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Message from the CGHS President

Hope everyone had a merry Christmas and happy holidays. Here's hoping for a great new year and many successful discoveries in your family tree....To all, my best "genealogical wishes" for 2014! *Virginia*



Upcoming Events:

14 Jan 2014
CGHS Meeting:
"What Happened To
Lester?"
Rick Ewig
LC Library, Cheyenne

6-8 Feb 2014
RootsTech Confer-
ence 2014
Salt Palace
Salt Lake City, Utah

11 Feb 2014
CGHS Meeting:
"Fill'er Up!"
Heyward Schrock
LC Library, Cheyenne

RootsTech 2014: To Be Better Than Ever

RootsTech, the largest family history conference in North America hosted by Family Search will be held at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City, February 6-8. The fourth annual conference has something for everyone, from avid genealogists to beginners, and those who simply want to discover the latest technologies and solutions to better connect with family. RootsTech offers world-class content from presenters all over the country, a huge Expo Hall with exhibitors, vendors and interactive booths, hundreds of how-to sessions, and outstanding keynote speakers.

Who Should Attend?

If you are new to family history—the "Getting Started" track offers over 30 classes to help attendees discover all the ways everyday things connect your family across generations. "Getting Started" passes start at \$19.

If you are a seasoned family historian—experience everything RootsTech has to offer with a "Full Access Pass," which allows you to choose from over 200 classes to help you expand your skills, learn about new and emerging technologies, and explore best practices to overcome brick walls in your research.

RootsTech, offers something for everyone, regardless of experience in family history or technology skills.

Highlights

Thursday keynote speakers include Ree Drummond, award-winning blogger, best-selling author, food celebrity, and creator of the website, *The Pioneer Woman*; and Annelies van den Belt, CEO of DC Thomson Family History, host of 1.8 billion genealogical records through Findmypast and Genes Re-united. Friday keynoters include Dr. Spencer Wells, director of the Genographic Project—a partnership between IBM, the Waitt Family Foundation and National Geographic to capture a genetic snapshot of humanity; and Judy Russell, a certified genealogist with a law degree who has the website, *The Legal Genealogist*, helping people understand the interplay between genealogy and the law. Saturday's speakers are Stephanie Nielson, author of the popular *NieNie Dialogues* blog and the book *Heaven Is Here*; and Todd Hansen, host of *The Story Trek*, an Emmy Award-winning series about ordinary people's stories.

For more information and registration visit <https://rootstech.org/>

Family Search announced recently that new.familysearch.org was changed to "read-only" status in December, 2013. Users will still be able to view information on new.familysearch.org, but will no longer be able to edit or change information. They are encouraging users to switch to FamilySearch [Family Tree](http://FamilyTree) where they can add and correct information about ancestors and relationships; find valuable records for any ancestor right from the person's page; add sources to ancestors; add photos, documents and stories; and print fan charts, pedigrees and family group records.

Second Cousins and Removed Cousins: What's the Difference?

by Amy Johnson Crow, Archives.com*

What is a first cousin once removed? (As the joke goes "Can a cousin, once removed, be returned?") Is it the same as a second cousin? The short answer is "No, they're not the same thing." Let's take a look at what those cousin terms mean and how you can figure them out in your family tree.

Degrees of "Cousin-ness"

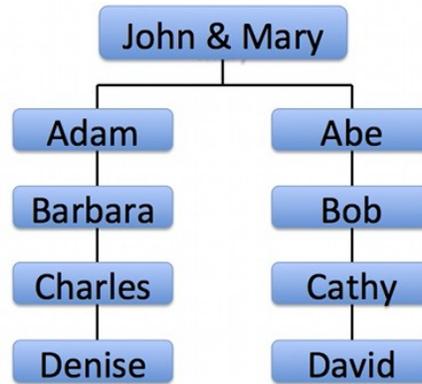
Terms like "first cousin" and "second cousin" refer to what I call the degrees of "cousin-ness." It's an indication of how close the common ancestor is to them. The further back the first common ancestor is, the larger the number. First cousins are as close as you can be and still be cousins. It means that the closest ancestor that two people have in common is a grandparent. (If they were any more closely related, they would be siblings.) "Second cousins" means that the closest common ancestor is a great-grandparent. Third cousins, then, have a great-great-grandparent as the most recent common ancestor.

Removed Cousins

"Removed" refers to how many generations "different" two people are. Their most common ancestor might be the great-grandfather of one and the great-great-grandfather of the other. Since they're not equally distant from the common ancestor, "removed" is a way to show how far apart they are.

