



Introduction to Legacy

Legacy is a data base style of program designed for people who are either novices or advanced in data entry.

It is designed to collect and store family tree data on people, past, and present.

It can be viewed in various formats and styles depending on what information is required to be accessed.

This can be done from the database its self in various formats or various types of reports can be selected and printed in a format that is easily read.

These include Pedigree Reports, Ancestor Reports, Descendant Reports, and both Family and Individual Reports.

This is the link to the Legacy website <https://legacyfamilytree.com>

On this web site you will find a wealth of information – from Webinars, how to downloads and booklets to videos explaining many aspects of the Legacy Program

Legacy for Free

The page below is the homepage on the internet where you can download a copy of this program for free. The Legacy 9.0 Standard Edition program will have all the features of the Legacy 9.0 Professional Edition except the ability to be able to print out in a tree format more than 4 generations.

Legacy Deluxe Edition

The Deluxe Edition can have more than 4 and over 100 generations in a family tree if you really do get that far back (100 generations is highly unlikely though) This Deluxe Edition of Legacy 9.0 will cost you \$34.95

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What my computer PC / laptop needs to run Legacy 9.0

Pentium class computer

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VGA or higher display

Windows 10 Pro or Home version, Windows 8, Windows 7 (Legacy also runs on a Mac Computer with the aid of secondary programs listed on the Legacy web site.

Hard Disc (Hard-drive) with at least 500 megabytes of free space (knows it will run with a lot smaller hard drive quite easily)

8 GB (gig) of RAM minimum (older versions used to run on 4 GB)

A mouse

Internet connection recommended (this is not necessary at all if you choose so – author / speaker)

Setting up your family tree program

When you first open your new program it will open a family tree already installed in the Legacy Program. This is only a “sample program” for you to click on and open the data entry points to get the hang of things. You can practice on this tree to add people as children or as a second wife or husband or even a half sibling born from a first, second, or even a sixth wife

The Main Tool Bar will be called “My Toolbar” where you choose what you wish to see – the Tags below the top of the menu are named;

Legacy Home: which you would rarely use

Family: where you would normally input any new data or alter and existing data in your Family Tree

Pedigree: which is self-explanatory and shows you a person’s direct ancestors in each generation

Descendant: where you select an ancestor and chose this tab to see a dropdown tree in a direct descent from that person to a closer generation to today

Chronology: where all persons are listed by date order in a descending date order from earliest event to most current event

Index: where people are in an alphabetical order

All areas are normally double-click to access any field in the data base where you input names dates and any other information, and single-click for accessing menu areas that are accessed by clicking on a button.

Customising your program

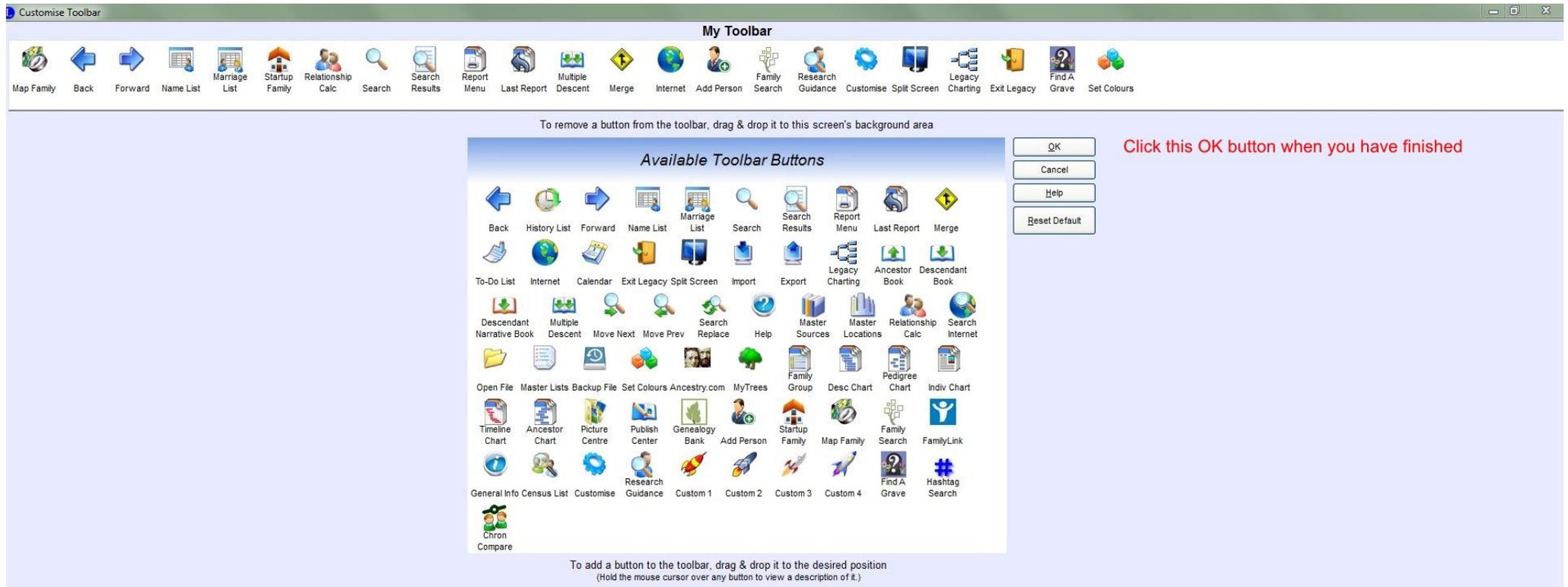
You can move buttons from one menu to your “My Toolbar” menu as well. Doing this will make it easier to navigate around if you use particular buttons more than others



When you click on the arrowhead it will open a new window which gives you all the buttons available in the Legacy Program. You Left Click on your mouse and hold the mouse button down and drag the desired Legacy Menu Button to the desired place in your “My Toolbar” if you don’t want it there left click and drag it back to the “Available Tool Bars” screen. In the example above I have dragged the split screen button into “My Toolbar” so I can look at either 2 different pages of same tree or 2 entirely different trees that I may want to copy data from one tree to another. When you have selected any modifications to your “My Toolbar” click the OK button.

Customising and Setting Preferences

Look for the “Customise” button and click on it in the “My Toolbar” menu then you will see the following window. It has a few very important choices.



