

What Makes Descendantsee Different

- It follows the descendants of person, not their antecedents.
- The Family Concept
- The Spouse Concept
- The Linear Sequence
- The inclusion of Branches
- The ability to group Families in 'Mobs'
- The ability to consolidate Mobs and link them using 'Familysee'
- Cross Family searches in Mobs and via Familysee

The Family and Founder Concept

The 'Founder ' is the person for whom the descendants are to be included.

The Family is the Founder and his/her descendants.

The founder and at least one 'Spouse' (some have multiple spouses) must be added before subsequent children can be added.

The rules that follow are that before a child can be entered, both parents must be entered first. If the other parent (spouse) is not known or chooses not to be disclosed, the a surname such as 'NotNamed' or 'ToBeIdentified' is used. This can be changed later to the actual name if required.

This software primarily defines a 'Spouse' as the other biological parent of a descendant's child.

It can also be the wife/husband to which the descendant is married, the relationship which is yet to record children.

Step children, Adopted children and Foster children can be added and are recorded with a variation of the lineage sequence which depicts that status.

This is important for future biological identification (eg donor candidates).

The Linear Sequence

The 'Linear Sequence' is what hangs all of this together.

The Founder of a Family is assigned a two character string of 'oo' (two zero's).

In the common usage of this software, the first generation children are assigned characters:-

01 First Child

02 Second Child

03 Third Child and so on.

The second and subsequent generations, have a pair of characters added to the lineage sequence of the parent.

Second generation first child for example would be :-

0101

Four Characters means second generation (4 divided by 2)

Third generation fourth child for example:-

030204 that is ... fourth child (gen 3) of the second child (gen 2) of the third child (gen 1).

If that child was a step child the sequence would show as 0302s4.

Why Branches ?

Branches were a feature required by the first family to use this software.

It enabled the large family to be identified (eg name tags) into sub-groups at gatherings.

The usage of this feature has enabled multiple families to which a person is a descendant, to be included in one database. The “prime descendant” concept then enables a marriage or birth to be entered only once as opposed to making the entries in each family.

Extending this feature further, it enables say a ship to replace the ‘Family’, and the passengers being the ‘Branches’. Descendants of those passengers subsequently recorded in those branches.

Mobs

The 'Mobs' concept was created to enable associated 'Families' to be linked.

The first usage of this was to link the families in which I am included as a descendant and I called 'Mymobs'.

Searches can be made for an individual showing and connecting to respective families.

The mobs can be dived into sub-mobs such as Dad's mob and Mum's mob.

There can be a website such as 'familysee.host' that can be used to further link 'Mobs' and enable searches across all mobs and families.