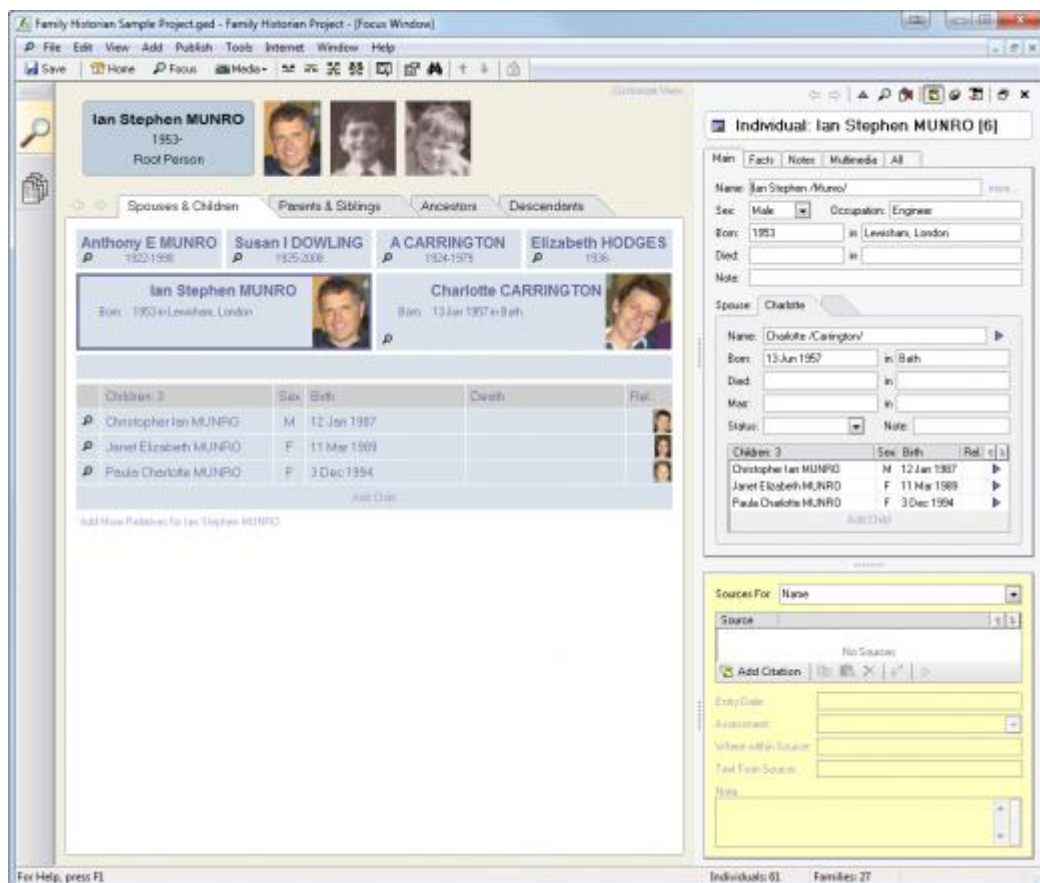


Family Historian v5

This document can only give you an overview of the way Family Historian works. There is so much to it that explaining it all would take ten times as many pages. However to help you decide, the authors of the program have made it available as a trial download which you may use for 30 days. You may download the trial version here: http://www.my-history.co.uk/acatalog/Family_Historian.html#DEMV

We would recommend buying the boxed version from www.my-history.co.uk or www.twrcomputing.co.uk as they provide telephone support in the event that you should have any difficulty using the program.

Getting Started with the Focus Window



The *Focus Window* (the main application window) showing spouses and children for Ian Munro, with 'docked' property box on the right side.

The heavy blue line indicates Ian is the focus person.

There are four tabs to the focus window;

Spouses & Children (left)

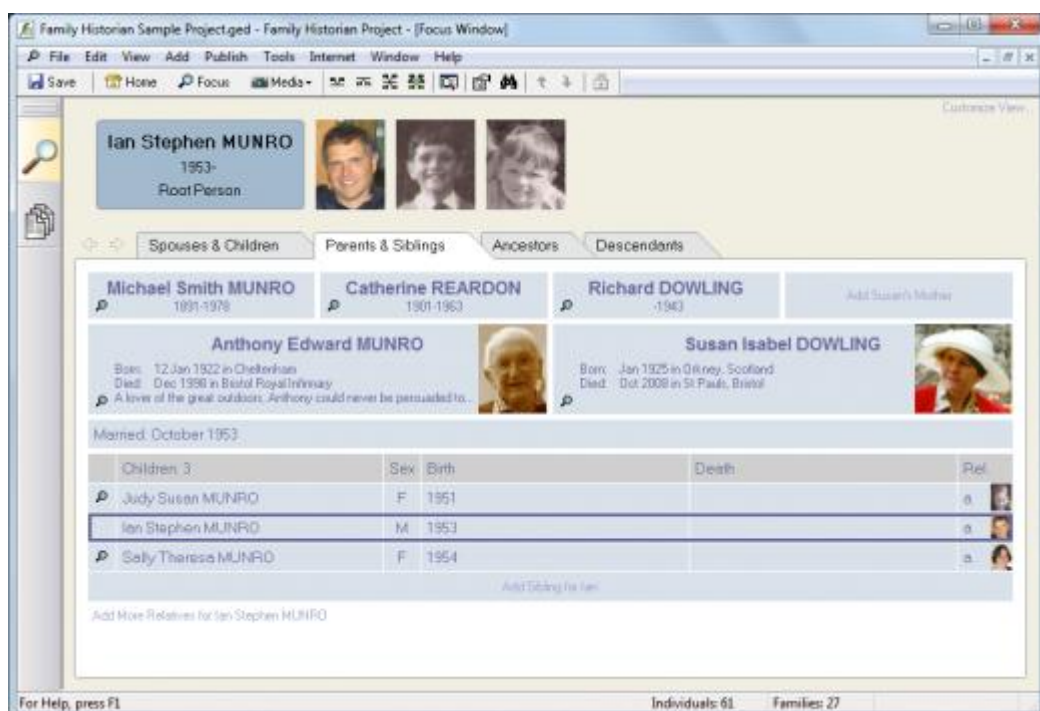
Parents & Siblings (below)

