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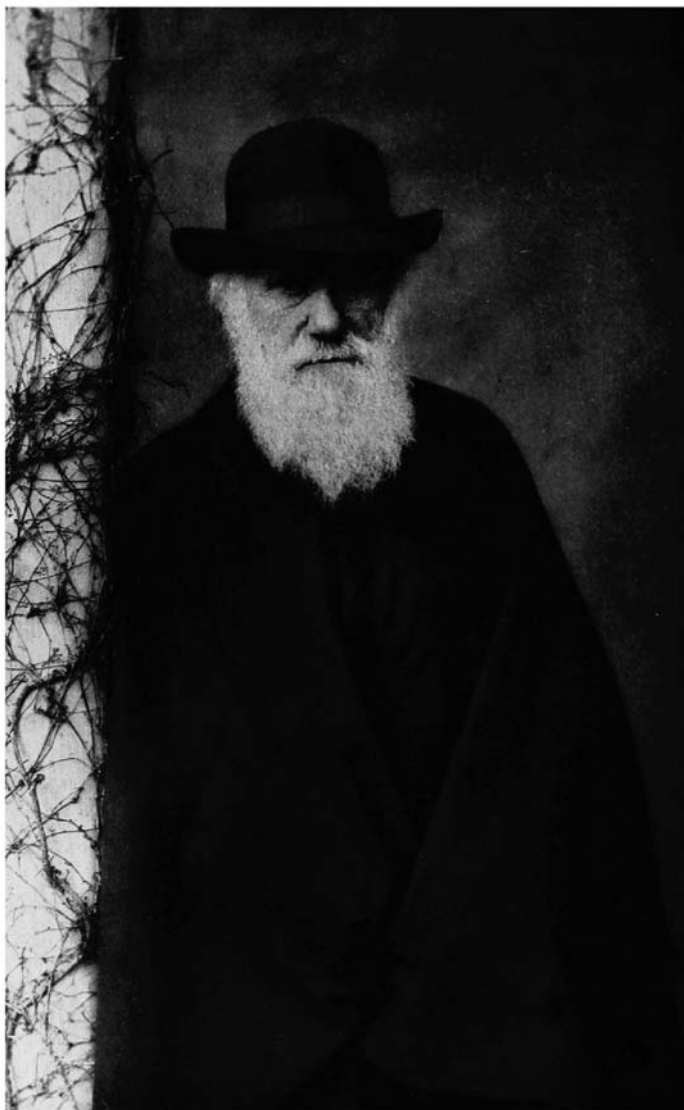
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Serene will be our days and bright,
And happy will our nature be,
When love is an unerring light,
And joy its own security.
And they a blissful course may hold
Even now, who, not unwisely bold,
Live in the spirit of this creed;
Yet seek thy firm support, according to their need.

Ode to Duty, WORDSWORTH.

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The Allens came originally from the north of Ireland and settled in Pembrokeshire in about 1600. The estate of Cresselly was acquired by marriage with Joan Bartlett, mother of John Bartlett Allen.

Children of John Bartlett Allen of Cresselly (1733—1803).

1. Elizabeth (Bessy) (1764—1846) m. *Josiah Wedgwood* of Maer.
2. Catherine (Kitty) (1765—1830) m. *Sir James Mackintosh*.
3. Caroline (1768—1835) m. Rev. *Edward Drewe*.
4. John Hensleigh (1769—1843) of Cresselly, m. *Gertrude Seymour*.
5. Louisa Jane (Jane or Jenny) (1771—1836) m. *John Wedgwood*.
6. Lancelot Baugh (Baugh) (1774—1845), Master of Dulwich College, m. 2^{ce}.
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8. Jessie (1777—1853) m. *J. C. de Sismondi*, historian.
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**Children of John Hensleigh Allen of Cresselly
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1. Seymour Phillips (1814—1861) of Cresselly, m. *Catherine* dau. of Earl of Portsmouth.
2. Henry George, b. 1815.
3. John Hensleigh (1818—1868).
4. Isabella Georgina, m. *G. Lort Phillips* of Laureny.

Children of Sir James and Lady Mackintosh.

