# GENEALOGY PROGRAM 2-WEEK TRIALS

Family tree software is easier to use than pencil and paper once your family tree begins to grow. Computer software allows you to type names, BMD dates, and other information on each individual just once; move back and forth between generations; search extensive databases; view and print a variety of reports; and exchange information with family members and other researchers.

Many good programs are available for free.

Alas, there really isn't a clear-cut answer as to which genealogy software is the best,. Most genealogy programs today offer good, basic functionality, so your choice should depend upon your individual goals, needs and preferences.

Commercial Internet-based family tree offerings provide the most features, especially in regards to searching the internet for detailed information.  The most full-featured standalone options are Ancestry.com, myheritage.com, and findmypast.com. While they require subscriptions (typically a few hundred dollars per annum) to access full features, they offer two-week trial subscriptions to let you test them out.

A credit card will be required to start a trial subscription.  Read the Terms and Conditions; they should indicate that no charges will be made unless the trial period expires before you have cancelled the trial subscription.

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### WARNING

While CO1 encourages each of you to utilise the trial periods to help you determine IF you want to make the commitment and, if so, WHICH application best suits your needs, you are under NO OBLIGATION to undertake any trial program as part of this course. **It is strictly voluntary**.

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Log trial periods below to ensure you remember to terminate them BEFORE two weeks are up if you do not want the subscription payment to be deducted.

1. [www.ancestry.com](www.ancestry.com)       Trial began _____ End date _____

2. [www.myheritage.com](www.myheritage.com)     Trial began _____ End date _____

3. [www.findmypast.com](www.findmypast.com)      Trial began _____ End date _____

Each application will allow you to build your family tree online from scratch to include notes, source documents and photographs.  Alternatively, if you have previously used an online genealogy application, you can transfer your pre-existing family tree to the new application using a GEDCOM file.

Before you reach the trial end date, download a GEDCOM file.  Then follow the application's instructions to terminate your trial.  Your credit card will not be charged.