

Charts on this Website

Several PDF charts are provided for those that want to see a larger scope of our family. Select the word “CHARTS” under the Brief Family History section. Most computers already have the free Adobe PDF Reader.

Chart A - provides an overview of the earliest 3 generation on male ancestor

The Charts labeled **Chart B** or **Chart C** are charts for our two main branches and the lines within it. Charts for Justinian's [b. ca 1625 ENG] Descendants are labeled with the letter “B”.

Charts for John's [b. ca 1631 Holland] Descendants are labeled with the letter “C”.

Pages labeled “Chart SMC-1” etc. - are for a number of early Tennisons men / families that originated in St. Mary's or Charles County, MD but lack documentation to be formally linked to our family.

Other Charts - We have a number of Tennison/ Dennis male lines that lived in the same or close location and time proximity to our ancestral lines. I plan to provide these additional charts to help with research by family genealogists. These Charts are/will be labeled **“UKL” for unlinked Dennis or Tennison** male lines.

Using Search to find an Individual or Head of Families

Select People and just type in the first and last name and the program will show all the people that match. To limit the number of names found use the Advance search by adding additional information such as a birth date, spouse, etc.

To see a list of all Tennison and Dennises that used both surnames just fill in last name Tennison. Filling in the last name Dennis will show a list of all people using the name Dennis born before 1925 as well as those who may have used both Dennis and Tennison surname. The **family** search is similar except it lists the male head of families with the surname searched. If you wish to see additional related family listings note the prefix code listed before the name. (For example, **AH.3.** in front of the name Joseph Tennison [b. ca. 1775]). The next section will tell you how to use this prefix code to see the children and grandchildren of Joseph tennis on.

Be sure to read the Notes section for more information on an ancestor or family

How to find a list of all members of a certain BRANCH of our family:

On the main menu bar you will find a additional search function “ Web Prefix Search”. Our family has been divided up into six main branches and several lines under each. A genealogical prefix or code has been assigned to each. In the search box enter the prefix for the branch or line you would like to see.

For Example, if you type in the **prefix JC**; then all the male descendants (and wives if know) of John Tennison [b. 1750] who died in Caswell Co., NC will be shown. If you wish to limit your search to a certain son; add letter prefix code for son, the search will only include that line. For example: the prefix code for John Tennison son, Levi- **JC-LE** will show only Levis male descendants and their wives. Later additions will include daughters.

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Family Branches of the Tennison / Dennis Family and the prefix code used for each branch and / or line or subline:

John Tennison Family

- AB - Absalom Tennison** b. 1672, son of John [b. 1628 Holland. *(Starts with 3rd generation)*]
- AB.2 Absolam Tennison** b. Bef. 1713 (m. Joanna Biscoe) - *Rowan Co., NC lines*
- AB.2a John Tennison** b. Aft 1733 St. Mary's Co., MD
- AB.2b. Justinian "Jesse" Tennison** b. aft 1733 St. Mary's Co., MD
- AB.2f Abraham Tennison** b. bef 1734 SMC, MD-(m. Mary Stevens)
- AB.2h Thomas Tennison** b. Bet 1735-1749
- AH - Abraham Tennison** b. 1676, son of John [b. 1628 Holland] *(Starts with 3rd generation)*
- AH.2. Absolam Tennison** b. bet. 1710-1724
- AH.2g Joshu Tennison** b. 1773; [m. Catherine Cocke] -*Washington DC group*
- AH.3. Joseph Tennison** b. ca. 1775
- AH.4. Joshua Tennis** b. 1734 [m. Sarah Holloway & Sarah Lawson]-*Eastern Shore, VA*
- AH.4d Jesse Tennis** b.1776
- AH.4e Richard Tennis** b. 1797
- SM - Samuel Tennison** b. 1695, son of Matthew [b. ca 1653 SMC, MD] *(Starts with 4th gen)*
- SM.3a Matthew Tennison** b. ca. 1725
- SM.3b Absolam Tennison** b. ca. 1728

