

Starting *RootsMagic 7* and Importing Your Family from *FamilySearch Family Tree*

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RootsMagic 7

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The screenshot shows the RootsMagic website header with a dark green background. The logo features a stylized tree icon and the text "RootsMagic™". The navigation menu includes "Home", "Products", "News", "Downloads", "Store", "Support", "Community", "Learn", "Company", and "Contact Us". The "Learn" menu is open, displaying a list of resources: "Webinars (Online classes)", "RootsMagic TV", "Magic Guides (handouts)", "FamilySearch Family Tree", and "PAF Upgrade". A yellow arrow points from the text in the slide above to the "Learn" menu item. Below the navigation, a breadcrumb trail reads "Home > Products > RootsMagic". The main content area features a product listing for "RootsMagic 7", described as "Genealogy & Family History Software". The product image includes a "NEW" badge and shows the software interface. The platform information is listed as "Windows 10 / 8 / 7 / Vista / XP / 2000" and "Mac OS X". The price is "Only \$29.95".

There are RootsMagic Webinars:

- More indepth
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- Take more time or can take less if you watch the shorter versions such as:
 - Getting Started with RootsMagic and FamilySearch Family Tree 3:05 min
 - Sharing notes between RootsMagic and FamilySearch 9:50 min

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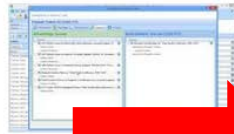


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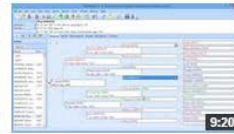
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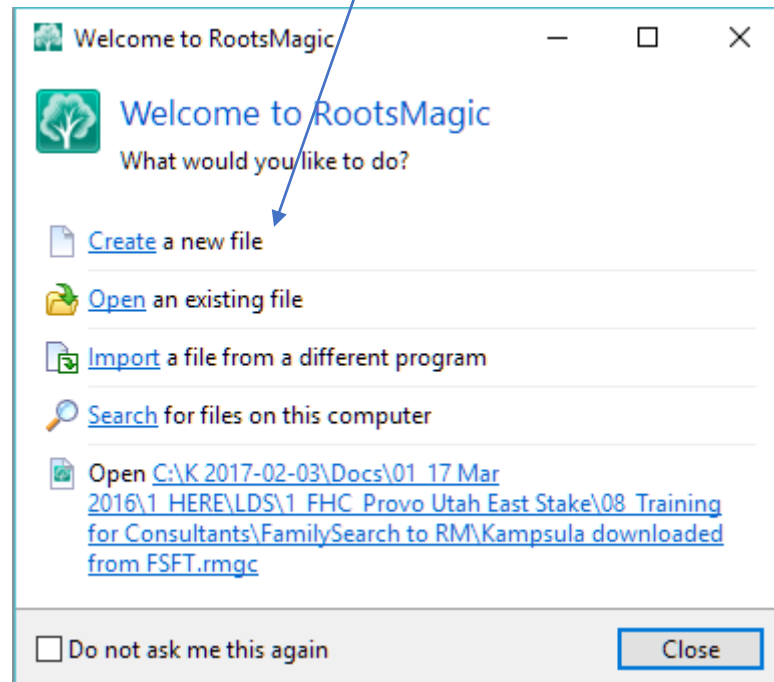


