Reunion's Islands

For the
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Tips

- Link to Reunion 49 person free FamilyFile

  https://www.leisterpro.com/download/SampleFamily13.zip

- MacMost Website and Youtube Channel

  https://macmost.com

  https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=macmost+channel

  - 10 Ways To Select Multiple Files On Your Mac – 10 min 38sec

    https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FgGuHeUAk_A

  - 13 Major Mac Keyboard Shortcuts You Probably Aren't Using

    https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m6UJRd8SdQo – 10 min 38sec

- Reunion Pictures/Imported Media folder

  - Multimedia click/dragged from webpages

  - Multimedia Uploaded from iPhone/iPad

  - Multimedia Click/Dragged from Photos to people or Sources

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Islands
added
early 2015
in
Reunion 11

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What Is the Islands Sidebar?

The Islands sidebar lets you locate "islands" in your family file — groups of people linked to each other, but not linked to people in other islands.

You could think of islands (especially small islands) as unlinked branches of the family tree, or disjointed fragments of the family file. Those branches/fragments may contain parents, spouses, children, and other relatives; but, none of those people are connected to other islands. The islands feature identifies these branches/fragments.

Note: it's typical for a family file to have one large "island" and a few, or perhaps several, smaller islands. it's also perfectly legitimate to have only ONE island, where everybody is connected. There is no right or wrong number of islands; however examining your islands will reveal the degree to which you've recorded separate groups of people in your family file.

The Islands sidebar creates a list of islands (at the top) and then, as you select an island, the bottom list shows all the people in the island, making it easy to see, edit, mark, link, report, or chart people in an island.

Islands Sequence: By # of People

To see a list of islands in the family file, click **Islands** in the Sidebar list.

Islands (15) ⌄
Island 1 – 2079 people, 14 generations
Island 2 – 10 people, 3 generations
Island 3 – 8 people, 2 generations
Island 4 – 6 people, 2 generations
Island 5 – 5 people, 2 generations
Island 6 – 4 people, 2 generations
Island 7 – 3 people, 2 generations
Island 8 – 2 people, 2 generations
Island 9 – 2 people
Island 10 – 1 person

A list of the islands in the family file.

Name of selected island. Change the name in the top list. → **Island 6**   Top

Q last name, first name

4 people, 2 generations

The number of people and generations in the selected island.

✓	Name
	?, Catherine
	LEISTER, Charles
	LEISTER, Hannah (1828 – ?)
	LEISTER, Tobias (1835 –)

People in the island selected above. In this case Island 6.

✓ ↻

Reunion Bug: Islands

https://www.leisterpro.com/download/Reunion-13-unreleased.dmg

Name your Islands

Each island can be given a meaningful name. Just click the name in the top list and press the Enter key. The island name is edited directly in the list and can be a maximum of 100 characters.

Islands (15) ⌄
Gilligan's – 14 people, 6 generations
Lost – 7 people, 4 generations
Castaways – 1 person

✔ People in the island can be [marked](#), to facilitate editing or to create marked sets. Use the **Marking Shortcuts** button, beneath the sidebar. Or use the individual check-mark button to the left of each name.

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Top The **Top** button attempts to analyze the inhabitants of the currently selected island and determine which ancestor is in the earliest generation and at the top of the tree, so to speak. This person is then selected in the bottom list — the list of people in the island selected in the top list.

In smaller islands, the **Top** button will be quite accurate, selecting the person at the top of the tree very reliably. (The "top" of the tree would be considered backward in time.) However, this feature can't be accurate in all scenarios, particularly when considering an island with several branches moving backward; or, in islands where people do not descend from a common person or couple.

The **Top** button is disabled when the current "top" person is already selected in the bottom list of the Islands sidebar.

Use Islands with Tree View

Making Changes? Click the UPDATE button

Updating the Islands

When selecting **Islands** from the list of sidebars, the Islands sidebar will automatically be updated.

However, when making changes — such as adding children or parents to somebody in an island, or deleting a person in an island — **while the Islands sidebar is still open**, it'll be necessary to click the **Update** button at the bottom of the Islands sidebar.

↻ Doing so will refresh the contents of the Islands sidebar.