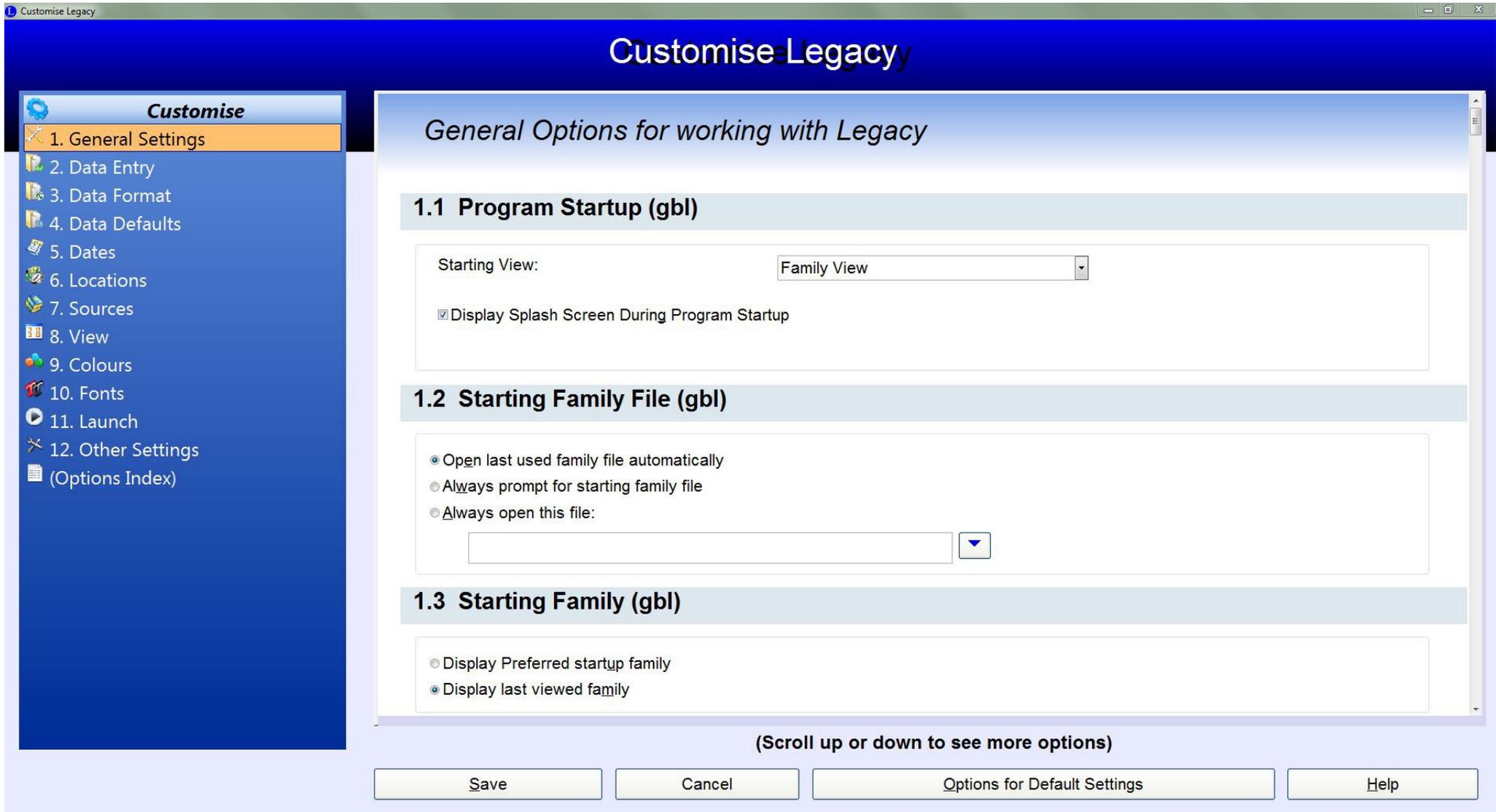
Make sure in No: 5 Dates – that you place the dot next to the date format if you don't you may end up putting in a date such as this 5 3 1860 and if set to the American date format it will save the date as May 3rd 1860 and not 5th March 1860 like its meant to be in our Australian and United Kingdom date format.

Do not choose the formats I have put a cross next to in red.

The one with the Green tick is the easiest to read and understand at a glance.

The only words you can use in a date field are; circa, about, before, after, between, and B.C.; any others will damage the date field and this will be really noticed when you go to share your tree with another person when you make a .ged file to export it or post it on-line.

Don't forget to "Save" your changes.



Customise Legacy

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Customise

- 1. General Settings
- 2. Data Entry
- 3. Data Format
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Date Formatting

5.1 Dates Displayed As (ff)

- X Nov 21, 1953
- ✓ 21 Nov 1953
- X 11-21-1953
- 21-11-1953
- 1953 Nov 21
- 1953-11-21

Format with 2-digit day/month
 Format with 4-digit year
 Format day with period

5.2 Month Format (ff)

- Initial Caps
- ALL UPPERCASE
- all lowercase

- Abbr. month name
- Full month name

5.3 Separators for numeric dates (ff)

- Slash /
- Period .

(Scroll up or down to see more options)

Save

Cancel

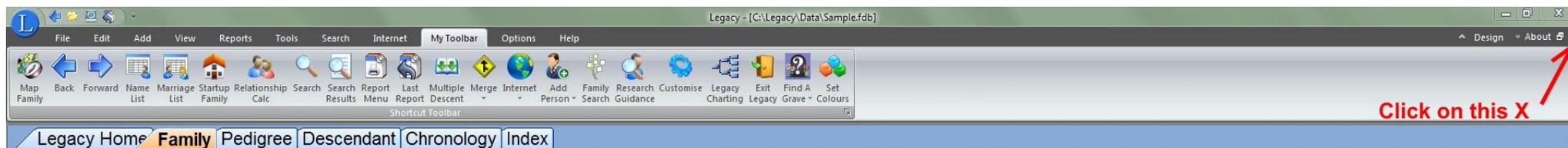
Options for Default Settings

Help

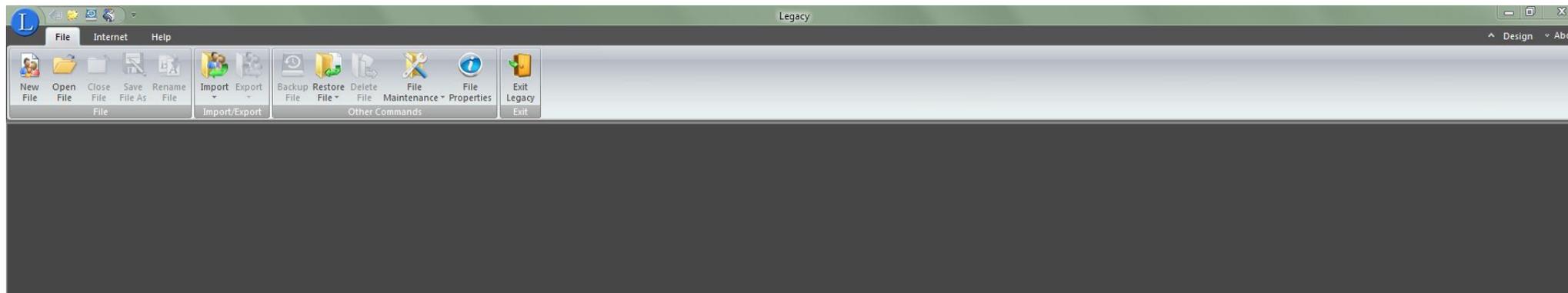
When going through each number and sub-number only change one setting at a time if you are going to customise any setting. This is so that if it's not what you want you know it will be the last one changed and it's easier to go back into customise window and de-select your change and select how it was before. Take note of the number and sub-number for each change first.

