

# ***Create a descendant chart showing only direct lines***

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Purpose is to show the simplest relationships among two or more relatives — in this case, my granddaughter Grace and the various people who were involved with a mourning brooch for Grace Scott nee Downing, who died in 1836, the wife of her 5<sup>th</sup>-great-great-uncle.

Briefly, you create a focus group for those you want on the tree, then you set a flag for only those people, then you create a descendants' box chart from the flagged people

Steps in the process:

- 1) Determine the common ancestor — in this case, John Scott — the full tree contained 615 descendants and spouses and took 44 legal sheets this was obviously much bigger than was wanted!
- 2) Record the TMG id number of the common ancestor  
then  
the id numbers of the target people, that is, all those you really want on the chart  
and  
the id numbers of every direct-line ancestor linking the various targets and the common ancestors
- 3) Create a focus group, using “Add individual” to add all the id numbers from step 2
- 4) In “Add Others” box  
clear “Ancestors” and “Descendants” boxes  
check “Spouses” — if you don't do this, the chart will show boxes with “unknown spouse”  
Click “Select All” below  
Click “Add Others”
- 5) Remove any unwanted people from focus group using “Remove Selected” — 2<sup>nd</sup> spouses for example
- 6) Save and name focus group
- 7) Go to Report > List of People  
In Subject(s) of the report, Select “All people in project”  
> Options > Secondary Output — Change – “Temporary” flag to N  
(If you do not have a Temporary Flag or equivalent, you will have to create one)  
— Select – Suppress output to screen, file, or printer  
Create Report
- 8) Go to Report > List of People  
In Subject(s) of the report, Select “Focus group” (either current or the name chosen if you closed it)  
> Options > Secondary Output — Change – “Temporary” flag to Y  
— Select – Suppress output to screen, file, or printer  
Create Report

Then ... see next page ...

9) Go to Report > Descendant Box Chart

Under "Focus person" — Choose the earliest common ancestor — in my case, #1386 John Scott

In the next box, check "Only include the people with this flag value" and include "Temporary = Y"

> Options > Chart Style: In "Chart Size" increase Max. # Generations to an appropriate number

Click OK

Click Create Chart

And Voila — your special chart is made. Like any chart from VCF (Visual Chart Form), it may need a little massaging to make it perfect.