



Beginning Your Genealogical Research

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So you want to research your family?

First things you will need:

- A plan
- Paper and pencil
- A computer and a smartphone
- Information or at least somewhere to get info

<https://www.mobilepubliclibrary.org/locations/localhistory.php>

The screenshot shows the website for the Mobile Public Library's Local History & Genealogy section. The header includes the library's name, phone number (251) 340-1535, and navigation links like Home, About, Locations, Kids, Teens, Events, and eResources. The main banner features a photograph of the library building and a map of Mobile, Alabama, with a red pin marking the library's location. To the right of the map, contact information is provided: 753 Government Street, Mobile, AL 36603-1403, phone (251) 494-2190, and email main@mplonline.org. Library hours are listed as Mon-Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Social media links for Facebook and a calendar are also present. A section titled 'Send a print-job to this location (no color):' provides an email (mpl-lhg-bw@printspots.com) and a website link for uploading print jobs. A descriptive paragraph states that the library specializes in the history of Mobile and the greater Gulf Coast region, including genealogical records for the Southeastern U.S. with an emphasis on migration paths into Alabama. Below the banner, a section titled 'Available at This Location' lists various resources: Vertical Files, County Records, Digital Archives, and Historical records on Microfilm and Microfiche. To the right of this list is a 'Resources & Services' section with links to 'Ancestry.com access in library only' and 'NewsBank: Mobile Register Archive'.

MOBILE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Local History & Genealogy

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main@mplonline.org

Library Hours
Mon - Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
See Holiday Closings

Local History & Genealogy Facebook
Local History & Genealogy Calendar

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Upload a print-job via its website.

The Local History & Genealogy Library specializes in the history of Mobile and the greater Gulf Coast region, including genealogical records for the Southeastern U.S. with emphasis on migration paths into Alabama. Our unique materials and expert staff can help you on your way.

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- Digital Archives
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Resources & Services

- Ancestry.com access in library only
- NewsBank: Mobile Register Archive



Before you dive in, list of things you may want to have on hand to help:

