



2021

INTRODUCTION TO GENEALOGY SOFTWARE



BILL KRESS

WCKRESS@GMAIL.COM



INTRODUCTION TO GENEALOGY SOFTWARE

WHERE TO KEEP YOUR DATA?



**ON YOUR HOME
COMPUTER?**



**ON AN
INTERNET
SITE?**

YOU HAVE ALL RESOURCES ON YOUR COMPUTER



PERSONAL SOFTWARE

YOUR TREE AND DATA IS ON YOUR COMPUTER

PROS

- **EVERYTHING IS STORED ON YOUR COMPUTER.**
- **YOUR DATA IS SAFE IF YOU BACKUP AND HAVE VIRUS PROTECTION.**
- **YOU CAN CLONE PROGRAM AND DATA TO TWO OR MORE COMPUTERS.**

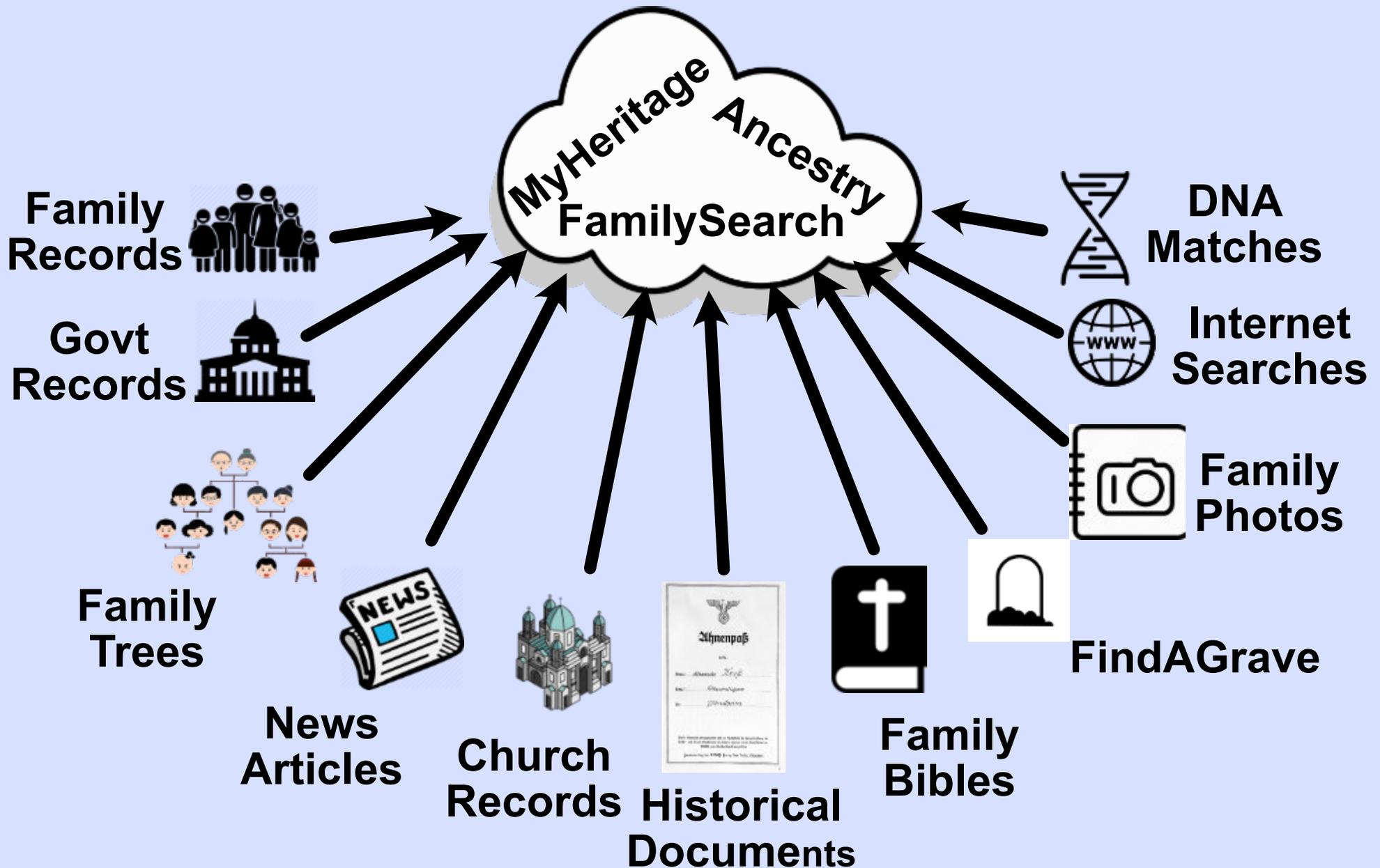


CONS

- **YOU MUST REGULARLY BACK UP YOUR DATA.**
- **YOU CAN ONLY ACCESS THE INFORMATION FROM YOUR COMPUTER(S).**
- **YOU MUST PURCHASE VERSION UPGRADES TO THE LATEST SOFTWARE.**

