



# Do We Need Another Online Tree?

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# This Complete Presentation is available online

At [www.dennisAhogan.com](http://www.dennisAhogan.com), click on  
Lectures and Handouts tab

- Look for *RootsFinder*
- Select a handout and save on your computer
- Then you can click on links to try out websites

# Rootsfinder Background

- Developed by Dallan Quass
  - Former Chief Technical Officer of FamilySearch
  - Also created WeRelate.org and GenGophers.com

# Price Options

- When you sign up, you receive a 30 day free trial of the Pro Plan.
- No credit card required for free trial.
- Pro Plan is ~ \$35/year or \$5/month

# Price Options

## Free Forever

Free

- ✓ Invite people to your tree
- ✓ Unlimited hints
- ✓ FamilySearch integration
- ✓ RootsFinder Web Clipper & ToDo creator
- ✓ Research Logs
- ✓ Basic DNA tools
- ✓ Advanced DNA tools
- ✓ Turn off ads
- ✓ Private tree option \*
- ✓ GenSmarts hints
- ✓ Remove watermark from mosaics
- ✓ 2 GB media storage - over 1,000 photos

## Pro Plan

\$5.00/month or \$34.95/year

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- ✓ Advanced DNA tools
- ✓ Turn off ads (for tree invitees also)
- ✓ Private tree option \*
- ✓ GenSmarts hints
- ✓ Remove watermark from mosaics
- ✓ 100 GB media storage - over 50,000 photos

# Some Features

- "Integration" with the Big 4 plus American Ancestors, Find A Grave, Billion Graves, RootsPoint (a global community centered around the US 1940 census), Geni, WikiTree, WeRelate, OpenArch (Dutch and Belgian), GenealogieOnline (Dutch)
- DNA analysis features endorsed by Blaine Bettinger
  - Upload your matches from 23andMe, Ancestry, FamilyTreeDNA, MyHeritage, and GEDMatch
- Research aids
  - Search Hints and ToDo
  - GenSmarts - suggests record collections to research based on your tree
- Web Clipper - can easily add records to tree (for Chrome & Firefox browsers)
- Good charts and reports; Spectrum of privacy & sharing options

# Rootsfinder Public vs Private

## Create your tree

Tree Name

### Public or private?

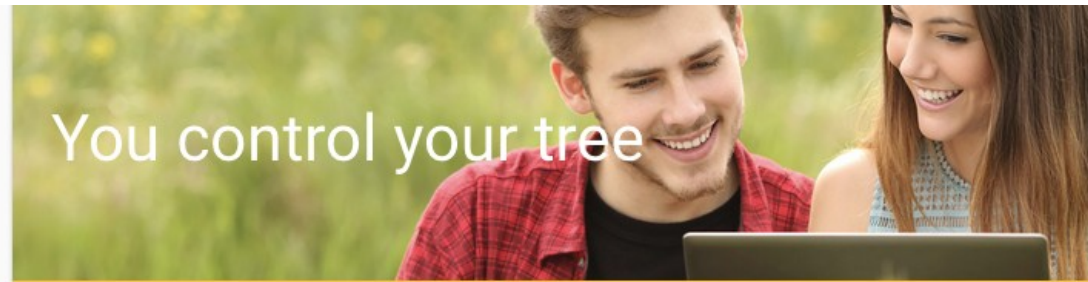
- Public (recommended)
- Private

### How to start?

- Start with an empty tree
- Import a GEDCOM file
- Import people from FamilySearch

[What is a GEDCOM?](#)

GO



You control your tree

## Public or private tree? Which should you choose?

### Public Private

- |                                     |                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Only people you invite as editors can edit people in your tree ( <b>all plans</b> )       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Only people you invite can see living people in your tree ( <b>all plans</b> )            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Only people you invite can see DNA results and private research logs ( <b>all plans</b> ) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Only people you invite can see deceased people in your tree                               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Requires a Pro plan   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Anyone, including search engines, can see deceased people in your tree                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Share discoveries on social media   |

# Major Online Trees

- Big Four
  - Ancestry.com \$
  - MyHeritage.com \$ (Owns Geni.com)
  - FamilySearch FamilyTree Free, "One Tree"
  - FamilySearch Genealogies Free (not "One Tree")
  - FindMyPast.com \$ (Owns RootsFinder.com)
- Others
  - WikiTree.com Free, "One Tree"
  - WeRelate.org Free, "One Tree"
  - Geni.com Free, "One Tree"



# The 2 Kinds of FamilySearch Trees



Family Tree

Search

Records

Family Tree

Genealogies

Catalog

Books

Wiki

# FamilySearch Integration

- Selecting Hints from FamilySearch is an option
- Choosing that option results in a copy of your RootsFinder tree being stored in FamilySearch Genealogies
  - Trees in FamilySearch Genealogies can be viewed but not modified by FamilySearch users.
  - Your FamilySearch Genealogies tree will be continuously synchronized with your RootsFinder tree.

