

Syllabus: Getting the Most Out of MyHeritage's Family Tree Tools

1. Introduction & Getting Started

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Overview:

This syllabus summarizes the core content of the webinar focused on MyHeritage's family tree tools, including how to build, expand, and manage family trees using MyHeritage's features.

2. Building a Family Tree

Methods to Begin:

- Start from scratch via web or mobile
- Use Family Tree Builder (Windows/Mac)
- Import GEDCOM files
- Sync with FamilySearch (LDS members)

Step-by-Step:

1. Sign up at MyHeritage.
2. Add yourself, parents, grandparents, and continue expanding.
3. Use "Add Father/Mother" prompts to enter more data.
4. Click on any person to see/edit their profile.

3. Family Tree Views

- Family View: Displays relatives around a person (parents, siblings, children).
 - Pedigree View: Focuses on ancestors only; uses color coding for lineage branches.
 - Fan View: Semi-circular pedigree display.
 - List View: A sortable/filterable list of all people in the tree.
- (All views are accessible on web and mobile.)

4. Collaboration

- Invite family members to contribute:
 - Click "More" on profile card > "Invite"
 - Enter their email address
 - Set permissions via tree settings
- Track uninvited members via Home > Invite Family page

5. Smart Matches & Record Matches

- Smart Matches: Matches to other user trees.
- Record Matches: Matches to historical/public records.
- View matches via profile or Discovery section.
- Confirm/reject matches, then selectively import data.

Steps:

1. Click match.
2. Compare left (your data) vs. right (external source).
3. Confirm match.
4. Choose what data to import.
5. Click "Save to Your Tree."

6. Consistency Checker

- Access from Family Tree menu.
- Identifies errors (e.g., birth after death, child older than parent).
- Categorized by severity (grave issues, notices).
- Allows editing directly from the report.
- Customizable thresholds and issue types.

7. Family Statistics

- Access via Home > Family Statistics.
- Tabs include: Overview, Relationships, Marital Status.
- Click categories (e.g., "Not Related") to view and manage individuals.

8. Advanced Tools

- Charts: Bow tie, Sun Chart, Close Family, and more.
- Family Book: Customizable, printable person-based book.
- Printing: Choose style, background, fonts, and layout. Poster printing available.

9. Pedigree Map

- View family geographically by event (birth, death, etc.).
- Clarify ambiguous places (e.g., "London").
- Click map markers to explore/edit individuals.

10. Timeline View

- Pedigree by historical timeline.
- View lifespans, major historical events (e.g., WWI).
- Understand intergenerational overlap.

11. New Feature: Cousin Finder

- Finds relatives through Smart Matches (not DNA).
- Displays relationship path and common ancestors.
- View, contact, and collaborate with cousins.
- Available on desktop/mobile browser; mobile app support coming soon.

For help or more resources, visit the MyHeritage Help Center or Education Section.