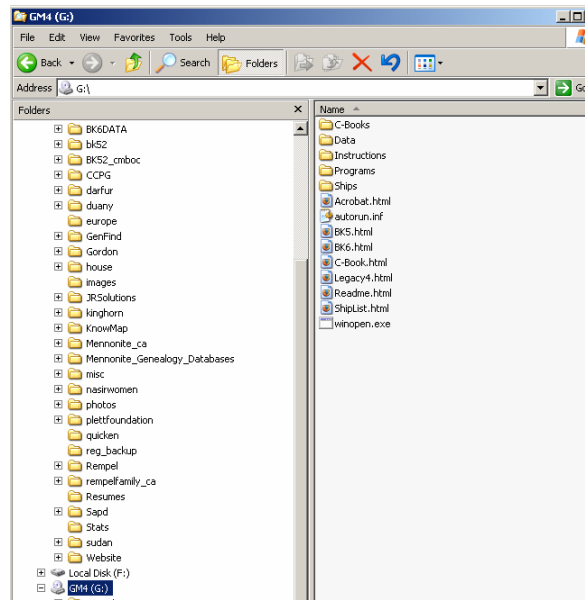


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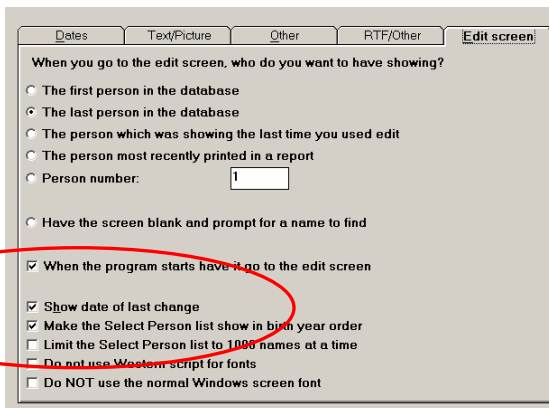
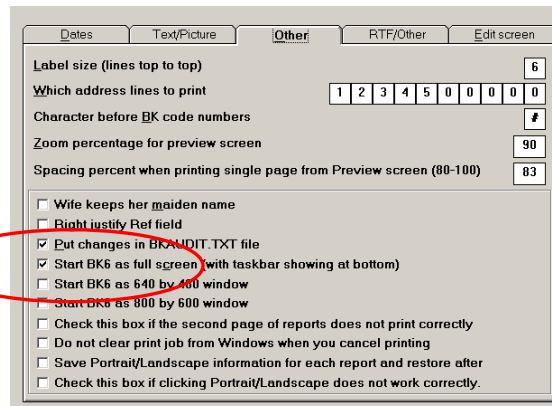
I. CD Contents

- C-Books - image files for Tiegenhagen, Prussia
- Data - BK6Data.zip = GRANDMA IV.1 files
- Programs - bksetup6.exe = shareware version Brothers' Keeper 6



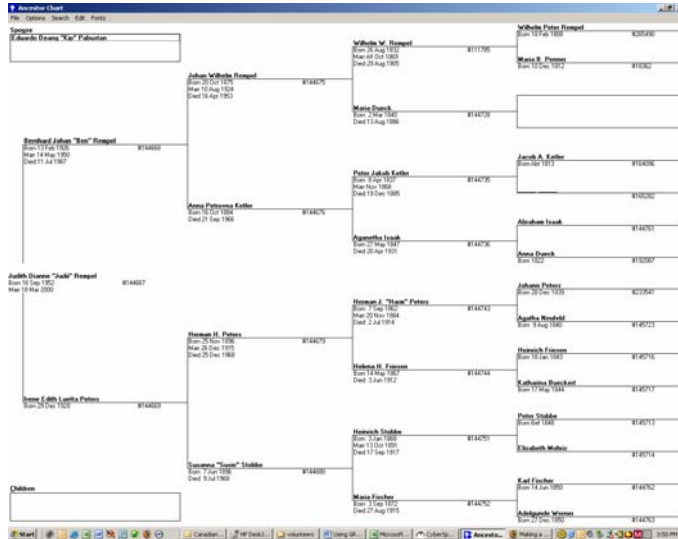
II. Getting Started

- Install Brothers' Keeper Software
- Copy GRANDMA Dataset to Hard Drive (e.g. c:/bkdata/ or d:/genealogy/)
- Configure Brothers' Keeper options to suit your needs
- FILE > OPTIONS
- Other >
 - Put changes in BKaudit.txt file
- Edit Screen >
 - When the program starts have it go to the edit screen
 - Show date of last change
 - Make the Select Person list show in birth year order
- FILE > SAVE AND CLOSE

