancestors of the**

individual, Descendants of the individual, This entire pedigree, or Trim to this individual's direct line.

In this situation, you generally trim either the individual or the entire pedigree.

- Click OK
- The status indicates Deleted
- **If you change your mind before you save the changes**, click **Restore**
- Select the appropriate option from the list
- Click OK
- The status indicator reverts to its former setting

I want to share my PAF records. How can I change RIN numbers so each child, grandchild or cousin can be # 1 in the records I send them?

- Open PAF Insight in the **Edit RINs and Pedigrees** mode
- Click **File** and **Save As** and rename the file. You may wish to use the recipient's name in the file name.
- Find the person whose RIN needs changing
- Click on the name so they are highlighted
- Click on the **Change RIN** icon (**# Change RIN**) at the top of the screen
- Choose **New RIN Number**
- Click into the field and **enter the number** you want assigned to this person
- Click **OK**
- The new number appears in the RIN column. The original RIN appears in the Old RIN column.
- The person who originally had the number has a dash (-) in the RIN column. You may assign this person a RIN or allow the computer to assign the RIN when you click the **Save** icon.
- Repeat the process to reassign the RIN for this person's wife and children or parents and siblings.
NOTE: It is fairly easy to keep one or two generations in RIN order, after that, it becomes unwieldy.
- **Save** the records when done

What does Compact do and what are the ramifications of using it?

When you delete or merge individuals, their RINs remain unused. Reclaim the unused RINs by clicking the **Compact** icon. Names move up the list and fill in unused numbers. Depending upon the unused RINs, this action may result in altered RINs for most people in your file. Therefore, if you rely heavily upon RINs, especially in notes, compacting will negate their usefulness. If you do not rely on RINs, compacting is advised. Please, **NEVER compact RINs on someone else's file without their permission!** What works for you may not work for them.

Spotlight on: PRFMagnet

Tools make us "better, stronger, faster" and make projects more feasible by enlarging our capabilities. Computers and Internet websites are invaluable tools for genealogists as they allow us to share our research and find ancestor. PRFMagnet is a handy tool that improves the usefulness of the Pedigree Resource File index.

The Pedigree Resource File contains lineage-linked genealogies submitted to the FamilySearch website by individuals from all over the world. Stored on 128 CDs and DVDs and containing over 150 million names this database may contain your family and clues to missing generations. The Master Index on www.familysearch.org helps users locate potential ancestors within the file but it has limitations. If you find an ancestor in the index, you can see their personal information. A recent update to the website allows you to

see their pedigree chart. However, you cannot download the information or see siblings as you can with the actual CDs and DVDs.

PRFMagnet overcomes these limitations. It can retrieve siblings of ancestors found in the Pedigree Resource File index and you can download a GEDCOM file of the records. The more you view using PRFMagnet, the more you can download. If you look at a person's full pedigree, examine them in the family view, follow links to ancestors, siblings and their descendants, your GEDCOM will contain those same individuals and families. You can create a new PAF file from the GEDCOM and study the family within PAF.

PRFMagnet is only limited by the information on the Master Index itself. The index on FamilySearch indicates whether there are notes and sources for each individual but the specific notes and sources are only available on the CDs or DVDs. PRFMagnet presents the same information as the index. Since many records do not have either notes or sources, you often do not need the disks. You can download all the available information on a person or family directly from the index using PRFMagnet. Additionally, each name in the GEDCOM contains an individual source notation with the submitter's name, contact information, and the submission number. If needed, you can use this information to contact the submitter or search the actual disk containing the submission. Many Family History Centers have these CDs and DVDs. You can also purchase them in small groups for a nominal fee by going to www.familysearch.org > Order/Download Products (at the top of the page) > Software and Databases > Pedigree Resource Files.

PAF Insight in Other Languages

Periodically we receive requests for PAF Insight in languages other than English. We now offer a translation tool so you can translate PAF Insight into another language for yourself or others. The translation tool produces a file that PAF Insight uses to display its menus and other text in a different language. After translating the program, you may use the file on your PAF Insight, post it on a website for others, and/or send a copy of the translation to Ohana Software. If you send a copy to us, we may place it on our website and allow our users to access it.

Interested individuals need enough computer skills to use the translation software and accompanying Users Guide. If you would like to participate, please download the instructions and the translation tool by clicking [this link](#), then you can begin translating! Please note that the translation files will only work with PAF Insight version 2007.3.30 (the newest test version) and later.

French and Spanish translations are underway. If you have questions about this project, please contact us at support@ohanasoftware.com. Please put "**Translation**" as the subject line for easy identification.

New Beta Available

We have a new test version of PAF Insight on our website that interested users may download it from http://www.ohanasoftware.com/?sec=downloads&page=PAF_Insight. For more information about the update, [click here](#). Please report any problems you find in this version by sending an email to, support@ohanasoftware.com. Please include **Test Version** in the subject line.

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