

The Maternal Grandfather (Baker) tree



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Overview of the tree

Generations 1 to 5 of the Maternal Grandfather trees is shown in figure 1, and Generations 5 to 8 in figure 2. In general, there is little of note in this tree. Most of the individuals on this thread lived within a few miles of the Dudley / Kingswinford area, and where information is available, seem to have worked within one of the local industries at a low level. Once the census horizon has been passed sometime early in the 1800s, it is difficult to trace to the threads at all, as both the Christian names and surnames are usually quite common, and there are a number of possibilities in identifying them in the various parish registers.

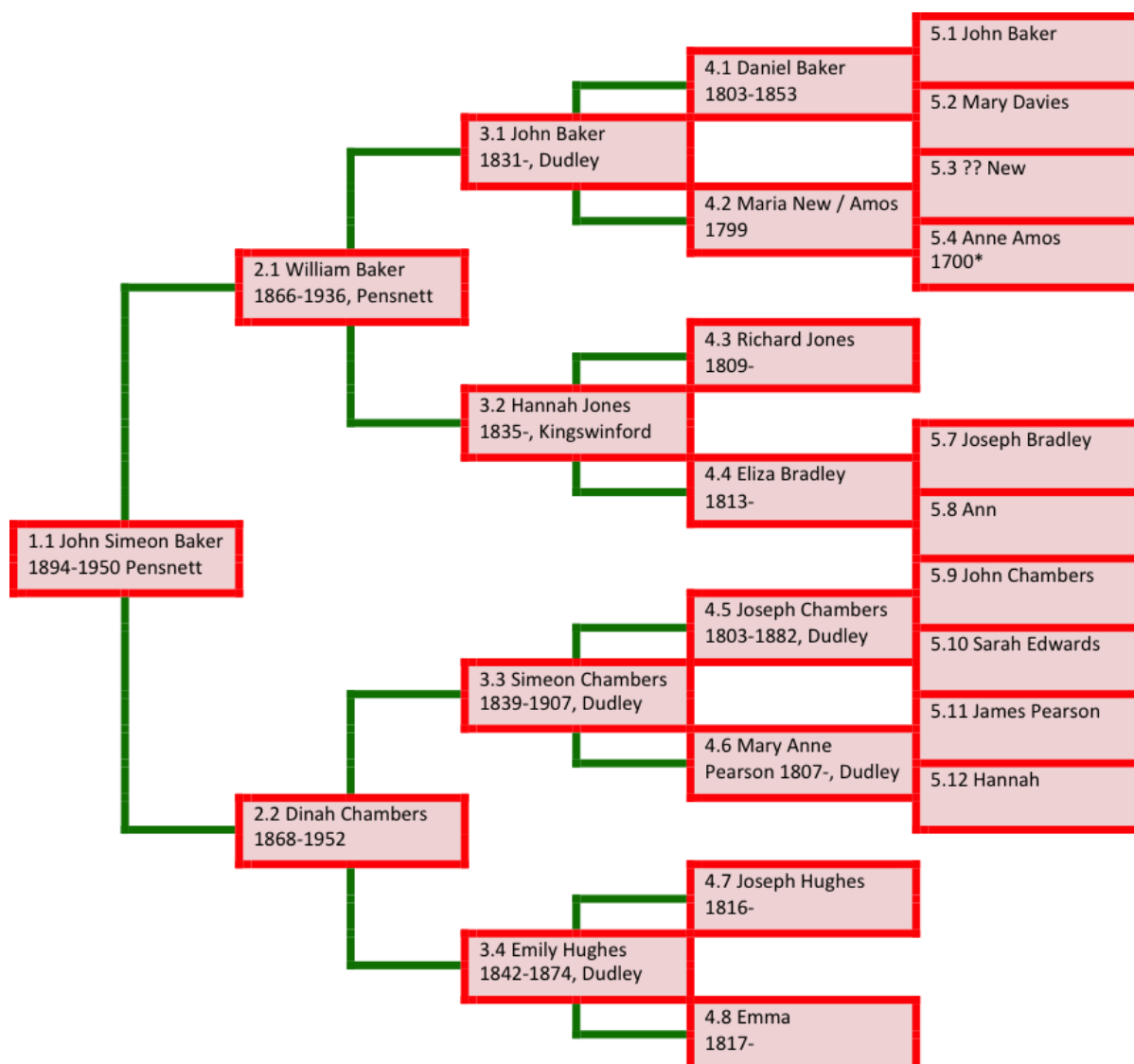


Figure 1 The Maternal Grandmother Tree Generations 1 to 5 (Asterisk indicates extension in figure 2)

