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1. How to obtain a Free Ancestry.com Registered Guest Account

2. How to transfer your tree From Family Tree Maker to Ancestry.com using the GEDCOM file format

3. How to invite someone to your Ancestry.com tree

Free Registered Guest account information

Ancestry.com does not publicize it but it is possible to obtain a Free Registered Guest account. This account is limited but does provide the following capability:

1. Build a personal member tree, whether from scratch or by uploading a GEDCOM file.
2. Share your Family Tree with family or friends.
3. View another user's Family Tree if you received an invitation from that tree's owner.
4. Respond to someone who contacted you, requesting permission to view your Family Tree.
5. View any photos attached to a Family Tree that you have been invited to view.
6. The account is never cancelled and your tree will remain on-line.
7. Purchase a DNA test and view your "matches". If a common ancestor can be determined you will see that results but you will not be able to view your match's tree unless invited.

Some account limitations are as follows"

1. Search capability is very limited.
2. Concerning DNA matches. You will not be able to contact your matches or view their trees unless they contact you first.

So why would someone in our club want to get one of these free accounts?

1. Ability to build or upload your tree and access it from any computer, ipad or iphone connected to the internet.
2. Invite others to view your tree. You could share your tree with all of our club members who also have free or paid Ancestry.com accounts. Club members would be able to learn from your tree and also possibly offer suggestions to you in areas of research that you have in common.
3. This account would also serve as a backup of your tree.

4. Your tree will be preserved indefinitely for present and future generations to use.
5. Your tree can be viewed by others with Ancestry accounts and they may contact you and offer to share their tree with you.

Ancestry.com is a for profit business so why would they be willing to provide you with a free account?

1. I believe that customers are drawn to Ancestry.com because of its large collection of family trees which are available for members to search and learn from. You increase the value of Ancestry.com by having your tree there.
2. Based upon your experience with Ancestry.com you may turn-out to be a paying customer someday.
3. To me it seems like a win – win situation for us and Ancestry.com.

More about the Ancestry.com Registered Guest Account

Once you have established a free Registered Guest account you may want to see what it is like to work with an upgraded account. One way to do this is to upgrade your account by signing up for an Ancestry.com Free Trial. They are offering a 14 day free trial at this time. If you do not want to allow the trial account to automatically turn into a paid account just cancel the trial account just before the end of the trial period and your account will revert back to a free Registered Guest account. If at that time you want to continue past the trial period with a paid account but are still not sure that it is right for you just signed up for a month to month plan. You can then cancel and/or reactivate the full plan at any time for whatever period you desire.

Several years ago when I first got involved in genealogy I signed up for a 30 day trial account which they were offering at that time. Within that free month I was able to build a large portion of my tree. I then converted to a month to month plan. When I was traveling for an extended period of time and not doing much work on my tree I would just cancel my month to month plan and revert back to a free Registered Guest account. When I returned home I would reinstate my month to month plan. I am much more involved with genealogy at this time and am using my Ancestry.com account on a daily basis so now I have a yearly account which is less expensive for me.

Procedure 1

Procedure for getting your free Ancestry.com Registered Guest Account

1. Click on the following website address or Google.

http://help.ancestry.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/577

Note! There is an underscore “_” between the ”a” and “id/577” above.

2. The resulting website page should look like the one below. Take a few minutes to read through the information on this page, especially the section on canceling a Registered Guest Account. When done reading, select “click here” circled in **RED**.

Ancestry Guest Registration
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What is a "Registered Guest" account?

This article discusses the following:

- Overview of Guest registration
- Canceling a Registered Guest account

Overview of Guest registration

To use any of the features on Ancestry, a user must have at least a Guest registration. To create a registered guest account, **click here**. As a registered Guest, a limited number of resources are available at no cost. These can be created by providing a first and last name and an email address. Registered Guest accounts have been put in place to allow members to:

1. Access certain free databases (1880 U.S. Federal Census Index; WWI Civilian Draft Registrations; and so forth).
2. Use the Ancestry Member Trees feature in any of the following ways.
 - Build a personal member tree, whether from scratch or by uploading a GEDCOM file
 - Share your Family Tree with family or friends
 - View another user's Family Tree if you received an invitation from that tree's owner
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For more details on the Ancestry Member Tree, please [click here](#).

3. Email members who have chosen to share their email address publicly. (For information about how publicly viewable email addresses differ from the Ancestry connection service, please [click here](#).)
4. Respond to any email sent, even if sent via an anonymous user in the Connection Service.
5. Post messages on the Ancestry Message Boards (and otherwise participate in the general Ancestry Community).
6. Access valuable family history resources in the Ancestry Learning Center.
7. Purchase, install, and use the Family Tree Maker, including our new versions with the TreeSync feature.
8. Continue your learning with tips from our experts on the [Ancestry.com Blog](#).
9. Learn more about your genetic genealogy with [AncestryDNA](#).

Canceling a Registered Guest account

Registered Guest accounts are designed to give unlimited access to free services provided by Ancestry; therefore, there is no need to cancel these accounts. When you have concluded using your Free Registered Guest account, simply discontinue use. You will not be charged any fees when accessing a Registered Guest account from Ancestry. Some participation on Ancestry may require a paid account. For additional details on the accounts available in your area (and to what those accounts provide access), please [click here](#).

