

## Chandler Family Association Lineages Database Questions & Answers

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**Q** What is the CFA's objective with this Lineages Database? **A** We want to build a database using standardized terms that will be easy to search, maintain and extend and produces understandable reports to help Chandler researchers.

## **Q** What will it contain?

**A** Initially it will contain the good work in the John Chandler Descendant Chart Book (JCDCB), standardized and updated to reflect what is now known about relationships. It will be progressively extended to include all known Chandler lineages.

## **Q** Will that all be in one database?

**A** No, it will exist at two levels: one single data-base which will eventually contain all the Chandlers in the world, and a series of individual databases, one for each genetic family.

**Q** What detail will be in the all-Chandler data-base? **A** The all-Chandler database will stop with the children of female Chandlers, so that only the first non-Chandler generation will be included in the high-level database.

**Q** What will the all-Chandler database be used for? **A** The CFA will use the all-Chandler database to help respond to genealogical enquiries from members and non-members. It will point to the genetic family database where more detail may be found.

**Q** What will be in the genetic family databases that won't be in the all-Chandler database?

**A** The genetic family databases – one for each genetically distinct family identified – will contain whatever the all-Chandler database has about that family, and in addition it will be capable of recording *all* identified descendants of female Chandlers in that family.

**Q** Will the information be available on the Internet?

**A** Not for the foreseeable future. The CFA wants to have a relationship with enquirers, so that any information they take away from us is put into proper context. The danger with information pools that allow people to fish freely in them is that some people pick up the wrong information, connect it to the wrong people, then post it on the Internet to mislead the unwary.

**Q** How do I find out if my lineage/ancestor/self is in the database? **A** Send a query to the Genealogy Panel and we will send you a report telling you what we have about the person you enquire about, his/her ancestors and descendants. We will put some brief guidelines on the CFA web site, showing what a suitable query should contain.

**Q** Can I import information from CFALD into my family tree program? **A** See the previous answer. If you want the information from our report in a form to go into your own family history program, we will provide that to members by email attachment without charge.

**Q** Is everything that was in the JCDCB in CFALD? **A** All the information from JCDCB that was not an obvious duplication or mistake has been kept in CFALD. In certain cases notes have been made concerning inconsistencies and concerns.