

In the Blood?

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Today's presentation:

- To what extent are eminent composers from professional musician families?
- How do composers compare to other professions in following parent careers?

The investigation:

- Studied parentage and family ties of 100 eminent composers: years 1500 - 2000
- Equivalent family research of eminent figures from 5 other professions:
 - Doctors
 - Lawyers
 - Clergy
 - Engineers
 - Novelists

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Maurice Greene
Johann Hasse

18th Century

Giovanni Sammartini
William Boyce
Christoph Gluck
Niccolò Piccinni
Franz Joseph Haydn
Antonio Salieri
Muzio Clementi
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Luigi Cherubini
Stephen Storace
Ludwig van Beethoven
Niccolò Paganini
Louis Spohr
Carl Maria von Weber
Carl Czerny
Giacomo Meyerbee
Gioachino Rossini
Gaetano Donizetti
Franz Schubert

19th Century

Hector Berlioz
Felix Mendelssohn
Robert Schumann
Frederick Chopin
Franz Liszt
Richard Wagner
Guiseppe Verdi
Jakob Offenbach
Clara Schumann
Anton Bruckner
Bedřich Smetana
Johann Strauss II
Alexander Borodin
Johann Brahms
Cammille Saint-Saens
Georges Bizet
Modeste Mussorgsky
Pyotr Tchaikovsky
Antonin Dvorak
Edvard Grieg
Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

Gabriel Faure
Leos Janacek
Edward Elgar
Giacomo Puccini
Gustav Mahler
Claude Debussy
Frederick Delius
Richard Strauss
Paul Dukas
Jean Sibelius
Eric Satie
Vaughan Williams
Sergei Rachmaninoff
Gustav Holst
Arnold Schoenberg
Charles Ives
Maurice Ravel
Béla Bartók
Igor Stravinsky
Sergei Prokofiev
George Gershwin

20th Century

Francis Poulenc
F. Aaron Copland
William Walton
Michael Kemp Tippett
Dmitri Shostakovich
Elliott Carter
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Carl Linnaeus
 John Pringle
 William Cullen
 Percivall Pott
 Leopold Auenbrugger
 John Hunter (& William)
 Luigi Galvani
 Samuel Bard
 Pierre-Joseph Desault
 Philippe Pinel
 Edward Jenner
 James Parkinson
 Samuel Hahnemann
 Franz Joseph Gall
 Dominique Larrey
 Guillaume Dupuytren
 René Laennec
 Wilhelm von Ludwig
 James Blundell
 Robert Liston

19th Century

Johannes Müller
 John Snow
 James Marion Sims
 James Paget
 Ignaz Semmelweis
 Joseph Désiré Tholozan
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 Rudolf Virchow
 Jean-Martin Charcot
 Henry Gray
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 Ivan Pavlov
 Robert Koch
 Wilhelm Röntgen
 William Osler
 Peter Freyer

Paul Ehrlich
 Emil Adolf von Behring
 Sigmund Freud
 Emil Kraepelin
 William Lane
 Rudolph Matas
 Frederick Hopkins
 Charles Nicolle
 Karl Landsteiner
 Alexis Carrel
 George Whipple
 Alexander Fleming
 Otto Heinrich Warburg
 Georgios Papanikolaou
 Otto Fritz Meyerhof
 Frederick Banting
 Gerhard Domagk
 Helen Taussig
 Max Theiller

20th Century

Charles Huggins
 Axel Theorell
 Charles R Drew
 Werner Forssmann
 Viktor Frankl
 Severo Ochoa
 Rita Levi-Montalcini
 Ian Donald
 "Pim" Kolff
 Bernard Katz
 Wilfred Bigelow
 Nigel Sperry
 Jonas Salk
 Joseph Ransohoff
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William Murray
 George Abercromby
 Johann Caspar Goethe
 William Blackstone
 Edward Thurlow
 Josef Monse
 Ernst Ferdinand Klein
 John Jay
 Philippe-Antoine de Douai
 John Marshall
 Willem Bilderdijk
 Maximilien de Robespierre
 Christian Friedrich Baz
 Charles Abbott
 James Kent
 Jean Marie Pardessus
 William Cabell
 Joseph Story
 Thomas Dennman
 Gustav von Ewers
 John Campbell
 Cresswell Cresswell

