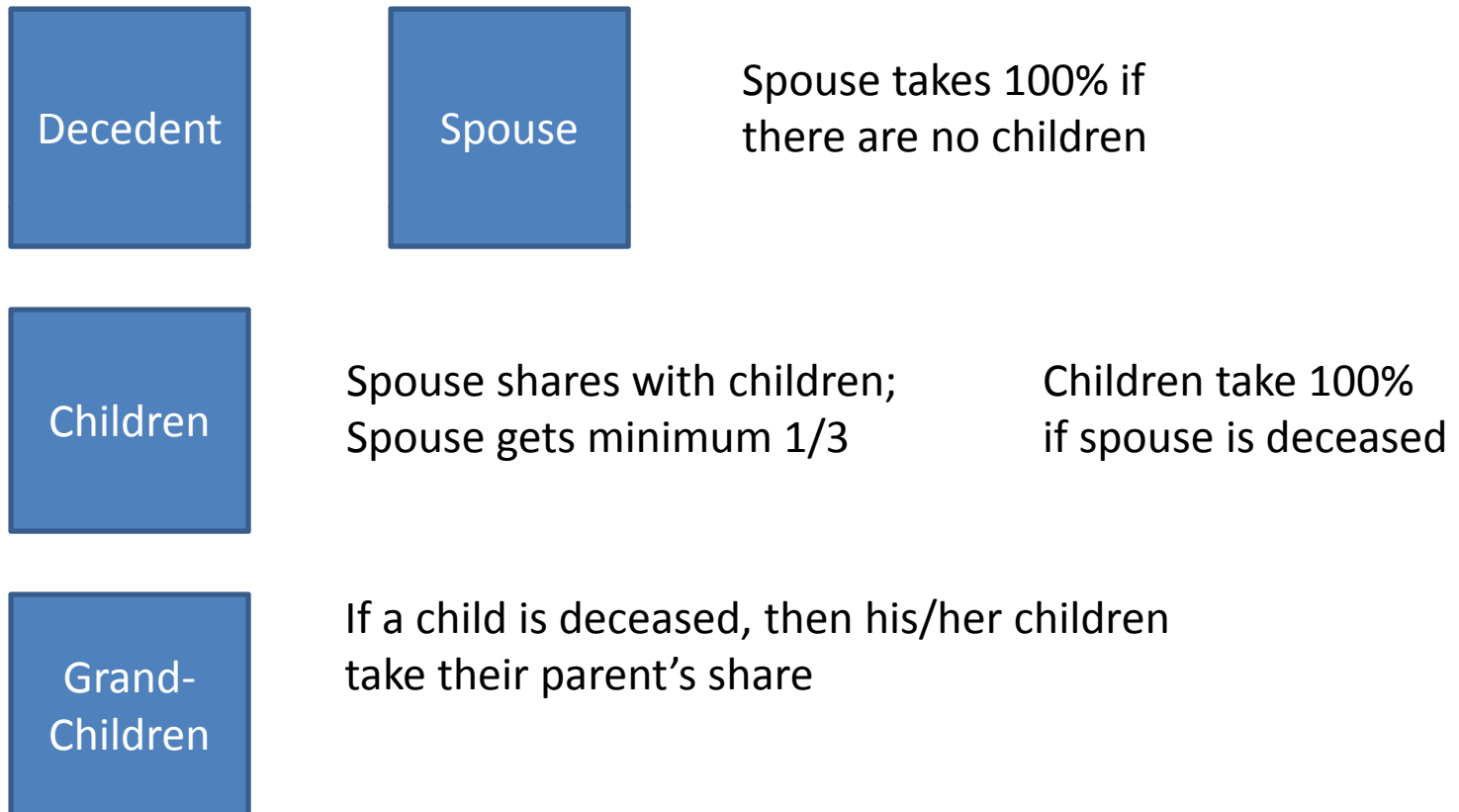
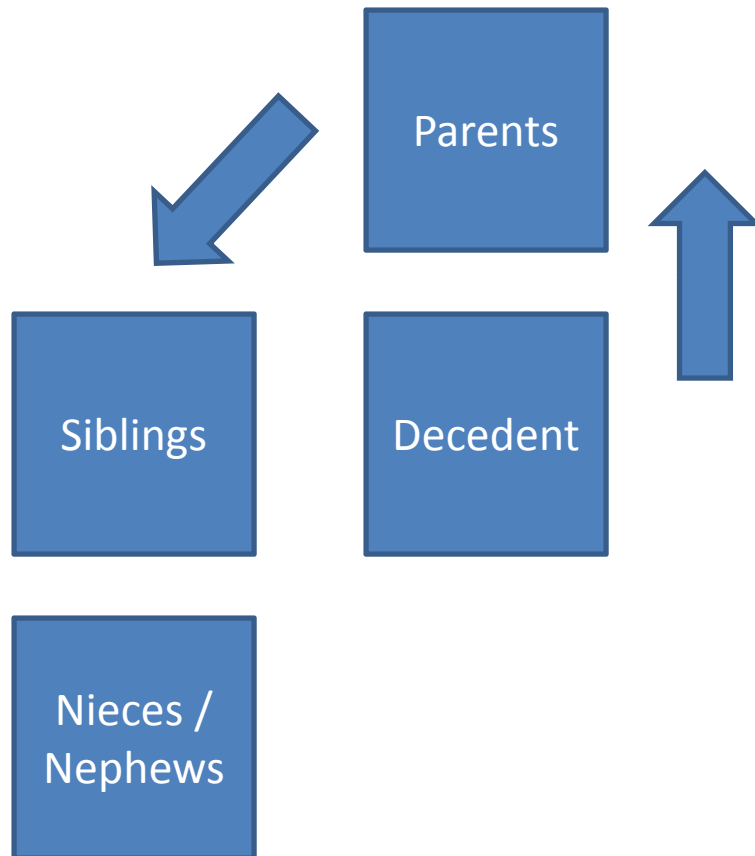


