Using Microsoft Word to Write Your Family History

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Thank you for registering for the course, Using Microsoft® Word to Write Your Family History!

Compiling your research into a published work can add years to your family history project. Microsoft® Word can help! In this online seminar, our authors, genealogists, and publishing experts will demonstrate how you can maximize Word's existing functions to streamline your writing process, saving you time and resulting in a professional and easy-to-reference finished product, NOTE: We will be using Office 365 Microsoft Word version 16 on a PC throughout the session, however, we will provide Mac shortcuts. All the functions we will demonstrate are also available on earlier versions of Microsoft Word.

This course includes one 3-hour online broadcast, exclusive access to a recording of the presentation, handouts and templates, and indepth Q&A sessions with the instructors. Students will also have access to select introductory videos that discuss common genealogical formats.

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Saturday, January 15 1:00 - 4:00 PM EST

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BEFORE THE SEMINAR ...

It's important to familiarize yourself with the basic steps of writing and publishing your family history and the standard genealogical formats. We suggest watching—and perhaps rewatching—this presentation before our live session on Saturday, January 15.



The Basics, Slides Worksheet The Basics, Slides (large) The Basics, Handout

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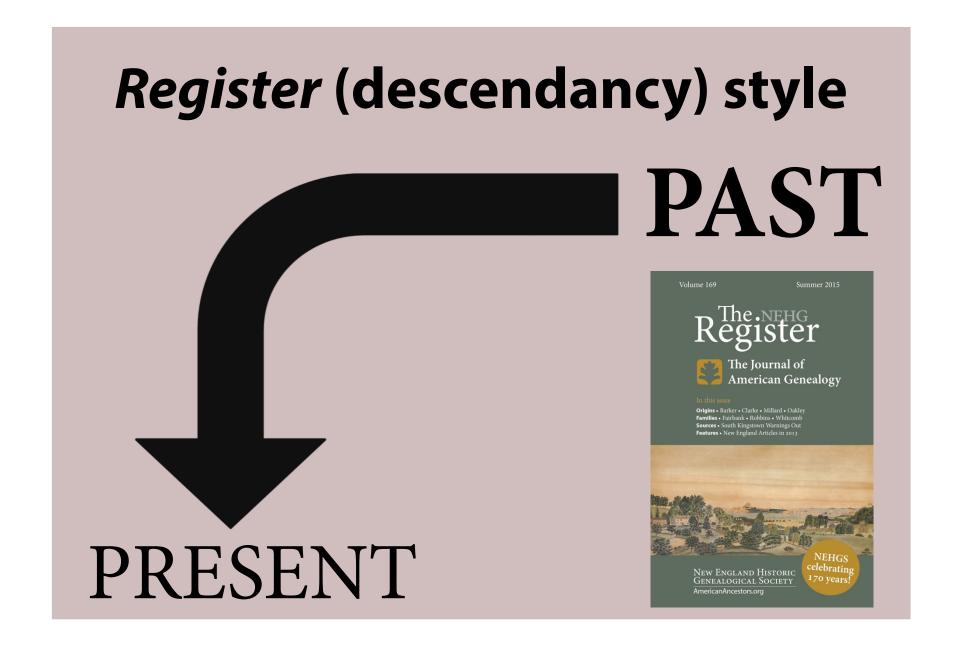
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Standard genealogical formats

- Register style (descendancy format)
- Ahnentafel (ancestor table)



Main person and spouse(s)

- full names
- vital statistics, with dates and places

Children

- full names
- vital statistics
- abbreviated format
- identification numbers for any child who will be treated in full

Register example

MORGAN FAMILY

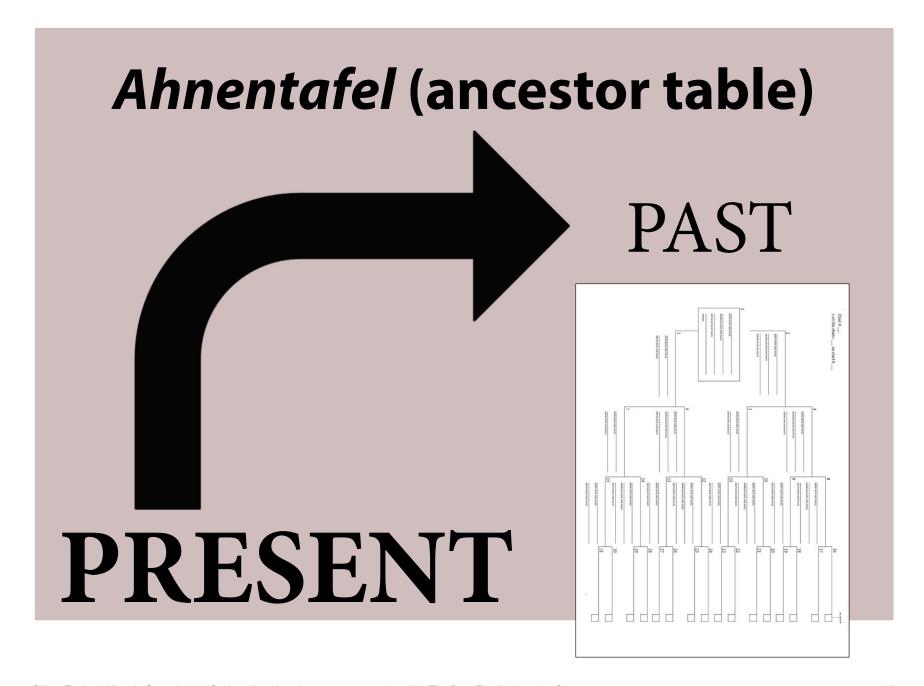
FIRST GENERATION

1. Henry¹ Morgan was born possibly at Thenglenogg, Monmouthshire, Wales, 24 September 1820, son of _____ and Mary (_____) Morgan. He died at Lewis Township, Cass County, Iowa, 7 July 1885.¹ He married at Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, 11 May 1845, WINIFRED CATHERINE JONES. She was born at Thenglenogg, 29 December 1821. She died at Lewis Township, 9 December 1904.²