An Example

In the example below, John and Mary had two sons: Adam and Abe. Adam had a daughter named Barbara; Barbara had a son Charles; and Charles had a daughter Denise. Abe had a son named Bob; Bob had a daughter Cathy; and Cathy had a son David. Let's see how these people are related.



Barbara and Bob are first cousins. Their closest common ancestors are their grandparents (John and Mary). Barbara and Bob have the same distance from their closest common ancestors; no "removed" is necessary. Charles and Cathy are second cousins. Their closest common ancestors are their great-grandparents (John and Mary). They, too, are the same distance away from their closest common ancestors; no "removed" is necessary. Similarly, Denise and David are third cousins. Their closest common ancestors are their great-great-grandparents. They are the same distance apart, so we don't need a "removed."

Barbara and Cathy: Their closest ancestors (John and Mary) are Barbara's grandparents, but Cathy's great-grandparents. The one closest determines the "degree." In this case, Barbara is closest. She's a grandchild, so that makes the degree "first cousin." Cathy is one generation different (she's a great-grandchild), so we need to "remove" her once. Barbara and Cathy are first cousins, once removed.

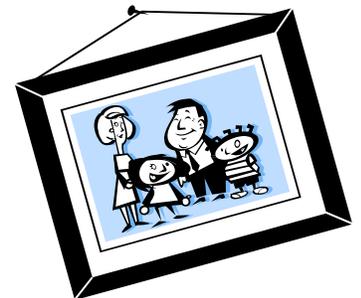
Barbara and David are first cousins, twice removed. Barbara is still the closest, at grandchild, so it's still a first cousin. But David is two generations different, so he needs to be "removed" twice. Put it together and you have first cousins, twice removed.

What about Charles and David? The closest relationship to the common ancestors is Charles, as a great-grandchild. That makes the "degree" second cousins. But Charles and David are one generation different, so they need to be "removed" once. Their relationship is second cousins, once removed.

Working It Out With Your Cousins

If you want to calculate relationships between two people in your family tree, you can sketch out their descent from the common ancestors (like I did with John and Mary) and see where they are. If you're more mathematically inclined, there is a formula you can use. Take the relationship of the closest ancestor and add 1 to the number of "greats" for the "degrees." For example, if the closest ancestor is a great-grandparent, the degree is second cousins. Add the number of "removed" as necessary.

Many genealogy software programs allow you to choose two people in a family tree and calculate their relationship. Seeing what these terms mean and how you can calculate the relationship yourself can help you understand those relationships better.



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Genealogy News You Can Use...

Registration Open for 2014 National Genealogical Society Family History Conference, "Virginia: The First Frontier"

Registration is now open for the National Genealogical Society's 36th annual family history conference, "Virginia: The First Frontier," which will be held 7-10 May 2014 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center and the Marriott Hotel in Richmond, Virginia. Virginia was home to an ever-changing frontier. From Jamestown to Kentucky its people moved ever forward looking for new frontiers and it is this spirit that the conference celebrates moving to new frontiers in research. The conference will open with Sandra Treadway, Librarian and Archivist of Virginia, who will address the issues that research institutions face as they enter the digital frontier and how they are working to meet the ever-changing needs of patrons.

Continuing its goal of providing quality educational opportunities to its participants, the conference will again feature the Board for Certification of Genealogists' Skill-building track, which focuses on research techniques useful to both the beginning and the advanced researcher. Among the eighteen lectures in the migration track are David Rencher's "From Ulster to Virginia and the Carolinas," Eric Grundset's "The Chesapeake and New England: Colonial Connections and Migrations," and J. Mark Lowe's "The Migration Triangle: Virginia, the Carolinas, and Tennessee." A two-day German track features lectures on German research in both the United States and Europe. Single-day tracks focus on DNA, NARA, military, and African American research and include tracks sponsored by the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society and the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Technology and its increasing role in research is addressed in a

variety of presentations including a full-day track on ways to use technology to help share your family's story. And, last but not least, for those who have Virginia ancestors, they promise at least one session every day on Virginia. To register online, visit the NGS website at <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/event-registration/> and complete the registration form. To print a PDF brochure that includes an overview of the sessions, tours, pre-conference events, registration times, and rates, as well as general conference and hotel details, go to:

<http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>. Attendees are urged to visit the conference blog, which features tips on local and regional research facilities as well as things to do in and around Richmond and updated information on hotel availability and local restaurants. The [National Genealogical Society](#) is dedicated to genealogy education, high research standards, and the preservation of genealogical records. The Arlington, Virginia-based non-profit is the premier national society for everyone, from the beginner to the most advanced family historian seeking excellence in publications, educational offerings, research guidance, and opportunities to interact with other genealogists.

