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Hunters and Gatherers

Defending the Caveman, a one-man play by Rob Becker, makes fun of the differences between men and women and characterizes them by their caveman (and cavewoman) attributes. He claims men are hunters and women are gatherers. Family historians may also be categorized as either hunters or gatherers as often evidenced by the size of their PAF files. I am a hunter. My husband is a gatherer. Many of my mother's lines extend to early American settlers whose genealogical information appears in books and the Internet. I see no need to add their records to my file because the information is readily available and I do not want a cumbersome file. My husband also has early American roots and likes seeing all the connections and following them back hundreds and hundreds of years. His gathering provided us with this fun bit of trivia. I have Potters in my family and he has someone from Snape Castle!

The reason I bring it up is gathering requires vigilant attention to unlinked pedigrees and merging duplicate records. PAF Insight works effectively with files up to 50,000 to 70,000 names and varies depending upon the speed of the computer and the amount of RAM. We have users with well over 100,000 names who have no problems using the program. However, if your file takes a long time to load, (one user's file takes about 30 minutes) it may be a sign that you are reaching the threshold and it may be time to divide the file, consolidate it by deleting unlinked pedigrees and people, and merge all duplicate people. You should take action before you can no longer load your file into PAF Insight.

You may also find it helpful to clean up GEDCOM files BEFORE adding them to your main file. You can even search the IGI with the smaller file before adding it to the main file. When clean, use Compare and Sync to add records rather than importing the complete GEDCOM. Compare and Sync pairs common people found in both files so you can update your people without duplicating them. Everything you do to add people wisely to your file extends the usability of PAF Insight.

Does this advice only apply to gatherers? Certainly not! If we all clean as we go, the job will never get out of hand. Happy Hunting! Happy Gathering!

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Insights into Insight: Search IGI

I try and practice what I preach and work to keep my PAF records clean. However, the other day I found this in my PAF file, **Indiana, Marion, Indianapolis, USA!** It seems the job of cleanup never ends. Had I not caught it before searching the IGI, the Unrecognized Place window would have appeared requiring action on my part. As I approached writing this article, this experience prompted me to write about less familiar features of the Search IGI mode instead of the basics. I will also cover search techniques. It should be no surprise that I will begin with the Unrecognized Place window.

What am I suppose to do with the Unrecognized Place window?

This window appears when the place entry needs modifying. The person's name, birth and death years and RIN appear at the top. Below that is the message, **The following place was not recognized** followed by the unrecognized place in an editable field. Click your mouse into the field and make the necessary corrections. Some common problems are:

- Putting a cemetery, hospital or other name at the end of a place name.
 - Enter this information in notes or at the start of the place name.
 - CORRECT: Littleton Cemetery, Littleton, Arapahoe, Colorado, USA
 - INCORRECT: Littleton, Arapahoe, Colorado, USA, Littleton Cemetery.
- Forgetting to add commas, especially between a state name and USA
- Misspelled place names

After correcting the place, click **Change all Instances**. This accomplishes two things; it corrects all identical places in your file and starts the IGI search.

Based on the information you have on the place, you can also manually direct PAF Insight to search a specific region by clicking on the drop down arrow by - **Select a region** -. After specifying the region, you can click **Search here**, or select a country from the next field and then click **Search here**.

Other options are:

- **Skip this person:** Searching on this name stops. If you selected multiple names, search moves to the next name.
 - **HINT:** Make note of this person's name and RIN, correct the problem, and search their name later.
- **Skip this place:** Starts the search for this person but will not look for them in the unknown place.
 - **PROBLEM:** May not find ordinance work and result in duplication of work.
 - **SOLUTION:** Make note of this person's name and RIN, correct the problem, and search their name later.
- **Edited, Try Again:** Choose this if you corrected the place name entry. Corrects the place for this person and starts the IGI search. Does not correct the identical place name in other records.
- **Change all Instances:** Corrects identical places in your file and starts the IGI search.
- **Skip Remaining Searches:** Stops all searches. Use when you have several unknown places. Change to Edit Places mode and clean your names.

I want to make sure I do a thorough search of the IGI. When I do a manual search, I can change

my entry and look for the person many different ways. Can you do that with PAF Insight, too?

PAF Insight submits the information in many combinations, including names entered in the **Also Known As** and **Nickname** fields in PAF. The Search Details window lists all the search combinations. After the initial search and updating process, if the person still needs ordinance, expand the search year from **Search exact year** to **- 1, 6, and 11** years. You find the search year options between the **Update** and the **Search** buttons.

For additional searching, you can edit your person's information in the **Details** window and click **Search**, again. This adds additional searches using the new information. (Edit information by clicking into the field and changing the information.) If you know of another spelling for a name, erase what you have and enter the alternate spelling. You can also change the place by erasing everything but the country or region (, , Canada vs. , Ontario, Canada or North America vs. , , Canada).

After altering your data, reenter the correct information for your person!

For additional hints on searching the IGI with PAF Insight, open the program, click **Help** and select **Help** from the menu. Click the **Index** tab on the Help window and find **IGI Search Hints** on the list. Double click on the title to read the Help document. You may print it by clicking the printer icon or selecting the **File** menu and choosing **Print**. Using these search hints should help you find possible matches.

I did the temple work for my great grandparents but I do not find them when I search the IGI. Why doesn't PAF Insight find them?

Most likely PAF Insight found the information but did not display the record because of your preference settings. If you entered the ordinance information into your file and have a check by, **Only Show IGI matches that contain additional ordinance information**, you will not see the work you performed and entered because it is not **ADDITIONAL** ordinance information, it is **IDENTICAL**. You can check your preferences by selecting **Preference** from the **Edit** menu.

