

Trip Report to Family History Library

Before traveling to Salt Lake, Gary Pack and I had a conference call with Brad Stone at WebFeat so that he could demo the new WebFeat Express software which greatly simplifies and speeds up the implementation process. After the call, we decided to use WebFeat Express instead of doing a completely custom implementation. Gary continued preparing for my visit by submitting to WebFeat a list of databases that he wished to have federated. Gary also worked out authentication issues between the FML and WebFeat.

Upon arrival, we spent the first day going through and setting up all of the options in WF Express. We also spent time gathering additional databases and free website that Family History Library wished to have federated. We combined this information with previous information already submitted to WebFeat in a single spreadsheet and emailed to Brad Stone.

On the second day, we spent time working on the WF interface. We did our best to follow existing FML web standards and branding as far as WF express allowed. We also created two prototypes of the initial Family History Page with the integration of the WebFeat Quick Search box. A link to the partially functional prototypes was then emailed to other employees within the library in order to illicit feedback.

At the moment we are waiting for WebFeat to create new translators and set-up authentication with licensed vendors. Once this is completed, FML should be able to perform more extensive testing with internal staff, then roll out the product to the public.

Total cost of trip: \$273.00