ONLINE TREES

YOUR TREE AND ALL DATA IS ON THE CLOUD

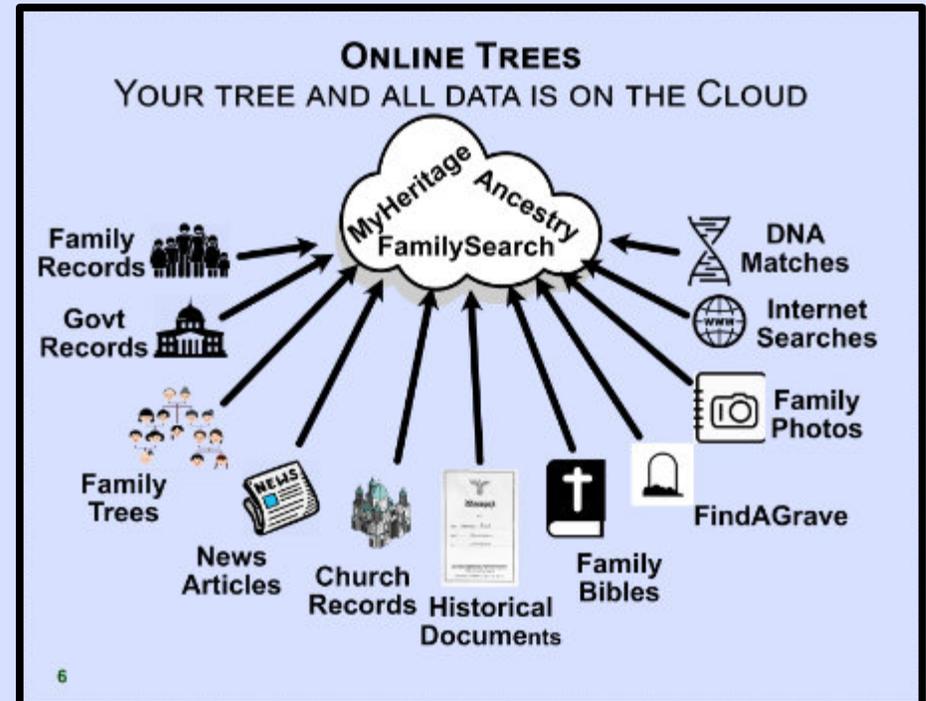


ONLINE TREES

YOUR TREE AND DATA IS ON THE CLOUD

PROS

- **ACCESS FROM ANYWHERE**
- **YOU CAN PROVIDE ACCESS TO OTHERS (MIGHT BE VIEWED AS A DISADVANTAGE)**
- **THE PROGRAM IS ALWAYS UP TO DATE**
- **NOT OPERATING SYSTEM DEPENDENT – ACCESS WITH MAC, PC**