1. Bessy (1799—1823) unmarried.
2. Fanny (1800—1889) m. her cousin *Hensleigh Wedgwood*.
3. Robert (1806—1864) m. *Mary Appleton*.

Children of Mrs Drewe.

1. Harriet, Lady Gifford.
2. Georgina, Lady Alderson.
3. Edward, m. *Adèle Prévost*
and others.

Before the year 1500 the Wedgwoods were the squires of Wedgwood and Harakels in Staffordshire. In 1572 a confirmation of arms was granted to the squire of that time. The ancestors of the Wedgwoods of Etruria separated from the senior branch about 1600. The Wedgwoods of Harakels possessed at least some portion of these estates until the middle or end of the eighteenth century when they became extinct.

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**Children of Josiah Wedgwood of Etruria
(1730—1795).**

1. Susannah (1765—1817) m. Dr *Robert Waring Darwin*.
Charles Darwin was their son.
2. John (1766—1844) Banker, m. *Jane Allen*.
3. Josiah (1769—1843) of Maer, Potter, m. *Elizabeth Allen*.
4. Thomas (1771—1805).
5. Catherine (Kitty) (1774—1823) unmarried.
6. Sarah Elizabeth (1778—1856) unmarried.

Children of John Wedgwood (1766—1844).

1. Sarah Elizabeth (Sally, then Eliza) (1795—1857) unmarried.
2. Rev. John Allen (Allen) (1796—1882), Vicar of Maer.
3. Thomas (Tom) (1797—1862) Colonel in the guards, m.
Anne Tyler.
4. Caroline, died young.
5. Jessie (1804—1872) m. her cousin *Harry Wedgwood*.
6. Robert (1806—1880) m. 2^o.

**Children of Josiah Wedgwood of Maer
(1769—1843).**

1. Sarah Elizabeth (Elizabeth) (1793—1880) unmarried.
2. Josiah (Joe or Jos) (1795—1880) of Leith Hill Place,
m. his cousin *Caroline Darwin*.
3. Charlotte (1797—1862) m. Rev. *Charles Langton*.
4. Henry Allen (Harry) (1799—1885) Barrister, m. his
cousin *Jessie Wedgwood*.
5. Francis (1800—1888) Potter, m. *Frances Mosley*.
6. Hensleigh (1803—1891) Police Magistrate, Philologist,
m. his cousin *Fanny Mackintosh*.
7. Fanny (1806—1832) unmarried.
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In the year 1500 the Darwins were yeomen, living at Marton, between Gainsborough and Lincoln. William Darwin (1573—1644) was Yeoman of the Royal Armoury of Greenwich to James I. and Charles I.; he married a widow of good family and became possessed of Cleatham Hall, Kirton-in-Lindsey. His son William fought for the King in the Civil War, and his grandson, also William, married the heiress of Elston Hall, Notts. Erasmus Darwin, born at Elston, 1731, Poet and father of Dr Robert Waring Darwin of Shrewsbury, was the youngest son of the then Squire of Elston.

**Children of Dr Robert Waring Darwin (1766—1848)
and his wife Susannah Wedgwood (1765—1817).**

1. Marianne (1798—1858) m. Dr *Henry Parker*.
2. Caroline (1800—1888) m. her cousin *Josiah Wedgwood* of Leith Hill Place.
3. Susan (1803—1866) unmarried.
4. Erasmus Alvey (1804—1881) unmarried.
5. Charles Robert (1809—1882) m. his cousin *Emma Wedgwood*.
6. Catherine (1810—1866) m., late in life, Rev. *Charles Langton*. Charlotte Wedgwood was his 1st wife.