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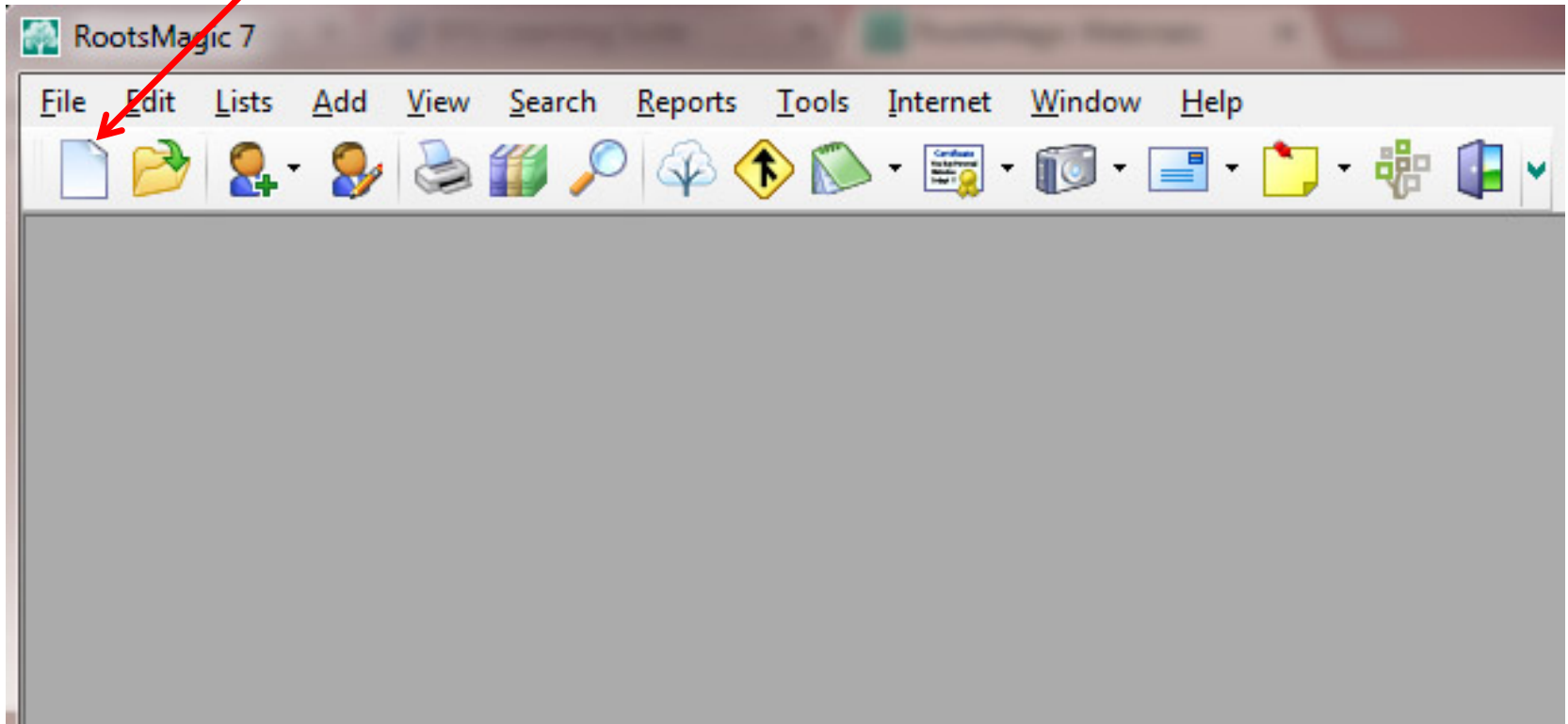


Importing Data from

4. Click on the RootsMagic icon on your desktop after downloading the program, and this welcome screen opens. Click on **Create** a new file.



5. **Or** if you closed the welcome window, click on the blank page to start a blank program.



6. Preference window opens. Indicate where data should be stored, and how you want the data displayed.

- Name the file → If on flash drive, drive letter changes with each computer used.
- File location → If on a hard drive, usually called C: -- remember to write down the file's name (such as kcliff RM7) and the drive folder

• Check the boxes as shown in blue.

• Select date format

• Select option below to display FSFT ID#s

Number to display after name
FamilySearch ID

• What do you want to do next?

- Click here to import into RootsMagic what is known about your family at FamilySearch

