rootsfinder

Do We Need Another Online Tree?

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

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Rootsfinder Background

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

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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

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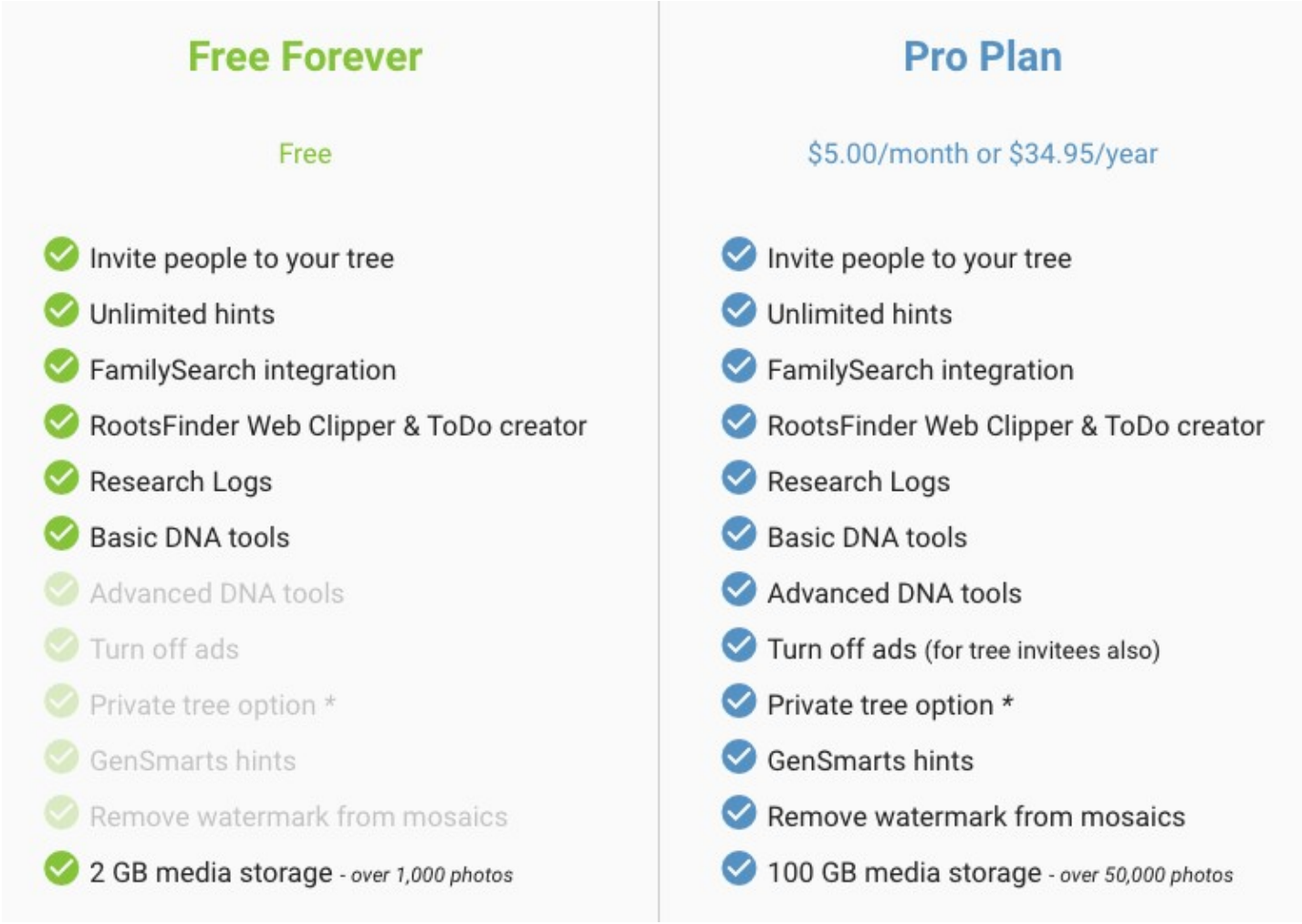

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Some Features

- "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

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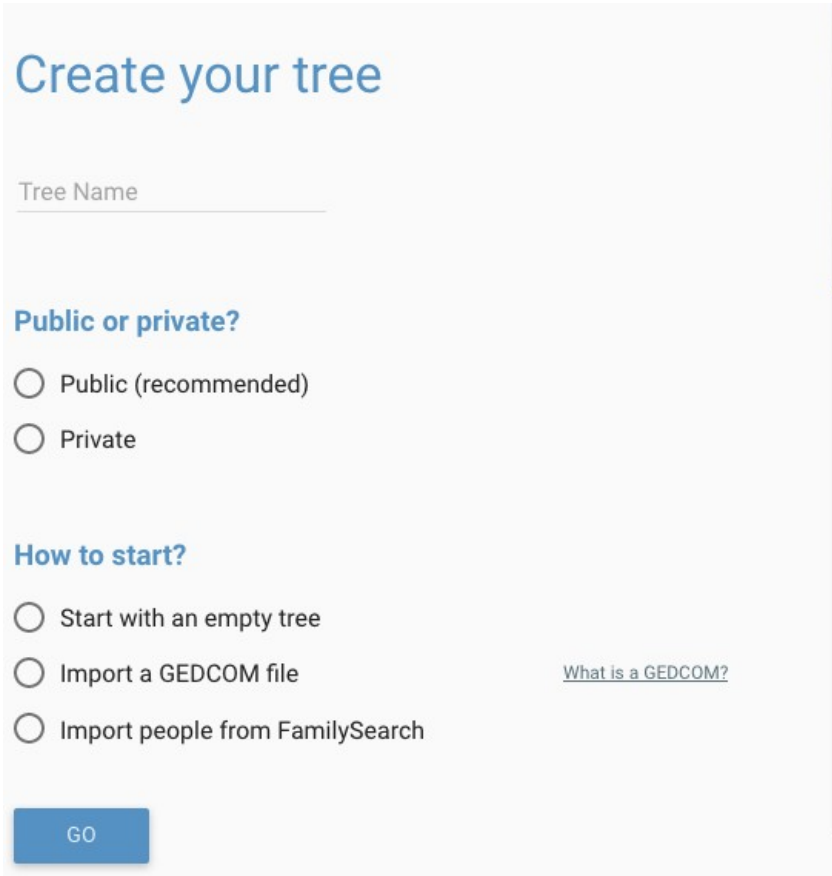
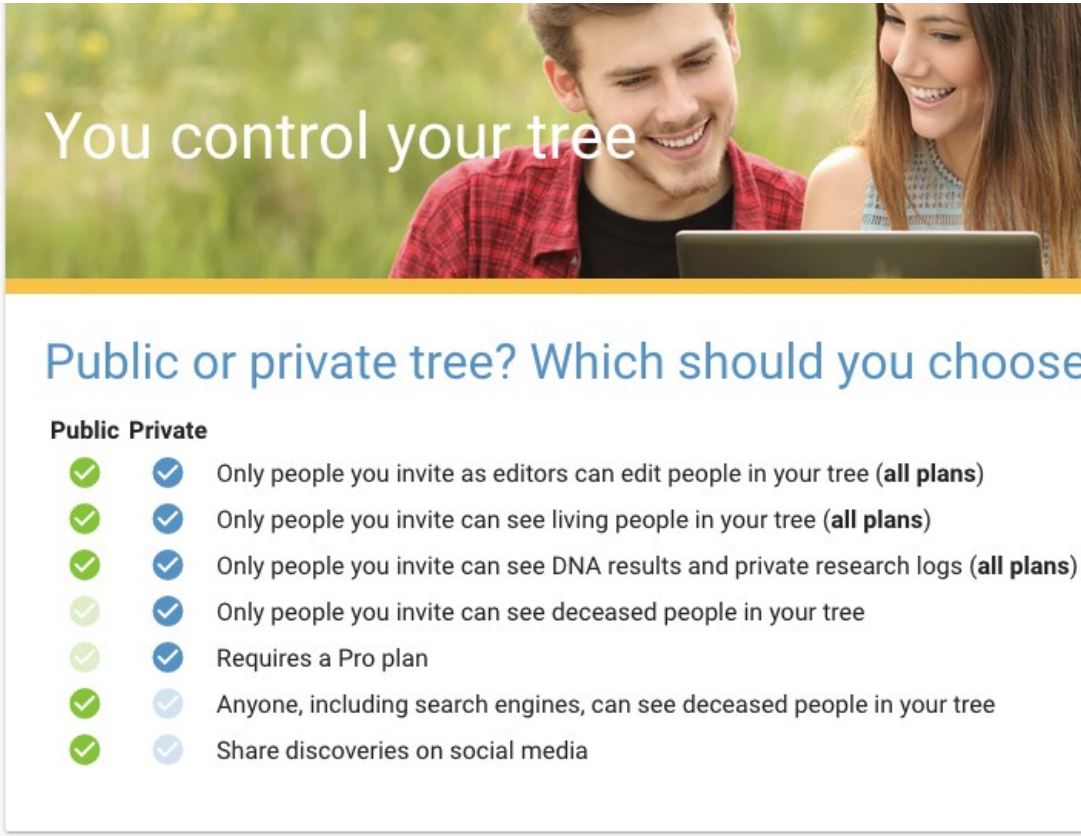
Rootsfinder Public vs Private