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David Dudley Field
 Teodolfo Mertel
 Hugh McCalmont Cairns
 John Coleridge
 Nathaniel Lindley
 Vladimir Spasovich
 Charles Russell
 Horace Davey
 A V Dicey
 Charles S Bowen
 Édouard Laferrrière
 S. Subramania Iyer
 Richard Webster
 Alfred Lawrence
 Friedrich Martens
 Sergey Muromtsev
 Sergei Bershadski
 Louis Dembitz Brandeis
 Clarence Darrow
 Rufus Isaacs
 Charles Evans Hughes
 James Atkin
 Axel Hägerström
 Mohandas Gandhi
 Learned Hand
 John Marshall Harlan
 Rayner Goddard
 Hans Kelsen
 Felix Frankfurter
 William Henry Thompson
 Earl Warren
 Johan Hjort
 Karl Olivecrona
 Hersch Lauterpacht
 Tom Denning

20th Century

Oliver Wendell Holmes
 René Floriot
 Patrick Devlin
 Thurgood Marshall
 Boris Meissner
 Louis Brandeis
 Shabtai Rosenne
 Nelson Mandela
 John Paul Stevens
 Sydney Kentridge
 Robert F Kennedy
 Robin Cooke
 Tom Bingham
 Harry Woolf
 Giorgio Ambrosoli
 Ruth Bader Ginsburg
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Martin Luther
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 Lucas Maius
 Lancelot Andrewes
 Isaiah Horowitz
 Carolus Niellius
 Anne Hutchinson
 John Newton
 John William Fletcher
 Hirschel Levin
 Beilby Porteus
 Ann Lee
 William Paley
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 Johannes Gossner
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John & Charles Wesley
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Lars Levi Laestadius
 Brigham Young
 John Henry Newman
 Joseph Smith
 Samuel Wilberforce
 Lorenz Diefenbach
 Wilhelm Dittenberger
 Mary Baker Eddy
 Alfred Edersheim
 Heinrich Lang
 William Booth
 Ilarion Ruvarac
 Henry Eyring
 Zadoc Kahn
 C I Scofield
 Muhammad Ahmad
 Stewart Headlam
 Benjamin Warfield

Charles Wagner
 Charles Russell
 Billy Sunday
 Herbert Henson
 Charles H Mason
 Cosmo Gordon Lang
 Nathan Söderblom
 Gordon B Hinckley
 William J Seymour
 Charles Fox Parham
 Hermann Maas
 Yosef Schneersohn
 William Temple
 Rudolf Bultmann
 Geoffrey Francis
 H Richard Niebuhr
 Moshe Feinstein
 Elijah Muhammad

20th Century

Michael Ramsey
 Dietrich Bonhoeffer
 Abraham Heschel
 Donald Coggan
 Carl Henry
 Billy Graham
 Robert Runcie
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Denis Papin
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Thomas Newcomen
Jorge Próspero de Verboom
John Hore
John Harrison

18th Century

Benjamin Franklin
James Brindley
John Smeaton
Richard Arkwright
James Watt
William Jessop
Alessandro Volta
Joseph-Michel
Montgolfier
Joseph Bramah
Oliver Evans
Thomas Telford
John Rennie the elder
Robert Fulton
Eli Whitney
Benjamin Wright
Richard Trevithick
Henry Maudslay
George Stephenson
Marc Séguin
Robert Stirling
Michael Faraday
Charles Babbage
Joseph Henry
Pierre Trésaguet
Charles Minard
William Dargan

19th Century

John Frank Stevens
Hertha Ayrton
Nikola Tesla
Henry Ford
Orville & Wilbur Wright
Alberto Santos-Dumont
Guglielmo Marconi
William Tritton
Robert Goddard
Karl Von Terzaghi
Thomas Brassey
Robert Mallet
Ludwig Colding
William Rankine
James Eads
Carl Culmann
Charles Hawksley
Vladimir Shukhov
Lee de Forest
Nora Stanton Blatch Barney
Hardy Cross
Fritz Todt

Pier Nervi
Robert Watson-Watt
Ove Arup
Squire Whipple
John Augustus Roebling
Isambard Kingdom Brunel
Cyrus McCormick
William Armstrong
Henry Bessemer
Ernst Werner Siemens
Joseph Bazalgette
William Thomson
Gustav Eiffel
William LeBaron Jenney
Gottlieb Wilhelm Daimler
Ferdinand von Zeppelin
William Arrol
Karl Benz
Charles Van Depoele
Alexander Graham Bell
Thomas Edison