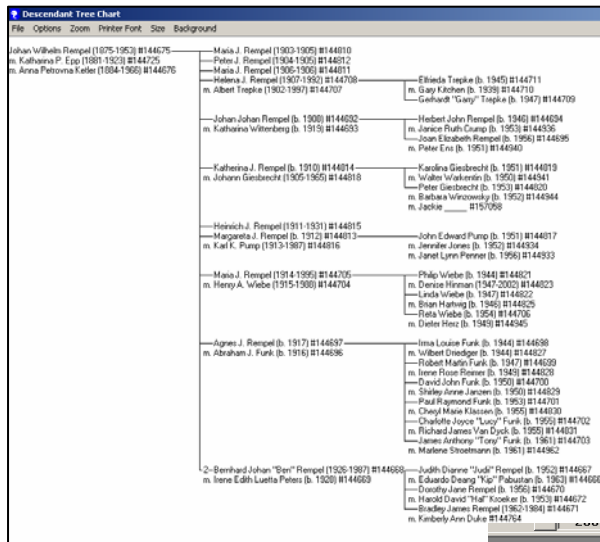
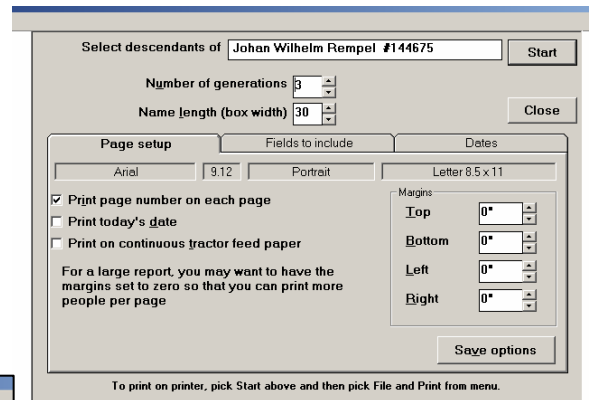


Searching for/Printing Lineage

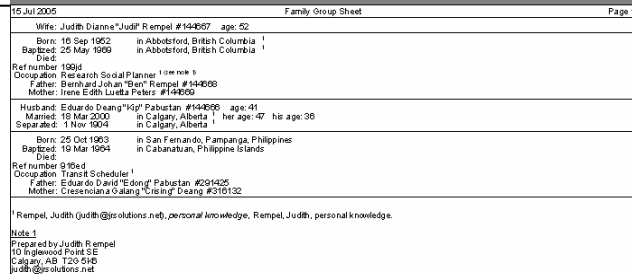
- **Note:** Some charts can be previewed, printed, and exported; not all.
- **Ancestors (Ancestor/Pedigree Chart, Ahnentafel Report)**



- **Descendants (Register Report, Drop-line Chart)**
 - **REPORT > DESCENDANT > TREE CHART** (screenshot to right)
 - Choose # generations and fields to include carefully. The size of the chart can get out of hand easily! The good news is you'll get an onscreen preview, with the option of editing the options you chose - before you need to print (see screenshot below)



