

Finding your relationship to an ancestor using RelativeFinder.org

Preparation:

- Sign in to <https://familysearch.org/>

Setting up an account:

- 1) Go to <https://www.relativefinder.org/#/main>
- 2) (Fun thing: Relative Finder says how many people are in your family tree and how many generations the farthest line goes back)
- 3) Hover over the “Groups” tab
- 4) Click “Create a Group” in the dropdown menu
- 5) Fill out the information for your “My Ancestors” account. Click the Private Group button.

Accessing your new account to find relationships and pedigrees

1. Hover over the “Groups” Tab
2. Click “Manage My groups” in the dropdown menu
3. Click “View” on your group
4. Your group should show you as the only member
5. Go to Family Search, find an ancestor who is a child many generations back and copy their PID number
6. Click “Add Group Member”
7. Paste the PID number of the ancestor you want to know the relationship for in the “Enter the PID” box
8. Click the “Search” button
9. Click the “Add This Person” button
10. Click the “View All Relationships” button
11. Note the “Report Table” options above the group members names
12. “Relation to the Ancestor” shows all of your common ancestors
13. “Relation to Each Other” show your relationship to the person
14. “Mother – Father Chain” shows the gender of the pedigree line

Go play with your ancestors. When you are lost, use this to create a map to find a relationship. You will sometimes be related through many different people and pedigrees.