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## Change is a Part of Life

My 87 year old mother is wise. She recognizes that change is a part of life and when it is time to move onto a new phase in life, she just does it! Her pro-active attitude shows up at its best when it comes to her living situation. Seven years ago she sold her home and moved to a town home. She was a giddy as a kid at Christmas as she embraced making new friends and townhome living. Last year she announced to us that she was going to move into an assisted living center! Once again, she was happy with the change because it suits her needs at this new stage in her life. She remains active and connected to her friends and community but she can receive help when and if it is needed.

So what does that have to do to with FamilyInsight, and family history? As I said, my mom is wise and recognizes that change is part of life. Family history has plodded along for about 100 years with some minor changes in methods, material, and every person working from scratch on their own family lines. When computers and the Internet entered the picture, changes snowballed. Not only are there new ways for accessing research materials and recording our family information but there is now a spirit of SHARING and collaboration that is miraculous. The FamilySearch family tree (new FamilySearch) even facilitates collaboration. Cooperation is here to stay.

Ohana Software, looked at the changes and asked, "How can we embrace these changes?" Of course, we developed FamilyInsight as a certified program to work with the FamilySearch family tree but that wasn't enough. The owners decided they wanted to embrace the spirit of cooperation as our company's business plan.

For starters, almost 2 years ago, we changed the name of our product from PAF Insight to FamilyInsight. People who didn't use PAF could use FamilyInsight with a GEDCOM file from almost any genealogy software program. That opened the pathway for us to create a Macintosh version of our program to help Mac users connect their family history to the new Family Search.

***NEWS FLASH!!*** Today, we are announcing our latest MAJOR update. You may now use PAF and Family Tree Maker 2010 files with FamilyInsight without the need of a GEDCOM file. We will be compatible with 2011 when that version of Family Tree Maker is released very soon. Ancestral Quest and RootsMagic users can join us in beta testing FamilyInsight for that program. Legacy users, please don't

loose heart, the ability to read a Legacy file is under development. We hope to develop the ability to work with other programs, too. If you are interested in helping us with our beta testing, please send an email to [beta@ohanasoftware.com](mailto:beta@ohanasoftware.com) telling us which program you use and would like to help test with.

To use these additional program files in FamilyInsight, you will simply open FamilyInsight from the desktop icon and select your Family Tree Maker (.ftm), Ancestral Quest (.aq), RootsMagic (.rmg) or Legacy (.fbd) file. Remember, no GEDCOM is needed!

The gift of choice is now yours. You may continue using PAF and FamilyInsight but if you choose to try other software programs FamilyInsight will be able to read their files without creating a GEDCOM. Because of the relationship we have with these other companies we can now offer you their products bundled with FamilyInsight at a discount. We currently sell Family Tree Maker 2011 as pre-order for when it is released , Ancestral Quest 12, RootsMagic 4 and Legacy 7 on our website. Look for our bundles and save! Change is GREAT!

~Cina Johnson~

### **Insights into Insight: Separate -- My Wake up Call**

I had a chance to go to the National Genealogical Society Conference in Salt Lake City. It was during this conference that I realized two things. First, not very many people know about the separate function in FamilyInsight. And second, there is a much bigger need for it than I thought.

When I asked people if they had seen and tried to separate an incorrectly combined record using the new FamilySearch website, I found myself getting the same response over and over. First they would stop and over-agreeably nod their head. Then, they would begin explaining their long and painful experiences with the online separation process. The most common phrases were, "I spent 3 hours", "it took all night" or "then someone recombined them again". After hearing these stories over and over, I realized how much I took the separate function for granted.

For that reason, I'm going to take a minute to tell you about incorrectly combined records, show how the separate function works, and tell why it decreases the chances of someone coming along and recombining the wrong people a second time.

