

Ancestral Quest™ 12.1

"Most Comprehensive Syncing"

Awarded by FamilySearch™

(This comparison chart, compiled by Incline Software, should help you understand why Ancestral Quest received this award.)
This comparison chart addresses only features which access New FamilySearch. It is not a general comparison of the products.

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Item	Ancestral Quest	Family Insight	Roots Magic
Full Family Tree Program -- Can run by itself	X		X
PAF Add-in - Can supplement PAF 5	X	X	
Matches local and NFS persons	X	X	X
Combines duplicate NFS persons during match process	X	X	X
Side-by-side detailed comparison of local and NFS relatives during match/sync	X		
Relatives line up side by side during match/sync, when names match	X		X
Shows life span (BY-DY) of relatives during match	X		
Performs extra analysis on possible matches		X	
Match without standardizing places <i>(Depending on your point of view, this could be a positive or negative item)</i>	X		X
Synchronize local and NFS persons	X	X	X
Option to add NFS events to events in local file	X	X	X
Option to add NFS events to notes in local file	X		
Shows Contributors for NFS facts	X		O
Shows contact information for contributors	X		
Shows notes for NFS facts ¹	X	O	
Shows sources for NFS facts	X	O	
Shows all NFS facts, events and ordinances	X		
Shows all place variants <i>(This item and the one below it simply show a difference in approach.)</i>	X		X
Shows only unique places <i>(You may prefer one approach over the other.)</i>		X	
Hides deleted events <i>(Depending on your point of view, this could be a positive or negative item)</i>	X	X	
Can upload notes to NFS	X	X	
Allows later review of local and NFS person without performing search	X		X
Unofficial ordinances are marked as such	X		
Special temple status codes available for sync (ie "In Progress, BIC") ²	X		X
Upload ordinances from local file to NFS	X		
Displays NFS relatives as families ³	X	X	
Shows all NFS parents ⁴	X		
Shows NFS siblings	X	X	
Shows all NFS spouses ⁴	X		
Shows all NFS children ⁴	X		
NFS children displayed in age order	X		
Shows lineage between parents and children	X	X	
When linking families, add relatives	X	X	X
Combines duplicate NFS relatives	X		X
Shows count of other IDs	X		
Efficiently Link Records			
Link to NFS from lists sorted different ways	X	X	X
Group Link -- Quickly link matching records in file	X		
Group Upload - Quickly import local records to NFS	X		
Link from Pedigree View	X		X
Link from Family View	X		X
Imports family lines	X		X
Import from end-of-line individual	X		
Imports children of ancestors	X		X
Imports additional generations of descendants			X

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Places Children in age order during import	X		
Imports LDS Ordinances	X		X
Imports BIC	X		
Imports all spouses and children	X		
Imports all parents and siblings	X		
Miscellaneous Features			
Sync "Me"	X	X	
Allows deletion person from NFS	X		
Places NFS PID in GEDCOM, so linkages can be transferred to other programs	X	X	X
Sort records on NFS PID	X		
Option to show NFS PID after names in screens and reports rather than RIN	X		
Check for changes	X	X	X
Separate Improperly Combined Records		X	
Can place NFS PID into PAF's Custom ID	X	X	
Show basic stats, like how many linked, how many unlinked	X		X
Helper Mode	X	X	X
Set Summary Values		X	
Reserve ordinances	X	X	X
Reserve ordinances for you to handle or for temples to handle	X	X	X
Reserve some ordinances for temple and some for personal on same card	X		
Unreserves ordinances	X	X	X
Places "Submitted" into local ordinance fields during reservation process	X	X	X
Creates FORs	X	X	X
Optionally places "In Progress" into local ordinance fields at FOR creation	X		
Remembers FORs for later updating of local records	X		
Reserve sealing ordinances when relatives aren't synced	X		X
Graphical reserving of ordinances		X	
Allows user to assign ordinance cards to others	X		
Brings in ordinances reserved through NFS to batches, so local records can be updated	X		
View when reserved ordinances were reserved, who reserved them and contact information	X		
Separate reserved ordinances into "Reserved" and "In Progress" groups for easier handling	X	X	
Load just candidates for FOR, rather than all reserved records	X		
1-line per person display of reserved records for quick review	X		
Reserve ordinances by individual (This item and the one below it simply show a difference in approach.)	X		X
Reserve ordinances by family (You may prefer one approach over the other.)		X	

Legend: X - Yes; O - Partial

- 1 FamilyInsight shows some notes, AQ shows all notes
- 2 In RootsMagic, special codes such as BIC and In Progress are not available on the normal syncing screen, but are available via a separate 'Reserve Ordinances' screen. In AQ, these special codes are listed with the other ordinances on the normal syncing screen.
- 3 Because relatives are not handled in family units in the RootsMagic NFS screens, if there are multiple sets of parents or multiple spouses, you can't tell whether a child belongs to a particular set of parents, or whether a marriage date or sealing date is associated with a particular couple. This makes it difficult to accurately sync relationship facts.
- 4 With some records, FamilyInsight and RootsMagic show all NFS parents, spouses and children as expected. However, with some records we tested, some NFS parents, spouses or children were not shown. See the comparison video for some examples.