One point that the tree does illustrate however is how names can vary over the generations. For example, Maria New / Amos (4.2) is the illegitimate child of an unidentified male “New” and Anne Amos, which makes life a little complicated to start with. Her Christian name itself appears in various different forms on the census records – “Maria in 1841”, “Mersiah” in 1851, “Mary Maria” in 1861, Mary Baker in 1881 (in the Workhouse). We have already noted in an earlier post which

looked to the names in the Shut End Primitive Methodist Baptismal Register that the name Maria was particularly likely to take variable forms at the time. If we follow this thread back, we come to the husband and wife couple Jonathan Amos (7.13) and Mary Bullos (7.14). However, in the next generation their fathers are named as Lancelot Amiss (8.25) and Joseph Bulloves (8.27). This variability can make tracing such threads somewhat tricky.

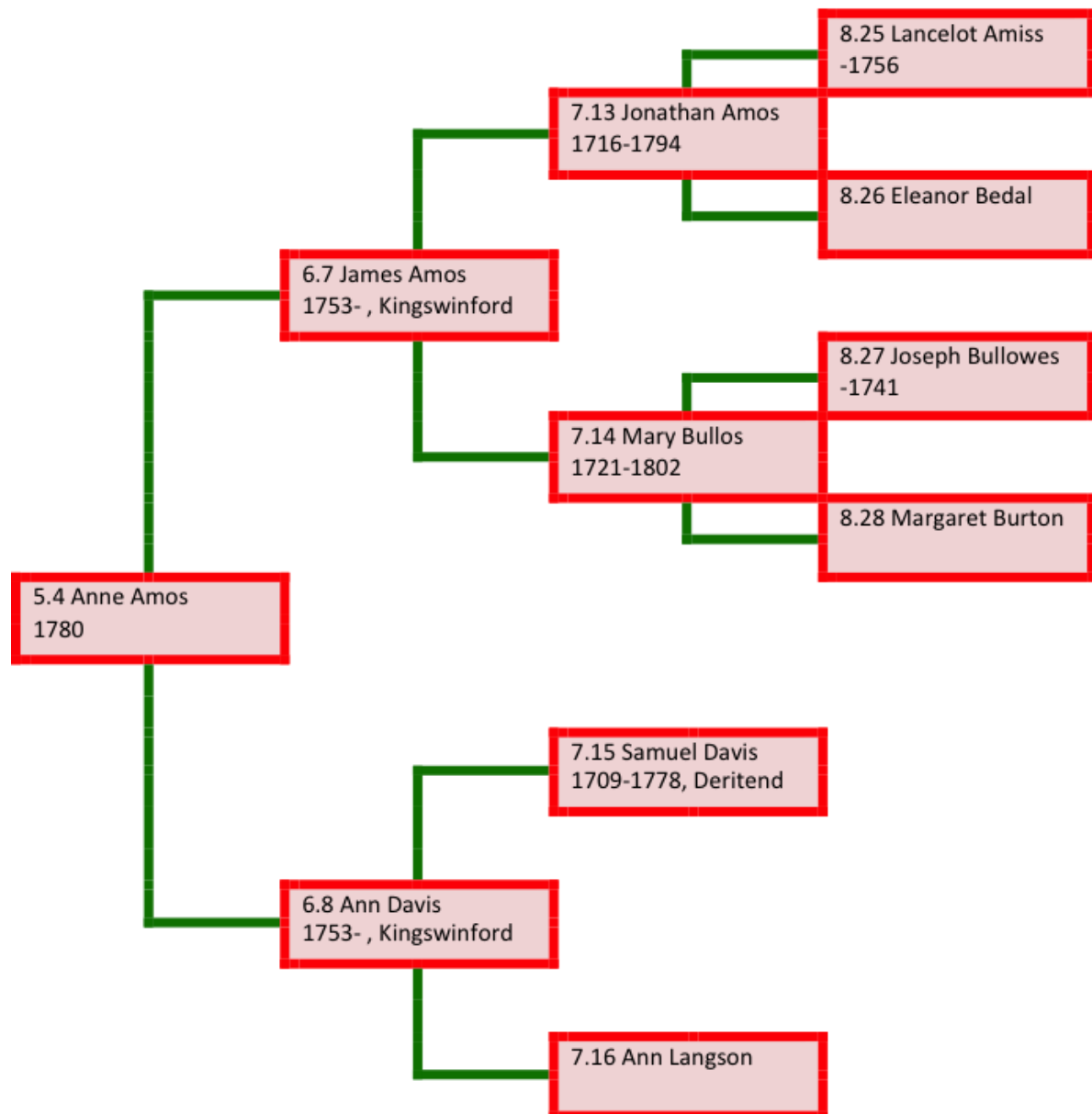


Figure 2 The Maternal Grandmother Tree Generations 5 to 8