After moving from Wisconsin to Cass Township, Cass County, Henry Morgan, in addition to buying farmland, set up the Morgan Livery Stable with a delivery barn in the old town of Lewis next to a hotel. Several sons were most likely engaged in the operation of this stable.³

Children of Henry and Winifred Catherine (Jones) Morgan:⁴

- WILLIAM HENRY² MORGAN, b. Dodgeville, Iowa Co., Wisc., 3 April 1846; m. NANCY ANN PICKER ELL.⁵
- 3 ii. JOHN SAMUEL MORGAN, b. Dodgeville, 20 Feb. 1848; m. SARAH JANE CLARK.⁶
- 4 iii. JOSEPH R. MORGAN, b. Fennimore, Grant Co., Wisc., 30 June 1850; m. FLORENCE A. STONER.⁷
 - iv. Benjamin Franklin Morgan, b. Fennimore, 18 April. 1852; d. Canton, Dakota Territory, 24 June 1876, of drowning; bur. Oakwood Cemetery, Lewis, Cass County, Iowa. At the age of 24, Benjamin accidentally drowned in the Little Sioux River in the Canton Territory of Dakota. No one knows why he went to the Dakota Territory. His brother Joe brought his body back to Lewis, Iowa, for burial.8
- 5 v. George Olin Morgan, b. Fennimore, 18 Sept. 1855; m. Elizabeth Black. 9
- 6 vi. Albert Barnes Morgan, b. Watterstown, Grant Co., Wisc., 24 Sept. 1858; m. Ellie Mariah "Ella" Graham. 10
- 7 vii. Lucinda Amenda Morgan, b. Watterstown, 8 July 1861; m. Mark M. Byrne. 11



Couple

- full names
- vital statistics, with dates and places

Ahnentafel example

- 3948. Thomas Huckins was born circa 1617 and died at sea, being "cast away," 9 November 1679. He married first at Barnstable, Massachusetts, 1642, Mary Wells, who died in 1648. He married second at Barnstable, 3 November 1648,
- 3949. **Rose** (____) **Hilyer**, who was born circa 1616 and died in 1687. 422
- 3950. John Chipman was born at Brinspittle [Bryanspuddle], Dorset, circa 1620, and died at Sandwich, Massachusetts, 7 April 1708, aged 87 years. He married second, circa 1685, Ruth (Sargeant) (Winslow) Bourne, who was born at Charlestown, Massachusetts, 25 October 1642 and died at Sandwich, 4 October 1713, widow of Jonathan Winslow of Marshfield, Massachusetts, and the Rev. Richard Bourne of Sandwich. John married first at Rocky Nook, then a part of Plymouth but now in Kingston, Massachusetts, circa 1646,
- 3951. HOPE HOWLAND, who was born at Plymouth 30 August 1629 and died at Barnstable, Massachusetts, 8 January 1683/84, at 54 years of age.

John arrived at Plymouth in May 1637, when 16 years of age, with his older cousin, Richard Derby, serving as Richard's servant. He worked in Plymouth as a carpenter until 1642, when he apparently returned to Dorset, perhaps to comply with the law requiring all men to swear fidelity to the king in the Protestation Returns of 1641–42, in order to protect their rights to inherit property there. He soon returned to Plymouth. By 1649 John and Hope had moved to Barnstable. They owned eight acres of land, bounded on the north by the County Road (now Route 6A), on the east by the road to Hyannis, on the south by the commons, and on the west by the homestead of George Lewis Sr. About 1659, the Chipmans moved to the Great Marshes (West Barnstable, near the Sandwich line). He served Barnstable both as representative to the Colonial Court and as selectman. After his second marriage, he moved to Sandwich. He died testate. Hope is buried at Lothrop Hill Cemetery in Barnstable. John and his second wife are buried in the Bourne lot at the Old Town Cemetery in Sandwich.

3952-4031.

- 4032. Henry Green was born circa 1619–22 (age about 30 in 1652, about 40 in 1659, and about 54 in 1673), and died at Hampton, New Hampshire, 5 August 1700, aged above 80 years. He married second at Hampton, 10 March 1690/91, Mary (Hussey) Page, who died 21 January 1733, widow of Thomas Page. (She married third Capt. Henry Dow.) Henry Green married first,
- 4033. MARY _____, who died at Hampton 26 April 1690.

Henry first appears at Ipswich, Massachusetts, in 1642 but he had settled in Hampton by May 1644, when he owned land there. By 1653 he had settled on the south side of the

Adding genealogical content



Enter data following the chosen format.



Add the key events in the subjects' lives.



Consistency leads to clarity!

Vital data

FRANCESCO ROSARIO "FRANK" TAORMINA was born in Partanna, Trapani, Sicily, Italy, 9 September 1891. He died in Pompano Beach, Broward County, Florida, 18 November 1982, and was buried at Brookside Cemetery in Englewood, Bergen County, New Jersey. He married at St. Mary's Church in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, 27 October 1926, JOSEPHINE ACCARDO.

Document your facts

- Cite as you write!
- Give sources for everything—footnoting at the end of the relevant sentence, or the end of the paragraph—or giving a list of references.
- Let your audience determine the formality of your citation style.

The format is your friend.

The format will guide you as you enter information.

Write:

- generation by generation
- family group by family group



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Using Keyboard Shortcuts



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Genealogist



Becoming familiar with the various keyboard shortcuts will help save time as you write.

