

RootsMagic WebSearch searches your favorite genealogy record sites for possible matches to your data.

Use the “Manage Search Providers” tool to search your favorite sites.

Open each site that you have person subscriptions to (for example, Ancestry.com, My Heritage, Findmypast, Familysearch, Findagrave, etc.

RootsMagic searches people from the information in your database and you can add source information and add a link to that website to the currently selected person.

The WebSearch view makes it easy to search online for information about your family. Switch to the WebSearch tab and RootsMagic will do an online search for the currently selected person (if Auto-search is checked.) If you want to find someone else just click their name in the sidebar and RootsMagic will automatically search for them on the selected site.

Use external browser" checkbox, RootsMagic will open the selected website in whatever browser is set as the default for your computer.

Using the external browser method disables the "Add WebTag" button since RootsMagic has no way of getting the URL information from the external browser.

RootsMagic's WebHints are small indicators that a person in your file may have one or more records on FamilySearch, MyHeritage, or Findmypast.

Enable Webhints: Click on Tools on the top menu, Click on File Options, and Click on “WebHints” (Light Bulb).

There are a number of options available for WebHints, such as turning them on or off, confidence level, etc. The options will be different for each different provider.

If a hint exists for someone in your file, RootsMagic will display a light bulb (the WebHint) next to the person's name on the Pedigree, Family, or Descendant view.

RootsMagic will display a summary of the available hints for all selected sites.

The hints will be categorized by Pending, Confirmed, and Rejected.

Note: You'll notice that there are fields for the FamilySearch user name and password on the options screen. The FamilySearch hints require you to be logged into FamilySearch, so if you don't enter a valid username and password, you won't see any of the free FamilySearch hints.

Family History Centers have cost free library editions through the Family History Center portal such as American Ancestors, Ancestry, Findmypast, Fold3, MyHeritage, etc.