

# Exporting a Gedcom file from Family Tree Maker

The steps listed below are illustrated on the following pages showing screen views of the procedure.

## 1 Select Export File from the File menu.

*This is a general procedure and can be used to export a copy of the current file to earlier versions of Family Tree Maker as far back as version 4.0. Note that versions 4.4 and 7.5 used the same file type as versions 4.0 and 7.0 respectively. Here that procedure is extended to making a Gedcom file for export to other genealogy programs.*

## 2 Choose “Gedcom” as the file type

*Make sure you remember both the name and the folder where it is being saved so you can find it later.*

## 3 Enter a name for the file to be created

*Family Tree Maker will assume you want to use the same name as the file you are exporting from. It may be useful to rename it or add a date to remind you when it was created.*

## 4 Choose the type of Gedcom that the recipient needs

*If you don't know what the recipient needs, choose FTM. Choose FTW only if it is being sent to another Family Tree Maker user. The following pages illustrate use of FTW.*

*Current genealogy programs use the default Gedcom version 5.5. Version 4 is for programs earlier than 1997.*

*Indent Records should be left **unchecked** and Abbreviate Tags **checked**.*

## 5 The Gedcom file will be created

*Make sure you take a note of the file name and the folder where it is being created so you can find it later.*

## 6 Sharing the Gedcom file

*If sending the file to someone by email it is a good idea to compress the file using, for example, WinZip or the built in file compression option in Windows XP. Sometimes uncompressed Gedcom files get corrupted during email transmission.*

If you are interested in seeing what a Gedcom file looks like “inside” you can open it in a word processor such as Word. If you do be very careful to save as “plain text” and not a word processor format such as Word “DOC” and “RTF”. Do not edit a Gedcom file unless you fully understand how it works.

# Master Consolidated.FTW - Family Tree Maker 2005


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- New... Ctrl+N
- Open... Ctrl+O
- Close...
- Append/Merge...
- Export File** ▶
- Export Family View... ▶
- Backup...
- Restore From Backup...
- Save View...
- Save View As...
- Open Saved View...
- Print Setup...
- Print Family View... Ctrl+P
- Batch Print Family View/Notes...
- Scrapbook Print Preview
- Preferences...
- Privatize File...
- 1 E:\Data\FTW\Master Consolidated.FTW
- 2 E:\Data\FTW\Strays test.FTW
- 3 E:\...\...\Strays 1730 all as Leeding.FTW
- 4 E:\Temp\Oregon.FTW
- Exit

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- Entire File...
- Selected Individuals...
- Copy/Export Individuals...

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# New Family File



Please supply a name for the copy of your Family File.

Save in:

Data



Recent



Desktop



My Computer



My Network Places

- 2002
- Accounts
- BK
- CLOWN
- FH Book
- FTW
- MOO
- Notes
- PageMaker
- RootsMagic
- Word Docs



File name:

Save

Save as type:

Family Tree Maker (\*.FTW)

Cancel

Help

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File name:

Save as type: Family Tree Maker (\*.FTW)

Save  
Cancel

- Family Tree Maker (\*.FTW)
- Family Tree Maker 4.0 (\*.FTW)
- Family Tree Maker 5.0 (\*.FTW)
- Family Tree Maker 6.0 (\*.FTW)
- Family Tree Maker 7.0 (\*.FTW)
- Family Tree Maker 8.0 (\*.FTW)
- Family Tree Maker 9.0 (\*.FTW)
- Family Tree Maker 10.0 (\*.FTW)
- Family Tree Maker 11.0 (\*.FTW)
- FTM for DOS - uses GEDCOM (\*.GED)
- GEDCOM (\*.GED)**

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File name:

Filename.GED

Save as type:

GEDCOM (\*.GED)

Save

Cancel

Help

## Export to GEDCOM

### File Type

Destination:

FTM

GEDCOM:

Version 5.5

Charter set:

ANSI



Do not change these options if you are exporting this file for use in another program.

Indent records

Abbreviate tags

OK

Cancel

Help

## Export to GEDCOM

File Type

Destination:

FTM

GEDCOM:

FTM

FTW

TempleReady

Charter set:

PAF

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Indent records

Abbreviate tags

OK

Cancel

Help

## GEDCOM Export Finished



Your file has been exported in GEDCOM format to  
E:\Data\Filename.GED.

OK

