

# Comparing Genealogy Software Programs Legacy Family Tree, Roots Magic, and Family Tree Maker

In today's world of digital media, keeping all your genealogy information in paper binders is not the only way to store the research you've done to discover your family history. And it certainly is not the best way to share your genealogy research with others whether they are family members or potential cousins.

Computers have become ubiquitous- just everyone has one, so having your family history and family tree information on a computer is a natural way to visualize the information you've spent years piecing together.

The three major genealogy software programs are Family Tree Maker, Legacy Family Tree and Roots Magic. All three of these programs are available for the Windows PC. Roots Magic and Family Tree Maker are available for a MAC computer also.

These programs have great features and this presentation will compare the strengths and weaknesses of each of them. This lecture will demonstrate each of the programs so you can see first- hand how each of them work on both a Windows and MAC computer.

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Katie has been serving as the President of the East Valley Chapter of the Family History Society of Arizona for the past seven years, and on her second go around as the Secretary for the Family History Society of Arizona. Katie became her family historian in 2008. She has attended many genealogy workshops and seminars and began giving presentations to genealogy clubs in 2011. She has spoken a many genealogy seminars in Arizona and will be teaching two classes for the first time in June 2017 at the Southern California Genealogical Society's 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Jamboree. Her personal genealogy research to date has taken her back to her 7<sup>th</sup> great grandparents. Her ancestors settled in several counties in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Like her passion for technology, genealogy presents interesting puzzles to solve.



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