

JANYCE Explains:

"COUSINS" and "REMOVED"

(What it all means)

Hello there friend (and likely, genealogist)

You know what your cousin (or FIRST COUSIN) is, and how they are related to you.
(For those of you who use English as a second language: Your cousin is the child of your aunt and uncle; your aunt or uncle is a sibling to one of your parents).

Now, if your cousin has a child, that child is a FIRST COUSIN ONCE REMOVED to you, i.e. one generation removed from being a first cousin.

If you have a child, your child is a SECOND COUSIN to your first cousin's child.

If your first cousin has a grandchild, that grandchild is a FIRST COUSIN TWICE REMOVED to you, and THIRD COUSIN to your grandchild.

It all keeps working the same way. Undoubtedly, you have a 12th Cousin somewhere, and their grandchild is TWELTH COUSIN TWICE REMOVED to you.

	PARENT	
CHILD	sibling	CHILD
gCHILD	cousin	gCHILD
ggCHILD	2cousin	ggCHILD
g2gCHILD	3cousin	g2gCHILD
g3gCHILD	4cousin	g3gCHILD
g4gCHILD	5cousin	g4gCHILD
g5gCHILD	6cousin	g5gCHILD
g6gCHILD	7cousin	g6gCHILD
g7gCHILD	8cousin	g7gCHILD
g8gCHILD	9cousin	g8gCHILD
g9gCHILD	10cousin	g9gCHILD

The ggCHILD on the left (above) is a SECOND COUSIN TWICE REMOVED to the g3gCHILD on the right (above).
(NOTE: The gSgCHILD on the right IS NOT a Fourth Cousin Twice Removed to the ggCHILD on the left; the relationship is still 2C2R.)

A Word about HALF COUSINS:

The word "Half means only one of two parents is the blood parent, so where two siblings share only one parent, they are half-siblings. The children of these two half-siblings would be half-cousins, because they *SM* only one of the normally two common grandparents. So, half-cousins, share only one of the grandparents commonly. As far as Half-Cousin and Removed is concerned, the same rules apply as to full cousins, theyju share only one of the two grandparents.

I do hope this helps you to understand ail the gobble-de-gook about second cousins and all that "removed" jazz. If you still have a problem with this stuff, just Email me, and I will try to explain more.

Good Root Diggin' to you,

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