

# Ancestral Quest – Legacy – RootsMagic Comparisons

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## Versions Reviewed

Ancestral Quest	Legacy	RootsMagic
14.00.13	7.5.0.266	6.3.0.2
12 July 2013	13 August 2013	25 July 2013

## Basic Features (Tabs)

	AQ	Legacy	RM
Family Screen	✓	✓	✓
Pedigree Screen	✓	✓	✓
Database List	✓	✓	✓
Timeline - Chronology	✓	✓	✓
Descendants List	*	✓	✓
Information Summary	✓		
Web Search	✓	✓	✓
Research Guidance		✓	

\* On printed chart only

## Family Screen

	AQ	Legacy	RM
Parents and Children Listed on Screen	✓	✓	✓
Parents of Primary Person Listed	✓	✓	✓
Parents of Spouse Listed		✓	✓
Photo of Primary Person shown	✓	✓	✓
Photo of Spouse shown		✓	
LDS Ordinance Icons	✓		✓
LDS Status on Children	✓	✓	
Marriage Edit	✓	✓	✓
Navigation Icons	✓	✓	✓
Relationship to Root Person Shown	✓		

## Pedigree Screen

	AQ	Legacy	RM
Color code ancestral line	✓		✓
LDS ordinance status	✓	✓	✓
“Hover-over” display	✓		
Navigation returns to original person	✓	*	✓
Display individual tags	✓	✓	
Relationship to root person shown		✓	
# Generations shown on screen	5	4-5	5-6
Photo of primary person shown		✓	✓

\* This is a significant navigation problem in Legacy

## Timeline

	AQ	Legacy	RM
Adjustable Fonts	✓	2	
Color Options	✓	✓	
Shows Ordinance Information	✓	✓	
Includes Parents, Siblings, Spouse, Children, Grandchildren on Report	✓		+
Genealogy Events	✓	✓	
Historical Events and Persons	✓	✓*	
LDS Events and Persons	✓	✓	✓
Printable	✓	✓	✓
Includes Notes and Sources	✓	✓	

+ On printed report only

\* Some accuracy issues noted in Legacy Historical Events list

## Sources

	AQ	Legacy	RM
Creates Repository	✓	✓	✓
Creates Sources	✓	✓	✓
Creates Citations	✓	✓	✓
Source Categories	✓	✓	✓
Add/Edit Source Categories	✓	✓	✓
Attach Source to Individual and to Event	✓	✓	✓
Multiple Source Templates Based on Source Type		✓	✓
Attach Images to Source	✓	✓	✓
Copy Sources To and From FamilyTree			✓

## Home Person Short-cut Key

Ancestral Quest	Legacy	RootsMagic
Home Icon	CTRL-S	CTRL-Home

## FamilySearch Integration (LDS Users)

	AQ	Legacy+	RM
Single Sign-In	✓	✓	✓
Link Yourself to FamilySearch	✓		
Link Indicator	✓	✓	✓
Ordinance Status Indicator	✓	✓	✓

## Database List

	AQ	Legacy	RM
Customizable Columns	✓	✓	✓
Sortable by All Columns	✓		✓
# Available Fields That Can Be Displayed	88	106	163

## Reports

	AQ	Legacy	RM
# Available Reports	13	8	39
Customizable	✓	✓	✓
Preview Available	✓	✓	✓
Print Report to PDF	✓	✓	✓
Print Report to HTML (Web page)		✓	✓
Print Blank Form	✓	✓	✓

## Media Management

	AQ	Legacy	RM
Link to Images (photographs)	✓	✓	✓
Link to Video files	✓	✓	✓
Link to Audio files	✓	✓	✓
Attach Media to Sources	✓	✓	✓
Edit and Size Media Images	✓	✓	✓
Attach Multiple Media to an Individual	✓	✓	✓
Print Media Images on Screens and Reports	✓	✓	✓
Media Gallery for All Media in Database			✓
Repair Broken Media Links	✓		✓
Remove All Media Links At Once		✓	
List Broken Media Links		✓	

## Web Search

	AQ	Legacy	RM
# Pre-Programmed Web Search Sites	10	22	11
Pre-Programmed Site Search Parameters User-editable		✓	
User Can Add/Edit Additional Search Sites	✓	✓	✓

## MY RATINGS

### Ancestral Quest Strengths

Collaboration	★★★★★
Easy Transition from PAF	★★★★★
Timeline	★★★★★
FamilySearch Integration – Doesn't yet copy sources!	★★★★
Powerful – It Can Do All You Ask Of It	★★★★

### Weaknesses

Lack of Multiple Source Templates	☹☹☹
Lack of Research Guidance	☹☹☹☹

### Legacy Strengths

Research Guidance	★★★★★
Sources	★★★★

### Weaknesses

Pedigree Navigation	☹☹☹
FamilySearch Integration – Slow and somewhat awkward – Doesn't copy FS sources	☹☹☹
Lack of Collaboration	☹☹☹☹

### RootsMagic Strengths

Ease of Use	★★★★
Powerful – It Can Do All You Ask Of It	★★★★★
Sources – Copies sources to and from FSFT	★★★★★
Variety and Number of Reports / Report Categories	★★★★★
FamilySearch Integration	★★★★★

### Weaknesses

Lack of Collaboration	☹☹☹☹
Lack of Research Guidance	☹☹☹☹

★★★★ = Really Nice Feature; Adds Greatly to the Program  
 ★★★★★ = Awesome feature I can't live without

☹☹☹ = This bugs me a lot, but I can live with it  
 ☹☹☹☹ = This is a significant issue that should be improved