New File

Create a new RootsMagic file

New file name

File location... C:\Users\GRA\Documents\

Options for this file

Date format
10 Jan 1959

Number to display after name
None

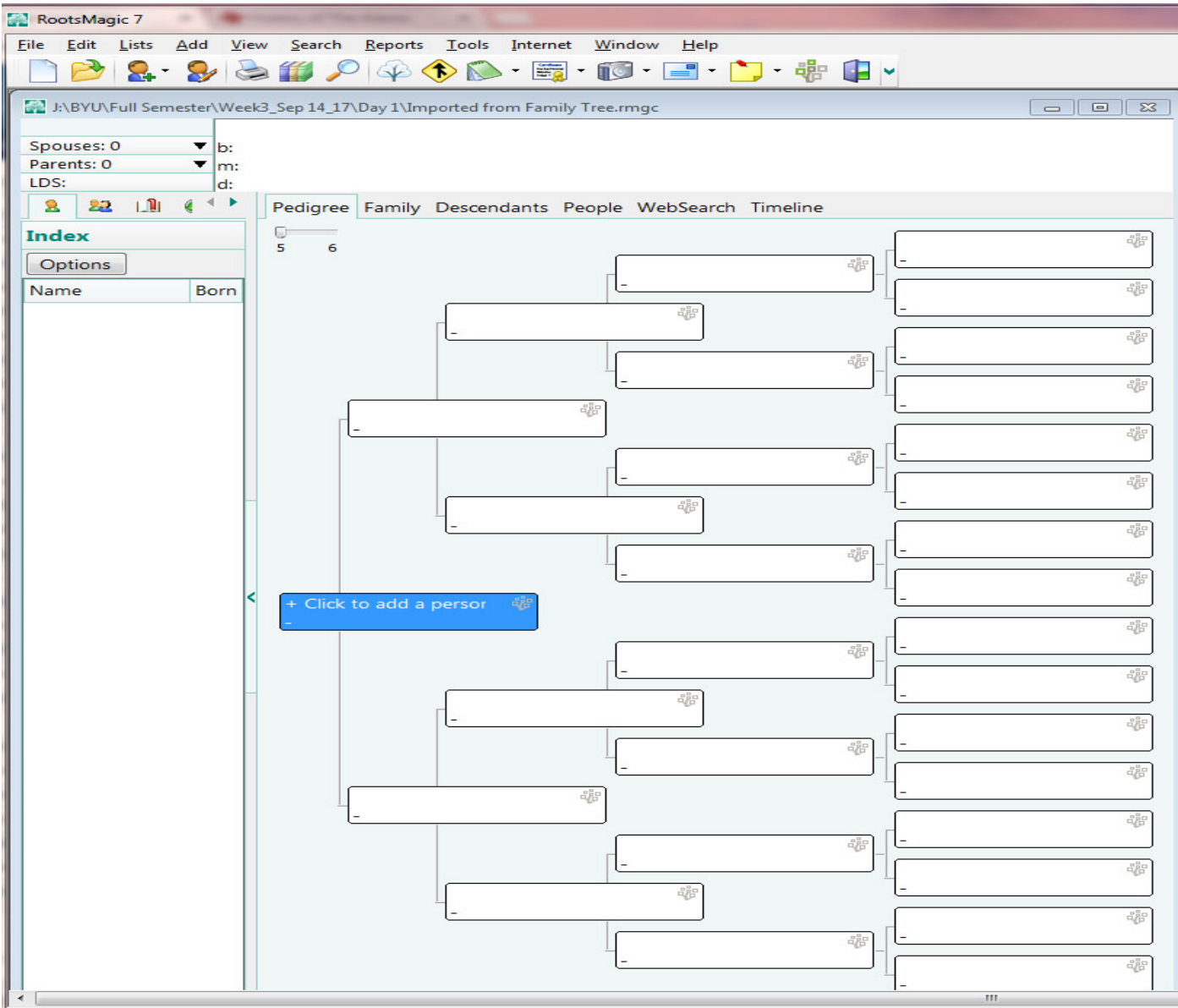
Display surnames uppercase
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 FamilySearch Family Tree support
 Enable WebHints
 Match to FamilySearch when hints found

What do you want to do after creating the new file?

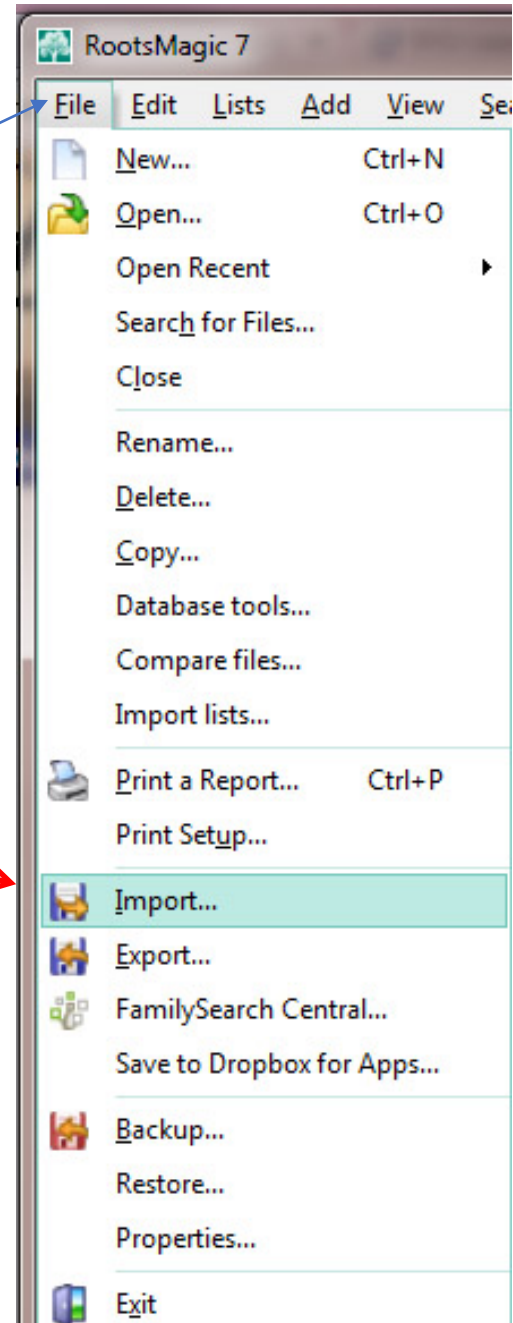
Begin typing my information
 Import information from another program

