

## Chapter 11

# Working with Trees



A “tree” in Family Tree Maker is the file where you gather and enter all your family data and information. Depending on your own personal preferences, you may have several separate trees or just one tree for all branches of your family history.

Family Tree Maker makes it easy to get started. If you have received a family history file from another family member or researcher, you can import the file, creating a new tree. You can then begin adding your own information. You can also create a tree by entering a few quick facts about an individual.

At some point, you may also want to share your hard work and files with others. Perhaps you’ve met someone on a message board who has common ancestors. You can export your tree to several different file types that will work with almost any genealogy software.

This chapter will explain the many tools Family Tree Maker has to help you manage, share, and protect your trees.

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