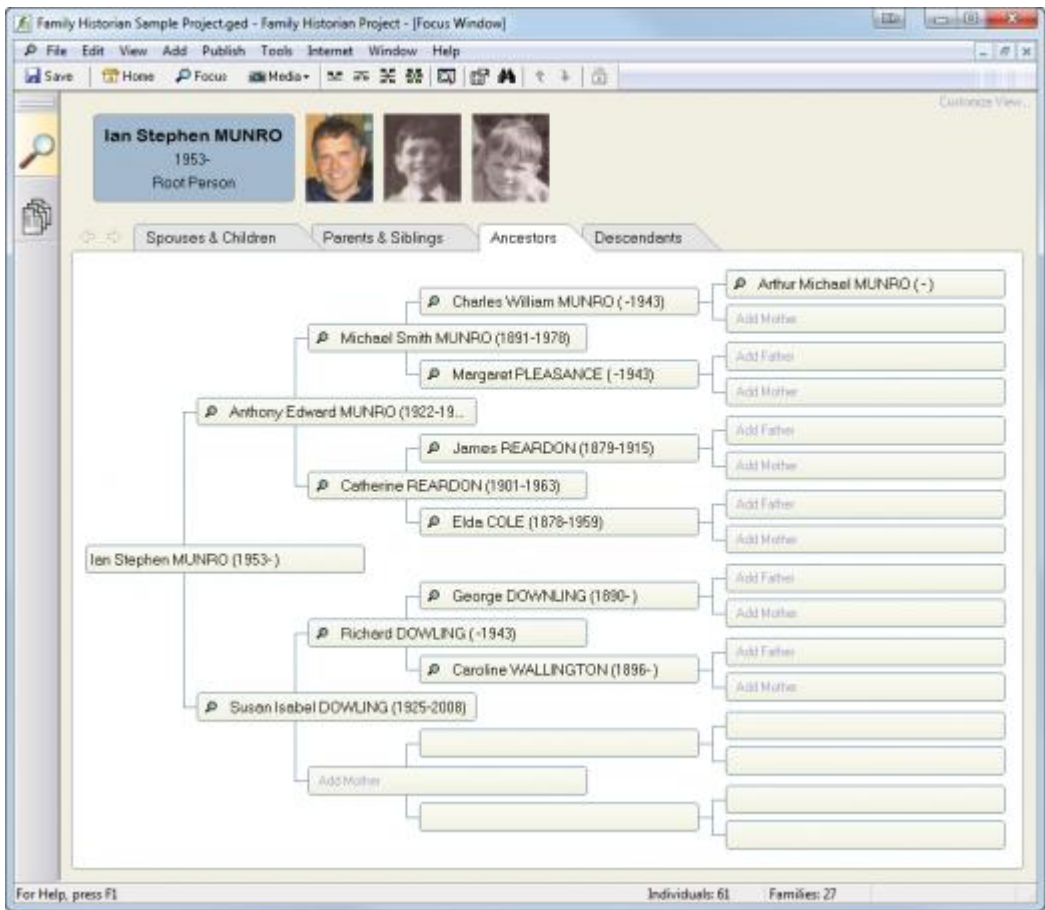
Ancestors (page 2)

Descendants (page 2)

Focus Window showing parents and siblings for Ian Munro

The heavy blue line around Ian Munro (*the middle child*) indicates we are still focusing on him.





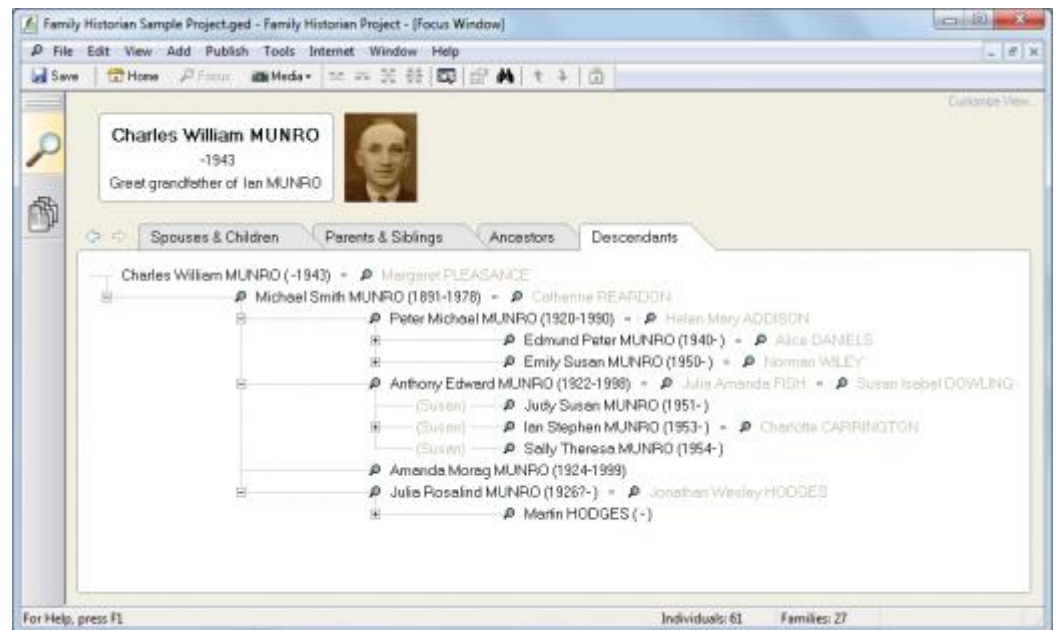
Focus Window showing ancestors of Ian Munro

This pedigree view with Ian Munro at the far left indicates we are still focusing on him.

Although this looks like a chart it is actually just an extremely useful tool for navigating up your tree. When you are ready for this type of chart there is a specific chart function shown on page 5 of this document where you are able to alter many aspects of how the chart looks.

Focus Window showing descendants of Charles Munro

This view is good for navigating down the tree as you are able to click on the small squares with the '+' sign in them to expand and view the next generation down.



On the first focus window you will notice it was called Spouses and Children. If someone was married to two or more spouses then each relationship or family will be shown below the first along with any further children.

