

GEDCOM



It's Never Too Late



After some needed
improvements
GEDCOM
will have a long
and useful life

GEDCOM is still relevant!

Busy with GEDCOM X

- Support Enterprise Toolsets (XML / JSON)
- RESTful API for Family Tree
- Support Historical Records
- Support Lineage Linked Data (Trees)

GEDCOM X and GEDCOM

GEDCOM X will **continue** to play a very important role for FamilySearch

GEDCOM remains the **de facto** family tree file format

FamilySearch: Why Now?

Industry trends around

- Personal data ownership
- File preservation and interoperability
- Confusion in the family history market
- Accessibility to family history data for innovation

FamilySearch Facts

- Acknowledges that GEDCOM is a valuable file format
- Is the owner of GEDCOM © Copyright and Trademark
- Has a responsibility to the industry as owner

FamilySearch is Now

- Forming a **task force** of key developers and influencers to better understand their needs
- Working to improve the effectiveness and interoperability of GEDCOM through **collaboration**
- Following “*Developer-Centered*” design principles

WHAT'S NEXT ?

Send an email specifying your level of interest:

- 1) Just want on the mailing list
- 2) Want to participate in the Study
- 3) Want to join and work on the TaskForce

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