If you are interested in finding information on canceling any Ancestry subscription to paid databases (whether you have a free trial or a paid account), please [click here](#).

Note: We do not currently cancel Registered Guest accounts.

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[Show Summary](#)

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3. The following page should appear. I have included the blank form and a copy of how I filled it out. **After completing the form click “Continue”.**

 Already a member? [Log in](#) 

Create a Free Account

First Name:

Last Name:

Email:

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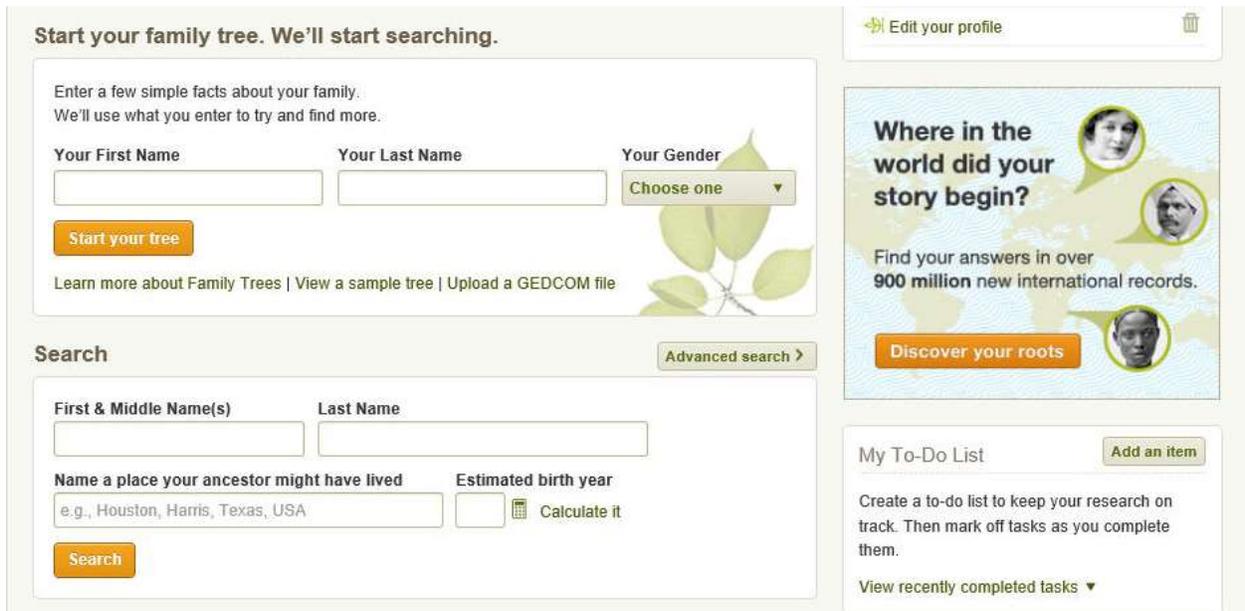
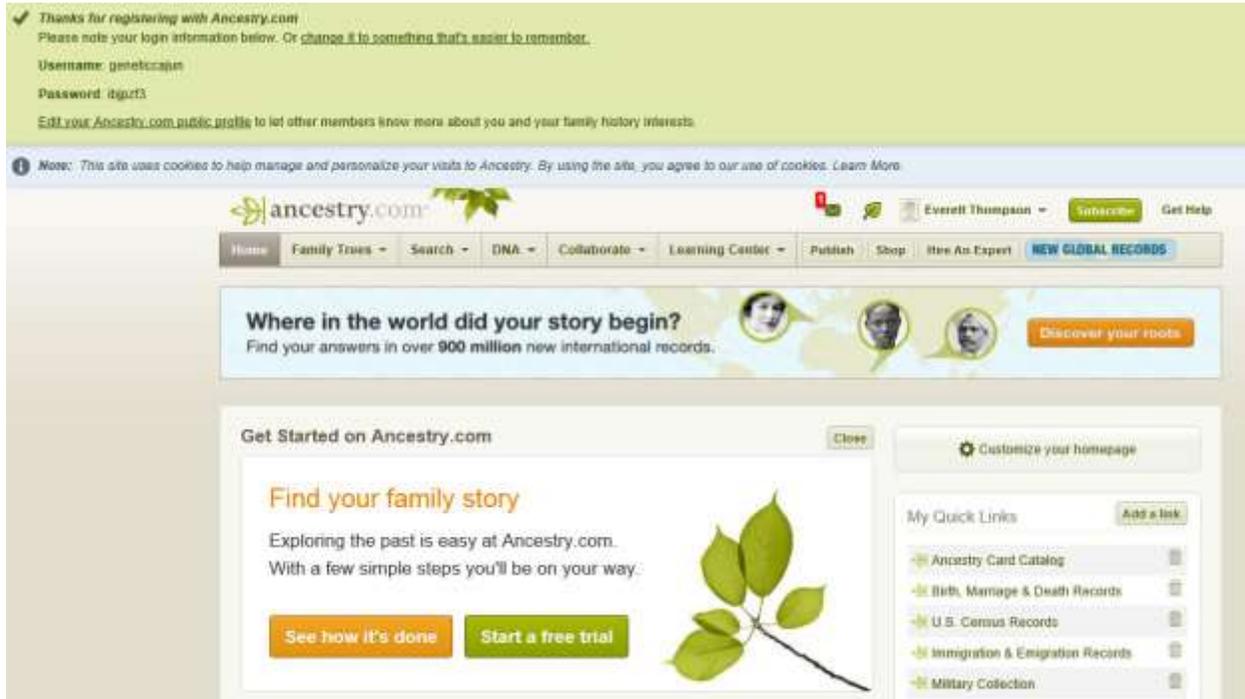
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- The following Home page should appear. The page was so large that I had to break it up into the three following images. **At this point you have completed your Registered Guest Account. Note that a user name and password have been generated for you. Record these now.** Disregard the “Start a free trial” tab for now, however, you may want to try this a little later..