Starting a new Family Tree database

So now you're ready to start your new Family Tree database. Look up to the top right hand corner. You will see a white X on a Pale Green or Red square – don't touch it. Look instead for the White X on the Mid Grey menu bar next to "two overlapping boxes" that is before the word "About" Click on it and it will get rid of the current "Sample Family Tree".

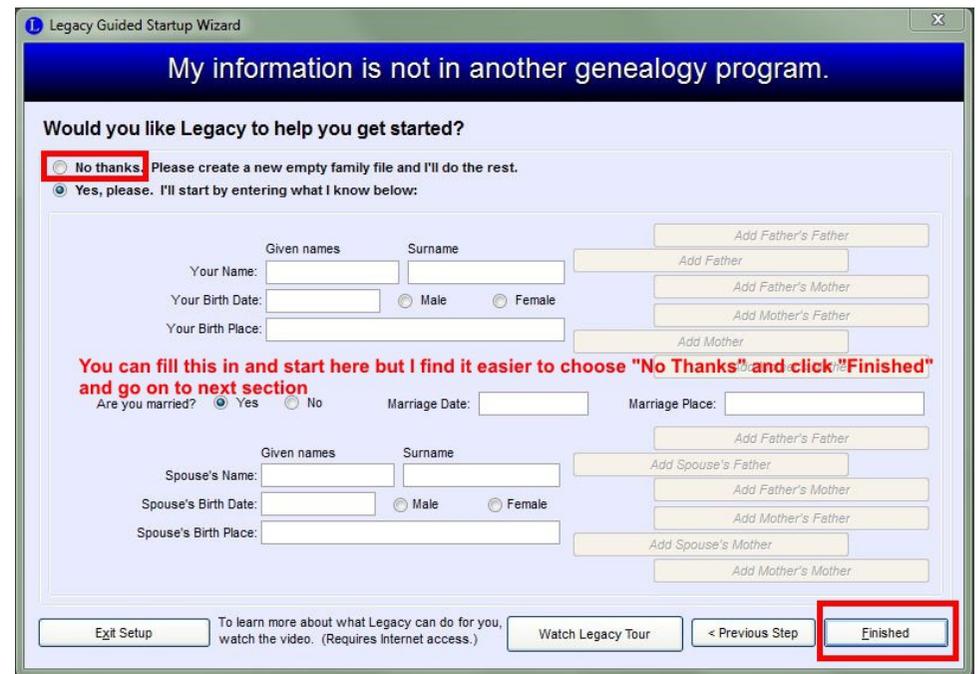
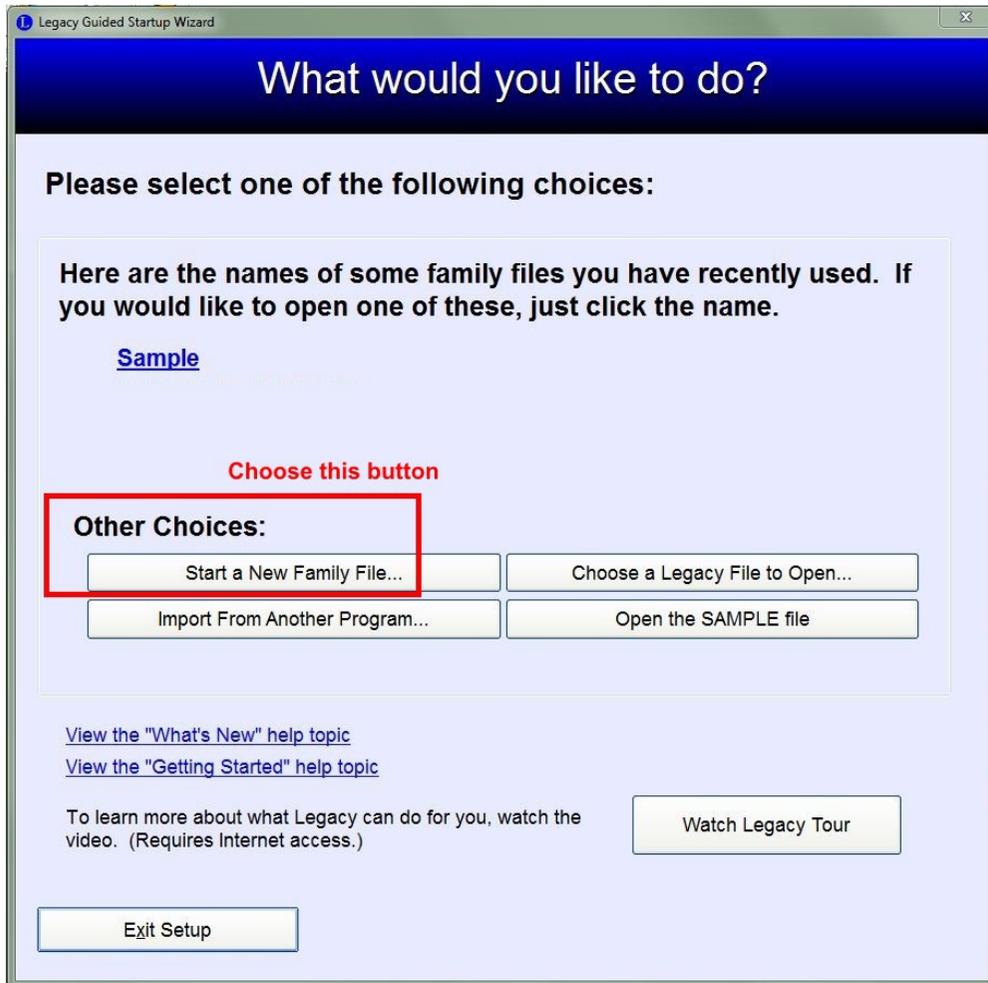


Below is your screen after you have closed the "Sample Family Tree" that you have tried to see how things work. You will notice that the "My toolbar" menu has gone. So now you're ready to either start a new Family Tree of your own or Import one from another family tree program or person.

