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February, 2025 - NL - **Yolanda Lippens Genealogy Site** blog.

Ancestris software, gratis en volledige controle over je stamboom



Yolanda Lippens

KRACHTIG EN OPEN-SOURCE



Ancestris software, gratis en volledige controle over je stamboom

Artikel van Tineke Kosmis

In dit artikel wil ik meer vertellen over de genealogische software Ancestris, het programma waarmee ik mijn stamboom sinds juni 2022 maak.

Ancestris software is toch die dure software?

Nee, dat is een wijdverbreid misverstand. Veel mensen verwarren de naam Ancestris met Ancestry, maar dat is heel wat anders. Bij Ancestry moet je inderdaad betalen om gegevens van jouw stamboom online bij Ancestry te mogen neerzetten. Maar Ancestris daarentegen is gratis, en doneren is vrijwillig. Donaties worden uitsluitend gebruikt voor het onderhoud en de kosten van de Ancestris website. Ook zonder te doneren werkt Ancestris volledig en zonder beperkingen.

Wat is Ancestris dan wel?

Ancestris bestaat al sinds 1998 (voorheen als GENJ) en wordt in 170 landen gebruikt. Het programma wordt onderhouden door een groep van vrijwilligers. Zij werkten jarenlang met andere genealogie programma's en wilden niet meer afhankelijk zijn van dure software. Daarom besloten ze zelf Ancestris te ontwikkelen.

Het programma is dus gratis, open-source software en daardoor transparant, betrouwbaard, veilig, flexibel en beter afgestemd op de behoeften van de gebruikersgemeenschap. De code is volledig openbaar en toegankelijk op hun website.

Ancestris draait uitsluitend lokaal op je eigen computer zonder verbinding met externe servers. Behalve voor het downloaden van het programma zelf, is er geen internetverbinding nodig. Jouw stamboom blijft volledig onder jouw controle, niemand anders heeft toegang. Je kunt je stamboom met anderen delen, zonder hen te dwingen dure software aan te schaffen.

Voor wie is Ancestris bedoeld?

Ancestris kan door iedereen worden gebruikt, zowel beginners als experts. Het draait op Windows, Linux en macOS. Gebruikers die van platform wisselen, kunnen dus zonder conversie of softwarewijziging blijven werken aan hun stamboom. Het uitvoerbestand is altijd in GEDCOM formaat, en kan eenvoudig worden uitgewisseld met andere genealogieprogramma's en online diensten die een correcte GEDCOM ondersteunen.

De software is afhankelijk van Java, en werkt daarom niet op mobiele telefoons of tablets. Het aangemaakte GEDCOM bestand kan echter nog steeds op dergelijke apparaten worden gebruikt met compatibele programma's.

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August, 2024 - UK - **FAMILY HISTORY FEDERATION** monthly bulletin.

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REALLY USEFUL Bulletin

No 48

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Welcome to the latest edition of the *Really Useful Bulletin*

inside find...

Lead article *The Magic of Chancery* also FHS at Heritage Open Days/CADW Open Doors

plus news from local FHS and from the Federation

The REALLY USEFUL Family History Show—Belfast



A great day packed with happy ancestor hunters!

A busy hall (left). A relaxed *Do you really think you are Irish, Tim McGarry?* (above). Hotel lobby (right). *See also Federation News.*

REALLY USEFUL Family History Show—Nottingham

Pictures just received



Attentive audience for Martin McDowell's DNA presentation.



Helen Tovey, editor of *Family Tree* magazine with visitors.

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Really Useful Bulletin

News from the Federation

REALLY USEFUL FAMILY HISTORY SHOWS

Please note that the ONLINE show scheduled for November 2024 has been postponed following the success of the LIVE shows this year.
2025 will see further shows—keep an eye on the website for announcements.
www.fhf-reallyuseful.com/

REALLY USEFUL Family History Show—Belfast

What a great day and a huge success too. Lots of visitors who wanted to get into family history and DNA in particular.



The afternoon session with Tim McGarry (left) was very popular. He proved to be a fantastic subject and was delighted with what was discovered about his forebears and origins. He had the audience in stitches! Watch it on YouTube here. An unexpected link at the end.

