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The Online Tracker is Here!

The Online Tracker (OLT) for The Family History Guide has been in beta for about a month, and we are happy to announce that it's live on the website now. The purpose is to provide an online tool to help you keep track of your progress using The Family History Guide. You can access the OLT in either the Training or Misc. drop-down menu from any page on the website (<https://thefhguide.com/login>).



(The Word-based version of the Tracker is still available for those who prefer it. It's available right below the OLT in the Training and Misc. menus.)

Getting Started

When you access the OLT, you'll see the login page.

Login

Username or Email: Password:

Don't have an account with us? [Register](#).

If you are new to the OLT, you'll need to create an account. Click **Register** to get started, and fill in the username, email, and password fields. Then click the Register button to create your account. *Note:* The Family History Guide does not share any of this information with others.

Register

Please register to use our online project tracker.

Username:

Email:

Password:

Retype Password:

Already have an account? [Login](#).

At the login screen, type your username or email address, and password, and click **Login**. You will then see the main screen for the OLT.



Online Project Tracker

Welcome to the Family History Guide online project tracker! internet access.

Project 1: [Family Tree](#)
 Project 2: [Memories](#)
 Project 3: [Descendants](#)
 Project 4: [Discover](#)
 Project 5: [Indexing](#)
 Project 6: [Help](#)
 Project 7: [Tech](#)
 Project 8: [DNA](#)

To choose another Project in the OLT, select it in the blue menu bar at the top of the screen (partial menu shown):



To log out of the Tracker, click **Logout**. The information you entered is saved in the online database and will appear the next time you log in.

Exercises and the Tracker

Setting the Status level for each Choice is an important Tracker activity to measure progress. "Not started" and "Started" are easy enough to figure out, but how do you know if you are "Good" or "Proficient" in a certain Choice?

That's where the new enhancements to the Exercises come into play. Rather than having a general exercise to do at the end of a Choice, you will soon be able to complete a "Good" or a "Proficient" version of the exercise. Then you can set your Tracker status more objectively: finish the exercise, and you can slide the bar. Individuals can set their Status levels, or instructors or consultants can do that, depending on the learning situation.

It will take a while to create all these new Exercise versions and post them on the website, but we see these as high-priority items that will establish a stronger link between the site and the Tracker. Look for them soon, beginning in Project 1, then the other 7 main Projects, and finally all of the Country pages.



In addition to the Goals and Choices from The Family History Guide, you'll see boxes for typing notes, as well as the Status and Date area. To set your skill level for a particular Choice, slide the bar until it indicates the level you are at.

STATUS	DATE
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <input type="range" value="3"/> </div> <div style="margin-left: 10px;">Proficient</div> </div>	Mar 9 2017
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <input type="range" value="3"/> </div> <div style="margin-left: 10px;">Proficient</div> </div>	Feb 14 2017
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <input type="range" value="2"/> </div> <div style="margin-left: 10px;">Good</div> </div>	Feb 14 2017
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <input type="range" value="1"/> </div> <div style="margin-left: 10px;">Started</div> </div>	Feb 14 2017
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <input type="range" value="0"/> </div> <div style="margin-left: 10px;">Not Started</div> </div>	

Notes are recorded when you move the cursor to another field; the Status is updated immediately; and the Date is recorded when you leave the screen and return to it.

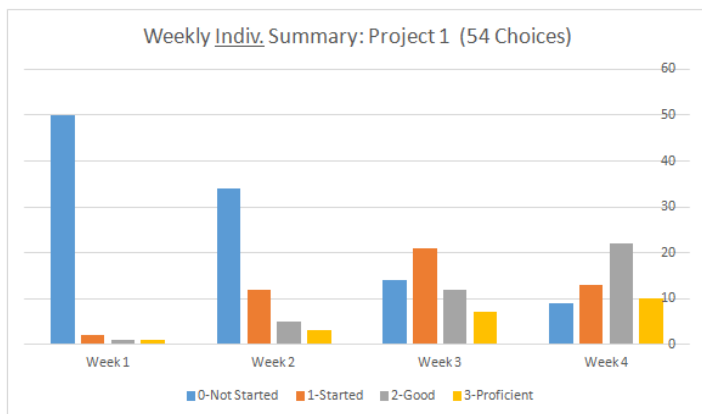


Sneak Peek: Report Sharing

In a previous newsletter article, we announced the concept of generating reports from the Online Tracker database in an upcoming OLT version. The feedback we got at RootsTech about the concept was overwhelmingly positive as well. So we wasted no time in getting started with the project: we are currently in the design phase and hope to have reporting and group features rolled out in phases this year.