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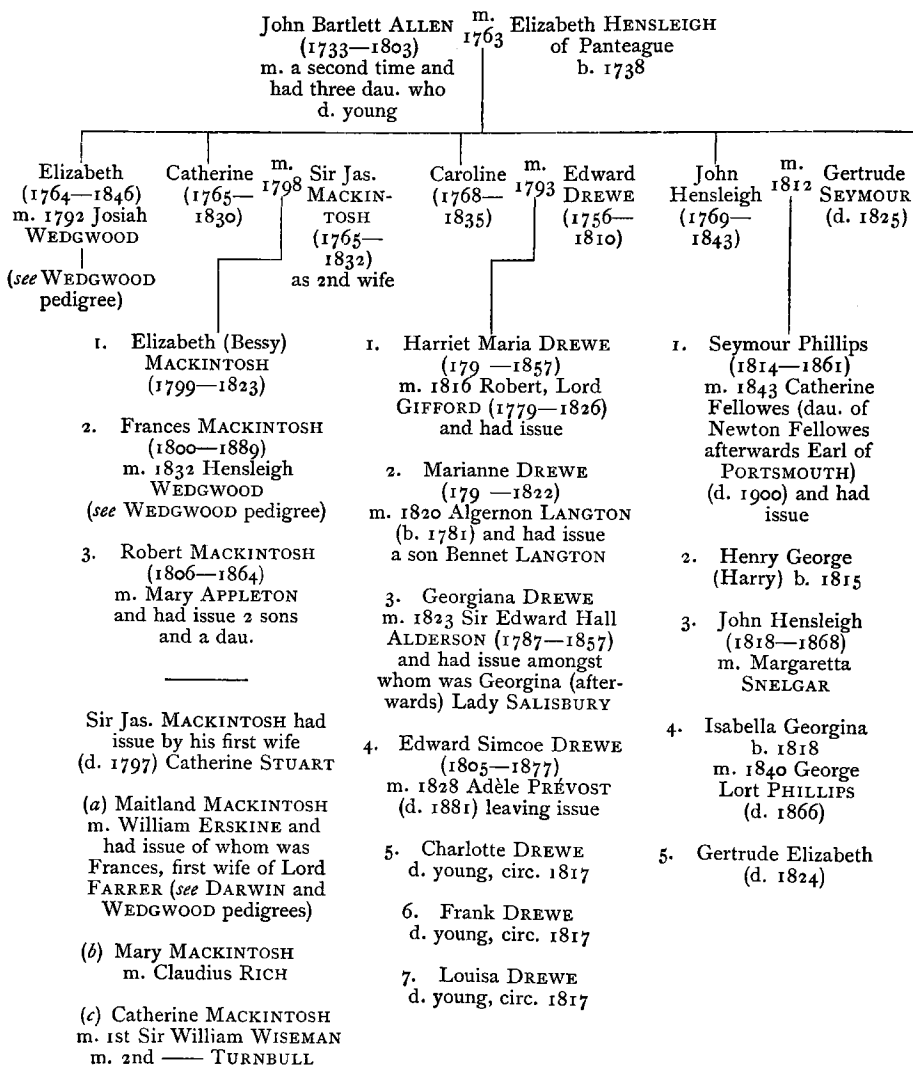
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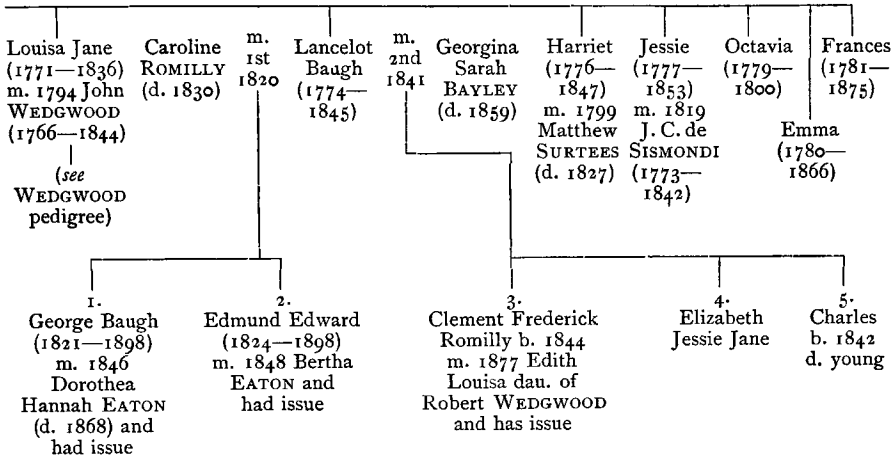
