

Reunion's Large Format Charts

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Tips

- Cut and Paste multiple files - CMD C, then OPTION CMD V
- Create Shortcut - OPTION CMD Click/Drag
- Save as - Option Save
- Multiple Selection - Repeat CMD CLICK/DRAG
- Excellent Source of Videos - <https://macmost.com>

What is a Large Format Chart

Can't be printed on regularly available equipment. In most people's case if larger than 8 ½ x 11, unless they have a larger printer, their printer can't handle it. [Ref. Article](#)

Example Charts: - [Heartland Family Graphics Wallchart Gallery](#)

Most are Descendant Charts. Heartland caters to all computers (PC, Mac, Unix) and can create charts from Gedcom files and PDFs. They will provide special support for Reunion users, even accepting a Reunion Family Files as input and can give advice on using Reunion to produce your chart. Detailed help may require a setup fee.

Reunion excels at these particular functions necessary to produce large charts

- Choice of layouts after choosing chart type. Don't have to regenerate chart

- Creates variety of files, including PDF for printing or sharing or images like .jpg or .png if that is desired,
- Choice of any page size you want -
See this excellent video from Marmots on how to set page size. Example is from Pages but is the same for Reunion.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8DT-DCMKfnY&t=328s>
- Manipulation of one, many or all boxes at once

In addition, Reunion provides full desktop publishing features including copy/paste or click/drag images from websites or folders of multimedia

Let's Jump in and Show Exactly how this works

- Using a Kennedy Family Tree that I've added over 120 people to the default 48 person free Tree that comes with Reunion
- Chart Preferences
 - Folder Preferences - Where charts are stored by default
- Position to Family in Reunion
- Choose Chart Type,
- Options for each type,
- Choose Layout (Birth, Marriage, Death)
- Click on ? For help
- Produce an example Descendant Chart.
 - Note the 8 ½ x 11 boxes. The boxes are used by Family Graphics for costing
 - Will print on a [variety](#) of stock: 3 grades (24-55 lb) of regular paper, 2 grades of photo paper and Vinyl Banner. Vinyl covered PVC fabric. It costs from \$2.25 - \$4.50/8 per ½ x 11 page. So you get an idea of the cost of a chart.

- CMD I to judge chart sizes in inches with/without frame
- Large Format Chart Features
 - CMD PLUS/MINUS Enlarge/Reduce view port
 - CMD A or CMD CLICK: Select Boxes
 - Tree Menu - Move Boxes off of page breaks
 - Tree Orientation - Top to Bottom & Variants
 - Tree Orientation - Waterfall
 - Tree Orientation - Butterfly
 - Printing to a PDF - Move pages off page break increase the number of pages, Adjust Page Size and other Page related settings
 - Box width by generation or individual
- To Create the chart
 - Print directly on 8 ½ x 11 Paper (Move boxes off page breaks)
 - Create PDF or Image : FILE | SAVE GRAPHIC FILE | PDF
 - External Printing and Customize to specific canvas Size
 - CMD I - Determine Size of Chart and appropriate canvas
 - Choose Canvas Size FILE | PAGE SETUP | PAPER SIZE | MANAGE CUSTOM SIZES | CLICK + AND ADD DESIRED PAPER NAME/SIZE | CLICK OK
 - ADJUST CHART TO FIT NEW "CANVAS"
 - FILE | PRINT | OPEN IN PREVIEW | SAVE PDF
 - Send PDF to Commercial Printer with paper size

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