

A few tips/notes on using the Clinton Family Tree site:

- The Clinton Family Tree Project website is not all that easy to use when you are just getting started in building a family tree. I recommend starting your tree using a desktop program in order to get the bulk of your family into the tree. Then you can export the data to a GEDCOM file and upload it to the website. Once the data has been uploaded, you can use the website to maintain it. The best program I've used is from the Church of Latter Day Saints called Personal Ancestral File (PAF). The program is free and VERY easy to use. You can download a copy from this link.

<http://www.familysearch.org/eng/default.asp>

- User accounts are limited to a specific tree. While the system will let you browse and search all trees, the information available is limited.
- You can import or export a GEDCOM format (Version 5.5) family tree file for use with other programs or websites.
- There are individuals, families, branches, and trees.
- Trees are separate databases usually with separate owners. One owner can have more than one tree but they are not linked in any way. In other words, you cannot link two people from different trees. The system can search all trees at the same time.
- Names should be entered as birth names where possible, not married or adopted names.
- Branches can be created and assigned but it's not necessary. A person can have many branches. For example, you could create two branches...one for your Mother and one for your Father...or one for you and one for your wife.
- In order to link a person to another as a spouse, parent, or child, you must first create a "family" group. Once a family is created you can add kids/spouses from there. Just as a person can have more than one spouse (in a life time...not at the same time!), a person can have more than one "family" group.
- Your Tree will be available to the public in a limited form. Living individuals' names are not available to the public unless you want them to be. With your permission I can create accounts for your family members to access your Tree. Their permissions can range from having the ability to view living individuals, to suggesting changes, to making changes and adding new records. I can also limit their access to a specific branch. It's up to you.

Good luck.

Administrator