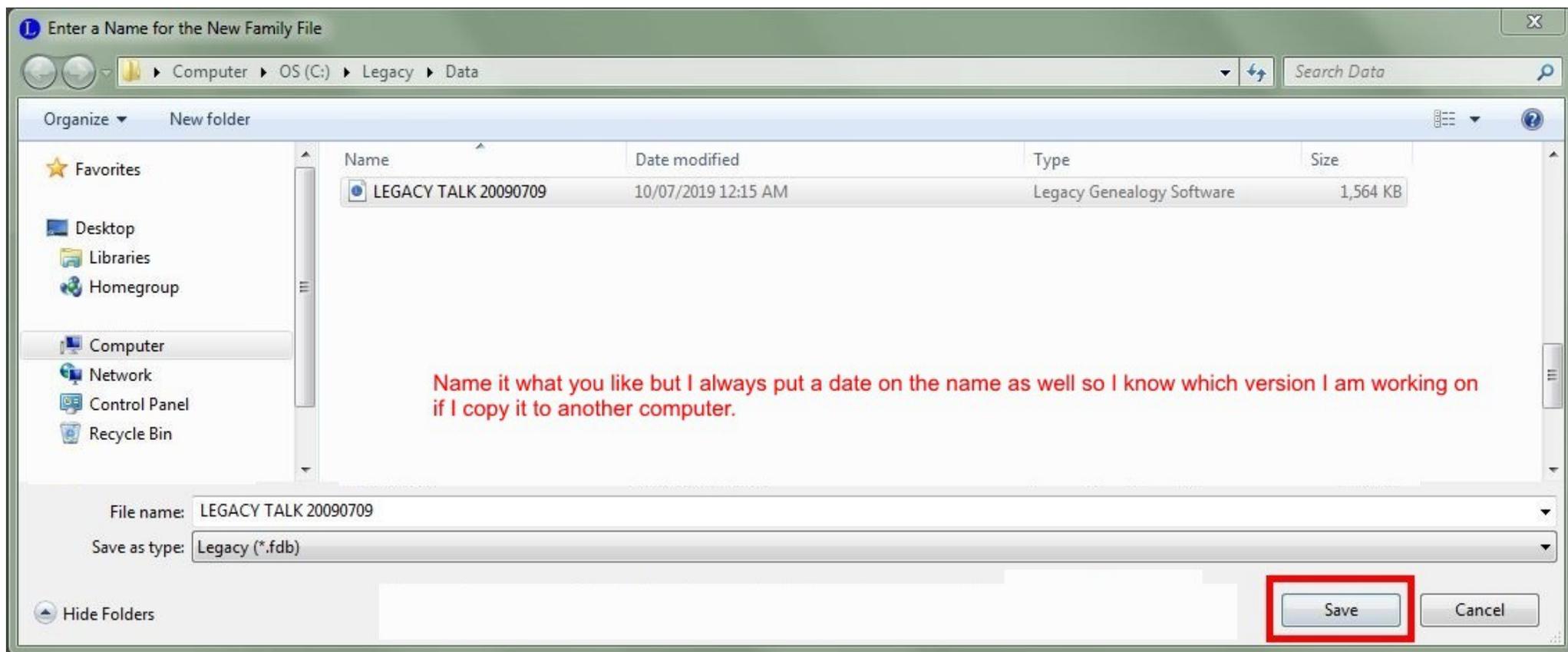


You are now in the "File" menu. Look for the button named "New File". If you click on that you will get a new window pop up asking you make a choice of what you want to do next.

In this instance we will click on the button named "Start a New Family file.."

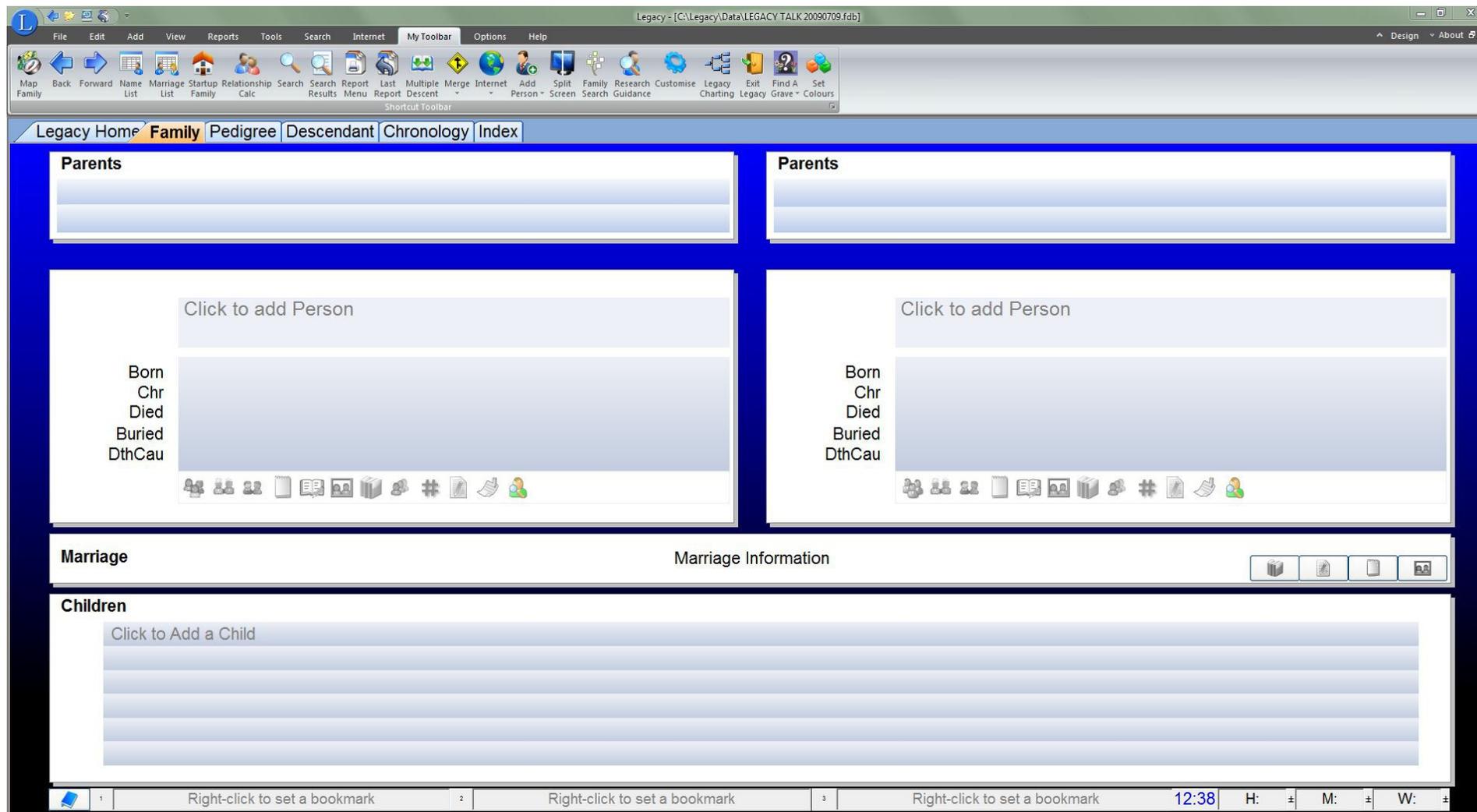


Here's the next step to starting your new Family Tree. Once you click on the finished button another window will pop up where you can Name your Family Tree to the name you want and also save it onto your computer.

