

Fixing Relationships in Profiles on Ancestry.com

Here you will learn how to handle different relationships such as adoptive parents, stepparents, or how to fix the wrong parent/child relationships on Ancestry.com. This video shows a demo tree with a fictional family. [Link to the video](#).

Adding a Spouse from the Ancestry Tree

- Click on the ancestor profile that you want to add the spouse.
- In the right-side column click Add Spouse
- Note the correct spouse check-marked on the bottom and click Save.
 - In this video the new wife (Samantha Betts) automatically became the mother of the son (Robert Davis).
 - Make sure that when you add a spouse the children are properly associated.

Moving a Child to the Correct Parent

In this video demonstration (link above), I showed how to disconnect the son Robert Davis from his Stepmother Samantha Betts and reassign him to the Biological mother Mary Dodson. There are two ways I demonstrated this.

One was to change the relationships in the Edit Relationships box for Robert Davis. Then I changed the relationship of the Biological Mother to a Stepmother and then added an Alternate Mother choosing Mary Dodson from the dropdown menu.

The second was to go to the father Gregory Davis and then into his first wife, Mary Dodson's profile. I then added a son (who defaults to a biological relationship).

This only becomes an issue when viewing the father's profile (Gregory Davis) as it shows both wives (Mary Dodson and Samantha Betts) and the son/step-son (Robert Davis) under both mothers making it appear that there are two Robert Davis' with no explanation or labeling of the relationships.

Ultimately, in the fictional family, I chose to remove the "step" relationship between Robert Davis (the stepson) and Samantha Betts (his stepmother) so that it would appear properly in the fathers' profile.

Below are the steps used to make these changes.



Add a Son/Daughter to a Parent

- In the parent profile, click Add Family in the right-side column and choose Son or Daughter.
- “Add a New Person” or “Select Someone in Your Tree.”
 - Always get in the habit of using the “Select Someone in Your Tree” first to make sure they are not already in your tree. This will help avoid accidental duplicate ancestors.
- Make sure you assign them to the correct set of parents and save.

Add Alternate Mother or Father

- In the Profile of the person whom you want to add an Alternate Mother/Father, in the upper right corner click, Edit, then Edit Relationships.
- Click the blue link that says “+ Add Alternate Mother” or “+ Add Alternate Father”.
- Type the name of the Alternate parent.
 - If the person is already in your tree, then the mother/father’s name should pop up. You want to choose that person from the drop-down list.
 - If the person is new, type the name and choose “Add New Person.”
 - Save
- Assign the Preferred Mother/Father by choosing Make Preferred if the person is not already Preferred.
 - The mother or father showing at the top of the list is the Preferred parent, unless the Make Preferred button is showing.
 - If no “Make Preferred” button is showing, that is the Preferred parent.

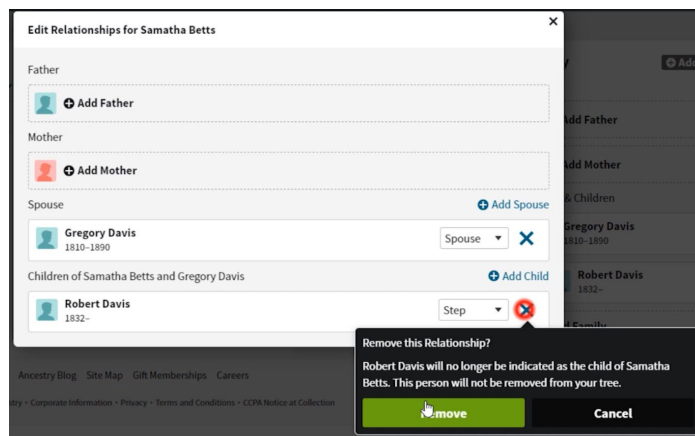


- Close with the x in the upper right corner of the edit box and you should see the new mother added in the right-side column in the Profile view.

Disconnecting a Relationship

To disconnect a relationship between two people, start with either person’s profile and follow these steps.

- In the profile view, in the upper right corner choose Edit, then Edit Relationships.
- Choose the person you want to disconnect and click the X on the right side of their name.
- Click Remove (Green Button) and the window will close automatically.

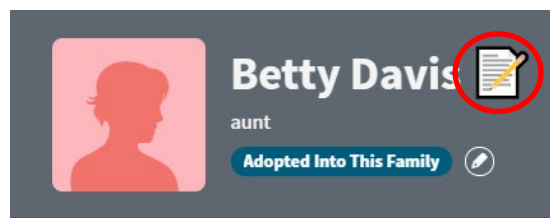


Assigning Adoptive Relationships

- Go into the profile view of the Adopted Child.
- Edit, Edit Relationships.
- Assign one or both parents as an Adoptive parent.

Adding Emoji's to a Name

- Go to Emogipedia.org
- Search for the emoji you want and select copy.
- Go to the profile view on Ancestry.
- Under the Facts Tab and Column, Select "Name and Gender."
- Hover over the first Name (this is the primary name) and choose Edit.
- Paste the emoji into the Suffix Field ONLY!
 - If you paste anything into the other name fields, it will harm the way the searching functions work on Ancestry.
 - The Suffix field is largely ignored by the Ancestry search engines.



Other Relationships Between Couples

For couples that were not married, same-sex couples, etc., the steps are the same.

In the profile view choose Edit, Edit Relationships and instead of Spouse choose whatever you feel is appropriate.