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**FAMILYINSIGHT HAS BEEN RELEASED.**
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## Merry Christmas!

This is my first Christmas "card" of the season but I will not brag to my friends and family that I just sent out thousands of cards today!

As this year ends and the new year looms ever closer, we hope you will enjoy all the changes to FamilyInsight. We have already introduced a lot of new features and I guarantee that we have more up our sleeves. Unfortunately, our Utah, Idaho and Las Vegas friends can only use some of these new features. They must sometimes feel like Christmas has passed them by, so I have a Christmas request.

Several times during our mission we were asked to pray for the programmers and engineers who were working on this new system for processing names for the temple. They needed inspiration and strength from above. My Christmas wish is for us to join together with humility and faith to pray that problems can be overcome and the remaining temple districts can start using the **FamilySearch** family tree. If we ask in faith in behalf of those who are working to improve this incredibly powerful system, miracles will happen.

In behalf of all of us at Ohana Software, we wish each of you a very blessed and happy Christmas.

~ Cina Johnson ~

## Announcements, Announcements, Announcements!!!

We are very pleased to announce that FamilyInsight is out of beta and available as a fully released program. Please remember, that as an existing PAF Insight user, you do NOT have to buy FamilyInsight as a NEW program.

If your license key is within your free update period, you may download FamilyInsight, as you would any other update. There is no need for the 60-day free trial because your license allows you to install FamilyInsight. Family History Centers have a non-expiring license and can download FamilyInsight at any time.

If your license key has expired, you will be given the option to "Purchase New License" at the end of the installation process. Click that, pay for the Update License and receive another year of updates. After purchasing the update license, you can enter the new license key and license username into FamilyInsight and finalize the installation.

FamilyInsight will be installed in its own folder and will not overwrite your existing PAF Insight program. You can use both programs if you would like. FamilyInsight does have all the features of PAF Insight and more but if new.familysearch.org is not in your area yet and you are using the original **FamilySearch** website to search, PAF Insight has one advantage. PAF Insight will remember your **FamilySearch** log in for "Search IGI" mode and FamilyInsight will not. (This is a requirement for **FamilySearch** certification.)

**New Features**

FamilyInsight has all the same features as PAF Insight plus several new features that are well worth having even if you cannot currently use the Sync with **FamilySearch** family tree mode. First and foremost, it comes in a Mac version. If you, or someone you know, has a Mac and uses a Mac based genealogy program, they can use FamilyInsight for Mac for all their clean up and synchronizing needs! (Shhhh…Christmas is coming. Why not give this to a friend that uses a Mac. If you love Insight, so will they!)

**Guide Me**

The new "Guide Me" button gives you step-by-step instructions for using the program. If you are ready to use part of the program you have never used before and have no idea what to do, click "Guide Me". If you have not used the program for a while and need some reminders of what to do, click "Guide Me". We will lead you, guide you, "walk" beside you, help you find your way, teach you all that you must do….you get the picture! Just click the light bulb on the far left side of the Tools menu.

**Data Entry and More** FamilyInsight allows you to do data entry and make good use of your time while you wait for searches. You can add a relative to someone in the file. You can enter a complete source and citation. You can also add new events and attributes. You can even add a note to a specific event. Another great new feature is the ability to see the complete details of a person's parents, siblings, spouse, and children without hunting for them in the Names List window. When you look at the Details window and see one of these close relatives, click on their name; a window pops up so you can see all their details. It is a great feature for reducing the need to return to PAF.

**GEDCOM**

If you get GEDCOM files from other researchers, the Internet or another program, you can open those files directly into FamilyInsight without importing them into a PAF file first. This is an ideal feature for Compare and Sync. Instead of importing the GEDCOM then having to link the people and merge duplicates, use Compare and Sync. You can add the information that you need and want from the GEDCOM to your file without causing duplication.

**Symbols**

We recently added symbols to the Sync with **FamilySearch** family tree mode to indicate who needs temple work and who does not. We use the same symbols as the **FamilySearch** family tree. A temple with a check means the work is done for that person. A temple with an arrow pointing to the temple means they may need temple work. Use this mode to search for their records, mark matches as a "Match" so **FamilySearch** can combine the records, then synchronize the records by selecting what information you want to transfer between the files. Remember, you must click on the row that has "Ready to Sync" in order to select the information you want to synchronize. If you do not find ordinance information, you will still see the arrow pointing to the temple, indicating you can do the work.

