

# WikiTree User manual

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## Join us in growing The Free Family Tree.

- ★ There are many personal [benefits of membership](#) but everyone in our community shares one [mission: to connect the human family.](#)
- ★ Modern family history on WikiTree is private. As you go back in time the [privacy controls](#) open up.
- ★ Collaboration between genealogists is kept enjoyable and productive through a simple [nine-point honor code.](#)

GENEALOGISTS FAMILY MEMBERS

WikiTree for Family Members of Genealogists

GET STARTED

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New to WikiTree? You will need to [Register](#)

## Interface

- Navigation Page
- Profile Page
- Edit Tab
- Images Tab
- Family Tree Tab
- Changes Tab
- Privacy Tab

## Searching

## Problem Solving

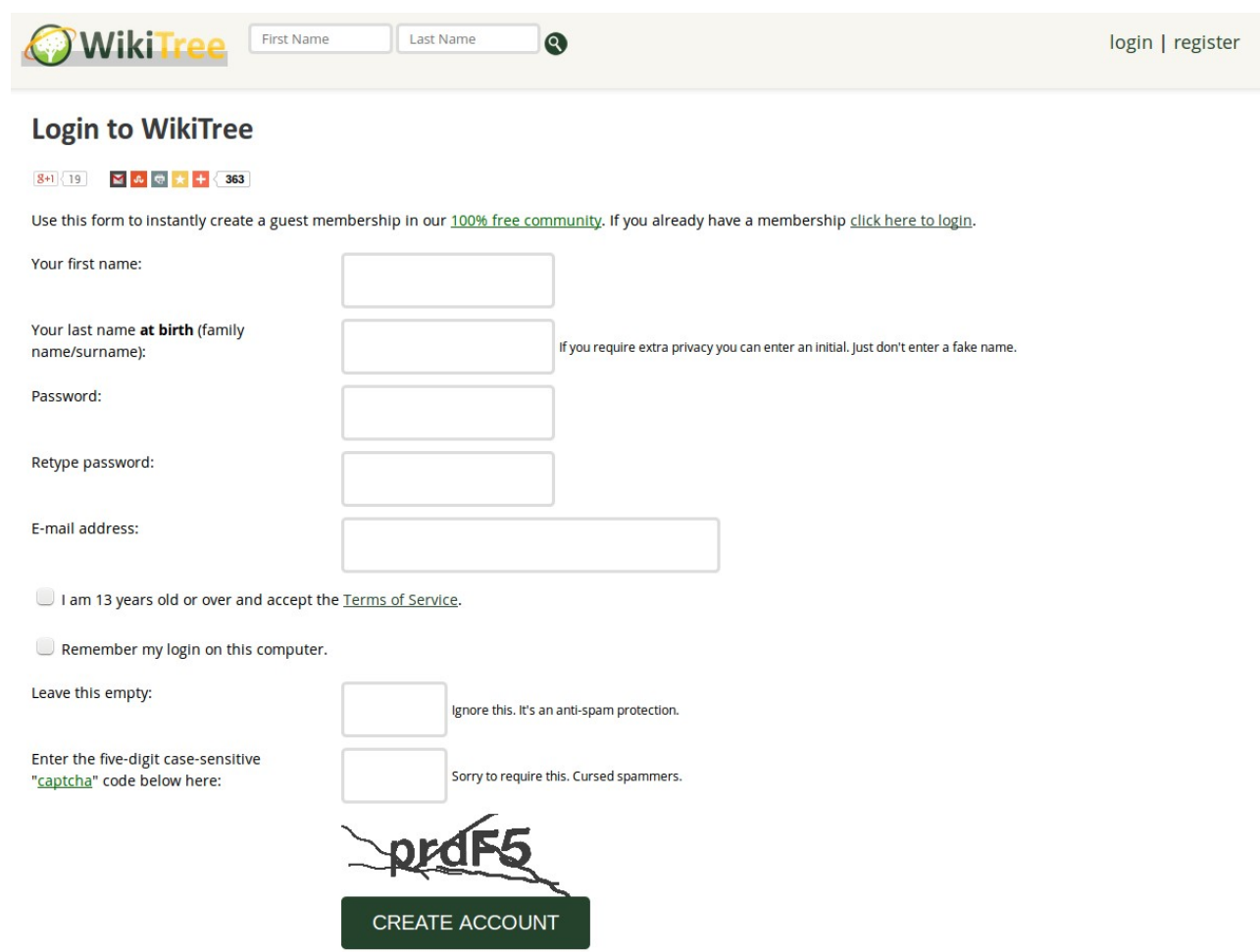
## WikiTree Projects

## Style Guide

## Collaborating

# Registering

The main WikiTree page is at <http://www.wikitree.com>



The screenshot shows the WikiTree registration page. At the top, there is a search bar with "First Name" and "Last Name" fields and a magnifying glass icon. To the right, there are links for "login" and "register". Below the search bar, the heading "Login to WikiTree" is displayed. Underneath, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and LinkedIn, along with a "363" count. The main registration form consists of several fields: "Your first name:", "Your last name at birth (family name/surname):" (with a note: "If you require extra privacy you can enter an initial. Just don't enter a fake name."), "Password:", "Retype password:", and "E-mail address:". There are two checkboxes: "I am 13 years old or over and accept the Terms of Service." and "Remember my login on this computer.". Below these are two CAPTCHA fields: "Leave this empty:" (with a note: "Ignore this. It's an anti-spam protection.") and "Enter the five-digit case-sensitive 'captcha' code below here:" (with a note: "Sorry to require this. Cursed spammers."). The CAPTCHA image shows the text "prdf5" over a tree branch. At the bottom of the form is a green "CREATE ACCOUNT" button.

You are welcome to “try out” WikiTree, but you will need to register. When registering your profile page will be Private, so there will be only limited personal information available to anyone viewing it. Living people are always treated as Private. All that will be visible will be your first and last name and middle initial (if entered). A birth date displayed is only shown as the decade in which it is. No other identifying information that you might have entered is visible to the general public.

After creating you account you will be asked to “sign” the [Honor code](#).