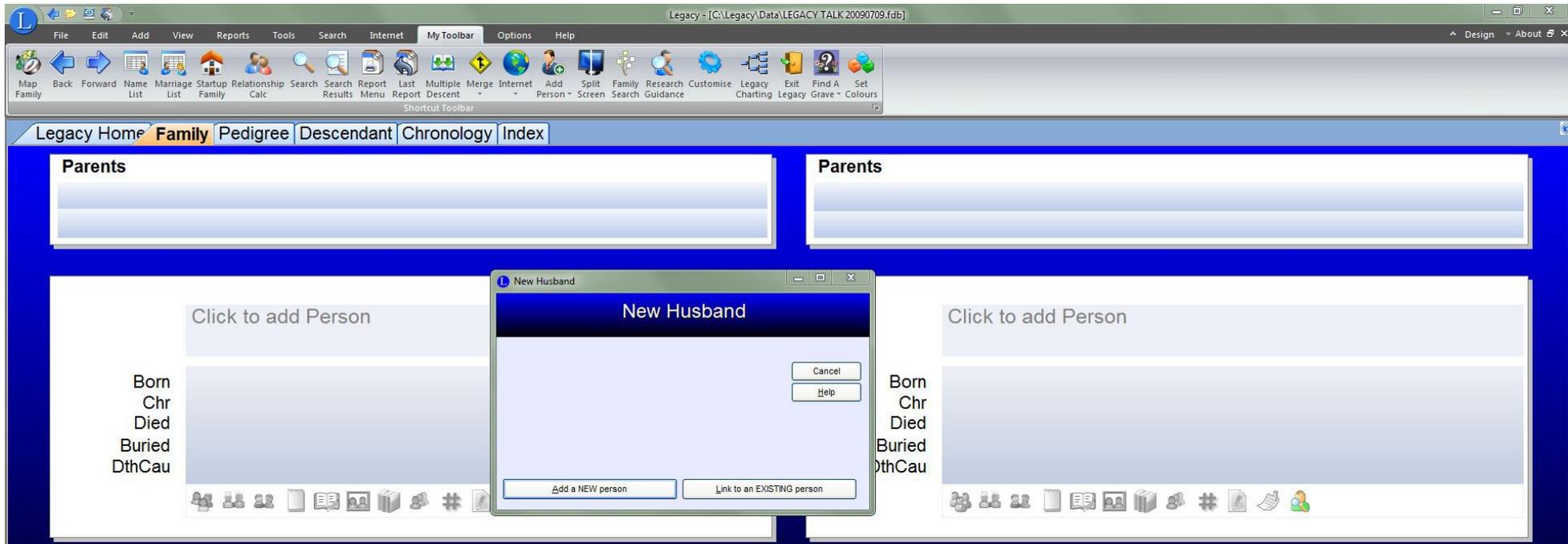


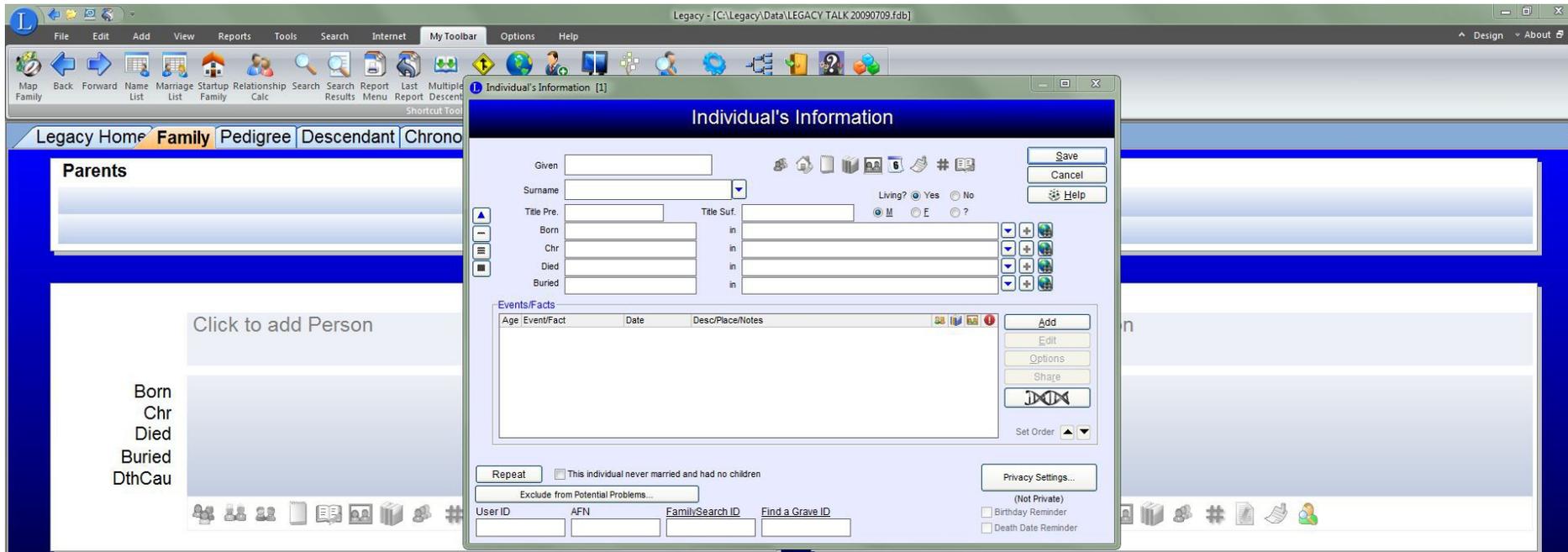
Starting your Family Tree

So now we are ready to start entering all our families and ancestors. Here's what it looks like brand new. Male parent entered on left side Female parent entered on right side. Start with yourself or start with your father first. To do this Click on the grey words "Click to add Person" and you will get a window pop up and you can enter your known information about your person in that window. See the following window then the one below where you add your information.



