# Introduction to Family Tree Maker - Building Your Family Tree

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The latest version of FTM 2019 is 24.2. To verify your version choose **About Family Tree Maker** from the **Help** menu (on Windows) or **About Family Tree Maker 2019** from the **Family Tree Maker 2019** menu (on macOS).

To check if there's an update available for your version choose **Check for Update** from the **Help** menu (on Windows) or **Check for Updates and Upgrades** from the **Family Tree Maker 2019** menu (on macOS).
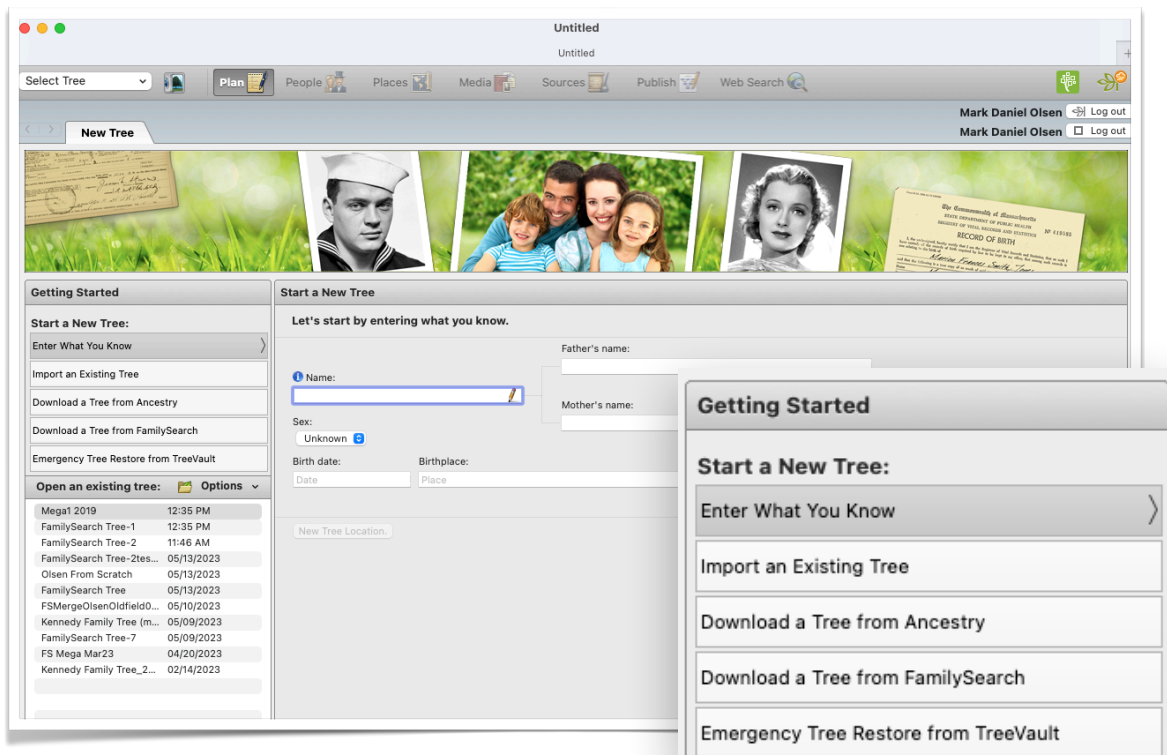
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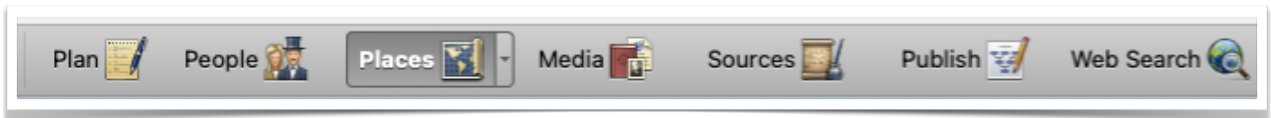
Options for getting started with a family tree:

• Existing Family Tree Maker tree
• Create a tree (enter what you know)
• Import a GEDCOM file or a Family Tree Maker file version 1 or newer
• Download one of your Ancestry.com trees
• Download a branch of the FamilySearch Family Tree

This is the place you can do most of your tree building
- Index
- Pedigree
- Family View
- Person Panel

Customize the Person Panel
- Very important step
- Customize tree based on your unique genealogy history, geography, religion, etc.
- Shared facts
- New facts that you create for your own needs

Person Tab
- Add additional unique facts
- Timeline
- Relationships
- Notes
- Media
- Weblinks
- Sources
- Much more

Ancestry - FamilySync®
Download - Connect - Sync with YOUR Ancestry.com Trees

There are some items which do not sync with Ancestry - not a full online backup.