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New records

- Newfoundland, Canada, Index of Birth, Marriage & Death Notices from Newspapers, 1810–1890
- California, Death and Burial Records from Select Counties, 1873-1987
- Canada, Seafarers of the Atlantic Provinces, 1860-1899
- Manchester, England, Deaths and Burials, 1813-1985
- Manchester, England, Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1541-1812
- Manchester, England, Marriages and Banns, 1754-1930
- Manchester, England, Births and Baptisms, 1813-1915
- Liverpool, England, Catholic Confirmations, 1813-1920

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Search records now

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  Twitter
  Google+
  Pinterest
  YouTube
  Tumblr
  Ancestry Blog

Note: You could close this page now if you wanted to since you have established your account. When you want to return to your account just open www.ancestry.com and enter the user name and password you recorded earlier.

5. Now click on “Family Trees” in the navigation bar and your screen will look like this.



6. At this time you could select either “Start a new tree” or “Upload a GEDCOM”. If you already have built a tree in a program such as Family Tree Maker I recommend that you go to that program and download your tree in a GEDCOM format. Be sure to record where you save it. Return to the page above, select “Upload a GEDCOM” and follow the on screen instructions. **A detailed procedure follows in Procedure 2.**
7. If you have your tree in a hard copy format you will have to select “Start a new tree” and input your tree manually.
8. Remember you can build an unlimited number of trees with your account. So jump right in and start building a tree.

Note: When you open your Free Registered Account in the future you may see the following page. You will notice that the navigation bar is not visible. It appears that your only option is to “Start your Free Trial”. Do not fall for this ploy. Just click on “ancestry.com” just above the girl’s head and you will be sent to your true Home page with a navigation bar.

The screenshot shows the Ancestry.com website interface. At the top, the logo "ancestry.com" is visible on the left, and user information "Everett Thompson" with a "Subscribe" button and "Get Help" link is on the right. The main content area features a large image of a woman in a white shirt holding a folder. To the right of this image is the text "See what discoveries you can make today." and a prominent orange button that says "Start your FREE trial". Below the woman's image are smaller images of handwritten documents and a building. A green circular badge with "100% GUARANTEE" is positioned to the right of the main text. Below the badge, the text reads "Ancestry.com Risk-Free Guarantee". To the right of this, there is a phone icon and the text "Need help? 1-800-ANCESTRY hours. Subscribe or cancel at any time." Below the main promotional area, there is a section showing a family tree diagram with names like "Zeno's Palmer" and "George Palmer", and a grid of many small profile pictures.

