

## WordPerfect Box Charts

I developed these a few years ago to show in a simple chart a relationship between two persons from a mutual ancestor. I've used it to show my "cousinship" to some notable person, or to show mutual relationships to a correspondent from common ancestors. People who don't understand ahnentafels, or want to pour through pages of pedigree charts can often appreciate a simple one-page diagram.

These were created with the Line-Draw feature of WordPerfect 5.x. In WP5.1, it is important to remember to use a monospace font (default is Courier 10), as a proportional font will mess up the alignment of the boxes. It is also important to set "Typeover" mode at the INS key. Use the arrow keys instead of the spacebar to move the cursor into the box, as the space bar will erase the lines! If you forget, however, it's easy enough to repair via Ctrl-F3-2-1 in Line Draw feature.

The bottom of the page contains part of a macro to insert the date and identity of the compiler. I made a macro using the small-size type which inserts this on every page. Sometimes I add biographical data or references elsewhere on the page in small or fine type (just use Reveal Codes to keep the boxes aligned, as the screen won't reflect the actual placement when you use multiple type sizes).

The sample blank form here is for a 12-generation chart (I have long New England lines!). Easy enough to delete some of the rows to make it any length.

It is also possible through Line Draw to create a diagram of complex relationships, and a sample of that is enclosed. Hint: once you get a line across, you can do a Block/Copy move and duplicate it again and again.

Enjoy!

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Included in this BOXCHT.zip are:

This Readme.box file

12-gen.box = the blank box chart for 12 generations

busy.box = an example of a complicated relationship of 3 persons.

diana.box = showing my remote relationship to Diana Spencer, the Princess of Wales, and the future Kings of England.