Justinian Tennison Family

- JC - John Tennison/ Dennis** b. ca. 1750, son of Ignatius Tennison [b. ca. 1695]
- JC-LE. Levi Dennis / Tennison** b. 1778
- JC-LE.2 James M. Dennis** b. 1806
- JC-LE.4 Levi H Dennis** b. 1815 [m. Rebecca Lyons}
- JC-LE.5 Gabriel H. Dennis** b. 1824 [m. Lucinda Deatherage -Allen Co., KY line
- JC-LE.8. William Gene Dennis** b. ca. 1824 [m. Elizabeth Arnett] -Allen Co., KY line
- JC-JA. James Dennis / Tennison** b. ca. 1786
- JC-JA.2 John M Dennis** b.
- JC-JA.3 William A. Dennis** b. 1817
- JC-JA.4. Levi R. Dennis** b.
- JC-JA.6 James Browder Dennis** b.
- JC-JA.9 George Washington Dennis**
- JC-JA.(11) Thomas Jefferson Dennis** b.
- JC-JA.(12) Daniel Pitts Dennis** b. 1836
- JC-JO. John Dennis / Tennison** b 1789 NC
- JC-JO.1 John"Jack" Dennis** b. 1806
- JC-JO.2 Thomas Dennis** b. ca. 1810
- JC-JO.8 William M (Americus) b.** 1829
- JC-AS. Azariah Dennis** b. 1798 NC
- JC-AS.1 Washington "Wheeler" Dennis** b. 1837
- JC-AS.2 James M. Dennis** b. 1832
- JC-AS.3 John Dennis** b. 1834
- JC-AS.4 Rueben Dennis** b. 1837

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Prefix Codes for Tennison / Dennis Family Lines (conti.)

JC-RE. Rueben Dennis b. 1800 NC

JC-RE.1 Wesley Dennis b. 1823 TN

JC-RE.2 John H Dennis. b. 1831 TN

JC-RE.7 Thomas Benton Dennis. b. 1840

JC-RE.9 William Dennis. b. 1834 TN

JC-RE.(11) Rueben Cartwright Dennis. b. 1835 TN

Ig - Ignatious Tennison b. ca. 1745, son of Ignatius Tennison [b. ca. 1695]

Ig.2 John B. Tennison b. 1774

Ig.3 Asa Thomas Tennison b. bef. 1783

K11.(a) Henry Tennison, Jr. b. ca. 1735

JS - John Sims Tennison b. ca 1725, son of Henry Tennison, Sr. [b. ca 1700]

JS.1. Henry Tennison / Dennis b. ca 1750, [m. Peggy Alley

JS.2 Levi Tennison / Dennis b. ca 1767. [m. Phebe Robinson]

JS.4 Jesse Tennison / Dennis b. ca 1762 [M. Rebecca Trail]

JS.5 Thomas Tennison / Dennis b. ca 1762 [m. Mary Dehart}

JS.6 Shadrick Tennison / Dennis b. ca. 1765 [m. Harriett Coateney}

JS.7 Samuel Tennison / Dennis b. ca 1766

To find your line with in a branch,

Do a general search to locate your known ancestor. Note the prefix before the name. First 4 letters denote which main branch of the family your ancestor belongs in. All the remaining digits and letters indicated the birth order and generations count from the head of that branch. All the main Branches start with the 3rd or 4th generation.

For example this is descendant of John Tennison who died in Caswell Co., NC.

JC-JA = John Tennison family branch with the JA standing for the James Dennis branch of that family.

JC-JA.1. Represents for the next generation and birth position (if know), in this case the first born child. JC-JA.3 would denote the third born child.

JC-JA.14 The next numeral tells us that this is the 4th born child of JC-JA.1

JC-JA.14-2 Denotes the second born child of above.