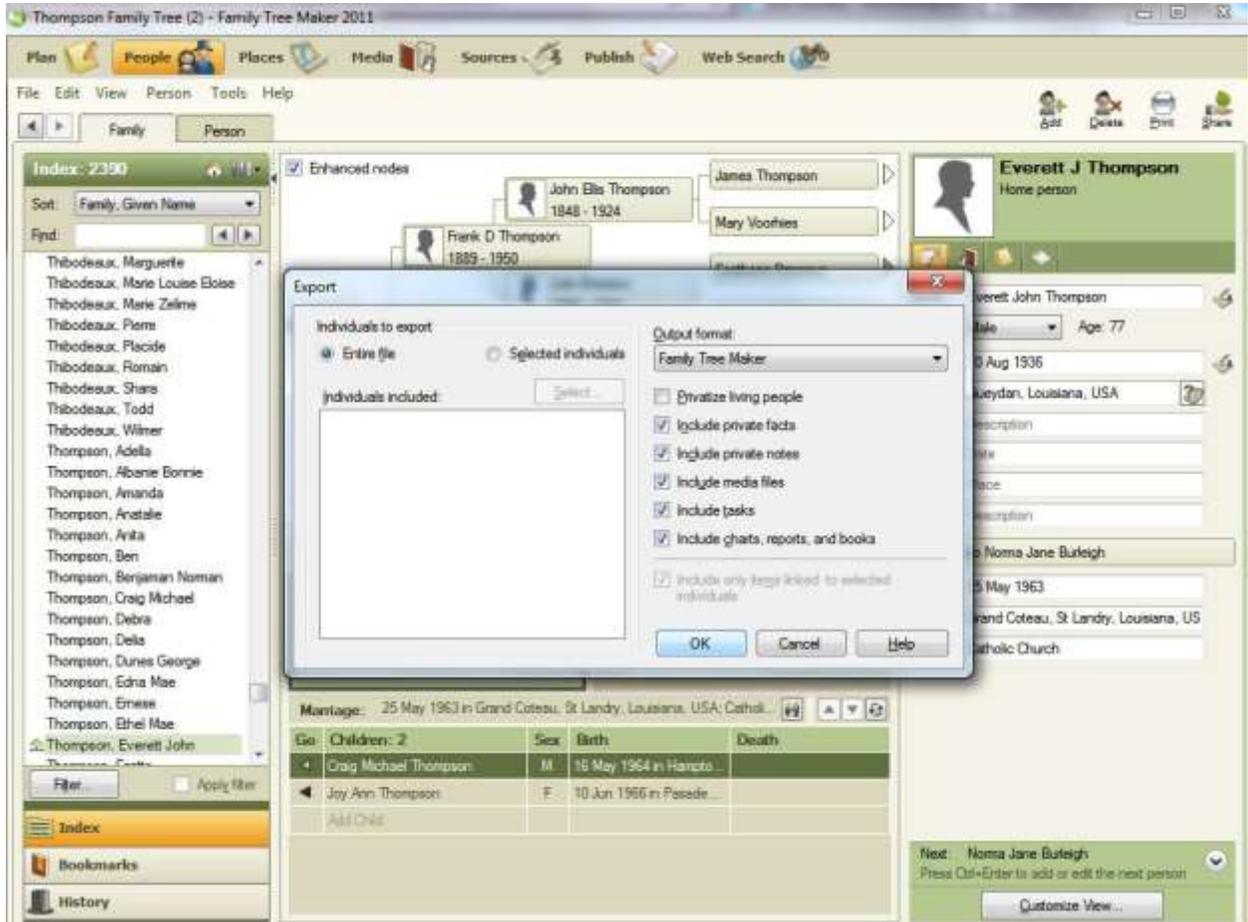
Procedure 2

How to upload your tree From Family Tree Maker to Ancestry.com Using the GEDCOM file format

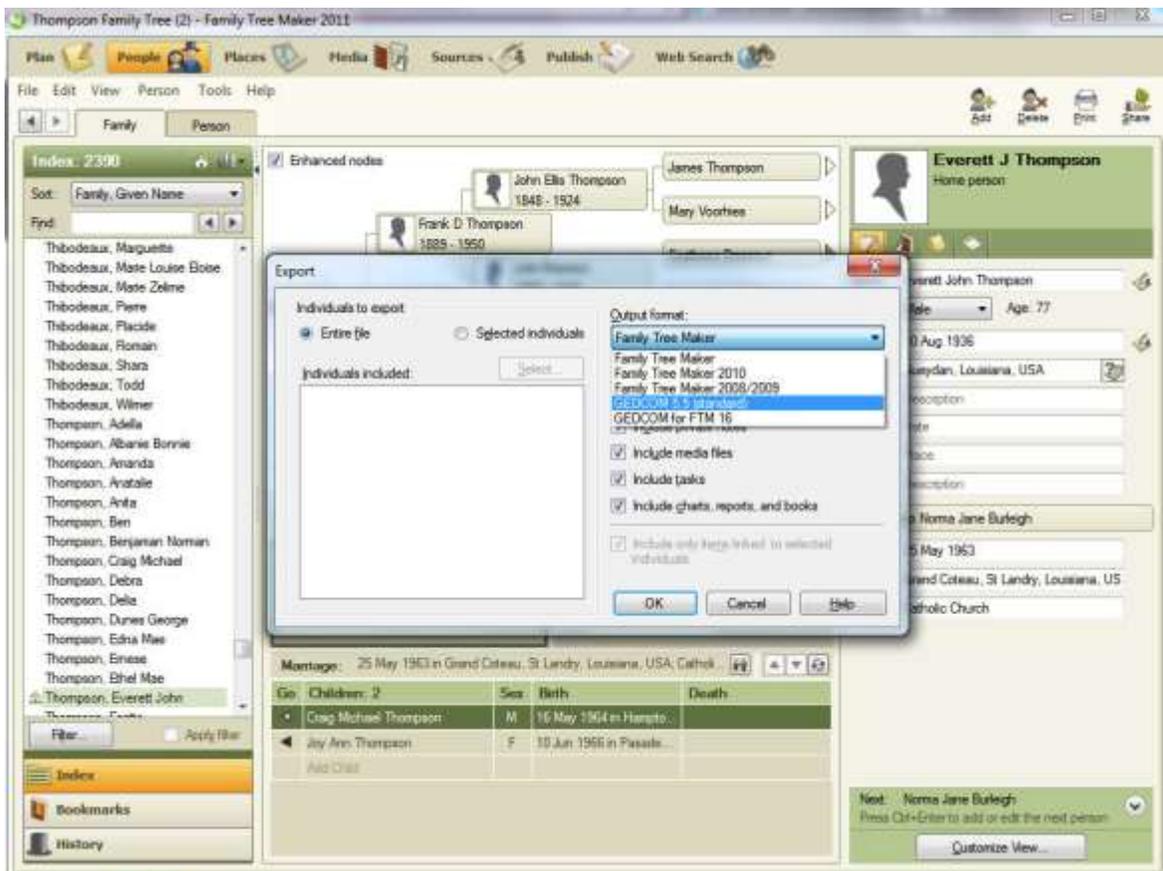
1. Open Family Tree Maker (FTM) and bring up the tree that you would like to transfer to Ancestry.com. Select **File** on the navigation bar and click on **Export** in the drop-down menu.



