

Relationship Chart

It is so exciting to find long lost relatives; however, determining the exact relationship can seem complicated. The chart below can be used to determine your relationship to a new found relative through a common ancestor. This chart is sometimes referred to as a “Cousin Chart”.

Abbreviations:

GC - Grand Child

GGC - Great Grand Child

N - Nephew / Niece

GN - Grand Nephew / Niece

GGN - Great Grand Nephew / Niece

#C - Cousin Relationship (1C=1st Cousin)

#R - Generations Removed

The box in the upper left-hand corner is the closest Common Ancestor (CA). Identify the relationship of the first person to the CA (child, grandchild ...). Find that box in *row* # 0.

Identify the relationship of the second person to the CA (child, grandchild ...). Find that box in *column* #0.

Follow the column down from the top and follow the row across from the left. The relationship of the second person to the first person will be the box where they intersect.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	Common Ancestor	Child	GC	GGC	2GGC	3GGC	4GGC
1	Child	Sibling	N	GN	GGN	2GGN	3GGN
2	GC	N	1C	1C 1R	1C 2R	1C 3R	1C 4R
3	GGC	GN	1C 1R	2C	2C 1R	2C 2R	2C 3R
4	2GGC	GGN	1C 2R	2C 1R	3C	3C 1R	3C 2R
5	3GGC	2GGN	1C 3R	2C 2R	3C 1R	4C	4C 1R
6	4GGC	3GGN	1C 4R	2C 3R	3C 2R	4C 1R	5C