

Adding Unattached Trees and Lines at Ancestry.com

This is VERY simple to do.

Open up the tree you are working on and want to add a yet unmatchable match tree to.

So, you open a tree, anywhere in that tree, makes absolutely no difference for this purpose. Like this:

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View relationship to me
Birth 04 Apr 1826 in Madison County, Alabama
Death Apr 1919 in DeSoto County, Mississippi
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Now, if you are starting with a female, add a mother. For a male, add a father.

Add no dates, just the name and then it looks like this:

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Then you click on what you added and now you get this where you will then click on “Edit this person”:

The screenshot shows the profile page for 'Questionable Jane Match'. At the top left is a placeholder profile picture. To its right is the name 'Questionable Jane Match' and a link 'View relationship to me'. Below the name are fields for 'Birth' and 'Death'. Two buttons are visible: 'Edit this person' (highlighted in yellow) and 'Story View'. Below these are navigation options: 'Search records', 'View family members', and 'More'. A horizontal menu contains 'Overview', 'Facts and Sources', 'Media Gallery', 'Comments', 'Hints', and 'Member Connect'. The 'Media Gallery' section is empty with a '+ Add' button. The 'Timeline' section is also empty with a '+ Add' button. The 'Comments' section is empty with a '+ Add' button. The 'Family Members' section is active, showing 'Parents' with '+ Add Father' and '+ Add Mother' buttons, and 'Children of Unknown Spouse' with '+ Add Spouse' and a list item for 'John W Chamberline Chamberlin (1826 - 1919)' with a small icon.

In “edit this person” select “Relationships”

Once in the relationship window you will be able to remove anyone they are linked to when you entered them.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Questionable Jane Match' page with the 'Relationships' tab selected. The page has a top bar with 'Edit Questionable Jane Match' and a 'Delete Questionable Jane Match' button. Below the top bar are tabs for 'Vital Information', 'Facts & Events', 'Relationship Events', 'Relationships' (selected), and 'Notes'. The 'Relationships' section is divided into categories: 'Father' with '+ Add Father', 'Mother' with '+ Add Mother', 'Spouse' with '+ Add a spouse', and 'Children'. Under 'Children', there is one entry: 'John W Chamberline Chamberlin (Born: 1826)'. A red circle highlights the 'Remove' button (indicated by an 'x' icon) next to this entry.

You will get a confirmation widow, click ok.

Then go back to the person and they should be free standing attached to no one.

The screenshot shows a profile page for a person named 'Questionable Jane Match'. At the top left is a placeholder profile picture. To its right, the name 'Questionable Jane Match' is displayed in a large font, followed by the text 'View relationship to me'. Below the name are the labels 'Birth' and 'Death'. Two buttons are visible: 'Edit this person' (with a pencil icon) and 'Story View'. A navigation bar contains icons for 'Search records', 'View her family tree', 'View family members', 'Print', and 'More options'. Below this is a tabbed interface with 'Overview' selected, and other tabs for 'Facts and Sources', 'Media Gallery', 'Comments', 'Hints', and 'Member Connect'. The main content area is divided into three sections: 'Media Gallery' with a '+ Add Media' button and a message 'No photos, stories, audio or video have been added yet.'; 'Timeline' with a '+ Add Fact' button and a message 'No facts or events have been added yet.'; and 'Comments' with a '+ Add Comment' button. On the right side, there is a 'Family Members' section with sub-sections: 'Parents' containing '+ Add Father' and '+ Add Mother' buttons; and 'Spouse & Children' containing '+ Add Spouse' and a 'View Family Group Sheet' link.

The above works well if you are starting out building a new match tree where you have NO clue where they may eventually fit.

If you have separate trees on ancestry the ONLY way you can merge them is to use software, like Family Tree Maker or whatever it is you are using. The advantage of FTM 2012 or later is you can synch trees you have online and changed in your software.

You would need to download your gedcoms, load them all into a tree software program, if you know there is no link, you select "add without merging" and everything will be in there. All the trees in one file, they do not need to connect yet and as you find the links you manually attach them where they belong.