

Why Use Genealogical Software?

- ◆ **The easiest way to keep track of your family tree**
 - Only enter your family information once
 - Can electronically search for person, place, date, etc.
 - All provide many reports which include images/photos
 - Any changes you make, automatically update all reports
 - Easy to share reports/data with family members
- ◆ **We'll review different genealogical softwares**
 - All can be converted to the other 2, so start with any one
- ◆ **PAF (Personal Ancestry File):** <http://www.familysearch.org>
 - Price is right – free!
- ◆ **FTM (Family Tree Maker):** <http://familytreemaker.com>
 - Top selling software
- ◆ **TMG (The Master Genealogist):** <http://whollygenes.com>
 - “Gold Standard” (for professionals & serious amateurs)
- ◆ **MacFamilyTree:** http://blog.cogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2007/03/macfamilytree_4.html

Genealogical Software: PAF vs FTM vs TMG

- ◆ **PAF (Personal Ancestry File):** <http://www.familysearch.org>
 - Use if not convinced this is the hobby for you
 - Convert to FTM (GEDCOM) or TMG (Genbridge™)
- ◆ **FTM (Family Tree Maker):** <http://familytreemaker.com>
 - v.16(2007) < \$10 from amazon.com; 2008: bad reviews
 - Annual updates for additional fee : don't buy data CDs!
 - Convert to PAF (GEDCOM) or TMG (Genbridge™)
- ◆ **TMG (The Master Genealogist):** <http://whollygenes.com>
 - Price about \$34 (download silver) to \$80 (gold by mail)
 - Updates free; charge for major upgrades (2 since 2000)
 - Convert to PAF or FTM (Genbridge™)
- ◆ **MacFamilyTree:** <http://www.synium.de/macfamilytree/index.html>
 - Price about \$49; ver. 4.5 or 5 (2007); Support Forum

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- ◆ **PAF (Personal Ancestry File):** <http://www.familysearch.org>
 - Database is individual oriented
 - Features: the basics - outgrowth of (Reunion?) software
- ◆ **FTM (Family Tree Maker):** <http://familytreemaker.com>
 - Database is family oriented for easy entry
 - Database linked to ancestry.com search
- ◆ **TMG (The Master Genealogist):** <http://whollygenes.com>
 - Longer learning curve, but excellent technical support
 - Database is evidence oriented:
 - enter all data as is from a source & assign surety levels
 - mark most reliable data for printing
 - color-coded flags, research planning aids
 - Many display, reporting & charting options (wall charts)
 - Create timeline: integrate person with world/local events

On-line Guided Tours of PAF, FTM and TMG

- ◆ **PAF (Personal Ancestry File):** <http://www.familysearch.org>
 - No tour, so download free software and check it out
 - Also download free charting software (companion basic)
 - Download links: lower right corner of LDS home page
 - Demonstration in class next week and one-on-one help
 - stopped updating PAF; LDS digitizing film collections
- ◆ **FTM (Family Tree Maker):** <http://familytreemaker.com>
 - <http://familytreemaker.com/About> - text description
 - Technical support by message board or \$2/min by phone
- ◆ **TMG (The Master Genealogist):** <http://whollygenes.com>
 - <http://www.whollygenes.com/Merchant2/merchant.mvc?Screen=TMGTOUR>
 - Download full version to try free for one month
 - Excellent technical support: phone, email, on-line forum

The Master Genealogist: Person Screen

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Details

Person Family Tree

Type	Name	Type	Value
Name	Leopold JACOB (284) (1823-1902)	Reference	J-L
Father	Xaverius JACOB (261) (1779-c1850)	Children	8
Mother	Maria Theresia KUCHLE (262) (1780-c1850)	Soundex	J210

Type	Date	Name/Place	M	S
* Employment	___	Employee;; brewer miller		
* Birth	23 Aug 1823	Walzings, Kimratshofen, Bavaria, GER		
Birth	23 Aug 1824	Bavaria, GER		
* Milit-Beg	17 Aug 1847	enlisted person; Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co, PA		
* Marriage	28 Apr 1851	Theresia MELCHIOR (275); Jasper, DuBois Co, IN		
* Son-Bio	07 Feb 1857	Phillip H JACOB (285); Jasper, DuBois Co, IN		
* Dau-Bio	27 Aug 1859	Augustine JACOB (287); Wapakoneta, Auglaize Co, OH		
* Dau-Bio	07 Apr 1862	Maria Magdalena JACOB (294); Wapakoneta, Auglaize Co, OH		
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* Son-Bio	22 Jan 1866	Edward William JACOB (289); Wapakoneta, Auglaize Co, OH		
* Dau-Bio	18 Dec 1867	Maria Louisa JACOB (290); Wapakoneta, Auglaize Co, OH		
* Dau-Bio	06 Jan 1871	Maria Margaret JACOB (292); Wapakoneta, Auglaize Co, OH		
* Son-Bio	28 Nov 1872	Otto Nicholas Leopold JACOB (293); Wapakoneta, Auglaize Co, OH		
* Census	___ 1880	resident; Wapakoneta, Auglaize Co, OH		
* Death	21 Apr 1902	Wapakoneta, Auglaize Co, OH		

Children

Birth	Death	Children: 8	Sex	Spouse
✓ 1857	c1937	Philip H JACOB (285)	M	Philomena DIEK...
✓ 1859		Augustine JACOB (287)	F	
← 1862	1937	Maria Magdalena JACOB (294)	F	John Joseph CO...
✓ 1864	1864	August Albert Joseph JACOB...	M	
✓ 1866	1866	Edward William JACOB (289)	M	
✓ 1867	c1947	Maria Louisa JACOB (290)	F	Francis SINGLER...
✓ 1871	c1912	Maria Margaret JACOB (292)	F	
✓ 1872	1875	Otto Nicholas Leopold JACOB...	M	

color coded by yellow (direct ancestor), green (parentage unknown)

Siblings

Birth	Death	Siblings: 8	Sex	Spouse
← 1808		Josef JACOB (276)	M	Josephina DORN (377)
1809		Johannes JACOB (277)	M	
1810		Crescentia JACOB (278)	F	
1812		Maria Anna JACOB (279)	F	
1813		Franciska JACOB (280)	F	
1815	1842	Ignatius JACOB (281)	M	
1816		Simon JACOB (282)	M	
1819	1819	Leopold JACOB (283)	M	

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**most likely birth indicated at left of "birth" by * [most likely birth will print in reports]