

grand father, great grand father, and so upwards in the direct ascending line; or between an ascendant, and his son, grand son, great grand son, and so downwards in the direct descending line.

Every generation in this lineal direct consanguinity, constitutes a different degree, reckoning either upwards, or downwards. The father is related to his son in the first degree, and so is the son related to the father; the grand father and grand son reciprocally, in the second degree—great grand father and great grand son, in the third degree, and so on.

This natural way of reckoning the degrees in the direct line, obtains as well in the civil, and in the canon, as in the common law.

Collateral kindred answers in the same manner, and agrees with the lineal in this, that they descend from the same stock, or ancestor; but differing, in that they do not descend from each other. The collateral are therefore such, as lineally sprung from one, and the same ancestor, who is the root, or stock, whence these relations are branched out. Vide Blackstone at large, title descent.

Collaterals,
who are such?