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Saving the Best for Last

On a trip home to visit my mother, she observed a change in our conversation as we prepared to leave. After several days of leisurely conversations, we noticed an urgency to discuss weightier matters regarding a loved one's health, legal matters, and other vital topics. In some ways, we saved the best, or most important, for last.

To an extent, *Ohana Insights* follows this same pattern. After the opening remarks, the **Insights into Insight** and **Spotlight** articles provide training and ideas for using the programs we sell. The end of the newsletter offers solutions to problems Diana and I hear about in emails and phone calls. News, such as new program updates, and clarification on issues, like the renewal process, appear at the end of the newsletter either as an additional article or in the **Odds and Ends** sections.

Like the final conversation before leaving home, *Ohana Insights* may conclude with the most helpful information of the issue. Perhaps, when you finish reading the newsletter you will agree, we saved the best for last.

Cina Johnson

Insights into Insight: Compare and Sync

Once you start using the Compare and Sync mode, it may become your favorite feature of PAF Insight.

Before anything else, when starting a project in PAF Insight, especially when you use a mode for the first time, please back up your records before you begin!

I am not sure what the Compare and Sync mode is used for. Should I use it for file clean up?

Although the Compare and Sync mode is not technically a file cleanup function, it is a lifesaver when you discover other copies of your PAF File that contain different information. It is also

invaluable for updating and adding specific information from a GEDCOM file rather than importing the complete GEDCOM. This mode allows you to open **two different PAF files** at the same time. With the files open side by side, you can compare the information on any person contained in both files, and update the primary database with information from the secondary database. Additionally, you can add names that only appear in the secondary file.

In this sense, it cleans multiple files by synchronizing them into one file.

How do I get two files to appear at one time so I can compare them?

Open PAF with the file you want as your PRIMARY file.

The Primary file:

- Is the file you have opened in PAF
- Appears on the left under the Primary name column
- ***Receives*** information
- Changes when updates and additions are saved

Click Tools and choose PAF Insight to open the program. >From the **How would you like to start?** menu, click **Compare and Sync**.

The Secondary file:

- Is chosen from the **Choose a PAF file** dialog box. Double click on the file you want synchronized with the Primary file.
- Appears on the right under the Secondary name column
- ***Gives*** information
- Remains unaltered

I have opened files into the Compare and Sync mode but I am not sure what I am looking at and do not understand how the names are displayed. Some names seem to be missing. Some names are pared with matches while others are just in the Secondary names list. What is going on?

To save you time, PAF Insight hides people who only appear in the Primary database. Since there is nothing to compare or update, they are not needed. This is why you see gaps in the RINs within the Primary names list.

Every name from the secondary file is displayed with one exception. If the same person in the Primary and Secondary files are 100% identical, and no pink would appear in the details window, they are hidden. This is another time saving feature of PAF Insight. When nothing needs updating, why spend the time looking at it?

All possible matches between the two databases are paired side- by-side. You can select a pair and compare the information as you would in the Merge or Search IGI modes. The remaining names that only appear in the Secondary file are listed in RIN order. Since the secondary file GIVES information to the main file, the unmatched people are displayed so you can add them to your main file as desired.

What do I do when two people are paired but I do not think they are the same person? Can I still add the secondary person?

After comparing the information on a pair of individuals, you may decide they are not a match. Click the **Not-A-Match** icon at the top of the window. Not-A-Match appears in the status column by their names. Next, click the Add icon to add the person from the Secondary database. When this person is added, it ***looks*** as though either the people were merged or the original person was deleted. This is ***NOT*** the case.

In the answer to the previous question I stated, "To save you time, PAF Insight hides people who only appear in the Primary database." When you mark a pair as Not-A-Match, the primary person is not needed and can be hidden by the program. Therefore, when you click Add, the primary person is hidden and the secondary person can be moved into the Primary column. Note, the added person has no RIN until you Save.

You can experiment with this by first making a backup copy of your records. Find a pair that are not a match. Write down the name and RIN for the Primary Person. If you know you want to add the secondary person to your file, you do not have to mark them as Not-A-Match; just click Add.

Save the changes and write down the new RIN of the person you added. This is the one in the Primary RIN column. Return to PAF and find both the original person and the newly added person. The primary person did not get lost, deleted, or merged by adding the person they were paired with.