Pictures and Multimedia



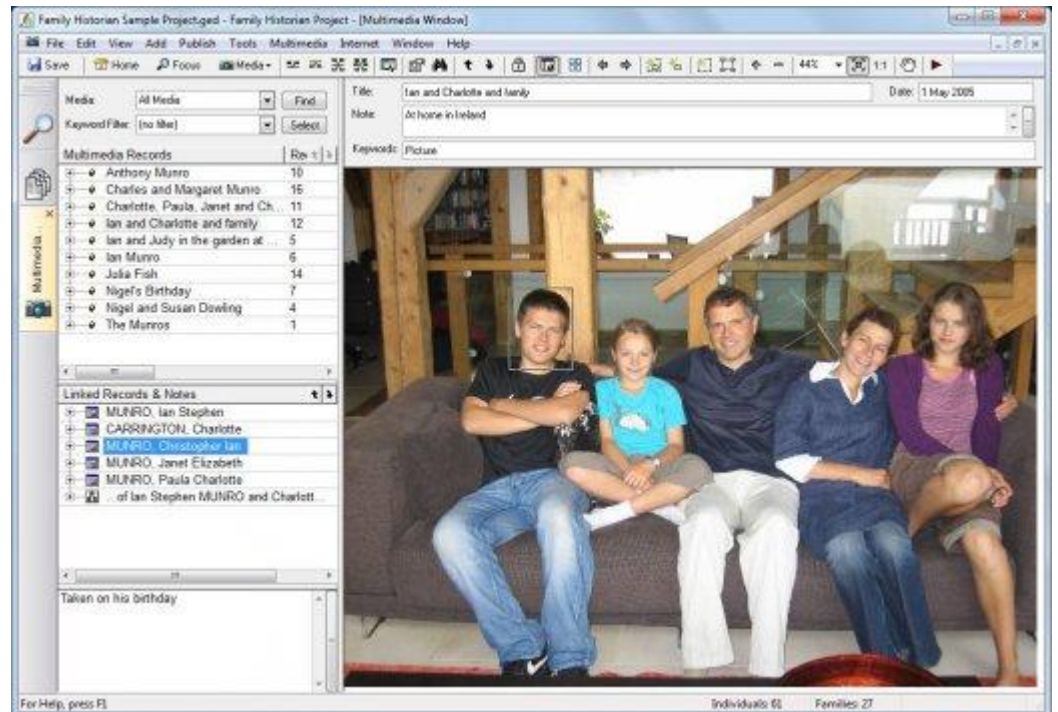
Multimedia Window showing thumbnails

Note: These images are the full photographs. The program allows you to pick out faces from the photographs and link to people in your tree thus saving you time as you will not have to go to a photo editing program to crop each person individually, drastically reducing the number of images you will need to save and store in the database.

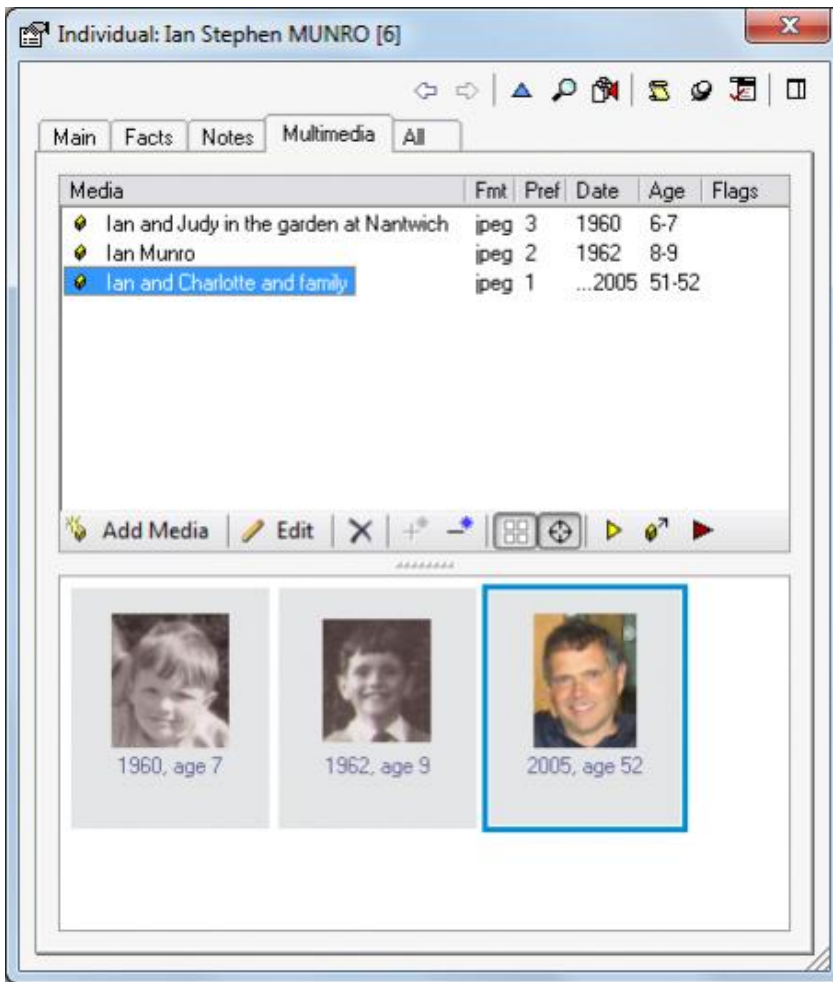
Multimedia Window showing one picture at a time. You can **link each person to their face** in each picture they're in.

Once you have the people and images linked you may click on either the name or the picture to find out who they are.

Double clicking on a linked face in the media window will bring up that persons details and allow further editing or additions to their stored information.



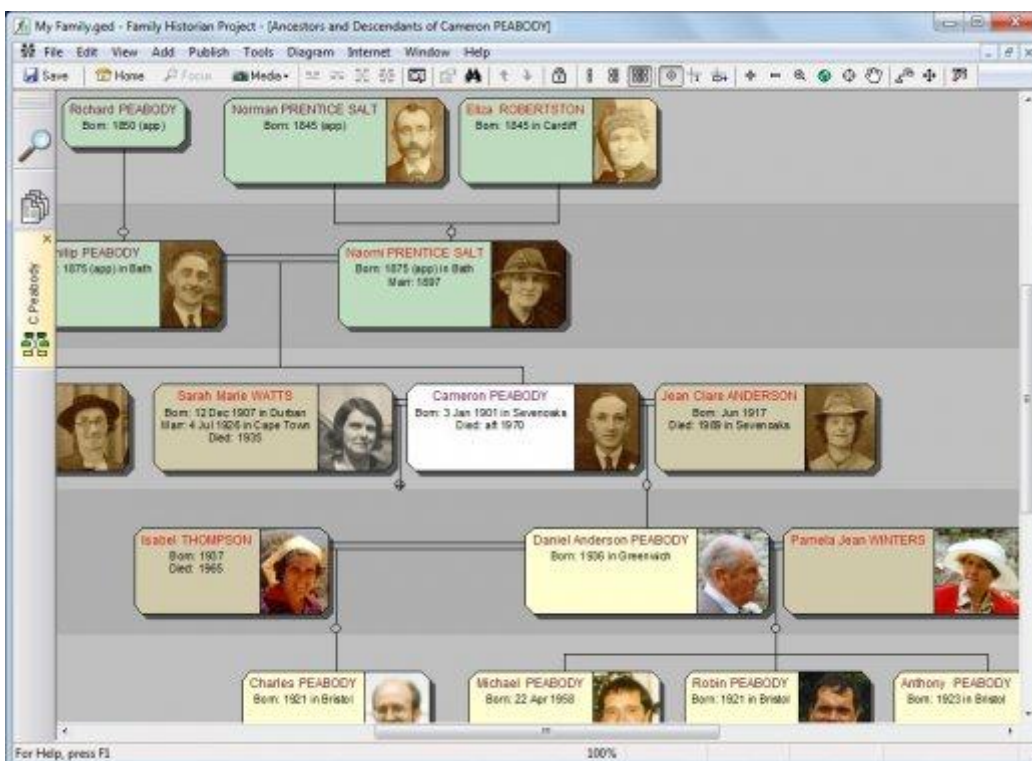
Note also that there are fields for storing notes about the image and the keyword field that allows searching for particular records with a certain keyword entered. So for instance you could categorise photos with a keyword of 'School', 'Wedding', 'Holiday' etc.



Property Box showing multimedia thumbnails for Ian Munro (in close-up). You can view the Property Box for any person at any time.

Note the different tabs that allow viewing of various types of data relating to a person.

