Family History – treeseek

treeseek for creating charts

Each New Year, I make a renewed commitment to spend more time on my family history genealogy and research efforts. While I know this work is a lifelong effort, I still would like to know if I've made progress from the previous year. While progress can be measured in many ways – I've discovered one way that gives me some visual measurement to my efforts.

Each year, I generate a Fan Chart, date it, store it in my online storage account, and compare it to the same Fan Chart I generated the previous year. This allows me to see the progress I've made in filling some of the unfinished lines of my family tree. For some of you with very full trees – this might not be as visually obvious. Nonetheless, it can be a good exercise.

One program that I like is called treeseek. Treeseek takes my family tree in FamilySearch and gives me options to create a number of charts. I've included a few examples of my favorite free charts on the following pages. Most of the charts can be created for free and a few are fee.
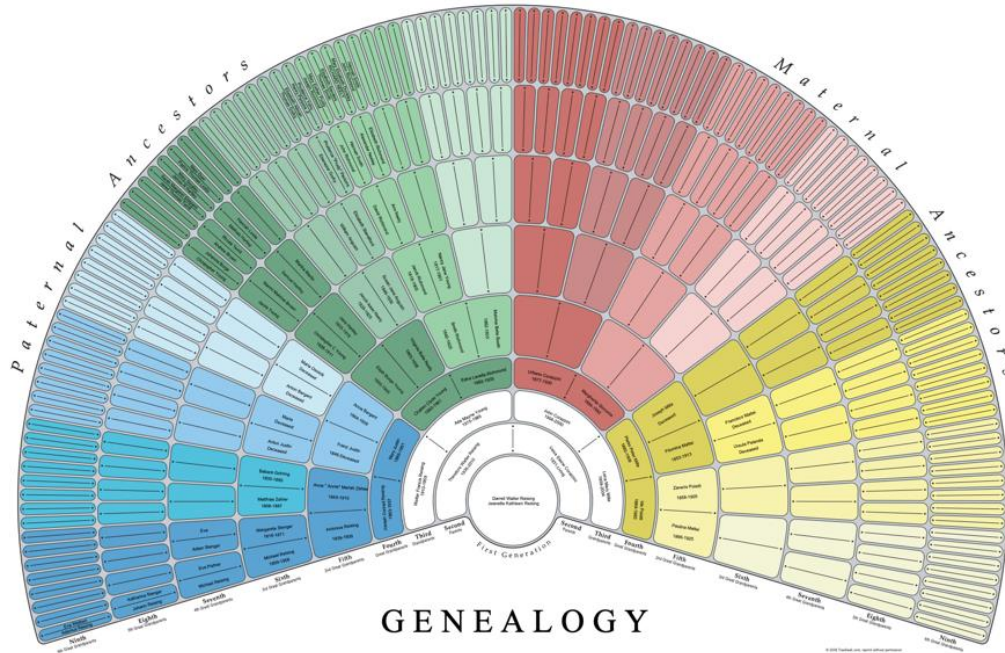
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treeseek.com – charts (note: some charts make take several minutes to create, so be patient)

For example: - a 9-generation Fan Chart (free)

They also a free chart called a **Name Cloud**, which is a fun way of showing you ancestors names in your FamilySearch tree. The most common names are shown larger than the other names. Can you tell my family is deeply Catholic? (Elizabeth, Mary, John, James, Joseph, Hannah, Jacob, Michael, Thomas...)