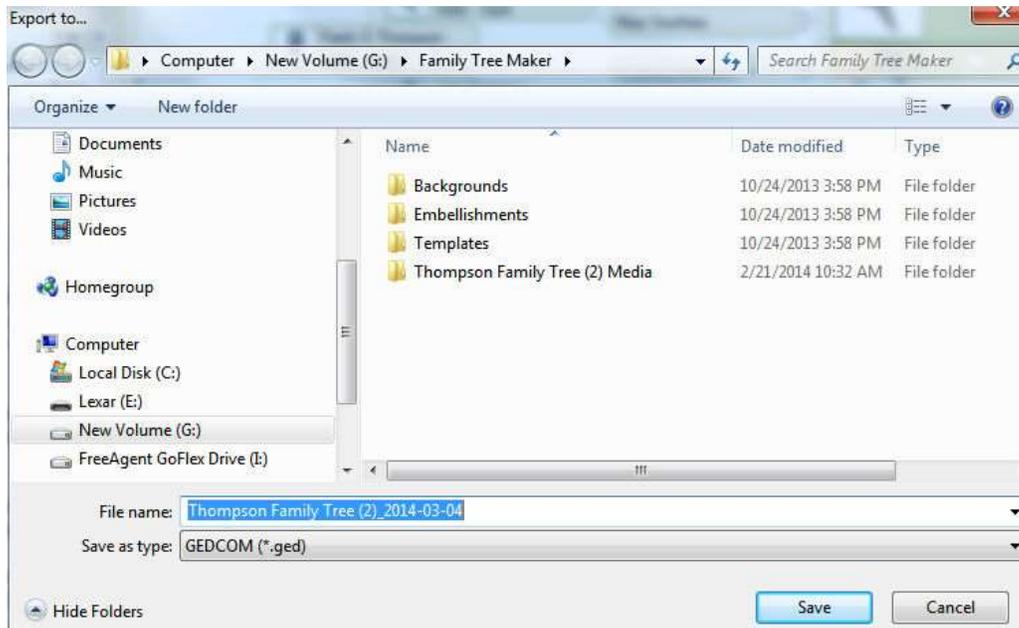
2. Select from the options available in the Export Box but **do not click on “OK”**.



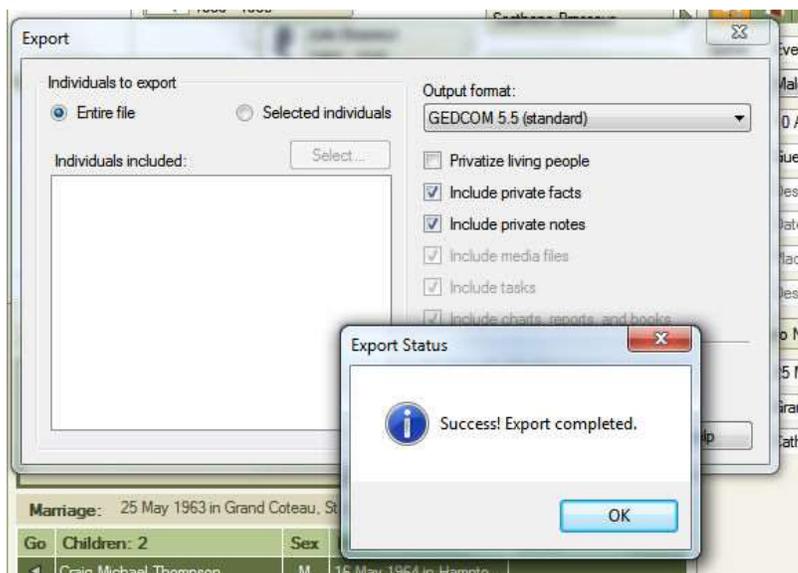
3. Select the Output Format drop-down menu and select the GEDCOM format shown below in blue and click on “OK”.