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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"

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The 2 Kinds of FamilySearch Trees

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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.

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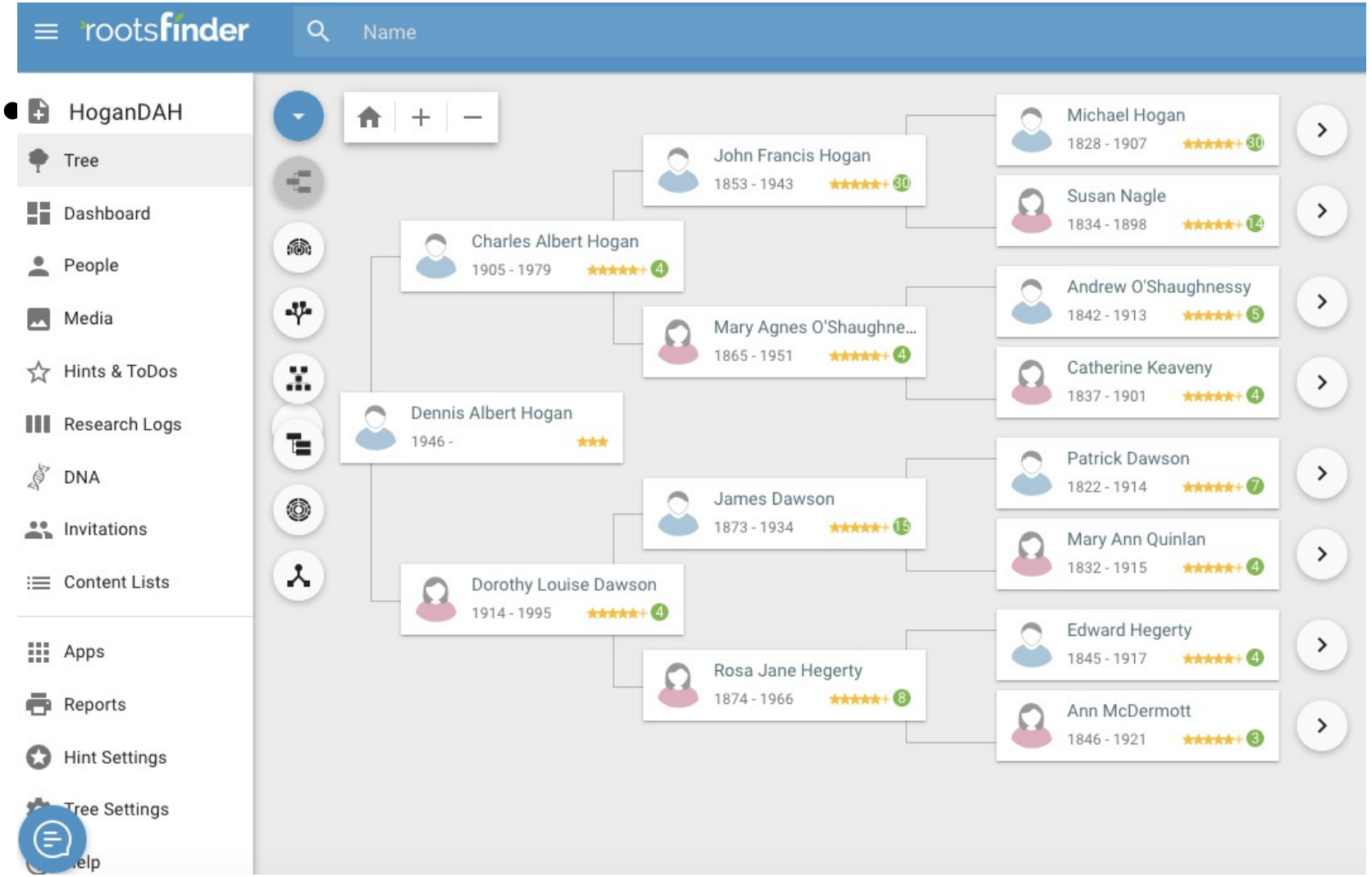
Rootsfinder



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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

