
LINEAGE

A lineage is the line of teaching that your teacher has been trained in, similar to a family tree. A teacher's lineage reflects the information that the teacher will be passing on to the student. Therefore, different lineages will have different techniques, philosophies and understandings of working with the system of Reiki. Some lineages even have different histories.

It is important when undertaking Usui Reiki training that your teacher is able to provide you with a full unbroken lineage tracing back to Mikao Usui.

Since the system of Reiki began in the early 1900s and was brought to the West in 1938 by Hawayo Takata, there have been various histories and understandings about the system of Reiki. Since Hawayo Takata died in 1980 there have been a number of people who have created their own lineages. Lineages which do not originate from Mikao Usui are acceptable for UK Reiki Federation membership, but will not meet requirements for regulation.

To know if your lineage is a viable Usui Reiki lineage some guidelines are given below. Lineages that follow a Western teaching will always have these people at the beginning of the lineage tree:

1. Mikao Usui
2. Chujiro Hayashi,
3. Hawayo Takata

All lineages from Mrs Takata would include one or another of the following masters as they were the 22 taught by her.

- George Araki (deceased)
- Dorothy Baba (deceased)
- Ursula Baylow (deceased)
- Rick Bockner
- Patricia Ewing
- Barbara Brown (deceased)
- Fran Brown (deceased)
- Phyllis Furumoto
(grand-daughter of Mrs. Takata – deceased)
- Beth Gray (deceased)
- John Gray (deceased)
- Iris Ishikuro (deceased)
- Harry Kuboi (deceased)
- Ethel Lombardi (deceased)
- Barbara McCullough (deceased)
- Mary McFayden (deceased)
- Paul Mitchell
- Bethel Phaigh (deceased)
- Shinobu Saito (deceased)
- Virginia Samdahl (deceased)
- Wanja Twan (deceased)
- Barbara Weber Ray
- Kay Yamashita
(sister of Mrs. Takata – deceased)