WIKITREE DEMONSTRATION

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WikiTree was started in 2009 by Chris Whitten. The mission "…. is to create a free, accurate, and collaborative family tree that connects the world." The members of WikiTree have built the tree. WikiTree has no historical records to search, only profiles of people. The profiles include birth, death, and marriage information. It also includes relationship information, often referred to as connections.

You do not need to become a member to access the information. It can be a great research tool. If you become a member, you will contribute to building a shared family tree with your research.

WikiTree has over 40 million profiles and more than 1 million members.

WikiTree makes money from ad revenue. Its overhead is significantly less than that of subscription-based sites. It depends on over 1 million members working to make the tree larger and more accurate. If you are a member, the ads are diminished.

COMPONENTS

Research Tool – no membership required.

Profile – Birth, Death, Marriage

Connections – Relationships: Father, Mother, Spouse(s), Children

Featured Connections

Privacy – many levels

Projects – get involved

Notification – Newsletter, Watchlists

DNA

Help

TO BECOME A MEMBER

Use your email address and create your profile. There are three levels of membership: basic, family, and honor code.

YOUTUBE HELP

Welcome to WikiTree Series

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLEqK4ICkQWXSKJksGv3vx_XQjAHZzU2Qn

UPSIDES / PROS

- Free
- 40+ Million profiles and growing
- Emphasis on Collaboration and accuracy
  - Join a project
  - Join a monthly challenge
- Uses DNA to verify connections.
- Download a Gedcom
- Use a GedCOMpare to import and build profiles with a GEDCOM file

DOWNSIDES / CONS

- Because it's a collaborative environment, you won't be in complete control
- You have to be online to use the Service
- There is a steep learning curve with this application