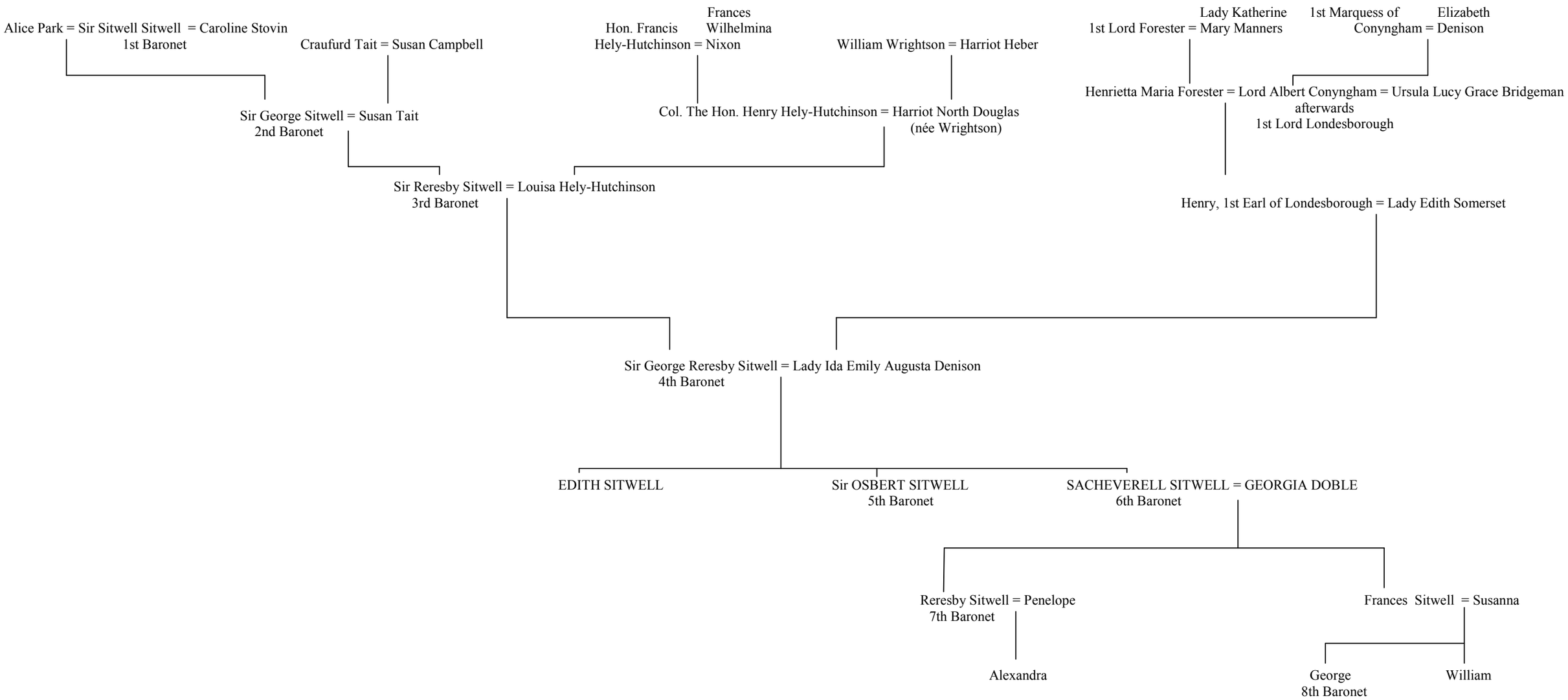LINE OF DESCENT