# (free) Family History Software

- Class presentation preferences (Playing 'Nice' with each other)
  - Ground rule; if you say "Brand x is better/best" you must continue and add "This is why I think so".
  - Ground Rule: You may use/copy any/all of the presentation. It is best if you attribute all mistakes to me.
  - We will demo PAF, Ancestral Quest, Family Tree Maker, Roots Magic, Legacy & Apple. All software described & screen shots are as of 1 April 2014.
  - Object of the class is to get you to a good place for you. Not everyone will have the same needs or like the same options.

## Why Software Applications?

- Sustainability Examples
- Public & Private uses/examples
  - -Temple submissions FamilySearch FamilyTree
  - Research; Sharing; Publishing
  - Mobile Apps
  - -FamilyTree.org, Ancestry.com
  - -Cyndi's List, FHL Card Catalog

## What Does an Efficient Family Historian Need?

- Pedigree chart & <u>FamilyGroupSheets</u>
- Notes
- Research log
- Reports
- Enclosures & Pictures
- Sources

## FGS & Pedigree Charts

- Pedigree chart
  - Line of personal responsibility, family to family
- Family Group Sheet
  - A family's entire history

#### Notes & Research Log

- Enter events chronologically; birth – marriage – child 1 – amputation – death - burial
- Everything you know / suspect? / speculate?? about family members with cross references to enclosures (enc123)
- Research objectives?/findings by individual

#### Reports

- End of line
- Pedigree
- FGS
- Fan Chart
- Narrative
- ETC.

- Lists
  - Duplications
  - Errors
  - Enclosures, etc.
- Custom reports
  - Jurisdictions
  - Ordinances
  - Mapping, etc.
- ETC. etc.

#### **Attachments**

- Biographies
- Narratives
- Long letters
- Books
- Gold watches
- Photos
- ETC.

#### Sources

- Bibliographical references
- Record depository
- Internet screen shots

#### Mobil Uses

- Lap tops
- Notebooks
- Sliders
- Smart Phones
- Synchronicity

## How Do the 'Apps' Do It?

- Synchronicity
- PAF
- Ancestral Quest
- Legacy
- Roots Magic
- Family Tree Maker
- Apple & I-stuff