

Genealogy Grab Bag  
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Camarillo Library

I. Family Tree Maker, risen from the dead—short discussion

Mackiev software has purchased FTM from Ancestry  
Dick Eastman's blog—more info on Mackiev software

II. Online Courses and Webinars

1. Cyndi's list: <http://www.cyndislist.com/education/online-courses-and-webinars/>
2. familysearch webinars:
3. [https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/  
Family History Library Classes and Webinars#Webinar Information](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars#Webinar_Information)
4. Ancestry Learning Center: [http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?  
title=Main\\_Page](http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=Main_Page)
5. Legacy upcoming webinars: <http://familytreewebinars.com/#>

III. Wikis

Don sent along this info on wikis:

Wiki's are collaborative web sites where everyone works together to add content and weigh in on it together.

Wikipedia is probably the best known Wiki - the content is contributed by people all over the world and other people review it and edit it as necessary. It's a community effort. The name comes from the creator of the "WikiWikiWeb" - the first Wiki, which was adapted from the name of the airport shuttle bus at Honolulu Airport (the Wiki Wiki Shuttle) because it was so speedy. He was inspired by Hypercard on the olden days Apple Mac. :-)

Here are some genealogy Wiki examples:

1. [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) wiki (yes, anyone with an account can change the content!)
2. [wikiTree.com](http://wikiTree.com) (a community developed "one tree")
3. Here is just one example of a family association (the Whitney family) that uses a Wiki so that its members can contribute data about the family:

<http://wiki.whitneygen.org>

Here is a page I did for my Great Great Grandfather on it: [http://wiki.whitneygen.org/wrg/index.php/Family:Whitney, Charles Field \(1831-a1900\)](http://wiki.whitneygen.org/wrg/index.php/Family:Whitney,_Charles_Field_(1831-a1900))

Here is a good article on genealogy and Wikis:

<http://dkstaub.tripod.com/wikis.htm>

I've found the FamilySearch Wiki to be absolutely great. Better than ploughing through Cyndi's list or digging into "the Source" or any other book. It stays up-to-date, is pretty comprehensive, and detailed down to the county level with all the records that are available online or elsewhere.