



# HOW TO DOWNLOAD YOUR FAMILY TREE FROM FAMILYSEARCH.ORG

Can you download your family tree from familysearch.org? Well technically no, but there are several work arounds so you can download the information.

THIS VIDEO LINK: <https://youtu.be/eohdA00IXdY>

In this video we talk about how you can download your family history from familysearch.org so that you can then either sync it with another program or upload it to another service like Ancestry, MyHeritage, or Ancestral Quest.

## ABOUT FAMILYSEARCH.org

Just to be clear, at familysearch.org it is a world collaborative tree. Anyone can make changes to it. Whereas, at other services, like at Ancestry.com or MyHeritage.com, your trees are—your trees and no one can change them unless you give someone permission to do so.

### SIDE NOTE: SHARING YOUR ANCESTRY TREE

At ancestry.com you can share your tree with another family member by giving them various levels of permission. For example you can give them guest level permission which means they can only view your tree, you can give them editor permission which means that they can edit your tree, or you can give them admin permission which gives them full permission status including access to your credit card.

[HERE IS ANOTHER VIDEO ON HOW TO SHARE YOUR ANCESTRY TREE WITH ANOTHER PERSON.](#)

Also, you can download your Ancestry.com tree and then upload it to FamilySearch.org or other service using a Gedcom file.

Here is a video about how to download your tree from Ancestry. [How to Download a Gedcom File from Ancestry.com \(2020\)](#)

## HOW TO DOWNLOAD YOUR FAMILY TREE FROM FAMILYSEARCH.org

For you to download your tree from FamilySearch, you need to use a third-party tool also known as “family tree management” software. Examples of these might be Ancestral Quest, Family Tree Maker, Legacy Family Tree, as well as many others.

According to FamilySearch, below is a list of software that will sync with FamilySearch. Some of these services have free options and others have a paid service.

[Here is a list of 3rd party companies and software from which you can sync your FamilySearch tree.](#)

## THIRD PARTY SOFTWARE

Digging deeper into the list of [3<sup>rd</sup> party software](#), you will see variances in Compatibility with familysearch.org.

## FAMILY TREE MAKER

For example, if you look at Family Tree Maker, you will see that this application will allow you to read information from FamilySearch, but you cannot upload information from Family Tree Maker to FamilySearch.

## ANCESTRAL QUEST

Alternatively, looking at Ancestral Quest, you will discover that you can do both reading information from FamilySearch in your software, and update information to your FamilySearch account. Be sure to read through these software choices carefully, to find what works for you.

You should also know that you cannot sync your family tree from FamilySearch.org to Ancestry.com. They are not compatible.

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## STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS - HOW TO SYNC YOUR TREE USING FAMILY TREE MAKER WITH FAMILYSEARCH

Step One – In Family Tree Maker, Login to FamilySearch by clicking on the FamilySearch Icon in the upper right corner.

Step Two – Click on New Tree near the upper left corner (below the File, Edit, View... area).

Step Three – Click “Download a Tree from FamilySearch” in the left-hand column.

Step Four – Select the home person.

Step Five – Choose the number of ancestors and descendants to download and give it a tree name that you’ll remember.

Step Six – Click File Location and give it a location if the default is not what you want.

Step Seven – Click yellow continue button under the tree name to start the download. This will take a few minutes depending on how many generations you chose and your internet speed.

If you run into error messages, try reducing the number of generations you’re downloading and try again. I had success at 4 generations of ancestors.

For help, contact Family Tree Maker Support by press in the F1 key while in Family Tree Maker.

That’s it!