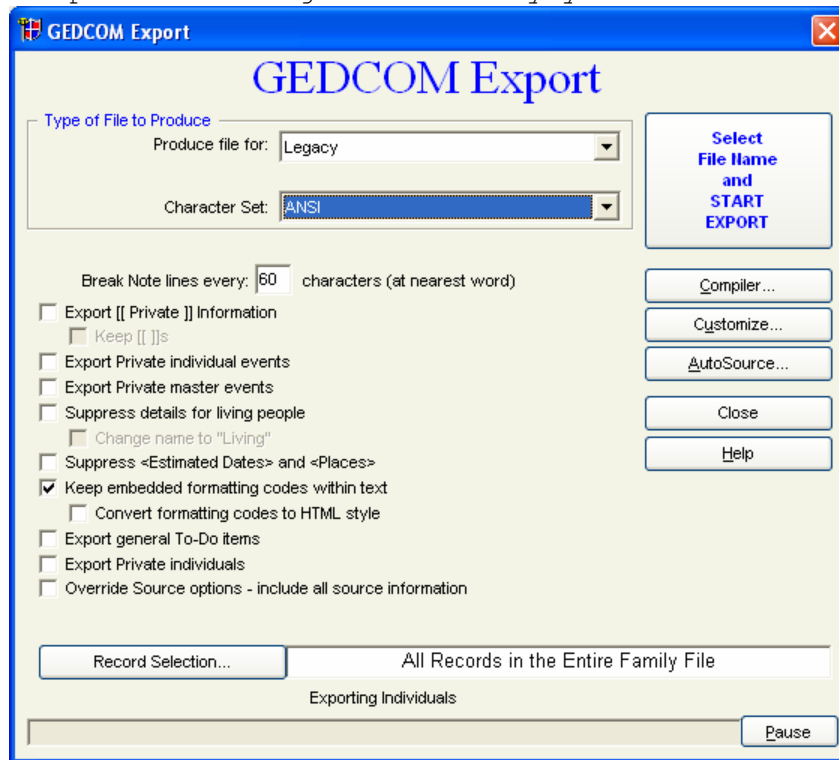




Exporting GEDCOM Files

DETERMINE what you are producing this GedCom for, i.e. program reading it. Please note - this creation is going to take time, some decisions on your part, and may take a couple tries to get it the way you wish to send it to someone.



Follow these steps to export a GEDCOM file from Legacy:

1. Click Export To / GEDCOM File from the File menu. (Or press Ctrl-E)
2. Select the type of GEDCOM file to produce. (See information following)
3. Check the boxes corresponding to the records you want to include in the file.
4. Click Compiler... to make sure the information about you, the compiler or creator of the GEDCOM file, is correct.
5. If you want to change the default list of field information that to be included in the GEDCOM file, click Customize.
6. When you have made all the desired settings, click Select File Name and START EXPORT.
7. From the Export GEDCOM File dialog box, select the desired folder and type in the name of the file you want to create. This can be any name up to 255 characters. Often, an appropriate surname makes a good filename.

Producing a GEDCOM file for...

Legacy

A Legacy GEDCOM file contains ALL the information that can be entered into a Legacy family file. This includes all individual field information; all notes; all sources; all events; LDS ordinance dates and temples; pictures; sound; video; list ordering and tags; as well as preferred children; spouses; and parents. This GEDCOM file conforms to the GEDCOM 5.5 specification (with some extensions) and contains the most information. If you are exporting a GEDCOM file to be imported into Legacy you should choose this option.

GEDCOM 5.5 Only

Many other programs do not have a place to put all the information that Legacy handles and an error file is generated. If you would like to limit the export fields to mostly those accepted by other programs, choose this option.

LDS TempleReady

This is a GEDCOM file containing only the information needed when submitting names using the TempleReady program by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

This type of GEDCOM files contains:

- Name, sex, birth, christened, death, buried, marriage
- Ancestral File Number
- Sources
- All LDS ordinance information

This file is produced using the ANSEL character set.

PAF 2.31 and PAF 3.0 / 4.0

Since Personal Ancestral File is now used in three different flavors, 2.x, 3.x and 4.0 and since they each handle notes, sources, and repositories in radically different ways, it is necessary for Legacy to produce three special GEDCOM formats to satisfy the special needs of these programs.

PAF 2.31

Sources that are included in Legacy are tagged and inserted into the Notes field. Medical and Research notes are also tagged and combined into the standard Notes field. Note fields are broken into smaller lines between words.

This type of GEDCOM files contains:

- Name, sex, birth, christened, death, buried, marriage
- Ancestral File Number and User Reference Number
- Notes
- Sources embedded in the Notes fields
- All LDS ordinance information

PAF 3.0

Sources are exported as separate records with citations pointing to them where needed. Note fields are broken into shorter lines by breaking in the middle of a word.

