

“The Great Ancestor Hunt: Getting Started”

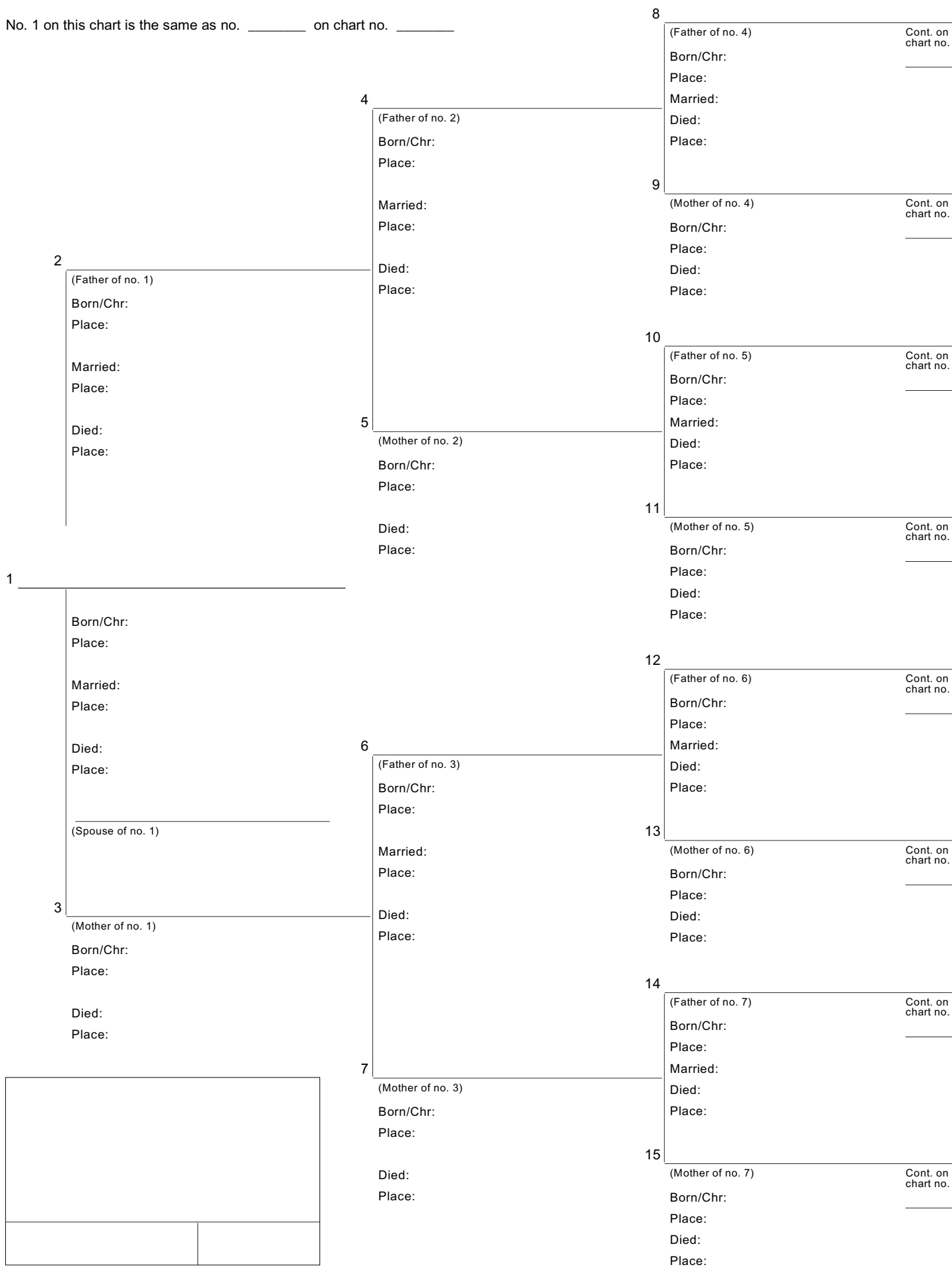
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- I. Introduction
- II. Plan Your Safari
 - A. Gather containers in which to store your captures
 - i. Get a long-range view (pedigree charts)
 - ii. Use your binoculars for a close-up (family group records)
 - iii. Tag your finds (note keeping philosophy)
 - B. Take a look at what game is available
 - i. What do you already know yourself? (sourcing as “Personal knowledge of _____”)
 - ii. Find out what others have already bagged (acknowledge hunter and verify as much as necessary)
 - a. Any family archives
 - b. Familysearch.org and other on-line resources
 - iii. As quickly as possible, **get the living involved in the hunt** (stories, picture IDs, etc.)
 - C. Select your prey (do it the way skillful predators do)
 - i. A good rule of thumb is to choose the “dead-end” closest to you (usually the weakest and easiest to catch)
 - ii. However, go with your gut instinct as well...you will need to fall in love with these people
 - D. Learn the habits of your targets
 - i. Where did they live?
 - ii. What things were important to them? (occupation, religion, nationality)
 - iii. Where are they likely to gather? (social habits)
 - iv. Who were the others in the herd? (they tend to hang together)
 - E. Go out and start hunting
 - i. Keep your eyes and ears open (learn as you go)
 - ii. Modify your attack as necessary (be prepared to give up traditions)
 - iii. Realize that your hunt can be successful even if you only find out where the game *isn't*
 - iv. Be persistent
- III. Conclusion - enjoy the scenery along the way...it's a fun trip!

Pedigree Chart

Chart no. _____

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. _____ on chart no. _____



Family Group Record

Husband		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other Marriages"
	Born	Place
	Christened	Place
	Died	Place
	Buried	Place
	Married	Place
	Husband's father	
	Husband's mother	
Wife		
	Born	Place
	Christened	Place
	Died	Place
	Buried	Place
	Wife's father	
	Wife's mother	
1	Sex Name	<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other Marriages"
	Born	Place
	Christened	Place
	Died	Place
	Spouse	
	Married	Place
2	Sex Name	<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other Marriages"
	Born	Place
	Christened	Place
	Died	Place
	Spouse	
	Married	Place
3	Sex Name	<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other Marriages"
	Born	Place
	Christened	Place
	Died	Place
	Spouse	
	Married	Place
Prepared by		Address
Phone		
E-mail address		
Date prepared		

Family Group Record

Husband	
Wife	
Sex	Name <input type="checkbox"/> See "Other Marriages"
Born	Place
Christened	Place
Died	Place
Spouse	
Married	Place
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Family Group Record

Husband

Wife

Other marriages List other marriages of the husband, wife and children on this form. List any necessary explanations.

Notes and sources of information Add further information on attached sheets as necessary.