

WikiTree



A collaborative Online Research Tool

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- WikiTree is free to join.
- It is a collaborative family tree, that is, it's a one world tree or global tree.
- There is only one tree with 22 million plus members and 6 million plus DNA connections.
- WikiTree can use DNA within the tool called Ancestor Confirmation Aid (ACA) to help you link people.
- GEDCOMS can be uploaded to see if there are matches in the tree.
- You add people to WikiTree manually, a GEDCOM is not merged with the tree.
- There are occasional advertisements to pay for the overheads in running the site.

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Honor Code

Collaborate, when ancestors are shared we work together on the same ancestor profiles.

Accuracy, we're always aiming to improve upon our worldwide family tree and fix mistakes.

Mistakes, we don't want to be afraid to make them. We assume that mistakes are unintentional and ask for that understanding.

Misunderstandings, we try to minimize them by being courteous to everyone, even those who don't act accordingly.

Privacy, we privacy-protect anything we think our family members might not want public. If that's not enough for someone, we delete their personal information.

Copyright, we don't knowingly copy information that's owned by someone else. If we ourselves want to preserve a copyright, we're clear about what's copyrighted so others don't accidentally copy it.

Credit, although most genealogy isn't copyrighted, researchers deserve credit for the work they've done.

Sources, without sources we can't objectively resolve conflicting information.

Free and Open Information, we are united in a mission to increase the world's common store of knowledge. We always respect copyrights and privacy, but keep information as free and open as possible.

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How to #1

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1. The Pull-Down Menus

- In the upper-right corner of every WikiTree page you will see pull-down menus with links for navigating the site.
- Spend some time exploring these menus. Just about everything on WikiTree can be accessed through them.
- WikiTree is huge, there are so many features, functions, special projects and sub-communities that nobody is familiar with all of them.
- WikiTree introduce a few advanced tools in How-To #6.

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2. Creating Profiles

- To create a profile start with your own, then click a link such as [mother?] or [father?] on your profile.
- When you create a profile you may see suggestions for a possible matching profile. Take time to review these, if they are the same person use the profile.
- It's important to avoid creating duplicate profiles. Not creating duplicates is much easier than merging them later.
- To demonstrate I will add my Grandmother's, Father's profile.

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3. Source Citations

- Sources are **required** in WikiTree.
- When creating a profile, you will notice the box for entering a source.
- Add the sources for all the profile information you add.

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4. Privacy Options

- Click the Privacy tab on one of the profiles you created.
- WikiTree has seven privacy levels.
- The privacy level determines what those who are not on the Trusted List can see and do.
- Keep in mind that these controls are for profiles of living people and the recently-deceased. If there are no privacy concerns, profiles should be kept open.

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5. Followed Tags

- When you volunteer you include one or more "tags" for genealogical topics, locations or surnames that interest you.
- Every day you will get a Wiki Genealogy Feed e-mail update that informs you about activity related to the tags you are following.
- Make sure you're following the right tags, there is a list of your tags you can review as often as you like.

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6. Watchlist

- The watchlist (yours) can be accessed by clicking on the “My WikiTree” dropdown menu and clicking on the “Watchlist” menu item.
- If you create a profile, or if someone else adds you to their profile's Trusted List, the profile appears in your Watchlist.
- You will get a weekly Family Activity Feed e-mail update that informs you about any activity on these profiles by other members.
- There's information about managing your Watchlist in How-To #5.

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7. Surname Index

- To browse the Surname, enter a surname in the Last Name field of the search form at the top of the “My WikiTree” page without entering a First Name.
- There are many tools and links for members related to surnames.
- There's a lot there, we will just get a taste for what's available.
- Surname studies can be especially helpful.

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8. Searching

- To search, click on the “Find” dropdown menu and click on the menu item “Search”
- We will find the profile for Spencer Smith. He was born on the 1st April 1992.

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9. Exploring Profiles

- Now that we've found Spencer Smith, we will look at his profile.
- The Changes tab shows the history of activity on the profile. Activity feeds are an essential part of wiki collaboration.
- [Other examples.](#)

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10. Genealogist to Genealogist (G2G)

- To get there, click on the “Help” dropdown menu and then click on the “Forum ("G2G")” menu item.
- G2G is the heart of the WikiTree community and it is a list of what people are talking about.
- If you want to meet people, post a note to introduce yourself.
- Whenever you have questions, check the Help Category or simply ask in G2G.
- There is more on the community in How-To #3.

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How To's

- We have covered the basics in WikiTree How to #1.
- There are six more how to's for beginners that show you how to use the full functionality of WikiTree.

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QUESTIONS