

TRACING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Family relationship chart

	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	Common Ancestor	Child (son or Daughter)	Grandchild	Great Grandchild	2 x Great Grandchild	3 x Great Grandchild
1	Child (son or Daughter)	Sibling (brother or Sister)	Nephew or Niece	Grand Nephew or Niece	Great Grand Nephew or Niece	2 x Great Grand Nephew or Niece
2	Grandchild	Nephew or Niece	First Cousin	First Cousin once removed	First Cousin once removed	First Cousin 3 times removed
3	Great Grandchild	Grand Nephew or Niece	First Cousin once removed	Second Cousin	Second Cousin once removed	Second Cousin twice removed
4	2 x Great Grandchild	Great Grand Nephew or Niece	First Cousin twice removed	Second Cousin once removed	Third Cousin	Third Cousin once removed
5	3 X Great Grandchild	Second Great Grand Nephew or Niece	First Cousin 3 times removed	Second Cousin twice removed	Third Cousin once removed	Fourth Cousin

How to use this chart

The numbers at the top and left side represent the generations away from the common ancestor. To identify the relationship between any two people, firstly identify the common ancestor of the two people.

Locate the box in the upper left corner for the common ancestor and follow the column straight down to find the relationship of one of the people to the common ancestor.

Across the top row of the chart, find the relationship of the second person to the common ancestor. Where the column and the row intersect is the box that identifies their relationship. The highlighted boxes show persons of the same generation.

‘Removed’ indicates that the two persons selected are not of the same generation.