OK Cancel

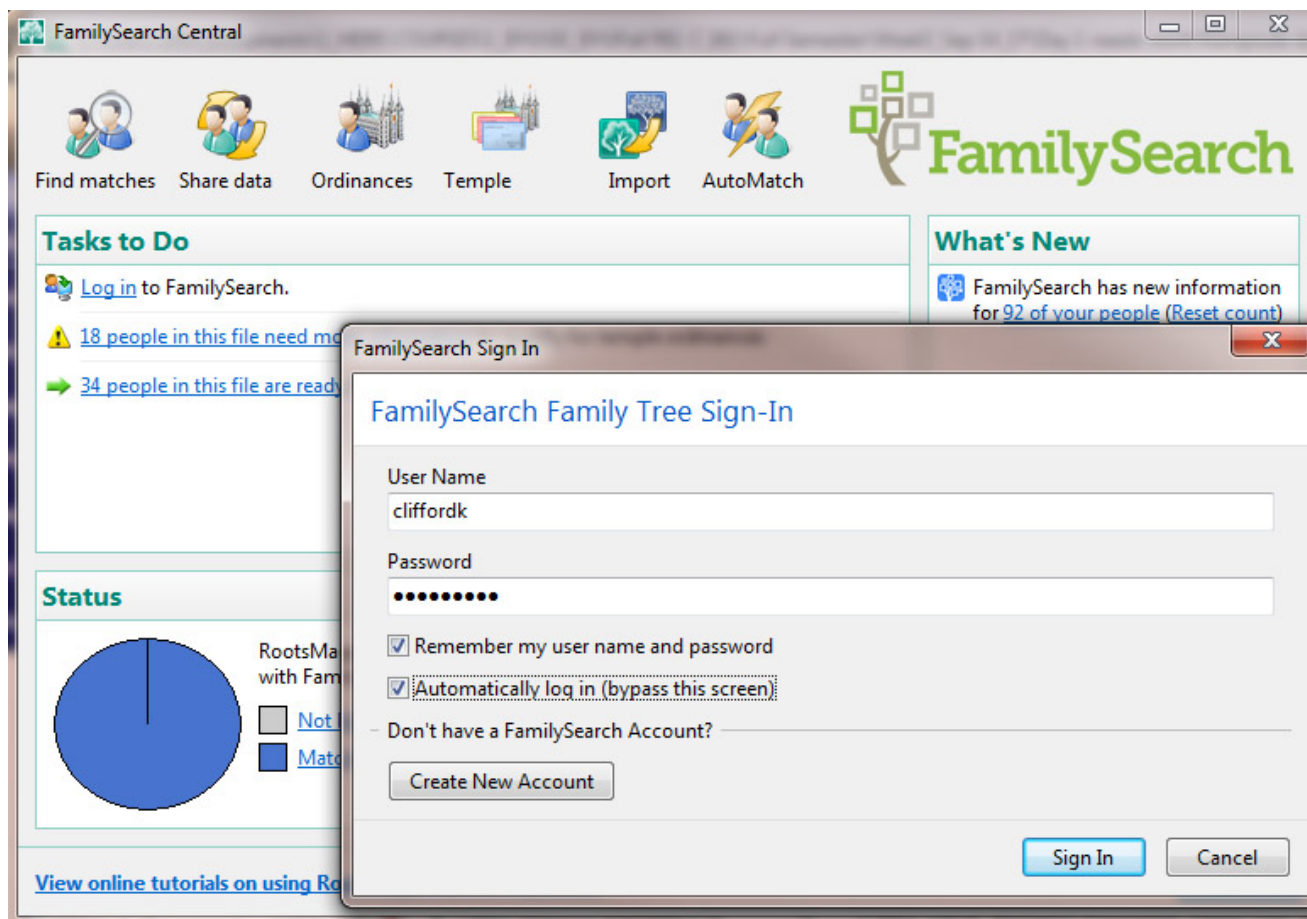
7. Notice a blank window where you can enter a name to a pedigree file.



8. To pull the information on your family already loaded at FSFT, click on the **File** icon and scroll down to the **Import** icon. Click this icon.



9. A *FamilySearch* Central Sign In window opens. If working on your own computer check the box to remember your user name and password to speed up work in the future.



10. Notice you are now **Logged In** ... click Import

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch Central interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for 'Find matches', 'Share data', 'Ordinances', 'Temple', 'Import', and 'AutoMatch'. The 'Import' button is highlighted with a red arrow. Below the navigation bar, there is a 'Tasks to Do' section with a red arrow pointing to it. The 'Tasks to Do' section shows the user is logged in as KarenClifford1 and provides information about 19 people needing more information and 33 people ready for temple ordinances. To the right, there is a 'What's New' section with a message about new information for 95 of the user's people. Below these sections is a 'Status' section with two pie charts. The first pie chart shows 'RootsMagic persons matched with FamilySearch' with 0 'Not Matched' and 128 'Matched'. The second pie chart shows 'LDS Ordinance status of matched persons' with 30 'Reserved/In Progress', 19 'Need More Info', 33 'Ready', and 46 'Done'. At the bottom, there is a link to 'View online tutorials on using RootsMagic with FamilySearch' and a 'Close' button.

