

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
 - All 3 convert to any other (GEDCOM), so start with any

Review Four Different PC Genealogical Softwares

- ◆ **PAF (Personal Ancestry File): <http://www.familysearch.org>**
 - Price is right – FREE – used by many
- ◆ **Legacy Family Tree: <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com>**
 - FREE version: better than PAF? I haven't reviewed yet
- ◆ **FTM (Family Tree Maker): <http://familytreemaker.com>**
 - Top selling software, critics pan 2008; 2010 OK
- ◆ **TMG (The Master Genealogist): <http://whollygenes.com>**
 - “Gold Standard” (for professionals & serious amateurs)

Genealogical Software: PAF, LFT, FTM, TMG

- ◆ **PAF (Personal Ancestry File): <http://www.familysearch.org>**
 - Free: use PAF or Legacy if not sure this hobby is for you
 - Convert to FTM (GEDCOM) or TMG (Genbridge™)
- ◆ **Legacy Family Tree version 7: <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com>**
 - ver. 7 (2008): Standard free; Deluxe about \$30; GEDCOM
- ◆ **FTM (Family Tree Maker 2010): <http://familytreemaker.com>**
 - Price about \$30 amazon.com: don't buy data CDs!
 - Annual updates for additional fee
 - Convert to PAF (GEDCOM) or TMG (Genbridge™)
- ◆ **TMG (The Master Genealogist): <http://whollygenes.com>**
 - ver 7 (2008) - download price about \$34 (silver) to \$59 (gold)
 - Updates free; charge for major upgrades (4 since 2000)
 - Convert to PAF or FTM (Genbridge™); User Forum, demo
- ◆ **MacFamilyTree: <http://www.synium.de/products/macfamilytree>**
 - Price about \$49; ver. 5.5 (2010); Support Forum
- ◆ **Reunion (Mac): <http://www.leisterpro.com> free demo mode**
 - Price about \$99; ver. 9.07 (2008); User Forum

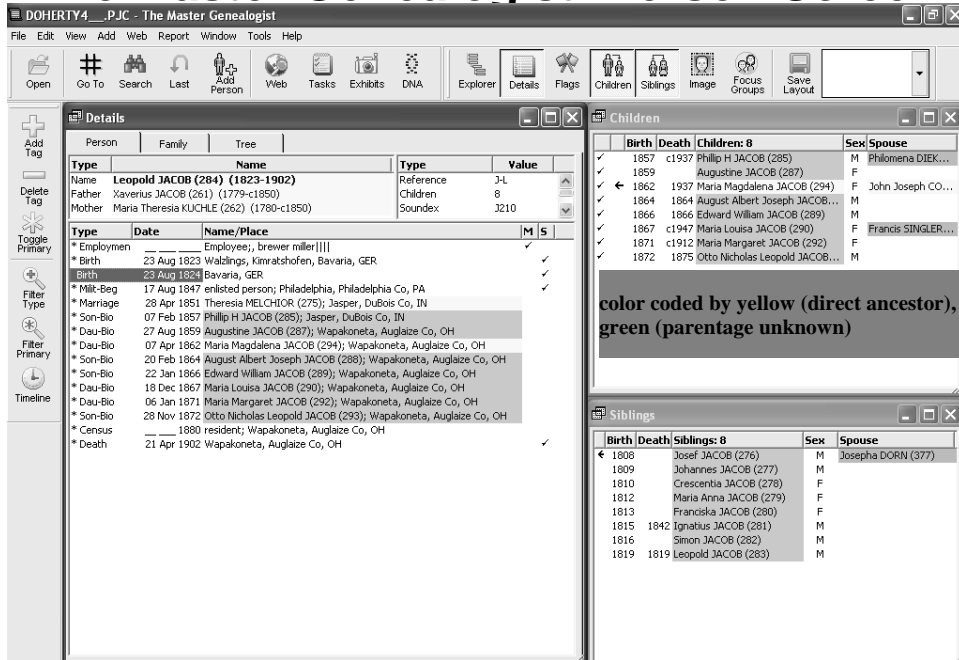
Genealogical Software: PAF, LFT, FTM, TMG

- ◆ PAF (Personal Ancestry File): <http://www.familysearch.org>
 - Database is individual oriented
 - Features: the basics - outgrowth of (Reunion?) software
- ◆ Legacy Family Tree version 7: <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com>
 - Appears easy to use; pay version has nice charts; reviews on site
- ◆ FTM (Family Tree Maker): <http://familytreemaker.com>
 - Database is family oriented for easy entry
 - Database linked to search in ancestry.com (owner)
- ◆ 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, LFT, FTM, 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
 - stopped updating PAF; LDS digitizing film collections
- ◆ Legacy Family Tree : <http://familytreemaker.com>
 - <http://www.legacyfamilytree.net/videos/new7/What%27sNewInLegacy7.html>
- ◆ FTM (Family Tree Maker): <http://familytreemaker.com>
 - <http://familytreemaker.com/Support/Tutorial2010/Tutorial2010.aspx>
 - 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
- ◆ MacFamilyTree: <http://www.synium.de/products/macfamilytree>
 - <http://www.synium.de/products/macfamilytree/index.html#Demo%20Movie>

The Master Genealogist: Person Screen



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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	
* Employmen	__ __ __	Employee;; brewer miller			✓
* Birth	23 Aug 1823	Walzlings, 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			✓
* Son-Bio	20 Feb 1864	August Albert Joseph JACOB (288); Wapakoneta, Auglaize Co, OH			✓
* 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			✓

← **two birth sources** | **sources**** →

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