- Family Bible
 - Funeral Programs
 - Older Family Members
 - Older Friends of the Family
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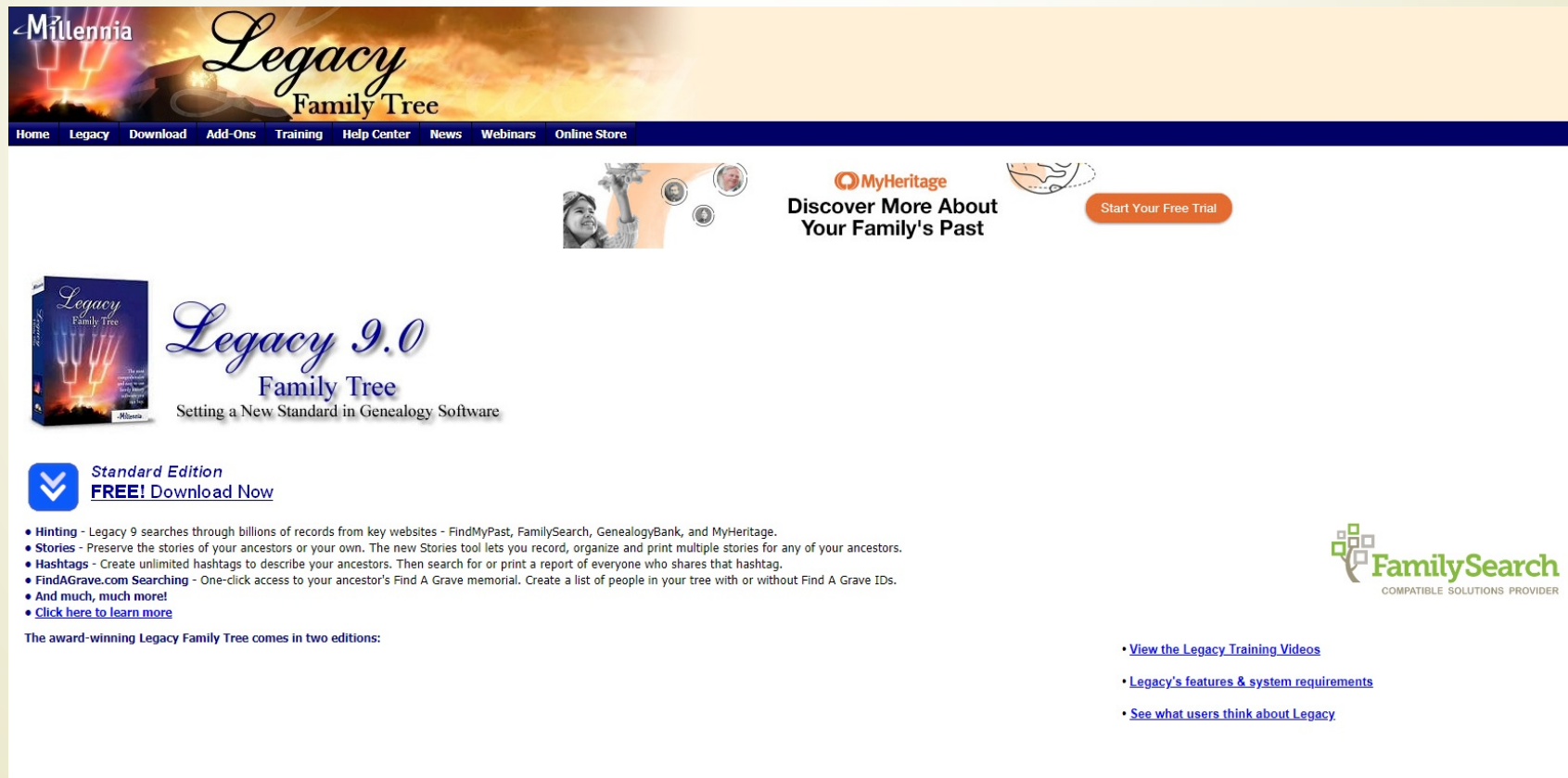
My specialty: Computer Software:

- Totally free genealogy software for Windows or Mac:
- <https://gramps-project.org/blog/>



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- Free for Windows with limitations:
- <https://legacyfamilytree.com/>



The screenshot shows the Legacy Family Tree website. The header features the 'Millennia Legacy Family Tree' logo and a navigation menu with links: Home, Legacy, Download, Add-Ons, Training, Help Center, News, Webinars, and Online Store. Below the header, there's a promotional banner for MyHeritage with the text 'Discover More About Your Family's Past' and a 'Start Your Free Trial' button. The main content area highlights 'Legacy 9.0 Family Tree' with the tagline 'Setting a New Standard in Genealogy Software'. A 'Standard Edition FREE! Download Now' button is prominently displayed. Below this, a list of features is provided: Hinting (searches through billions of records), Stories (preserve and print multiple stories), Hashtags (create unlimited hashtags), FindAGrave.com Searching (one-click access to memorials), and more. A link to 'Click here to learn more' is also present. The footer mentions that the software comes in two editions and provides links to 'View the Legacy Training Videos', 'Legacy's features & system requirements', and 'See what users think about Legacy'. The FamilySearch logo is visible in the bottom right corner.

Millennia Legacy Family Tree

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Standard Edition
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- **Hinting** - Legacy 9 searches through billions of records from key websites - FindMyPast, FamilySearch, GenealogyBank, and MyHeritage.
- **Stories** - Preserve the stories of your ancestors or your own. The new Stories tool lets you record, organize and print multiple stories for any of your ancestors.
- **Hashtags** - Create unlimited hashtags to describe your ancestors. Then search for or print a report of everyone who shares that hashtag.
- **FindAGrave.com Searching** - One-click access to your ancestor's Find A Grave memorial. Create a list of people in your tree with or without Find A Grave IDs.
- And much, much more!
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FamilySearch
COMPATIBLE SOLUTIONS PROVIDER

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- My recommendation for Windows or Mac:
- <https://www.mackiev.com/ftm/>



The banner features a blue background with a green tree logo on the left. To the right of the logo is a family photo of a man, a woman, and two children. Below the photo, the text 'Family Tree Maker® 2019' is displayed in white and yellow. A circular badge on the left says 'UPGRADES Click here for NEWS UPDATES'. Below the main text, it says 'Order now! Download, DVD or USB.' At the bottom, a green bar contains links: CALENDAR • MAILING LIST • FEEDBACK • SUGGEST A FEATURE • BETA TEST • REQUIREMENTS • SUPPORT • FAQ.