FamilySearch Central

Find matches Share data Ordinances Temple Import AutoMatch

FamilySearch

Tasks to Do

Logged in as KarenClifford1 ([log out](#)).

19 people in this file need more information to qualify for temple ordinances

33 people in this file are ready for temple ordinances

What's New

FamilySearch has new information for 95 of your people ([Reset count](#))

Status

RootsMagic persons matched with FamilySearch

- Not Matched (0)
- Matched (128)

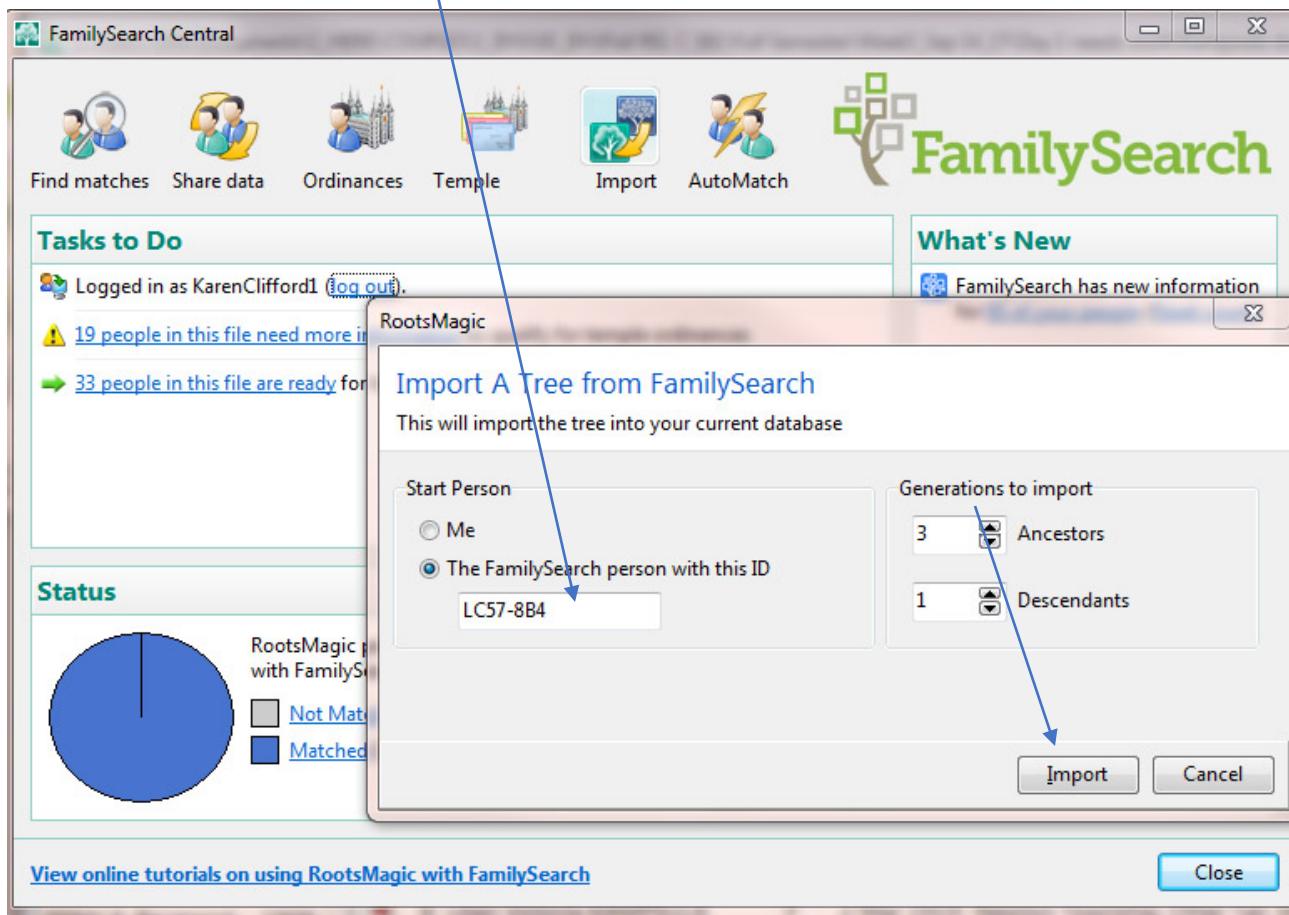
LDS Ordinance status of matched persons

- Reserved/In Progress (30)
- Need More Info (19)
- Ready (33)
- Done (46)