When the Islands Don't Appear Instantly

If Reunion determines that more than a few seconds will be required to generate the list of islands, a **Build Islands List** button will appear which requires one extra step to build the list.

Uses for Islands

- Manage multiple Family Trees in one FamilyFile

- See where your "Orphans" or unlinked people are and "Stop LOSING PEOPLE"

- Easy to accurately mark connected people

- Add FAN groups with Connections to your FamilyFile

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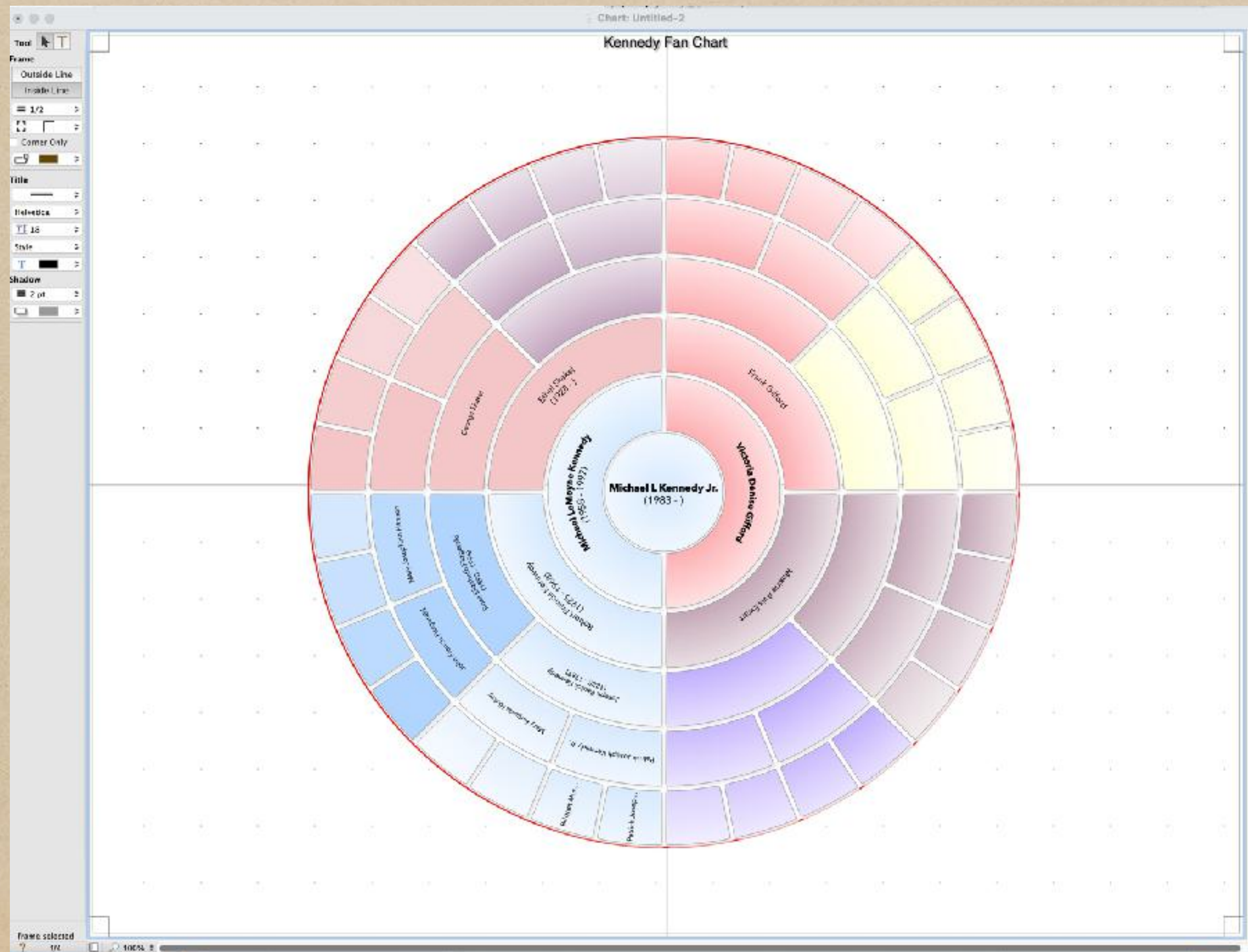
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