

# Preserving Your Genealogy

**What can you do so that your  
genealogical research is  
available after you die?**

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# What do you want to preserve?

- Facts and memories about immediate family?
- Research results for extended family? Including good sources? Photos? Artifacts? Writings? Recordings? Interviews? Places lived? Occupations? Travels? Accomplishments? Stories? Education? One of a kind sources?
- Extensive research along all or selected ancestral branches? Include maternal lines? Include cousins and their descendants? Links to famous people? Links to places of origin?

Find a home for your research

**Family members**

**Historical Society**

**Local Library**

**Genealogical Societies**

## 3 Specific Places that Will Accept your Research

**Library of Congress**

**Allen County Public Library**

**FamilySearch**

**New England Historic Genealogical Society  
(AmericanAncestors.org)**

# Ancestry



If you have built your tree on Ancestry, be sure to

Share your tree with your designated family member.

Here are steps for a family member to follow:

<https://support.ancestry.com/s/article/Managing-a-Deceased-Person-s-Account>

You can also make your tree public. That way , if none of your family members can access your Ancestry account after your death, they will be able to see the tree you have put together.

# Tree Settings

Tree Info Privacy Settings Sharing

## Manage invitees

+ Invite people

Username	Nickname	<i>i</i> Role	<i>i</i> Living Information	Tools
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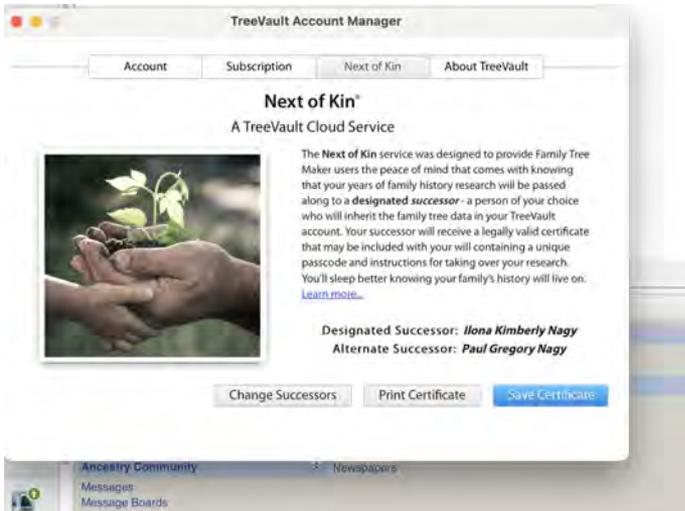
Save Changes

# Family Tree Maker - Beneficiary

Put a Next of Kin Certificate in your Tree Vault Cloud Services

For your tree, go to Plan Tab ->Tree Vault ->Manage Tree Vault Account

**Next of Kin Certificate:** Designate Successor and Alternate Successor



The screenshot displays the 'TreeVault Account Manager' window. At the top, there are four tabs: 'Account', 'Subscription', 'Next of Kin', and 'About TreeVault'. The 'Next of Kin' tab is selected. Below the tabs, the heading 'Next of Kin®' is followed by the subtitle 'A TreeVault Cloud Service'. To the left of the text is an image of two hands holding a small green plant. The main text explains that the service allows users to designate a successor to inherit their family tree data. Below this text, the designated successor is listed as 'Ilona Kimberly Nagy' and the alternate successor as 'Paul Gregory Nagy'. At the bottom of the page, there are three buttons: 'Change Successors', 'Print Certificate', and 'Save Certificate'. The bottom of the window shows a navigation bar with 'Ancestry Community', 'Newspapers', 'Messages', and 'Message Boards'.

TreeVault Account Manager

Account Subscription **Next of Kin** About TreeVault

### Next of Kin®

A TreeVault Cloud Service



The **Next of Kin** service was designed to provide Family Tree Maker users the peace of mind that comes with knowing that your years of family history research will be passed along to a **designated successor** - a person of your choice who will inherit the family tree data in your TreeVault account. Your successor will receive a legally valid certificate that may be included with your will containing a unique passcode and instructions for taking over your research. You'll sleep better knowing your family's history will live on. [Learn more.](#)

**Designated Successor: *Ilona Kimberly Nagy***  
**Alternate Successor: *Paul Gregory Nagy***

Change Successors Print Certificate **Save Certificate**

Ancestry Community Newspapers  
Messages  
Message Boards

# WikiTree



**Add your preferences to your profile. See mine (Hope)**

## **Digital Afterlife**

In the event of my untimely demise I want to be sure that none of my hard work on WikiTree ends up being deleted. While I fully intend on being around to manage all my profiles for the next 50 years or so, to aid WikiTree in the administration of my account should I be incapacitated, or in the event of my death, I hereby give permission for all private profiles I'm managing to be transferred to the following WikiTreer, whether or not he is currently on the Trusted Lists: [Walt Howe](#).

# My Heritage



Invite family to your tree and share with their account

<https://faq.myheritage.com/en/article/the-webmaster-site-creator-has-passed-away-how-can-i-delete-or-take-over-the-account>

**Identify that first degree relative (spouse, sibling, parent, child)**

Contact MyHeritage support team with the following details:

The registered email address of the webmaster who passed away;

The death certificate of the deceased webmaster;

The name of three living relatives on the user's family tree.

# What happens to your DNA when you die

Family Tree DNA allows their customers to designate a beneficiary. After your death, **the designated person can contact FTDNA to gain control of your account and the right to order additional tests on your stored DNA.**

Neither AncestryDNA, 23andMe, nor MyHeritage has a formal beneficiary program.

# FamilyTree DNA

Beneficiary is in

Account Settings

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FamilyTreeDNA

Holiday Sale: [Family Finder + myDNA Wellness \\$69](#) • [Family Finder \\$49](#) • Discounts On [Y-DNA](#) & [mtDNA](#) • Now Through Dec 31st

[? Help](#)

## Account Settings

**ACCOUNT INFORMATION**   GENEALOGY   PRIVACY & SHARING   PROJECT PREFERENCES

NOTIFICATION PREFERENCES

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Contact Information   Password   Beneficiary Information

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[Upload](#)   [Delete](#)

# Technology keeps changing

What if a relative recently died?

<https://dna-explained.com/2019/06/14/dna-testing-the-recently-deceased/>

<https://iltrails.org/can-you-collect-dna-from-a-deceased-person-and-run-the-test/>

# Q&A

Feel free to contact us.

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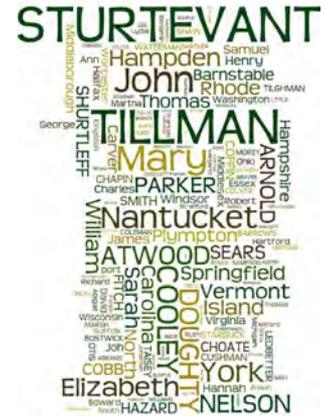
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Slides can be found at <http://www.walthowe.com/genclub>