[View online tutorials on using RootsMagic with FamilySearch](#)

Close

11. Enter the FSFT ID # and indicate how many generations to import. No more than four at a time is best.



12. Notice any new information and AutoMatch features.

The screenshot displays the FamilySearch Central web application interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes icons for 'Find matches', 'Share data', 'Ordinances', 'Temple', 'Import', and 'AutoMatch'. A blue arrow points to the 'AutoMatch' icon. The 'FamilySearch' logo is on the right. Below the navigation bar, the interface is divided into several sections:

- Tasks to Do:** Shows the user is logged in as 'KarenClifford1' with a 'log out' link. It lists two tasks: '21 people in this file need more information to qualify for temple ordinances' (indicated by a warning icon) and '31 people in this file are ready for temple ordinances' (indicated by a green arrow icon).
- What's New:** A notification stating 'FamilySearch has new information for 109 of your people' with a 'Reset count' link.
- Status:** Contains two pie charts:
 - RootsMagic persons matched with FamilySearch:** A pie chart showing 129 'Matched' persons (blue) and 0 'Not Matched' persons (grey).
 - LDS Ordinance status of matched persons:** A pie chart showing the status of 129 persons: 30 'Reserved/In Progress' (red), 21 'Need More Info' (yellow), 31 'Ready' (green), and 46 'Done' (blue).

At the bottom, there is a link to 'View online tutorials on using RootsMagic with FamilySearch' and a 'Close' button.

13. Add Information about you, living people, or an ancestor by clicking on any of the Add Person reminders in pedigree charts or family group records.

Add Person

Add new person

Given name(s) Surname Sex

Prefix Suffix Nickname Living

Birth

Death

Cause of death

Burial

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14. Find any duplicates in your files by clicking on **Tools**, then select **Merge**, then **Manual Merge**.

The screenshot shows a genealogy software interface. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, Lists, Add, View, Search, Reports, Tools, Internet, Window, and Help. The 'Tools' menu is open, showing options like Merge, Problem Search, Count Trees, DataClean..., Spell Check, Gazetteer, Mapping, CountyCheck Explorer..., Color Code People, Set Living..., Set Relationships, Date Calculator..., Relationship Calculator..., Soundex Calculator..., Calendar..., GenSmarts Suggestions, Create a Shareable CD..., File Options..., and Program Options... The 'Merge' submenu is also open, showing Automatic Merges..., Duplicate Search Merge..., Manual Merge..., and View 'Not Duplicates' List... The 'Manual Merge...' option is highlighted. In the background, a person's profile for 'Ida Maria TASKINEN' is visible, with birth and death information. Below the profile is an 'Index' table with columns 'Name' and 'Born'. The table lists several entries, with 'TASKINEN, Ida Maria' appearing twice, indicating a duplicate. A red arrow points to the second 'TASKINEN, Ida Maria' entry, and a blue arrow points from the text 'Found a duplicate.' at the bottom to this entry.

Name	Born
SALONEN, Simo Zefanias	1883
SOMEROJA, Brita Maria Eriksdot...	1841
TASKINEN, Adolf Aleksander	1896
TASKINEN, Benjam Juhonpoika	1867
TASKINEN, Benjamin Arvo	1907
TASKINEN, Elsa Louisa	1900
TASKINEN, Helen	1918
TASKINEN, Hilja Johanna	1889
TASKINEN, Ida Maria	1887
TASKINEN, Ida Maria	1887
TASKINEN, Johan Thomasson	1844
TASKINEN, Liisa	1886

Born	Birth Place	Died	Death
3 Sep 1887	Kivennapa, Viipuri, Finland	6 Feb 1949	Portlan

Found a duplicate.

15. Compare the two duplicates.

Merge Duplicate Records

Select the primary and duplicate records for merging

Primary Person

Select primary person Edit person

	Name / Date	Place	Details
Name	Ida Maria TASKINEN-130		
Birth	18 Sep 1887	Kivennapa, Viipuri, Finland	
Death	6 Feb 1949	Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, United States	

Duplicate Person

Select duplicate person Edit person

	Name / Date	Place	Details
Name			
Birth			
Death			

Merge duplicate into primary Swap Close

16. One has sources, the other does not.

RootsMagic Explorer

RootsMagic Explorer

Prior Find NameFind Next Record

Name	Born	Died
POLVI, Hilda Maria Nikode...	1869	1942
POLVI, Nikodemus Henriks...	1842	
RAUMALA, Anna Stina	1831	
RICHARDSON, Floyd M	1904	1971
ROSENKVIST, Maria Aman...	1897	1967
SAARINEN, Josefina Justina...	1862	1921
SALONEN, Simo Zefanias	1883	
SOMEROJA, Brita Maria Eri...	1841	
TASKINEN, Adolf Aleksander	1896	1973
TASKINEN, Benjam Juhonp...	1867	1946
TASKINEN, Benjamin Arvo	1907	1908
TASKINEN, Elsa Louisa	1900	1973
TASKINEN, Helen	1918	1930
TASKINEN, Hilja Johanna	1889	1922
TASKINEN, Ida Maria	1887	1949
TASKINEN, Ida Maria	1887	1949
TASKINEN, Johan Thomass...	1844	

Individual information LDS Edit

Facts	Date	Details
Name	TASKINEN, Ida Maria-130	
Birth	18 Sep 1887	Kivennapa, Viipuri, Finland
Death	6 Feb 1949	Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, United Sta...

