

Chapter 12 - Multimedia and Exhibits

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This chapter will address three features of The Master Genealogist™: **Exhibit Log**, **Slideshow Manager**, and **Slideshow Viewer**. In addition, I have included some opinions and information that pertains to images, file storage, and so on in: Image Information. If you are not familiar with the basics of digital image files, you may want to read that information first. Hopefully, it will help you understand other topics.

Topic headings that begin with a noun and end with a question mark like “Exhibit Log?” can be read as, “What is the Exhibit Log?” Topic headings that begin with a verb and end with a question mark such as “Attach an Exhibit?” can be read as; “How do I attach an Exhibit?”

The term “Frame” is used in **Slideshow Manager** and in **Visual Chartform™** (VCF). To avoid confusion I will use the term “slide” instead of “frame” when referring to the objects that represent exhibits in the Image Lists.

When instructions are given, they will be based on the SAMPLE Project included with TMG.

Alternative methods are lettered, i.e.: “A”, “B”, “C”, etc.

Numbered steps have a close parenthesis after the number, i.e.: “1)”, “2)”, “3)”, etc.

Multimedia

Multimedia in The Master Genealogist™ can be almost anything that can be seen or heard on your computer. This includes images, audio, video (movie), text or any object produced by an OLE (Object Linking or Embedding) compliant application

Exhibit Log


The **Exhibit Log** is the feature used to add exhibits to The Master Genealogist™ and to access those exhibits. An Exhibit is any media object that is attached to: a person, an event, a Source, a Repository, or attached as a general topic.

Types Of Media Used With The Exhibit Log

Almost any kind of media may be used, such as: image, audio, video, text, and OLE objects. If the item you would like to exhibit is not one of the first four types, it will then fall into the OLE object category. If you have an OLE compliant application on your computer, anything that can be shown using that application can be linked to The Master Genealogist. Keep in mind that an OLE exhibit sent to **Slideshow Manager** and included in an exported slideshow cannot be viewed unless the recipient of the show has the file and the application to open that file.

Open Exhibit Log?


There are three ways to open the **Exhibit Log**:

- A. Press <Ctrl>+<F12>.
- B. Click on the **Exhibit Log** button (the one showing a camera  on the Toolbar.
- C. Click on the **Tools > Exhibit (multimedia) Log** menu item.

Attach An Image, Text, Audio, Or Video File?

You first determine what the object will be attached to: Person, Event, Source, Repository, or General. Then follow the steps below.

Add An Exhibit For A Person?

- 1) Go to Person View for the correct person.
- 2) Click the  (**Exhibit Log**) button.
- 3) Right-click on a blank area of the **Image list** of **Exhibit Log**. (The area where thumbnails are displayed is called the **Image list**.) From the menu select the proper media type and a directory box will appear. Go to the proper folder and select the desired file. Click **[OK]** and the media file will be added to **Exhibit Log**.

Add An Exhibit For An Event?

- 1) Go to Person View for the correct person.
- 2) Double-click on the event so that the Tag Entry window opens