Interactive Diagrams & Smart Trees



Family Historian diagrams are **interactive**. They are used in numerous ways – for browsing and exploring, for data entry (by click-and-drag), for editing, and for creating charts to print out or send to others.

Diagram available are;

- Descendant
- Pedigree
- Hourglass
- Fan
- Bowtie

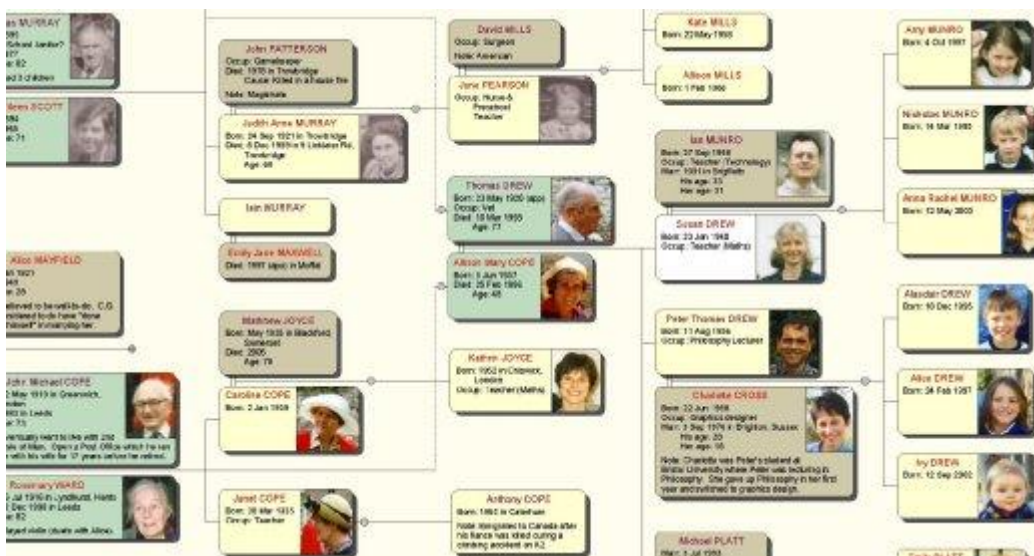
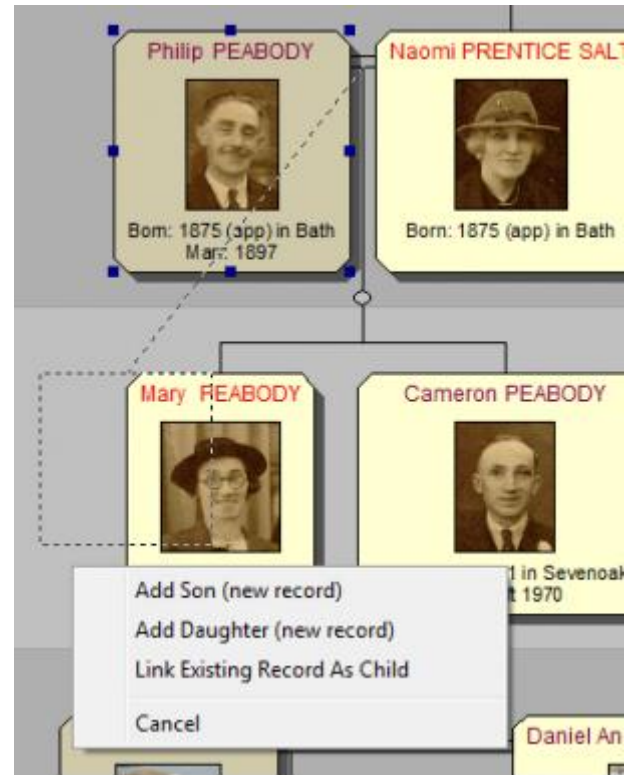
Other Diagrams include Family Historian's **All Relatives** diagram (above) and the **Everyone** diagram.



Diagram branches have (optional) buttons which you can **click on to expand or close** the branch. When you do this, the diagram will automatically adjust to accommodate the change. The circle with a cross on it (right) represents a closed branch.

You can **click-and-drag** on boxes to add relatives if you wish.

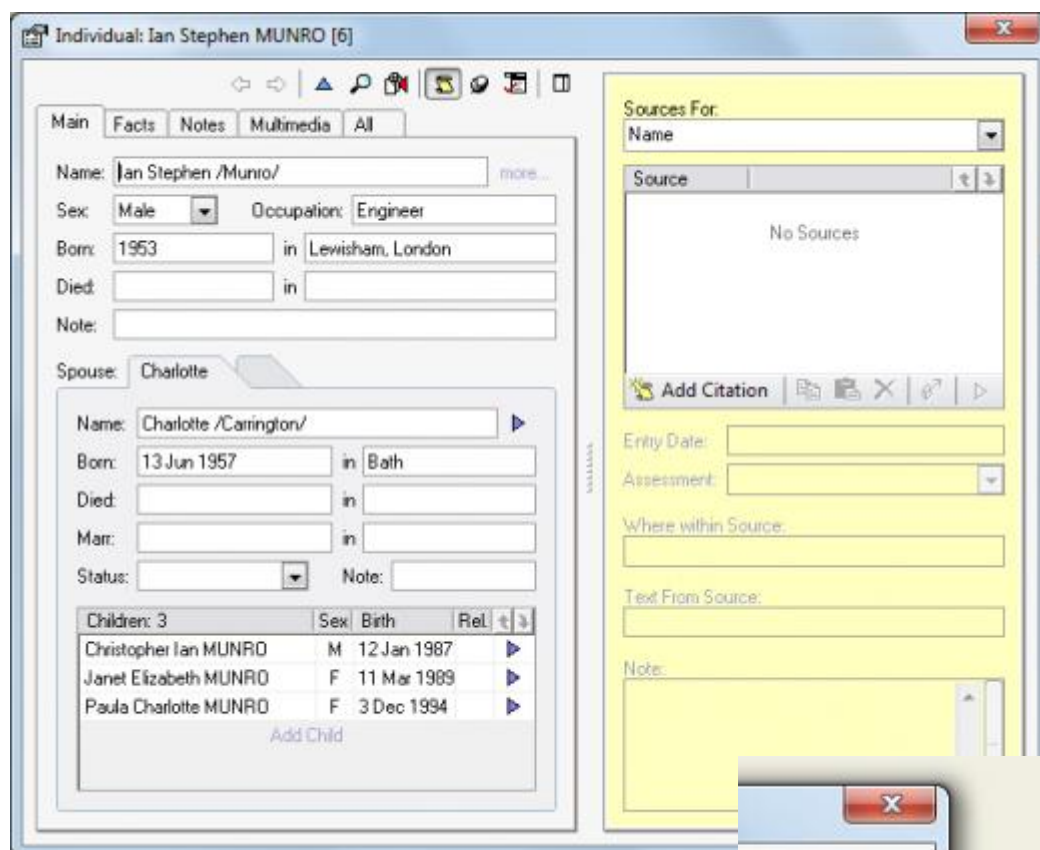
Using **automatic source citations** you can ensure that correct source citations are added, even when you add relatives in this way.