Create a "cheat sheet"

Helpful PC and Mac Keyboard Shortcuts

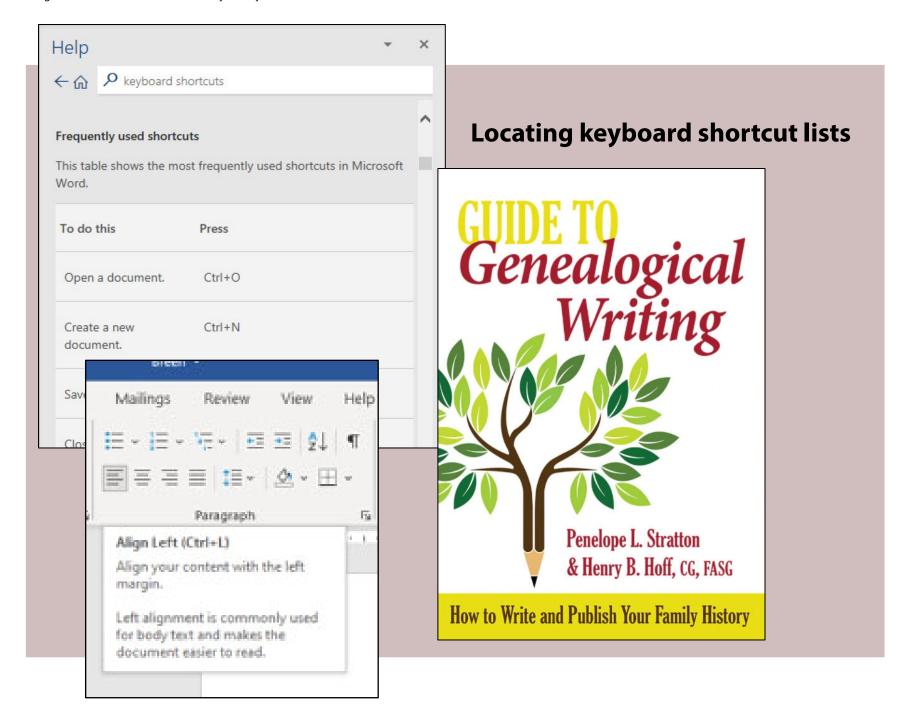
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Paste selected text/graphic	CTRL + V	₩ + V
Print	CTRL + P	₩ + P
Find a word or phrase	CTRL + F	₩+F
Replace text	CTRL + H	Ж + H
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Apply bold formatting	CTRL + B	₩ + B
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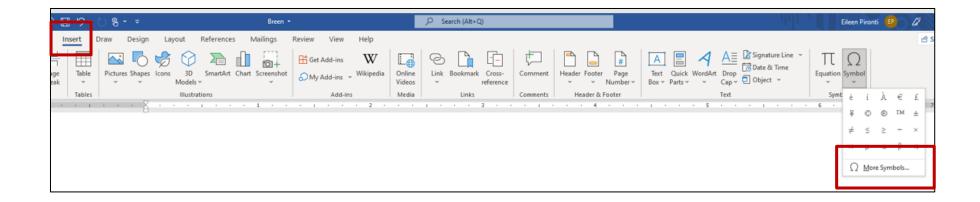
 Keep a list of keyboard shortcuts handy as you work

^{**} For Mac users, # key is also known as the Cmd (Command) key; Option key is also known as the Alt key.



[•] A wide variety of useful shortcuts are available





Keyboard Shortcut:

PC: CTRL + SHIFT + SPACEBAR

Mac: OPTION +

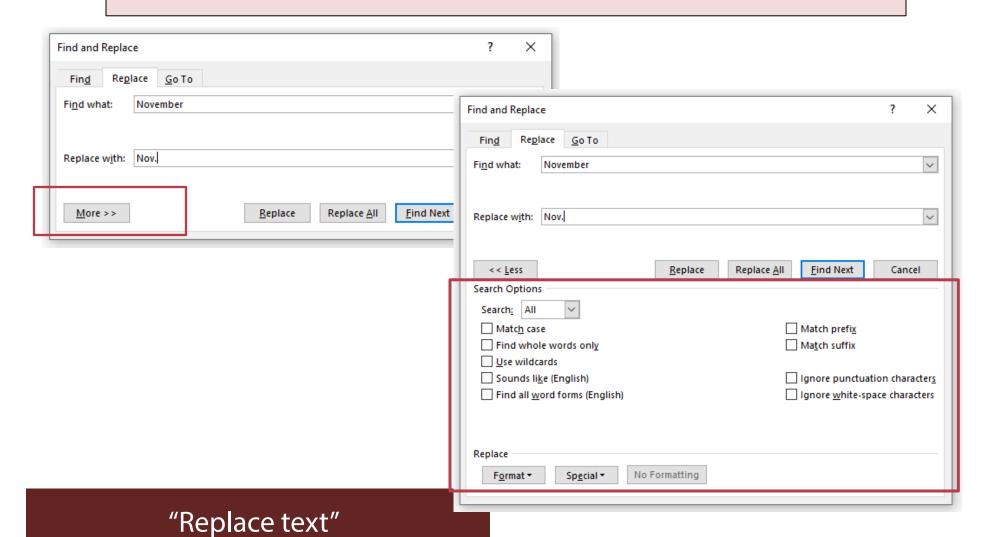
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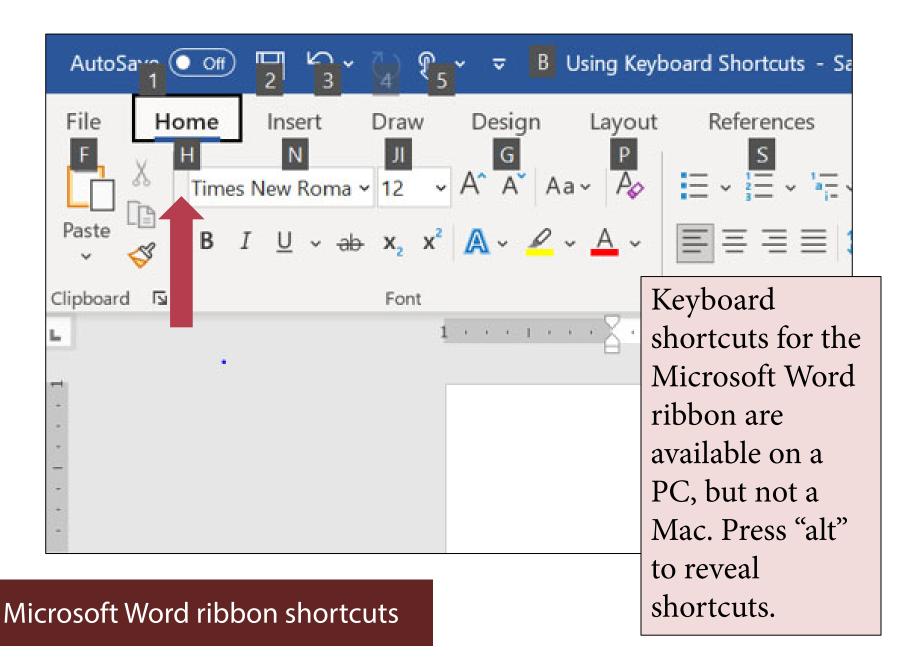
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"Insert non-breaking space"

