

## **USING A GEDCOM FOR THE "UPDATE MY RECORDS" PROGRAM IN "TEMPLE-READY FOR WINDOWS"**

**Caution:** This will only work for certain genealogical computer programs.

If you're using PAF 3, 4, or 5 at home, the best way to use "Update My Records" is almost always to bring a backup of your entire database to the Family History Center. In fact, if you're using any version of PAF other than the very latest, your only option is to use a backup — a GEDCOM just won't work.

The problem is that the "Update My Records" program will not update a GEDCOM file. Instead, it creates a new "update" file whose name has an ".OUP" extension. This \*.OUP file was developed to be used in some other computer programs such as Legacy, Family Origins, RootsMagic, and Family Tree Maker. Hence, if you're using one of these other programs that can process a \*.OUP file, your best option is to bring a GEDCOM of your database and use it directly in "Update My Records".

However, the most recent PAF program (PAF 5.2.18.0) has also been given the capacity to process an \*.OUP file. Hence, if you're using PAF 5.2.18.0 and your database is so large that you can't get the backup on one diskette, you may prefer to make GEDCOMs of smaller portions of your database and use them instead of a backup.

If you're using any other program than one of the above, your best option would probably be to bring a GEDCOM and import it into a PAF 5 database. You could then process the PAF 5 database with "Update My Records", and make a printout of the updates. After that, you could type the updates from the printout into your program at home. (Another option would be to bring a GEDCOM of your entire database, import it into a PAF 5 database, process it with "Update My Records", make a new GEDCOM of the updated PAF 5 database, and import the updated GEDCOM into a new database at home to replace your original one.)

**The steps to follow with a PAF 5.2.18.0 GEDCOM:**

- 1. Insert your diskette (containing the GEDCOM file) into the A-Drive. Open "TempleReady for Windows" and click on the "Update My Records" button. The "Open" pop-up screen appears, showing a list of all the \*.paf files that are on the hard drive of the computer.**
- 2. Your GEDCOM file will not appear on this list, since it is not on the hard drive.**

To find and open it, you need to direct the computer to the A-Drive. Click on the right end of the "Look in:" box at the top of the "Open" screen, and choose the "3-1/2 Floppy (A:)" drive. The name of your GEDCOM file should then appear. Click on the name to highlight it, and then on the "Open" button. The "Select Families and Individuals" screen appears, showing an alphabetical list of the families in your database.

3. Select the families (or individuals) you want the computer to search for in the Ordinance Index, and click the "Next" button. (You can select all the names in your database, but if it's very large you would probably be wise to process only about forty families or about a hundred names at a time.)
4. Examine the possible matches the computer finds, and make your "Yes" and "No" decisions. (*Important: Never use the "Always Decide for Me" button! The computer often makes worse judgments than you would, and sometimes makes serious errors.*) When the computer finds no more matches, you will see the "Update My Records -- Results" screen. Make a printout by clicking on the "Print" button, and then click on the "Save Update File" button.
5. Insert a new diskette into the A-Drive for the update file (or you can use your original diskette that contains the GEDCOM, if there's enough room on it), and click "OK" on the pop-up screen. The computer then places an update file on your diskette that has the same name as the GEDCOM you started with, but its extension will be ".OUP" instead of ".ged". Exit the "TempleReady for Windows" program, and remove your diskette.

Getting the updated information into your database at home:

6. Insert the diskette with your update file into the A-Drive of your computer at home, and bring up your original database in PAF 5. Click on the "File" menu, and then on "Add TempleReady Update ...". On the pop-up screen that appears, click on the name of your \*.OUP file and then on the "Add" button.
7. A PAF Notepad screen will appear, with a report of the updates that were made in your database. You can make a printout if you like, either by choosing "Print" in the "File" menu or by pressing "Ctrl+P". You may then want to check your database to be sure the updates were made.