Family Relationships

**Note:** Half relationships result when only one ancestor (not an ancestral couple) is shared between the decedent and a collateral relative. For example, an uncle who shares only one grandparent with the decedent is a half uncle.
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- Since 1998, we have satisfied the research objectives of **tens of thousands of clients**, including many law firms, attorneys, executors, court-appointed administrators, and trust fund managers.

- We employ **certified and accredited genealogists** and experts in geographic or ethnic research specialties, and our 150 employees have thousands of combined years of research experience. Our **vast worldwide contractor network** allows us to use our professional expertise to identify, locate, and report on possible heirs or beneficiaries, both domestically and internationally.

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- We **help our clients fulfill their fiduciary duties** to provide notice to potential heirs by supplying current contact information for those who are considered interested parties to the estate or legal matter.

- We provide proposals for the scope of work and level of effort anticipated to **thoroughly document the next-of-kin** of a decedent, which an attorney can present to the court to facilitate release of funds necessary for the payment of the research retainer.

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