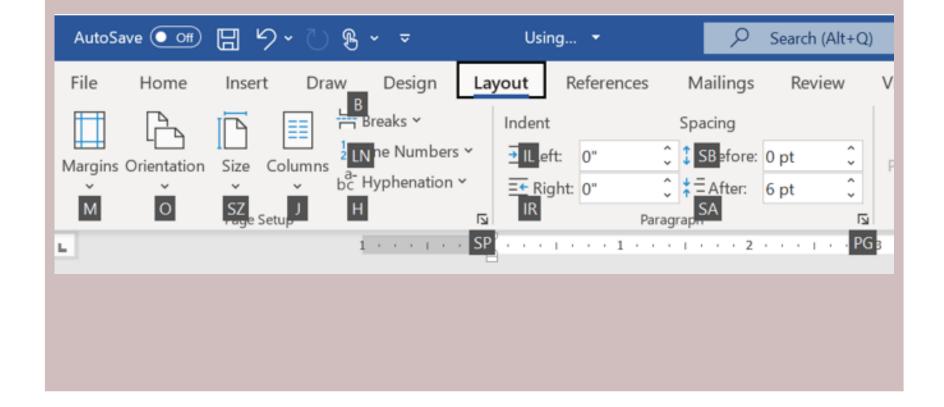
Keyboard Shortcut:

PC: CTRL + H Mac: $\Re + H$





Keyboard Shortcut Options for Layout Tab



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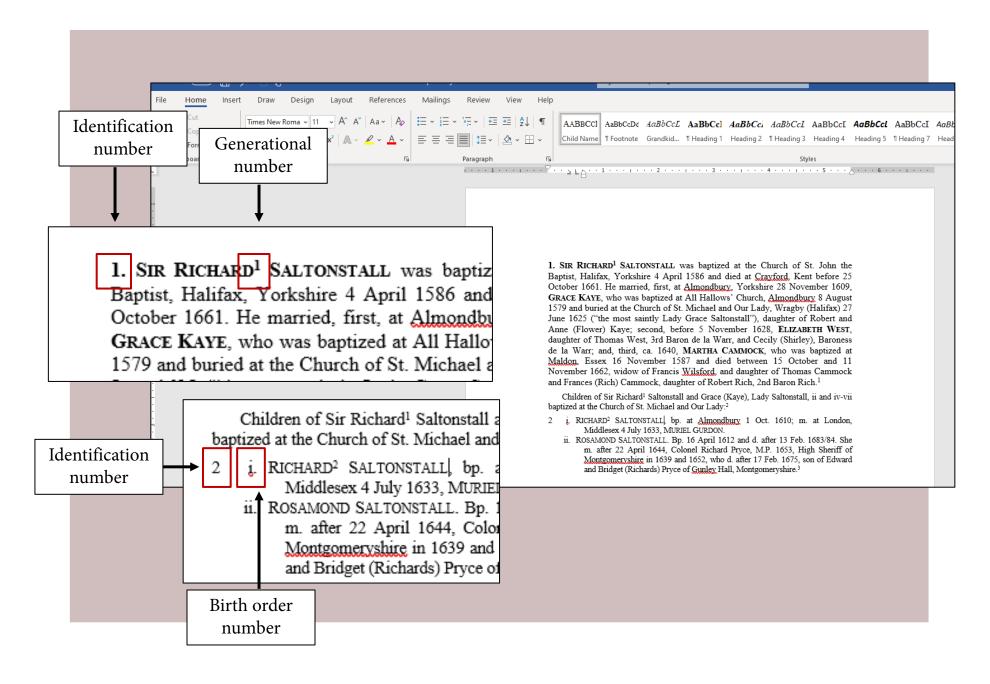
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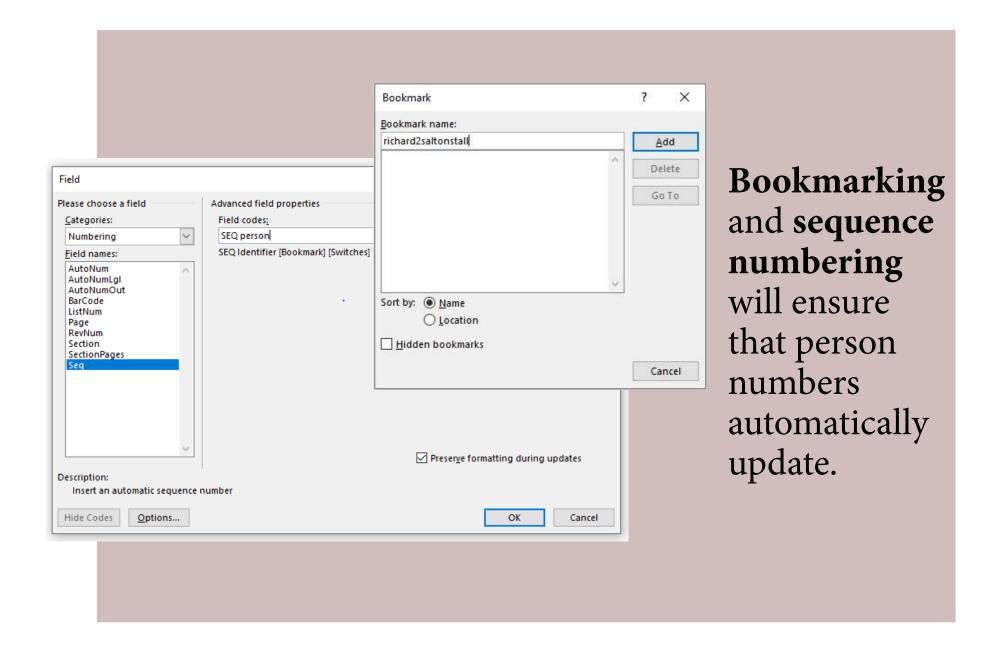
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Automatic Numbering