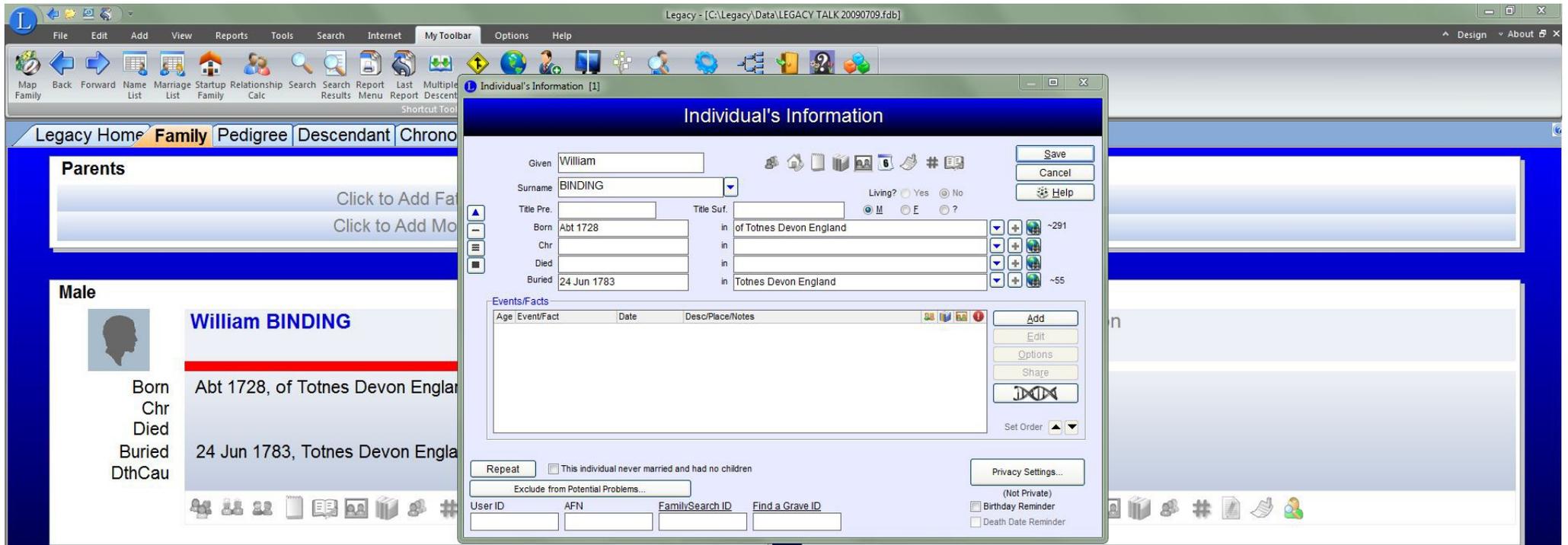
When you click on the “Add a NEW Person button” below you will get the pop up window as below on the next page





Add the details you can prove are correct where you have a “primary source document” as proof of evidence. Or if you are unsure of the exact date use the abbreviation terms listed above when actual dates are unknown. i.e. if you obtain a year of birth from a census sheet you would put “about 1827” in the “Born” box and the place of birth in the next box i.e. Ireland or Rochester Kent England. If you only put in Rochester no one else will know it’s the Rochester in Kent England except you as it could be Rochester in America or Australia or any other place. If you only get a town from a census then its Rochester if it’s a town called St Mary Rochester Kent England because that’s where you found his baptism record in that parish you can decide if you call it St Mary Rochester or Rochester St Mary Kent England.

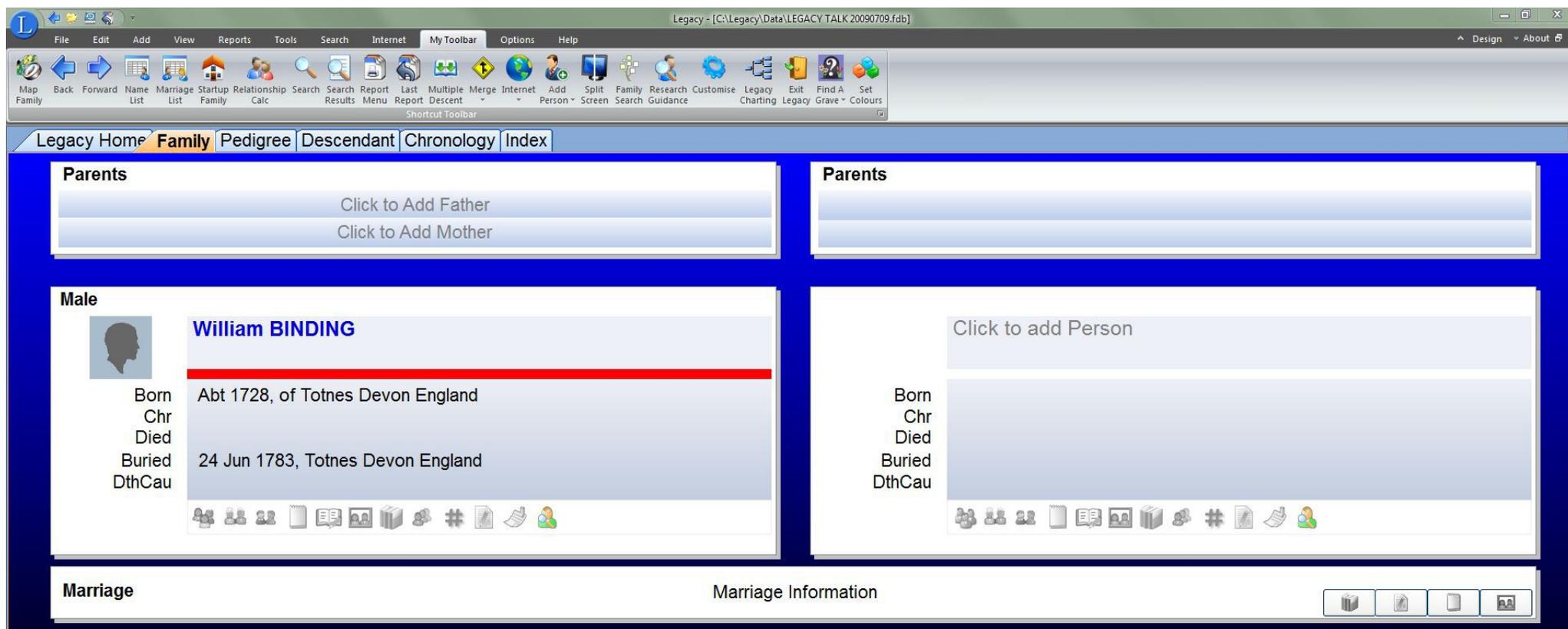
Let’s add a persons name and see what happens when we add some details about him too.



Because I had set my preferences right when I typed in all the names, places, and words, they automatically changed to words with CAPS where required and the dates added as 24 3 1783 automatically changed to the date format we chose in the "Customisation section" we looked at, in the beginning of this informal tutorial to the English / Australian date format 24 Jun 1783. When you have entered all the proven information you have on this person click the save button and he will be your first person added to your Legacy Family Tree Program

And below here he is added into your Family Tree. Now you can add his wife the same way.