You may be interested in learning about other preference settings on the IGI tab.

- **Retrieve and show all hits (Slower-Not recommended)** - Not recommended as a general rule. It displays all the hits for your individual without filtering them. This generally returns a large number or unrelated individuals. Occasionally, if you are not getting a match and there are not too many hits, you may want to look at all the hits. **REMOVE** this setting when you finish this search.
- **Leave most recent PAF Insight IGI Search source only (Recommended)** - Leaves the source for the latest update for each event. If you make several updates to a single record this option prevents your file from getting overloaded with multiple sources, which reference replaced data.
- **Default setting for new spouse of parents from IGI** - Allows you to choose whether you would like PAF Insight to ignore or add new parents and spouses to your records when they are found in the IGI. The default is to ignore new parents and spouses but you may change it. Select the option that most nearly suits your requirements.
 - You may override either option by selecting **Add** or **Ignore** from the options menu in the upper right corner of the Marriage or Parents section of the Details window. Look above the spouse's name in the Marriage section and over the mother's name in the Parents section to find these options.

- Be inquisitive, look at the preferences on the other tabs, too.

Spotlight on: Family Atlas

Maps teach us more about our families in one glance than almost any other genealogical tool. Just as looking at an ancestor's photograph draws us closer to them, so can studying a map of where they lived. Maps place our ancestors within the context of their world. I do not need to know that Wolschwiller, France is 4,297.66 miles from Delphos, Ohio because, when I look at a map, I can see the vastness of the ocean and the land masses that separated my immigrant ancestors from their homeland.

If you feel the same way, try using **Family Atlas** to create maps based on your family records. You can import a GEDCOM file or records from PAF 5, Family Tree Maker, Legacy, and Roots Magic into Family Atlas. After importing a file, the program matches the places in your records with a database of 3.5 million places names. Unrecognized places bring up a list of possible matches. Select the one that best identifies the locale. **THIS DOES NOT CHANGE YOUR PLACE NAME.** By matching places, the program knows the latitude and longitude of places in your file and can pinpoint their placement onto the map.

Next, create markers for the people and events you want displayed on your map. If you want a map showing the birth places of your direct line ancestors you can create multiple sets of markers; one for each of your grandparents ancestral lines. Each marker set has its own color and shape. If you use a color-coded filing system, you can match the markers with the colors of your paper files.

After selecting the people for your marker list, click the **Events** tab and click the button to **Unselect All** events. Next, manually select one or two events types that you want displayed on your map. Although you can have many events for many people, it becomes hard to read without zooming in. I find the KISS principle works best - Keep It Simple Sweetie or, in other words, less is more. If you track several people, reduce the number of life events. If you only want to track one or two individuals, you can select more event types.

Once you create the basic map, you can save it. This saves the basic map that can only be viewed in Family Atlas. You must "publish" the map to print it, use it with other programs, or add embellishments. First, decide exactly how you want the map to look. You can zoom in for more details, or zoom out for the "big picture". You can twist and turn the globe for the best angle. Be aware that zooming and rotating may hide some markers and place names. What you see on this window is what you will see in the **Publish** window. When satisfied, click on the **Publish Map** icon. On the following window, enter a title and subtitle for the finished work. You also can specify the font size, type and color; choose your paper size and orientation; decide where the heading and legend should appear; and select the print quality for the map. After making your selections, click **Publish**.

Now it's time for more fun! Do you have a photograph of an ancestral home or your immigrant ancestor? You can insert the photo from the publisher window by clicking the **Insert** icon and finding the photo in your file. Set the image in the appropriate area and adjust the size. You can "frame" the photo with a bubble that points to the proper place marker and add captions. Connect places with lines showing the migration pattern of the family. Add dates or distance between one home and another. Let your imagination run wild. If it gets too busy, remove something.

Markers are not limited to the places in your file. I created a map by manually entering each town I lived in. I matched these towns to the database so they could be placed on a map. I moved

frequently so my map has many markers that I connected with lines, showing the order of my moves. If I wanted to, I could have added captions indicating the dates of each move. I also added pictures of a few memorable homes.

When satisfied, save maps as a .pdf or .jpg file and use them in books, or programs like Personal Historian and Passage Express to add interest and focus to your writing. You can also print the maps for display or for research purposes. Maps and pictures are both worth 1,000 words.

Odds and Ends

Returned Emails - If you requested an email with your username and password, license key and username, or if you expected an order confirmation email and you did not receive a reply, it either went to your spam file or the email bounced back to us. When we receive bounced emails, we check the address and correct obvious problems or call you if we have a working US or Canadian phone number. We cannot call overseas.

It saddens us to realize you need our help but cannot get our replies. Therefore, if you write and do not hear back from us, please check your junk mail. If our email is not there, put our email address, support@ohanasoftware.com into your address book (this prevents our replies from going to your spam file) and send us another email. Please include your name, your old email address and your new email address and restate your question or problem. We cannot find your information when you only send your new email address and this delays our service. Including your name facilitates our efforts and ensures we update the correct person's records. We cannot find you by your license key.

There are new versions of several products.

Personal Historian has released another new version. This one corrects a problem importing information from PAF files into your histories.

Personal Historian Version 1.3.0.38 (13 Jul 2007)

PRFMagnet has released a new version due to some changes to the Pedigree Resource index on FamilySearch.

PRFMagnet version 1.1.29

John Vilburn is interviewed by Dear Myrtle about PAF Insight. The DearMYRTLE BLOG with show notes & link to the .mp3 file is located here: [DearMYRTLE's Family History Hour 7 Aug 2007](#)

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