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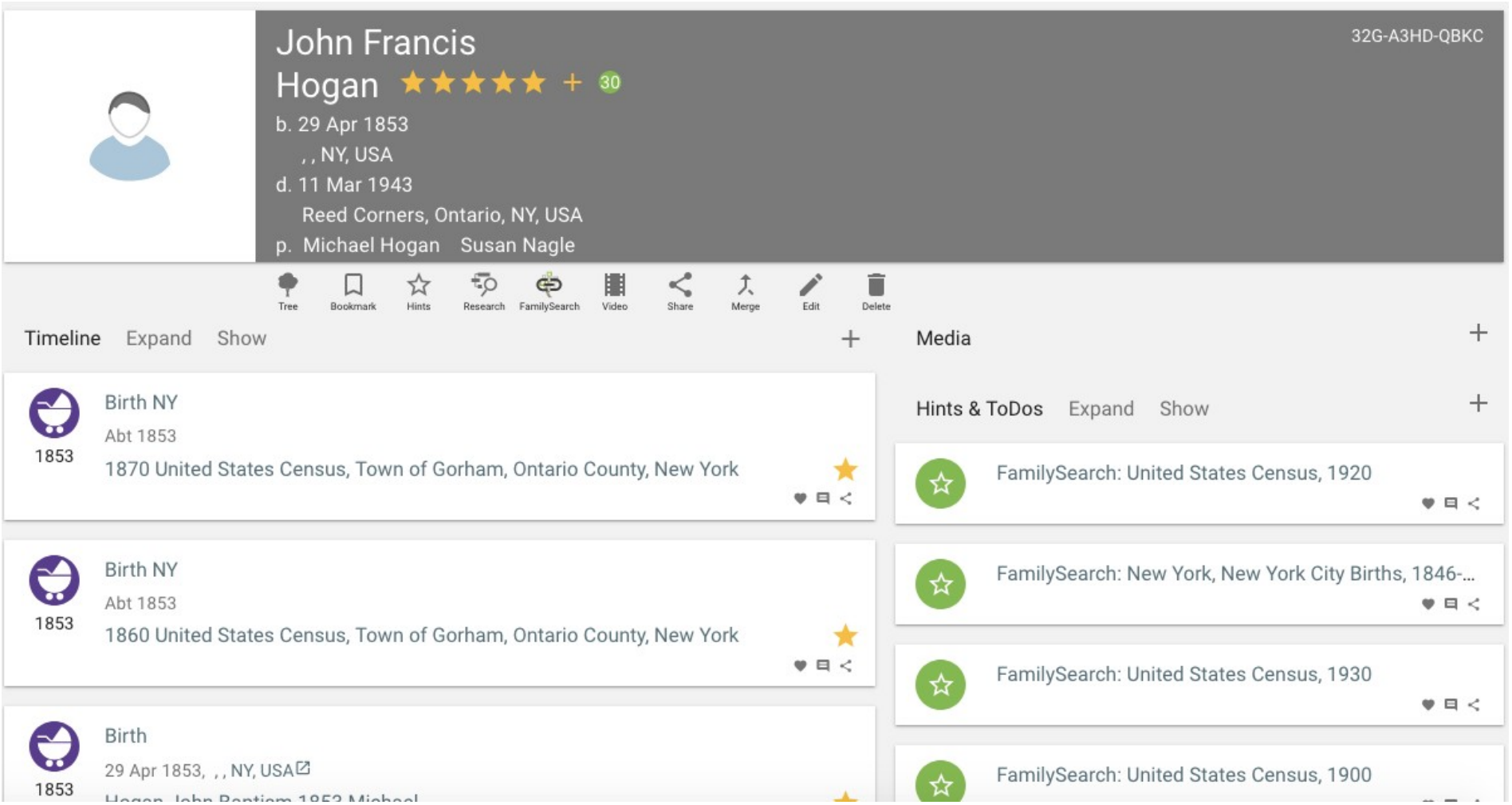
Rootsfinder - Profile



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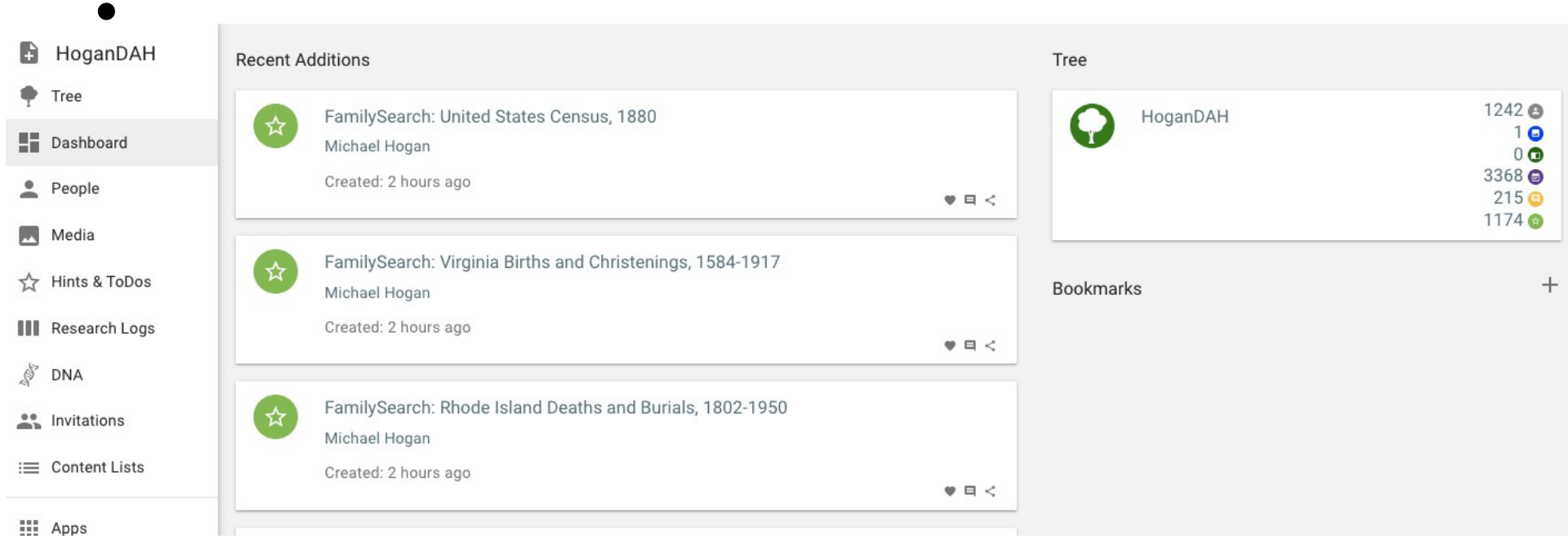
Rootsfinder - Dashboard