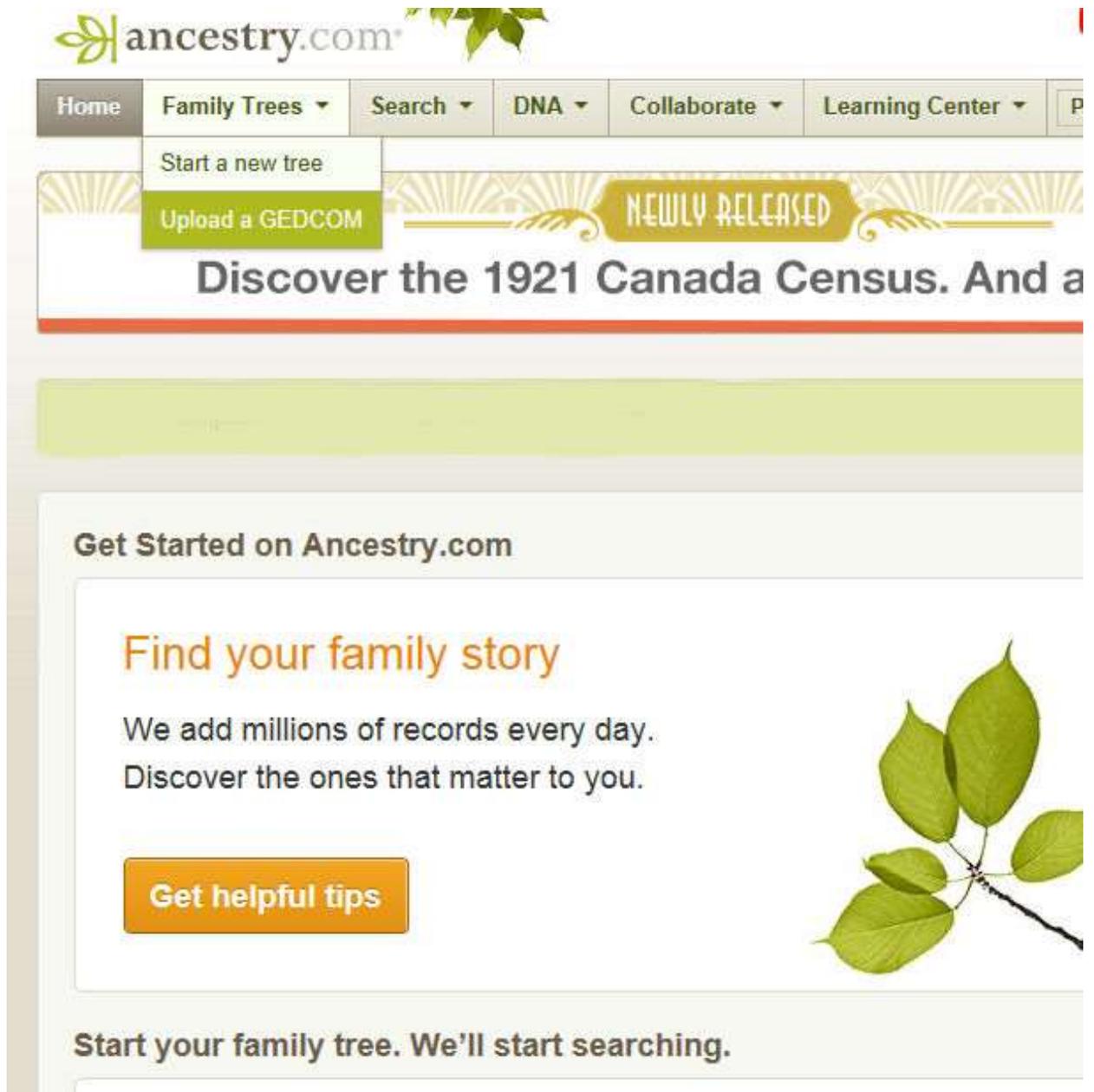
4. A box should appear which something like this one looks. **Be sure to record where the file is being saved since you will need to locate it a little later.** Click on Save.



5. If your tree was successfully converted to a GEDCOM format and saved your screen should look like this.



6. Open Ancestry.com and login if necessary. **If you have a free account remember the warning that I provided in the previous procedure.**
7. Under Family Trees on the navigation bar select “Upload a GEDCOM”.



8. This box should appear. Select the Browser to choose your GEDCOM file which was generated in Step 4. Remember you were asked to record this information.

Upload a Family Tree
When you upload a family tree file, all of the people in it are placed into a new tree on Ancestry.com sites. The name you choose to give your tree will be visible to your guests and other members of Ancestry.com sites. How do I upload my tree?

Choose file Browse...

Find the family tree file on your computer.
Maximum file size is 75MB.

Tree Name

Give your new tree a name

Allow others to see my tree as a public member tree
What does this mean?

Description

Enter surnames, years, etc., to help people understand what your tree is about. (optional)

I accept the Submission Agreement

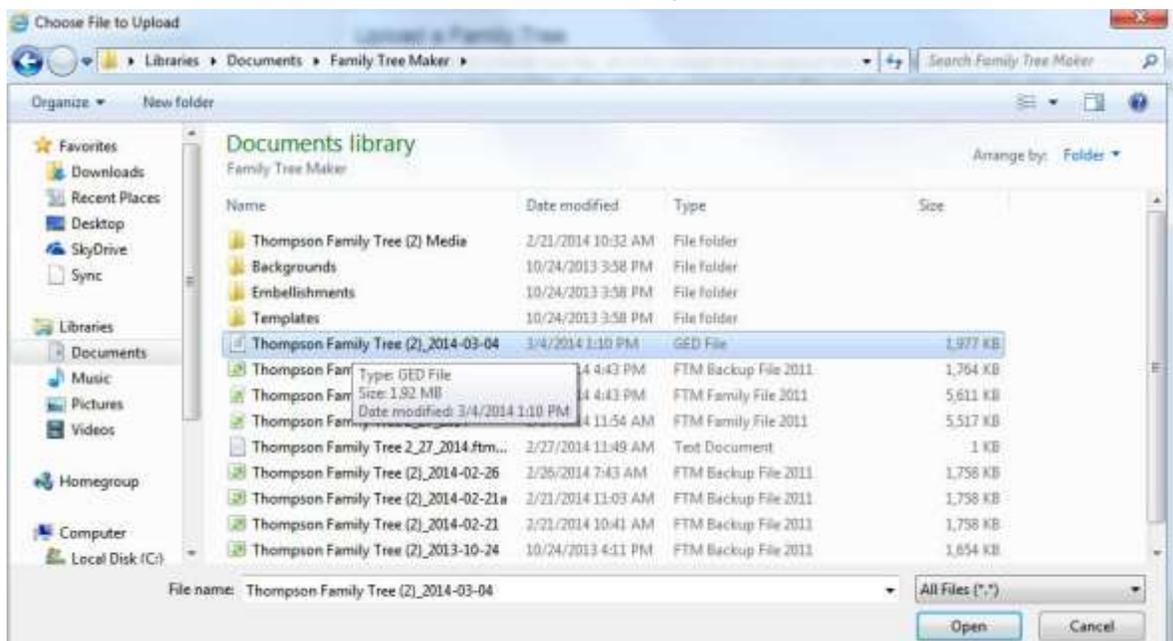
or

Find Your Family
We'll automatically search our collection of billions of records for possible matches.