# Rootsfinder


The screenshot displays the Rootsfinder web application interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the 'rootsfinder' logo and a search bar labeled 'Name'. On the left side, a vertical navigation menu lists various features: HoganDAH, Tree, Dashboard, People, Media, Hints & Todos, Research Logs, DNA, Invitations, Content Lists, Apps, Reports, Hint Settings, Tree Settings, and Help. The main area shows a family tree diagram. The root of the tree is Dennis Albert Hogan (1946-), who is connected to Charles Albert Hogan (1905-1979) and John Francis Hogan (1853-1943). Charles Albert Hogan is further connected to Mary Agnes O'Shaughnessy (1865-1951) and Susan Nagle (1834-1898). John Francis Hogan is connected to Michael Hogan (1828-1907). Mary Agnes O'Shaughnessy is connected to Andrew O'Shaughnessy (1842-1913) and Catherine Keaveny (1837-1901). Dennis Albert Hogan is connected to James Dawson (1873-1934) and Dorothy Louise Dawson (1914-1995). James Dawson is connected to Patrick Dawson (1822-1914) and Mary Ann Quinlan (1832-1915). Dorothy Louise Dawson is connected to Edward Hegerty (1845-1917) and Rosa Jane Hegerty (1874-1966). Rosa Jane Hegerty is connected to Ann McDermott (1846-1921). Each person's name, birth and death years, and a star rating are displayed in a box. Navigation icons like home, zoom in, zoom out, and expand/collapse are visible at the top of the tree area.

# Rootsfinder



- Gold stars are sources (Plus sign indicates more than 5)
- Green circle with a number indicates the number of hints
- Clicking on the name brings up the person's profile

# Rootsfinder - Profile






**John Francis Hogan** ★★★★★ + 30 32G-A3HD-QBKC

b. 29 Apr 1853  
,, NY, USA  
d. 11 Mar 1943  
Reed Corners, Ontario, NY, USA  
p. Michael Hogan Susan Nagle





[Tree](#) [Bookmark](#) [Hints](#) [Research](#) [FamilySearch](#) [Video](#) [Share](#) [Merge](#) [Edit](#) [Delete](#)

**Timeline** Expand Show +

-  **Birth NY**  
Abt 1853  
1870 United States Census, Town of Gorham, Ontario County, New York ★
-  **Birth NY**  
Abt 1853  
1860 United States Census, Town of Gorham, Ontario County, New York ★
-  **Birth**  
29 Apr 1853, ,, NY, USA ★

**Media** +

Hints & Todos Expand Show +

-  FamilySearch: United States Census, 1920
-  FamilySearch: New York, New York City Births, 1846-...
-  FamilySearch: United States Census, 1930
-  FamilySearch: United States Census, 1900

# Rootsfinder - Dashboard

The screenshot shows the Rootsfinder dashboard interface. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with icons and labels for: HoganDAH, Tree, Dashboard (highlighted), People, Media, Hints & ToDos, Research Logs, DNA, Invitations, Content Lists, and Apps. The main content area is divided into three sections: 'Recent Additions', 'Tree', and 'Bookmarks'. 'Recent Additions' contains three entries, each with a star icon, title, author, creation time, and action icons. 'Tree' shows a tree icon for 'HoganDAH' with associated statistics. 'Bookmarks' is currently empty.