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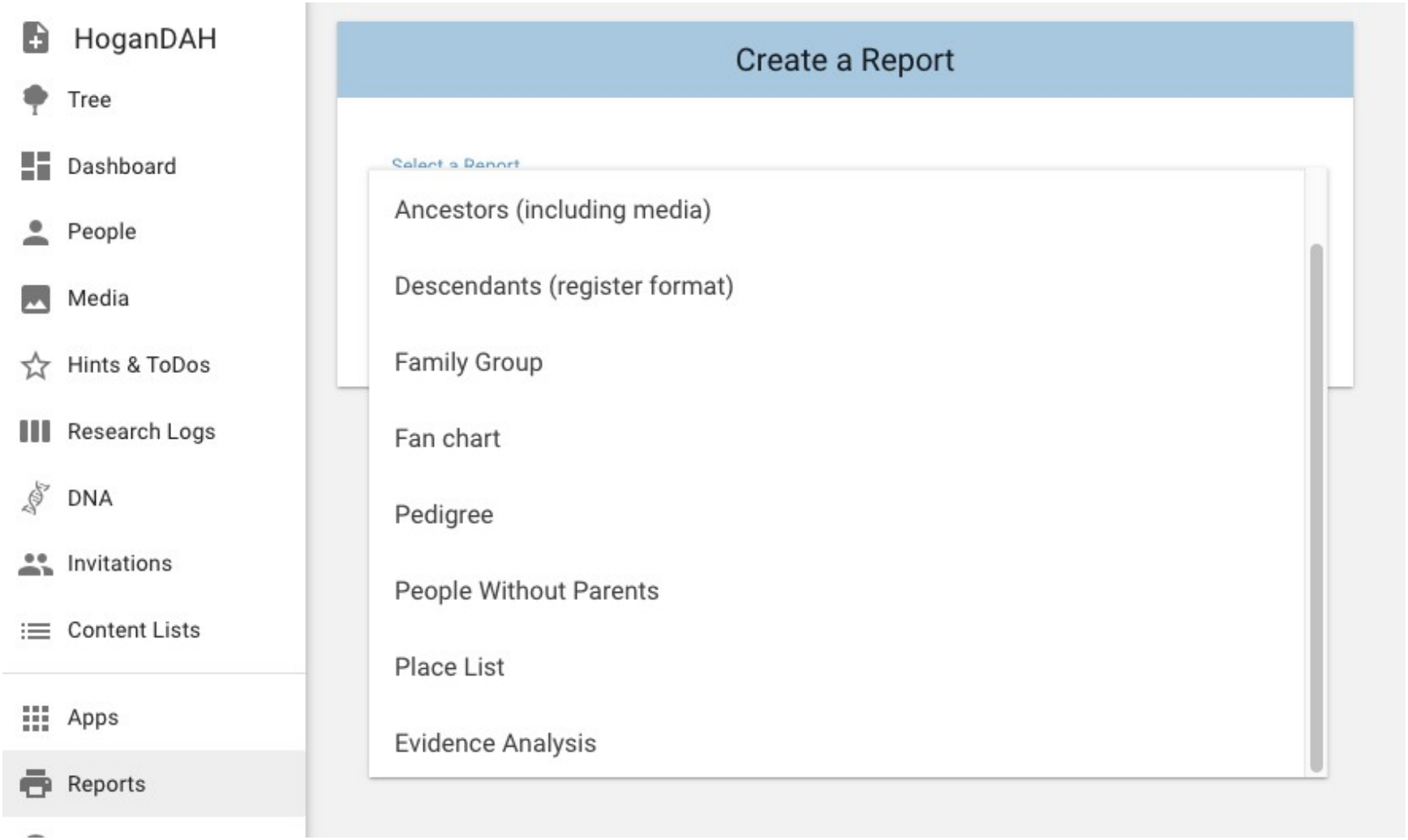

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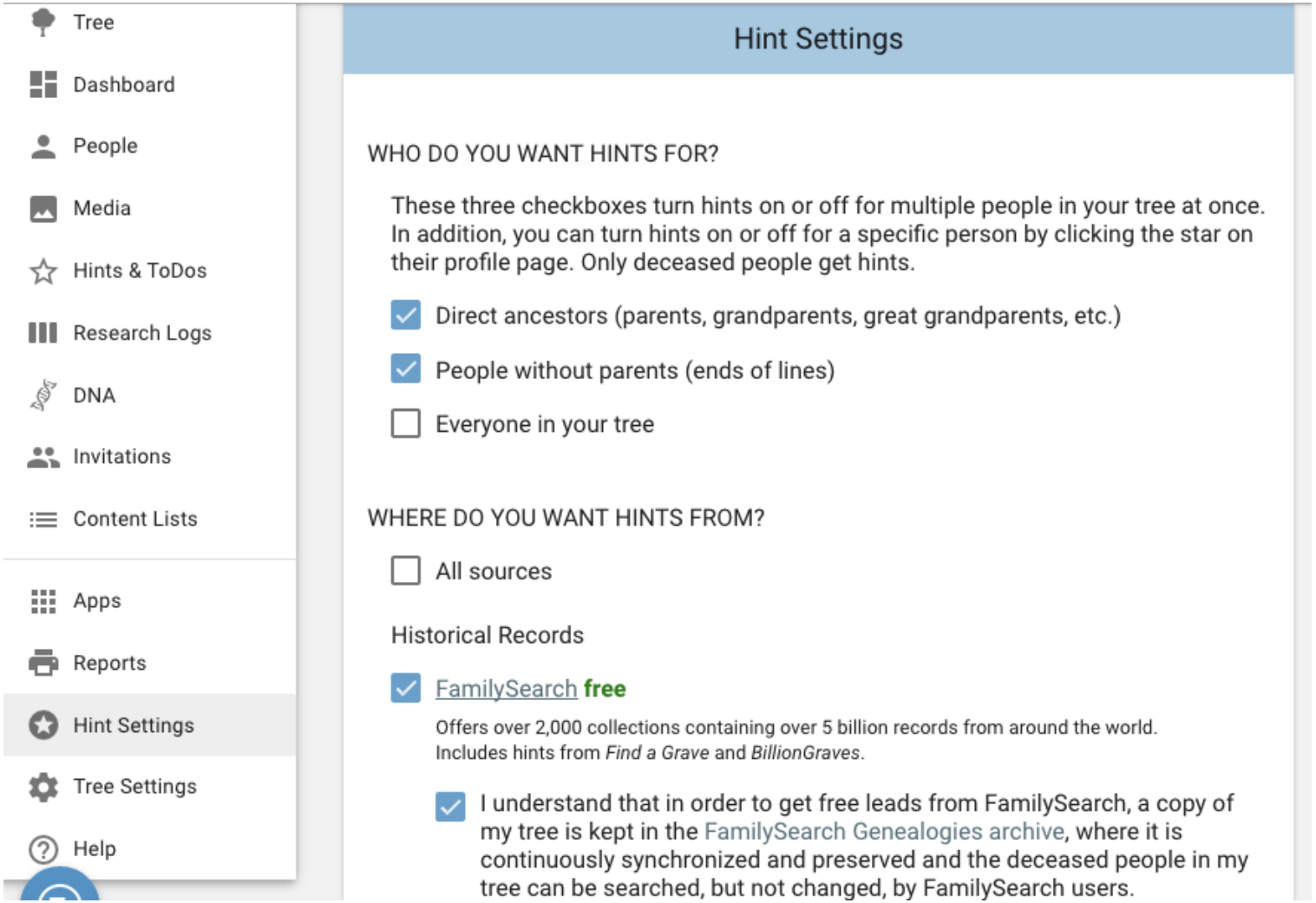
Rootsfinder - Hint Settings



