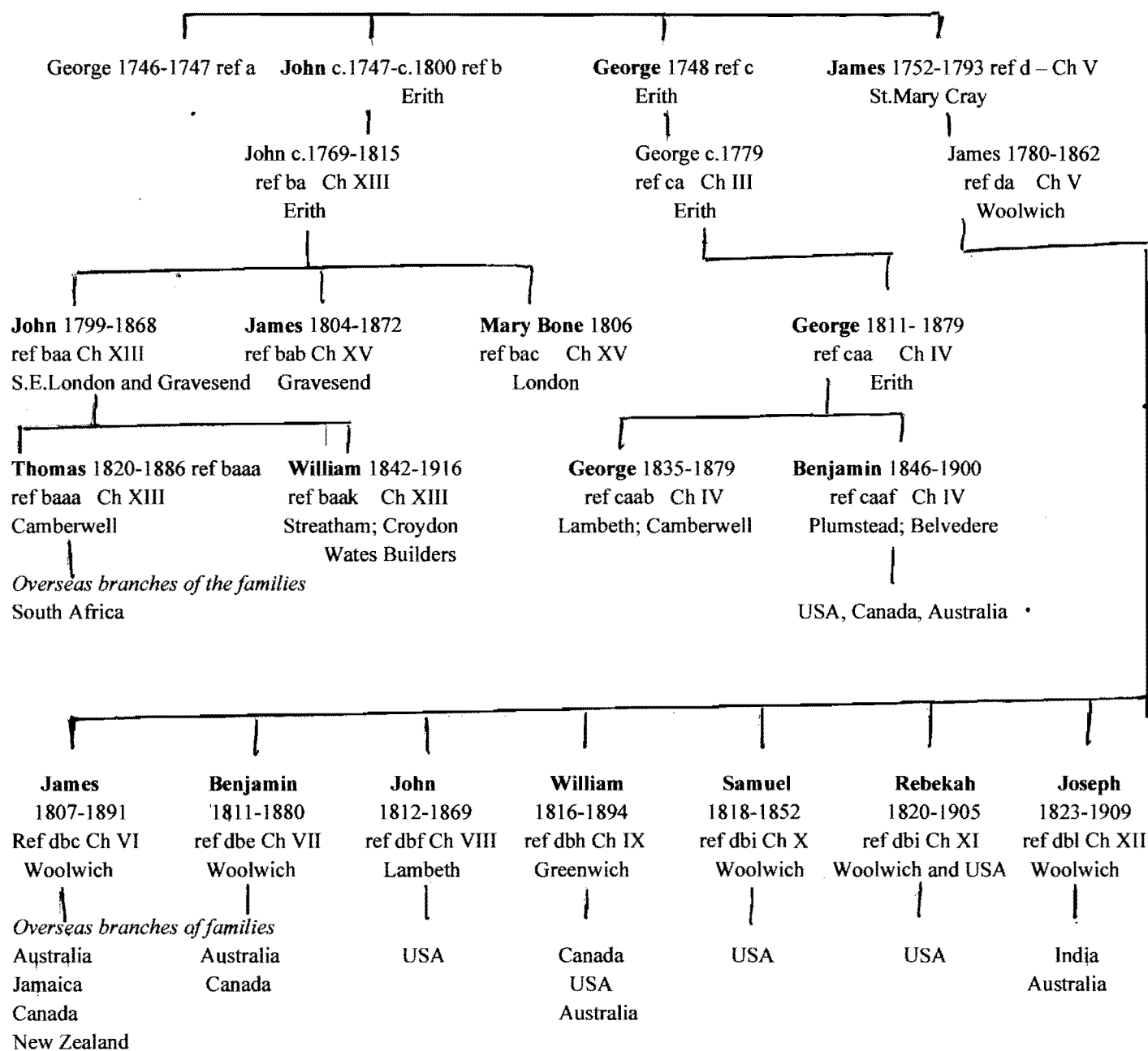


George Wates c.1720-c.1770 – Erith – Chapter III



Outline Family Tree and indexing system

The system of 'Indicator Letters' is taken from H.W. Atkinson's book "The Families of Atkinson...". George, the first child of George Wates (born c.1720), is given the reference 'a', John, the second child, the reference 'b' and George, the third child, the reference 'c', etc. John's first child, also John, has the reference 'ba' and his first child, another John, is 'baa'. This is illustrated in the diagram below.

'baa', 'caa' and 'dbc' are the same number of letters so would be the same generation. So this system shows the generation, relationship and position in the family at a glance. It can also be used as a dictionary index, making it easy to find the individual required. At the end of this book is Margaret Pitt's original index using this system, although as explained in the introduction to that index the letters 'ac' at the commencement of any reference need to be replaced by 'd'.

The tree below shows the relationships of the early Wates ancestors to each other and serves as a guide to the chapters in this book which give details of them and their respective descendants. The references will be the first letters of the references of any member of the family thus identifying which branch they belong to.

