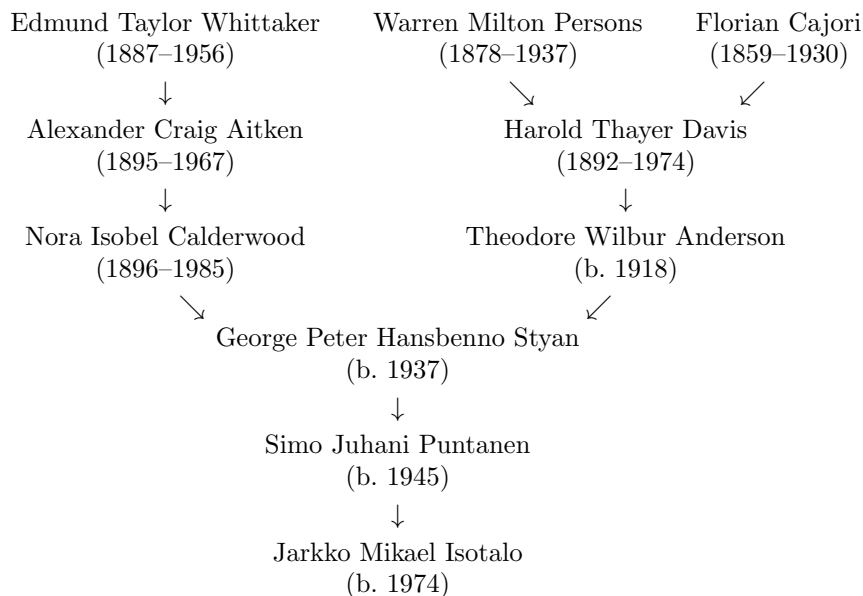


# Poetical Licence and The New Intellectual Aristocracy\*

Richard William Farebrother  
11 Castle Road, Bayston Hill, Shrewsbury, England SY3 0NF  
R.W.Farebrother@Manchester.ac.uk

[20 Jan 2012]



On the first two pages of his autobiography *Goodbye to All That* (Jonathan Cape, 1929; Penguin Classics, 2000), the poet and mythographer Robert Graves (1895–1985) observed that

Nor had I any illusions about Algenon Charles Swinburne, who often used to [...] pat me on the head and kiss me: [...] I did not know that Swinburne was a poet, but knew that he was a public menace. Swinburne, by the way, when a very young man had gone to Walter Savage Landor, then a very old man, and been given the poet's blessing he asked for; and Landor when a child had been patted on the head by Dr Samuel Johnson; and Johnson when a child had been taken to London to be touched by Queen Anne for scrofula, the King's Evil; and Queen Anne when a child ...

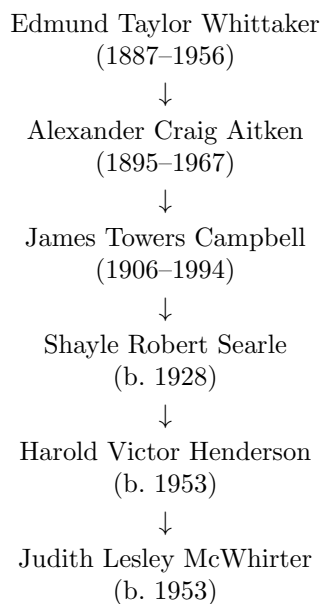
---

\*This paper is an updated version of the paper published in the Abstract Booklet of the 13th International Workshop on Matrices and Statistics, Bedlewo, Poland, August 18–21, 2004.

During the Eighth International Workshop on Matrices and Statistics (held in Tampere, Finland, in August 1999, see the IWMS-website), I presented the above intellectual genealogy. By contrast with the Mathematics Genealogy Project described in *Image* No. 23, this genealogy is not restricted to doctoral supervision but embodies other forms of intellectual contact provided that they go well beyond the laying on of hands described in the quotation.

On the left of the table we find that Edmund Taylor Whittaker supervised the D.Sc. thesis of Alexander Craig Aitken who, in turn, supervised the Ph.D. thesis or other research of Nora Isobel Calderwood. On the right of the table we find that Warren Milton Persons and Florian Cajori both acted as mentors to Harold Thayer Davis who, in turn, taught Theodore Wilbur Anderson. Meanwhile, at the bottom of the table we find that Nora Isobel Calderwood and Theodore Wilbur Anderson both taught George Peter Hansbenno Styan who, in turn, supervised the Ph.D. thesis of Simo Juhani Puntanen, who, in turn, supervised the Ph.D. thesis of Jarkko Mikael Isotalo.

As it stands, this table will be of particular interest to the students, grand students, and great-grandstudents of Ted Anderson, George Styan, Simo Puntanen, and Jarkko Isotalo. Further, when augmented by the descent



see *Image* No. 22, it will also serve for the intellectual progeny of Shayle Searle and Harold Henderson. For the chain Karl Weierstrass  $\rightarrow$  Georg Frobenius  $\rightarrow$  Issai Schur  $\rightarrow$  Alfred Brauer  $\rightarrow$  Emily Haynsworth, see Mathematics Genealogy Project.