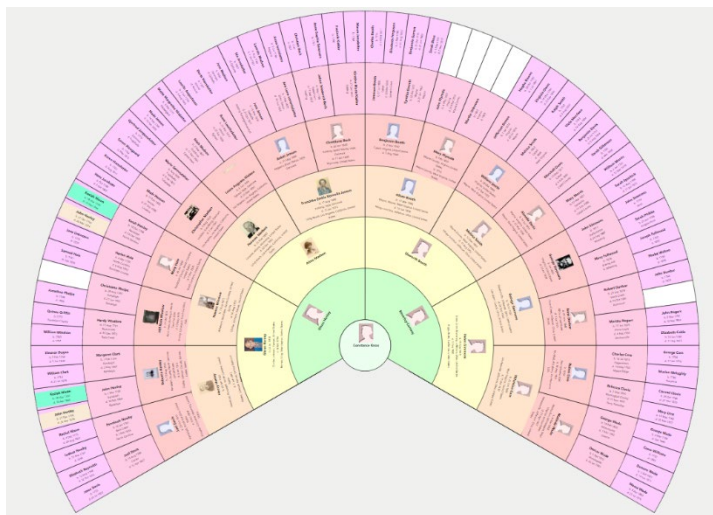# How to Upload Your Tree to WikiTree

About WikiTree

Wiki Tree is a free platform to help you with your genealogy research. The family tree at Wiki Tree is one large collaborative tree that everyone contributes to. Therefore, you do not have your own individual tree. You can research your ancestors and contribute to the worldwide tree.

One of the key components to WikiTree is that it requires a source for each of your ancestors. This is a great place to search for other sources (with hyperlinks) you may not have seen before.

Because this is a collaborative tree, you will need to compare the information you have from your GEDCOM file (from another service) to the world collaborative tree to help prevent duplication of ancestors in the collaborative tree. We will talk more about this in the search and compare section.

Download a Gedcom from Other Services

One note about downloading a Gedcom file is that most of the time, at most services, it does not bring in any of the documents or the images that you have attached to your family tree. It will, however, bring source information and all the data from your ancestors, such as birth, marriage and death information, burial information and so on. You only need one Gedcom file. Here are two options for getting that file.

Download a Gedcom from Ancestry

While in the **tree view**, hover over the **tree title** and click the **down arrow**, then click **tree settings**, then on the right side under **Manage Your Tree**, click **Download Your GEDCOM File**. **Save** it to a place you will remember it. **Do not open it**, it is a compressed file. Now move on to the upload section for WikiTree.

Manage your tree

Export your family tree data, as a GEDCOM file, to your computer.

⬇ Download your GEDCOM file

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Download a Gedcom from MyHeritage

Once you are logged into My Heritage, go to the **Family Tree tab** and then **choose the tree** that you wish to download from and under the **Actions column** you can then **Export to a Gedcom** file.

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No matter where you download your Gedcom file from, do not open it. Save it on your desktop or wherever you will find it again and move to the next step.
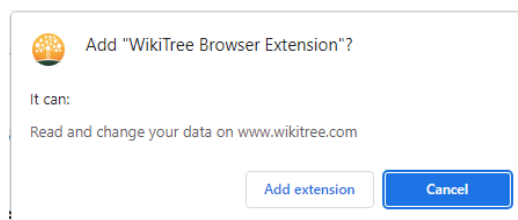
WikiTree Browser Extension (Optional Step)

To quote WikiTree, it is a "downloadable software component that plugs into your browser, enhancing your WikiTree browsing, reading, and editing experience."

[Download to Chrome Here](#) – Click add to Chrome then Add Extension.

Once added there are a host of options to choose from. For the sake of this video lesson, the one mentioned in the video is the AGC button, a.k.a the Automatic Gedcom Cleanup. This takes the Gedcom data and creates a readable biography in the ancestor's profile with source citations.

[Go Here](#) to learn more about the browser extension and to download it. **Go to the bottom of the page** [at this link](#) and you'll find **installation instructions for Chrome and Firefox.**

Upload Gedcom

Once you have set up a free account at WikiTree, go to the **My Wiki Tree** tab at the top right-side of the screen and then drop down to **GEDCOMs**.

Here you have two different options to upload your file. Pick one and upload your file.

It may take a few minutes to process your GEDCOM file on the WikiTree platform. You will get an email that lets you know when it is ready.

GEDCOMpare Reports

Once your file is ready you will have a "GEDCOMpare report.

Click the hyperlink in the status column where it says GEDCOMpare is ready.

Search and Compare Buttons

Click on GEDCOMpare link to open the report. Here you will have a list of ancestors from your Gedcom file. This can feel overwhelming at first. I recommend you look for the ancestors you are actively researching in the list and start with them.