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First Degree



2nd and 3rd Degrees

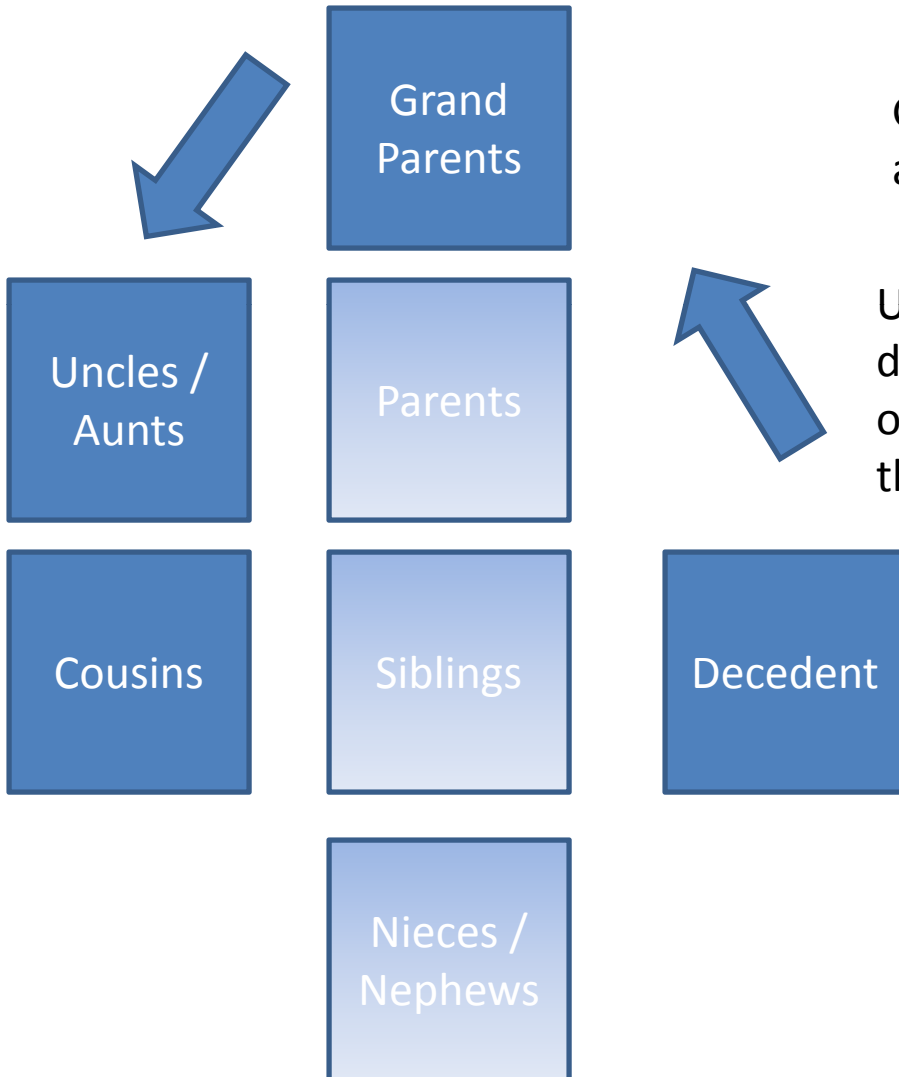


If there are no heirs in the 1st degree then Parents are in the 2nd Degree and share equally*

If there are no 1st or 2nd degree heirs then Siblings are in the 3rd degree and share equally. The children of a deceased sibling take their parent's share

*A parent who abandoned his/her child loses all right to share in the child's estate

4th and 5th Degrees



Grandparents stand in the 4th degree and share equally

Uncles and Aunts stand in the 5th degree and share equally; the children of a deceased uncle or aunts take their parent's share

More remote heirs

- The more remote degrees of kinship shall be determined by counting the number of steps in the chain from the relative to the closest common ancestor of the relative and decedent and the number of steps in the chain from the common ancestor to the decedent. The sum of the steps in the two chains shall be the degree of kinship, and the surviving relatives with the lowest sum shall be in the nearest degree and shall share the estate equally

Source:

- O.C.G.A. Section 53-2-1