



Personal Genealogy Databases

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 - ▶ PC
 - ▶ Mobile reference and full versions
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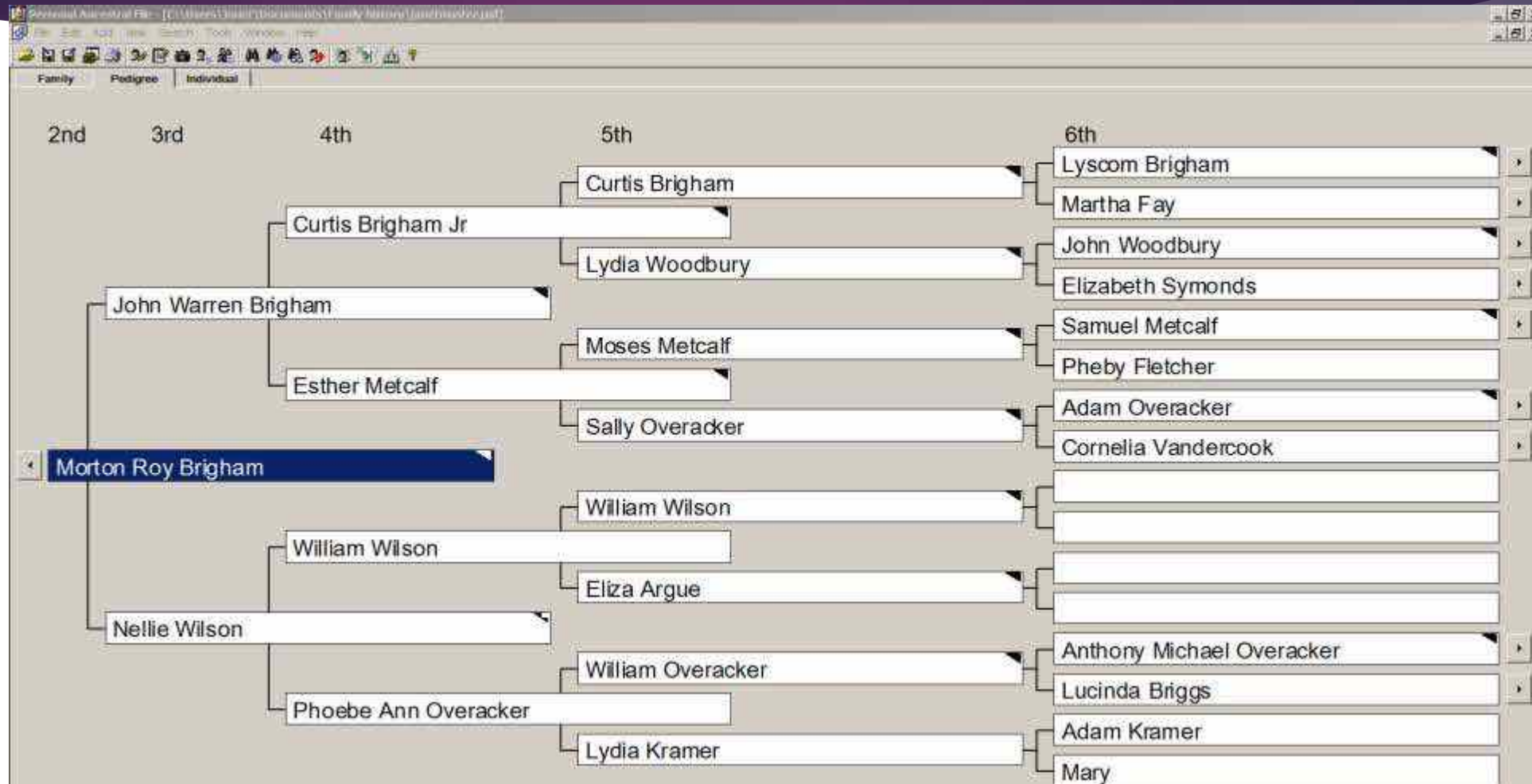
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- ▶ Personal genealogy database software
 - ▶ Macintosh (Reunion, Mac Family Tree, Family Tree Maker for Mac, MacBridge RootsMagic), others
 - ▶ PC (Ancestral Quest, Personal Ancestral File, Legacy Family Tree, RootsMagic)
 - ▶ Mobile reference-only and fully synchronized versions