Voice of Eileen Pironti Genealogist





Three steps to ensure automatic numbering

- Inserting and naming a bookmark in the child list
- 2. Inserting a sequence-numbering field in the child list
- 3. Inserting a sequence-numbering field in the main sketch

Before you begin



Turn off automatic list numbering

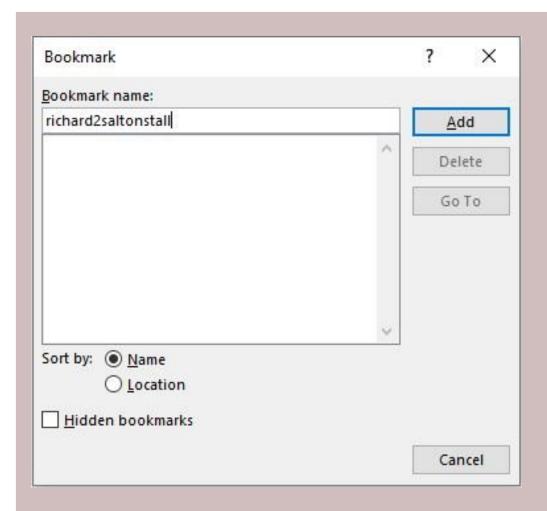
- PC: File > Options > Proofing
 Mac: Tools > AutoCorrect
- 2. Select AutoCorrect Options.
- 3. Select AutoFormat As You Type.
- 4. Deselect Automatic numbered lists.

Step 1: Bookmarking

- A bookmark marks a particular location in your document
- You assign a name to the bookmark, which enables you to search for it later by that name.

 Highlight the person's name where it appears at the beginning of the sketch.

2. *PC* and *Mac*: Click Insert > Bookmark. [If you don't see "Bookmark", it may be under the "Links" dropdown.]



- 3. Select a unique name for your person. For example,
 Richard2Saltonstall.

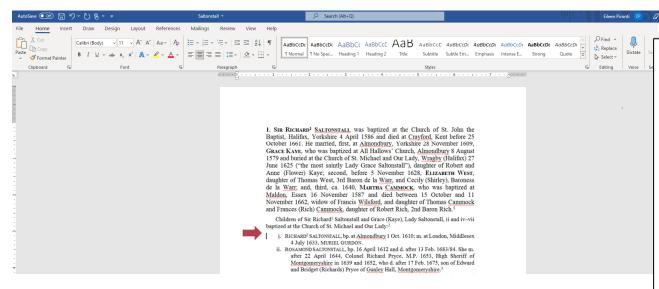
 The name cannot have spaces.
- 4. Click Add.

Bookmark every child who will be "carried forward" to his or her own sketch.



Even if you are not sure if a child will be carried forward, bookmark him or her.

Step 2: Inserting a sequenced number in the child list

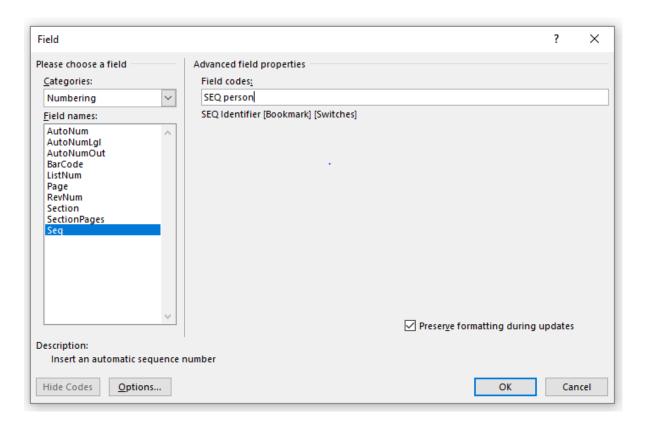


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- **+**
- RICHARD² SALTONSTALL, bp. at Almondbury 1 Oct. 1610; m. at London, Middlesex 4 July 1633, MURIEL GURDON.
- ii. ROSAMOND SALTONSTALL, bp. 16 April 1612 and d. after 13 Feb. 1683/84. She m. after 22 April 1644, Colonel Richard Pryce, M.P. 1653, High Sheriff of Montgomeryshire in 1639 and 1652, who d. after 17 Feb. 1675, son of Edward and Bridget (Richards) Pryce of Gunley Hall, Montgomeryshire.³

1. Click where you want to insert your number (see arrow example). In this case, place it immediately before the lower-case roman numeral next to Richard² Saltonstall.

2. For *PC* select Insert > Quick Parts > Field For *Mac* select Insert > Field



- 3. In the Categories list, select "Numbering."
- 4. In the Field names list, select "Seq."
- 5. In Field Codes, type "person" after "SEQ."
- 6. Ensure "Preserve formatting during updates" is selected.
- 7. Click OK.

The next number in the named sequence appears.

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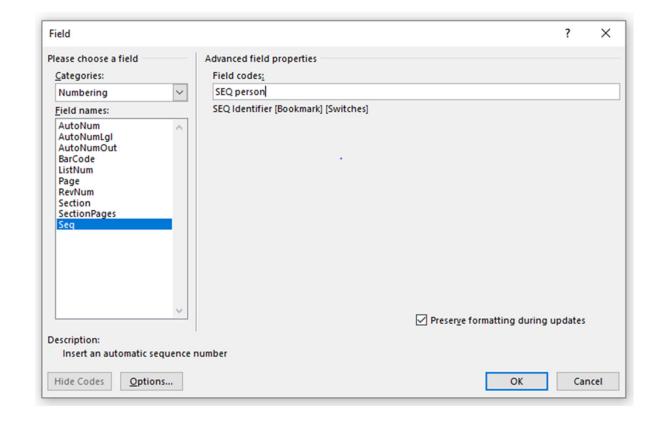


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When you are ready to insert the main sketch for person number 2, that is where your earlier bookmarking comes into play.

