Family Archives Companion Set

This Companion Set contains 8 popular CDs from our collection of over 100 Family Archive CDs.

Before You Start

Before using the CDs in this booklet, please install Family Tree Maker® using the program installation CD. Then browse through the FamilyFinder™ Index. You will find the FamilyFinder™ Index and the program installation on the 2 CDs located in the plastic CD-ROM case.

FamilyFinder™ Index

The FamilyFinder Index helps you determine which Family Archive CDs contain information about your ancestors. The Family Archive CDs are a collection of over 100 CD-ROMs filled with names and data from U.S. census indexes, linked family pedigrees, marriage records, military records, church and cemetery records, Social Security death records, the World Family Tree, and more.

We have combined the indexes of these CDs into one master index called the FamilyFinder Index. This master index lists over 170 million names. Once you find ancestors in the FamilyFinder Index, you can find additional, detailed information about each person in our collection of more than 100 Family Archive CDs. They speed up your research beyond the pace of traditional family history research by providing immediate access to information about your ancestors.

Social Security Death Index

Compiled from decades of Death Benefit and Railroad Pension records, these two Social Security Death Index CDs contain vital information such as birth date, death date, Social Security number, and zip code of last known residence for approximately 55 million individuals. If you have relatives who died in the U.S. during the 20th century, you're almost certain to find them listed in this massive resource.

World Family Tree™

Some of your distant relatives may have already traced branches of your family tree — and they could be on these very World Family Tree CDs. The 5 CDs contain a huge collection of actual family trees contributed by customers from the U.S. and overseas — more than 15 million people in 27,000 family trees. Finding just one of your ancestors on these CDs could instantly reveal entire new branches of your family tree! The World Family Tree has already touched thousands of lives, reuniting long-lost relatives and helping people everywhere trace their family trees faster.

More Information Online

For more information about our Family Archive CDs, visit our Web site at www.familytreemaker.com or refer to our Genealogy How-To Guide on the Family Tree Maker installation CD.

U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900

This Family Archive contains marriage record information for approximately 1,400,000 individuals from the United States and thirty-two different countries around the world. These records, which include information on more than 500 years of marriages, were compiled by professional genealogist Bill Yates. This unique collection of records was extracted from a variety of sources including family group sheets and electronic databases. Originally, the information was derived from an array of materials including pedigree charts, family history articles, letters, Bible records, biographies, and other sources. One of the most important and useful features of this Family Archive is that once you find an ancestor, you have the opportunity to quickly and easily obtain a great deal more information about that individual (and potentially that individual's entire family) by contacting Yates Publishing. Researching just with this Family Archive, however, you may be able to learn the full names of the bride and groom, their birth dates, the year and/or month they were married, and the marriage location.

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