

# Beginner's Genealogy Workshop

Session 4: Build Your Family Tree

# Session 4 Overview

- Proprietary Family Trees
- Online Family Trees
- Family Tree Software
- Printed Family Trees

# Proprietary Family Trees

Example of Ancestry.com  
Family Tree

Edit father's side

## Search results for Clemente pacy

**CLEME...**  
**PACY**

(FATHER'S  
FATHER)

**FRANC...**  
**PACY**

(FATHER'S  
MOTHER)

**RONALD**  
**PACY**

(FATHER)

Search for  
your  
mother's  
family

Search for  
someone  
else

### 1930 United States Federal Census



NAME: **Crimens Prey** [User-submitted-comment Pacy]

PREVIEW

SPOUSE: Frances Pacy

BIRTH: abt 1909

RESIDENCE: 1930 - Littleton,  
Middlesex,  
Massachusetts

### Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records



NAME: **John Joseph  
Trebeudis**

PREVIEW

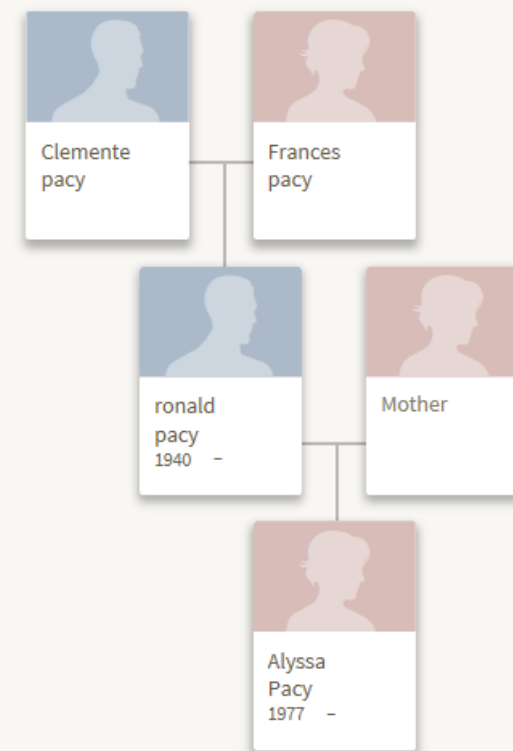
SPOUSE: Marjorie Frances Pacy

MARRIAGE: Massachusetts

VITAL: Massachusetts

### Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records

### Alyssa Pacy Family Tree



# Proprietary Family Trees

- Proprietary
  - Specific to a particular website (like Ancestry.com) or software (like Family Tree Maker)
  - Is the family tree exportable?
  - Does it use GEDCOM files? (Genealogical Data Communications, a universally-accepted file format for family tree files.)
    - GEDCOM are text files and do not include pictures

# Online Family Trees

- Ancestry.com
  - Must be a paying member to use family trees
  - Uses GEDCOM files for import/export
  - Family trees are not available on the free Library edition
- Familysearch.org
  - Need to register to create a family tree
  - Can import a GEDCOM file
  - Cannot export a GEDCOM file
  - Printable family tree
- Myheritage.com
  - Need to register to create a family tree
  - Uses GEDCOM files for import/export
  - Free download of family tree software, called Family Tree Builder

# Online Family Trees

- Note about *your* privacy

# Family Tree Software

- [Ancestral Quest](#) (basic version free)
- [Family Tree Builder](#) from MyHeritage (basic version free)
- [Legacy Family Tree](#) (basic version free)
- [RootsMagic Essentials](#) (free)
- [RootsMagic](#) (\$29.95)
- [Family Tree Maker](#) (\$79.95)
- [Software Review](#), Family Tree Magazine, November 21, 2016

# Family Tree Software

From *Organize your Genealogy: Strategies and Solutions for Every Researcher* by Drew Smith, p. 127.

## SOFTWARE COMPARISON WORKSHEET

You have many genealogy software programs to choose from. Check out this comparison guide that displays the major software programs available to genealogists on both Windows and Macs. For user ratings, visit <[www.gensoftreviews.com](http://www.gensoftreviews.com)>.

### For Windows

Name	Price	Multiple views	Reports	Syncs with FamilySearch.org	Syncs with Ancestry.com
<b>Ancestral Quest</b> < <a href="http://www.ancquest.com">www.ancquest.com</a> >	free "Basics" version; \$29.95 (download); \$19.95 (upgrade)	●	●		
<b>Brother's Keeper</b> < <a href="http://www.bkwin.org">www.bkwin.org</a> >	\$45 (CD); \$24 (upgrade)	●	●		
<b>Family Historian</b> < <a href="http://www.family-historian.co.uk">www.family-historian.co.uk</a> >	\$46.50 (license); \$32.29 (upgrade)	●	●		●
<b>Family Tree Maker</b> < <a href="http://www.mackiev.com/ftm/index.html">www.mackiev.com/ftm/index.html</a> >	\$69.95 (download); \$29.95 (upgrade from FTM 2012 or earlier)	●	●		●
<b>Genbox Family History</b> < <a href="http://www.genbox.com">www.genbox.com</a> >	\$29.95 (license)	●	●		
<b>Heredis 2015 for Windows</b> < <a href="http://www.heredis.com/en/heredis-2015-for-windows/">www.heredis.com/en/heredis-2015-for-windows/</a> >	\$29.99 (download) or \$19.99 (upgrade)	●	●		
<b>Legacy Family Tree Deluxe</b> < <a href="http://www.legacyfamilytree.com">www.legacyfamilytree.com</a> >	free "Standard" version; \$29.99 (download); \$39.95 (CD with manual); \$21.95 upgrade	●	●		
<b>RootsMagic 7</b> < <a href="http://www.rootsmagic.com">www.rootsmagic.com</a> >	free "Essentials" version; \$29.95 (download); \$19.95 (upgrade)	●	●	●	●



# Printed Family Trees

- Advantages
  - Non proprietary
  - Your privacy is protected
  - Pass it down to family
    - Don't have to rely on software or the internet

# Printed Family Trees

- Pedigree Charts
  - Free
    - Ancestryprinting.com
      - [Ancestral Data Sheet](#)
      - [Fan Charts](#)
      - [Family Data Sheet](#)
    - Obituarieshelp.org
      - [Large Family Tree Charts](#)
        - Different formats (i.e., several generations, circular, bow tie, round, landscape, hourglass, etc.)
    - [A3 Sider](#)
    - Ancestry.com
      - [Ancestral Chart](#)
    - [Bloodandfrogs.org](#)
      - Ancestral Form, Family Form, Sibling Form, and Ancestor Location Form
  - Purchase
    - American Ancestors
      - [Charts and Trees](#) (\$5.99 - \$9.99)
    - LDS Bookshop
      - [15 Generation Pedigree Chart](#) (\$1.25)
      - [Fan Genealogy Chart](#) (17x 11, \$9.99 and 23x 15, \$12.99)
      - [5 Generation Custom Chart](#) (\$34.99)
    - [Ancestryprinting.com](#)
      - custom printing of any size family tree

# Explore Your Family History

- Genealogy Questions from You
- Search for Your Family's Records
  - Leave with a copy of one of the types of records covered in today's class.
- Visit the Cambridge Room
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
  - Open tonight from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.