

WikiTree - Where genealogists collaborate

WikiTree

- <https://www.wikitree.com/>
- Single family tree using DNA and traditional sources
- Free
- Collaborative
- Plans for preserving and protecting the tree

WikiTree Terminology

- Genealogist
- Profile
- Profile Manager (PM)
- Last Name at Birth (LNAB)
- Privacy
- Categories
- Templates and Stickers
- G2G

When to use WikiTree?

- Why is WikiTree different?
- Publish/share research for ancestors
- Coordinate with other researchers
- Find potential DNA matches
- Probably not: capture info for living persons

Become a member

- Join the community of volunteers
- Register with e-mail
- Membership levels <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:Membership>
- Sign the Honor Code https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Special:Honor_Code

Honor code

Where to start

- Add followed tags to your profile
- Customize your Nav Home Page
- New Member How-To links (posted by your greeter)
https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Category:New_Member_How-To
- Explore menus
- Explore help
- Explore G2G

Creating a Profile

- <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:Biographies>
- <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:Examples>

- Search for existing profile
- Enter data fields – naming conventions
- Tell your ancestor’s story in the biography

== Biography ==

John Doe was born sometime and there is an interesting story about his life. He was known as Jack. He married Jill and they went up the hill to get a pail of water and ended up with 3 children....

== Sources ==

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Sources

- Repository agnostic
- Help <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:Sources>
- FAQ [https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:Sources FAQ](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:Sources_FAQ)
- Pre-1700 Profiles [https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:Pre-1700 Profiles](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:Pre-1700_Profiles)
- Pre-1700 Sources [https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Category:Reliable Sources for Pre-1700 Profiles](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Category:Reliable_Sources_for_Pre-1700_Profiles)
- Pre-1700 Sources [https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space:Pre-1700 Resource Page](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space:Pre-1700_Resource_Page)

Sources

- RootsSearch (from the LNAB-#### menu)
- Resources for sources
 - <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space:Category-Source>
 - https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space:List_of_Lists
 - https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Category:Sources_by_Name
- Wrapping a URL with a template
 - [https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Category:External Link Templates](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Category:External_Link_Templates)
 - https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:Find_A_Grave

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Getting More out of WikiTree

Collaboration

- As you add your ancestors, you will probably find that you connect with existing profiles, and thus find cousins to communicate with
- Post a public message on a profile
- Post a public message on a Profile Manager’s profile
- Send a private message to a Profile Manager
- Participate in the Genealogist to Genealogist Forum (G2G) <https://www.wikitree.com/g2g/>

Projects

- Geographical, Topical, Functional <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:Projects>

- Examples: Puritan Great Migration, US Southern Colonies, One Name Studies, Profile Improvement.
- Data Doctors Project https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Project:Data_Doctors
- Potential problems in the tree, updated weekly
- Suggestions for profiles that you manage under the My WikiTree menu
- Suggestions for profiles related to you under the Name-### menu

Tools

- Family Tree and Genealogy Tools (Click the tab from any profile)
- Tree views for family, ancestors, descendants
- View the tree in different fashions
- Check relationship between any two profiles
- Web Apps <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:Apps>
- Many of the apps are also on the Family Tree and Tools tab
- Chrome Browser Extensions

Join the Community

- Participate in a Thon (Clean-A-Thon, Source-A-Thon)
- Participate in a Challenge, such as
- Weekly Data Doctor suggestions https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:Data_Doctors_Challenge
- Photo of the week https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:52_Weeks_of_Photos
- Profile of the week https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:52_Weeks_of_Accuracy
- Monthly sourcerers challenge <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Project:Sourcerers>
- after you have been on WikiTree for a while... Data doctor or sourcers are good places to start <https://www.wikitree.com/g2g/1199618/have-you-registered-for-the-2021-spring-clean-a-thon-yet>

Connect with the Community

- 2021 Year of the Accuracy; year-long challenge to improve the tree for a genealogy notable
CeCe Moore
Dr Henry Louis Gates Jr.
Katherine Willson "This is the most magnificent example of genealogy crowd-sourcing and generosity. I am just blown away!"
- Join (or just watch) the Live Casts (search YouTube for WikiTree)
- Join the Weekend Chat on G2G