All trees in Family Historian diagrams are **Smart Trees**. You can move or resize boxes and branches and the trees adjust automatically.

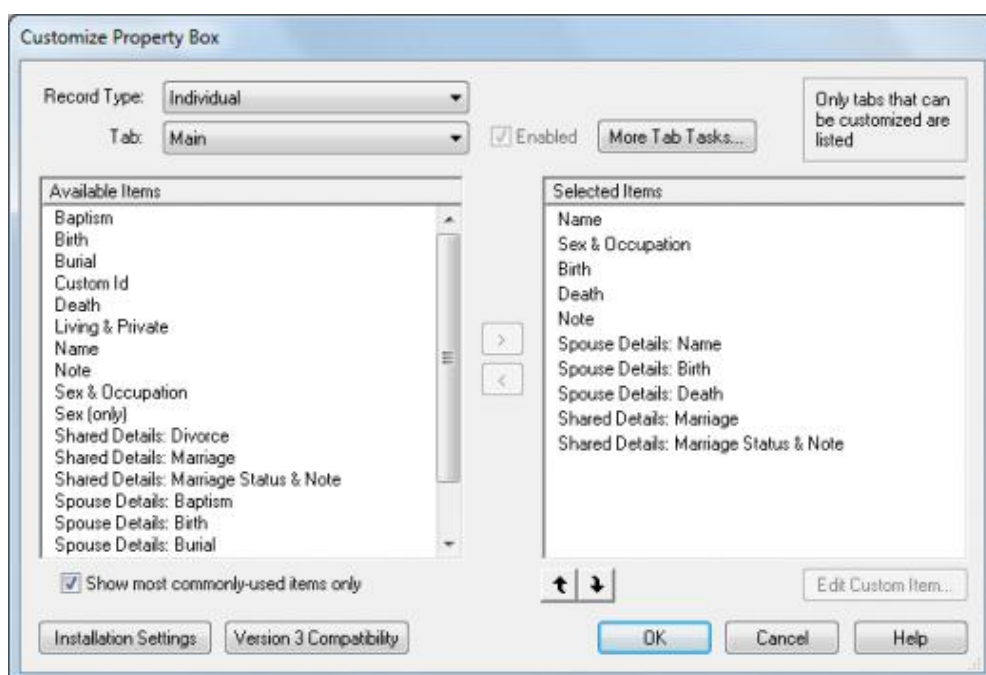
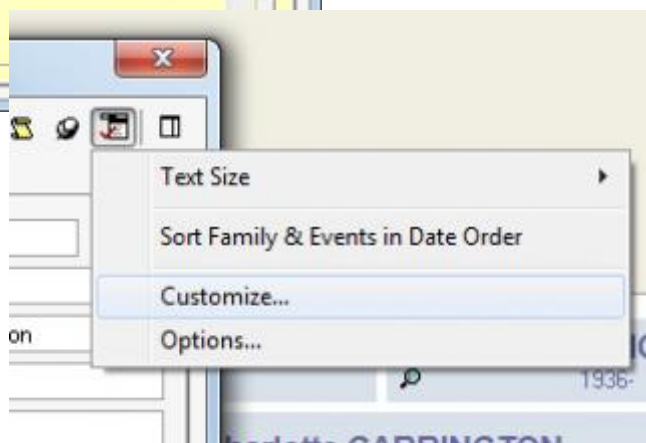
You have very extensive control over the appearance, content and layout of all charts.

Data Entry with the Property Box



The Property Box (viewed briefly in previous sections) is the main data entry window. It is shown here with the Source Pane displayed (yellow panel on right).

The Property Box is very configurable. Like other windows, you can adjust the text size to suit your needs, and resize or reposition this window as you wish. You can even 'dock' it to the side of the main window; and you can customize it.



This window allows you to choose which data items appear on the Main tab of the Property Box. You can even add your own custom tabs if you wish.