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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

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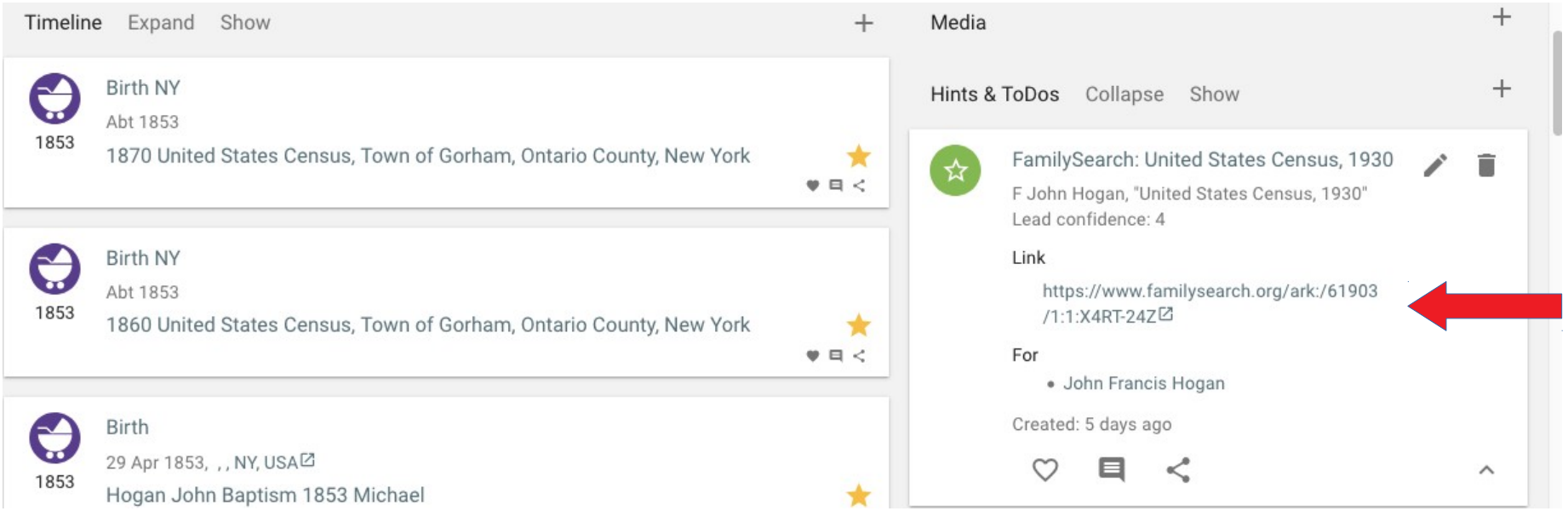
Rootsfinder Web Clipper

- Select a hint, then click on link



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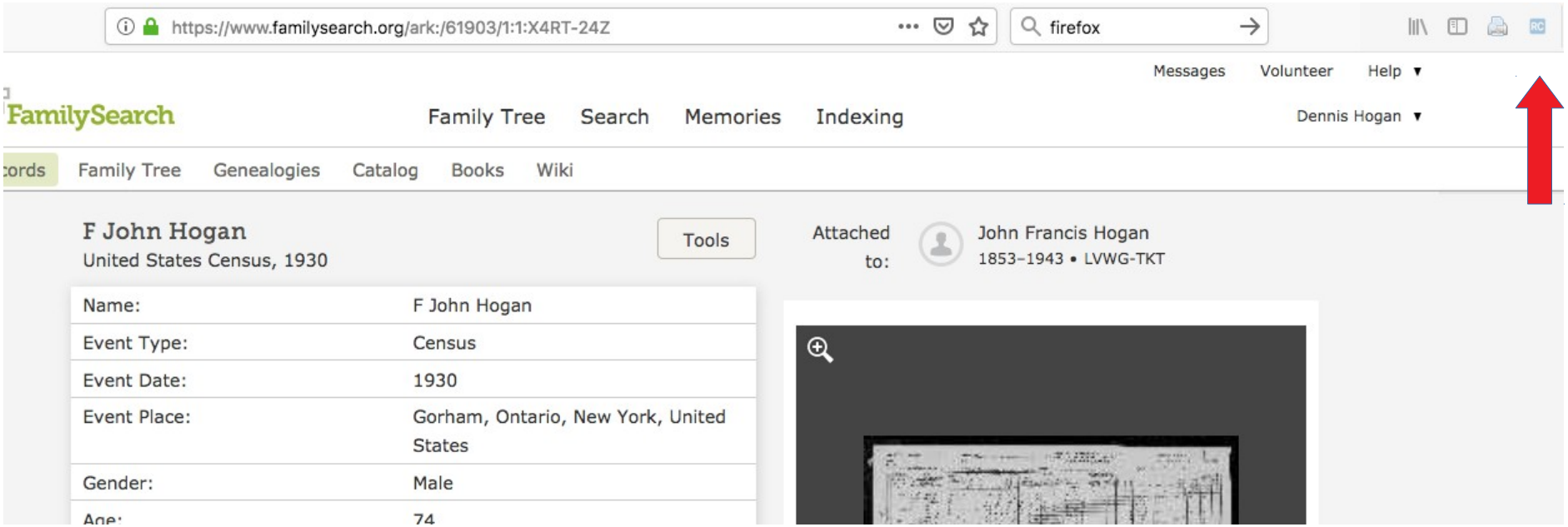
Rootsfinder Web Clipper - Type

