# Move data, sources and media from Ancestry.com to FamilySearch.com via bridge and vica versa

- 1. Note: the Ancestry Tree icon only works if you are using the LDS free version of Ancestry.com. If not, skip to step 11 and use GEDCOM or Cut and Paste to move facts like vitals.
- 2. View a person's page on Ancestry in YOUR tree. The **tree icon** only appears on your tree. If you are in someone else's tree like when you are reviewing DNA common ancestors the icon won't be there. Find it at top right of Ancestry person page.
- 3. Next create a link to same person on Family Search Family Tree (I call it a **bridge**) by clicking on the **tree icon**. If the tree doesn't have a check beside it, it needs to be linked to a person in FT. Select the person from the pull down that you want to bridge to in FSFT.
- 4. Click tree icon again. A new list will appear.
- 5. Click "compare person on Family Search"
- 6. You will see Family Tree facts on the left and Ancestry on the right
- 7. Fix or move anything not appearing correctly on both sides including sources, by clicking the box in front of the desired fact. It will copy to (replace) the other site (works both directions)
- 8. Sources can be moved this way too but not memories or media
- 9. The bad news is that sources made in Ancestry are links to their private server and anyone without an **active Ancestry account** cannot see them. To correct this, use Family Search to find them again and attach them to the FSFT Tree. Anyone can see this source and it will be there forever. Then delete the Ancestry source.
- 10. This tree icon can also be used to move a person or 4 generations attached to this person into Ancestry (not both ways) from Family Search. This person must be a dead end or a first time transfer for the 4 generation move to work.

#### 11. Move whole trees (not limited to LDS)

**Roots Magic** has a function in their "Family Search Central" to import many generations from FSFT into Roots. Make a new Roots Magic file first then import in it, then create a GEDCOM and import it into Ancestry. This won't move sources.

**Ancestral Quest Basics is free** and will do the same without sources. Go to their "Familysearch" on top tollbar.

To move (export) all of the Ancestry tree including sources, you can download a **GEDCOM** file in Ancestry and add it to the Family Search Family Tree or other database program. That's another lesson.

## 12. To transfer sources (best way):

**Transfer sources from Ancestry to FSFT:** 

Documents that can only be found in Ancestry or any other site, are easily saved to FSFT using **Recordseek.com**. Just click the "Record Seek" entry on your Bookmark bar and follow instructions. (got to recordseek.com to set up your bookmark initially). Always make the source from the documents index page if possible. An advantage of using Record Seek is that you can highlight all vital information on the the index **before copying and it will show up in the notes on the FSFT source forever. The link created is to** the document on Ancestry's server and the link may not always work.

#### Transfer sources from FSFT to Ancestry:

View source document in FSFT and use Record Seek directing it to save in Ancestry. (Highlighting data as above doesn't work in this direction). This will create a source in ancestry with a link back to FSFT.

#### 13. Move FSFT memories to Ancestry

#### **Documents:**

Click + icon

Magnify to fill screen

Rt clk and "save image as". Save to desktop

Got to person's profile page in ancestry/Click Gallery

Click add/upload photos (even for documents)

Chose file from desktop

Click done

#### **Photos:**

Open photo in FSFT/memories

Rt clk and "save image as". Save to desktop

Go to person in ancestry/profile/gallery.Click add/upload photos

Chose file from desktop

Click done

## 14. To copy an image of document from a search in Ancestry:

Must use this method or it won't copy a sharp image

View document

Click "save"

Click "save to your computer"

## Check "open with TWINUI"

File is in downloads or may appear on screen in an image viewer

Click "save"

Name and Save it to desktop

Go to person page on familysearch and select memories

Go to documents and "upload document" finding it on your desktop

Voila. There is now no link to Ancestry

# 15. To copy an image of document from Ancestry Gallery:

In Ancestry Gallery, select a document

Rt clk /"save image as". Save to desktop

Go to FSFT/person/memories/documents

Upload from desktop

# 16. To copy a photo (.jpg) from Ancestry:

Open pix in Gallery

Rt click and "save image as"

Name and Save to desktop

Go to person page on familysearch and select memories

Go to photos and "upload photo" from desktop