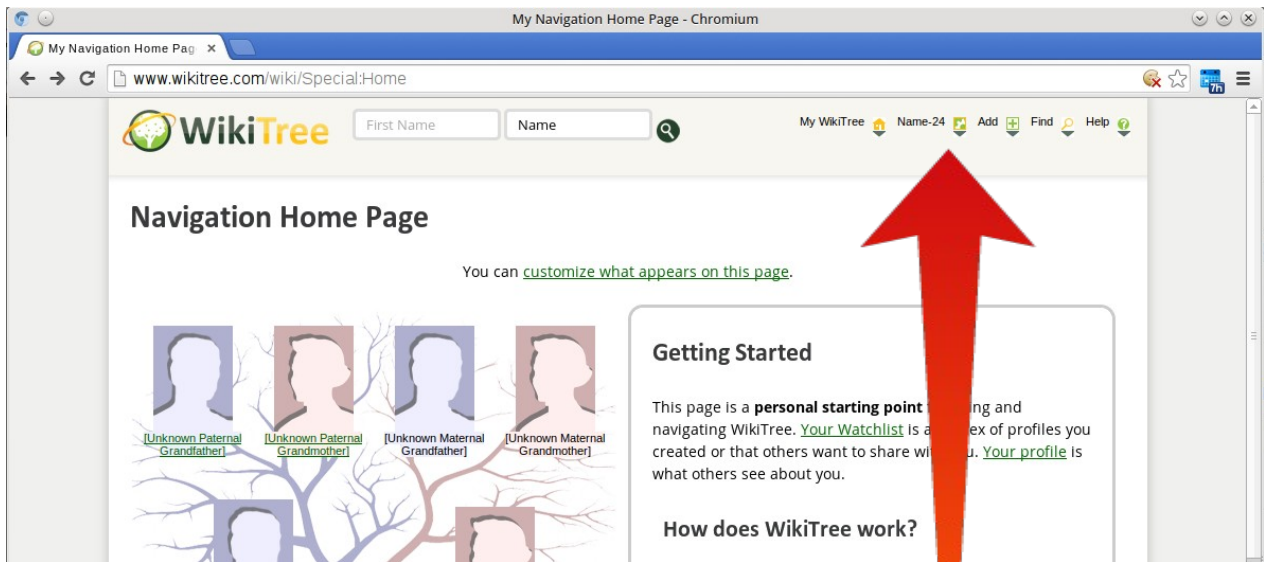
## Wiki Genealogist Honor Code

WikiTree is free, but it's not a free-for-all. Our wiki genealogy community is creating something special: a single, shared family tree that will make genealogy free and accessible for everyone. This grand project requires **mutual trust** and a **common understanding** of how the community works.






If you were invited by a family member and are just creating or editing a few private family profiles, the following isn't critical. Those who participate at a higher level must agree to this shared code of ethics and principles.

### Our Honor Code

1. **We collaborate.** When we share ancestors we work together on the [same](#) ancestor profiles.
2. We care about **accuracy**. We're always aiming to improve upon our worldwide family tree and fix mistakes.
3. We know mistakes are inevitable. We don't want to be afraid to make them. We **assume that mistakes are unintentional** when others make them and ask for the same understanding.
4. We know misunderstandings are inevitable. We try to minimize them by being **courteous to everyone**, even those who don't act accordingly.
5. We respect **privacy**. We [privacy-protect](#) anything we think our family members might not want public. If that's not enough for someone, we delete their personal information.
6. We respect **copyrights**. We don't knowingly copy information that's owned by someone else. If we ourselves want to preserve a copyright, we're clear about what's copyrighted so others don't accidentally copy it.
7. We give **credit**. Although most genealogy isn't copyrighted, researchers deserve credit for the work they've done.
8. We cite **sources**. Without sources we can't objectively resolve conflicting information.
9. We are united in a [mission](#) to increase the world's common store of knowledge. We always respect copyrights and privacy, but we **keep information as free and open as possible**.



The top menu bar (enlarged below) is your main navigation place. It is on most WikiTree pages once you have logged in. Hover your mouse over any of the options and a drop down menu will appear.

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Nav Home Page	
Badges: 1	Badges will show you a page noting all the badges you have.
Contributions: 20	The contributions page keeps a running list of all the changes and additions you make on WikiTree. You can also list contributions by others.
DNA Confirmation	The DNA page is where you go for more information on DNA and links to entering your own test results.
Family Activity Feed	The Family activity feed is the same as the Contributions option but includes activity by others.
G2G Feed	In G2G discussion forum you can select tags to follow.. This link will show you posts with those tags.
G2G Profile	Shows your G2G activity and profile.
Images	This will show you all the images for your profile.
Profile	This will take you to your own profile page.
Settings	This is where you can change various settings on WikiTree.
Surnames	This link has various options for dealing with Surnames
Thank-Yous: 0	WikiTree is a friendly place. Collaboration can rapidly increase the number of Thank-you's.
Tree	This will take you to your ancestor tree, with options below for other displays.
Watchlist	This will show a list of all the profiles you are watching.
Wiki Genealogy Feed	This will show you the activity for 20 (up to) names you are following.
Logout	



Activity Feed
Ancestor List
Connection to AJ
Cousin Bait
Descendants
DNA
Edit
Family Group Sheet
Family Tree
Images
Merging Tools
Name Displays
Printable Tree
Privacy Level
Profile
Public Profile
Search for Matches
Shareable Tree
Surnames
Tree Widgets
Trusted List
Name Genealogy