- Click on the Web Clipper Icon



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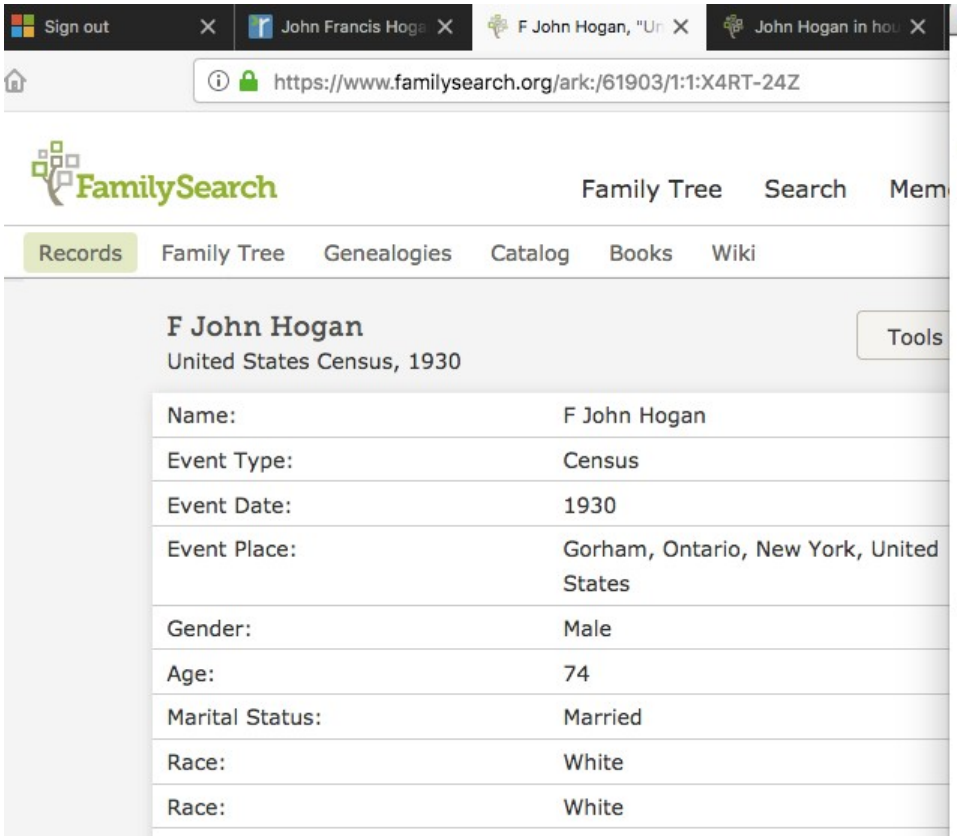

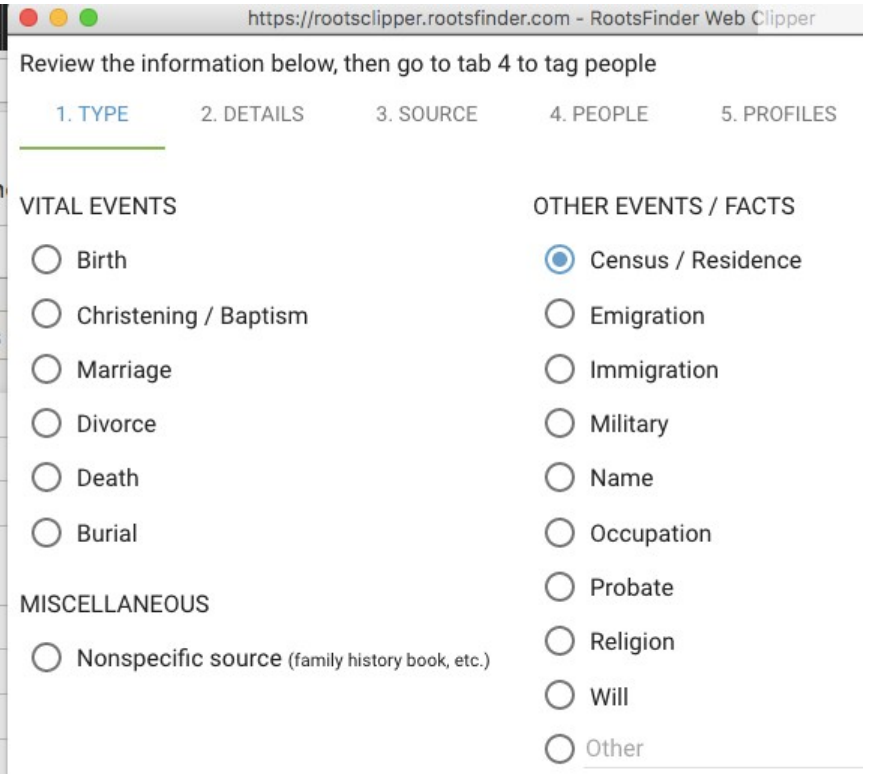

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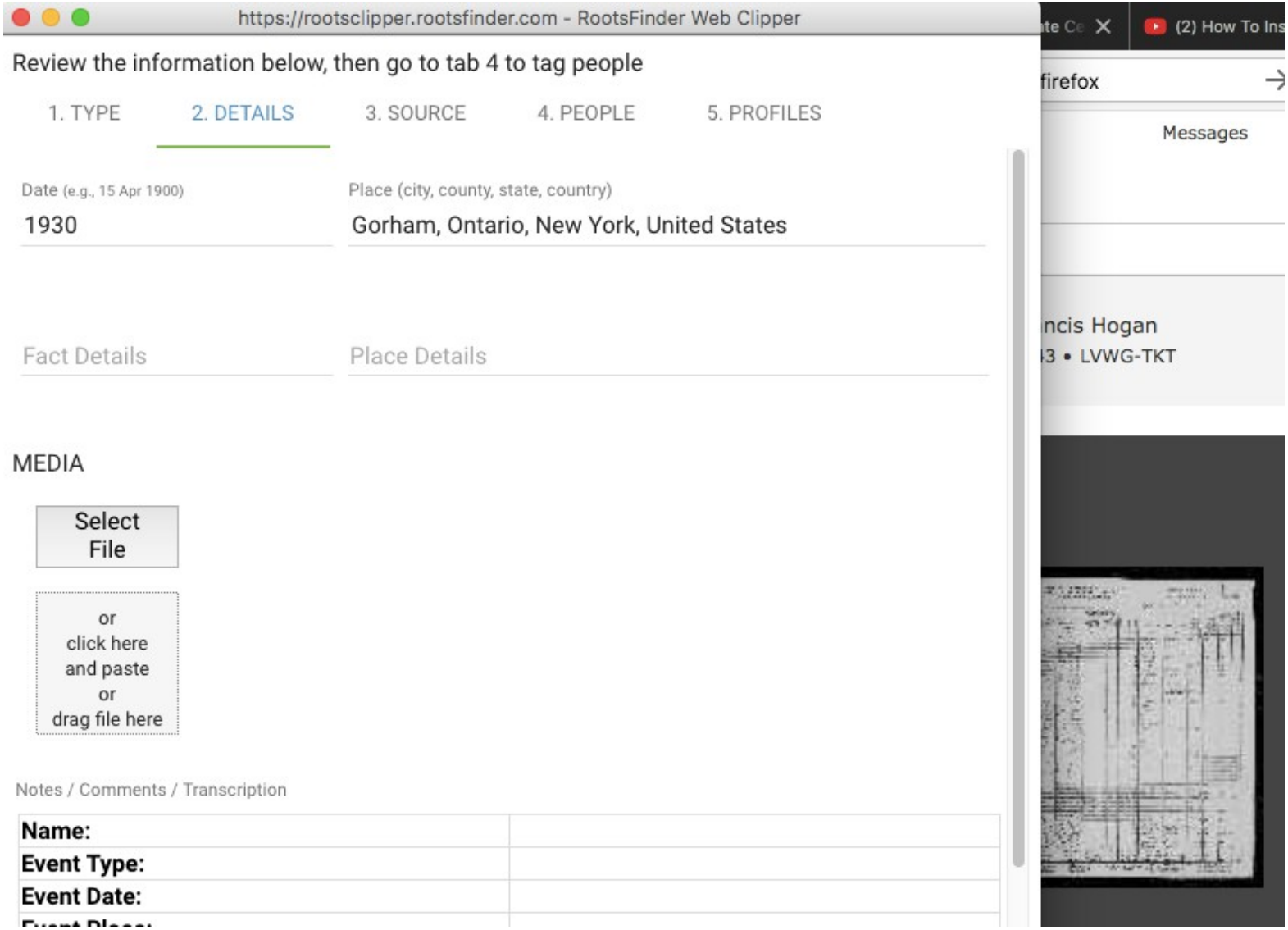
- 

