

Chapter 10 - Customizing Reports

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General Overview

The Master Genealogist™ (TMG) is well known for its powerful reporting capabilities. TMG offers a wide range of reports in a number of different formats including charts, forms, narratives, lists, publication tools, and statistical. Coupled with the powerful filtering and sorting capabilities and the ability to define and assign an unlimited number of Flags, TMG offers unparalleled flexibility to output

the data held within its projects. The reports listed by category in *Table 10-1* are covered on the following pages in alphabetical order except for Visual Chartform™ charts, which are covered in detail in *Chapter 13, Generating Charts For Use in Visual Chartform™* and *Chapter 14, Working With Charts in Visual Chartform™*.

This chapter describes how to create reports using TMG, and is divided into three parts. The first part covers The Report Definition Process, a step-by-step approach to transform your data into useful information that can be displayed on your screen, output to a printer, or saved to one of several industry standard file types including the native format of some popular word processing programs. It also includes an overview of those screens that are common to several reports. The second part covers some General Report Considerations

The third part of the chapter devotes a separate section to each of the standard TMG report types listed in *Table 10-1*. It is organized alphabetically by report with each section containing an overview of the report, the process used to create it and in some cases one or more examples.

The Report Definition Process

The **Report Definition Screen** (see *Figure 10-1*) is your gateway to running standard reports, as well as defining, saving and running custom reports. TMG's standard reports are designed to meet the general needs of most researchers, and can be run *as is* without customization. TMG defaults to the standard version of each report type until you customize and run a different version of it. To run a report, simply select the subject(s), select the report destination and click [Print & Save].

Report Definition Screen

The **Report Definition Screen** is also your key to unlocking TMG's comprehensive customization capabilities. Click the [Options] button to open the

Category	Report Type	
Charts	Descendant Indented	
	Pedigree	
	Pedigree – Compressed	
	Relationship	
	Visual Chartform™	Ahnentafel, Columnar
		Ancestor Box
		Descendant Box
Fan		
	Hourglass Box	
Forms	Ahnentafel – Direct Line, Columnar	
	Family Group Sheet	
	Individual Detail	
	Kinship	
	Ahnentafel	
Narratives	Ahnentafel – Direct Line	
	Descendant Indented	
	Individual Narrative	
	Journal	
Lists	Citations	
	Events	
	Names	
	People	
	Places	
	Repositories	
	Sources	
	Tag Types	
	Tasks	
	Witnesses	
	Publication Tools	Bibliography
Endnotes		
Statistic	Audit	
	Data Set Information	
	Data Set Information	
	Statistical Report	

Table 10-1: Report Categories and Types