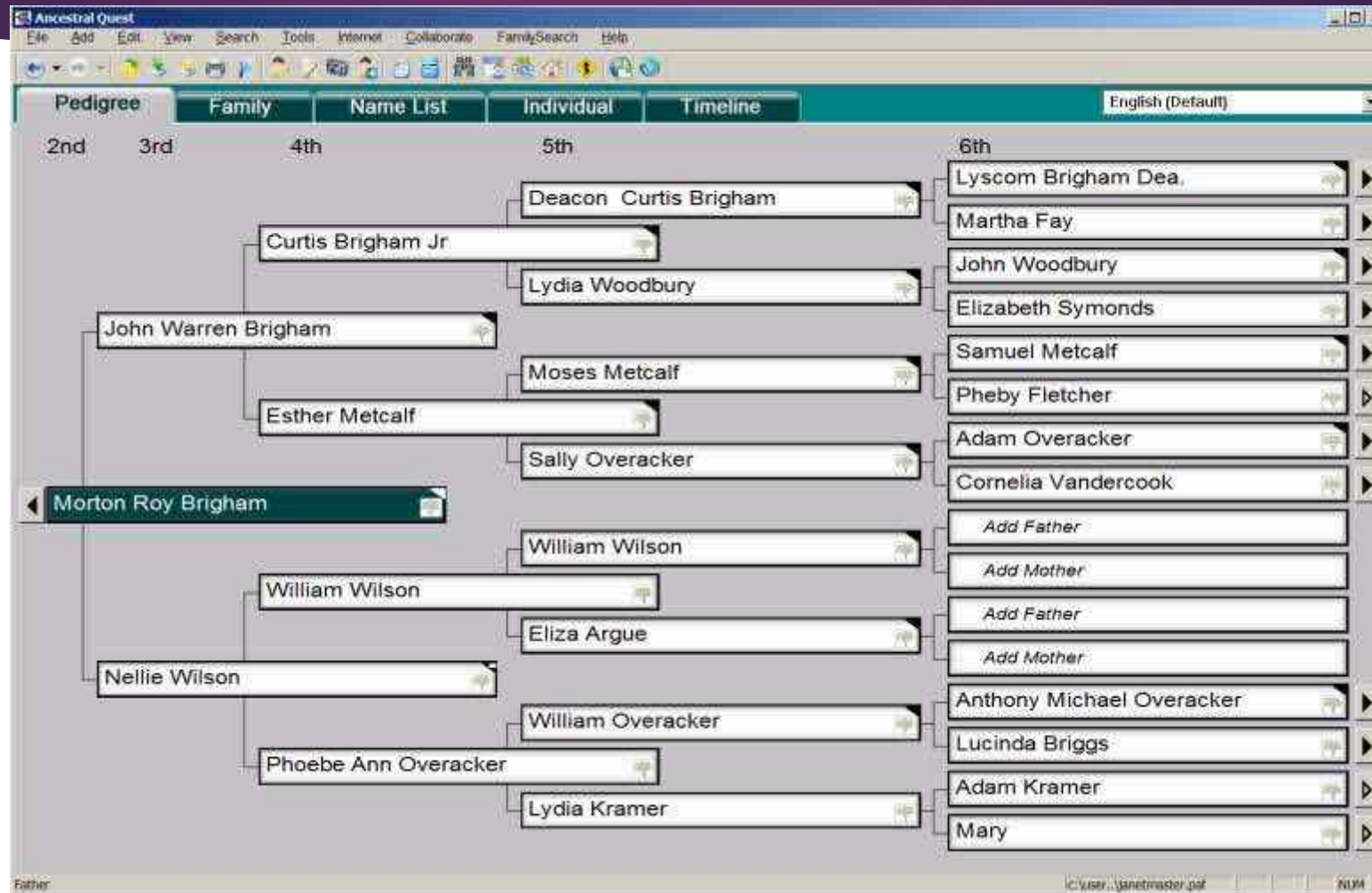
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What they look like: PAF



What they look like: Ancestral Quest



What they look like: Family Tree Builder

The screenshot displays the MyHeritage Family Tree Builder software interface. The window title is "MyHeritage Family Tree Builder, PrenamePlus [5gen] | brands@vartank.net". The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Person, Family, Charts, Reports, Favorites, Research, Sync (publishing), Family site, Tools, and Help. The toolbar contains icons for Open, Save, Back, Home, Tree, Photos, Maktags, Charts, Reports, Maps, Sync, Family site, Research, Log out, and Help.