TreeVault
- Full online back up from Family Tree Maker
- Various plans available for your complied biggest tree.

Show Ancestry Hints
- Tree Hints, from other public Ancestry trees
- Record Hints - Birth, Marriage, Death, Census Records and much more
  - All types of hints will be shown - your access to them depends on your Ancestry subscription.
- Uploading your Family Tree Maker created tree.
- Downloading your Ancestry.com tree
- Keeping them in sync

Sync Weather Report
Green - No problems found, safe to sync
Orange - Problems may occur, syncing is not recommended but still possible.
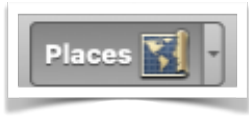Red - Serious connection problems, syncing is impossible.

FamilySearch Hints and Downloads
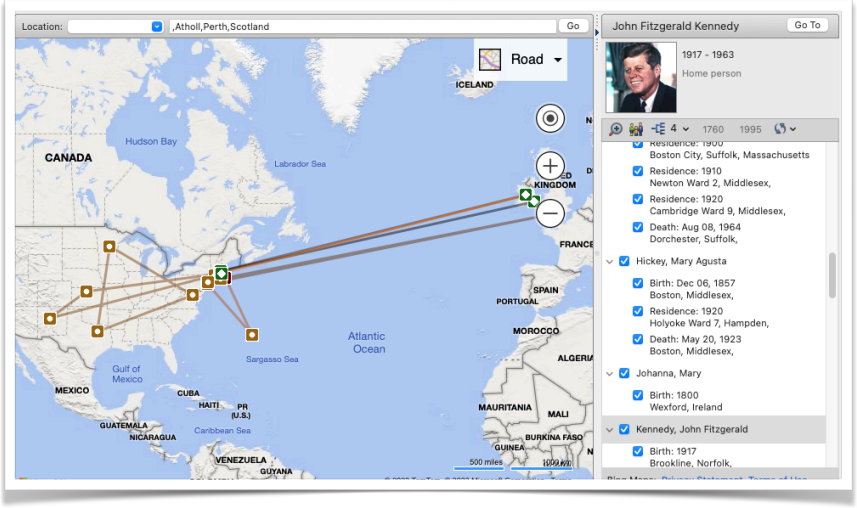Plan - download a portion of the FamilySearch tree.
- Show hints, match, merge (not a two way sync)
- Match the person in your tree to the FamilySearch Tree
  - Once matched you can see Record Matches to that person.
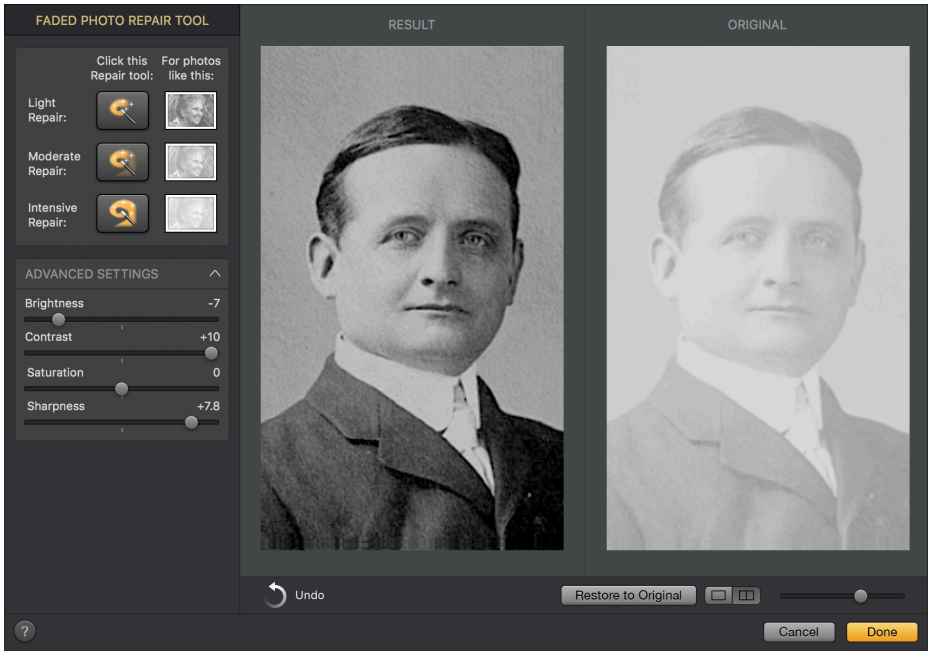- Merge tree and records hints

