

Reunion Touch

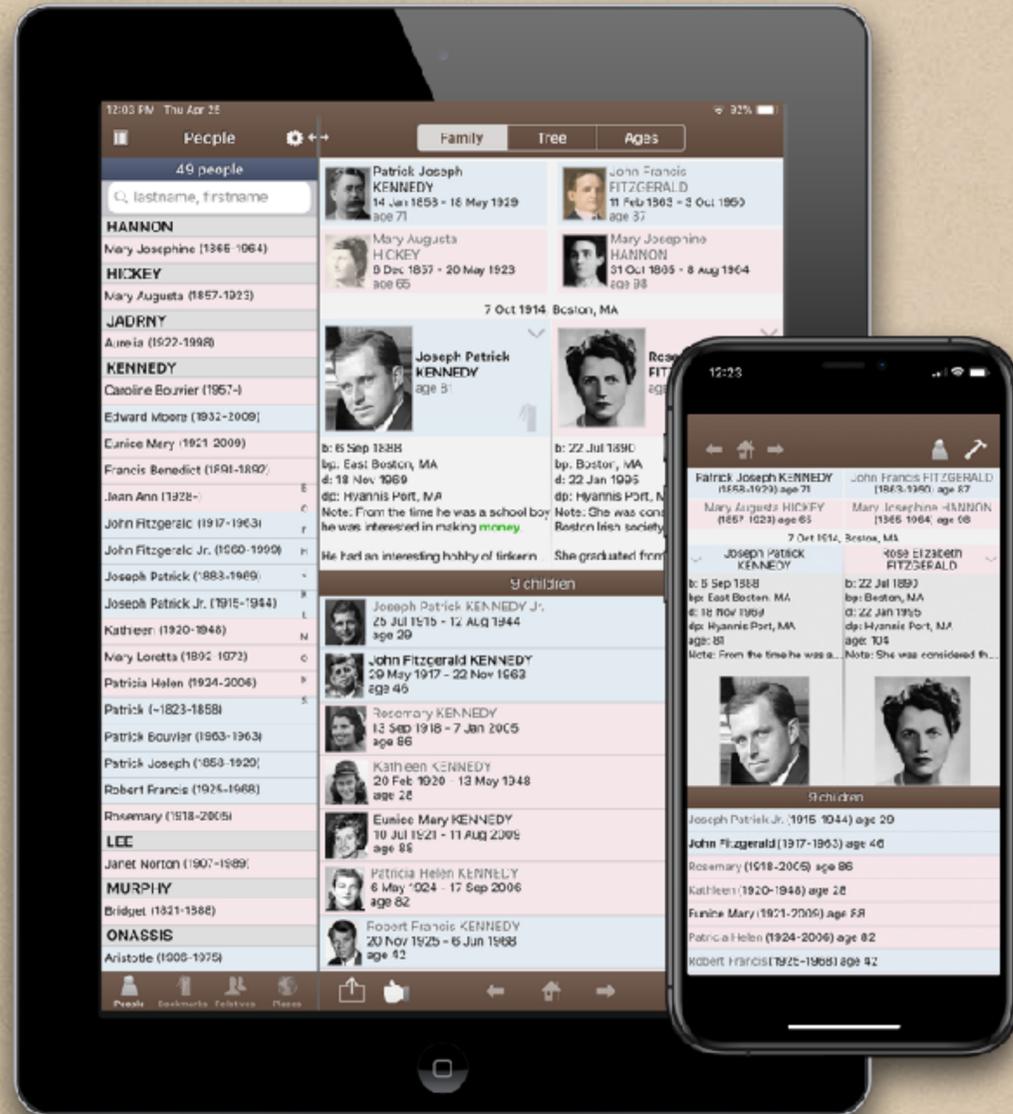
On Dropbox and iCloud

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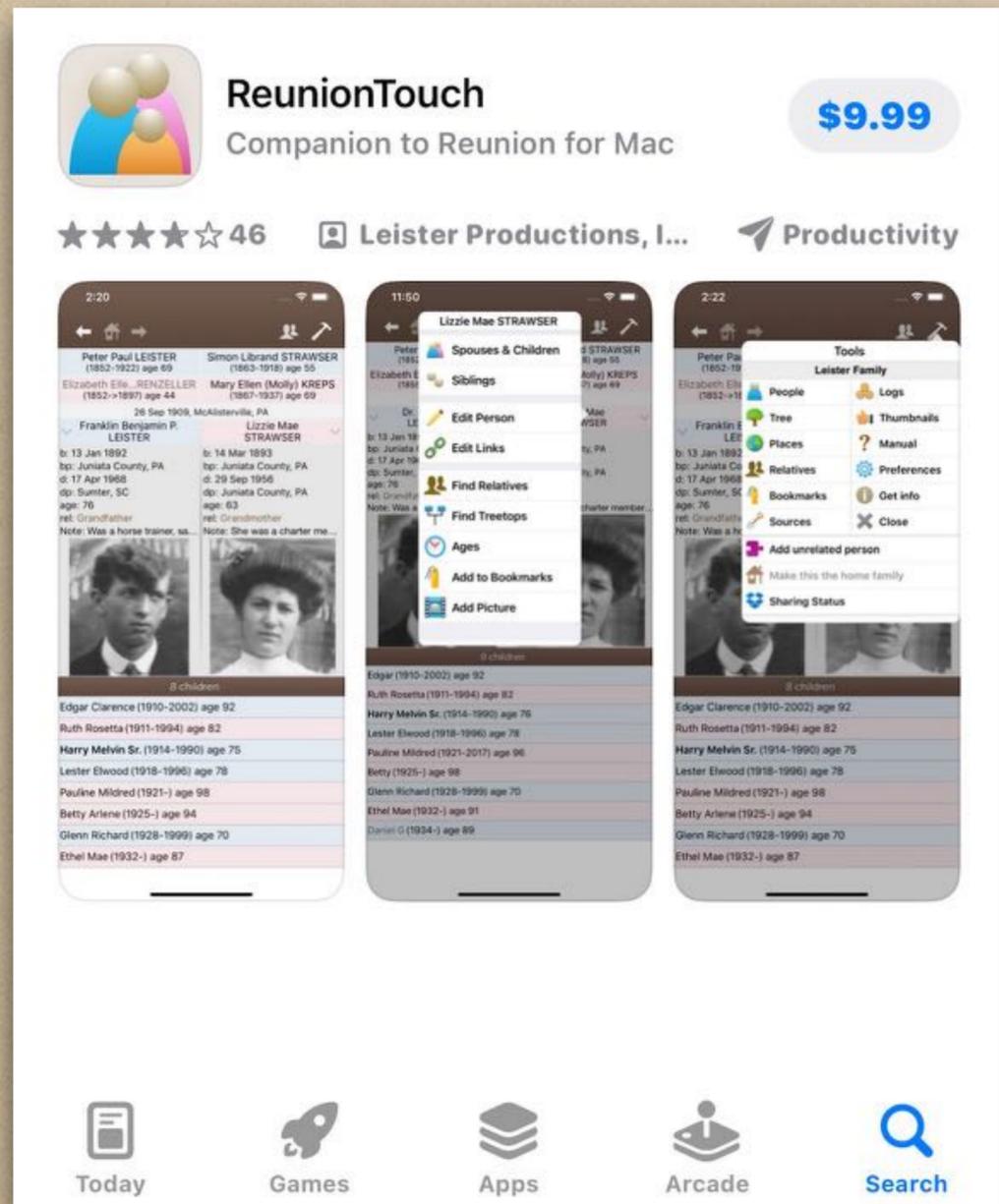
Tips

- ◆ Gary at MacMost.com - Pages Productivity Tips
- ◆ Use CMD UP/DOWN ARROW to navigate in Finder
- ◆ Use CMD Right/Left Arrow to open/close folders
- ◆ Use CMD 1 to view as icons and CMD 2 to view as list (also CMD 3 and CMD 4)

What we're going to cover

- ◆ Reunion Touch Overview
- ◆ How FamilyFiles might be named and saved to Dropbox and iCloud folders
- ◆ How to Install Dropbox and iCloud
- ◆ How to download and use FamilyFiles on Reunion Touch

What is ReunionTouch (RT)?



- ◆ IOS App works with Reunion for Mac using DropBox and iCloud
- ◆ Purchase by purchasing “ReunionTouch” (all one word) from the App Store for \$9.99
- ◆ Dropbox on Reunion 11-14
iCloud on Reunion 13-14

ReunionTouch info at Leisterpro.com



ReunionTouch

for iPad, iPhone, and iPod Touch

ReunionTouch is an app for Apple's mobile devices and is designed to work with Reunion 11, 12, 13 or 14 for Mac.

To **purchase** ReunionTouch, use your device (iPhone, iPad, or iPod Touch) to open the App Store. Then tap the Search button and search for "ReunionTouch."