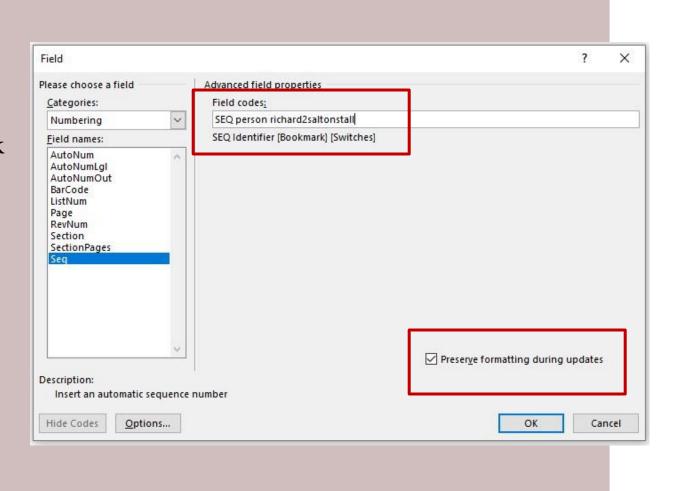
Step 3: Inserting the appropriate sequenced number in the person's main sketch

- Click where you want the person number to appear.
- 2. Follow the earlier instructions for inserting a field.

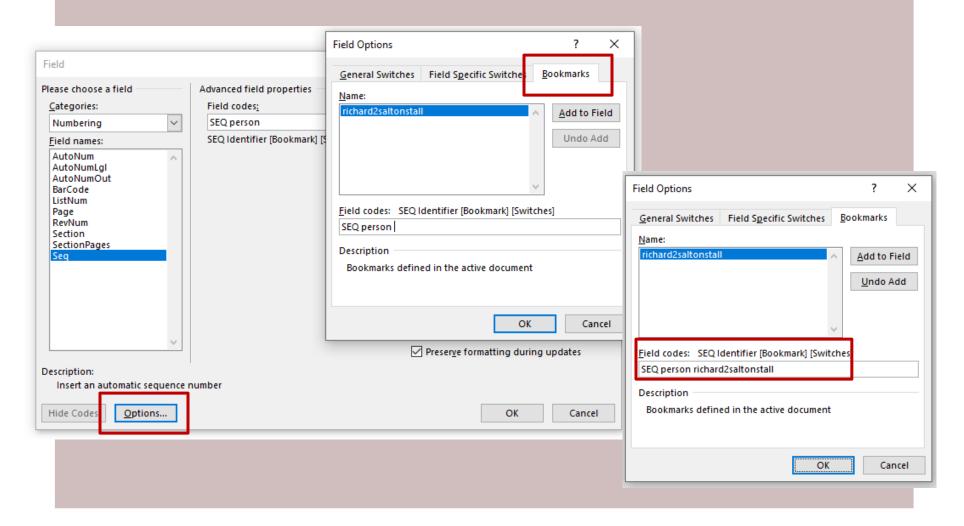


3. Following "person" and a space, type the name of the bookmark you have assigned the person (Richard2Saltonstall)

Ensure that "Preserve formatting during updates" is checked, then click OK.



Alternative method for task 3



The number appears immediately before the name. Add a period and space after the number.

2RICHARD² SALTONSTALL (Sir Richard¹) was baptized at All Hallows' Church, Almondbury, Yorkshire 1 October 1610, died at Hulme, Lancashire 29 April, and was buried at St. James' Church, Didsbury, Lancashire 2 May 1694. He married at the Church of Allhallows, Honey Lane, London 4 July 1633, MURIEL GURDON, who died at Hulme 21/22 April and was buried at St. James' Church 25 April 1688, daughter of Brampton and Muriel (Sedley) Gurdon. ¹⁵

When inserting the numbers as you type or "retrofit" an existing manuscript, the numbers won't automatically change until you officially update all fields.

PC: Ctrl + A, F9 Mac: Command + A, Option + 9

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Editing: why, when, who?

Why?

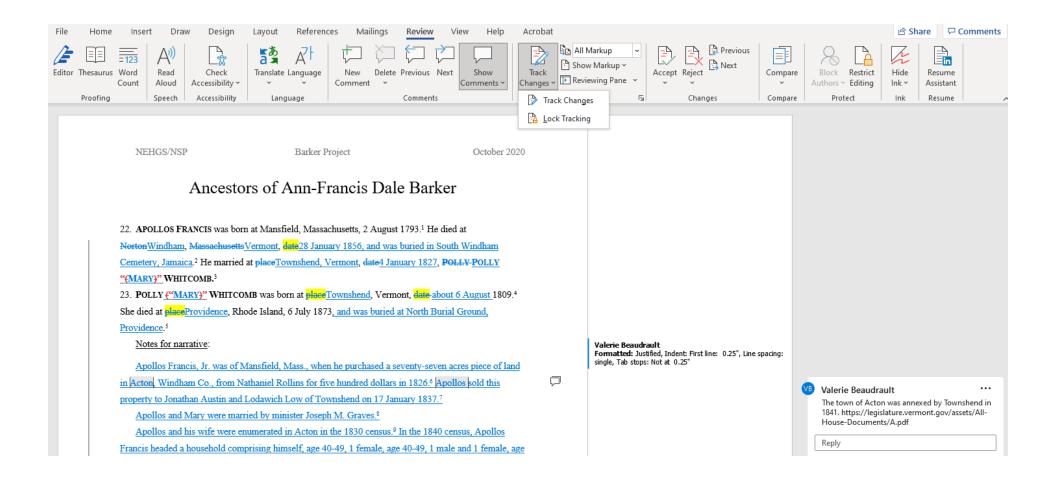
- Automatic spell checker is not enough.
- No one can write perfectly the first time through.
- You've written over a period of years.

When?

- You have a draft of some or all chapters.
- You have put the document in a different format.
- You've had a break from writing.

Who?

