# Meet The Best Free Family History Mobile Apps

Now that you have been introduced to the four most important family history research websites (FamilySearch, Ancestry, MyHeritage and Findmypast) and what they offer, you should also consider using their own mobile apps for maximum connectivity. Here are six of them that warrant your consideration to install on your tablets and/or smartphones because they are a fantastic way to access your trees while you're away. They are easy to use on-the-go. They can be used with your free guest log-in or paid subscription. You'll get the same access to features as you do on the full sites. So why wait! Download them to make and share family history discoveries whenever and wherever you are. Both FamilySearch and Ancestry.com have two genealogy mobile apps available while MyHeritage and Findmypast each have one app.

## FamilySearch Family Tree and FamilySearch Memories apps

FamilySearch has two free genealogy mobile apps: <u>Family Tree and Memories</u>. **FamilySearch Family Tree** makes it easy and convenient to discover and document your own branches of the world's family tree while preserving family memories such as photos, written stories, and audio recordings. The app automatically syncs with FamilySearch.org, so you can pick up where you left off on any device.

Use the **Family Tree app** to consult and contribute to the free collaborative tree on FamilySearch.org. More than 5 million people have contributed information on more than 1.2 billion people on this site. Include your own on-the-go by adding people or searching for and adding historical records to profiles.

The **FamilySearch Memories app** focuses on capturing stories and photos, then letting you attach them to a relative's profile on the Family Tree. The idea is to use your mobile device to capture memories as they happen by taking photos of loved ones or important documents. You can use these genealogy mobile apps to audio-record oral history interviews (which you can learn to do <u>here</u>). FamilySearch apps are available for iOS, Android, and Google devices, including Chromebook and Kindle/Amazon Fire; click <u>here</u> to access.

#### Ancestry and AncestryDNA apps

Ancestry.com has two genealogy mobile apps available. Their regular is used to consult or add to your tree, review automated record hints, share your discoveries, and search for records. This genealogy app is also compatible with the Apple Watch. You can work with hints right from your watch, keep up with comments, use voice dictation to respond to comments, and get on-this-day alerts for events from your tree.

I can use the regular Ancestry app to access DNA ethnicity results and matches. But their AncestryDNA app is more convenient to access this information. This app is only for iOS, Google Play. It lets you specifically explore ethnicity, work with matches, and even order new DNA tests. The regular Ancestry app is available from the <u>App Store</u>, <u>Google Play</u>, and <u>Amazon</u>.

#### MyHeritage app

<u>MyHeritage</u> is especially known for its tech tools, and its free genealogy mobile app doesn't disappoint. In fact, the app enjoys a healthy 4.7-out-of-5 rating from more than 7,500 iOS users! Most of the full-site features and languages are available on the app version as well. Build your family tree, review automated record and tree hinting, and scan and upload photos to relatives' profiles right from your mobile device. Those with DNA results on the site can access DNA ethnicity and matches information. Get the app on <u>Google Play</u> or the <u>Apple App Store</u> for iPhone, iPad and Apple Watch. <u>Apps, Resources</u>

#### Findmypast app

The new **Findmypast genealogy mobile app** can be used to "search, add to, and update your Findmypast family tree." At this time, there isn't a tree view yet (you can view individual ancestral profiles). The ability to review record hints within the app is especially good, given that Findmypast has been expanding the records included in hinting lately.

### Tutorials To Quickly Use These Family History Mobile Apps

No matter how good technology is, learning how to be use them for maximum benefit is always a challenge for most of us who are older than millennials. Fortunately, **The Family History Guide** provides concise and well-thought tutorials for four of these six apps.

There are seven levels of tutorials for the **FamilySearch Family Tree app**. URL for these tutorials is <u>https://thefhguide.com/project-1-family-tree-app.html</u>. Here's an example of the different headings for these nine levels of tutorials. Note: all of these topics are "hot" and ready for your perusal.

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 2: Edit Person Information
 3: Add or Remove People
 4: Explore Hints
 5: View

 and Add Sources
 6: View Ancestral Places
 7: Gallery and Media
 8: Tree and Account Settings
 9: DNA

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There are six levels of tutorials for the **FamilySearch Memories app**. URL for these tutorials is <u>https://thefhguide.com/project-2-memories-app.html</u>. Here's an example of the different headings for these seven levels of tutorials. Note: all of these topics are "hot" linked and ready for your perusal.

<u>1: Setup and Photos</u> <u>2: Stories</u> <u>3: Documents</u> <u>4: Audio</u> <u>5: Albums</u> <u>6: Settings</u>

There are nine levels of tutorials for the **Ancestry and AncestryDNA apps**. URL for these tutorials is <u>https://thefhguide.com/project-2-family-tree-an-app.html</u>. Here's an example of the different headings for these nine levels of tutorials. Note: all of these topics are "hot" and ready for your perusal.

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Note: there are no tutorials on **The Family History Guide** presently for the MyHeritage and Findmypast apps. On YouTube.Com, there are two good video tutorials for MyHeritage. Since the Findmypast is relatively new as released December 2018, there aren't any tutorials posted. But if interested, check out the RootsTech 2019 London conference postings at <u>www.rootstech.org</u> and there might be some updates since the conference is just finishing up on Saturday. I have also sent an email tech support email to Findmypast and I will add their clarification to this blog when they respond.

- New MyHeritage app for iPhone, iPad & Android!
- <u>New Features on the MyHeritage Mobile App</u>