

Entering Your Information from Scratch

1. Click the **Plan** button on the main toolbar.
2. Click the **New Tree** tab.
3. Click **Enter what you know**.

The screenshot shows the 'Getting Started' dialog box in Family Tree Maker. The 'New Tree' tab is selected. The main area features a collage of family photos and documents with a 'NEW TREE' sign and a 'CONTINUE' sign. Below this is the 'Getting Started' section with the text 'Getting started is easy. There are two ways to build your family story.' and two radio buttons: 'Enter what you know' (selected) and 'Import a tree from an existing file'. The form includes fields for Name, Sex, Birth date, Birth place, Father's name, Mother's name, and New tree name. A 'Continue' button is at the bottom right. At the bottom, there is a 'File Location...' field showing the path 'C:\Documents and Settings\lord\My Documents\Family Tree Maker\Project Name.ftm'.

4. Enter your name, gender, and birth date and place; then, enter your parents' names.
5. By default, your tree will be saved to a Family Tree Maker folder located in your My Documents folder. If you want to save the file to another location, click **File Location** and choose a new location for your tree.
6. Enter a name for the file in the **New tree name** field.