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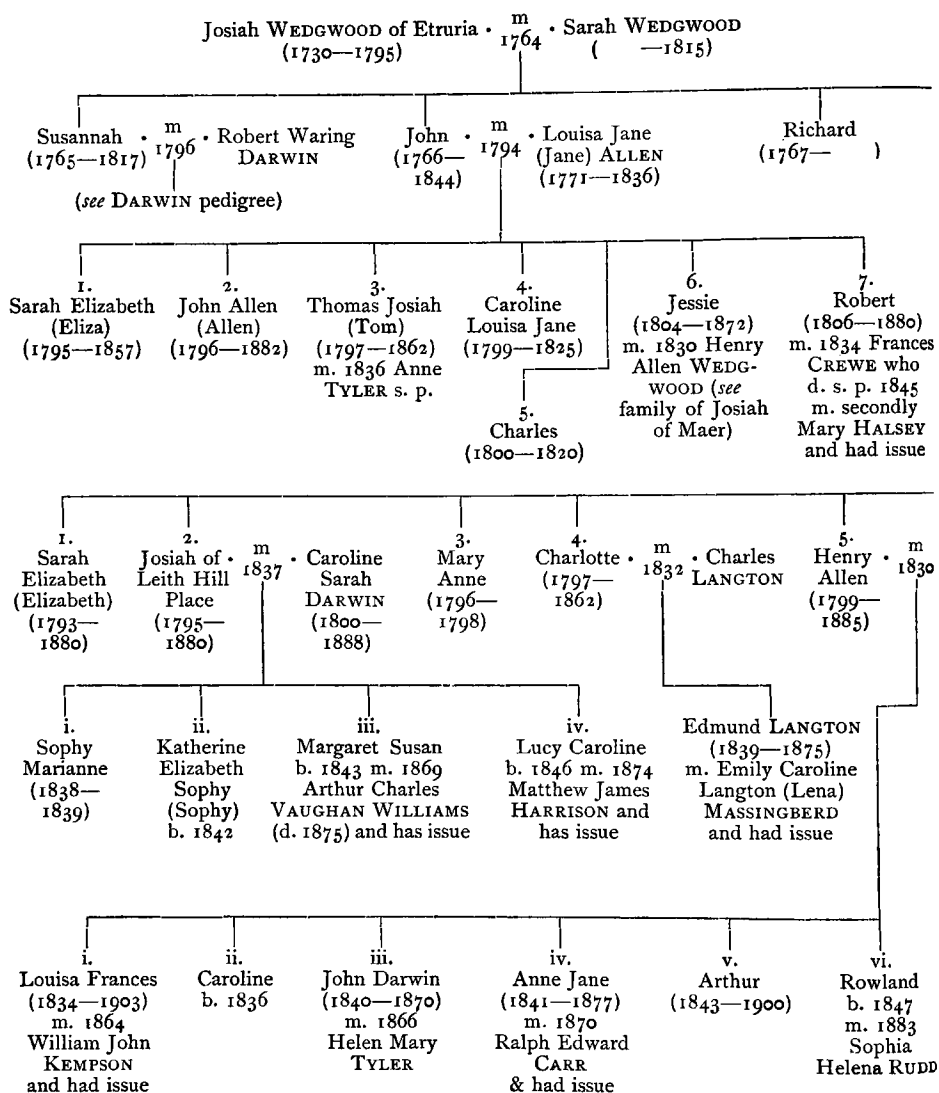
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