Places

Map your genealogy
- By Place
- By Person
- Over time and generations

Media

Media
- Add new media
- Link media to people
- Link to source citations
- Photo Darkroom
- Categories
- Crop and Sync to Ancestry
- Download media
- Group picture links to many people

Sources

Sources - Don't let them scare you! They are your friend.
- Sources on the left
- Source Citations in the middle
- Source Citation Links in the lower middle
- Source Citation Information on the Left Panel
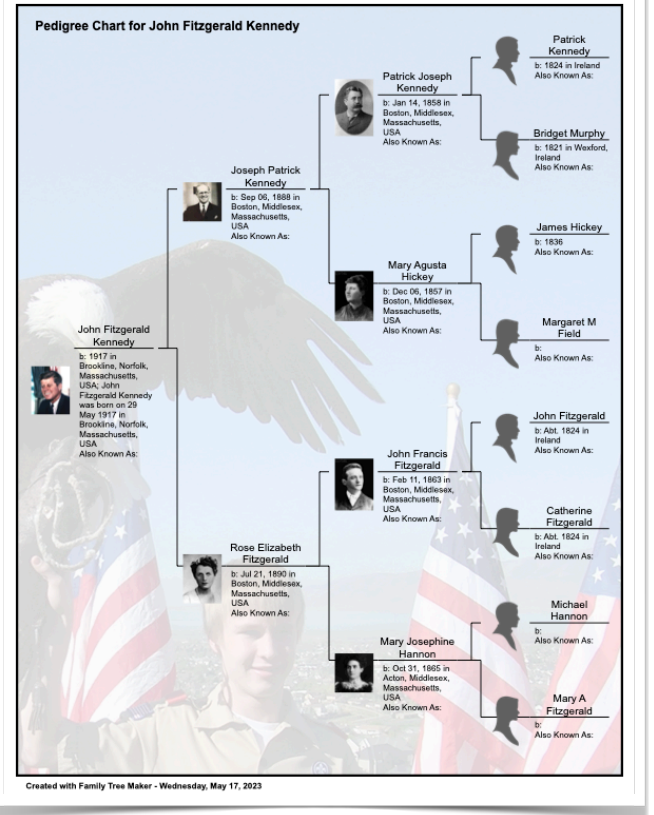- Add new source templates

To see sources in the best way watch them and edit them as you merge records from FamilySearch and Ancestry. Go to the Sources screen and follow the information, data and links.

Publish
- Charts
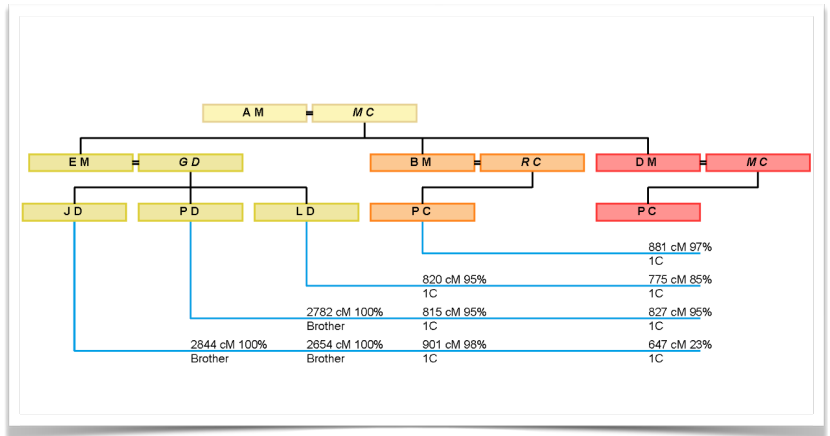- Reports
- Custom Filtered Lists
- Books

Plug-in Partner Products
Work with your data to generate amazing charts and books beyond those in Family Tree Maker

Charting Companion
- Additional Charts
- DNA Simulation
- DNA Matrix

Family Book Creator
Fully automated book creation

"The ultimate extension for Family Tree Maker…"

