

GEDCOM BASICS

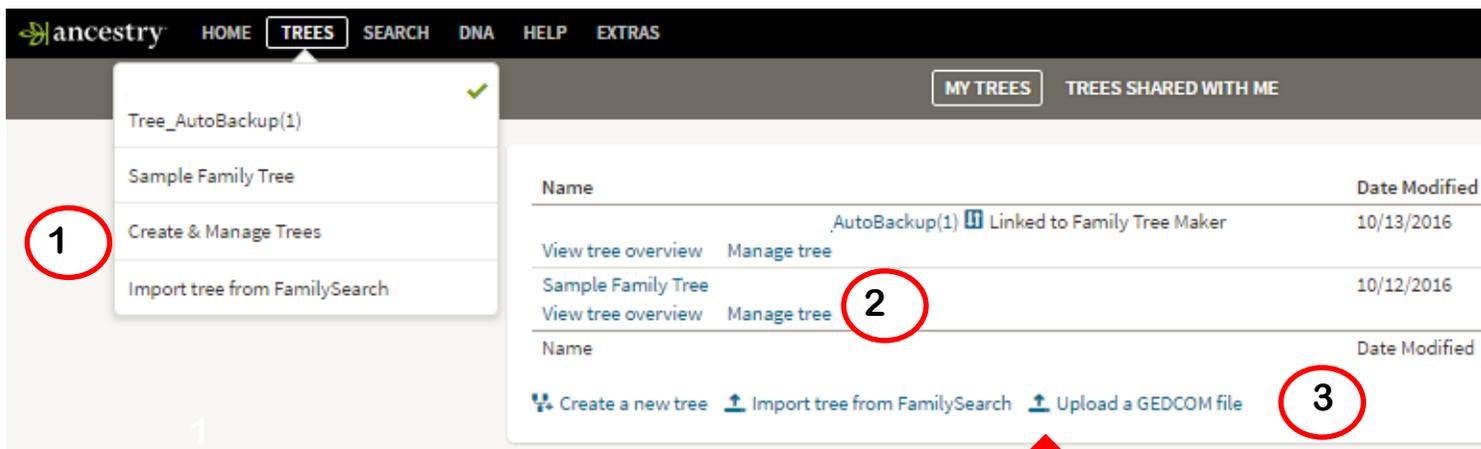
GEnealogical **D**ata **COM**munication- is a way to exchange Genealogical information between software programs

Ancestry, MyHeritage, Findmypast, PAF, RootsMagic, Legacy, AncestralQuest can **GEDCOM** genealogical data between each other. **Ancestry, MyHeritage, and FindmyPast are partners with FamilySearch.** Members of the LDS Church can get a free account for all 3 of these. PAF is an older program people used before computers came into wide use. It is not supported anymore but you can convert all your data over into AncestralQuest directly without a GEDCOM. **Roots Magic, Legacy, AncestralQuest are free to be downloaded.** They are private data bases no one can change information in them except for you. Or if you want more functions, you can upgrade each for about \$20.

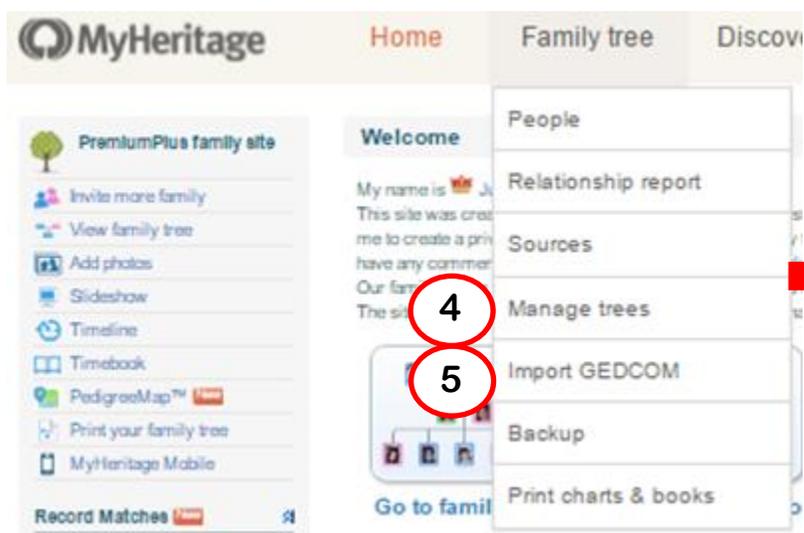
FamilySearch does not support **GEDCOMS**. But FamilySearch links to Ancestry. Ancestry can transport **four generations** at a time from FamilySearch into Ancestry. **Both programs can exchange information, including sources, back and forth with each other.** They cannot as yet transport pictures. **Ancestry is a good place to start your tree** if you don't have one. The reason is because **no one can change information** in your tree without your permission, it can **link with FamilySearch**, the program will **find hints and sources** for you, and you can **GEDCOM** it into other data bases. FamilySearch can exchange information between Legacy, Roots Magic and Ancestral Quest.

GEDCOMS transfers data only. They do not transfer Media. Exceptions are: **MacKiev** will transport data and pictures from Ancestry (About \$29-\$70/year. **Family Tree Builder** will transport data and pictures from MyHeritage. It is **FREE**

To **IMPORT** and **EXPORT** a tree, go to the program where your tree is, and create a GEDCOM to **EXPORT**. Once this tree is exported, you can transport it to as many data bases as you like. To bring a tree into a data base, go to the program you want to bring your tree into and click **IMPORT**. The programs walk you through the steps.

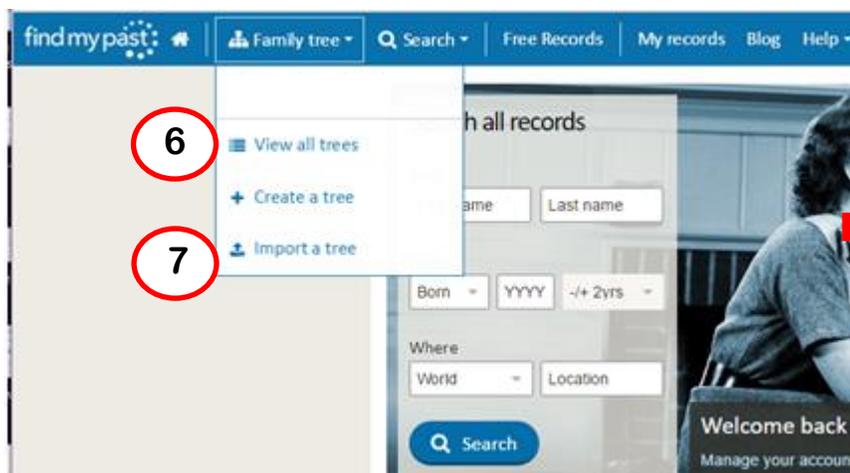


Ancestry **1** go to “Create and Manage Trees”. On the next screen, click under **2** “Manage tree” to EXPORT a GEDCOM IMPORT a GEDCOM here **3**



MyHeritage

Go to “Manage Trees” to Export **4**
 Here to Import a tree **5**
 It will walk you through the steps



Findmypast

Go to View all trees to EXPORT **6**
 Here to IMPORT **7**
 It will walk you through the steps.