Discover Your Family Story With Family Tree Maker!

FTM 2019 for Mac and Windows

For thirty years Family Tree Maker® has been the world's favorite genealogy software making it easier than ever to discover your family story, preserve your legacy and share your unique heritage. If you're new to family history, you'll appreciate how this intuitive program lets you easily grow your family tree with simple navigation, tree-building tools, and integrated Web searching. If you're already an expert, you can dive into the more advanced features, options for managing data, and a wide variety of charts and reports. The end result is a family history that you and your family will treasure for years to come!



This section shows a 'BUY NOW' button in a blue circle, a screenshot of the Family Tree Maker software interface displaying a family tree, and images of the software's packaging for both Mac and Windows.

Key product features

- Quickly and easily build your family tree
- Single click synchronization with Ancestry.com®
- Hints from Ancestry and FamilySearch
- View family history timelines and interactive maps



The image shows a blue box with a red ribbon bow on top. The text 'Family Tree Maker® GIFT COLLECTION' is printed on the box.

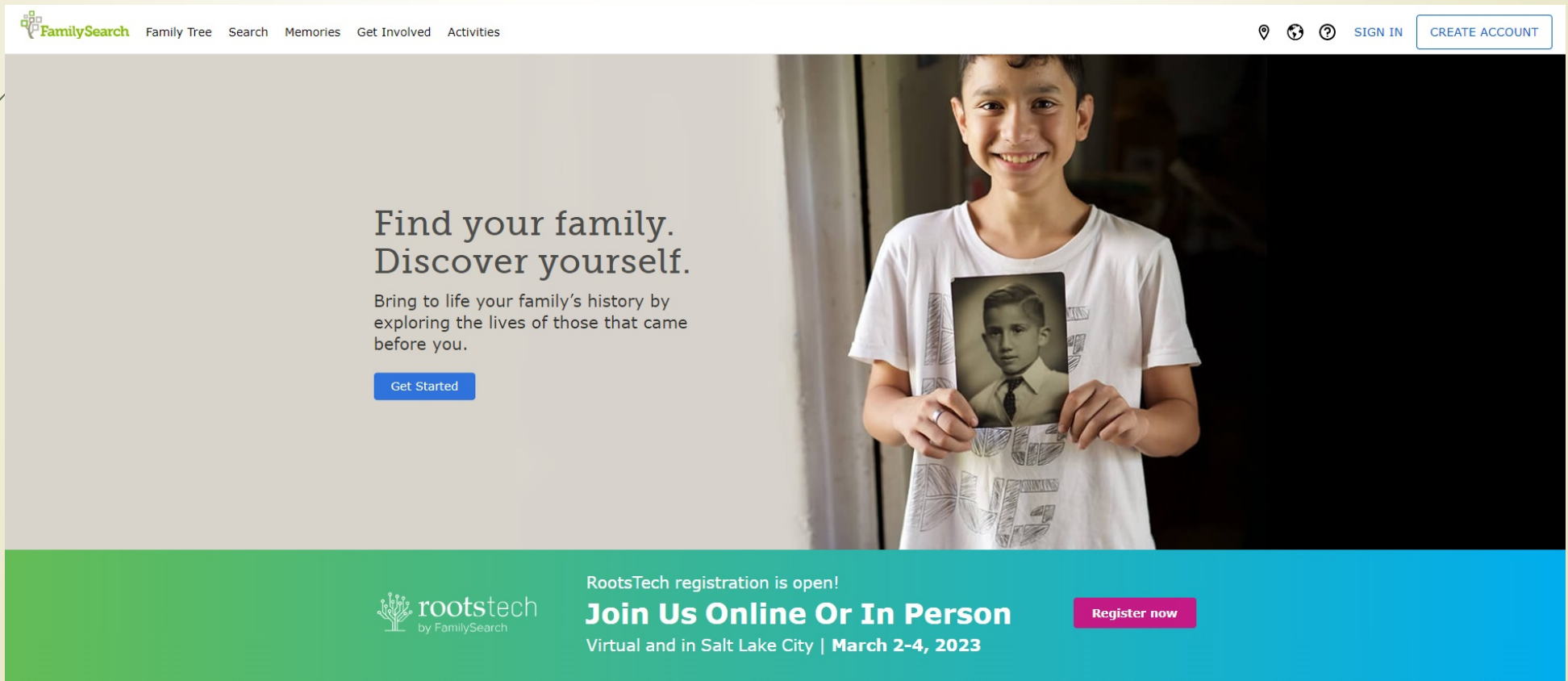


A blue button with the text 'CLICK HERE TO COMPARE' and a small table with checkmarks and an 'X' mark. Below the button, it says 'Compare your current version to FTM 2019'.

Recommended Site: For online genealogy research:

➤ Free

➤ <https://www.familysearch.org/en/>



The screenshot shows the FamilySearch website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the FamilySearch logo and links for Family Tree, Search, Memories, Get Involved, and Activities. On the right side of the navigation bar are icons for location, globe, and help, along with links for SIGN IN and CREATE ACCOUNT. The main content area features a large image of a smiling young boy holding a vintage black and white portrait of a young man. To the left of the image, the text reads: "Find your family. Discover yourself. Bring to life your family's history by exploring