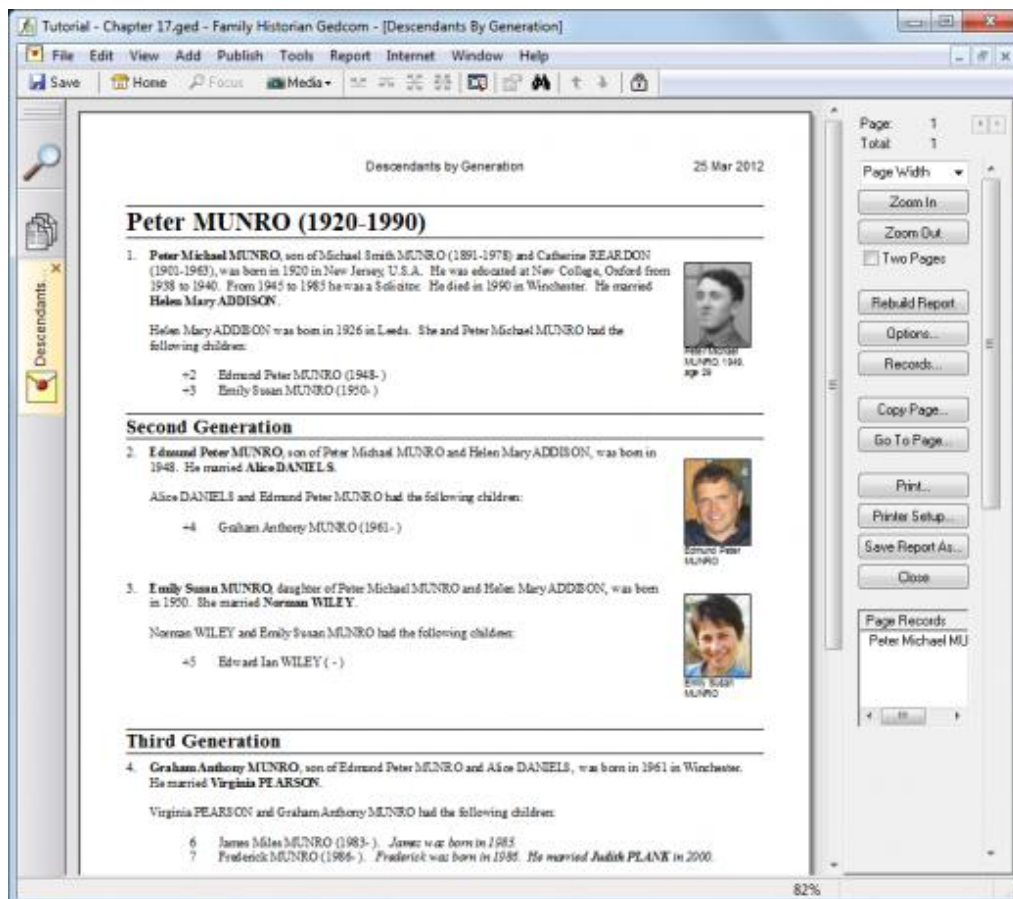
Reports



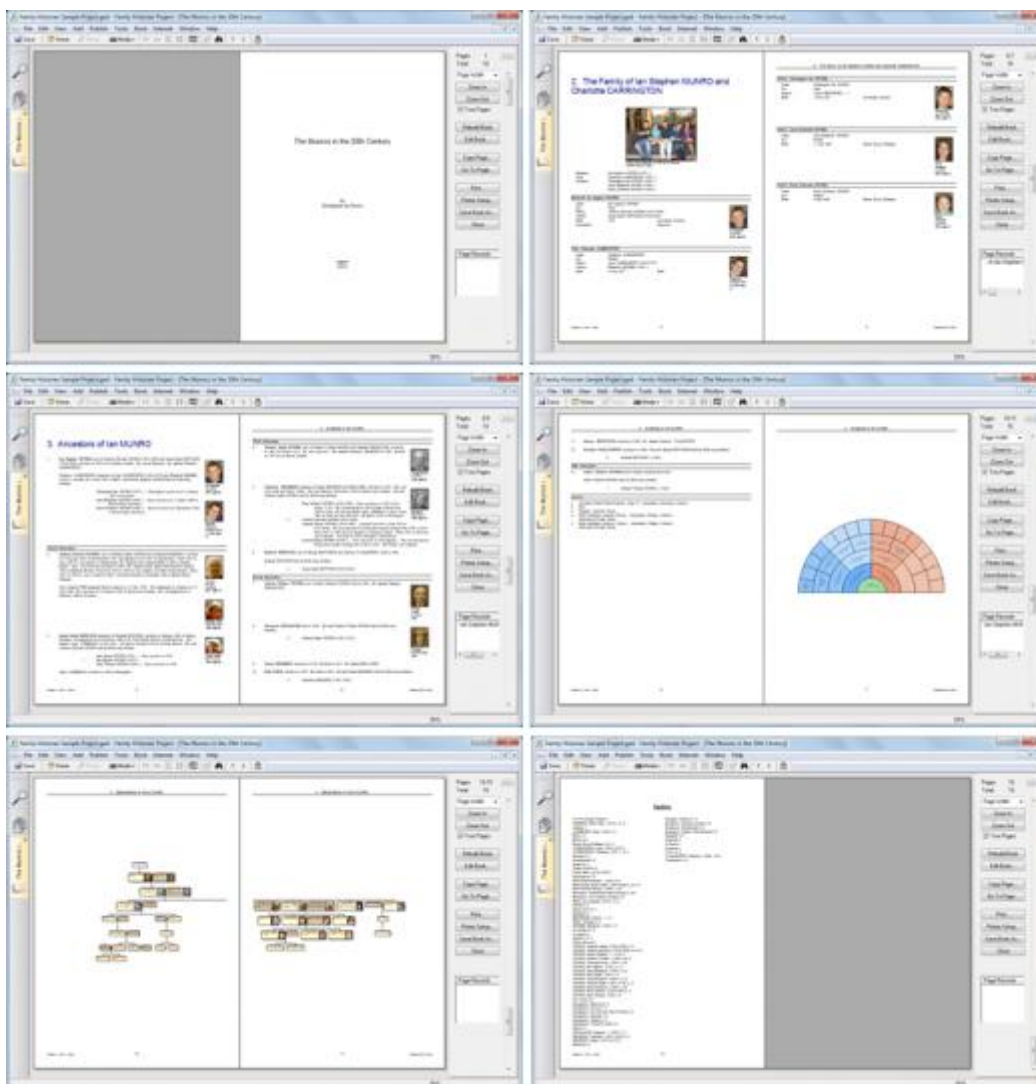
Family Historian comes with 31 standard reports, and you can create your own custom reports. All reports are highly configurable.

Reports can be saved in PDF format, as word-processor documents (in Rich Text Format – RTF), as web pages (HTML format) or as text files.

Reports include three different kinds of **narrative reports**, such as this *Descendants by Generation* report.

