Family Feud

Legacy Family Tree 5 Standard vs. The Master Genealogist 6 Silver

Genealogy software can help you organize, document, and present your family-history research. Two of the more popular programs are Millennia’s Legacy Family Tree 5.0 Standard (free download; www.legacyfamilytree.com) and Wholly Genes’ The Master Genealogist 6 Silver ($34 download, $39.95 box; www.whollygenes.com). Both programs are packed with features to aid organization and research. The Master Genealogist has the more advanced data-entry options, but Legacy is much more user-friendly and intuitive. If you’re new

Legacy’s Family view consists of a Husband and a Wife card, each of which lists important facts, such as birth date and burial place.

The husband’s and wife’s parents appear at the top of the screen.

The Descendant and Chronology Views are disabled in the Standard edition of Legacy.

A series of icons at the bottom of each card lets you access more information quickly. The number next to the first icon indicates how many spouses the person had. The second icon shows how many siblings the individual had. Additional icons let you view notes, attached multimedia files, significant events, sources, alternate names and spellings, parents, addresses, related to-do items, and LDS (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) Ordinance data. (To disable LDS functions, click Options and Customize. Then deselect the Display LDS Information checkbox.)

If you entered a marriage date or place, it will appear in this space.

The couple’s children are listed at the bottom of the screen. Click a child’s name to view his record.

Start by clicking the arrow next to Type to choose a source type from a list in a dialog box.

Type the requested information about the source in the designated fields.

For help recording your source accurately, click the Assistant button to launch the Source Assistant window, which prompts for information vital to the selected source type.

You can select from several formatting options for sources.

Legacy lets you record the date on which you entered the source in the program.

Additional tabs let you transcribe the source’s text, add your own notes, and attach scanned images from the source.
to genealogy software, you’ll likely be more comfortable with Legacy. If you’re already well-versed in genealogy software, you’ll find plenty of useful features once you get past The Master Genealogist’s steep learning curve.

Master Genealogist 6 Silver

In The Master Genealogist’s Family View, the selected individual and her birth, marriage, and death dates appear here.

The subject’s spouse appears in the other half of the Details window. If the subject was married more than once, you can click the Next button to view other spouses.

All of the couple’s children are listed in the Children window.

The parents are displayed to the right of the husband and wife.

Quickly view records for any of the subject’s siblings by double-clicking one of the names in the Siblings window.

The Master Genealogist’s windows are movable and resizable.

Click the Supplemental tab if you would like to type the actual text from the source.

The Attachments tab lets you enter more source information and repository data.

Click the No radio button if you will not need to reference this source again and do not need it to appear on the unabridged Master Source List anymore.

Rank how reliable you believe the source is by typing a number in the Default Surety (0-3) field.

Click the Source Type button if you need to choose a different type of source.

Type the requested information in the designated fields. The Master Genealogist will automatically create bibliographical citations and footnotes. You can customize the appearance of citations and footnotes by clicking the Output Form tab.