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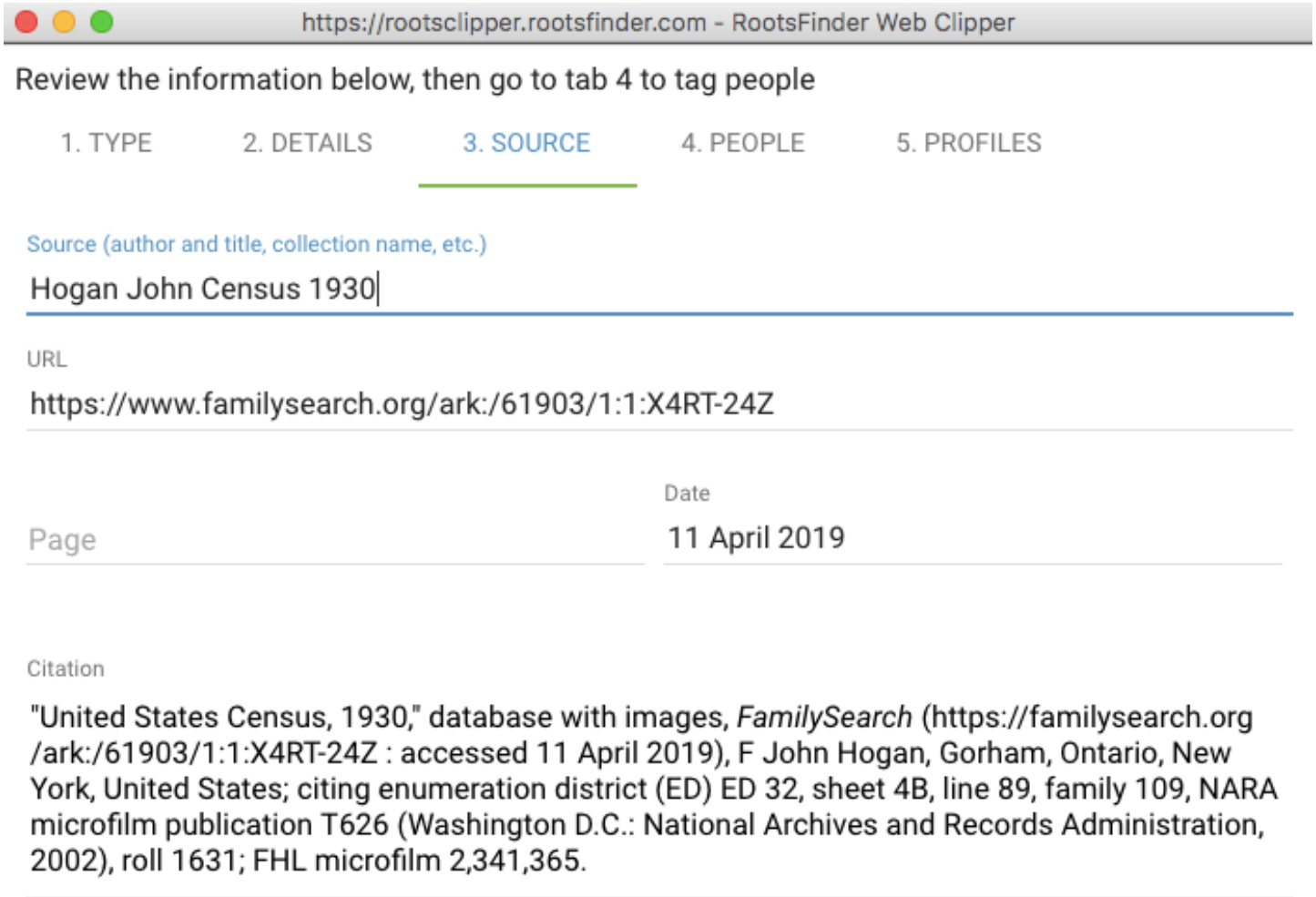

