



## Handout – How to Move your Family History Data – 7 Sep 2016

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What is GEDCOM? - GEDCOM (Genealogical Data Communication) is the standard computer file format used to exchange family history information. All family history software programs can create and export a GEDCOM file. They can also import GEDCOM files. This is how family history information is exchanged between different genealogy applications including online trees.

### How to Move

To move you need to export a GEDCOM file from the program or site

Go to the site help/support and ask *How do I export a GEDCOM file?*

or

Ask Google - *How do I export a GEDCOM from Family Tree Maker / Brother's Keeper? / Legacy?*

### Ancestry.com

[tinyurl.com/he37noj](http://tinyurl.com/he37noj)

Ancestry.com Help - Uploading and Downloading GEDCOM Files. There are detailed instructions and relevant screen dumps on how to do this, dated 1 Aug 2016.

### My Heritage

[tinyurl.com/pcpmg3a](http://tinyurl.com/pcpmg3a)

MyHeritage Help Center - How to export a GEDCOM file

### Family Tree Maker

[progenygenealogy.com/products/family-maps/ftm-gedcom-export.aspx](http://progenygenealogy.com/products/family-maps/ftm-gedcom-export.aspx)

How to export GEDCOM from Family Tree Maker, 2008 or later

### Exporting a GEDCOM file from Brother's Keeper

1. Open up the family file
2. Click on File | GEDCOM | Export
3. Select 'All People'
4. Give the file a name and save it to somewhere on the hard drive or a memory stick.

The GEDCOM file is ready to upload to an online tree or import into another program.

### Use a family history software program - They offer

Easy-to-use tools for organising, documenting and linking people together

Storage for documents, photos, audio and video

Comprehensive reports, charts and publishing options including websites and books

Android and Mac apps for tablets and smartphones

**TIP:** Some programs offer free fully functional versions containing the core features of the program.

[www.ancquest.com](http://www.ancquest.com)

Ancestral Quest - Ancestral Quest Basics is the free version (Mac version also available).

[www.legacyfamilytree.com](http://www.legacyfamilytree.com)

Legacy Family Tree - The standard edition is free to download.

[www.rootsmagic.com](http://www.rootsmagic.com)

Roots Magic - RootsMagic Essentials is the free version. (Mac version also available).

[www.syniumsoftware.com/mobilefamilytree](http://www.syniumsoftware.com/mobilefamilytree)

Mobile Family Tree 8 is a full mobile genealogy app for iPhone, iPad and iPod touch (\$US 20.00).

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