I am still amazed and delighted by how well of PAF Insight allows me to manage my records. Compare and Sync, in my opinion, is a remarkable and underused feature of PAF Insight. As a friend of mine often says,

Let's hear it for PAF INSIGHT!
~ Applause ~

Spotlight on: AniMap

If you do a lot of US research, you may consider AniMap another essential tool for genealogists. Many of us have ancestors who were born in one county, married in another and died in yet another county without ever moving. Finding vital, land, probate, or other county records can become tricky as boundaries change and records remained in the parent county. To complete our research, we often need to search each county where our ancestors lived and sometime search surrounding counties, too. AniMap helps us determine those counties and:

- Find when counties divided or had changes to their boundaries
- Determine the county seat
- See boundary changes for each state from the original settlement to present
- Find lists of places within each state and plot them on the basic map
- Calculate the distance between two places on your map
- Select a place and determine what other places exist within a specified radius
- Create and export a customized map
- Add overlays of current boundaries, latitude and longitude, rivers and streams, or railroads to the state map on display

I used both the video training CD (sold separately) and the lessons within the program to learn how to use AniMap. The video training helped me see how the program worked and I gained a deeper understanding of its usefulness as a research tool. I appreciated the demonstrations and examples of using the program for solving research problems. The CD also contains a two-page handout of succinct instructions for using AniMap. This short "cheat sheet" reminds me to use features I may otherwise forget. The written lessons, found under Help - Contents, are also helpful, especially if

you do not purchase the video training CD.

I often use AniMap to check county names when entering life event data into PAF. Recently, while using Edit Places in PAF Insight, I found one town listed with three different counties. I clicked on the place so I could see the people associated with this town. Then I clicked on the only person listed to see the date associated with that town and county name. I switched to AniMap, plotted the town onto the state map, clicked the year that would cover the time period in question and found the county name was correct. I repeated the process by clicking on the other entries and in each case, the county had changed and was correctly entered for the time of the event. In one instance, the county changed within a few years of the previous change. Without moving, this family lived in three different counties within about 5 years!

I also use AniMap to calculate the distance between small towns that do not show up on current maps and find cemeteries within a radius of towns where my family lived. Each function helps me in my research process. AniMap may not appear very fancy but it certainly provides a great deal of helpful information! I will take power over beauty any day.

Renewals

We now have renewal capabilities for your license agreement with PAF Insight. If you purchased the program before 13 September 2005, your special license agreement provided three years of unlimited downloadable updates. After that date, the license agreement allowed one year of free updates. When your license agreement nears the expiration date, you will receive a notice for renewal when you open the program. You have four options:

- **Renew License** - Click to renew now and continue receiving updates for another year.
- **Have New License** - Click after renewing to enter your new license key.
- **Cancel** - Click to continue using PAF Insight but continue receiving periodic renewal reminders.
- **Don't Ask Again** - Selecting this stops all future renewal reminders. You may continue using your current version of PAF Insight.

At this time, everyone with Windows 2000, XP or Vista may update to version 2007.6.13 whether they need to renew or not. If you do not want to renew, you may continue using the program as is. However, if the FamilySearch website requires changes to PAF Insight you will ***not*** receive the updates without renewing. All other functions of PAF Insight will continue working even if the Search IGI mode no longer interfaces with the FamilySearch website. If you do not wish to renew, you may want to turn off the auto update feature by doing the following:

- Click on Edit and select Preferences
- Click on the General tab
- Remove the check from Automatically check for updates
- Click OK
- Close PAF Insight

When you open PAF Insight, you will not receive update or other notices.

Should you decide to renew later, you can turn on the check for updates again or go to our website at www.ohanasoftware.com to renew.

- Click the Buy tab.

- The second paragraph at the top of the screen begins, To renew an existing license, click here. Click the link.
- Login and follow the renewal instructions.
- Return to PAF Insight, click Have New License, and enter the license key into the required field.
- If you do not see the renewal options, click Edit and choose Preferences.
- Open the General tab and make sure there is a check in the box to, Automatically check for updates. Click OK.
- Next, click Help and select Check for Updates.
- This should trigger the renewal window with the Have New License option.

As always, the license allows you to install PAF Insight onto all your household computers. When you renew the program, use the same renewal license key on all your computers and continue receiving updates for another year.

Odds and Ends

-Latest update for PAF Insight is version 2007.7.5

- PRFMagnet released another update on 18 June 2007 (version1.1.27) due to another change to the FamilySearch website. Changes to the www.familysearch.org website may require additional changes to PRFMagnet and PAF Insight, so please check our website periodically for updates.

-Personal Historian released a new update on June 25, 2007, version 1.3.0.38. This version fixed an error that sometimes occurred in Windows Vista and also adds some **new features and improvements**

- Our CD has a new look and features. The logo has the same flower as our newsletter and there are two PAF Insight versions. As mentioned in June's Ohana Insight, "The latest and probably final version for **Windows 98** and **ME** is [PAF Insight] version 2006.11.4". The CD contains this version and the 2007 version so you can install the appropriate one for your computer. If you upgrade to a newer computer with **Windows 2000, XP** or **Vista**, you can use the same CD, license key and username to install PAF Insight onto your new computer.

- Calendar Item: 2007 BYU Family History and Genealogy Conference July 31-August 3, 2007 PAF Insight vendor display, a PAF Insight class Wednesday, Aug 1st at 5:15 p.m. and other genealogy classes. To learn more or register, go to http://ce.byu.edu/cw/cwgen/

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