Collect and Organize
Gather photos, historical records and more...

Share
You can invite family members to see the pages you create and to contribute information.

9. Locate and select the file and then select "Open".



10. The following box should appear. Enter a name for your tree, or if one is displayed you are able to change it if you desire. Be sure to select the small box accepting the submission agreement.

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11. When the Home page appears look down the page and select "Go to your tree" in the green box.

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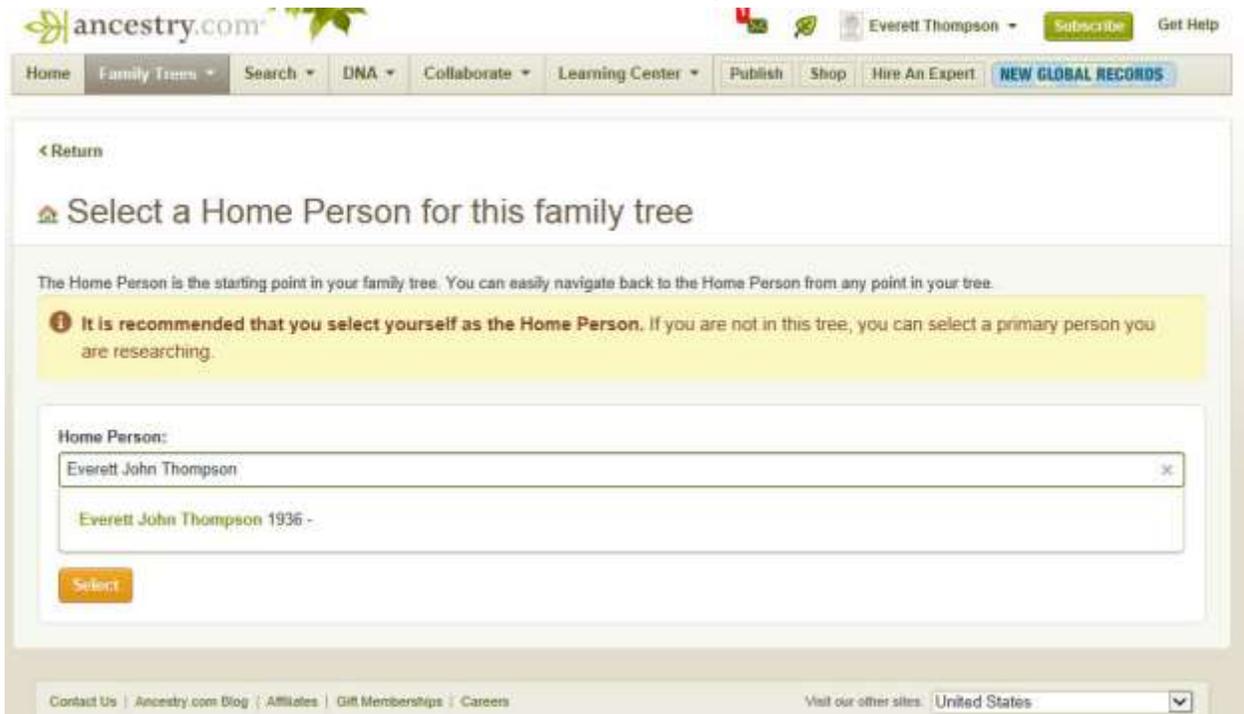
We add millions of records every day. Discover the ones that matter to you.

My Quick Links

- Ancestry Card Catalog
- Birth, Marriage & Death Records
- U.S. Census Records
- Immigration & Emigration Records
- Military Collection
- Edit your profile

✓ We have finished processing the family tree "Thompson Brasseur Saux Fruge Family Tree". Go to "Thompson Brasseur Saux Fruge Family Tree"

12. You will be asked to select a Home Person for your tree.



13. Your tree should now be displayed.



Procedure 3

How to share a tree by inviting a friend to your tree after you have established your Ancestry.com account

1. Open Ancestry.com and sign-in to your account. This Home page should appear.

The screenshot shows the Ancestry.com home page for a user named Everett Thompson. The page features a navigation bar with options like Home, Family Trees, Search, DNA, Collaborate, Learning Center, Publish, Shop, Hire An Expert, and NEW GLOBAL RECORDS. A prominent banner advertises the 1921 Canada Census. Below this, there's a 'Get Started on Ancestry.com' section with a 'Find your family story' heading and buttons for 'See how it's done' and 'Start a free trial'. The main content area displays the 'Thompson Brasseur Saux Fruge Family Tree' with a 'Go to tree' link. It includes a 'Recent family tree activity' section showing profiles for Pierre Daigle, Marie Alexina Daigle, and Octave Daigle. To the right, there's a 'My Quick Links' section with various record categories. At the bottom, there's a search bar with fields for 'First & Middle Name(s)', 'Last Name', 'Name a place your ancestor might have lived', and 'Estimated birth year'. A 'Find Your War Hero' advertisement for fold3 is also visible on the right side.