Exhibitors at the Europa Hotel venue were pleased with the interest in their displays and much help was given to visitors.

All of which made for a most successful LIVE Really Useful Family History Show.

Congratulations to North of Ireland Family History Society for pulling out all the stops – well done!

FREE Family History Software

The team behind the totally free open-source genealogy software *Ancestris* has asked the *Bulletin* to let you know about this family history program.

We often hear of individuals looking for free-to-use software so that they are fully in control of their research. We also know of individuals who relied upon the facilities provided on some subscription platforms who lost their research.

You can download the software here: www.ancestris.org/

FIND MY PAST – IN PERSON!



Do you have a Calke Abbey connection? Are there mysteries hidden in your family history? Experts from Findmypast and Calke Abbey are joining forces to help visitors unravel their past.

In collaboration with the National Trust, this unique experience will take visitors back in time to meet their ancestors, unlocking amazing family stories, secrets and surprises along the way. Incredible stories about the people who lived and worked at Derbyshire's Calke Abbey will be featured.

There will be eye-opening talks from genealogy experts and special guests to reveal the life-changing power of family research. These will also be available online for those unable to attend in person.

Visitors will leave with all the tips they need to continue their journey into the past. There will be free access to Findmypast's billions of online genealogy records and vast newspaper archive offering the chance to make exciting family discoveries.

Come along on Thursday 12 September and see how your past can shape your future.

See www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/peak-district-derbyshire/calke-abbey/events

LEAD ARTICLE LAST MONTH

Are you in the right place?

