

Brief Instructions for Adding Women and Their Relationships to Six Degrees

Six Degrees allows you to add information on (1.) people, (2.) relationships, and (3.) groups. To do any of these, you will first have to create an account and log in to the website. Then:

(1) PEOPLE

1. You should start by choosing a woman who lived in early modern Britain – specifically, one who died after 1500; was born before 1700; and who was either a British subject or traveled to Britain.

2. Use the search function to see if the woman is already in the dataset, searching for all possible maiden and married names before concluding she is not in the database. If the woman is not in the database, you can create a new person for her.

(2) RELATIONSHIPS

3. Now you can try to create a new Six Degrees relationship between the woman and someone else in the dataset. If you do not know the dates for the relationship, you may leave them blank; the website will automatically generate approximate relationship start and end dates from the two people's birth and death dates.

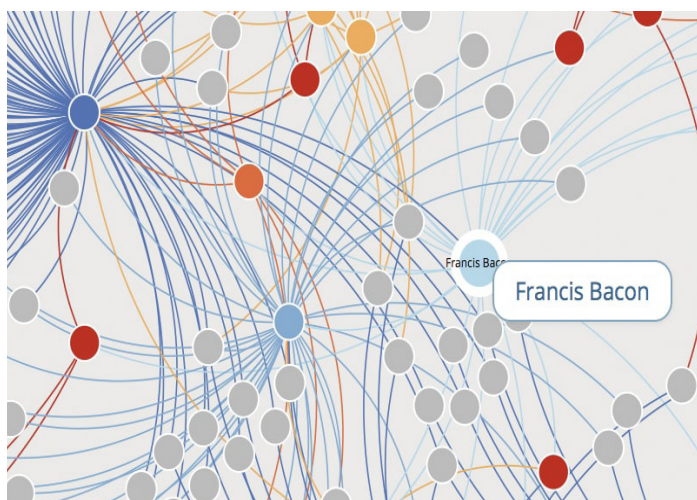
* You will also be asked to assign a “confidence estimate” to your contribution. Six Degrees confidence ranges are

80-100 certain	(relationships that are known to have existed)
60-79 likely	(relationships that probably existed)
40-59 possible	(relationships that can't be decided)
20-39 unlikely	(relationships that are unlikely)
0-19 very unlikely	(relationships that make no sense, i.e. people who never lived or traveled to the same place people whose birth and death dates barely overlap people with no friends or activities in common)

4. The relationship you just created will be associated with a “has met” relationship type – indicating that all we know about the relationship is that the two people have met in some capacity. This is a baseline type and cannot be changed. To add more informative relationship type information to the relationship, create a new “relationship type assignment” for the relationship. As with relationships, dates for relationship type assignments are optional but you have to assign a confidence estimate.

TIPS

- If you are having trouble finding a woman to add, start with someone on the provided list or look for a man whose spouse or daughter is not in the dataset.
- If you choose to work with someone already in the dataset, be sure to set the confidence range to 0-100% and date filters to 1500-1700 when you search for her network to make certain you are seeing all relationships.



5. You can repeat steps 3 and 4 as desired to expand your woman's network.

(3) GROUPS

6. Finally, you can add your woman to any Six Degrees groups as appropriate by creating a new group assignment.

NEED A PLACE TO START?

Elizabeth Alkin	Mary Herbert
Mary Astell	Lucy Hutchinson
Anne Bradstreet	Katherine Jones
Margaret Cavendish	Elizabeth Lilburne
Margaret Cranmer	Damaris Masham
Elizabeth Cromwell	Katherine Philips
Margaret Fell	Pocahontas
Eleanor Gwyn	Mary Wroth