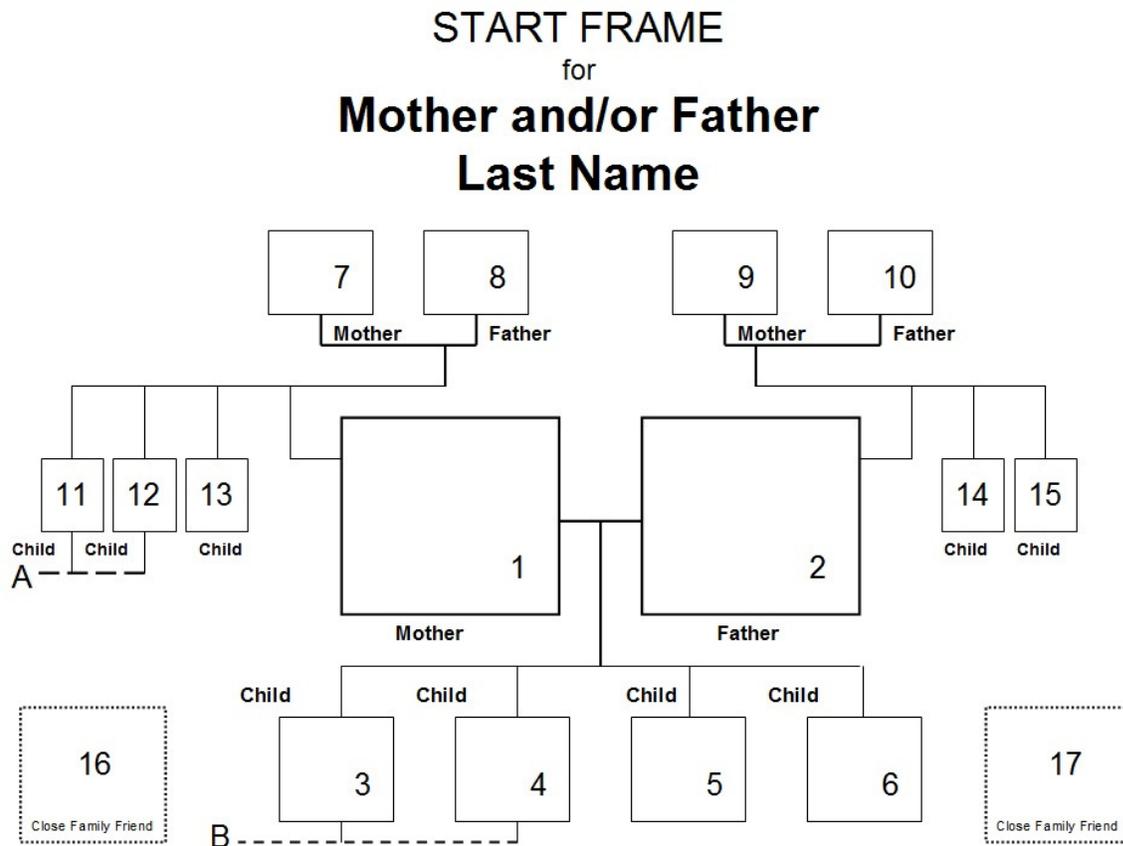


# Forest of Families - Family Circle Template

**Overview:** This is intended to guide a new addition to the Forest with sufficient guidance to begin or continue communicating posts. The Forest of Families site (currently temporary and eventually permanent) can only be expanded from a central point (until permissions are able to be granted). To facilitate communications between those intending to offer a new post we will use attachment to an email that briefly explains what is being proposed. Use: lodi@aol.com for submissions. If it is easily explained and pertains to an existing Family Circle, simply provide an email with instructions with appropriate attachments. An example might be: *"Attached is a more current photograph of Tom Peter Lacroix in the Lacroix Family Circles."*

## A. Family Circles Template:



**Notes:** The illustration above may be annotated, copied, and used as an attachment to an email if that is convenient. If additional boxes are needed, reference those as #a, b, c,

etc. For example: a fifth child would be 6a. The "A" and/or "B" will be explained with a Connectivity Statement as well as the connection to already established "START FRAMES" within the Forest of Families. Boxes 16 and 17 are intended to acknowledge close family friends that may be invited to start their own grove in the Forest of Families if they choose.

## B. Connectivity Statements:

The following table illustrates potential "Connectivity Statements" that can be used to clarify relationships.

Family Circle	Number and/or Name	Action
Dorothy Thomas	James Thomas	Link to James Thomas Circle
Joseph N. Lacroix	Karina	Annotate the Divorce as of ...
Barbara Jackson	Mary Ann, Marsha, James	Connect the "B" Link to Mother

## C. The Family Information and Stories Template:

Category	Narrative
<b>1. Name and name history:</b>	full name and where it did or might have come from
<b>2. Birth/Death:</b>	place, date, parents' full names, including your mother's maiden name, and any unusual circumstances at your birth.
<b>3. Siblings:</b>	their birth dates, marriages, deaths, and names of children
<b>4. Education:</b>	grade school, high schools, college, other institutions
<b>5. Marriages, divorces:</b>	including dates, names, and places
<b>6. Children:</b>	full names and nicknames, dates of birth, where born, marriages and names of their spouse(s) and children
<b>7. Work history and positions held:</b>	make a timeline of all the places you worked
<b>8. Military experience:</b>	list entry and exit information, assignments, locations, and promotions
<b>9. Major geographic moves:</b>	list dates, places you lived over the years
<b>10. Unusual experiences:</b>	such as robberies and accidents

<b>11. Organizations you belonged to and positions held:</b>	names of organizations and locations as well as duties/positions held
<b>12. Church membership, activities, and organizations:</b>	denominations, locations, dates, activity, and significant ceremonies
<b>13. Volunteer activities throughout life.</b>	Organizations, dates, and roles
<b>14. Travel, special vacations:</b>	places and dates as well as significant sites and stories
<b>15. Awards, honors, professional accomplishments:</b>	list distinctions of service and conditions
<b>16. Famous people in your life.</b>	who and locations
<b>17. Close friends:</b>	who and why
<b>18. Life achievements (official and unofficial):</b>	describe with dates and roles
<b>19. Publications:</b>	list and describe, particularly motivations
<b>20. Special skills, interests, hobbies:</b>	list and provide motivations, dates and distinctions
<b>21. Foreign language skills:</b>	list and describe why and how attained as well as utility
<b>22. Main character traits (don't be bashful here. What legacy would you like to leave behind?):</b>	list top the few and explain the values engaged
<b>23. Life challenges:</b>	what was/were/are the difficult conditions you have survived

<b>24. Banners and bandwagons (What values do you hold high?):</b>	what are the efforts you have made beyond the ordinary
<b>25. Political views:</b>	describe the political views and what you did to bring them to life
<b>26. Other 1:</b>	add to the list with definition
<b>27. Other 2:</b>	add to the list with definition

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