



Personal Genealogy Databases

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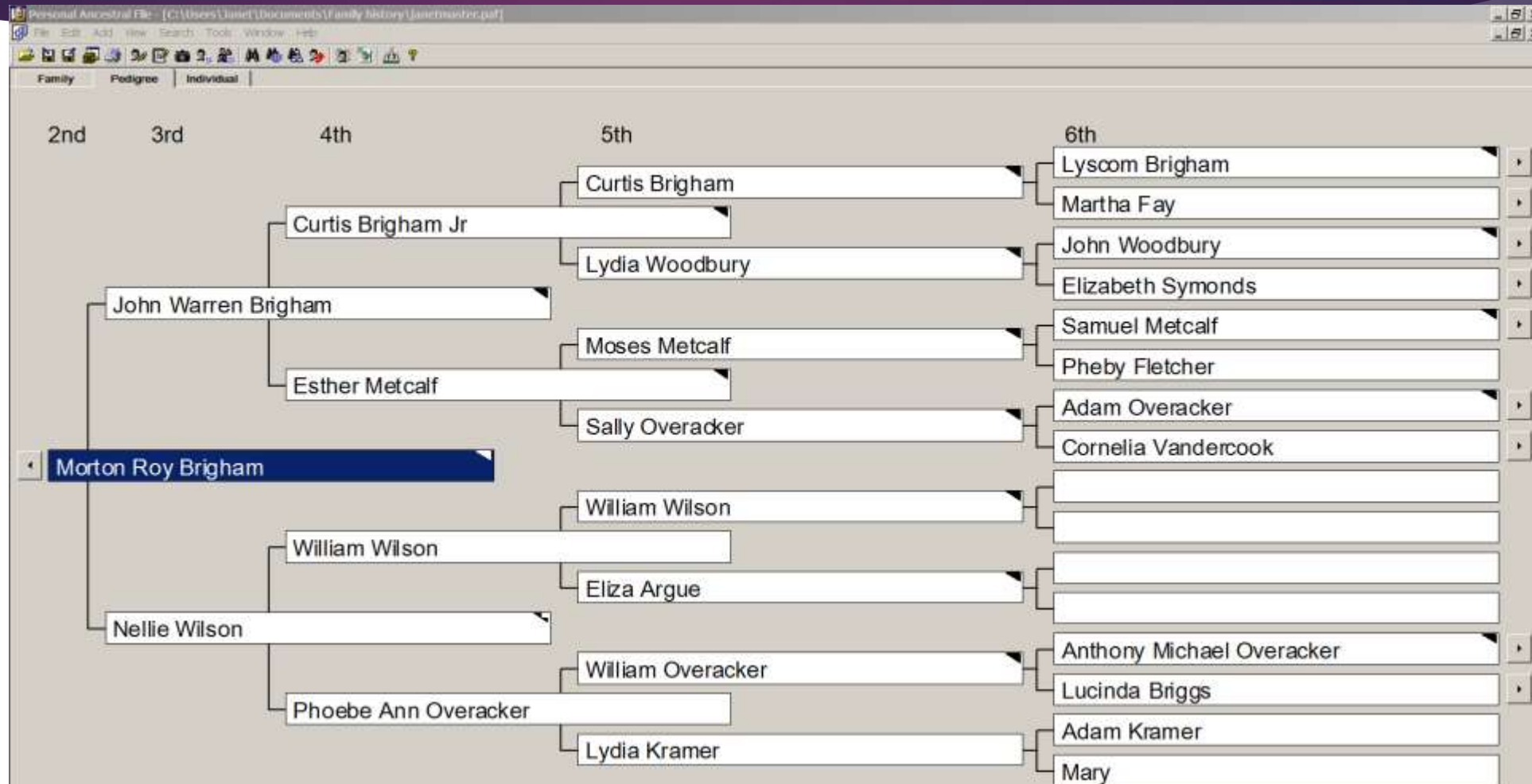
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- ▶ Personal genealogy database software
 - ▶ Macintosh (Reunion, Mac Family Tree, Family Tree Maker for Mac, MacBridge RootsMagic), others
 - ▶ PC (Ancestral Quest, Personal Ancestral File, Legacy Family Tree, RootsMagic)
 - ▶ Mobile reference-only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

