

# Manual Creation of Pedigree/Ancestor Chart #'s

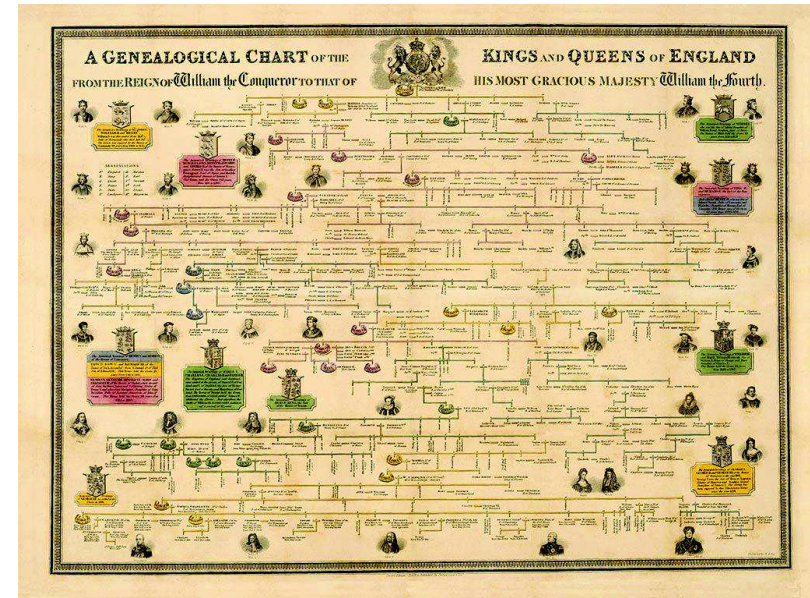
*A simple equation for generating chart numbers*

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# A Brief History Of Genealogy

The study of family history dates back to ancient times. Family charts were used predominantly of showing birthright for royalty. The oldest, continuous genealogical record is that of Confucius - dating back 2500 years. During medieval times, rulers would generate false lineages dating back to Adam and Eve or the Norse god Woden to establish their divine right to the throne.

So....how were these charts kept?



# Tablets of our Ancestors vs Tablets of today



Manual pedigree charts have been used for 2500 years. How were these organized without the use of computers?

# 5 Generation Pedigree/Anccestor Chart

- A 5-Generation Pedigree chart contains 31 names
- Work back from the primary person to their Great-Great Grandparents
- Each entry for the last 16 entries (all the Great-Great Grandparents) contains a reference to the chart that has them as the primary and the cycle continues
- An equation is used to determine the new (reference) chart for the individual Great-Great Grandparent (16th person)
- **The equation works for persons 16 to 31 for ONLY chart 1. On subsequent charts the equation works for person 16 and you manually fill in sequentially for persons 17 to 31**

## 5 Generation New Chart Equation

To determine the new chart number for a Great-Great Grandparent, use the following equation:

$$(\text{Present Chart \#} \times \text{Person \#}) - 14$$

For our example, we will use Chart #1 and create the new chart number for the 23rd person. Using this information to fill in the variables, we have  $(1 \times 23) - 14$  and the resulting chart number is 9.

## 4 Generation New Chart Equation

To determine the new chart number for a Great Grandparent, use the following formula:

