

Creating Better Charts and Saving to PDF with Legacy

After you have selected your chart and made sure that everything is just how you want it to look then you are almost ready to produce a PDF file.

There are a few other tips that we feel you should be aware of. Please accept our apologies if these tips seem rather basic but they can sometimes get missed and we would much prefer you to receive a chart that is of high quality.

In Legacy saving a chart as a PDF is limited to charts less than 3.5m long. If you wish to have a chart printed that is longer than this then you will need to read part 3 of this document.

Part 1 – Hints & Tips for Legacy Family Tree Charts

You will find many of the chart setups under the 'Appearance' tab.

Borders – The program defaults to a border but you may choose to save your chart without a border if you wish. Go to the 'Appearance' tag | Borders | Page. Here you will be able to change the colour, style, thickness or choose not to have a border. Un-tick the option 'Align to the page', this stops the program placing the border around the edge of your printer-paper size and instead aligns it with your chart. When we print your chart we will remove any excess white area outside the borders of your chart.

Titles – The program will create a title automatically but you don't have to accept the default size of the font as it could appear rather small. The program offers font sizes of up to 144 point which should allow you to set a title font size that is more in keeping with the dimensions of the chart.

As you increase the title font size you may also need to increase the distance of the title from the top of the chart.

Footnotes – Adding the date and your name on the bottom corner of the chart is a good idea as it will give people an accurate date when the chart was produced.

Box Borders and Sizes – You may alter the width of boxes which is sometimes useful for restricting the width or height of very large charts. We recommend un-ticking the box 'Make all boxes the same' in the borders | box options. This will sometimes save space on very large charts. The boxes in a single row are always set to the same height.

Once you have your chart set up you may wish to add some extra images or text around the edges. Click on the 'Insert' tab to find the Insert 'Picture' or 'Text' options.

Other Text boxes and Images – Remember that you can add as many text boxes as you like and you may also add additional photographs to the chart in addition to the individual photos alongside your relatives.

Part 2 – How to Save Your Chart as a PDF File

You are now ready to save the chart as a PDF file that will print onto a single sheet of paper.

Click on Publish (1) followed by Export to File (2) and a new window opens. Select 'PDF' (3) and click on the Calculate button (4) to find your chart size in 'kb' or 'mb'. Click on the browse button and navigate to a folder where you wish to save your file. Click OK when you are done. See figure 1

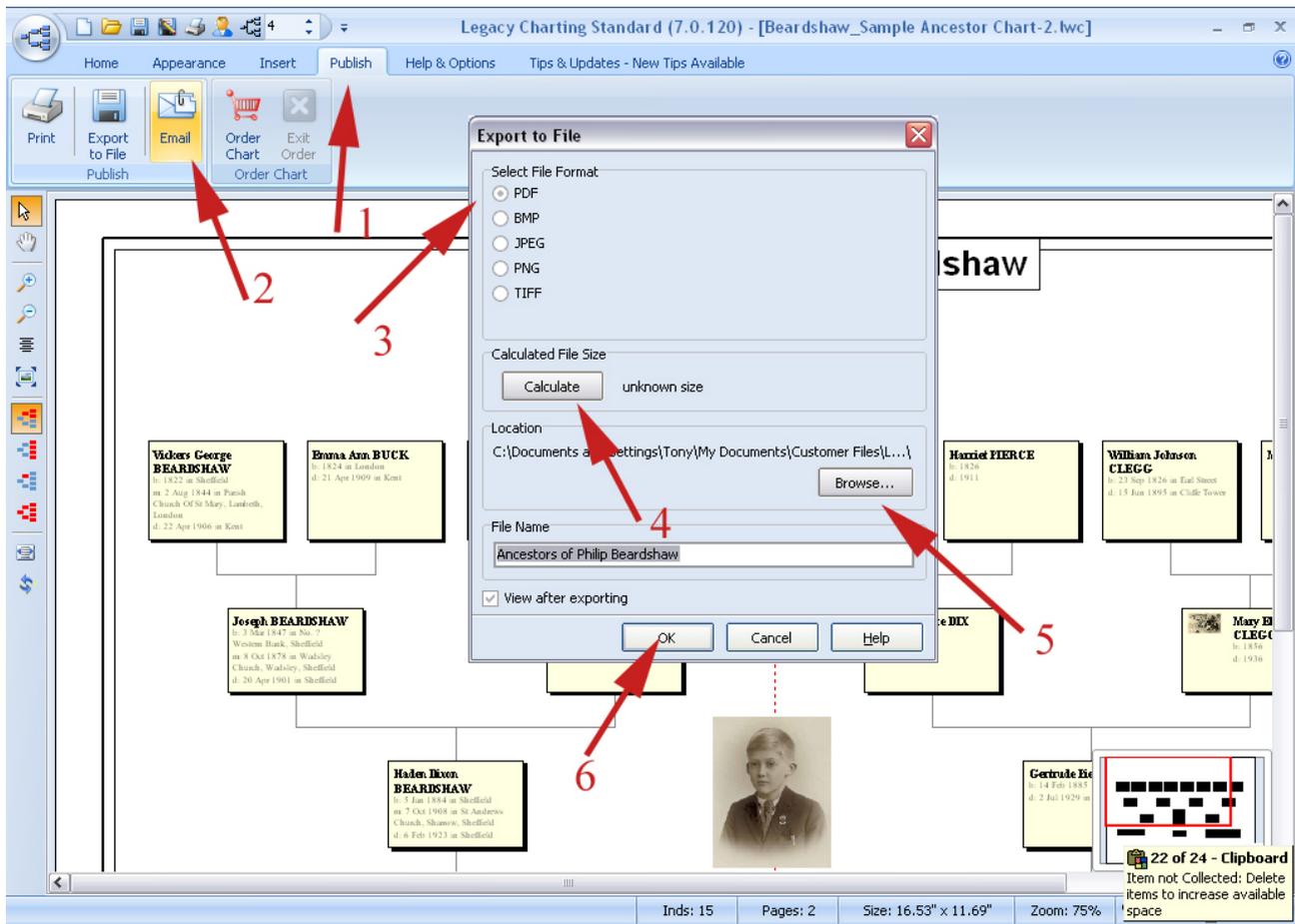


Figure 1

Once you have clicked OK the PDF will be created and saved to your drive and then opened in default viewer such as Adobe Reader. You will then see your chart displayed as a single page document.

To have your PDF file printed please go to:

http://www.my-history.co.uk/acatalog/PDF_Chart_Printing_Service.html

Upload your chart to our server:

http://www.my-history.co.uk/upload_form/

Part 3 – Sending you Legacy Chart for Printing

It is not possible to produce charts in the PDF file format longer than 3.5 metres in the Legacy program. For charts longer than 3.5m you will need to send us your Legacy data file and Media folder to enable us to open up your chart in our version of Legacy.

If each file is less than 20mb then you may upload it directly to our server by clicking on the following link:

http://www.my-history.co.uk/upload_form/

Or you could write it to a CD or DVD and put it in the post.

Please rest assured, we will of course check your chart for any missing images before printing. If we are in any doubt about your chart, we will contact you before printing and we may even send to you a multi-page PDF file just to be on the safe side.