Search

You want to search to see if the ancestor is already in the WikiTree.

If the person is already on WikiTree, then you can click the compare button to see the differences between the data that you have and the data that is already on WikiTree.

Compare

Clicking on the compare button at first may look like nothing has happened. You will need to go back to the original GEDCOMpare report to see the differences as (pictured below).

Click on "Match to …" if it is the same person.

Not sure if the match is the same person? WikiTree recommends that if you are not sure but there is enough information that you are reasonably sure, they want you to go ahead and match to the existing ancestors on the WikiTree.

Add Button

If your ancestor is not on WikiTree, click the add button to autofill the information (including the sources) from your Gedcom file.

Keep in mind that your Gedcom file (from another source) does not bring in the actual records or images, just the source citations.

The WikiTree platform will try to find a match.

If it does, click on the "**This is the Person**" button.

If it does not, click "**None of These is a Match**."

If you choose "This Is the Person," then you will be taken to a screen where you can add additional information in the biography section.

Add an Unrelated Person→ Elsie Vonberg (1901 - 1994)

Steps: Enter basic data > Review matches > Add source > Create and edit profile.

Possible Matches Found: Filters: LOCATION NAME DATE

Elsie Vonberg 27 Mar 1901 Merrill, Scotts Bluff, Nebraska, United States - 11 May 1994 O Vonberg
managed by Len Lawson   THIS IS THE PERSON
                                                          Set as rejected match

Set rejected matches if they can easily be confused. ❷

BACK   NONE OF THESE IS A MATCH

Sources from your Gedcom file will be filled in automatically.

Steps: Enter basic data > Review matches > **Add source** > Create and edit profile.

Switch to Basic Sourcing   ☑ Default to Advanced Option ❷

Text with Source(s):

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Source Citation will be located toward the bottom of the page. This is where the gold is located!

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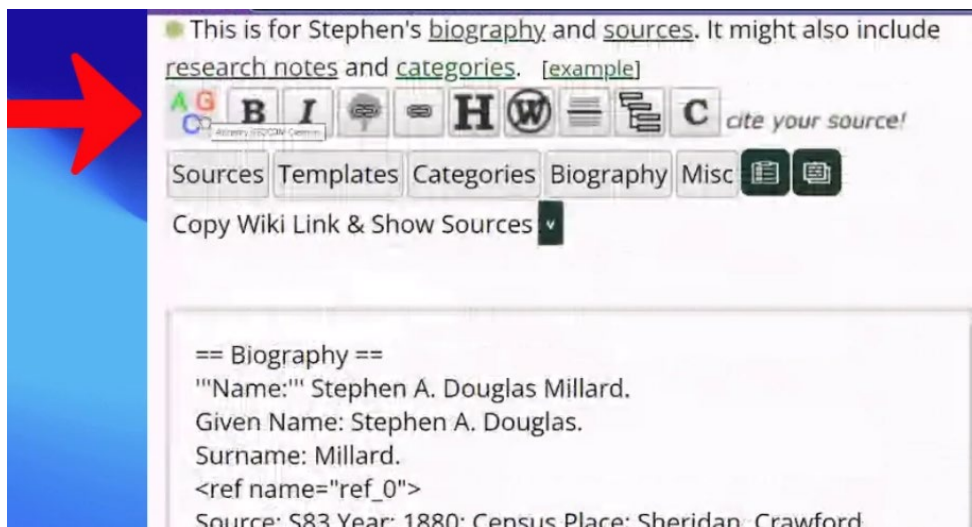
AGC (Automatic Gedcom Cleaner)

WikiTree Browser Extension will add the **AGC** (Automatic Gedcom Cleaner) button for you. This will clean up your sources and biography, putting the data into sentences making for a better reading experience. This is an optional step and not required.

To find the AGC button, in the ancestor's profile view, click on the Edit tab.

Explore

If you were able to connect to the collaborative tree by clicking any of the "match to…" buttons from an ancestor that was already in the tree, you can now explore the rest of the tree for more ancestors, clues, relationships, record links, and biographies. You may find several branches of ancestors you have not seen before. As always, do your own research and verify connections. No platform is perfect. It never hurts to verify the records.

Explore and have fun!

Splitting Your Tree into Branches

Roots Magic (Free Genealogy Software) and Family Tree Maker (about $80 in the U.S.) will allow you to export smaller parts of your tree into Gedcom files.

Wrapping it Up

Take it slow. There is no need to rush. I recommend you import only those ancestors you are most curious about. Slow and steady wins the race!

More information from Mindy Silva

https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space:Current_GEDCOMpare_Process