

INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK

This is a compilation of **The Descendants of Primary Origin and Spouse** including the spouses of the descendants and the parents of the spouses if they were included in the GEDCOM file that was used to create the book. There may be birth dates and marriage dates that are accompanied with an “Abt” (About) (Abt 1 Jan 2004). The “Abt” will signify that this date is not a confirmed date and may be a “fictitious” date (or an assumed date). Alpha to Omega needs the marriage date and the birth date to perform sorting of the children and sorting of multiple-spouse marriages while it is preparing the book. There may also be times where there never was a marriage, so the marriage date had to be “fictitious” for the purpose of sorting a descendant with more than one “significant other”. (If I see a date with Abt 1 Feb, or all months except Jan, I am confident that the month is probably the correct month. When I see a date with Abt 1 Jan, it may, or may not, be the correct month. When I know the year, but not the month, I will usually insert Jan as the month.) (The Social Security Death Index commonly has the month and year but not the day.) (Alpha to Omega will default to the date of 1 if a date was not included with Abt in the GEDCOM file.)

The **Family Record** sheet is the record for one of the descendants and his or her spouse and children, if there are any. There is a **Descendant ID** in the upper right-hand corner of the sheet. This is relevant only to the descendants within this book. The first **Family Record** sheet shows **Primary Origin** for the **Descendant ID**. The children on this sheet have a number in front of their name. Thus, the first child of the couple selected for the making of this book has a **Descendant ID** of **1**. The second child is **2**, etc. When this first child marries or has a “significant other”, their first child’s **Descendant ID** becomes **11**.

In the back of the book is an **Index of Descendants** and an **Index of Non-Descendants**. Each person that is on a **Family Record** sheet is listed on one of these lists. Married women will show up in the index two times, once with their maiden name and once (or more than once if one is married more than once) with their married name. For instance, Jane Louise Doe marries John Henry Smith. Her name shows up as Doe, Jane Louise and as Smith, Jane Louise (Doe). There are times when people do not marry but have a “significant other” but the program will still include her maiden name and her name with the “significant other’s” last name. This shouldn’t cause any confusion since her used name is still on the list. The other name that isn’t used is just a non-significant name.

Inform the creator of the book if you find an error or an omission or if you have new information such as a birth, death or marriage.

Some suggestions for those receiving one of these books: Insert the sheets into a 3-ringed “view” binder, if it hasn’t already been done. If you are not the one that created this book, and the person who did create the book hasn’t already done so, buy a packet of tabbed dividers and place one divider in front of each **Family Record** with a single-number **Descendant ID**. This helps to further organize the book by separating the children

of the **Primary Origin** into their own individual sections of the book with their respective descendants. Also put one of the dividers in front of the lists at the rear of the book. If a family picture is available for the members of the family of the **Primary Origin**, it could be inserted behind the **Family Record** of the **Primary Origin**. The same could be done for the **Family Record** of those with a single letter for the **Descendant ID** and the picture could be inserted after the tabbed divider and in front of the **Family Record**. At the back of the book, after the indexes, one can insert pictures taken at family reunions and other occasions.

Use your creativeness to come up with other ways to make additions and insertions to the book.