

## **Legacy Family Tree**

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*The most powerful easy to use family tree software – helps you to find your ancestors, organize your research, share it and preserve your Family Tree*

### **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 !

### **What is Legacy and what does it offer**

*Legacy Family Tree is a great program for new or experienced genealogists to track their information, link with FamilySearch, add media, source documentation and enjoy some fun perks. It is a powerful, visual program that is easy to use and allows you to customize the program, change the colours, add photos, documents, make reports, and create beautiful charts.*

Legacy Family Tree Standard is a free genealogy program that includes all the basic genealogical functions plus lots of tools.

Legacy Family Tree Deluxe Version Deluxe version includes the standard version plus lots of advanced features and is \$34.95 (To upgrade to Legacy 9 if you have the Deluxe version is \$26.95). 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/](http://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 FamilySearch.

### ◦ **Basics of Legacy & Helpful Tools**

Legacy provides users with many tools and options to customize the program, change colour scheme; colour code your family tree and the source writer makes it simple for you to select enter information to cite any source; Legacy Charting creates beautiful wall charts; Pictures, documents, voice and other media can be added and integrated into your family tree; make a scrapbook, or publish a family book. My favourite features are the Find A Grave Report, Hashtags, Stories Icon, Statistics report, Origins report, Split Screen (viewing two family views or family and pedigree view); Chronologies and time lines, plus many more fun features including Family Dictionary, Family Tree Bingo, a date calculator & relationship calculator. I guess I enjoy it all and learning new ways to chart, report and find ancestors is at the top of my list.

### **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, . 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: 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 Start up Family**

Setting the initial start up 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.

#### **More Tools:**

#### **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, Legacy Cloud , Dropbox, Google Drive and keep a copy separate from your premises

## **Legacy 9**

### **Find A Grave** (FAGrave)

One click access to your ancestor's FAGrave Memorial.

Create a list of people with FAGrave Memorial ID's

Create a list of ancestor's without FAGrave Memorial ID's

### **Hashtag**

Create unlimited hashtags to describe your ancestor.

Search for or create a list of everyone who shares a hashtag

examples: Occupation, place lived, place died, hair colour, religion, Military service,

etc..

### **Chronology Comparison Report**

Researching two individuals with same name, place and time

New Chronology Comparison Report puts them side by side; colour codes differences and helps determine if the same person.

### **New Charts**

Cause of Death Chart

X-DNA Chart (Y- DNA and mt DNA available)

**Stories Icon** - Add stories to your tree. Can also add a photo to story.

**Family Tree Bingo Game** – Uses pictures of ancestors or cousins.

**Family Dictionary Report** – Select by name, tags or hashtags

**Hinting** – have hints from My Heritage, FamilySearch and Find My Past in tree.

Can be turned on or off.

**Legacy Cloud** – Backup to Computer and cloud at the same time. Restores your file .

## 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  
Legacy 101 series - posted on Legacy's blog. Helps to learn aspects of Legacy

## 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. Handouts are available. Many webinars are free to watch I highly recommend the following:

- \* What's New in Legacy 9?
  - 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 5 May 2017

### **Coming Soon:**

Legacy is working on a Mac version (Beta testing stage).