**Another Announcement**

That leads me to some more exciting news. In mid November, **FamilySearch** gave us the green light to develop a way to reserve names for the temple and print the FOR (Family Ordinance Request) from FamilyInsight!!! John has some great ideas for this new feature that I am certain you will love. Of course, it will be available "soon"…as in, soonest we're ready!!

**Reminders**

Due to our contract with **FamilySearch** we cannot store your www.familysearch.org login username or password. We cannot save your new.familysearch.org login information, either. You will have to manually enter the required login every time you want to search the IGI, synchronize your records with**FamilySearch** family tree or use the Edit Places mode. In the case of the Edit Places mode, if you do not have a login for www.new.familysearch.org, click Cancel and use the mode without the suggestions feature.

We realize that this change is annoying but it does help keep the **FamilySearch** family tree website more secure.

**Family History Center Special Announcement**

By special arrangement with Family History Center Support, authorized Family History Centers can download FamilyInsight and Get My Ancestors from LANDesk without the need of registering with us or getting a license key. So, even if your FHC has never had a license for PAF Insight, you can download FamilyInsight this way. And when you need to install the program onto a new or reformatted computer, go to LANDesk to download it."

If your Family History Center does not fall under the umbrella of an authorized center, you will need to follow the instructions for registering your center in order to receive FamilyInsight for free. The instructions are available at: https://www.ohanasoftware.com/support/index.php?action=kb. Go to the boxed section in the middle of the webpage and click on **Family History Centers**. Click on the article Free Licenses for FHCs (also available in French).

**Insights into Insight: What Is It Doing?**

It has become evident that some of you do not understand the full scope of what is happening when you use the Sync with **FamilySearch** family tree mode of FamilyInsight. Some think of it as simply a new way of finding temple work and expect it to emulate the Search IGI mode. Others view it as a substitute for uploading a GEDCOM file of their data into the new **FamilySearch**. Obviously, there are misunderstandings and my frequent statement over the past 14 months still stands; in order to understand the Sync with**FamilySearch** family tree mode of FamilyInsight, you need to understand **FamilySearch** family tree and our responsibilities.

President Hinckley instructed the brethren to develop a system that would stop the duplication of temple work. From the onset, the developers worked to fulfill President Hinckley's assignment and avoid the pitfalls of previous endeavors. After many years of intensive study, development and testing, many of us now have access to the **FamilySearch** family tree. Now, OUR work begins.

We are dubbed "the cleanup generation". I am going to speak in very broad and generalized terms so please do not take offense. In some ways we are responsible for some of the "mess" that you may see in the new**FamilySearch** so we should take responsibility for cleaning it up. How are we responsible? We did not follow instructions and resubmitted names for temple work unnecessarily in order to "correct" spelling, dates or a places. We submitted information to the Ancestral File (or downloaded a GEDCOM from the Ancestral File) then resubmitted exactly the same information to the Pedigree Resource File without taking time to update the information or verify its validity. We became enamored with instant access to online pedigrees and gathered and collected and forgot to question obviously erroneous assertions. IE, women do not usually have children at age 2 or 110 or have a child by a man who died 6 years before. We became speed obsessed and sometimes careless. So now we are given the opportunity to repent.

The **FamilySearch** department expects us to find the records for each person and combine them according to the current limitations. Combining preserves the integrity of each individual entry but puts them together for easy access. This must be done for each person. The Sync with **FamilySearch** family tree mode provides us with a thorough search and an easy way to compare the information to determine what records should be combined and what should not. Our next assignment is to ensure that the data is accurate. If you have new or different information you can add it to the **FamilySearch**, along with a note, when you are synchronizing records with FamilyInsight. We should also share what we know about our ancestors so their stories are not lost. I recently found several patents for my grandfather's inventions and I should make a brief note with the patent numbers so others

can find them. Again, we can do this when we select the information we want to synchronize via FamilyInsight.

Lastly, we need to work on providing sources for each event we add to a person's records. Currently, we are not allowed to provide you with the means to add sources from FamilyInsight but when we get permission from **FamilySearch**, we will do it.

In summary, when you use the Sync with **FamilySearch** family tree mode, you are selecting and marking duplicate records so **FamilySearch** will combine them. After you select the records that should be combined, you click on the row that says "Ready to Sync". This row allows you to compare the combined records with your records. While you are comparing the data, you can select what you want to take from your file and add to the person's record in **FamilySearch**. This includes new data, alternate assertions and notes. While you are comparing information, you are also selecting information that you want added to your file from the**FamilySearch** records. This may include ordinance information, the PID and life events. When you finish and click Synchronize, the records marked Match are combined in **FamilySearch** family tree, the designated information will transfer between your file and **FamilySearch** family tree, and mark your record as synchronized.