What's New on Cyndi's List

Genelines Timeline Software: Create Amazing Charts

URL : <http://progenygenealogy.com/Products/TimelineCharts.aspx>

Create customizable timeline charts that display family history records in a different way. Compatible with GEDCOM, Family Tree Maker versions 2007 and earlier (2008/2009/2010 use GEDCOM), Personal Ancestral File, Legacy Family Tree, Ancestral Quest, Ancestry Family Tree.

Fold3 Adds Casualty Records From Iraq and Afghanistan

Three new titles have been added to a Fold3 collection called [Casualties from Iraq and Afghanistan Conflicts](#). Named for three separate military operations, each title includes the names and related personal and service information for over six thousand men and women who died in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001. While the three record sets include "casualties" in their titles, they only contain records for those killed, not wounded. They are:

[Operation Enduring Freedom \(OEF\) Casualties](#)"Operation Enduring Freedom" (OEF) is the operational codename given by the U.S. government to the War in Afghanistan which began in 2001 and is currently an ongoing conflict.

[Operation Iraqi Freedom \(OIF\) Casualties](#)"Operation Iraqi Freedom" (OIF) is the operational codename given by the U.S. government to the conflict in Iraq from 2003-2010.

[Operation New Dawn \(OND\) Casualties](#)"Operation New Dawn" (OND) is the operational codename given by the U.S. government for U.S. involvement in Iraq after Operation Iraqi Freedom ended on August 31, 2010.

Every casualty links to a Memorial Page with a summary and personal details including full name, branch of service, pay grade and rank, unit, casualty location, date of death, age, residence, and more. In addition to searching for a name, you can also search on other details such as unit number, rank, date of death, or city of residence. Fold3 members can add to a Memorial Page by clicking the "Add" or "Edit" buttons within any of the sections: Pictures & Records, Personal Details, and Stories. On the final About page, you can connect to other pages on Fold3 and describe your relationship to the service member.

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The Cheyenne Genealogical & Historical Society welcomes these new members who have joined the organization in the last several months.

- Kandace Taylor
- John Taylor
- Lindsey Taylor
- N. Katherine (Kay) Barnes



New Activity Book Series, "Zap the Grandma Gap" Brings Youthful Fun to Family History

Studies have shown that greater knowledge about family history strengthens and empowers youth by creating self-esteem, resilience and a greater sense of control over their lives. Learning about the family's past also strengthens the relationships between living family members by creating a shared experience and core identity that no one else in the world can duplicate.

To help families achieve these great benefits, authors Janet Hovorka and Amy Slade have developed a new series of *Zap The Grandma Gap--My Ancestor* activity books. The first four books, *My British Ancestor*, *My Civil War Ancestor*, *My Swedish Ancestor* and *My German Ancestor* are 52-page activity books designed for 6-14 year olds with puzzles, activities, games and recipes combined with questions and learning opportunities about specific ancestors and the culture that surrounded them. Timelines, paper dolls, coloring pages, maps, fairy tales, music, dot-to-dots and crossword puzzles combine to give youth the full picture of what their ancestors' lives were like.

The "My Ancestor" activity books are designed to give kids ownership of their own family history. "These books help young kids take the lead in learning about their family history," says Hovorka. "As they accomplish the activities together with the help of their parents and grandparents, they strengthen modern family bonds while they are strengthening their identity with the past. Parents and grandparents who teach children who they are and where they came from give youth a secure identity from which to draw courage as they encounter the challenges in their lives."

The authors, sisters Janet Hovorka and Amy Slade grew up in a family history oriented home, but didn't realize how much they were learning about their family history until later in life. Throughout Janet's 12 years as a popular genealogy speaker, co-owner of a family history company, genealogy instructor at Salt Lake Community College, and past president of the Utah Genealogical Association, she has witnessed over and over again how family history can heal the relationships in a family. Her books, *Zap The Grandma Gap: Connect To Your Family By Connecting Them To Their Family History*, and *Zap The Grandma Gap Power Up Workbook* have helped families connect with their roots through the real life examples drawn from Janet's own experiences with her teenage children. Sample pages from the books can be viewed on the website and blog at ZapTheGrandmaGap.com

