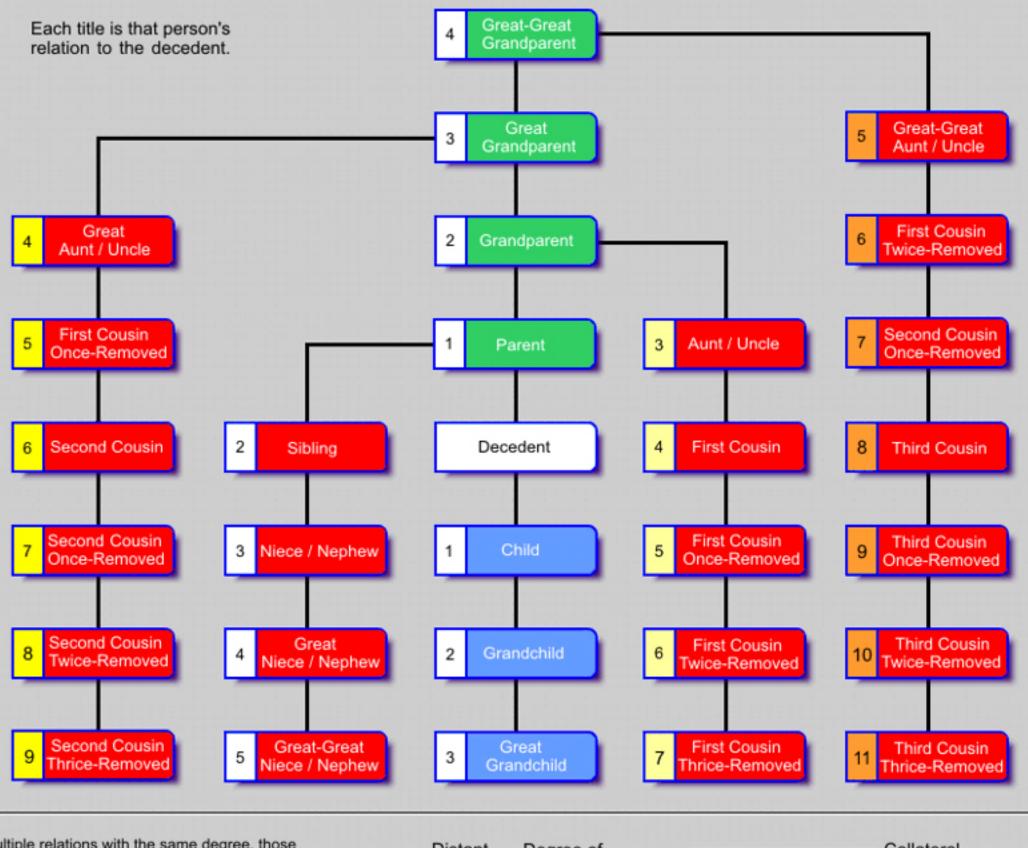
## Degrees of Kinship By the Rules of Civil Law



Of multiple relations with the same degree, those connecting through a nearer ancestor are more closely related to the decedent.

For example, great aunts and first cousins are fourth degree relations. First cousins connect through the grandparents, which makes first cousins more closely related to the decedent than great aunts.

