

# Communications about Ancestris

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### Ancestris software, gratis en volledige controle over je stamboom



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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, betrouwbaar, 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/](http://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!*



#### 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](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/peak-district-derbyshire/calke-abbey/events)

#### 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/](http://www.ancestris.org/)

#### LEAD ARTICLE LAST MONTH

##### Are you in the right place?



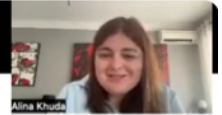
Janet Few would like to apologise for an error in her article in the last bulletin. Poole was never in Hampshire. However, neighbouring Christchurch and Bournemouth were moved from Hampshire to Dorset.

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!*



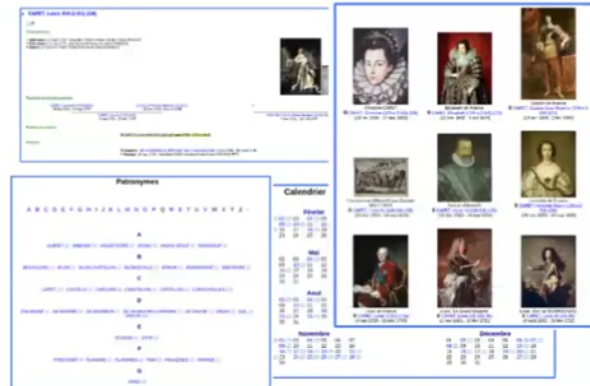
October 4th - UK - [4 Free Software Tools For Your Ancestral Research - Alina Khuda](#) - Video on YouTube



## Why to use Ancestris?

To allow all genealogists, from beginners to experts, to build their genealogy in complete freedom. For us your data is what is most important.

- You pay nothing, the software is free for life, and the updates are free and available directly from the software.
- You are free to store, read, manipulate, and publish your genealogy without depending on any software nor operating system.
- You can manage an unlimited number of individuals, families, and other documents for as many different genealogies as you want.
- You benefit from a free assistance of reactive volunteers and from the users community.
- You can count on a 26 years old software which satisfies thousands of users.
- You benefit from all the features and tools to edit and publish your genealogy.



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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.



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Other Ancestris appearances in other countries : [French press review](#) page, [Catalan publication](#) page.

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