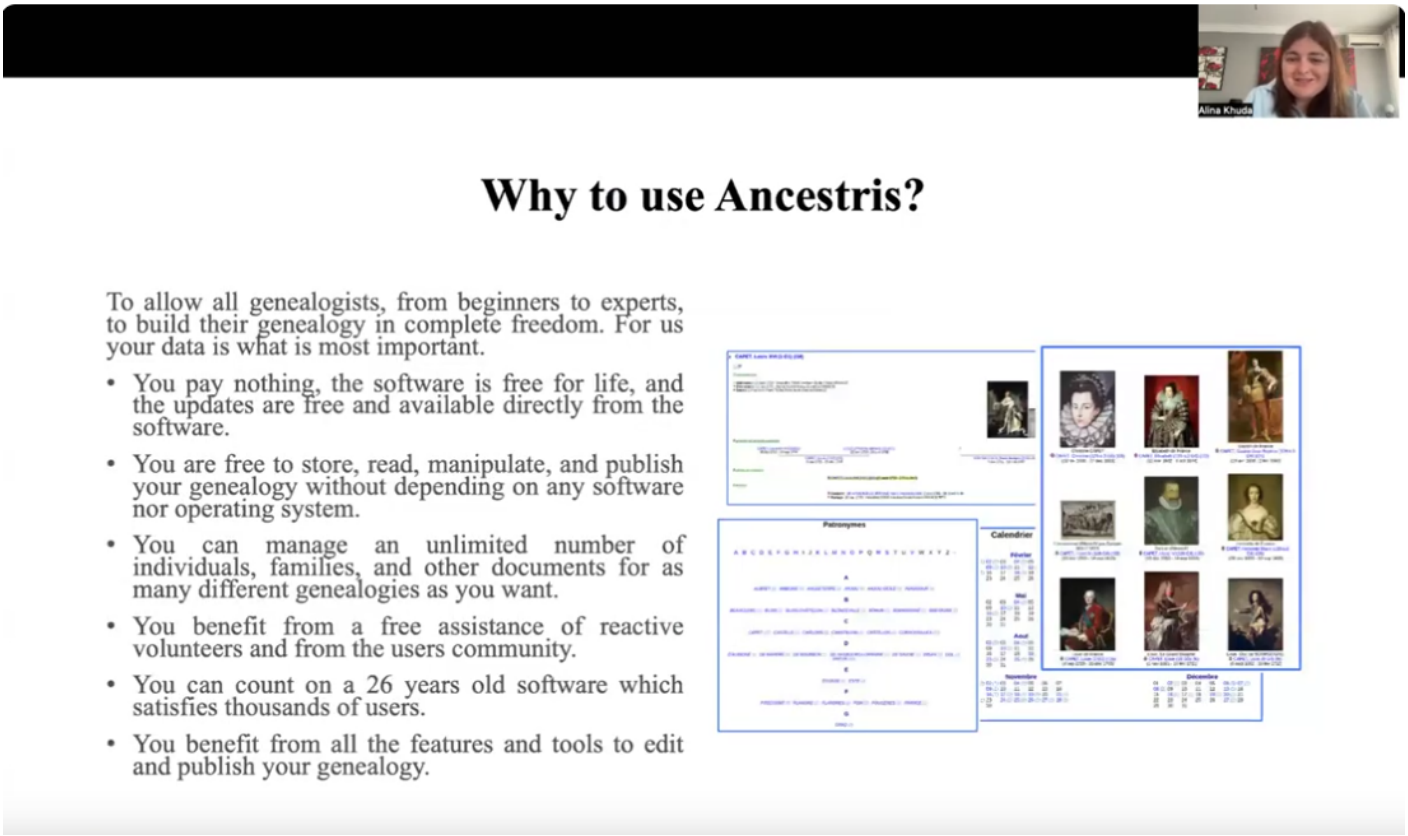


Janet Few would like to apologise for an error in her article in the last bulletin. Poole was never in Hampshire. However, neighbouring Christchurch and Bournemouth were moved from Hampshire to Dorset.

Interestingly, Elizabeth I granted Poole a Charter in 1574, whereby it became a county town which was, at that time, separate from the county of Dorset.

Ed: Thank you to readers for putting us right!

October 4th - UK - **4 Free Software Tools For Your Ancestral Research - Alina Khuda** - Video on YouTube



- 2021 -

May, 6th, 2021 - USA -**Ed Thompson Live Genealogy Software Showcase** on YouTube

Ed Thompson is passionate about genealogy software and he is the creator of **Evidentia**. He is also the creator of a live stream on YouTube focusing on genealogy software where **Frederic Lapeyre** from the Ancestris team was invited by the community to present it.



Other Ancestris appearances in other countries : **French press review** page, **Catalan publication** page.

Genealogy fairs

Overview of genealogy fairs where Ancestris was presented.

Genealogy fairs

2020

Ancestris at the yearly virtual genealogy fair



We have participated in quite a number of fairs in the last few years, mostly in France. Here is the **French page** about it.

Scientific Contribution

Overview of the scientific contributions to which Ancestris and its team have contributed

Scientific Contribution

Cystic Fibrosis: A Legacy

Between 2008 and 2012, Ancestris and Frédéric Lapeyre contributed to Nadine Pellen’s PhD thesis on cystic fibrosis.

In 2026, fourteen years after her defence, Nadine still has fond memories of this collaboration between a researcher and a volunteer developer, which she describes as a successful example of open-source software adapting to complex scientific needs.

Context

Nadine Pellen discovered **Ancestris** (known as GenJ before June 2010) at the start of her PhD thesis, which focused on **the genealogical networks and family structures of cystic fibrosis patients in Brittany**. She had initially been using Hérédis, but needed a tool capable not only of visualising family trees, but also of extracting data from them to build a relational database that could be analysed statistically.



The partnership with Ancestris

- She contacted the developers, in particular **Frédéric Lapeyre**, whom she had met in Paris.
- He developed several bespoke reports, not found in any other genealogy software, **enabling the automated coding of individuals**: a unique identifier for each patient (1 to 1287), maternal/paternal family numbers, **Sosa-style** codes, generation codes, and the identification of patients, carriers, founders and semi-founders.
- This coding system eliminated manual errors, anonymised the data, and enabled a **CSV export** that could be used in Excel and subsequently via statistical software.