Family members Go to selected person

Show alternate names in list

Select Cancel

17. Swap the duplicate with the original primary because the duplicate has more sources and data by clicking on the “Swap” button in the bottom center of the screen.

Merge Duplicate Records

Select the primary and duplicate records for merging

Primary Person

Select primary person Edit person

	Name / Date	Place
Name	Ida Maria TASKINEN-130	
Birth	18 Sep 1887	Kivennapa, Viipuri, Finland
Death	6 Feb 1949	Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, United States
Burial		
LDS Bapt		
LDS Endow		
LDS SealPar		
LDS Conf		
LDS Init		
Marriage		
LDS SealSp		
Spouse		
Child		

Duplicate Person

Select duplicate person Edit person

	Name / Date	Place
Name	Ida Maria TASKINEN-6	
Birth	18 Sep 1887	Kivennapa, Viipuri, Finland
Death	6 Feb 1949	Portland, Multnomah, OR
Burial	10 Feb 1949	Portland, Multnomah, OR
LDS Bapt	1 Jul 1975	PROVO
LDS Endow	21 Aug 1975	PROVO
LDS SealPar	23 Aug 1975	PROVO
LDS Conf	1 Jul 1975	PROVO
LDS Init		PROVO
Marriage	1910	Homestead Twp, Otter Tail, Minnesota
LDS SealSp	10 Dec 1987	OAKLA
Spouse		Andrew KAMPSULA-4
Child		Bruno Benjamin KAMPSULA-3
		Alfred Filmore KAMPSULA-13
		Andrew Raymond KAMPSULA-14
		Hilja Maria Elenora KAMPSULA-15

Merge duplicate into primary Swap Close

18. Click to Merge duplicate into primary

Merge Duplicate Records

Select the primary and duplicate records for merging

Primary Person

Select primary person Edit person

	Name / Date	Place	Det
Name	Ida Maria TASKINEN-6		
Birth	18 Sep 1887	Kivennapa, Viipuri, Finland	
Death	6 Feb 1949	Portland, Multnomah, OR	
Burial	10 Feb 1949	Portland, Multnomah, OR	
LDS Bapt	1 Jul 1975	PROVO	
LDS Endow	21 Aug 1975	PROVO	
LDS SealPar	23 Aug 1975	PROVO	
LDS Conf	1 Jul 1975	PROVO	
LDS Init		PROVO	
Marriage	1910	Homestead Twp, Otter Tail, Minnesota	
LDS SealSp	10 Dec 1987	OAKLA	
Spouse	Andrew KAMPSULA-4		
Child	Bruno Benjamin KAMPSULA-3		
	Alfred Filmore KAMPSULA-13		
	Andrew Raymond KAMPSULA-14		
	Hilja Maria Elenora KAMPSULA-15		

Duplicate Person

Select duplicate person Edit person

	Name / Date	Place	Det
Name	Ida Maria TASKINEN-130		
Birth	18 Sep 1887	Kivennapa, Viipuri, Finland	
Death	6 Feb 1949	Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, United States	
Burial			
LDS Bapt			
LDS Endow			
LDS SealPar			
LDS Conf			
LDS Init			
Marriage			
LDS SealSp			
Spouse			
Child			

Merge duplicate into primary Swap Close

19. Merge complete

Merge Duplicate Records

Select the primary and duplicate records for merging

Primary Person

Select primary person Edit person

	Name / Date	Place
Name	Ida Maria TASKINEN-6	
Birth	18 Sep 1887	Kivennapa, Viipuri, Finland
Death	6 Feb 1949	Portland, Multnomah, OR
	6 Feb 1949	Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, United States
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LDS Conf	1 Jul 1975	PROVO
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Marriage	1910	Homestead Twp, Otter Tail, Minnesota
LDS SealSp	10 Dec 1987	OAKLA
Spouse	Andrew KAMPSULA-4	
Child	Edna Sylvia KAMPSULA-18	
	Edla Veneda KAMPSULA-16	
	Lilian Victoria KAMPSULA-19	