2. Go to the navigation bar and click on "Family Trees" which will initiate a dropdown menu. Select your tree and open it.

The screenshot shows the Ancestry.com website interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes links for Home, Family Trees, Search, DNA, Collaborate, Learning Center, Publish, Shop, Hire An Expert, and NEW GLOBAL RECORDS. The user's name, Everett Thompson, is displayed in the top right corner along with a Subscribe button and a Get Help link.

The 'Family Trees' dropdown menu is open, showing options: Thompson Family Tree, Thompson Brasseur Saux Fruge Family Tree (highlighted), Start a new tree, and Upload a GEDCOM. A banner for 'NEWLY RELEASED Canada Census. And all that jazz.' is visible, with a Start searching button.

The main content area features a 'Get Started on Ancestry.com' section with the text 'Find your family story' and 'Exploring the past is easy at Ancestry.com. With a few simple steps you'll be on your way.' It includes buttons for 'See how it's done' and 'Start a free trial'. To the right is a 'My Quick Links' section with links to Ancestry Card Catalog, Birth, Marriage & Death Records, U.S. Census Records, Immigration & Emigration Records, Military Collection, and Edit your profile.

The 'Thompson Brasseur Saux Fruge Family Tree' section is active, showing 'Recent family tree activity' with three profile cards for Pierre Daigle, Marie Alexina Daigle, and Octave Daigle. The 'About this tree' section lists 2390 people, 0 photos, and identifies the home person as Everett John Thompson.

A 'Find Your War Hero' advertisement is visible in the bottom right corner, featuring a military portrait and text about the largest collection of military records.

3. Your tree will open.

The screenshot displays the Ancestry.com interface for a family tree titled "Thompson Brasseur Saux Fruge Family Tree". At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Ancestry.com logo, user information for "Everett Thompson", and a "Subscribe" button. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for "Home", "Family Trees", "Search", "DNA", "Collaborate", "Learning Center", "Publish", "Shop", "Hire An Expert", and "NEW GLOBAL RECORDS".

The main content area features a search bar with the text "find a person in this tree" and a "See how to get started" link. Below this, there are three tabs: "Pedigree" (selected), "Family", and "See how to get started".

The family tree is displayed in a pedigree view, showing the following individuals and their relationships:

- John Ellis Thompson** (1848-1924) is the father of **Frank Dutch Thompson** (1880-1950) and **James Thompson** (1828-).
- Frank Dutch Thompson** is the father of **Jule Brasseur** (1880-1938) and **Adam Fruge** (1872-1950).
- Jule Brasseur** is the mother of **Sosthene Brasseur** (1824-1920) and **Suzette Marie Reaux** (1828-).
- Adam Fruge** is the father of **Ida Fruge** (1801-1898) and **Oclave Fruge** (1845-1918).
- Ida Fruge** is the mother of **Leonore Saux** (1876-1962).
- James Thompson** is the father of **Mary Voorhies** (1828-).
- Mary Voorhies** is the mother of **Julien Brasseur** and **Jule Poche**.
- Suzette Marie Reaux** is the mother of **Julien Brasseur** and **Jule Poche**.
- Oclave Fruge** is the father of **Gustave FRUGE** and **Lise Piene SAVOIE**.
- Corlez** (1884-1878) is the mother of **Gustave FRUGE** and **Lise Piene SAVOIE**.
- Basile Saux** (1841-1908) is the father of **Piema Saux** and **Bartheleme Fréchou**.
- Rosalie Gallet** (1881-1888) is the mother of **Piema Saux** and **Bartheleme Fréchou**.
- Joseph Gallet** and **Maria A Colomb** are also shown as children of **Rosalie Gallet**.

Each individual in the tree has a profile card with a name, birth and death dates, and a small green leaf icon. To the right of each card are buttons for "+ Add Father" and "+ Add Mother". A sidebar on the left shows the profile for **Everett J. Thompson** (1828-Living), with sections for "Spouse & Children" (listing **Norma Jane Burrell**, **Craig M Thompson**, and **Joy Ann Thompson**), "Siblings", and "Add relative".

4. Locate “Tree pages” just to the right of your tree’s name. Click on Tree pages and click on “Share your tree” at the bottom of the dropdown menu.



5. This box should appear. Select “Email”.



6. In this box enter the email address of the person you are inviting to your tree. Note that you are able to add additional email addresses and include a personnel message if you desire. Then click "Send Invites".

Invite to Thompson Brasseur Saux Fruge Family Tree

After you invite your family and friends to this tree you can manage invites and roles on the [Tree Settings](#) page.

Email **Role**

Username

Find this person in your tree

[+ Add another email](#)

[Send Invites](#) or [Cancel](#)

Include a personal message (optional)

Invitation preview

Dear [Name],

You have been invited to Thompson Brasseur Saux Fruge Family Tree on Ancestry.com. You can view and print this family tree as well as historical records, photos, and stories associated with people in the tree.

The family tree has 2390 people, 0 photos, 0 stories and 0 historical records.

7. You should get this message that you were successful. This completes this process.

Invite to Thompson Brasseur Saux Fruge Family Tree

After you invite your family and friends to this tree you can manage invites and roles on the [Tree Settings](#) page.

Email

Username

You've invited 1 person to this tree

- You can use your tree settings to assign roles and manage invites.

[I'm finished sending invites](#)