

Computer Guide #10

Submitting Records to the Pedigree Resource File (PRF)

What happens when a person's file is submitted to www.familysearch.org using a GEDCOM?

1. Your GEDCOM file will be checked for file format errors. If errors are found, you will be notified by e-mail that your file could not be used. It will then be your responsibility to fix any errors, then re-submit your GEDCOM file.
2. A copy of your GEDCOM file will be placed in the Granite Mountain Records Vault for preservation.
3. Currently, the submitted files are being compiled and published in the Pedigree Resource File. Submitted GEDCOM files may also be included in other Familysearch products. It will take approximately 2 months before your information will appear online as part of Familysearch. Keep in mind, what you see on Familysearch is only the index. Once a submission is made it can not be changed without resubmitting the corrected GEDCOM. Both submissions will be shown thereafter.

How are genealogy records submitted so they may be included in the Pedigree Resource File?

1. Before submitting information to www.familysearch.org, obtain permission from all living persons contained in the records to be submitted, or remove their information from your records, including the notes and sources. Also, remove any offensive or inappropriate information about another person in your notes and sources.
2. To submit your genealogy records, you must prepare a GEDCOM file of the data you want to submit. If the data will fit on one floppy disk, you may save the GEDCOM on "Drive A". Otherwise, save it on the hard drive, "Drive C". If using PAF, select Export to Ancestral File or Pedigree Resource File. Unclick anything you do not wish to include. Including notes and sources is optional.
3. Go to the Internet and enter www.familysearch.org and do the following:
 - Click on the "Share Information" tab at the top of the page.
 - Register or sign on with your User Name and Password.
 - Click on "Share My Genealogy" near the top of the page.
 - Click on "I am ready to submit" in the left margin. Read the conditions and click on "I Accept".
 - If the GEDCOM file is on a floppy disk, put it in "Drive A" and click on "Browse", then click on "Drive A" so it is displayed in the window. If the GEDCOM was saved on the hard drive, click on "Browse" and locate the file on your hard drive and display the name in the window.
 - Type a brief description of your GEDCOM file in the block provided.
 - Click on "Submit" at the bottom of the page and wait for a response and a number from Familysearch.
 - Record the submission number and the name of the file for future reference.

Any questions – Go to www.familysearch.org. Click on product support. Scroll down and click on Pedigree Resource File.