This type of GEDCOM file contains:

- Name, sex, birth, christened, death, buried, marriage
- Ancestral File Number and User Reference Number
- Notes
- Sources as separate records
- All LDS ordinance information

PAF 4.0

PAF 4.0 contains some additional information that 3.0 does not.

Pedigree Resource File

This format is used when contributing your information for inclusion in the LDS Church's new Pedigree Resource File. This file is similar to the Ancestral File but the contributed files are left as received, and no attempt is made to link multiple files together. Submission can only be done through the Internet.

Basic

A Basic GEDCOM file contains only the vital statistics.

This type of GEDCOM file contains:

- Name, sex, birth, christened, death, buried, marriage

Generic

A Generic GEDCOM file contains:

- Name, sex, birth, christened, death, buried, marriage
- User Reference Number
- Notes
- Sources
- Events
- Baptism
- Marriage Status

Clooz

See Exporting a Clooz File for more information (This can be reviewed in the Help File of your Legacy program.)

Length of the Note Lines

Note lines in Legacy Note fields are continuous until a carriage return is entered. If you increase or decrease the width of the note window, all the text is reformatted within the new width. Other programs, such as Personal Ancestral File, have fixed lengths for each line in the note field and each of these lines is exported to a separate line in the GEDCOM file. As Legacy is exporting a GEDCOM file it breaks the long continuous lines into smaller pieces. You can control how long these segments are by entering a number to indicate their length. (When a GEDCOM file is imported by Legacy, the line segments are recombined to their original state.)

Who Do You Want to Include in the File?

The default is All Records in the Entire Family File. If you would like to change this, click Record Selection. See Export Record Selection for more information.

All Records in the Entire Family File

Select this option if you want to include every individual and family in your Family File. Selecting this option causes all subsequent options to be ignored.

Selected Records Contained in the Focus Group

You can select specific individuals, families and entire family lines to export by placing them in a Focus Group. (See Focus Groups for more information.)

All Individual Records with a Certain Tag Level

Select this option if you want to include individuals who have been tagged. Be sure to set the tag level you want to use by using the UP and DOWN arrow.

Export all Spouses of Tagged Individuals

Check this option to include all the spouses for each individual exported.

Export all Children of Tagged Individuals

Check this option if you want all the children of each tagged individual exported.

Export all Parents of Tagged Individuals

Check this option if you want to export the parents of each tagged individual.

All Marriage Records with a Certain Tag Level

This option exports those individuals who are part of tagged marriages. Be sure to set the tag level you want to use by using the UP and DOWN arrows.

Export Children of Tagged Marriages

Check this option if you want to export the children from each tagged marriage.

Changing Your Compiler Information

If you want to change the name, address, phone number and comment lines of previously entered information, or if you want to enter this information for the first time, click Compiler... The Compiler Information window appears where you can add or edit the entries.

Include Private Notes

Legacy has the ability to mark portions of your notes as PRIVATE. When you are editing notes, you can add two opening brackets [[to start the marking of private notes that you do not want to be printed or exported. Then at the end of the private notes you add two closing brackets]] and everything following the closing brackets becomes public again. You can also use just the two opening brackets [[and everything to the end of the note becomes private if there are no closing brackets. If you want to export the private portions of your note fields along with the rest, check the Export [[Private]] Notes box. If you want the square brackets to be included in the exported private notes, check the Keep [[]]s box. This will let you re-import the GEDCOM file later and retain the marking of the private notes.

Include Private Events

Use this option to export events that you have marked as Private.

Suppress Details for Living Individuals

Doesn't export any information for individuals that are marked as Living. You can also change the name of the person to "Living."

Suppress <Estimated Dates> and <Places>

Does not export dates and place that have been estimated from other, surrounding information. Estimated dates and places can result from TempleReady submissions and importing from other sources. Dates and places with surrounding angle brackets are considered to be estimated.

Keep embedded formatting codes within text

Keeps any formatting codes that you have embedded in note fields. These are codes that let you print portions of the notes italicized, bolded, underlined, and superscripted. (If you are exporting to a program other than Legacy, these formatting codes may not be recognized and formatted as desired.)

Export General To-Do Items

If you would like the GEDCOM file to include all General To-Do items (as opposed to Individual To-Do items), select this option. Clear the option to exclude the items.

Export Private Individuals

By default, individuals that are marked as Private are not exported in your GEDCOM files. If you would like to include them, select this option.

Override Source Detail options - include everything

With this option selected, all the information from each source citation detail is exported to the GEDCOM file. If unselected, the information that is suppressed, according to the source detail options, is excluded from the GEDCOM export.

Export Dates in English

If you are using a non-english version of Legacy, you can choose to have all dates exported in either English or in the language you are using.

Customizing the Export File

You can customize the GEDCOM file format in many additional ways by clicking Customize....

See GEDCOM Export Items for more information. *[which follows below]*

GEDCOM Export Items

What is Available for Export?