**Recent Additions**

- FamilySearch: United States Census, 1880  
Michael Hogan  
Created: 2 hours ago
- FamilySearch: Virginia Births and Christenings, 1584-1917  
Michael Hogan  
Created: 2 hours ago
- FamilySearch: Rhode Island Deaths and Burials, 1802-1950  
Michael Hogan  
Created: 2 hours ago

**Tree**

HoganDAH

1242	
1	
0	
3368	
215	
1174	

**Bookmarks**

# Rootsfinder - Reports

- HoganDAH
- Tree
- Dashboard
- People
- Media
- Hints & ToDos
- Research Logs
- DNA
- Invitations
- Content Lists
- Apps
- Reports

## Create a Report

Select a Report

- Ancestors (including media)
- Descendants (register format)
- Family Group
- Fan chart
- Pedigree
- People Without Parents
- Place List
- Evidence Analysis

# Rootsfinder - Hint Settings

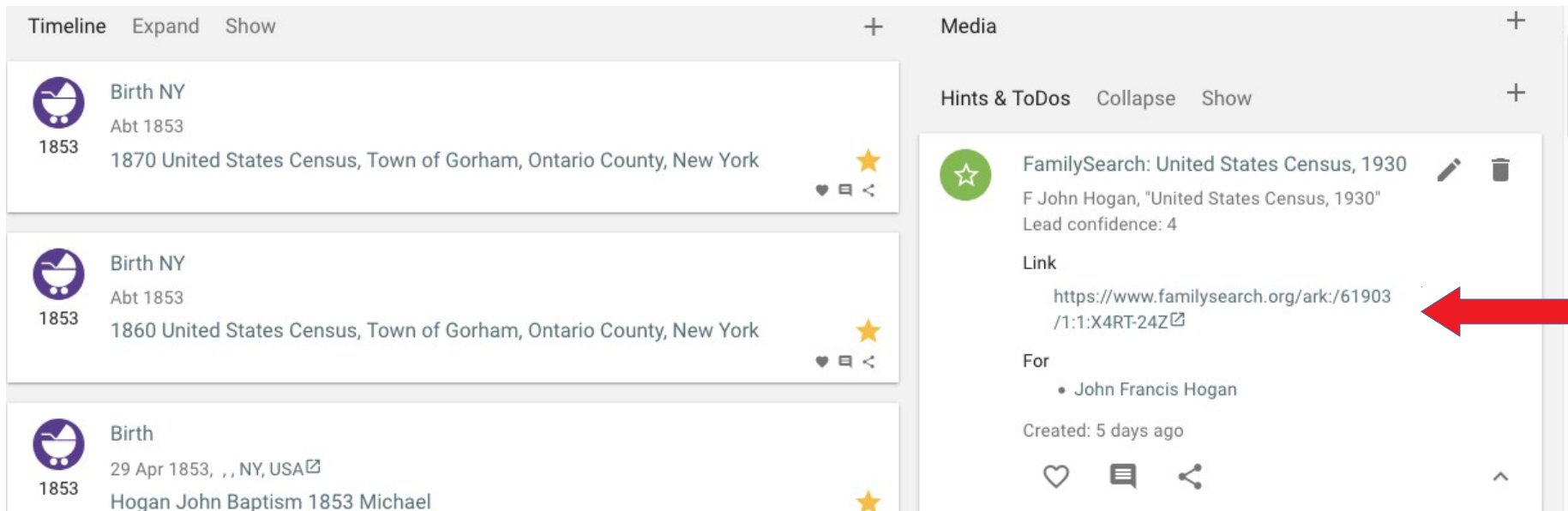


# Rootsfinder Web Clipper

- When you sign up for Rootsfinder you are given the opportunity to install this free app
- Available for Chrome or Firefox browsers and Windows or Mac
- Installing results in a web clipper icon on your browser page

