

Creating a Family Tree

Choose a format that can be exported to a GEDCOM file.

1. Online:
 - a. Sites such as Ancestry, Family Search, MyHeritage, FindMyPast.
 - b. Check this list: <https://genealogists.com/2015/07/20-best-online-family-tree-builders/>
The list was built in 2015 but suggests a variety of good sites.
 - c. Back up the online information by exporting the GEDCOM file occasionally and keeping documentation on your computer, dropbox, etc.
2. Local or stand-alone: Software for purchase that you keep on your computer at home. Google “best family tree software” to check options. The following chart is from teoptenreviews.com

PRODUCT	PRICE	OVERALL RATING	PRICING	EASE OF USE	CHARTING CAPABILITIES	DATA MANAGEMENT	PRICE	GEDCOM IMPORT ACCURACY
Family Historian 6	\$49.95 @ Amazon	8.7	6.3	10	9.3	9.8	\$46.50	A+
Legacy Family Tree 9	\$39.95 @ Legacy...	8.1	7	7.3	9	10	\$39.95	A+
Heredis 2017	\$29.99 @ Heredis	7.9	8.3	6.3	10	7.5	\$29.99	C+
RootsMagic 7	\$29.95 @	7.1	8.3	7.3	4.5	7.8	\$29.95	B
Branches	\$14.99 @	6.7	10	5.5	6.3	4	\$14.99	C
Family Tree Maker	\$79.95 @	6.5	2.3	8.5	9.8	6.5	\$79.95	A-
Ancestral Quest 14	\$29.95 @ Aneque...	6.4	8.3	8	1.5	6	\$29.95	B
Reunion 12	Check Price	5.9	0	9	8.5	7.8	\$99.00	B-
Brother's Keeper 7.1	Check Price	5.7	6.5	4.8	6	5.8	\$45.00	B-
Family Tree Heritage Platin...	Check Price	5.6	7	6.5	2	5.8	\$39.99	C+

- a. Back up the “local” information by exporting the GEDCOM file occasionally and storing it with the documentation on a separate flash drive, another computer, Dropbox.com, etc.

Examples of online family tree templates. Some are free. Some are not. **Make sure you can download the GEDCOM file.** Practice downloading it and then uploading to an online product.

Family Echo - <https://www.familyecho.com/>

Family Tree Templates.net - <https://www.familytreetemplates.net/>

Highlight Press - <https://www.highlightpress.com.au/ancestor-charts.html>

My History – https://charting.myhistory.co.uk/?utm_source=chartgif