

CONVERTING TMG JOURNAL REPORTS TO REGISTER STYLE

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The idea for this paper, including the names and definitions of some of the styles and the creation of the footnote bracket macro, is taken from an article written by Helen Schatvet Ullman and appearing online at what is now *AmericanAncestors.org* in 2003. Ms. Ullman's template can be downloaded at: <http://www.americanancestors.org/register-template/>. The addendum of this article includes a list of the changes I made in the 2003 template's style structure.

This area introduces the problem or places your family in historical context. It can be created in TMG by adding a **JournalIntro** tag to the focus person. This, and all other paragraphs not part of the genealogical summary are written in "Body Text Indent" style. With the exception of the footnotes, paragraph styles in this document have been justified. Consider changing this to left-aligned in any paragraph style *except* the "Quotation" style.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

Generation One

1. **CONSTANCE VIOLET¹ PARSNIP** was born in Danville, Vermont, 19 January 1863.^[1] She died in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, 22 August 1913^[2] and was buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, 24 August 1913.^[3] She married in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, 7 June 1887, **LUTHER H. LOVAGE**.^[4] Luther H. Lovage was born in Peacham, Vermont, 10 June 1847, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Lovage.^[5] He had married (1) in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, 19 January 1878, Mary (Weekend) Fortnight.^[6] Luther died in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, 28

¹ Bureau of Pensions questionnaire, 15 Jan 1898, William Henry Parsnip (4th Vermont Infantry, pension 108,072, Pension Application Files Based upon Service in the Civil War and Spanish American War, 1861-1934; Department of Veterans Affairs, Record Group 15; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

² Obituary, "Recent Deaths - Lovage," clipping from unidentified newspaper, date written above the clipping, Radish Scrapbook.

³ Mt. Pleasant Cemetery (St. Johnsbury, Caledonia County, Vermont), Constance V. Parsnip tombstone; transcribed by Susan Goss Johnston, visit of 8 August 1980.

⁴ "Old-Time Hack Driver is Dead," Luther H. Lovage obituary, Friday, 29 December 1922, p. 1, col. 5, married Miss Constance Parsnip of Danville about 35 years ago, *The Caledonian Record (St. Johnsbury, Vermont)*.

⁵ United States Bureau of the Census, *1900 U.S. census, Caledonia Co., VT*, Luther H. Lovage household, St. Johnsbury Village, ED 54, p. 207B [sh. no. 20], dw. 397, fa. 499, b. June 1847; United States Bureau of the Census, *1920 U.S. census, Caledonia County, Vermont, population schedule.*, CD-ROM T625-1690 (Salt Lake City, Utah: Heritage Quest, 2000), Luke Lovage household, St. Johnsbury, ED 17, p. 224A [sh. no. 20A], dw. 311, fa. 508, age 72.

⁶ "Vermont Vital Records, 1760-1954," database and images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/> : accessed 22 August 2012), Luther N. Lovage - Mrs. Mary

December 1922^[7] and was buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, 30 December 1922.^[8]

The order of events in this paragraph, birth, death, burial, and marriage, followed by the spouse events, cannot be duplicated in TMG, but must be edited after the fact. The order of information in each event – place, then date – can be duplicated, though, by creating a new language for use in a *Register*-style report. When an event occurs in a New England town, the *Register* omits the county name. This can be tricky to reproduce automatically. If you specify a “Short place” for all New England towns in TMG’s “Master Place List,” and you’re very careful with sentence structure, this can be accomplished. Despite TMG’s best efforts, though, the paragraph is still markedly redundant and should be edited.

Children of Constance Violet¹ Parsnip and Luther H. Lovage, all born in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, were as follows:

2. i. MARY E. LOVAGE, b. 28 Dec. 1889; d. in Springfield, Hampden Co., Mass., 8 May 1956; bur. in Passumpsic Cemetery in Waterford, Vt.; m. in St. Johnsbury, Vt., 29 Oct. 1913, DUKE CHARLES PARSELEY.
- ii. _____ LOVAGE was b. 13 Feb. 1897.^[9] She d. in St. Johnsbury, Vt., 18 Feb. 1897.^[10]
- iii. WILLIAM H. LOVAGE was b. 31 Jan. 1898.^[11] He d. in St. Johnsbury, Vt., 16 March 1898.^[12]

There is no way to tell TMG to write out words like “born” and “died” in the subject paragraph, but abbreviate those terms in the child list. In a *Register*-style report, abbreviate event terms, as well as months and names of states, in the child list. Use the standard state abbreviations, not the postal abbreviations, and abbreviate the months as follows: Jan., Feb., Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec. The remaining five months are written out.

It’s also impossible to tell TMG to use sentence fragments in the child list entries, but complete sentences in subject paragraphs. The entry for Mary E. Lovage, above, illustrates the child list style. It’s possible to use Word’s “Find and Replace” feature to substitute the necessary abbreviations, but the sentence style must be edited manually.

(Weekend) Fortnight marriage (1878); citing Vital Records, Vermont State Archives and Records Administration, Middlesex, Vermont.; specifically citing FHL microfilm 540599; card cites St. Johnsbury town records, p. 311[?].

⁷ "Old-Time Hack Driver is Dead," Luther H. Lovage obituary, *The Caledonian Record*, 29 December 1922, p. 1, col. 5,.

⁸ Mt. Pleasant Cemetery (St. Johnsbury, Vt.), Luther H. Lovage tombstone; "Old-Time Hack Driver is Dead," Luther H. Lovage obituary, *The Caledonian Record*, 29 December 1922, p. 1, col. 5.

⁹ "Vermont Vital Records, 1760-1954", "No name" Lovage (female) birth (1897); Descendants of William Henry Parsnip, Constance V. Parsnip - Luther H. Lovage record.

¹⁰ Descendants of William Henry Parsnip, Constance V. Parsnip - Luther H. Lovage record; "Vermont Vital Records, 1760-1954", "No name" Lovage (female) death (1897).

¹¹ "Vermont Vital Records, 1760-1954", "No name" Lovage (male) birth (1898); Descendants of William Henry Parsnip, Constance V. Parsnip - Luther H. Lovage record.

¹² "Vermont Vital Records, 1760-1954", William H. Lovage death (1898).