Once you enter the wife you can also now enter any children that you know of. Take a good look at the first child's surname as this was as it was written in the actual parish record book.



On the next page below, I have entered the wives details the same way I added the husbands. After I saved the wives details another window opens where you put in the marriage date and place – save it and you are ready to add children to this couple. You will notice the first child I added has a surname of “BINDING alias BINDON” normally you would only use one surname as there is a place to put in alternative or alias surnames and first names.

Believe it or not many church officials could still not spell right or even write properly as the English language was still evolving over time right up to the 1900's. Many church officials were not from the county church they were given to minister to, so even a different accent would make words sound different. Thus a spelling variation would sometimes occur.

In the examples below of those John was baptised as John BINDING alias BINDON, Mary was baptised as Mary BINDING and William was baptised as William BENDING, all with the same parents; William and Mary. That is exactly how they were originally written in the church records.

Later both William Junior and John's children were all baptised as BINDON as well. So within a period of approximately 1725 to 1780 their surname had changed from BINDING to BINDON. Other known variants of this distinctly west-country surname is Bynam, Bynedon, Bending, Benham, Binham, Bendig,

Binding and various others changing over a period of some 6 generations. This also was the same for many other surnames too. The COWL surname in that parish over time was COLE, COLLE, COWL, COWLL, and COWLE. If we go back in time surnames quite often were spelt various ways. Usually how they were heard they were written down.

The screenshot shows the Legacy software interface with the following data:

Parents
 Click to Add Father
 Click to Add Mother

Husband
William BINDING
 Born Abt 1728, of Totnes Devon England
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 Died
 Buried 24 Jun 1783, Totnes Devon England
 DthCau

Wife
Mary KNOWLLS
 Born 29 Nov 1739, Berry Pomeroy Devon England
 Chr
 Died
 Buried 26 Mar 1802, Berry Pomeroy Devon England
 DthCau

Marriage 25 Mar 1755 - Berry Pomeroy Devon England

Children

- 1 [John BINDING ALIAS BINDON \(1755-\)](#)
- 2 [Mary BINDING \(1757-\)](#)
- 3 [William BENDING \(1759-\)](#)

Click to Add a Child

Bottom status bar: 1 Right-click to set a bookmark 2 Right-click to set a bookmark 3 Right-click to set a bookmark 8:21 H:1 ± M:1 ± W:2 ±

Adding an Alias or Aliases to a person

Individual's Information [6]

Individual's Information

Given

Surname

Title Pre. Title Suf.

Born in

Chr in

Died in

Buried in

Living? Yes No

M E ?

click here to add alias

Save
Cancel
Help

Events/Facts

Age	Event/Fact	Date	Desc/Place/Notes

Add
Edit
Options
Share
DNA
Set Order

Repeat This individual never married and had no children

Exclude from Potential Problems...

User ID AFN FamilySearch ID Find a Grave ID

Privacy Settings...
(Not Private)
 Birthday Reminder
 Death Date Reminder



Reports: the 3 most used reports that you can take with you from home to the society to view missing information about each person you don't have.

[The Descendent Report](#)

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1-William BINDING b. Abt 1728, of Totnes Devon England, Bur. 24 Jun 1783, Totnes Devon England

+Mary KNOWLLS c. 29 Nov 1739, Berry Pomeroy Devon England, m. 25 Mar 1755, Berry Pomeroy Devon England,
Bur. 26 Mar 1802, Berry Pomeroy Devon England

- 2-John BINDING ALIAS BINDON c. 14 Dec 1755, Totnes Devon England
- 2-Mary BINDING c. 23 Jun 1757, Totnes Devon England
- 2-William BENDING c. 11 Nov 1759, Totnes Devon England

The Individual Report**Individual Report for William BINDING**

Name:	William BINDING			Sex:	M
Birth Date:	Abt 1728	Place:	of Totnes Devon England		
Chr. Date:		Place:			
Death Date:		Place:			
Burial Date:	24 Jun 1783	Place:	Totnes Devon England		
Cause of Death:					
Spouse:	*Mary KNOWLLS (29 Nov 1739 - 26 Mar 1802)				
Marr. Date:	25 Mar 1755	Place:	Berry Pomeroy Devon England		
Children:	1	John BINDING ALIAS BINDON (1755-)			
	2	Mary BINDING (1757-)			
	3	William BENDING (1759-)			

Family Group Report

Family Group Record for William BINDING

Husband	William BINDING	
AKA	BENDING, BINDING ALIAS BINDON	
Born	Abt 1728	of Totnes Devon England
Christened		
Died		
Buried	24 Jun 1783	Totnes Devon England
Marriage	25 Mar 1755	Bery Pomeroy Devon England

Wife	Mary KNOWLLS	
Born		
Christened	29 Nov 1739	Bery Pomeroy Devon England
Died		
Buried	26 Mar 1802	Bery Pomeroy Devon England

Children

1	M	John BINDING ALIAS BINDON
AKA	BINDON	
Born		
Christened	14 Dec 1755	Totnes Devon England
Died		
Buried		
Spouse		

2	F	Mary BINDING
AKA	BINDON	
Born		
Christened	23 Jun 1757	Totnes Devon England
Died		
Buried		
Spouse		

3	M	William BENDING
AKA	BINDON	
Born		
Christened	11 Nov 1759	Totnes Devon England
Died		
Buried		
Spouse		

This Family Group Report is to me is the most useful of all. You print it out at home and take it into the computer room at the society and use it to add missing information to help you step back another generation in your research.

All events are listed and notes can be placed in report and printed out as well.

Above has been a very brief step by step procedure on how to add your information / research in a logical system.

There is no right or wrong way of researching your family history – Just some ways are proven to be better than others. In speed, accuracy, and informative information collected.

