

Chapter 14 - Working with Charts in Visual Chartform™

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Overview of Visual Chartform™

Visual Chartform™ (VCF) is a drawing package that constructs a genealogical chart according to the instructions specified and supplied to it after the user clicks [Make Chart] in TMG. The chart that is produced from the 'standard' or 'default' settings may satisfy many users. A chart file may be saved at any time (with the file extension .VC2). A chart file may be printed from VCF.

The first sections in this chapter address –
"What can the VCF tools do?"

The latter sections relate to –
"How can I do this in VCF?"

If you wish to vary the chart shape, chart layout, to delete some information or want to annotate a chart with maps, text, lines and images then VCF has a comprehensive range of the tools available. Most other genealogical charting packages do not offer such comprehensive facilities.

TIP - Before embarking on editing a chart, ensure that the data on the chart are correct and all the desired chart settings have been used. It is far quicker to go back to TMG, change the settings, and then make another chart. Editing a chart can be quite quick for small charts but for larger charts it can take many hours of (artistic) effort. Remember that if you reconstruct the chart again, all of your editing in VCF will need to be done again.

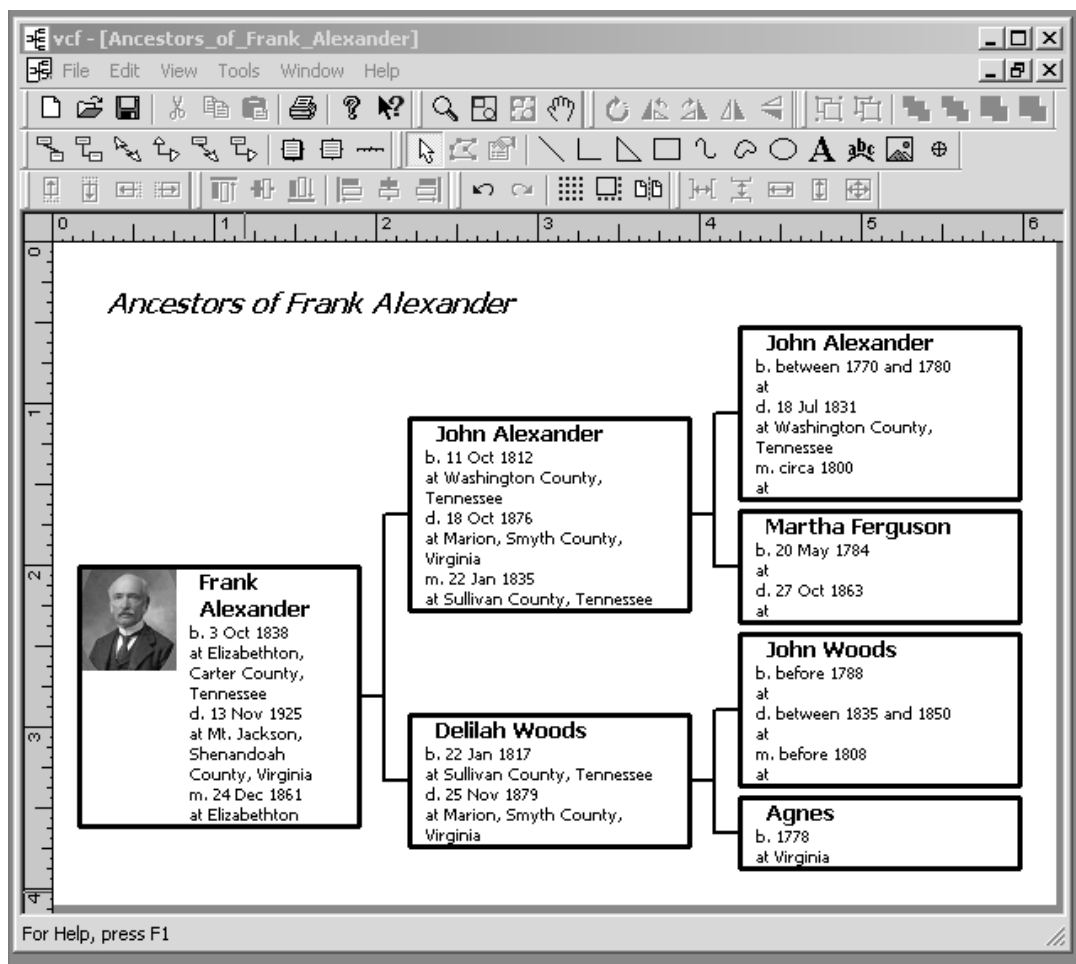


Figure 14-1: A Chart Displayed Within Visual Chartform