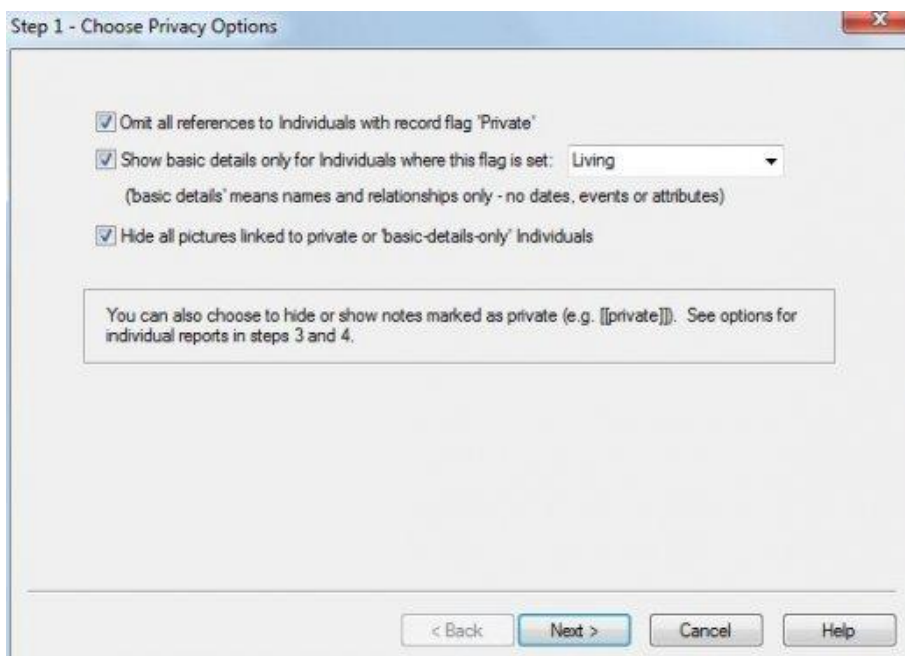


Create Books & Booklets

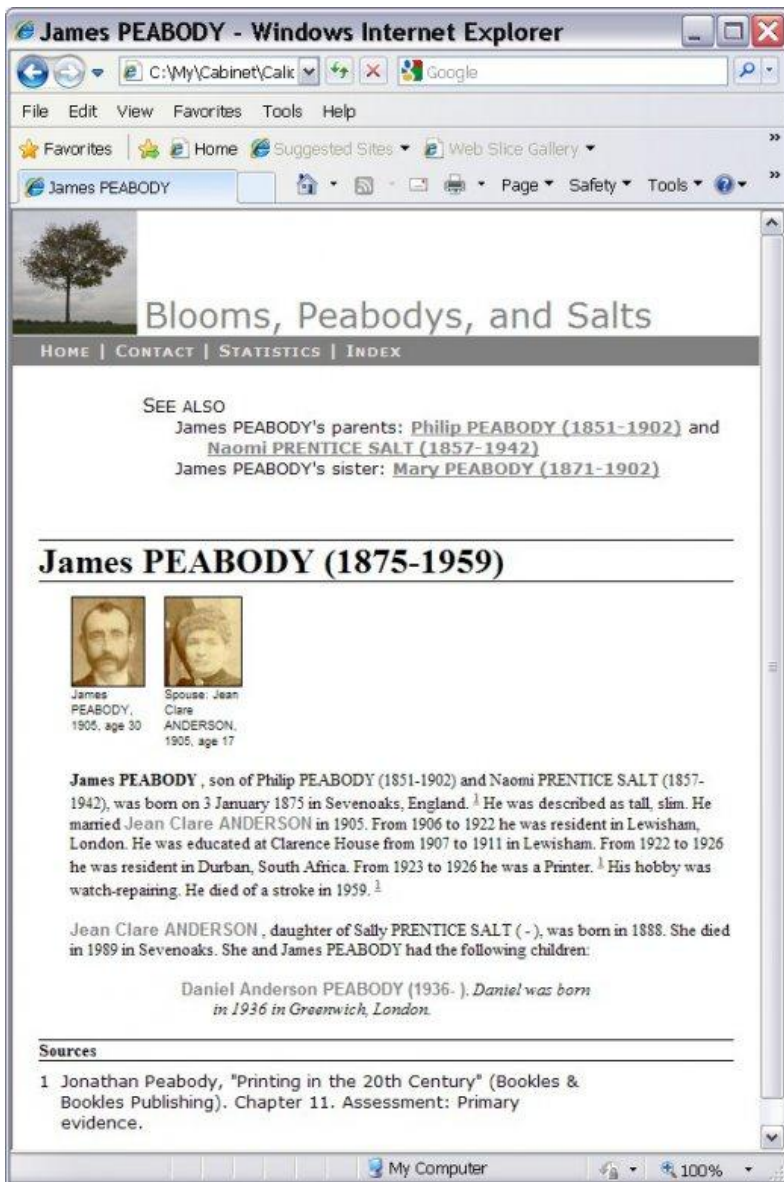


Create professional-looking family tree books and booklets, with a mix of auto-generated chapters and your own 'free text' pages and chapters. Add any reports, charts or diagrams to your books, as well as a title page, contents page, index page, and so on. Books can be saved in PDF format or in word-processor (Rich Text) format.

Create Websites & Family Tree CDs/DVDs



To create a website to display your Family tree, simply click on **Create a Website** on the **Internet** menu and a wizard will take you through a few simple steps, and then generate your website for you. Creating a great-looking family tree CD or DVD is just as easy.



An example website page. You can accept the default settings, or override them to configure the site as you wish.

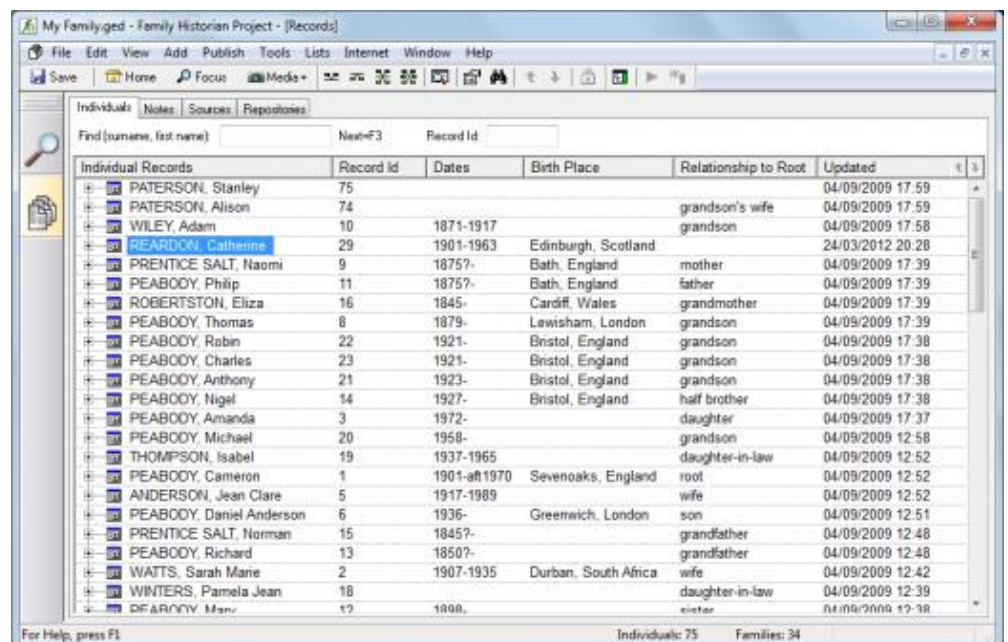
Users can click on any picture or thumbnail image to see the full picture in a 'popup' window.

Explore Your Records

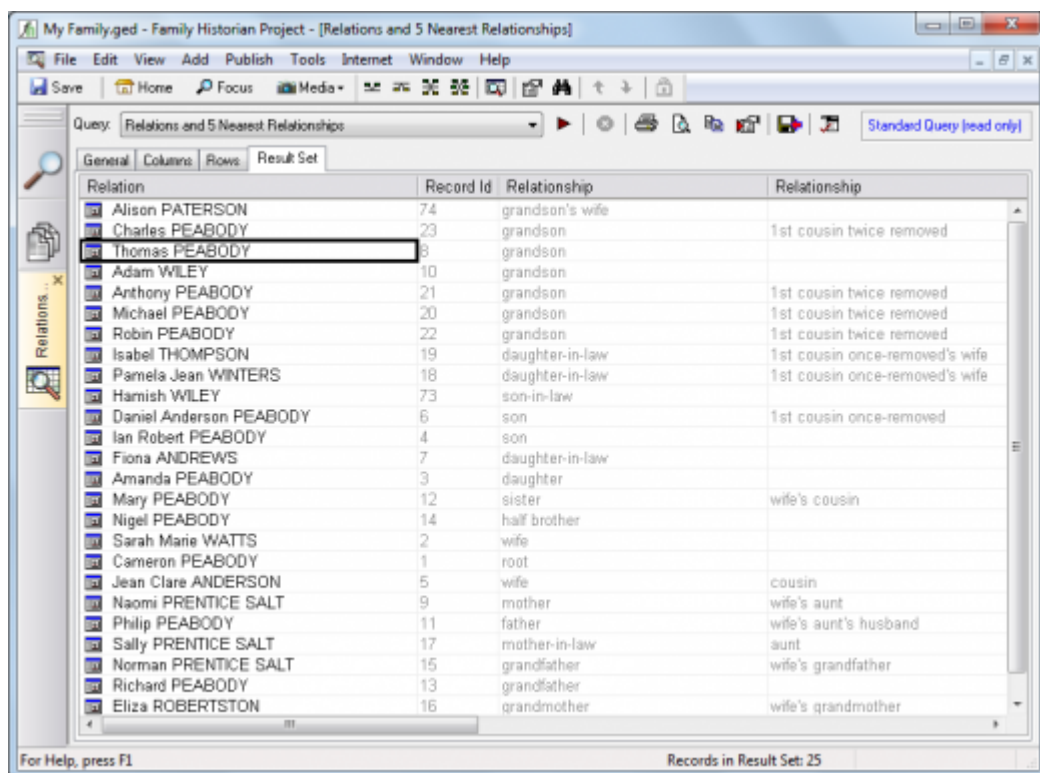
The Records Window allows you to search and explore your records. You can sort on any column, and configure columns to display whatever information you like.

