

Legacy Family Tree

The most powerful easy to use family tree software – helps you to find your ancestors, organize your research and publish beautiful Charts and books.

What is Legacy?

Legacy Family Tree is a great program for budding or experienced genealogists to track their information, link with *Family Search*, add media and enjoy some fun perks. It is a powerful, visual program that is easy to use and it contains most all the features that serious genealogists demand.

Why do I need a software program?

A family tree software program lets you keep your research and information in one place where only you can change it ! FamilySearch is a collaborative tree where anyone may change the information. It is easy to change it back or make new changes based on your information in your family tree program.

What is Legacy and what does it offer

Legacy Family Tree Standard is a free genealogy program that includes all the basic genealogical functions plus lots of tools and is a great program for both beginners and experienced genealogists. It is a visual program that allows you to customize the program, change the colours, add photos, documents, make reports, and create beautiful charts.

Legacy Family Tree Deluxe Version Deluxe version includes the standard version plus lots of advanced features and is \$29.95 . I recommend using the standard (free) version for as long as you like and then upgrade to deluxe version. To download go to www.legacyfamilytree.com/ or type Legacy family tree in Google. It is easy to upgrade from other programs to Legacy following prompts on your computer. Legacy can also download your tree at Ancestry and FamilySearch.

Basics of Legacy & Helpful Tools

Legacy provides users with many tools and options to customize the program, change colour scheme, use a research log, colour code your family tree and the Source Writer makes it simple for you to select enter information to cite any source; Interview questions are prewritten questions and memory triggers to capture your family's memories and Legacy Charting creates beautiful wall charts. Pictures, documents, voice and other media can be added and integrated into your family, make a scrapbook, or publish a family book. My favourite features are the Statistics report, Origins report, Time lines, To-Do list, Other features include Split Screen (viewing two family views or family and pedigree view), Tagging, potential problems and both a date calculator & relationship calculator.

My Toolbar – Main Icons

Name list, Marriage List, Add Button, Search, Internet, Family Search, Legacy Charting. Time line, Research Guidance Merge and Map family are the main Icons. These can be moved and other icons added to suit your preference. I added the Split Screen icon because I use it a lot. (To add or move icons click small down arrow in bottom right corner under Exit Legacy).

Name, Marriage and Index lists can be customized by RIN numbers (or MRIN), first name and surname and the index view columns can be customized and more columns entered.

- **Research Guidance** -helps give you ideas for research. Start with a goal and watch the sources it comes up with to check. Lots of good information.
- **Charting** -Several styles are available descendent, Ancestor, chronology, DNA, etc. Also various pedigree charts include fan, bowtie, upwards, downwards
- **Integrate with FamilySearch** – To Integrate with FamilySearch under options button; choose customize button and choose 1.8 click box

Tabs include Legacy Home, Pedigree, Family, Descendent, Chronology and Index

- **Media** – Scan Picture or Document; May add media to Legacy or Leave it where it is in your Computer program.
Just **Remember** where Picture is Saved !!
- **AKA** – Record different spellings, surnames of your family
- **To-Do List** very helpful to remind you to look up a marriage and census records, obituary, death date, etc.

Five Tools to Help You

1. Set The Initial Startup Family

Setting the initial startup family allows you to set which person you want to have displayed at the start and when you need to get back to the start up family quickly

2. Relationships

It can be visually important to understand how an individual is related to you.

3. Bookmarks

A shortcut to get to individuals actively working on with research. Up to 10 bookmarks are available.

4. Direct Line

It is helpful to know which child is your direct line, especially as you go further back. Legacy will bold the person.

5. Set Ancestor Colours

Colour codes ancestor families visually into four colour groups. Father's father line Blue; Father's Mother line pink; Mother's father's line green, mother's mother line yellow. Looks great on a fan chart.

Options & Report Buttons

are Navigation Tools to many features in Legacy such as changing colours, Statistics report, Origins report, Lineage and Potential Problems.

Customize Button – lets you customize Legacy to your liking in data format, and other options. Most used button under the Options Tab

Colours can be changed to a new colour scheme; ancestor colours; and other customized uses

Split Screen – See two parts of one family or two different family files. Pedigree & Family Group Record

Media – add pictures, documents, video and sound. Scan picture, use pictures and other media to create a digital scrapbook. Create a picture pedigree chart.

Potential Problems –Tools Tab -can be cleared or set to what you like.

Source Writer - The Source Writer, based on Evidence Explained, makes adding sources easily and automatically creates a citation based on information entered. Master Sources keeps track of your sources and is easily available to use on several events.

Backup – Backup your files to computer, USB, Cloud , Dropbox, Google Drive and keep a copy separate from your premises

Some Tips and techniques

Ages – Control A – shows day person born, how long lived in yrs, months and days + more
Relationship calculator, date calendar – help in many ways to determine how one is related

Right clicking in many areas will show different spouses, scroll through children, easy way to change colours. Small boxes will also open up new ways to do things.

There are usually more than one way to do some things in legacy.

Tuesday Quick Tips – show a new techniques or tip

Symbols

Little Symbols

A "+" at the end of a parent names means that person has parents.

A "+" at the end of a child name means that person has children

A "\$" at the end of a child means that person is married but has no children.

An "!" at the end of a child means that person never married and never had any children.

Red wording in Events field means a source for this event

More hints under Tab: *Legacy Home*

Right hand side click on Legacy Help – then on Tips & Tricks

Webinars

Legacy has weekly webinars throughout the year on all aspects of genealogy research. Great information is shared and then the moderator spends 10-15 minutes showing how to incorporate some aspect of the topic using Legacy. Many webinars are free to watch I highly recommend the following:

- * Legacy Family Tree for Complete beginners
- Legacy for beginners
- Legacy and FamilySearch Family Tree
- Sources and citations made Simple, Standard and Powerful

<http://www.familytreewebinars.com>

Customer Help is available through the program and there is a face book page that answers questions and lets you know what is happening with Legacy, like webinars, quick tip Tuesday, all to help with Legacy.

<https://www.facebook.com/LegacyFamilyTree>

* New Webinar since Dec 2016

Coming Soon:

Legacy 9 will be released soon and Legacy is working on a Mac version (Beta testing stage).

Some new features in Legacy 9

- Backup to Legacy Cloud and Computer
- Restore from Legacy cloud
- # Hashtag -search, create lists groups, etc..
- Find a Grave template – to easily find information.