



## ***PAF Express***

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### **PAF-5 Add-On Programs**

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PAF is one of the favorite .genealogy computer database programs, partly because it can be downloaded for no cost, and partly because it is friendly to the user, and partly because it is easy to get help. There are some missing features found in other software that PAF has coveted. Now there are several programs available that add these features to PAF. These are programs that can be started from the PAF Tools or Help menu but the programs must be purchased.

#### **PAF Companion, Major features of Version 5.2:**

- Add color on some charts
- Basic Family Group Records will print extra spaces for more children, creating a Worksheet
- The Family Group Record can start the notes on a separate page
- Create reports in PDF form, as a file or printed
- View of ancestors, descendants, Hour-Glass and Bow-Tie charts on screen
- Children and their data are available in the Ahnentafel report
- Compare PAF data with records in Pedigree Resource File
- You can run Personal Ancestral File (PAF) without exiting PAF Companion
- You can use the program with the 3.x, 4.x, and 5.x

PAF Companion was originally created to be used with PAF 3, which was still a DOS program. With printers that could only handle files created from Windows applications, PAF 3 reports and charts couldn't be printed. Progeny, a Canadian company, created PAF-Mate to print PAF reports and charts on Windows only printers. PAF Companion, distributed by the LDS church, was released a short time later.

#### **Twelve charts or reports are available:**

- Family Group Record
- Standard Family Group Record
- Kinship Report
- Hourglass Chart\* (ancestors and descendants of chosen person)
- Ancestors
- Ancestor Chart (Box)\*
- Fan Chart\*
- Ahnentafel Report
- Bow Tie Chart\* (Maternal and Paternal ancestors)
- Descendant Chart (Box)\*
- Outline Descendant Report
- Register Report \*color can be added

Some of these charts can be very large. You can print them on single pages and tile them together

to create a large chart. You can vary the size of your chart and preview to make sure you can read the text. You have a choice of what data to include in your report, and a choice of format. You can also publish the chart to PDF format and save it to a disk. Many copy shops have printers that will accommodate paper up to 36 or 48 inches wide and can use a PDF format to print your chart on a single sheet. Find what the copy shop requires before you create a large report.

The files with boxes have many color options. You can add color with a choice of coloring by generation, by your four major lineages, or by gender. A default set of colors is available or you can choose your own color scheme.

A preview of your chart can be shown using the PDF Format. You have a choice of printing to your printer, or clicking on Publish and saving your chart in PDF format, and displaying the file on your computer screen. The Ahnentafel (Ancestors) and Register (Descendants) Books are not saved in the PDF format.

If you have the Pedigree Resource File Master Index on your computer, PAF Companion will also compare names in your records with the Master Index. This is faster than comparing manually and you can print a list of the CDs where data for your ancestor can be found with the PIN for each individual.

PAF always creates a Family Group Record with the husband's data first and then the wife's data. With PAF Companion, if the wife is highlighted to be the main person in the Family View, (colored yellow in the Name field), she will appear first in the Family Group. The two printed family groups are very different. The "Family Group Record" uses a format similar to that of PAF, but the "Standard Family Group" version is different because each event has its own line. In both of these printable records, you can add spaces for more children (a worksheet), and choose to include notes and sources.

The Hour-Glass Chart displays both maternal and paternal ancestors spreading out from a selected person. The Kinship Report displays the relationships of relatives to a chosen person. It can be a very big chart but there are options to help you achieve a smaller size.

Along with the usual format, PAF Companion will create a Fan Chart as a half circle, a full circle or a quarter circle. The name is included, as well as a birth year and death year. Although it does not give full data for a person, it is helpful to introduce your ancestors to a non-genealogist.

The pedigree chart can have 4, 5, or 6 generations per page and you can specify the number of generations to print. If your data for the pedigree chart won't fit on the page, the program will reduce the text font so it will fit.

The program is available from FamilySearch.org in two formats. At "Download Software Free" you can download the free evaluation version with most of the features of the full program. If you decide to unlock (purchase) the program, the "Unlock" button displays a phone number to LDS Church Distribution Services where you pay by credit card and get the key to unlock the full program for \$6.75. At "Download Software," you can order a CD that includes PAF 5.2.18 for \$8.25.