$(\text{Present Chart \#} \times \text{Person \#}) - 6$

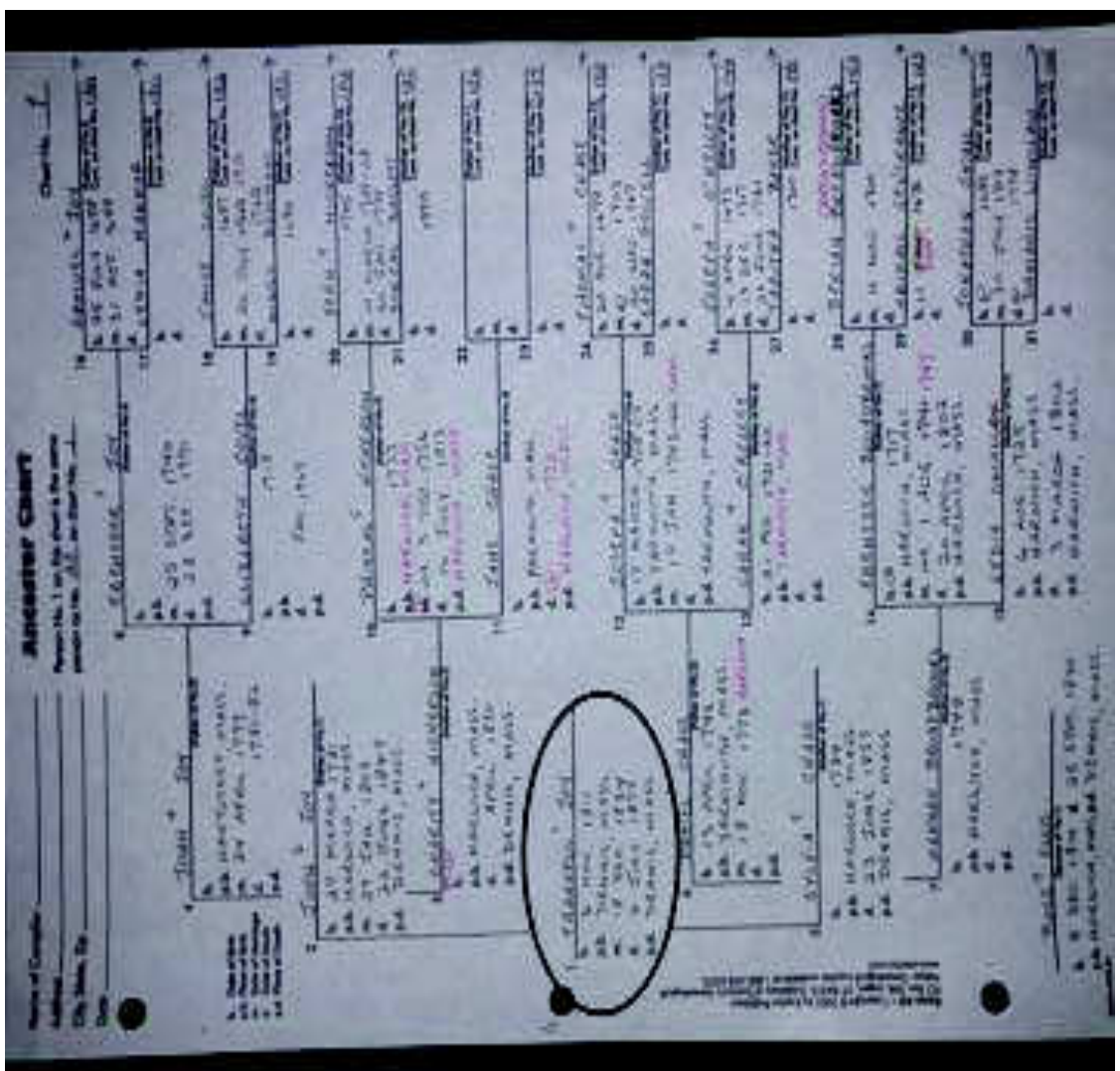
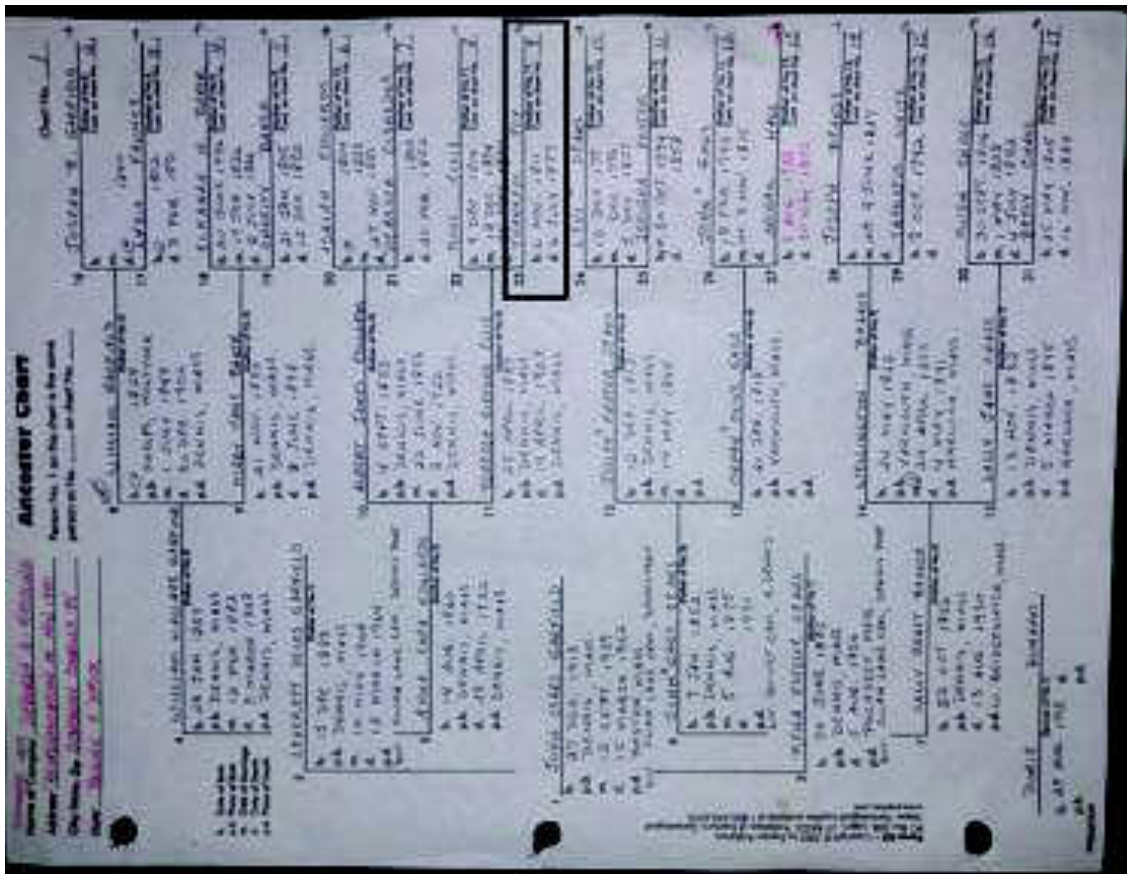
*We will focus on the 5 Generation chart*

# Oh Thankful Joy

For our example, I will use Thankful Joy, the Great-Great Grandmother of John Sears Garfield for whom this particular pedigree chart was created

- John Sears Garfield is the first person on chart #1
- His Great Great Grandmother, Thankful Joy, is the 23rd person on the chart
- The resulting equation is  $(1 \times 23) - 14$  [Present Chart X Person #] - 14
- The resulting chart number to continue Thankful Joy's pedigree would be 9

And, now, you can tell your children and grandchildren that “Yes, you will have to use High School Algebra someday”!





I hope this equation proves to be useful to you in your research