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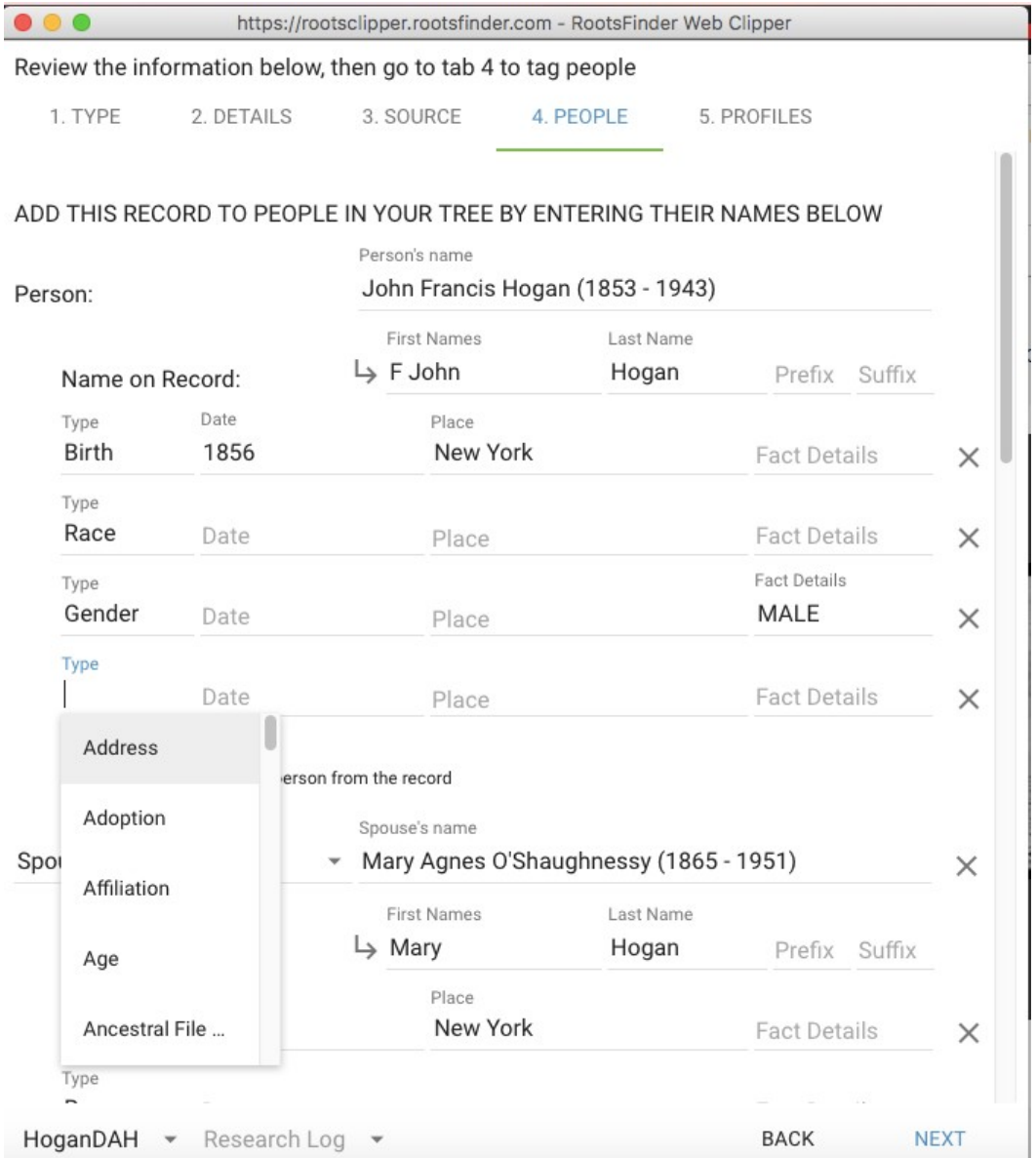
- 

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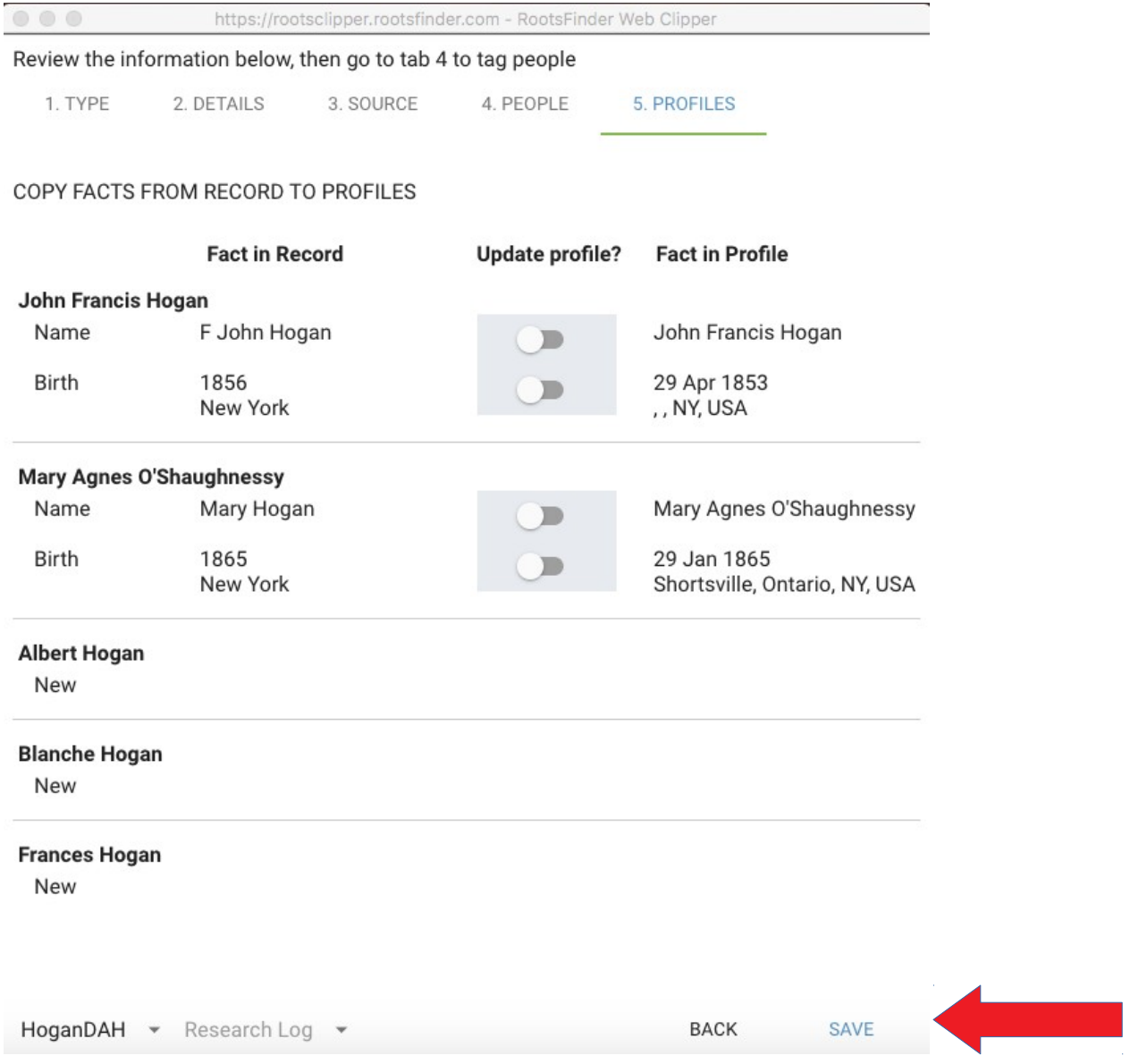

DNA Features

- "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

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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)

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DNA Features

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

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Happy Hunting!

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