#### **~What is an incorrectly combined person? ~**

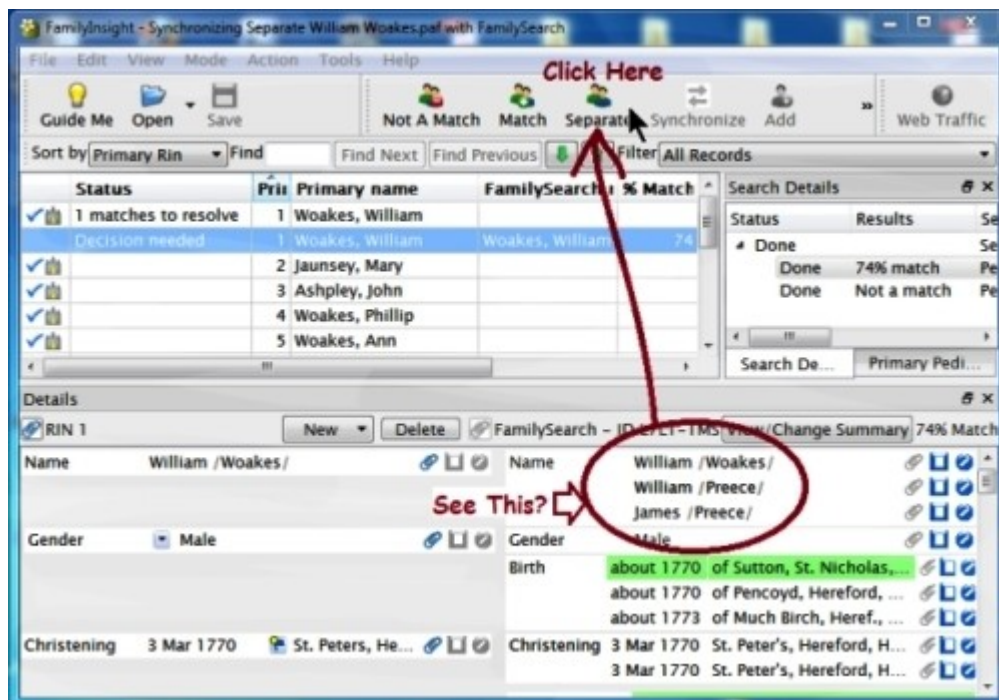
I, personally, like to call incorrectly combined records "I am my own grandpa" records. They are created when someone on new FamilySearch hasn't been paying attention to detail. For example, if grandpa is named John R Vance and his grandson is also named John Vance, they may look at the names and decide to match them (even though they have birthdays that are very different). You'd be surprised by what records have been combined together. Sometimes the only similarities are a birth year or death date. Which is why it is so important to look at all the information before matching records up yourself. As a rule of thumb, Don't match if you have any doubts.

#### **~What can I do about them? ~**

We know how incorrectly combined individuals are created, now lets talk about how to fix them. First, you

can go onto the new.familysearch.org website directly and select "view combined records" and select the checkbox next to each mismatched record. Five records will show on a each page with their checkbox. However, this option requires either a huge screen, a large amount scrolling, and looking through pages of combined records in order to find the mismatched ones.

The less tedious option is to open FamilyInsight in the "Full Synchronization" mode. Do a search on the similar person from your file. When you see the incorrectly combined individual come up as a potential match from new FamilySearch, just click on the "Separate" button.



This will then open up a new Separate window with all of the information for all the records that have been combined to form this individual. Instead of organizing it by each record, FamilyInsight will organize it by various names, birth dates and other events information. This allows you to select a birth date that doesn't belong and move all the records that have that birth date to a second individual. So, if there are 20 records for your great grandma who's birth date was Oct 2nd 1889 and 50 records for your grandma who was born in April 1907, you can separate out all 20 great grandmother records by selecting the blue arrow next to her birthday.

You can also move records back and forth until you feel like you have things cleaned up. Then, just click "OK" to make the changes happen. Everything you do with the FamilyInsight Separate function will be reflected on the new FamilySearch website as well. Each of the newly separated persons will be combined into their own new record on new FamilySearch.

### ~How to I stop people from re-combining? ~

That brings me to my last point. I've had a couple of people ask me if our separate function will keep people from recombining records. My answer is both No and Yes. No, because new FamilySearch is built so that things can be continuously edited, changed and combined, which means you can't block someone

else from making changes. On the other hand I say "Yes", because the Separate function helps ensure a more complete and correct separation. For example, if there are 20 Johns and 15 Johans that have been combined incorrectly and you go onto the new FamilySearch website and find 14 of the 15 records with the name Johan. The one record you missed can make it so the 14 you just separated still show up as potential duplicates to be combined. So, the moral of the story is, the more thorough and correct your separation the more likely it will stay separated.

~Andrea Schnakenburg~

## FamilyInsight: Program Changes

From time to time we get suggestions from our customers on how to make FamilyInsight better. One of these suggestions that we received from several people was to be able to match the marriages when you have multiple spouses or sets of parents. We listened and with this new version we have added **easy matching for marriages**.

Click on the dropdown for the spouses or parents and choose the one that you want to work with. You can now match, add information or add them as new parents or a new marriage.

You can also update information into your file from any marriage that YOU choose to match with a marriage in your file. You no longer need to match the person IDs for the individuals in these marriages.

If you choose to match Spouse 3:Charles Henry Schodde on the right with Spouse 3:Charles Henry Schodde on the left, **Charles will also be moved to the visible area on the left automatically.**

**Marriages**

Ignore Spouse 3: ▾

Charles Henry Schodde		
Marriage	Ignore	18 Sep 1928
Sealing to Sp...	Ignore	20 Jan 2006
Notes	Ignore	

No Children

**Multiple parents or spouses are shown in a dropdown list**

**Parents**

Ignore Parents 1: ▾

Adopted	William Josiah Woodbury 1857-1891 - ID KWNT-7L1
Adopted	Louisa Stay 1857-1933 - ID KWNT-7LB

Show Child

The **sealing to parents information** is now listed up with the other personal ordinance data.

## Ordinance Events

Baptism	11 Sep 1887			
LDS Confirm...	11 Sep 1887			
Initiatory	27 May 1915		SLAKE	
Endowment	27 May 1915		SLAKE	
Sealing to Pa...	14 Jul 1893		SLAKE	Parents 1: William Josiah & Louisa
<u>                  </u>	9 Mar 1993		PROVO	Parents 2: Joahan Hinrich Friedrich ...

