

SUSSEX FAMILY HISTORY GROUP



Family trees. Family history genealogical programs

You can find assessments and reviews of genealogy programs at the following sites :
<http://www.genealogy-software-review.toptenreviews.com/> refers to cheaper prices than some of the websites. At least
<http://www.genealogyreviews.co.uk/> articles from magazines

Here are some of the Home websites for genealogy software. Some of them allow free trials of their software. You can reach the sites by typing the address into your Web browser.

		<u>Current cost if known</u>
Agelong Tree 4.7	http://www.genery.com/ free edition 40 people only	basic €18-75 premium €29-25
Ancestral Quest 14	http://www.ancquest.com/	\$29.25 download
Ancestral Quest for Mac	http://www.ancquest.com/mac/index.htm	\$38.95 download
Brother's Keeper 7.1	http://www.bkwin.net/ no charge to try it out - register if you like it	\$45.00
DoroTree 3.01.02	http://www.dorotree.com/index.html	special Jewish features download \$59.00
Family Historian 6	www.family-historian.co.uk/ 30 days free trial	£ 35.99 download boxed available from other suppliers
Genbox Family History 3.7.1	http://www.genbox.com/ free 30 day trial	\$29.95
Heredis Mac 2015	http://www.myheredis.com/ free trial	\$49.99 for the Mac
Heredis PC 2015	free trial	£29.99 for the PC
Heredis iPhone / iPad	free app	
Kith and Kin Pro 3	www.spansoft.org/ shareware free for 30 days - register if you like it	£ 29.99 download only
Legacy Family Tree 8	http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/ Legacy 8 download free Standard version. Legacy 8 Deluxe version	online tour \$39.95 download and various other prices
Reunion for Macintosh 11	http://www.leisterpro.com/ free demo limited to 50 individuals, im/export disabled also for iPhone and iPad	for the Macintosh - download \$99.00
RootsMagic 7	www.rootsmagic.co.uk/ free demo version, registration required	£19.95 basic download also Standard and Platinum
WinFamily 10	http://www.winfamily.com/ free demo version 21 days	\$87.00

Questions to ask yourself when choosing a family history program :

Does it have GEDCOM? This is the format that enables data to pass from one family history program to another. Most have it, but check. You need GEDCOM if you decide to change your FH program and for passing data to relatives/correspondents who have a different FH program
Avoid anything that doesn't include GEDCOM as standard.

Can it cope with multiple marriages, divorces, large families, etc.?

Do you want a place for proposed research?

Almost certainly no program will provide all that you want. Think before you buy. Also check for best price. There may be special offers at Family History Fairs. Beginners should acquaint themselves with latest version numbers of their chosen package. Be careful as there are often obsolete versions still available at 'cheap' prices.

Before purchasing your desired program check that it is going to work with your computer operating system and drive and memory space.

Spreadsheet.

Some people use a spreadsheet to record their data.

Family Trees drawn up without the aid of a computer :

Use a fairly large sheet of paper of reasonable quality. Start with yourself or your children/grandchildren approximately centrally at the bottom of the paper.

Use pencil to allow for alterations and corrections.

Allow for additions by spacing out the information.

It may prove of later interest if you keep your original tree "What I knew before I started researching."

When you have a good length of family tree with confirmed data consider purchasing some acid free paper on which to make a lasting record.