Individual Reporting

In the upcoming OLT version, users will be able to run reports against the database to show their progress over time in The Family History Guide, using the Status indicators. Here's an example of what a simple report might look like for an individual user (subject to change; click to enlarge):



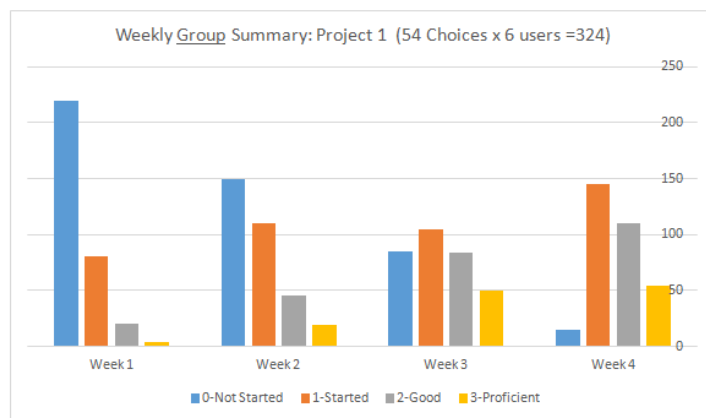
This chart shows how a user progressed (improved Status levels) in Project 1 over a four-week period. Reports could also be run for multiple Projects, showing all or selected Status values.

Group Reporting

The feature that generated the most buzz at our RootsTech booth was the Group Reporting feature. When consultants and trainers realized they would be able to run reports that capture progress for an

entire group they are responsible for, it was quite a popular idea.

Here is an example of a report that tracks progress for a group of 6 users in Project 1, over a 4-week period (subject to change; click to enlarge):



Group Reporting: Design Features

So how will the information be collected for these reports, and who can run them? The answers are in the design, and we are sharing the basic design elements here so you'll have a chance to see how it should work, as well as offer any suggestions you might have.

Here is a brief list of the design features we are working towards. (Please note that this list is subject to change.)

Permissions

1. You can request permission to run reports on other users' progress data (Status levels).
2. You can grant, deny, or remove permission for other users to access your progress data.
3. You can block users from sending you requests.

Notifications

1. You can receive notifications on The Family History Guide website, or via email, about permissions.



2. You can control which email notifications you receive (if any).
3. You can unsubscribe from email notifications by clicking a link in an email. Email notifications have an "unsubscribe" link that takes you to a settings page, where you can opt out of emails.
4. You will be notified, by email or on the website, if your permission request is accepted or denied, or if a user withdraws a permission.

Groups / Sharing

1. You can choose to not participate in progress sharing (and to re-participate at any point).
2. You can take the email addresses of those who have given you tracking permission and organize them into groups with names.
3. Each email group exists only for the user who created it.
4. You can change the names of my groups and add and remove email addresses from those groups at any time.
5. You can run reports against any or all of your email groups.
6. You can see a list of groups you have created and users you've granted permissions to.

and the experience Dallis has in this area should prove to be invaluable.

Dallis Pierson received his Bachelors of Science at Utah State University and Masters of Public Health at the University of North Carolina. He was the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Utah Foster Care Foundation, a position he held for eight years prior to retirement. He privatized a portion of Utah's child welfare services from government to a non-profit organization. He was also a member of the Board of Directors for the Child Welfare League of America, located in Washington, D.C.

Prior to the Utah Foster Care Foundation, he was employed by the American Red Cross for 12 years. Regional Executive Officer for the eight Mountain West States for the American Red Cross, where he restructured and streamlined 217 local chapters and organized disaster relief in Utah, California and Cambodia. Prior to the Red Cross, he was Executive Director of the American Lung Association of Nevada, where he wrote and lobbied successfully for the first statewide no-smoking law.

He and his wife Vicki have four children, ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren. They have been to all seven continents, have visited over 65 countries and visited all 50 states in the USA.

New Advisory Board Member: Dallis Pierson

We are pleased to announce that Dallis Pierson has joined the Advisory Board for The Family History Guide. Our company is looking to add a non-profit foundation (501c3),



Tips and Tricks

Here are a few tips about using The Family History Guide that you might not be aware of:

Facebook and What's New

Besides this newsletter, there are two places where you can find out about the latest updates to The Family History Guide:

- Our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/TheFamilyHistoryGuide)



- The What's New page on the website (select What's New from the More menu).

These pages are updated about once a week.

Prince Edward Island

It may be the smallest Canadian province in area, but it's a fascinating place and now has its own Province page in The Family History Guide:

<http://www.thefhguide.com/q-canada/project-q-ca-pei.html>

Printing the FHG

Printing pages from The Family History Guide has now been improved. Whether you print to paper or a PDF, the header and footer content is suppressed so that all the main content appears correctly. Large graphics are also suppressed to save space. These printing improvements also apply to the Online Tracker.

Apr. 22—Roosevelt UT Family History Fair

Bob Ives will present two classes on The Family History Guide: "Introduction to The Family History Guide" and "The Family History Guide for Consultants, Teachers and Trainers". Stay tuned for details.

Apr. 29—Spanish Fork UT Family History Fair

Bob Ives will present two classes on The Family History Guide: "Introduction to The Family History Guide". Stay tuned for details.



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On the Horizon

We will be at all Family History Fairs and events listed below. For details, see the Events link on the website for details (www.thefhguide.com/events.html).

Apr. 6—BYU Webinar: International Research with The Family History Guide

To register for the webinar, visit <https://sites.lib.byu.edu/familyhistory/classes-and-webinars/online-webinars/>. The webinar will be posted on YouTube and a link added to our website about one week later.