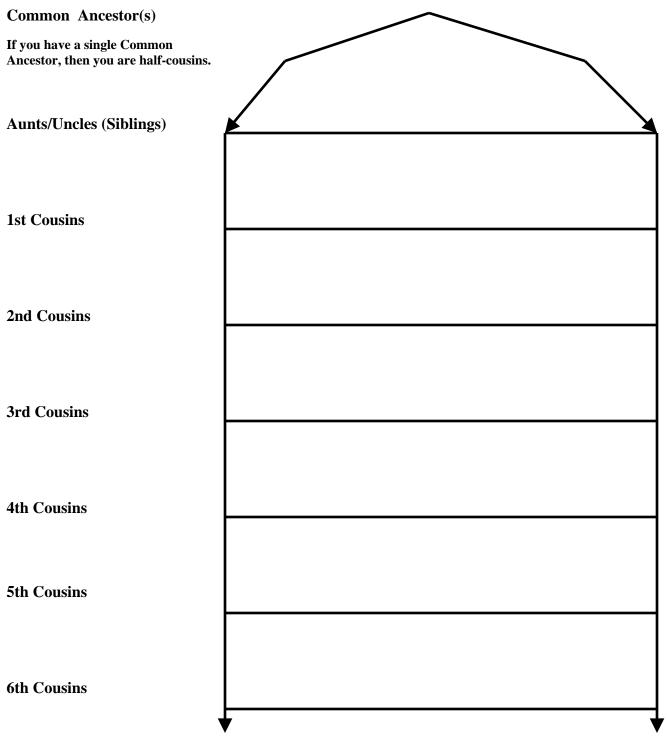
## **Cousin Ladder**

## or How to Calculate Your Cousin Level

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Write the name(s) of your Common Ancestor(s) at the top center of the ladder. Then write the names of the children of each generation that you are descended from on the inside of each rung, going down the ladder one rung for each generation. Spouses may be included.



For number "removed" when relationship is not on the same rung of the ladder, subtract the lower cousin level from the higher cousin level. Eg: 4th Cousin - 2nd Cousin = Twice Removed.

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## **EXAMPLE**

Common Ancestor(s)	John Doe and Ira Smith	
If you have a single Common Ancestor, then you are half-cousins.		
Aunts/Uncles (Siblings)	Mike Doe and Tane Tones	Julie Doe and Bob Howard
1st Cousins	John Doe and Margaret Heaton	Mary Howard and Bill Combs
2nd Cousins	Carol Doe and Bob Striker	Tack Combs and Cheryl Keene
3rd Cousins	NOTE: Carol Doe and Steve Combs are 2nd Cousins Once-Removed	Steve Combs and Pam Robbins
4th Cousins	NOTE: Carol Doe and Nick Combs are 2nd Cousins Twice-Removed	Nick Combs
5th Cousins		
6th Cousins		

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