- **Family - Family Group Sheet**
- **REPORTS > OTHER > GROUP SHEETS**



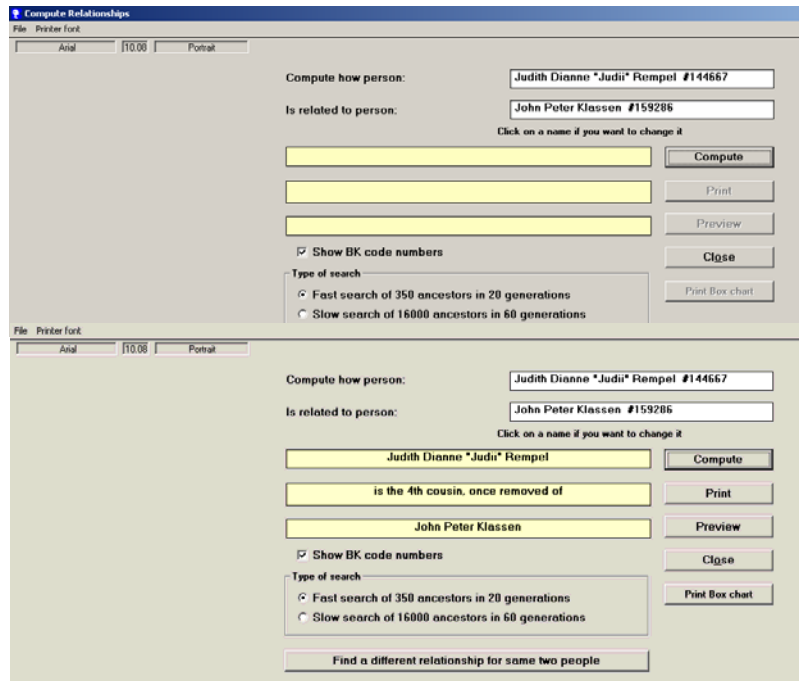
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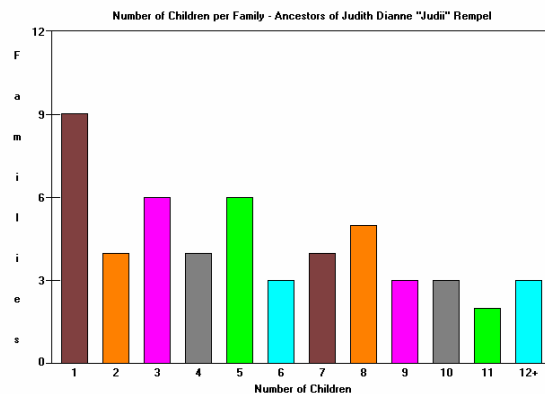
- Tailoring outputs (portrait/landscape, font face & size, etc.)

Analyzing your Data

- Looking at Relationships
 - OTHER > Compute Relationship
 - Enter first person, then 2nd person, then Compute
 - Box chart only available for registered copies of BK

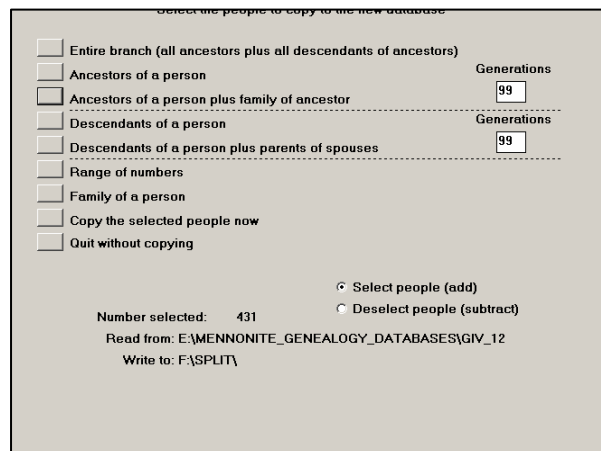
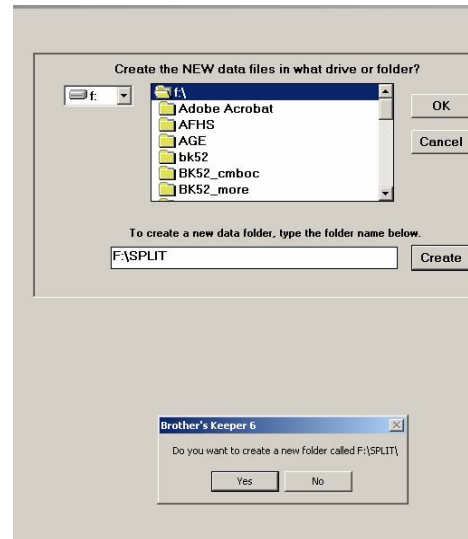


- Strategizing about next research foci
 - Print out a pedigree chart & look for the most recent generation for which you have incomplete information
- Gathering Statistics
 - OTHER > GRAPHIC CHARTS
 - Here's a sample of # children for my ancestors



III. Sharing Data

- Splitting a file for a genealogy colleague or submitting edits to CMHS
 - Identify a key person for who you want to share all descendants or ancestors, write down their GRANDMA #
 - Split off a file for that person's kin
 - **FILE > SPLIT DATABASE >**
 - Specify a new folder to house that data (e.g., f:/split - see screenshot right)
 - Choose the kind of set of kin you want in the split-off file (see screenshot below)
 - After choosing (I chose "ancestors of a person plus family of ancestor"), it will prompt you for the GRANDMA # and return to the screen, showing how many people have been selected (n=431 here).
 - Choose **"Copy the selected people now"** and their data will be sent to the file folder you specified.



- Open up the split off file
 - **FILE > OPEN DATABASE >** choose the drive & folder/subfolder where the split off data are
- Create the GEDCOM
 - instructions & screen shots at:
www.mennonites.ca/mhsa/projects/cmboc/volunteers/making_gedcom.html