

Calabasas Library Genealogy

How to read the cousin charts

The Shared cM Project Chart

In the center square you can see yourself. Above your square is your parents. In this square, you will see the cM for your parents. This number will only mean anything if you have done our DNA.

If you have not done your DNA, the chart is still great. You can follow how your parents' siblings, your Aunt/Uncle, how their kids are related to you. If they are full siblings, then you cousins are all 1st cousins. If you parent and siblings are half-siblings, you cousins will be Half 1st cousins. From here, you can see if a cousin is a 1st cousin once removed or a 2nd or 3rd cousin.

The second chart is just a simpler chart than the first. The square marked "mother" is used for both your mother and father. As charts for both sides of your family develop the same way. The half sibling is the same for which every parent you are researching.

cM-centimorgans

The confidence score is based on the amount and location of the DNA that you share with your match. We show the shared amount using centimorgans (cM), a unit used to measure the length of DNA. The higher the number, the higher the confidence, and in general, the closer the relationship.