the lives of those that came before you." Below this text is a blue "Get Started" button. At the bottom of the page, there is a green and blue banner. On the left, it says "rootstech by FamilySearch". In the center, it says "RootsTech registration is open! Join Us Online Or In Person Virtual and in Salt Lake City | March 2-4, 2023". On the right, there is a pink "Register now" button.

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➔ <https://www.ancestry.com/>

The screenshot shows the Ancestry.com homepage. At the top, the logo reads "ancestry GENEALOGY DNA". Navigation links include "FREE TRIAL", "SIGN IN", and a language dropdown "EN". The main banner features the text "It's never too early to save on the perfect gift." with two call-to-action buttons: "Start a free trial" and "See all offers". To the right, a map displays genetic ancestry percentages: 59% Northern Africa, 10% Mali, and 31% Ethiopia & Eritrea. Below the map is an "ancestryDNA" kit box with an "Early Gifting OFFER" badge. A family tree snippet shows names like Jonathan Walker and Grace Baldwin. At the bottom, a testimonial states "Ancestry® helps you understand your genealogy." accompanied by a photo of a man and a collage of historical portraits.


Additional Research Sites:

Free

- <https://www.myheritage.com/family-tree?genealogy=1>
- <https://home.rootsweb.com/>
- https://homepages.rpi.edu/~holmes/Hobbies/Genealogy2/wc_idx/idx001.htm
- <https://www.cyndislist.com/>
- <https://www.familytreenow.com/>
- <https://www.ancientfaces.com/>
- <https://mobilecreolesociety.weebly.com/>
- https://georgialibraries.org/new-collection-features-more-than-100-years-of-digitized-african-american-funeral-programs/?fbclid=IwAR1EFyIUblwzbM0Khv8z_A6tpnoy2tvvPf_U7oNB8PuszjJUFe6GXbFQtkl
- <https://www.findagrave.com/>
- <https://acpl.lib.in.us/explore-genealogy/our-resources>
- <https://www.therainwatercollection.com/index.shtml>

Printing

- <https://www.ancestryprinting.com/?fbclid=IwAR2BQEURRN45OhLAWXIL19sEbB41QUe9uaFpcMBeiGCy4btO57n-gZqL5EM>
- <https://familychartmasters.com/>



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Question and Answer?