- You, because you know your content better than anyone else.
- Someone else, because you are too close to what you know better than anyone else.



Review tab

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Why, when, who?

Why?

- Design helps clarify structure.
- Font must be easily readable.
- Margins must be adequate if printing.

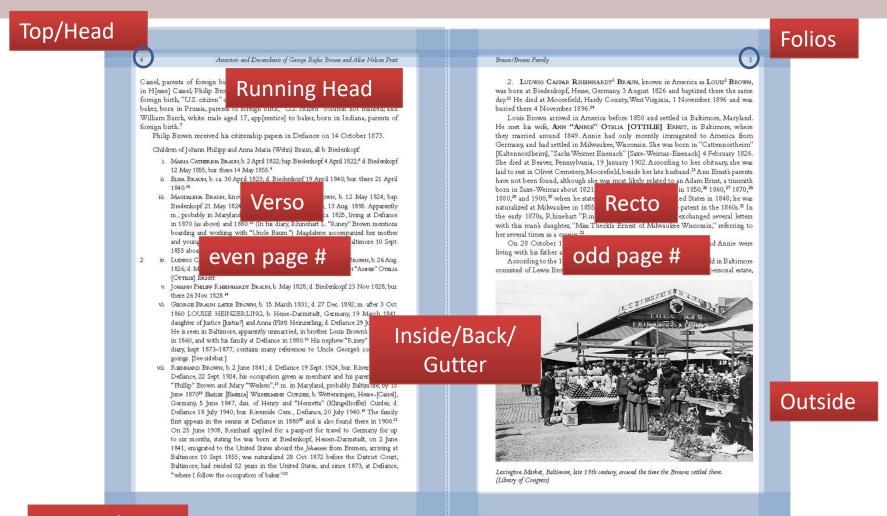
When?

- Your manuscript is edited and complete.
- All images are in hand.

Who?

- You, if you are feeling creative
- Designer or publisher

Layout Elements: Text



Bottom/Foot

Decisions to Make

• Trim size (dimensions)

 $6 \times 9, 7 \times 10, 8.5 \times 11, etc.$

Determined by look you want; length of book; capabilities of printer; cost

- Photos interspersed with text or in a photo insert?
- Narrative treatment?

Design Tips

- Full justification looks neater than unjustified text, but can lead to odd spacing between words
- Keep line length between 63 and 72 characters for easiest reading; for 8.5×11 books, use two columns
- Use a serif typeface for text; sans serif is difficult to read in long blocks
- Use a font size of 12 or 11 points
- Limit yourself to one or two typefaces
- Margins:
 - 6 x 9 book the gutter margin at least ¾", preferably 1"; all other ½"
 - For larger trim size (ex: 8.5 x 11), use 1" margins all around

Word as a Layout Program

- It's not!
- Can do the basics and key elements we've discussed
- Hire a designer if you want more

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Inserting Index Tags and Generating an Index



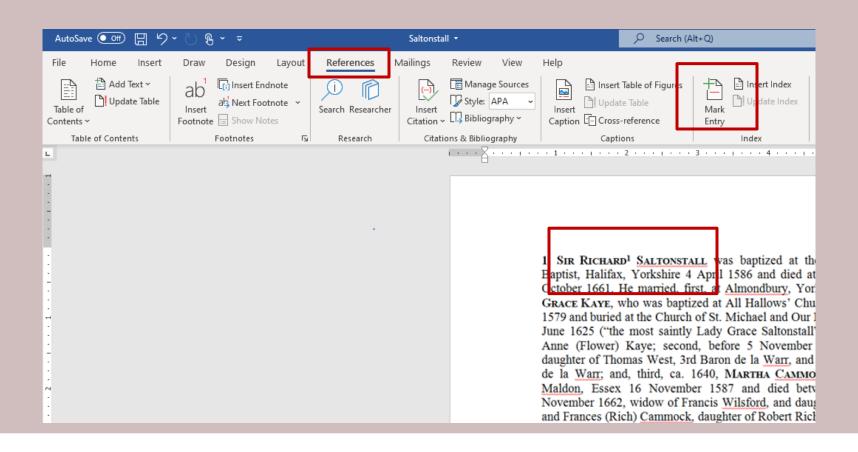
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Inserting index tags

Index tags may be added when writing or later as a separate process. It is advisable to wait, ideally once you know your text is final and not likely to change again.

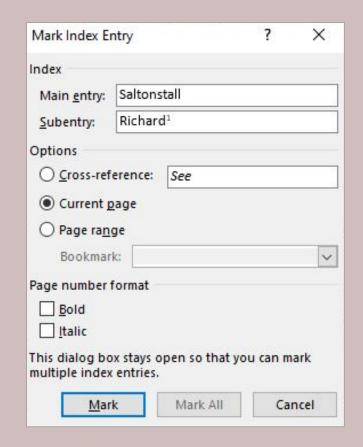
To begin the indexing process, select the text you wish to include in the index.

PC: References > Mark Entry *Mac*: Insert > Index and tables > Mark entry



This popup menu will appear

- Under "Main entry," type the surname.
- Under "Subentry," type the person's name. For multiple people with same name, include the superscript generational number.
- You also can style a page number, choosing "Bold" to indicate to the reader where the main sketch is located, or "Italic" to indicate the location of images pertaining to that individual.
- When finished, click "Mark."



When you click "Mark," your view of the text will change, showing hidden characters and the index tag. Tags like the one marked in red below can be seen throughout the example.

1. SIR·RICHARD
| | XE "Saltonstall:Richard" | SALTONSTALL was baptized at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Halifax, Yorkshire 4 April 1586 and died at Crayford, Kent before 25 October 1661. He married, first, at Almondbury, Yorkshire 28 November 1609, GRACE | XE "Kaye:Grace" | XE "Saltonstall:Grace (Kaye)" | KAYE, who was baptized at All Hallows' Church, Almondbury 8 August 1579 and buried at the Church of St. Michael and Our Lady, Wragby (Halifax) 27 June 1625 ("the most saintly Lady Grace Saltonstall"), daughter of Robert | XE "Kaye:Robert" | and Anne (Flower) | XE "Flower:Anne" | XE "Kaye:Anne (Flower)" | Kaye; second, before 5 November 1628, ELizabeth | XE "West:Elizabeth" | XE "Saltonstall:Elizabeth (West)" | West, daughter of Thomas | XE "West:Thomas" | West, 3rd Baron de la Warr, and Cecily | XE "Shirley:Cecily" | XE "West:Cecily (Shirley)" | (Shirley), Baroness de la Warr; and, third, ca. 1640, Martha | XE "Saltonstall:Martha (Cammock) (Wilsford)" | Cammock, who was baptized at Maldon, Essex 16 November 1587

Placenames, key topics, etc. can also be tagged for the index.

