LINK IMPORTED INDIVIDUALS

When you import GEDCOM files into Personal Ancestral File, the new individuals are not linked to the people already in your file. This guide will help you link information you may have downloaded from www.familysearch.org or other sources. You will need to have your family history (PAF) file open.
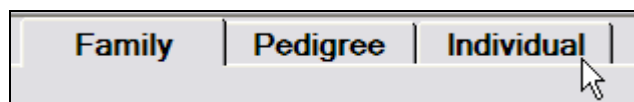
Steps to Link Imported Data

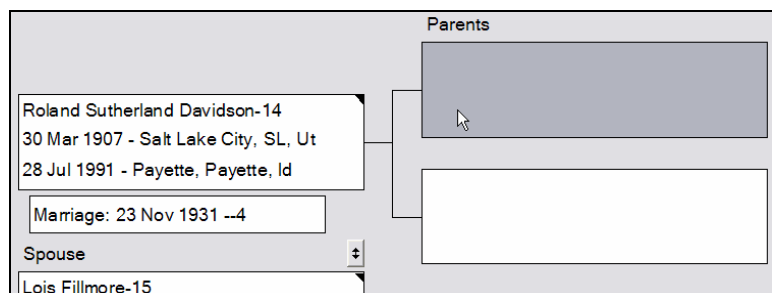Use **Link** where "The people I imported were not already in my PAF file."
*Use **Merge** where "The people I imported were already in my PAF file."*
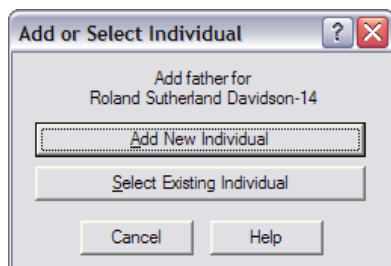
Link imported individuals

1. Locate the person to whom the imported individual(s) are related. Use the Individual tab to find people alphabetically.

   a. For example, you typed your grandfather into PAF, and then you downloaded and imported a GEDCOM file containing your great-grandfather and his pedigree. In this example, locate your grandfather in the individual list.

2. Highlight the name (single click) and the select the tab "Family" under the menus.

3. You should see the Family view with the individual you selected on the left.

4. Double-click on the box representing the relative you downloaded. (Father is to the right and above, Mother is to the right and below, spouse is directly below, etc.)

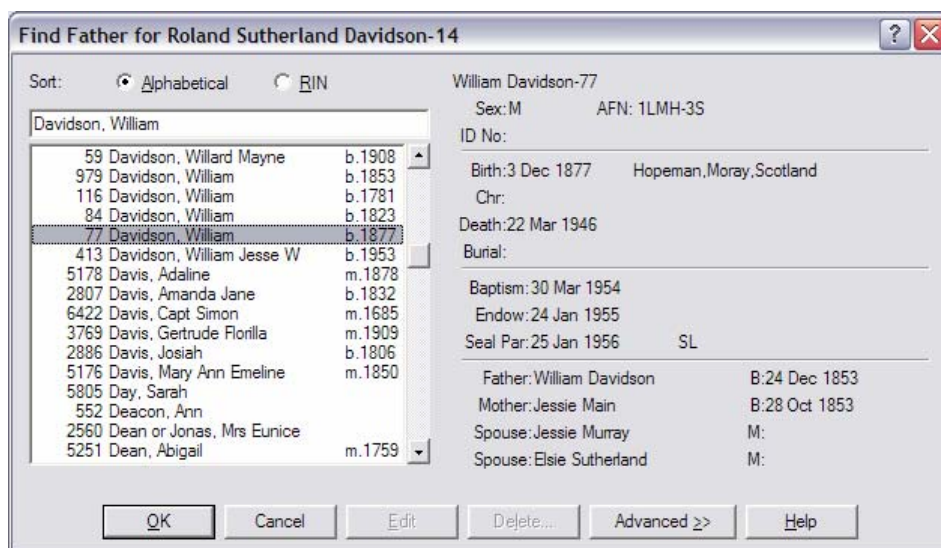5. PAF asks you to select an existing individual or add a new one.

6. Click "Select Existing Individual"

7. PAF opens the "Find" window. Click "Individual List".

8. PAF shows the list of individuals in the file. You may need to select the radio button at the top to sort the names alphabetically.
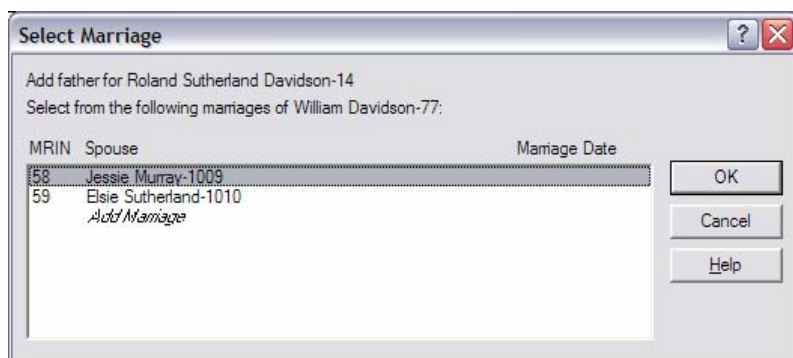
9. Locate the individual you wish to link. Select their name (single click) and click OK.

   a. In our example, find your great-grandfather in the list.

10. In some cases PAF lists any marriages the individual may have had.

11. Select the marriage that applies. Click OK

   a. In our example, choose the marriage that lists your grandfather's mother.

12. PAF links the imported individual to the person already in your file.

13. Repeat this process for each of the names you imported that connect directly to a person already in your file.