# Rootsfinder Web Clipper

- Select a hint, then click on link



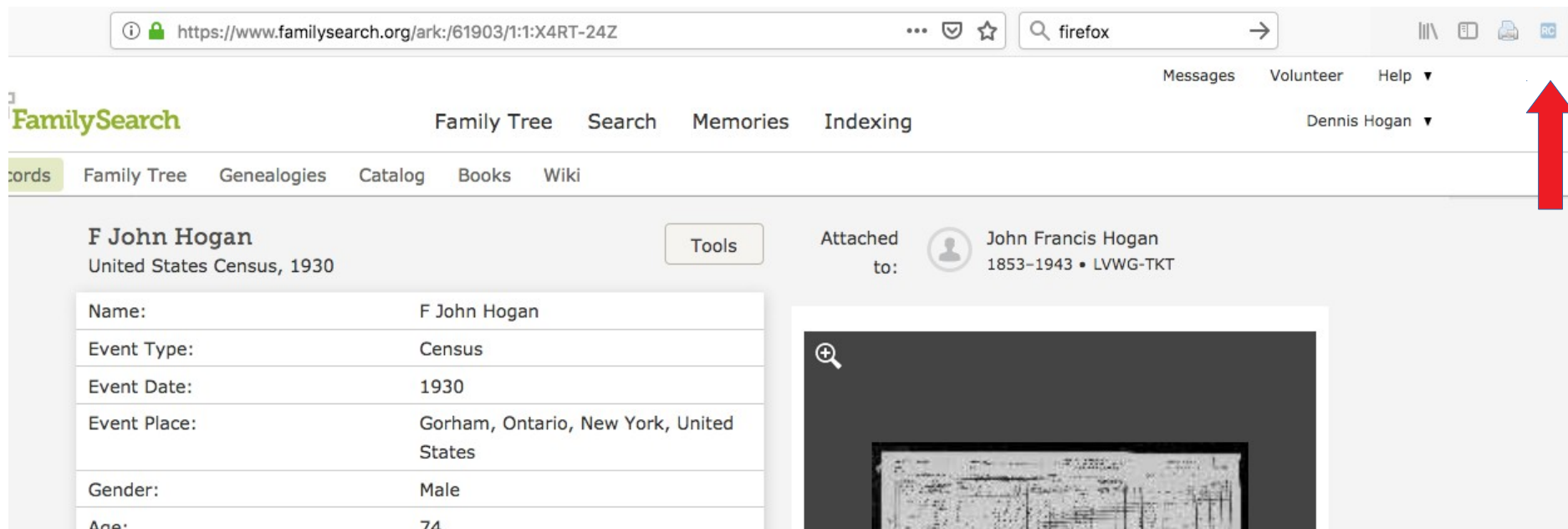
The screenshot displays the Rootsfinder web interface. On the left, a 'Timeline' panel shows three entries:

- Birth NY** (1853): 1870 United States Census, Town of Gorham, Ontario County, New York
- Birth NY** (1853): 1860 United States Census, Town of Gorham, Ontario County, New York
- Birth** (1853): 29 Apr 1853, , , NY, USA; Hogan John Baptism 1853 Michael

On the right, a 'Media' panel shows a hint for 'FamilySearch: United States Census, 1930' for 'F John Hogan, "United States Census, 1930"'. The 'Link' field contains the URL <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:X4RT-24Z>, which is highlighted by a red arrow. Below the link, it shows 'For John Francis Hogan' and 'Created: 5 days ago'.

# Rootsfinder Web Clipper - Type

- Click on the Web Clipper Icon



The screenshot shows a Firefox browser window with the URL <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:X4RT-24Z>. The browser's address bar includes a search icon, the text "firefox", and a right-pointing arrow. To the right of the address bar are icons for messages, volunteer, help, and a red arrow pointing to the Web Clipper icon.

The FamilySearch website header includes the logo "FamilySearch" and navigation links: "Family Tree", "Search", "Memories", "Indexing", "Messages", "Volunteer", "Help", and "Dennis Hogan". Below the header are tabs for "Records", "Family Tree", "Genealogies", "Catalog", "Books", and "Wiki".

The main content area displays information for "F John Hogan" from the "United States Census, 1930". A "Tools" button is visible next to the name. To the right, it says "Attached to: John Francis Hogan 1853-1943 • LVWG-TKT". Below this is a thumbnail image of a census document with a magnifying glass icon in the top left corner.

Name:	F John Hogan
Event Type:	Census
Event Date:	1930
Event Place:	Gorham, Ontario, New York, United States
Gender:	Male
Age:	74

# Rootsfinder Web Clipper - Type

The screenshot displays the Rootsfinder Web Clipper interface. On the left, a browser window shows the FamilySearch website with a record for F John Hogan, United States Census, 1930. The record details are as follows:

Name:	F John Hogan
Event Type:	Census
Event Date:	1930
Event Place:	Gorham, Ontario, New York, United States
Gender:	Male
Age:	74
Marital Status:	Married
Race:	White
Race:	White

On the right, the RootsFinder Web Clipper interface is shown, displaying a tagging menu for the selected record. The menu includes the following options:

- 1. TYPE (selected)
- 2. DETAILS
- 3. SOURCE
- 4. PEOPLE
- 5. PROFILES

The tagging menu is divided into three sections:

- VITAL EVENTS**
  - Birth
  - Christening / Baptism
  - Marriage
  - Divorce
  - Death
  - Burial
- MISCELLANEOUS**
  - Nonspecific source (family history book, etc.)
- OTHER EVENTS / FACTS**
  - Census / Residence
  - Emigration
  - Immigration
  - Military
  - Name
  - Occupation
  - Probate
  - Religion
  - Will
  - Other