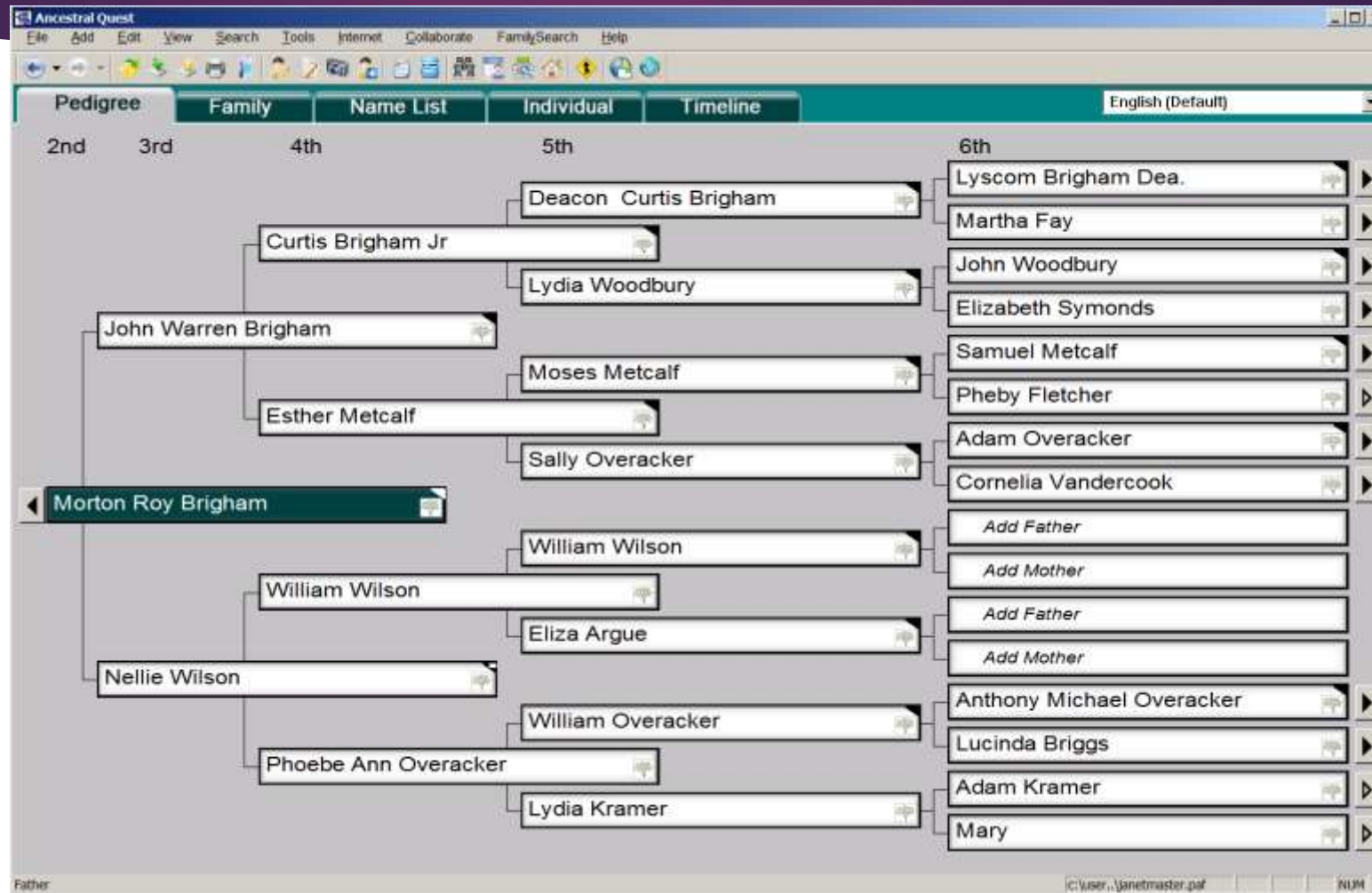
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What they look like: PAF



What they look like: Ancestral Quest



What they look like: Family Tree Builder

The screenshot displays the MyHeritage Family Tree Builder software interface. The title bar reads "MyHeritage Family Tree Builder, PremiumPlus [5gen] - jrbands@earthlink.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, Forward, Home, Tree, Photos, Matches, Charts, Reports, Maps, Sync, Family site, Research, Language, and Help.

The main window title is "Family Tree" for "Morton Roy Brigham and Frances Jensen Brigham [Smith]". The interface is divided into several sections:

- People:** A sidebar on the left lists all people in the tree, numbered 1 through 33. Morton Roy Brigham is highlighted as person 2.
- Person Profiles:** Two large profiles are visible: Morton Roy Brigham (born Dec 21 1915, died Dec 17 2001) and Frances Jensen Brigham [Smith] (born Apr 1 1919, died Jul 17 2013). Both profiles include birth, death, and cause of death information, as well as photos and research options.
- Family Relationships:** A central area shows the relationship between Morton Roy Brigham and Frances Jensen Brigham, including their marriage date (Jul 12 1938) and children: Howard Hills Hill II, Carol Brigham, Pamela Dee Bonds, and Janet Bonds [Brigham].
- Other Profiles:** Several other family members are shown in smaller profile boxes, including John Warren Brigham, Nellie Brigham Wilson, and various other individuals from the Brigham and Jensen families.

What they look like: Legacy Family Tree

The screenshot displays the Legacy Family Tree software interface. The main window shows a pedigree chart for the Bringham family. The chart is a horizontal pedigree with Morton Roy Bringham (1915-2001) 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 (1769-1876). Curtis Bringham Jr's parents are Curtis Bringham (1793-1872) and Martha Fay (1775-1818). Esther Metcalf's parents are Moses Metcalf (1796-1865) and Pheby Fletcher. John Warren Bringham's wife, Esther Metcalf, has several children: William Wilson (1846-1908), Nellie Wilson (1875-1943), and Phoebe Ann Overacker (1855-1938). William Wilson's parents are William Wilson (Abt 1809-) and Eliza Argue (Abt 1818-). Nellie Wilson's parents are William Overacker (1827-Bef 1886) and Anthony Michael Overacker (1785-1833). Phoebe Ann Overacker's parents are William Overacker (1827-Bef 1886) and Lucinda Briggs (1792-1873). The software interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, Add, View, Reports, Tools, Search, Internet, My Toolbar, Options, Help), a toolbar with various icons, and a status bar at the bottom showing the time (10:48) and window dimensions (H:33, M:13, W:35).

Person	Parents
Morton Roy Bringham (1915-2001)	John Warren Bringham (1857-1940) & Esther Metcalf (1830-1875)
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Esther Metcalf (1830-1875)	Moses Metcalf (1796-1865) & Pheby Fletcher
Curtis Bringham Jr (1821-1868)	Curtis Bringham (1793-1872) & Martha Fay (1775-1818)
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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?