If you search for someone in your file and they are NOT in the **FamilySearch** family tree, you can add them to the **FamilySearch** family tree. If you search for someone in your file and find a relative that you do not have, you can add them to your file. Working through each family group improves both your file and the**FamilySearch** family tree.

As you can tell, the Sync with **FamilySearch** family tree mode is far more powerful than the Search IGI mode. It is more than a substitute for a GEDCOM file. It is the means to fulfill our responsibility to clean up the **FamilySearch** family tree by finding and combining records, increasing their accuracy by adding new and better information, and a means of entering new people without causing duplication of records that would require further combining.

## Spotlight on: *Heritage Collector Suite*

Last month we added *Heritage Collector Suite* into our product line and Andrea introduced it to you in our newsletter. *Heritage Collector Suite* has so many features that you cannot cover them all in one short article.

I learned about this program at the 2007 BYU Genealogy Conference. I told Marlo Schuldt about my desire to preserve my old audio cassette tapes by digitizing them but was frustrated by the cost. He pulled out a copy of **The Ultimate "How To Do" Guidebook *Digital Family History by Marlo E Schuldt.*** Turning to page 49, he walked me through an inexpensive way to accomplish my goal without going to a professional. I was thrilled with the information and with the book, which gives hundreds of tips and tricks for preserving records and working with multimedia files. It is nicely illustrated. You learn what and where to buy the tools you need without having to spend a fortune. The instructions are clear and written in layman's terms. The Ultimate "How To Do" Guidebook, comes in a PDF format as part of the *Heritage Collector Suite* by Life Story.

That is only the beginning of the suite's value.

I have scanned hundreds of pictures and I'm only halfway through my preservation project. My problem is, I often rescan the same photo because I forget that I already scanned it or cannot find it. Heritage Collector to the rescue. I plan to work on organizing these family photos into collections in Heritage Collector and using it as my index. After I get everything organized, I will be able to search for a pictures by several different options such as by a person's name, a place, date, description, etc. Not only will it save me time when I search for a photo but it will also save me from scanning duplicates.

As I organize my photos and documents, they will become the foundation for slide shows, CDs, computer DVDs, TV DVDs, printed scrapbooks, books, etc. I can hardly wait for retirement so that I can get to work! If the person with the most projects lives the longest, I'll live to be very, VERY old!

*Heritage Collector Suite* comes with excellent training. The CD version of the program has a small printed manual but the program itself has more detailed instructions. There are also 21 video tutorials for those of us who are visual learners. You may also sign up for the *Old Shoebox Newsletter*, which offers technical training on a variety of

subject. We host an archive of these newsletters on our website at:http://www.ohanasoftware.com/?sec=Newsletter&page=hcnewsletters. You can also find a link to these newsletters from the Learn More page of Heritage Collerctor.

*Heritage Collector Suite* makes an ideal Christmas gift, especially since you can purchase it now for $20.00 off the regular price. To learn more about *Heritage Collector Suite*, click here. Click the **Buy Heritage Collector** link to see the sale prices.

## FamilyInsight Translation Opportunities

Parlez–vous Français? Você fala Português? Deutsch? Español? Suomen? Norsk? Some other language? We invite you to join our translation team to help us translate FamilyInsight. Victorien Bouchard of Quebec, Canada has finished a French Canadian translation of FamilyInsight and agreed to work on translating the help documents and our website!

So far, the German translation team consists of Reinhold Schlotz (Team Leader) with Torsten Kux as a team member. If you would like to become involved in these or any other translation team, please click here. Click on the link for a specified language and fill in the form. If you would like to translate FamilyInsight into a language that is not listed, please fill out the form on the this screen.

If you have questions about the translation opportunities, please send an email to: translate@ohanasoftware.com.

## Odds and Ends

Christmas Gifts

FamilyInsight is a perfect gift for family history enthusiasts but Ohana Software also offers several other programs that may fit your gift giving needs. When you buy multiple products in the same order you will receive a 10% to 15% discount. Please visit our online showroom at:
http://www.ohanasoftware.com/?cl=buy&op=buy&buynow=all&prodid=1 Click the **Learn More** link by each product for details.

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