ReunionTouch lets you take your family with you. View, navigate, search, and edit your information on the go. You'll always be ready to add people, add pictures, document new information, and make corrections to your data -- all while automatically staying in sync with Reunion for Mac.

To use ReunionTouch on your mobile device, you'll need to have Reunion 11, 12, 13 or 14 installed on your Mac. If you're using an older version of Reunion on your Mac, [click here](#) for upgrade details. If you've never used Reunion before, [click here](#) to purchase Reunion for Macintosh.

You'll also need an iPad or iPhone running iOS 13.0 or newer.

For sharing via **iCloud Drive** you will need...

- Reunion 13 or Reunion 14.
- An iCloud account.
- Your Mac signed in to your iCloud account.
- iCloud Drive enabled on your Mac.
- iCloud signed in using the same Apple ID as your Mac.

For sharing via **Dropbox** you will need...

- The Reunion 11, 12, 13 or 14.
- A Dropbox account.
- Dropbox installed on your Mac. Dropbox requires macOS version 10.13 or newer. A free Dropbox account supports up to 3 devices.

Quick Start: Sharing a family file on your Mac with a mobile device...

- ◆ Extensive explanations are available on the [leisterpro.com](https://www.leisterpro.com) website at <https://www.leisterpro.com/reuniontouch/>
- ◆ Their website is outstanding especially the ReunionTalk Forum that's divided up into ReunionTouch, Reunion 14, Reunion 13, etc

Overview: How does it work?

- ◆ Store your familyfile in the CLOUD (either DropBox or iCloud)
- ◆ ReunionTouch connects to that same family file in the CLOUD
- ◆ Reunion Touch uses a copy of the familyfile for itself that synchronizes with the family file in the CLOUD.

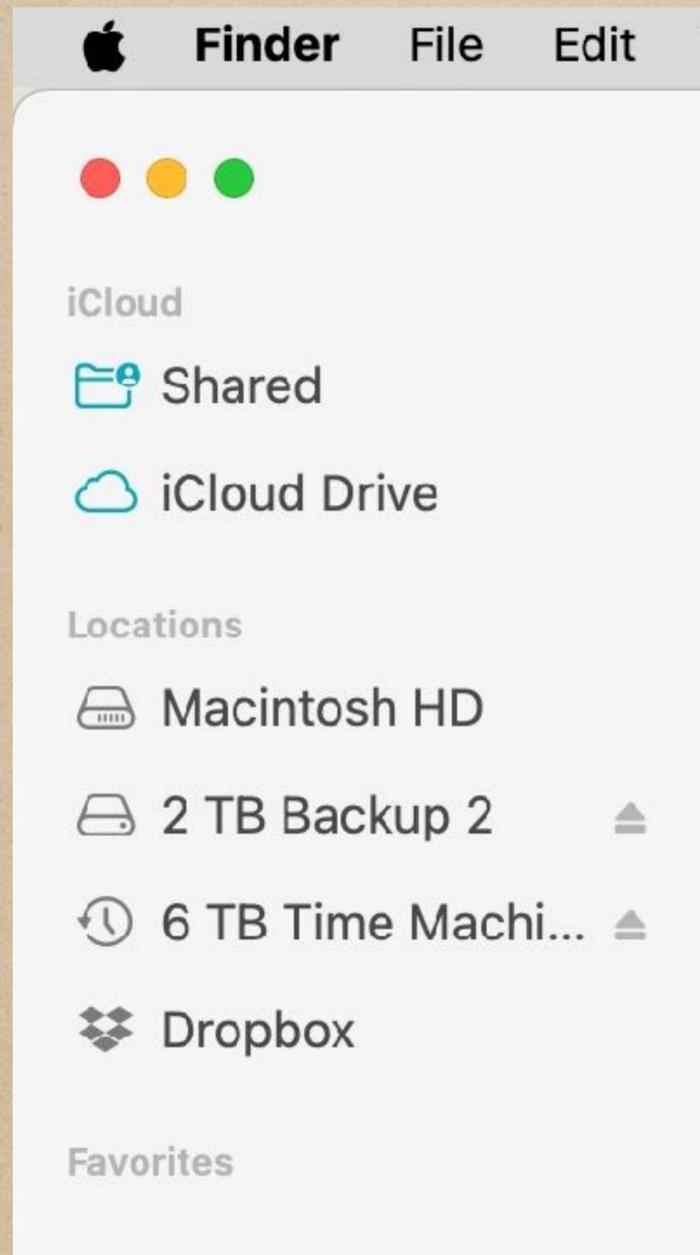
Magic Happens!

