SUSSEX FAMILY HISTORY GROUP



Family trees. Family history genealogical programs

You can find articles from magazines at the following site: https://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.

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free trial for 21 days without printouts

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.