The main area is titled "Family Tree" and shows a tree for "Morton Roy Brigham and Frances Jensen Brigham (Smith)". On the left, there is a "People" sidebar with a search field and a list of 33 people. The main area displays a grid of person cards. Two cards are expanded to show detailed profiles:

Morton Roy Brigham
Born: Oct 21 1915
In: Moscow, Latah, Idaho
Died: Dec 17 2008
Cause of Death: Post-poli
Buried: Lewis-Clark Memorial Gardens, Lewiston, Idaho, United States

Frances Jensen Brigham (Smith)
Born: Apr 1 1918
In: Driggs, Teton, Idaho
Died: Jul 17 2015
In: Mountain View, Santa Clara, California
Cause of Death: Unknown

Below the profiles, there is a "Status" section with "Married" selected and a date of "Jul 12 1948". A "Place" field is set to "Walla Walla, Washington, Idaho". At the bottom, there are more person cards for "Howard Isaac Hill II", "Carl Brigham", "Ransom Lee Baird", and "Savel Baird (Brigham)".

What they look like: Legacy Family Tree

The screenshot displays the Legacy Family Tree software interface. At the top, there is a menu bar with options like File, Edit, Add, View, Reports, Tools, Search, Internet, My Toolbar, Options, and Help. Below the menu bar is a toolbar with various icons for navigation and editing. The main window is divided into several sections:

- Navigation Tabs:** Legacy Home, Family, Pedigree (selected), Descendant, Chronology, Index.
- Tree View:** A pedigree chart showing relationships between individuals. The tree is rooted at Morton Roy Bringham (1915-2001), who is highlighted in blue. His parents are John Warren Bringham (1857-1940) and Esther Metcalf (1830-1875). John Warren Bringham's parents are Curtis Bringham Jr (1821-1868) and Lydia Woodbury (1789-1876). Curtis Bringham Jr's parents are Curtis Bringham (1793-1872) and Lyscom Bringham (1789-1845). Esther Metcalf's parents are Moses Metcalf (1796-1865) and Phoby Fletcher. Lydia Woodbury's parents are John Woodbury (1749-) and Elizabeth Symonds (1755-). Moses Metcalf's parents are Samuel Metcalf (1761-) and Phoby Fletcher. Phoby Fletcher's parents are Adam Overacker (1781-1842) and Cornelia Vandercreek (1761-). William Wilson (Abt 1809-) is also shown as a child of Adam Overacker (1781-1842). Elizabeth Argue (Abt 1818-) is shown as a child of William Wilson (Abt 1809-). William Overacker (1827-1886) is shown as a child of Adam Overacker (1781-1842). Lydia Kramer (Abt 1829-After 1880) is shown as a child of William Overacker (1827-1886). Phoebe Ann Overacker (1855-1938) is shown as a child of William Overacker (1827-1886). William Wilson (1846-1908) is shown as a child of William Overacker (1827-1886). Nellie Wilson (1875-1943) is shown as a child of William Wilson (1846-1908). Phoebe Ann Overacker (1855-1938) is shown as a child of William Overacker (1827-1886).
- Individual Profiles:** A list of individuals with their names and birth/death dates, each with a small profile icon. The list includes: Curtis Bringham (1793-1872), Lyscom Bringham (1789-1845), Martha Fay (1775-1818), Lydia Woodbury (1789-1876), John Woodbury (1749-), Elizabeth Symonds (1755-), Moses Metcalf (1796-1865), Samuel Metcalf (1761-), Phoby Fletcher, Adam Overacker (1781-1842), Cornelia Vandercreek (1761-), William Wilson (Abt 1809-), Click to Add Father, Click to Add Mother, Elizabeth Argue (Abt 1818-), Click to Add Father, Click to Add Mother, William Overacker (1827-1886), Anthony Michael Overacker (1785-1833), Lucinda Briggs (1792-1873), Lydia Kramer (Abt 1829-After 1880), Adam Kramer, and Mary.
- Tags:** A section for tagging individuals, with a grid for months (1-9) and a 'M' tag.
- Bottom Bar:** A status bar showing the current date and time (10:48 H:33 M:13 W:35) and navigation controls.



Database software that syncs

- ▶ **MyHeritage.com online tree** syncs with **Family Tree Builder**
- ▶ **Ancestry.com Family Tree** syncs with **Family Tree Maker**
- ▶ **Mac Family Tree** syncs with itself on different platforms (Mac, iPad, iPhone)
- ▶ Don't expect a perfect world

Decision Making: You need a database

1. Are you **serious** about doing right by your family history?
2. Do you ever want an **online tree** or a **family website**?
3. Do you want your database to **sync with an online tree**? (2 options)
4. Do you want to **share** your information with others who are serious about genealogy?