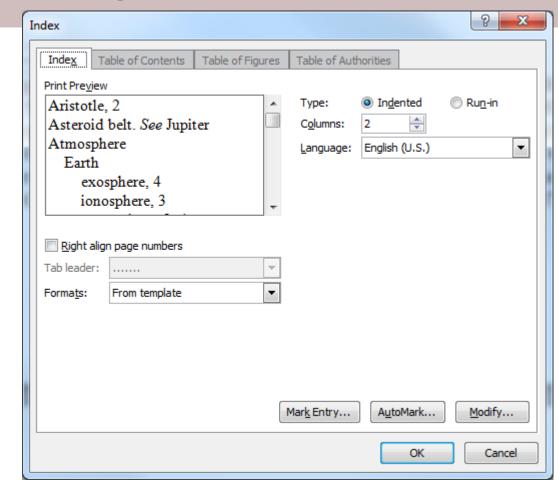
You can toggle back and forth between views by clicking the paragraph symbol under the Home menu.

Tagging the names of married women

Married women need at least two tags: one with maiden name as the main entry, and one with married surname as main entry. The subentry will be given as the name plus maiden name within parentheses.

Generating an index

- 1. Once you complete tagging the entries, go to the page where you want the index to appear.
- PC: References > Insert
 Index Mac: Insert >
 Index and Tables > Index
- 3. In the dialog box that appears, you can adjust the number of columns in the index, etc. For the most part you'll keep the defaults as is.
- 4. Click OK.



- If you make later edits to your document, be sure to add index tags for any new names or places and be sure to delete index tags for items you delete.
- If your pagination changes, the index tags will ensure that your index can always be generated with the correct page numbers. After you've added new tags, update your index:

PC: F9 Mac: Option + F9



You will still need to edit your index. You may want to add cross references between surnames or adjust the number of entries per column.

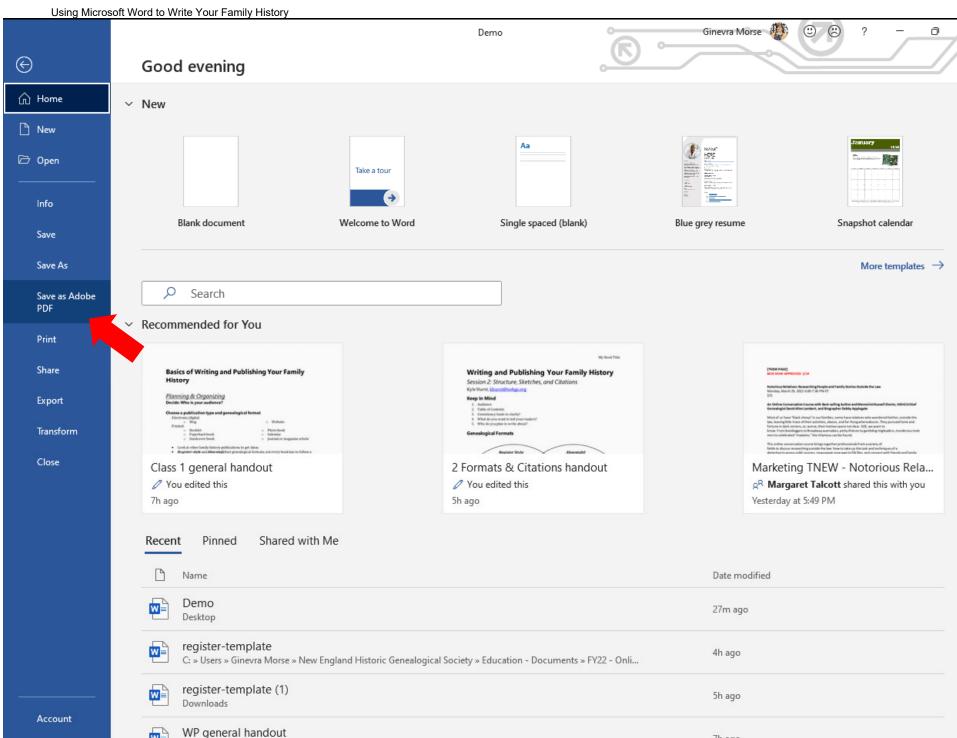
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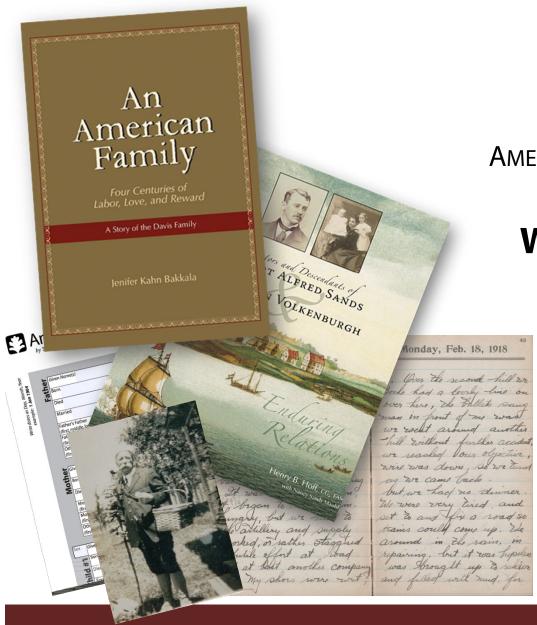
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 - Number of pages, with blanks identified
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 - Shipping instructions
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