

Charts in Reunion 10

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Customizing a Pedigree Chart

Reducing the Size

Here are several ways to reduce the number of pages required to print a chart:

- **Reduce the font size** or use a font that requires less horizontal space. Choose **Object -> Select -> All Boxes** and then use the buttons in the **Text** section of the tool panel.
- **Printer Scaling:** Choose **File -> Page Setup** and enter a number into the Scale box
- **To change orientation,** choose **Tree -> Orientation**. You should experiment with different chart orientations to see which orientation requires the fewest number of pages.
- Try the **Tree -> Squeeze Pedigree** command on pedigree charts in the Left-To-Right orientation.
- **To reduce the space between all boxes:** choose **Tree -> Space Between Boxes -> Less Vertical** and/or **Tree -> Space Between Boxes -> Less Horizontal**.
- **Move Branches:** In some cases, you can reposition entire branches to reduce the overall chart size. Choose **Object -> Selection Mode -> Descendants**, and drag the box at the beginning or top of a branch.
- **Changing the Box Layout and Contents:** When you're about to create a chart, you have the option to modify the layout. The layout determines whether certain fields are included or excluded in chart boxes, and how fields appear in boxes.
- **Removing Empty Lines in Boxes:** Check the **Exclude empty fields** button in the layout setting called **Event Format**.

The Descendant Chart

Pruning a Descendant Chart

The Descendant Chart window provides buttons for pruning large charts by including only:

- Descendants who appear as children with **bold** text
- Descendants who are **marked**.
- Descendants who are **marked and** whose buttons appear in **bold** text.

Removing Duplicate Branches

To identify and remove repetition in a descendant chart, click the **Remove duplicates** button in the Descendant Chart window.

The Fan Chart

Create -> Fan Chart. Select the number of generations. Duplication and/or repetition, caused when relative marry, is **not** removed from fan charts.

Create a fan chart every year to track your research. Add a text box with the current date.

Relative Chart

A relative chart is a graphic document that begins with one person (the starting person) and includes all of the starting person's **blood** relatives. The chart moves **backward and forward** in time — up and down the tree for a specified number of generations in **both** directions. The relative chart combines elements of both descendant and pedigree charts. It does **not** include the blood relatives of the **spouse** of the starting person, such as his/her ancestors.

Timeline Chart

The Timeline Chart is a graphic document that shows the lifespans of people as horizontal bars.

You have the option to include all people, marked people only, or just the descendants of the current couple. Timeline charts are limited to 1200 people.

The choices you make in the Timeline Settings window will become the default settings for new Timeline charts.

Editing - Choose **Timeline -> Settings**. Change span of years, Sort by Label (birth, death, age, etc.) Descendants button will appear disabled unless the timeline chart was created with the **Descendants of current couple** [button](#) checked.

Perspective Events in a Timeline Chart

A perspective event is an event of historical significance, which you can add to a timeline chart, thereby enhancing the legend of the chart. Perspective events can be placed anywhere by clicking and dragging. You can add perspective events one at a time, or you can add an entire **set** of perspective events.

To open a set of perspective events, choose **Timeline -> Perspectives -> Add Set**. By default, you'll be shown the contents of this folder: Home/Library/Application Support/Reunion/Perspective Events.

Cascading Pedigree Chart

A cascading pedigree is a series of four- or five-generation, single-page charts that begin with one person and move backward in time — showing direct ancestors only.

To create larger, editable graphic charts (such as wall charts), check out [descendant charts](#), [pedigree charts](#), and [relative charts](#). Also, the [tree view](#) can be printed.

Clicking the Print button will open the standard Macintosh Print window. Click the **PDF** button in the Print window and choose **Open PDF in Preview**. Doing so will let you see exactly how a report will look **before** printing.

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