

Share Your Genealogy & Collaborate With Relatives Online Using PhpGedView

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Introduction

PhpGedView is a free internet-based genealogy program that you can use to setup your own family history website, edit data online, share source documents, media and histories while collaborating with relatives working on the same family lines.

PhpGedView can do all of the things that a typical desktop genealogy program can do, but it runs over the internet and YOU control the content. It will also be able to sync with the new FamilySearch.

PHPGEDVIEW Viewing Features

There are charts, graphs, and lists in the program that provide many ways to work with and navigate your family tree.

When you first come to a PhpGedView website, you will see a welcome page. The welcome page features news items related to that tree, featured pictures, and favorite people in the GEDCOM. It is viewable by anyone who looks at the website.

At the top of every page is the menu bar which is used to navigate the site.

As you mouse over the Menu Icons, drop down menus will appear with links to different areas of the website.

From the help menu icon, you can get help for any of the features on the page you are looking at. Notice that small help icons (a question mark - ?) also appear next to certain features. Clicking on those will give you specific help for that feature.

The pedigree chart is a basic component of family history record keeping.

The PhpGedView pedigree chart includes some special features like the magnification glass that shows you more details on each individual when you click on it. Anytime you click on an individual's name, you will be taken to that person's individual page.

The individual page has several tabs with different information about the person. The first tab has all the personal facts and details.

The Close Relatives tab lists the person's parents and siblings as well as all spouses and children. This is a convenient way to move around between family members.

From this tab, you can also link to the family group page by clicking on the View Family Link.

In the upper right hand corner of the individual page is another drop down menu which links you to charts and reports for that individual. (These menus are unlike the

main menus which are always based from the root person chosen by the site administrator.)

Online Editing Features

The online editing features of PhpGedView are only available when you are logged in to a PhpGedView website.

Once you log in, you will have privileges to see other areas and information not available to everyone, like info on living people.

Once you are logged in as a user with editing privileges, you will see additional editing features and menus on the screens.

For simple and quick updates you should use the “Quick Update” page. The “Quick Update” screen may be helpful for users who may not know very much about genealogy or working with computers.

Whenever you make changes online, they are not viewable by users until they have been accepted.

However, the editing users may view the old and the new data displayed together on the page. The old data is outlined in red, and the new information is outlined in blue until approved by a site administrator.

Having editing features online has many benefits. First, no matter where you are or on what computer, you are always working on your main data.

Those interested in the research will always have access to the latest and greatest information. It also means that we have a much simplified way to collaborate with others working on the same family lines.

PhpGedView Homepage: <http://www.PhpGedView.net>

Examples of Sites Using PhpGedView : <http://www.PhpGedView.net/registry.php>