# Rootsfinder Web Clipper - Details

https://rootsclipper.rootsfinder.com - RootsFinder Web Clipper

Review the information below, then go to tab 4 to tag people

1. TYPE    2. DETAILS    3. SOURCE    4. PEOPLE    5. PROFILES

Date (e.g., 15 Apr 1900)  
1930

Place (city, county, state, country)  
Gorham, Ontario, New York, United States

Fact Details    Place Details

MEDIA

Select File

or  
click here  
and paste  
or  
drag file here


Notes / Comments / Transcription

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Event Type:</b>	
<b>Event Date:</b>	
<b>Event Place:</b>	

Firefox

Messages

Francis Hogan  
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# Rootsfinder Web Clipper - Source

https://rootsclipper.rootsfinder.com - RootsFinder Web Clipper

Review the information below, then go to tab 4 to tag people

1. TYPE

2. DETAILS

3. SOURCE

4. PEOPLE

5. PROFILES

Source (author and title, collection name, etc.)

Hogan John Census 1930|

URL

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:X4RT-24Z>

Page

Date

11 April 2019

Citation

"United States Census, 1930," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:X4RT-24Z> : accessed 11 April 2019), F John Hogan, Gorham, Ontario, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 32, sheet 4B, line 89, family 109, NARA microfilm publication T626 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2002), roll 1631; FHL microfilm 2,341,365.

# Rootsfinder Web Clipper - People

https://rootsclipper.rootsfinder.com - RootsFinder Web Clipper

Review the information below, then go to tab 4 to tag people

1. TYPE    2. DETAILS    3. SOURCE    **4. PEOPLE**    5. PROFILES

ADD THIS RECORD TO PEOPLE IN YOUR TREE BY ENTERING THEIR NAMES BELOW

Person:

Person's name  
**John Francis Hogan (1853 - 1943)**

Name on Record:	First Names	Last Name	Prefix	Suffix
<b>F John</b>	<b>Hogan</b>			

Type	Date	Place	Fact Details	
<b>Birth</b>	<b>1856</b>	<b>New York</b>		×
<b>Race</b>				×
<b>Gender</b>			<b>MALE</b>	×
				×

Spouse:

Person from the record

Spouse's name  
**Mary Agnes O'Shaughnessy (1865 - 1951)**

First Names	Last Name	Prefix	Suffix
<b>Mary</b>	<b>Hogan</b>		

Place	Fact Details	
<b>New York</b>		×

- Address
- Adoption
- Affiliation
- Age
- Ancestral File ...

HoganDAH    Research Log    BACK    NEXT

# Rootsfinder Web Clipper - Profiles


https://rootsclipper.rootsfinder.com - RootsFinder Web Clipper

Review the information below, then go to tab 4 to tag people

1. TYPE    2. DETAILS    3. SOURCE    4. PEOPLE    **5. PROFILES**

COPY FACTS FROM RECORD TO PROFILES

	Fact in Record	Update profile?	Fact in Profile
<b>John Francis Hogan</b>			
Name	F John Hogan	<input type="checkbox"/>	John Francis Hogan
Birth	1856 New York	<input type="checkbox"/>	29 Apr 1853 , , NY, USA
<b>Mary Agnes O'Shaughnessy</b>			
Name	Mary Hogan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mary Agnes O'Shaughnessy
Birth	1865 New York	<input type="checkbox"/>	29 Jan 1865 Shortsville, Ontario, NY, USA
<b>Albert Hogan</b> New			
<b>Blanche Hogan</b> New			
<b>Frances Hogan</b> New			

HoganDAH    Research Log    BACK    **SAVE** 



# DNA Features

- "Quick and easy to set up, and you need Tier1 at GEDmatch to take full advantage of the tools (for Matching Segment Search and Triangulation tools). The import of data is remarkably fast and easy, among the fastest and easiest I've seen anywhere (just cut and paste) similar to the DNAPainter tool. "  
~ Blaine Bettinger

# DNA Features

- To import matches from GEDMatch, you must subscribe to the "Tier 1 Tools" (\$10/month)
- To import matches from 23andMe, Ancestry, FTDNA, and MyHeritage, you must subscribe to the DNAGedcom Client App (\$5/month, \$50/year)

# DNA Features

- After uploading your matches, then color code kits by tagging them to your tree. Use color coding to identify relationship clusters.

Happy Hunting!