Duplicate Person

Select duplicate person Edit person

	Name / Date	Place	Details
Name			
Birth			
Death			
Burial			
LDS Bapt			
LDS Endow			
LDS SealPar			
LDS Conf			
LDS Init			
Marriage			
LDS SealSp			
Spouse			
Child			

Merge duplicate into primary Swap Close

20. Only one Ida Taskinen left

File Edit Lists Add View Search Reports Tools Internet Window Help

Ida Maria TASKINEN
 Spouses: 1 ▼ b: 18 Sep 1887 in Kivennapa, Viipuri, Finland
 Parents: 1 ▼ m: 1910 in Homestead Twp, Otter Tail, Minnesota (age 23)
 LDS: BEPS d: 6 Feb 1949 in Portland, Multnomah, OR (age 61)

Index
Options

Name	Born
SAARINEN, Josefina Justinantytar	1862
SALONEN, Simo Zefanias	1883
SOMEROJA, Brita Maria Eriksdot...	1841
TASKINEN, Adolf Aleksander	1896
TASKINEN, Benjam Juhonpoika	1867
TASKINEN, Benjamin Arvo	1907
TASKINEN, Elsa Louisa	1900
TASKINEN, Helen	1918
TASKINEN, Hilja Johanna	1889
TASKINEN, Ida Maria	1887
TASKINEN, Johan Thomasson	1844
TASKINEN, Lillian	1906
TASKINEN, Lydia Alise	1898
TASKINEN, Martha E.	1903
TASKINEN, Oskar	1892
TASKINEN, Thomas Johansson	1873

Pedigree Family Descendants People WebSearch Timeline


Father: 1
 Andrew KAMPSULA
 b: 5 Feb 1889, Ishpeming, Marquette, Michigan,
 m: 1910, Homestead Twp, Otter Tail, Minnesota
 d: 13 Dec 1939, Hopewell, Yamhill, Oregon, Unite

Father's Parents:
 Herman Anderspoika KAMSULA
 Hilma HAKALA

Mother: 1
 Ida Maria TASKINEN
 b: 18 Sep 1887, Kivennapa, Viipuri, Finland
 d: 6 Feb 1949, Portland, Multnomah, OR

Mother's Parents:
 Benjam Juhonpoika TASKINEN
 Hilda Maria Nikodemusdotter POLVI

Children	Sex	Born	Birth Place
1 Bruno Benjamin KAMPSULA	M	22 Feb 1924	Homestead Twp, Otter Tail, Minnesota, United
2 Alfred Filmore KAMPSULA	M	13 Mar 1917	New York Mills, Ottertail, MN
3 Andrew Raymond KAMPSULA	M	14 Jun 1913	Homestead Twp, Ottertail, MN
4 Hilja Maria Elenora KAMPSULA	F	8 Dec 1928	Homestead Twp, Ottertail, MN
5 Edla Veneda KAMPSULA	F	2 May 1921	Homestead Township, Otter Tail, Minnesota, U
6 Edna Sylvia KAMPSULA	F	12 Apr 1915	Homestead Twp, New York Mills, Ottertail, MN
7 Ida KAMPSULA	F	12 May 1927	Homestead Twp, Ottertail, MN
8 Lilian Victoria KAMPSULA	F	2 Mar 1919	Newton Township, Otter Tail, Minnesota, Unite
+ Click to add a child			



Now your family files are in



- Next standardize the format and spelling of all names, dates, and localities. See Topic 3, page 8 of training packet.
- Use finding aids (like state Gazetteers, the Handybook for Genealogists, the Redbook, or Animap) to determine the proper locations for each place of birth, marriage, death or burial including the proper names of counties during the event particular time period.
- *RootsMagic* now has Ancestry integration.



Affiliate Data Entry

- Entering data in a stand-alone affiliate genealogy database program (GDP) is somewhat different than entering the same information into *FamilySearch Family Tree (FSFT)*. With a GDP, the data remains in your possession. *FSFT* is a Mega Database Manager made up of multiple search engines that search numerous databases of its own and works with many affiliated database managers and software programs.
- It is best to stick to the methods desired by *FamilySearch* as far as entering names, places, and sources from their own system. This is because it contributes to a database for the world, and you will want to link and share information from your system (*RootsMagic, Legacy, or Ancestral Quest*) with *FamilySearch*.
- When entering data into a GDP, you can abbreviate, but then your localities and dates will not work with the FSFT search engines.
- Surnames, in a GDP, can be set to capitalize surnames, but you must change them to upper and lower case if you sync your records.
- Enter locations into a GDP in four levels from smallest to largest and indicate missing levels with a comma, but do not separate with commas in FSFT. Thus a standardized location for Provo would be “Provo, Utah, Utah, United States” in both a GDP and FSFT, but if you did not know the county for Provo in a GDP you could put Provo, , Utah, United States, but no extra commas in FSFT.