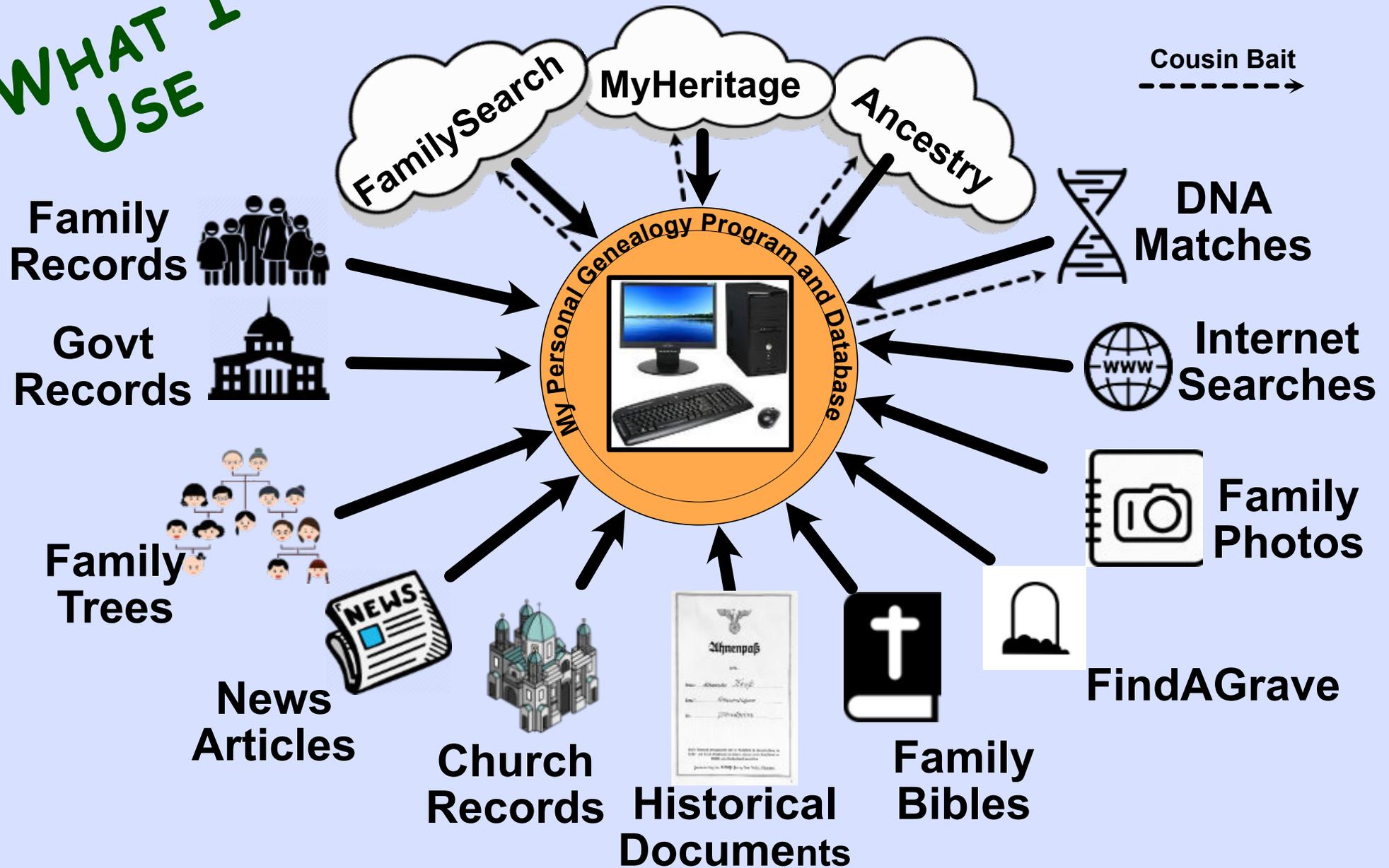
CONS

- **ONGOING EXPENSE – A YEARLY PAYMENT IS REQUIRED.**
- **AN INTERNET CONNECTION IS REQUIRED.**
- **ALL YOUR WORK IS SOMEWHERE ELSE. IF THE HOST GOES OUT OF BUSINESS OR RAISES PRICES, WHAT WILL YOU DO?**
- **PRIVACY.**

PERSONAL SOFTWARE

INFORMATION IS ON YOUR COMPUTER

WHAT I USE

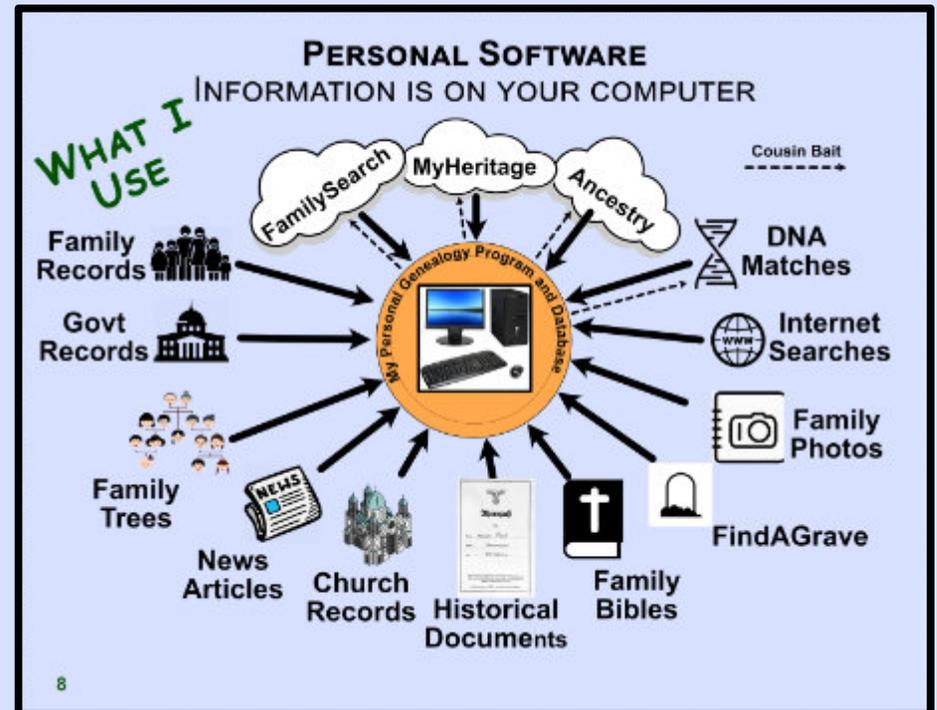


OPTION 3

COMBINATION OF OPTIONS 1 AND 2

WHAT I USE

- **DOWNLOAD ALL INFORMATION FROM ALL SOURCES**
- **UPLOAD ONLY A FEW GENERATIONS OF YOUR TREE**
 - **PROVIDE MINIMAL DATA FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL**
 - **USE AS COUSIN BAIT (CAST OUT THE SUGGESTION THAT YOU MIGHT BE CONNECTED)**
- **CONTROL WHO YOU SHARE DATA WITH**
- **KEEP PRIVATE DATA PRIVATE**
- **BUT, REMEMBER TO BACK UP YOUR STUFF**





INTRODUCTION TO GENEALOGY SOFTWARE

Q & A

BILL KRESS WCKRESS@GMAIL.COM

PRESENTATION: <https://www.suncitylhgc.com/presentations>

Click on: [Introduction to Genealogy Software, Bill Kress](#)