Tapping the Library ('row of books') button opens the Library screen.

Use the Library to switch between Family Groups.

This is also where you begin adding your own Group so you'll want to do this early on to build up your own Family Tree. Tap the "+Add" button.

Practice Groups

Forebears comes pre-loaded with two practice groups (British Royal family and US Presidents). You can use these to become familiar with all the ways the app offers to explore families. The groups can be edited, so practice making changes here too. Why not give King Henry VIII another male heir? Or add his divorce to Katherine of Aragon? If you get bored of them, they can be deleted by swiping left (like on any Group) and then you have the option to reload them and start again.
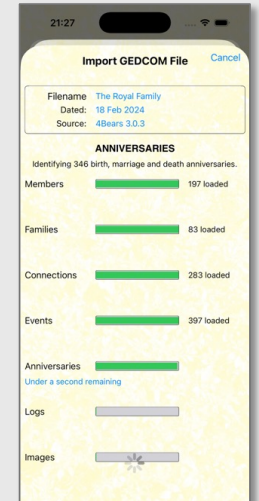
1. Import a Family Tree

If you've already built a family tree in some other genealogy application then your best option will often be to export a GEDCOM file out of that application, save it on your iCloud Drive and then import it from there into Forebears. That's the basic 'Import a GEDCOM file' option.

However, the very best idea is to import a Family Group from another Forebears user because this also brings in photographs, map locations and formatted Notes. That's the 'Import a Forebears folder' option.

A small Group (e.g. 200 people) may take 20 seconds to import. Massive Groups (e.g. 15,000 people) will take anything up to 30 minutes or more. You can monitor progress (Progress screen).

When the Import has ended you are offered screens to Map Addresses (see page A5e).

Progress Screen

2. Start a New Family Tree

Beginning a new Family Tree is as easy as adding the name of just one person. Simply tap 'Start'. It couldn't be easier!

This person's name automatically becomes the name of the new Group.

At any time, you can change the Group Name on the Individual Editing screen (tapping the Group Name at the top of the Home Screen when the 'Lock' is open).

But of course, if you have details of the person's life history then go ahead and add dates and places and other details for this person.

After tapping 'Save' you're returned to the home screen to add more relations and all their details.