Excerpt from the thesis (pp. 107–118)

Technically:

- **Codification**: numbering algorithms (Sosa-Stradonitz, family numbers, generation numbers).
- **Genealogical analysis indices**: completeness (C_i), implexity (I_i), genealogical depth/entropy, inbreeding coefficient (Wright's formula).
- **Comparison of two populations** (189 carrier lineages vs 141 non-carrier lineages) based on demographic criteria (endogamy, consanguinity, migration, mortality).
- **Mapping of geographical isolates** (using the supplementary tool Granite-Muco, created by Michel Moro), utilising base maps organised by municipality and diocese.
- **Difficulties encountered**: revising earlier manual work (by M. Chaventré), ongoing updates, choice of technical platform, uncertain reliability of civil status records, and the temporal limitations of genealogical sources (~600 years) compared with the estimated age of the F508del mutation (~3,000 years in Brittany).

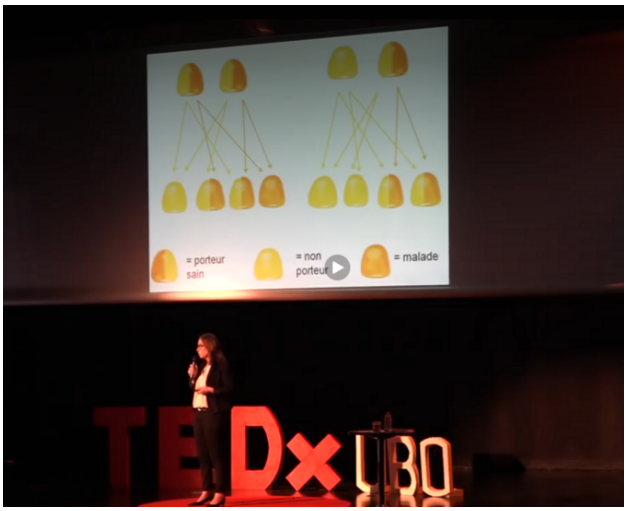
To know more

The links below will enable you to find all the available details to gain a deeper understanding of this thesis.

Nadine's feedback



Nadine’s TEDx talk



Slideshow presented in 2020 at the Maison de la Généalogie



Full text of the thesis



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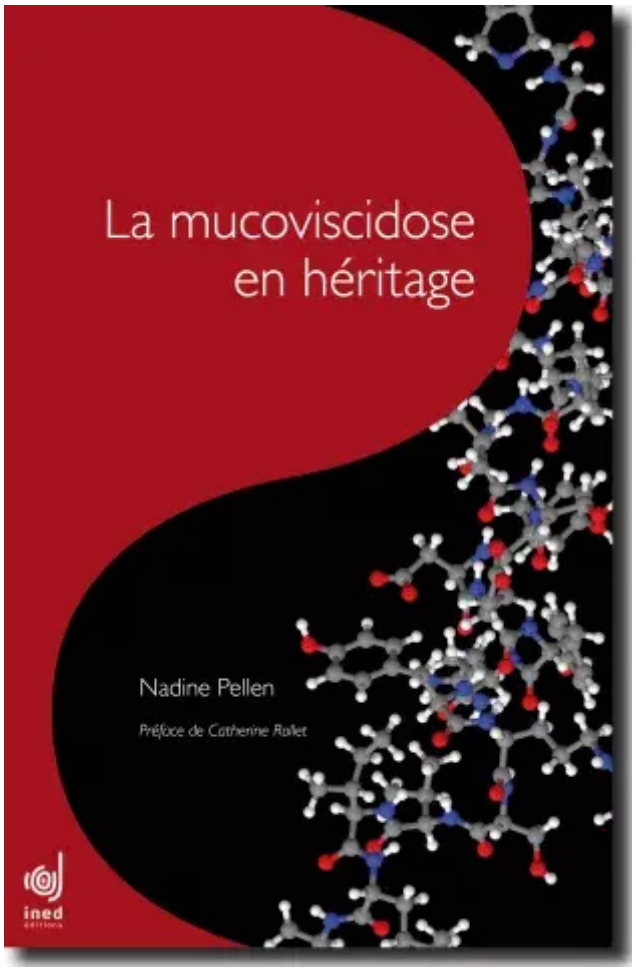
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