Web Search

Web Search
- Ancestry Hints
- FamilySearch Hints
- Merging of hints
- Web clipping

John Fitzgerald Kennedy
1917 - 1963

Jacqueline Lee Bouvier

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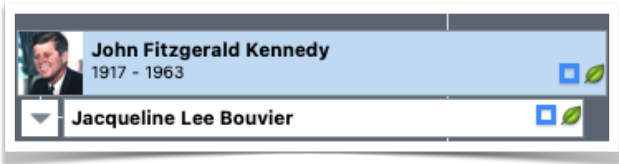
1940 United States Federal Census
New York › Westchester › Eastchester › 60-29   Save ⌄

Residence County in 1935

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Person | **Facts** | Media 14 | Notes 1

Person From Your Tree

Name:	John Fitzgerald Kennedy
Birth:	1917 in Brookline, Norfolk, Massachusetts, USA; John Fitzgerald Kennedy was...
Death:	Nov 22, 1963 in Dallas, Dallas, Texas, USA
Marriage:	Jacqueline Lee Bouvier; Sep 12, 1953 in Newport, Newport, Rhode Island, USA...
Father:	Joseph Patrick Kennedy
Mother:	Rose Elizabeth Fitzgerald
Spouse(s):	Jacqueline Lee Bouvier
Children:	John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Patrick Bouvier Kennedy, Caroline Kennedy

Search Results Detail   ◀Merge... =Match

Name:	John Kennedy
Birth:	
Birth:	1917 in Massachusetts
Residence:	1935 in Eastchester, Westchester, New York
Residence:	1940 in Eastchester Town, Eastchester, Westchester, New York, USA;...
Race:	White
Father:	Joseph P Kennedy
Mother:	Rose Kennedy

Mark's Tips

Just Click! Don't be afraid to discover.
Click right and left for more options throughout
Family Tree Maker.

It's all connected!
Take the time to see what's really happening when you create a person,
click on a hint, or merge a record into your tree. You will see links to the
record, the media item and the people impacted throughout your tree.

Joseph Patrick Kenne
1888 - 1969

John Fitzge
1917 - 1963

Jacqueline Le

Joseph Patrick

John Fitzgerald Kennedy
Born: 1917
Brookline, Norfolk, M
Died: Nov 22, 1963
Dallas, Dallas, Texas

Marriage: Sep 12, 1953 in N

View Ancestry Hints
View FamilySearch Hints
Match Person to FamilySearch
Edit Person...
Detach Person...
View Details
Delete Person
Move to Root Position
Set As Home Person
Add Bookmark
Delete Bookmark
Export Branch...

Additional Links and information

Family Tree Maker Demo Videos
https://www.familytreemaker.com/exhibition/demos/ftm_demos.html

Event Discount Link
https://www.mackiev.com/offers/sig_offer/index.html?coupon=SIG5HYFFXWWXE

What's New in the FTM 2019 Updates
24.1 https://support.mackiev.com/783490-Whats-New-in-the-FTM-2019-241-Update
24.2 https://support.mackiev.com/987348-Whats-New-in-the-FTM-2019-242-Update

Family Tree Maker Support, FAQs and Information
Please follow this link directly or go through the **Help** menu in FTM 2019
FTM.support

Live Chat Technical Support
Please follow this link directly or go through the **Help** menu in FTM 2019
FTM.support/chat

Facebook Family Tree Maker User Group
https://www.facebook.com/groups/FamilyTreeMakerUsers

Fixing Relationship Issues
https://support.mackiev.com/854327-Fixing-Relationship-Mistakes-in-FTM-2017-2019
https://support.mackiev.com/182927-Managing-Relationships-in-Family-Tree-Maker-2019

Best Practices for Syncing with Ancestry
https://support.mackiev.com/788389-Best-Practices-for-Syncing-in-FTM-2017-and-FTM-2019

Compacting File - Periodic Maintenance to keep your tree running smoothly
https://support.mackiev.com/211309-Compacting-a-File-in-FTM-2017-and-FTM-2019

What is not synced with Ancestry
https://support.mackiev.com/090571----FTM-2017--Whats-Not-Synced-with-FamilySync

Exporting a Branch in FTM 2019
https://support.mackiev.com/621578-How-to-partially-export-or-split-a-file-in-Family-Tree-Maker

Merging Trees in FTM 2019
https://support.mackiev.com/401567-Merging-two-files-in-Family-Tree-Maker

Society Outreach Program
https://www.familytreemaker.com/society/

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