

SETTING UP THE MARY HILL FAMILY LINE COLOR CODE FILING SYSTEM- (dallasgenealogy.org)

This system sets up file folders for the families on your pedigree lines. Pedigree charts

are divided into 4 colors, based on the lines of your 4 grandparents. Dividing your pedigree by color helps make it clear which line a family belongs to. For each family on your pedigree, a family file folder holds documents and a printed copy of that family's group record.

1. Print a copy of your own 5-generation pedigree chart, starting with your

self as # 1. You are the first generation; your 16 great-great grandparents are the 5th generation. Color-code the lines as follows:

BLUE: Circle all families who are ancestors of your father's father in blue.

GREEN: Circle all families who are ancestors of your father's mother in green.

RED: Circle all families who are ancestors of your mother's father in red.

YELLOW: Circle all families who are ancestors of your mother's mother in yellow.

2. At the front of your file box put a complete set of your family pedigree charts. Label the tab of a standard green hanging file folder "**Pedigree Charts.**" Print a complete set of all your pedigree charts, for all lines. Start with yourself.

3. Set up **Holding Files** to store items temporarily. Genealogists acquire

many documents, notes, e-mails, and letters that need to be analyzed, used, and filed. But it isn't always possible to file items immediately after finding new information.

How many file folders and how you place them within this color system depends on your physical information organization system- family group, event, location or type.