### **PAF Pal**

The developer of this program, Steve Cannon, was prominent in the early development of PAF. He developed PAF-Pal to work inside PAF and includes features that PAF doesn't have. It runs from the

Tools menu in PAF.

**The release of PAF-PAF 5.2 includes these features:**

- Display photos for spouse and parents in the "Family View" screen, instead of just the individual
- Changes the arrow at the left of the child's name in the "Family View" screen to a bullet symbol when the child has a spouse, but no children
- Search and Replace for names, Notes, and LDS Temple Codes
- Search and replace parts of names
- Expand abbreviations of US states, Canadian provinces, and/or Great Britain counties
- Abbreviate all names of US States, Canadian provinces, and/or Great Britain Counties
- Do Search and Replace in all notes
- Enables Internet Searches for Ancestry.com, Genealogy.com, and RootsWeb.com
- Displays or prints statistics about the people in your file such as the number of descendants of a person by blood line or included spouses of descendants or demographics about names in the file
- Add or remove USA or U.S.A. (your choice) from places in the United States
- Clear Custom ID fields, Ancestral File Numbers, or all LDS fields
- Creates reports of changes after fields are changed or cleared

If you were a user of PAF 2 and miss the songs that were in that version, they are in PAF-PAL, with a few more added.

You can order PAF-Pal from [Ohanasoftware.com](http://Ohanasoftware.com), [RootsMagic.com](http://RootsMagic.com), or order directly from Pal-Software, 1065 West 10210 South, South Jordan, Utah, 84095. The price is \$18.00 with an additional \$1.19 sales tax for Utah residents; \$2.00 for shipping outside the USA. Go to: [www.ohanasoftware.com](http://www.ohanasoftware.com). It is also available from Computer Genealogy Specialists at [www.cgslink.com](http://www.cgslink.com) on CD incase you need to reinstall the program. Discounts are available when you order PAF-PAL along with PAF-Insight.

**PAFWiz**

The developer of PAFWiz is Gayland Findley, the developer of Ancestral Quest. AQ was the first database structure for PAF as a Windows program – PAF 4. Ancestral Quest has since added many new features and currently has provided PAFWiz to allow PAF users the use of these features. PAFWiz is installed to be run from the PAF 5 Tools menu, or click on the PAFWiz icon on the desktop and it will bring up a PAF file.

**Features of PAFWiz include:**

- Searches the Online IGI
- Name List: columns of information for each name in the file.
- Sort the list using any column with a click on the column label (sort by place name, death place, or another column headings)
- Family View has Arrows (Chevrons) at the left of a child's name (one for descendants, outline for no descendants, and two if you came to page via this child)
- Family View will show relationships of names on the screen to a selected person
- Scrapbook can be exported to another program with an option to include the photos
- Search the Online IGI to add data to your files and access LDS Temple Ordinances if you are registered
- Search Ancestry.com: in free sections and if you are a subscriber in those sections
- Pedigree Chart can add pages of notes for the names on the pedigree chart.

- Print reports to PDF files
- Print fan charts up to 13 generations paper 4 feet wide
- Print a line-of-descent drop line chart
- Help to create a Web Page
- Enhance existing PAF reports and charts with more options
- Print book reports to WordPerfect

The Help sections describe many other features. Among these is a help for GEDCOM files. It describes a method to verify that a GEDCOM file that you are sending will include what you want and exclude what you don't want.

You can order PAFWiz from: [www.ancquestcom/pafwiz](http://www.ancquestcom/pafwiz). You can download the full program for \$19.95, or order a CD for \$24.95 plus shipping.

### **PAF Insight**

PAF Insite is recommended to genealogy users of all levels because of the many useful functions, which include:

- Compares a PAF database with the IGI on FamilySearch. org and updates the database with the touch of a button
- Compares individuals from two PAF databases and selectively updates either one
- Merges duplicate individuals within a database
- Changes RIN numbers for selected individuals in a PAF database
- Repairs internal database errors
- Compacts and reassigns RIN numbers starting with 1 and using all RIN numbers.

The program has a good built-in help file. The user must have PAF 5 running in order to use PAF Insite.

This popular program is a product of OhanaSoftware at [www.ohanasoftware.com](http://www.ohanasoftware.com), and also available from Computer Genealogy Specialists at [www.cgslink.com](http://www.cgslink.com) on CD, in case you need to reinstall the program.