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POPULAR GENEALOGY SOFTWARE PROGRAMS

Choosing a genealogy software program is a personal decision. Did you know that many of the most popular genealogy software programs offer free trials? Often the free or trial programs do not have all of the “bells and whistles” that the paid version does, but they do have something you need to try out the software and find the one for you. Try them all and see which of program fits your needs.

Questions to consider when comparing genealogy software include “What am I going to do with my research?” Do I want to publish a book? Do I want to share my research with my family? Am I interested in making fantastic family trees and print them as wall charts?” Each program offers different strengths. Here are the most popular. The choice is up to you.

Family Tree Maker - Win & Mac

www.mackiev.com/ftm
NO FREE TRIALS

Legacy – Windows only

www.legacyfamilytree.com
Click on “Standard Edition, FREE Download Now”

Roots Magic Essentials – Win & Mac

www.rootsmagic.com/essentials
Click on “free download”

The Master Genealogist - Win
No longer tech supported.

www.whollygenes.com
Click to download a 30-day free trial

Reunion - Mac only

www.leisterpro.com
Click on “download” and follow the directions

SCGS - Genealogy Software Interest Groups

Come to one or more of our software interest group meetings to learn more about your program, get your questions answered, and pick up a few tips and tricks.

Family Tree Maker	2 nd Sun – 4-6pm	Dick Humphrey	rlh1335@gmail.com
Legacy	2 nd Mon – 7-9pm	Barbara Gaitley	Barbgen12@gmail.com
Roots Magic	3 rd Sun – 2-4pm	Jay Holladay	jholladay@ca.rr.com
The Master Genealogist	1 st Sat – 2-4pm	Patt Ricketts	pattskatts@gmail.com