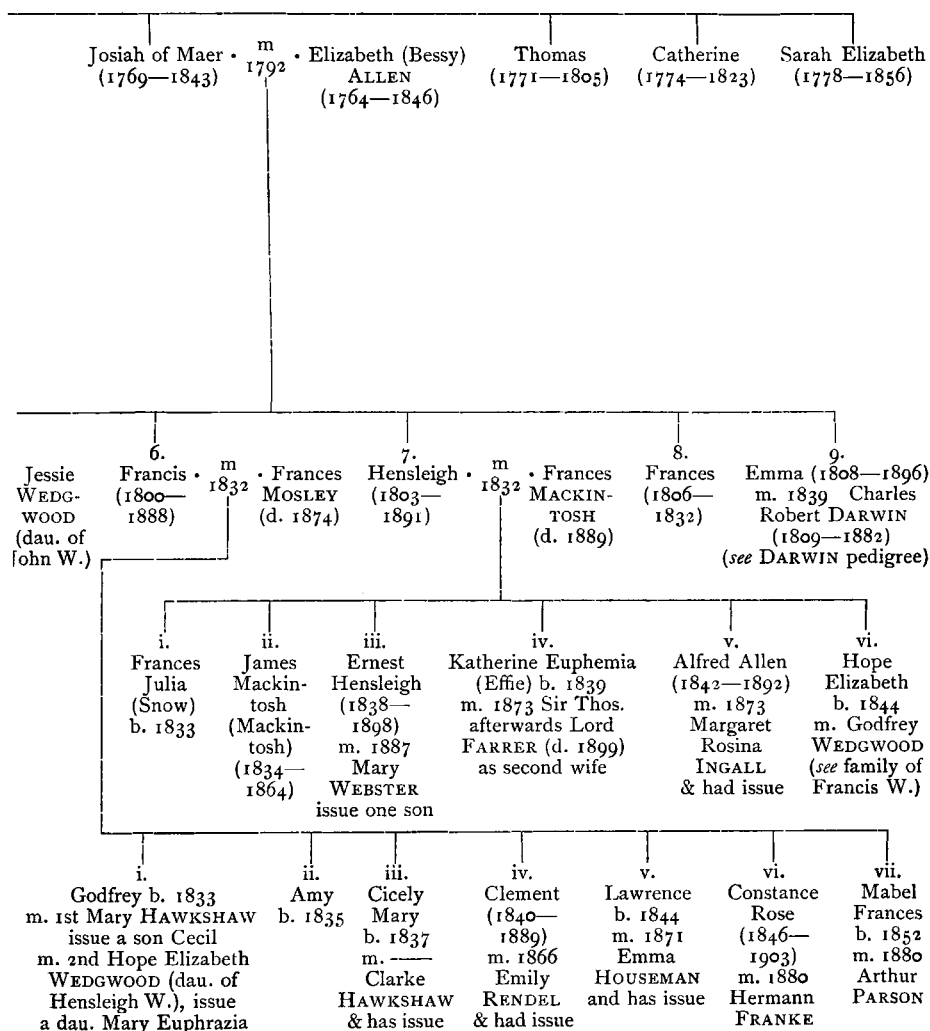
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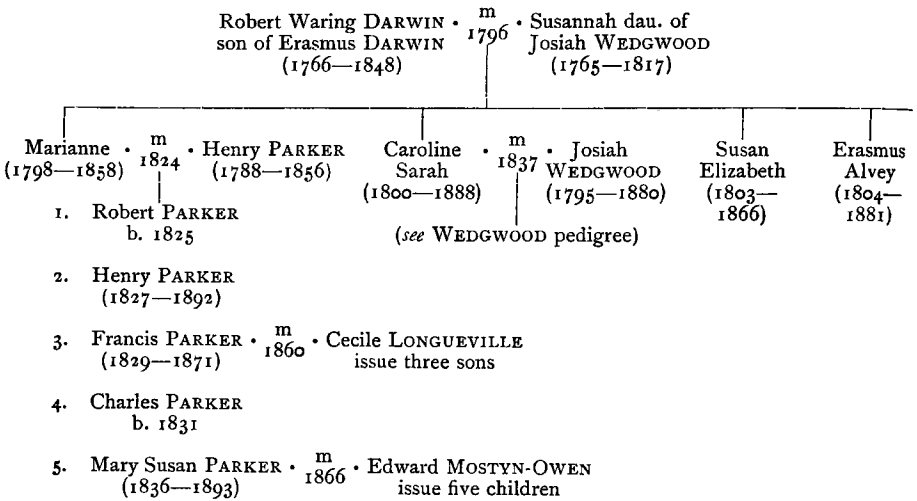
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