- ◆ When both Reunion and ReunionTouch are connected, each can sense changes of the other one and update in real time.
- ◆ Also, if either is off line when the other makes changes, when connecting later the changes will be recognized and synchronized.
- ◆ Caution: Do not access the same family file with 2 Macs at the same time. Always quit the familyfile before opening with another Mac.

How Do I Make This Happen

- ◆ Reunion on the Macintosh needs to have access to a Cloud service either DropBox or iCloud or both
- ◆ ReunionTouch on iPhone/iPad needs to have access to Dropbox or iCloud or both
- ◆ They don't have to both be connected at the same time

Dropbox and iCloud in the Finder



- ◆ On the Mac, you need to copy a familyfile to the cloud
- ◆ Two Sections in the Finder: iCloud and Locations:

What is DropBox

- ◆ Dropbox is a well-known cloud storage service that allows you to store your files online and access them from anywhere with an internet connection.
- ◆ You may share your files with others, read-only or read/write
- ◆ You can make changes to a file on one device and see those changes reflected on your other devices like your computer, phone, or tablet
- ◆ 2gb cloud storage for free or 2tb cloud storage for \$9.99/month

Install DropBox on your Mac

- ◆ Available since 2008, Dropbox provides a free account with 2gb storage or a DropBox Plus account with 2 tb storage for \$10/mo.
- ◆ Download & Install DropBox App from dropbox.com, it's free (Instructions in the handout link)
- ◆ Move your FamilyFile to Dropbox Folder, /Reunion in this case
- ◆ Note: Recently Apple made a MacOS change that made Dropbox have to be in /library/cloud storage/dropbox.

Install DropBox on Reunion Touch

- ◆ Install the DropBox App from the App Store (instructions in handout link). It is free if you only need 2gb storage. Make sure you're using the same user and password as your Dropbox account as on the Mac.
- ◆ App Name is "Dropbox", Descr: Dropbox: Files and Photo Storage

What is iCloud

- ◆ iCloud just began being used with Reunion 13
- ◆ The Mac needs have iCloud enabled, and signed in with your Apple ID. The FamilyFile is created and used in an iCloud folder
- ◆ The iPhone/iPad needs to have iCloud Drive enabled and signed in with the same Apple ID as the Mac. Reunion Touch will select the iCloud folder and download the FamilyFile the first time. And it will maintain a connection each time it opens the

Set up iCloud on your Mac

- ◆ Go to Settings, make sure you're logged in with your Apple ID
- ◆ Make sure iCloud Drive is checked and Reunion is allowed to sync to iCloud
- ◆ iCloud is in the 1st section of your Finder called "iCloud", create a folder to contain the Familyfiles
- ◆ Move your FamilyFile there. I suggest adding "14" to the end of your file name to ID the version. I have added the word "Icloud" at first when going back and forth to avoid using the wrong familyfile.

Set up iCloud on Reunion Touch

- ◆ On your IOS device, go to Settings, tap on your name, tap iCloud (you must be logged in to your Apple ID).
- ◆ Turn on iCloud for Reunion Touch
- ◆ Open iPod Touch and navigate to the Reunion Folder
- ◆ Tap the name of the family file you want to access

How to download a family file in Reunion Touch

- ◆ Launch Reunion Touch on your IOS device
- ◆ Dropbox:
 - ◆ If not connected to Dropbox, click on Connect to Dropbox
 - ◆ navigate to "Reunion" folder
 - ◆ Tap on desired family file 1st time to create ReunionTouch version of family file (may take a long time)
- ◆ iCloud:
 - ◆ Click on "Download family file from iCloud Drive"
 - ◆ Navigate to "Reunion" Folder
 - ◆ Tap on desired family file 1st time to create ReunionTouch version of family file (may take a long time)

How to use a downloaded family file

- ◆ Launch Reunion Touch on your IOS device
- ◆ Loaded family files will show up in the “Family files on this device” top section of the IOS window
- ◆ Tap on the desired Family file to open

The Family Files Will Synchronize

- ◆ Launch Reunion Touch on your IOS device
- ◆ Loaded family files will show up in the "Family files on this device" top section of the IOS window
- ◆ Tap on the "Sample Family file iCloud 14" to open
- ◆ I'm change JFK's name from JFK to JFK Sr on a laptop
- ◆ Changing people and returning to the RT page will show the change

Questions