~We hope you enjoy these new changes~

### Who Do We Work With?

Because of our relationship with the leading genealogy software companies you benefit by being able to shop for multiple products in one stop and get a discount too. We can offer you discounted bundles on all of your favorite software for Family History. You may purchase any product alone or discounted in a bundle with FamilyInsight. If you buy more than one program at a time, the multiple product discount applies as long as there are no other built in discounts. (Bundles are discounted already.)

We have no plans to offer comparison charts or opinions as to which program is "best" so please do not ask us. I know that someone will ask me what I use (thinking that I must use the "best"). There is no one best product for everyone! Remember, beauty and "best" are in the eye of the beholder and user. When it comes durable goods, like cars, some people like minivans and others like sedans or SUVs. Some like Dodge and others like Chevy because they are more comfortable in one than in the other. It is a matter of taste and what fits. Software works the same way. One user may prefer a bare bones work horse program and another wants all the bells and whistles. One may need great forms and charts while another needs versatile multimedia capabilities. To some people the screen layout of one program makes sense and to another person it is an incomprehensible mass of stuff. The freedom of choice is yours.

We do offer informational pages for each of the programs so you can see what the programs can do. By using these pages you will get a feel for how the program looks and what features the companies think are the most helpful. The programs and links to their informational pages are listed below. Do not infer anything by the order in which they appear!

I have noted that some of the programs are certified to work with the FamilySearch familytree on their own. You may also use FamilyInsight to synchronize the records or help with other clean-up issues. The advantage of having two ways to synchronize or clean up your data is that one program may provide you with some features that you like while FamilyInsight provides you with different features that you also like. Between the two programs, you can do the work you need to do in the manner that works best for you. You don't have to choose just one program or the other, you can use both.

### Family Tree Maker 2010

- Full-featured genealogy program for Windows.
- You can use FamilyInsight to synchronize your records with new FamilySearch.
- Can synchronize with records found on Ancestry.com if you have an account.

- Video training lessons are available from the Help menu. Chose, "Training Tutorials".

### **Family Tree Maker 2011 (to be released any day now)**

- All of the features of Family Tree Maker 2010 with some added enhancements.
- A Mac version of this program will be available towards the end of the year and we will work with that program also.
- To learn more, [click here](#)

### **Personal Ancestral File (PAF 5.2)**

- Full-featured genealogy program for Windows.
- You can use FamilyInsight to synchronize your records with new FamilySearch.
- Free to download from [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)
- PAF v5.2 Lessons (English Only) are available for downloading from the same page as PAF download. The PAF manual and other help documents are available from the Help menu.

### **Ancestral Quest 12.1**

- Full-featured genealogy program for Windows
- Certified to work with the new FamilySearch or you can use FamilyInsight.
- To learn more, [click here](#)
- A direct link to their online video tutorials is found on the Help menu. Click "Video Tutorial".

### **RootsMagic 4**

- Full-featured genealogy program for Windows.
- Certified to work with the new FamilySearch or you can use FamilyInsight (currently in Beta testing).
- To learn more, [click here](#)

### **Legacy 7**

- Full-featured genealogy program for Windows. Certified to work with the new FamilySearch or you can use FamilyInsight.
- To learn more, [click here](#)
- A printed manual and training videos are available for purchase. The purchase offer appears when you open the program. There are help documents and written overviews available from the Help menu

### **Odds and Ends**

**The Latest Version** of FamilyInsight is **2010.8.23.0**. You can update by going to the [FamilyInsight download page](#) on our website and downloading the latest version.

## **Crash Course in Family History is Back**

The 4th Edition of Crash Course for Family History has been release and is available on our website. This version is also available as a book on CD or download. The E-book is for Windows, Mac, e-Readers & iPad.

## **Upcoming Webinars**

During the summer we have had a more limited calendar of webinars but we will leave some of the archived videos up longer.

If you would like to watch a video of a past webinar, please visit our [Webinar Archive](#).

Watch our [Webinar page](#) for our new schedule coming in September.

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## **Calendar**

**Friday, Aug 27, 2010 8:00 AM -  
Saturday, Aug 28, 2010 6:00 PM (Mountain Time)**

8:30 AM to 6 PM

**Salt Lake Family History Expo  
*Let Your Light Shine!***

South Towne Expo Center

9575 South State Street

Sandy, Utah

FamilyInsight and other Genealogy classes

John, Paula and Andrea will be present.

Also stop by our booth for one of our mini classes  
or personalized guidance.

[Click here](#) for more information.

**Saturday, September 11, 2010**

**Free Admission**

**Ogden Area Family History Conference**

Weber State University Union Building

Odgen, Utah

Family Insight and other Genealogy classes

[Click here](#) for more information.

**Saturday, September 18, 2010**

**Free Admission**

**Logan Family History Center Conference**

Evolving Technology and Teamwork  
USU 5th Stake Center  
1230 North 600 East  
Logan Utah  
FamilyInsight and other genealogy classes  
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