Note the tabs that allow you to search other groups of records such as Notes, Sources and Repositories.

Other tabs (optional) list; Multimedia and Families.

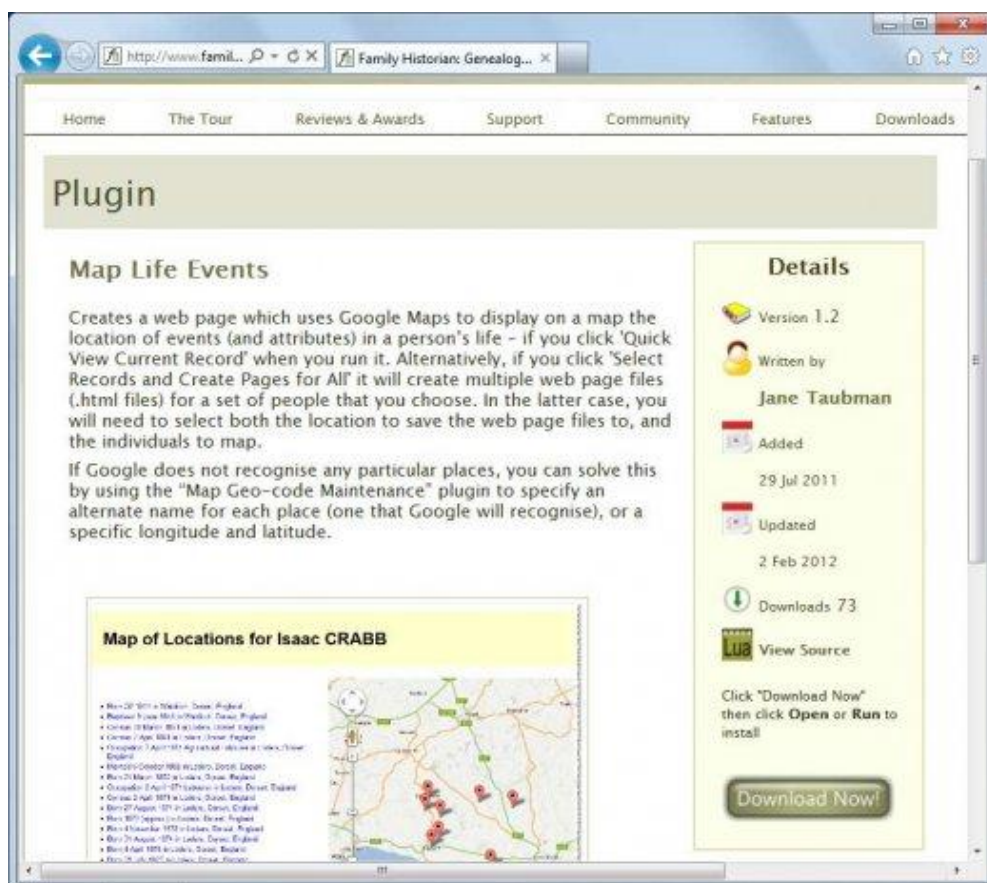


Use Queries to Get the Most from Your Data



A *query* is a stored set of instructions for retrieving data, and for displaying it in a spreadsheet-like grid. For example, you might create a query to retrieve information about all the male ancestors of your spouse who died of a heart attack or whose cause of death is not known. Family Historian comes with 40 queries when installed, but you can easily create your own.

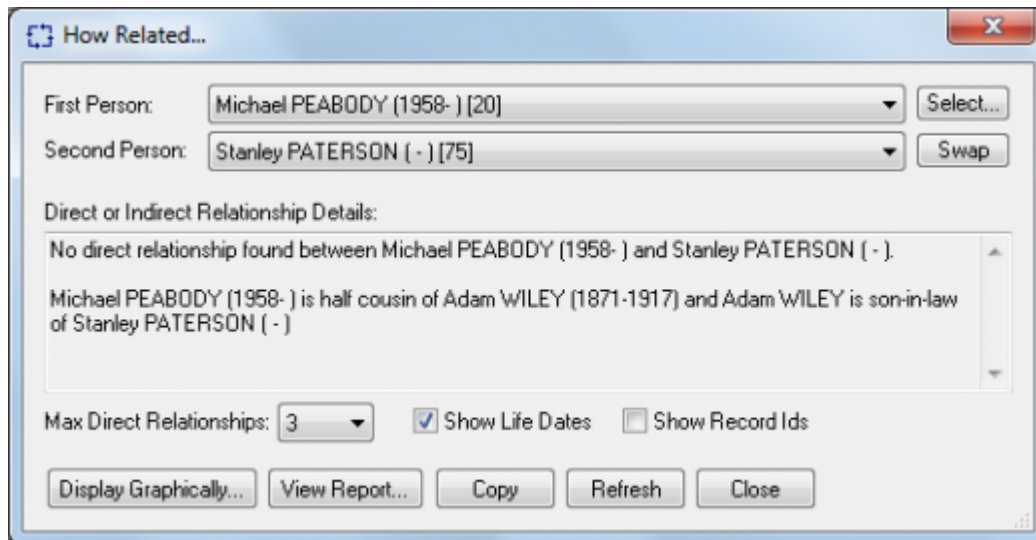
The Plugin Store



Download free plugins from the Family Historian Plugin Store to add support for mapping (see example right), timelines, search/replace tools, and much more. Anyone can write plugins using the built-in scripting tools (see 'Other Tools' below) and submit them to the Plugin Store for all Family Historian users to share.

To access the Plugin Store from within the program, click on Plugins on the Tools menu, and then click the Plugin Store button.

Other Tools



Family Historian includes a number of other powerful tools, such as...

- An **Internet Search** tool
- A **How Related** tool to show how people are related, directly or indirectly (see image right). Click the 'Display Graphically' button to see exactly how the people are related on a diagram, or click 'View Report' to see the same information presented in a report.
- A **Merge/ Compare** tool to manage merging data files into your projects
- A tool to help you **manage links to external files**
- A tool to help you **manage and work with record identifiers**.
- A **Backup-and-Restore** facility
- Powerful built-in **scripting tools** can be used to automate repetitive tasks, make extensive one-off changes to your data, or even to create your own new tools or new kinds of output. If you want, you can even use them to create plugins for submission to the Family Historian Plugin Store (see above).
- A tool to help you **split a family tree file** into parts.
- A facility to help you create and work with **Named Lists** of records (named lists are used for research purposes as To Do lists, as bookmark lists, as lists of key people, and so on)
- An **import/export** facility

You may order Family Historian here:

http://www.my-history.co.uk/acatalog/Family_Historian.html

or http://www.twrcomputing.co.uk/store/Family_Historian_Software.html

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