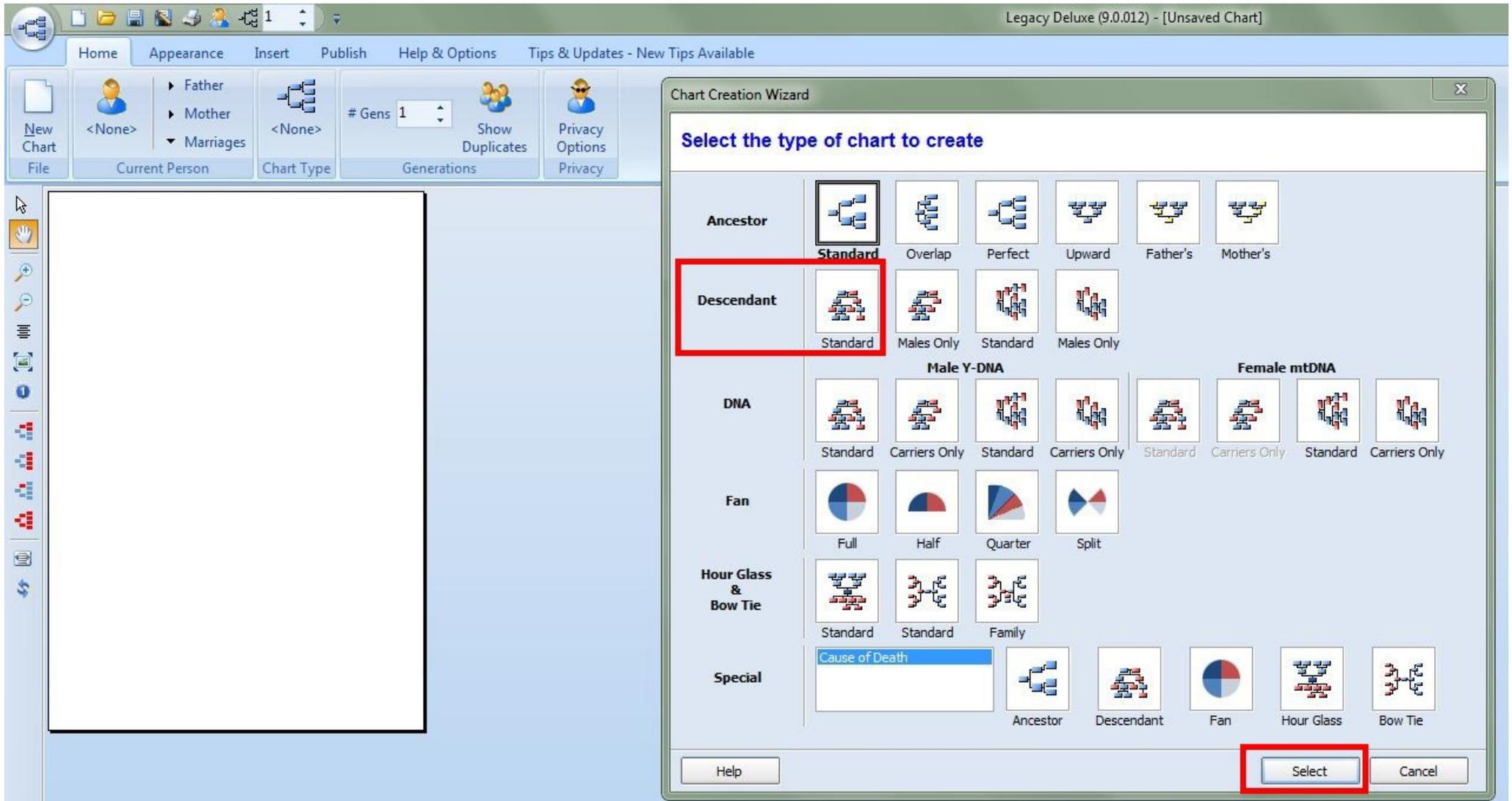
When you want to display your family in a “descendent chart” click on the button as below



When you have done this you will get a new window and a box in it which gives you numerous styles of charts to choose from.

Most people tend to use the “Descendant Standard” chart.

If you go to the “Customise” section that we looked at in the beginning before you try to choose a style of, and make a chart you can set colours for males and females with names in or out of boxes or just leave it in black and white or you can do it later in the Chart section of the program.



When you click on “Select” it will make your chart starting from the person you had in the main window in the “Family” page. This will give you the following small Chart from the people I have put in the program as data

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New Chart File William BINDING [1] Current Person Father Mother Marriages Descendant Standard Chart Type # Gens 12 Generations Show Duplicates Privacy Options Privacy

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    graph TD
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b: Abt 1728 in of Totnes Devon  
England  
Buried: 24 Jun 1783 in Totnes Devon  
England"] --- M["Mary KNOWLLS  
c: 29 Nov 1739 in Berry Pomeroy  
Devon England  
m: 25 Mar 1755 in Berry Pomeroy  
Devon England  
Buried: 26 Mar 1802 in Berry  
Pomeroy Devon England"]
      W --- J["John BINDING ALIAS  
BINDON  
c: 14 Dec 1755 in Totnes Devon  
England"]
      W --- Mary["Mary BINDING  
c: 23 Jun 1757 in Totnes Devon  
England"]
      W --- W2["William BENDING  
c: 11 Nov 1759 in Totnes Devon  
England"]
  
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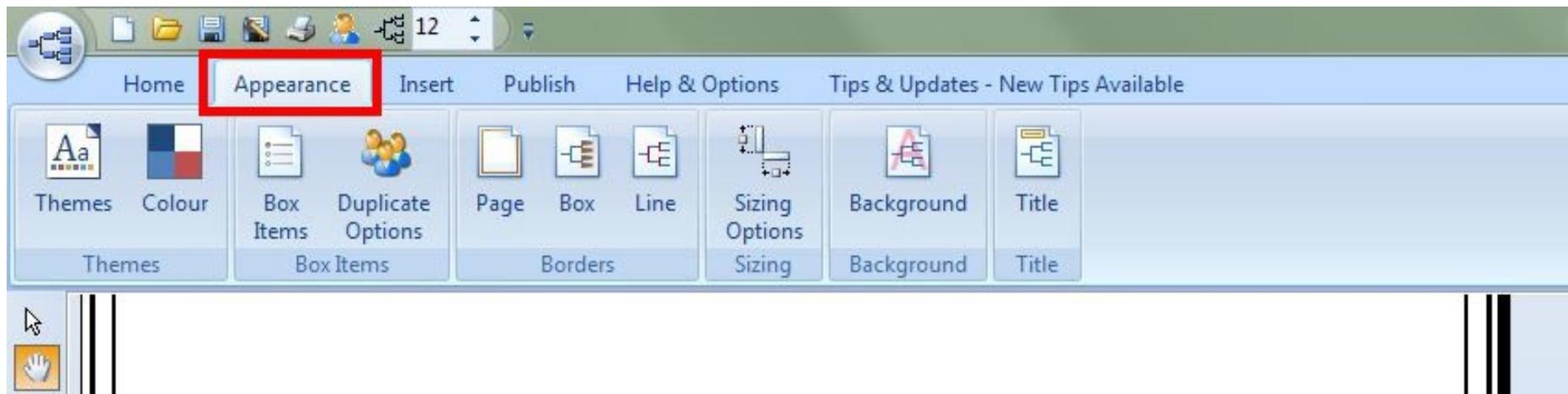
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You can also edit how your family tree looks like from within the chart menu as well.

A simple to use program that if you wish, can be adjusted to many variations in the “Custom” area you can tailor to how you wish to view your research data.