

Record Keeping and Display Tools for Family Historians

“Family Historian” and “Ancestral Sources” software

Family Historian

Stop me if you have a question

Family Historian Videos - Links

- Quick summary of latest version v7.x - without commentary
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- <https://www.family-historian.co.uk/video-tour-fh7>
- More detailed explanations of data displays and how to enter data for v6.x
- <https://www.family-historian.co.uk/archives/video/a-quick-tour-of-family-historian-6-tutorial-version>

Family Historian - key display features (I)

- Focus Window -
 - Immediate family with BMD dates
 - Parents and siblings with BMD dates
 - Mini Ancestors tree
 - Mini Descendants Tree
- Charts - (to any level) inc configurable BMD dates & Pictures
 - Ancestors
 - Descendants
 - Ancestors & Descendants
 - All relatives
 - All Relatives & indirect Relatives
 - Everyone
 - Pedigree
 - Fan
 - Waterfall
 - DNA diagram
 - Others including Custom Diagrams
- Can be used to add relatives with click and drag features
- Dynamic - automatically refresh with new/removed entries
- Smart - automatically adjust to accommodate any changes

Family Historian - key display features (II)

- Standard Reports - 43 standard reports - all configurable working
 - Narrative Report, Ancestors or Descendants by generation, Individual
 - Outline Reports Ancestors/Descendants
 - Record Detail Reports Families/Individuals/Places/Sources
 - Special Data Reports, e.g. Data - Occupations
 - Miscellaneous Reports - e.g. how related
 - Custom Reports - build your own from Queries (see later)
- Presented as Word Processor document (e.g Word) or as PDF
- Or as CD/DVD for viewing on local device
- Or as website with popup photos for uploading to your own host
- Reports include multimedia such as video, sound, other documents
- Photos with details linked to individuals even from group photos for display in charts, reports, books, CD/DVD, websites
- Maps with places linked to event popups and timeline slider
- Books and booklets built from reports or charts with contents & index
- Add free text sections as desired
- Search in FindMyPast & MyHeritage with hints
- Web clipping tools for drag and drop or copy and paste

Family Historian - key entry features (I)

- Capture data with source citation templates
- Or add Notes with built in mini word-processor
- Or add Research Notes
- Import standardised FH data via GEDCOM file format (but not easy!)
- Property Box is route to main record entry features
- Multi level undo/redo

Family Historian - User Group (FHUG)

- Volunteer site operating since 2002 - home page
- <https://www.fhug.org.uk/>
- FHUG Forum for questions and answers, news, wish list on both Family Historian and Ancestral Sources (tens of thousands of posts)
- <https://www.fhug.org.uk/forum/>
- Knowledge base with dozens of articles on how to use Family Historian
- <https://fhug.org.uk/kb/>
- Includes downloads e.g. Diagram Icons and Custom Queries
- <https://fhug.org.uk/kb/downloads/>
- Plugins for additional views of data e.g. search for a specified word or phrase in all text fields
- Plugins to change data e.g. search and replace word, text, age or date
- <https://pluginstore.family-historian.co.uk/>

Ancestral Sources - key data entry features

Or to make your life really easy use **Ancestral Sources** free sister software

- General guide with detailed explanations of how to use earlier versions
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- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7tj9FzTZIng>
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- Short guide to new features in latest version (v7.7)
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- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JOk7qjWKLW8>
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- Or see other Ancestral Sources videos here:
- <https://fhug.org.uk/kb/kb-article/ancestral-sources-videos/>

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