The items that are available to be included in the exported GEDCOM file include all information kept in the Family File. Because Legacy keeps a lot of information that other genealogy programs don't, these items should probably not be included in a file that is to be read by a different program. Legacy has several sets of "standard items" that it uses to decide what to include in the export file, depending on the destination.

Standard Export Items

If you are creating a GEDCOM file to be read back into Legacy, all the information is included in the file. If you are exporting a file that will be used in Personal Ancestral File (PAF) or will be sent to the LDS Ancestral File or LDS TempleReady, a smaller subset of information is included. You can also create a Generic GEDCOM file that only contains minimal information or a Basic GEDCOM file that contains only the name, birth, death, marriage and gender of the individuals.

The right-hand list contains the items to be included in the export file. When you first come in to the Customize section, the default standard items associated with the selected export file type are included in this window.

Excluding an Item

You can remove any item from the Export These Items box by either highlighting the item and clicking Remove or by dragging the item from the right box to the left box.

Including an Item

The box on the left contains all the pieces of information that can be exported. To include something that is not in the box on the right, either highlight the item and click Include, or drag the item from the left box to the right box.

Only GEDCOM 5.5 Items

Legacy stores some information that is not defined by any of the standard tags in the GEDCOM 5.5 specification.

We have therefore added some additional tags that begin with an underline character. This is allowed by the GEDCOM 5.5 spec. These tags include:

<u>_</u> GROUP	To track label groupings
<u>_</u> ORDER	To track child, spouse and parent orders
<u>_</u> PATH	To specify a path to a multimedia file
<u>_</u> PHOTO	To specify a picture name
<u>_</u> PREF	To track preferred children and spouses
<u>_</u> SOUND	To specify a sound filename
<u>_</u> STAT	To track child statuses
<u>_</u> TAGx	To track marked records
<u>_</u> TYPE	Tracks source types
<u>_</u> VIDEO	To specify a video filename

Note: If you do not want to include any of these "extra" tags in the GEDCOM file, click Only 5.5.

Resetting the Default Items

If you have added or removed items in the Items to Include box, you can reset the list to the normal items by clicking Default.

Basic Items

The minimum information that can be included in the export file is name, sex, birth, death and marriage.

Excluding Groups of Items

There are several groups of items you can have excluded from the export. These include Sources, Notes, Events, Compiler Info, Alternate Names, LDS Info, Addresses, Pictures and Marriage and Child Status.

To exclude a group from the exported GEDCOM file, check the appropriate box in the Groups of Items to EXCLUDE from Export box at the bottom right. This is faster than trying to remove the associated tags of a group one by one.

Saving Your Setup

You can save customized export setups. After you have made the changes desired, click Save List... on the right side. Legacy prompts for a filename and then saves the format file to disk.

Loading a Saved Setup

To load a previously saved export format list, click Load List... and choose the desired list name.

To reach the Items to Include in GEDCOM screen, click Customize on the GEDCOM Export screen.

(The GEDCOM Export screen is reached by choosing Export To / GEDCOM File from the File menu.

Or press Ctrl-E)

Break Note lines Between Words (old style)

GEDCOM files break long notes lines into shorter segments. The points at which the lines are broken is supposed to be in the middle of words so that when the lines are put back together they can just be concatenated. Older GEDCOM files used to break lines between words. This made it necessary to put the lines back together with a space between them. Importing a newer GEDCOM file into an older program often results in words with blank spaces in the middle of them. If you know that you are producing a GEDCOM file to be read into an older program that is expecting a space between lines, check this option.

Export CHR tag as BAPM

If you are using the customization option to use the term Baptism in the place of Christening, (see Customize - Data Format) then this option is available when exporting a GEDCOM file.

AutoSource™

The AutoSource feature of Legacy lets you automatically attach a master source to each individual when you are doing an export. This is great way to let others know that you are the author of the information contained in the file. It can also indicate to others that you would like to be contacted if they find additional information or changes concerning "your" people.

When you are about to export a GEDCOM file, you can select a master source to attach to each person by clicking AutoSource on the Export window. (You can also attach sources to records as you import from GEDCOM files. See Importing a GEDCOM file for more information.)

AutoSource Reminder

If you forget to set an AutoSource when importing a file, Legacy asks if you would like to do so. (This can be turned off.) When the AutoSource Reminder window opens:

Click Select a Master Source to display the Master Source List where you can select a source to cite (or you can Add a new source and then cite it), or click Don't Assign a Source to tell Legacy to skip the source assignment during this import.

You can also suppress certain information while importing a GEDCOM file. For example, if you are not interested in address information, you can simply skip it during the import process. To customize the import information click Customize. (See GEDCOM Items to Import..)

Starting the Export

When you have selected the individuals and families to include in the exported GEDCOM file, click Select File Name and START EXPORT. Legacy prompts for a filename. A .GED extension will be added. Legacy then creates the file and exports the specified information.

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