

Goldie May is genealogy research software to help you do more genealogy in less time. As opposed to being a new place for your tree, it's a place for your work in progress — all your projects, tasks, research logs, bookmarks, citations, comments, and hypotheses.

Features built for genealogists

Automatic research log

Use one-click logging or log everything automatically if you'd like. Save screenshots. Write abstracts, comments, and citations. Search and export your research log.

Project management

Organize your research into projects by family line or by client. Each project has an objectives, research subjects, notes, tasks, and a research log.

Timeline analysis

See the events of your ancestors' lives plotted by time and place. Check the soundness of your research and reveal problem areas. Compare family members and generations. View censuses and boundary changes in context.

Source analysis on a visual canvas

Drop images onto a visual canvas, like you had printed them and placed them on your kitchen table. Draw lines between them. Make connections. Sort out tricky situations, like pre-1850 research.

Fast navigation

Search by time and place, then quickly jump to relevant collections like censuses, vital records, and newspapers found on various providers' sites.

Bookmark multiple windows & tabs

Save a snapshot of everything you've opened in your browser. Call it rabbit hole insurance. No more worries about losing your tabs if your computer restarts.

Locality research

Quickly jump to place-based resources on the FamilySearch Wiki, FamilySearch Catalog, The Family History Guide, and the collections of the other large providers.

Research planning

Build up a list of tasks you'll do, and leads you'll pursue, based on relevant collections for your subject.

Uses cases

Want to do more genealogy in less time?

If your genealogy work benefits from maximum efficiency, e.g. flat-rate client work or forensic research, Goldie May has at least 5 features to help you find resources quickly, then run and re-run searches.

Need to untangle your tree?

Two Goldie May features can help untangle your family tree. This is especially helpful when working on the shared FamilySearch Tree. First, there's a timeline analysis tool called the Subway Map that shows the places your ancestor lived over time that will help you see patterns and spot anomalies in your research. Second, the digital canvas can help you sort out records and make connections.

Need to organize your research?

Keep your research more organized by using Goldie May's projects, research logs, and bookmarking feature. Your data is stored in the cloud so you can access it from home, work, the library, or anywhere you go.

Always wanted to keep a research log but still don't?

Goldie May's research log is intended to be the easiest research log you've ever used. You don't need to copy and paste links to another app. Just turn on automatic logging, or log pages one by one, and Goldie May will copy them into your research log for you.

How to get started

1. Visit <https://www.goldiemay.com/>
2. Click **Install on Chrome** (or Firefox)
3. In the Chrome Web Store, click **Add to Chrome**.
4. At the top right of your browser, look under the jigsaw puzzle icon for Goldie May's black "g" icon. Click the black "g".
5. Sign into Goldie May with your FamilySearch account. You can create a free FamilySearch account if needed.
6. Enjoy Goldie May's free features.
7. Optionally, visit <https://www.goldiemay.com/> to learn more about Goldie May's paid features.

Compatibility

Goldie May is both a browser extension and a software service that works with Chrome, Edge, and Firefox browsers on Windows or Mac computers. Unfortunately, it does not work with phones or tablets, e.g. iPads.

About me

On a personal note, I previously worked as a software engineer and executive at three genealogy companies. Now I'm building Goldie May to be the tool I want for my own genealogy research and for yours.

Goldie is my great-grandmother's name and May comes from a beloved ancestor on my wife's side of the family.

If you have any questions or comments, I'd love to hear from you!

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