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Arthur Casagrande
Tommy Flowers
Frank Whittle
Wernher von Braun
Alan Turing
Jack Kilby
Joseph Engelberger
Fazlur Rahman Khan
Steve Wozniak
Bill Gates
Tim-Berners Lee
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Marie-Madeleine de La Fayette
Aphra Behn
Samuel Richardson
Voltaire
Jonathan Swift
Daniel Defoe
Gabrielle de Villeneuve

18th Century

Henry Fielding
Jean Jacques Rousseau
Laurence Sterne
Horace Walpole Jnr
Tobias Smollett
Oliver Goldsmith (Irish)
Sophie von La Roche
Christoph Martin Wieland
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
Julian Ursyn Niemcewicz
Johann P. F. Richter
Charles Brockden Brown
Sir Walter Scott
Jane Austen
Heinrich von Kleist
Thomas Love Peacock
James Fenimore Cooper
Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley
Catherine Gore
Honoré de Balzac
Alexander Pushkin

19th Century

Alexandre Dumas
Victor Hugo
Disraeli, Benjamin
Edgar Allan Poe
Elizabeth Gaskell
William Makepeace Thackeray
Charles Dickens
Anthony Trollope
Charlotte Bronte
Ivan Turgenev
Emily Bronte
Theodor Fontane
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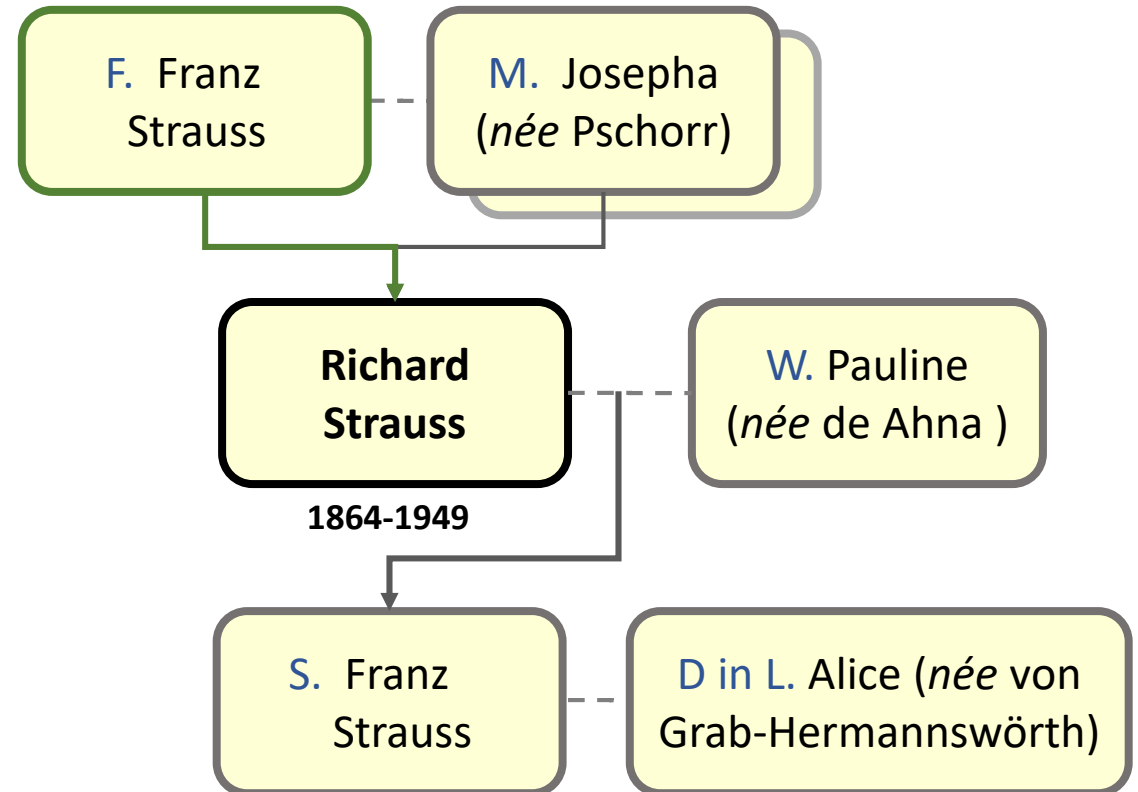
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Joseph Conrad
Gerhart Hauptmann
Edith Wharton
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H G Wells
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Marcel Proust
Thomas Mann
Hermann Hesse
E. M. Forster
James Joyce
Virginia Woolf
Franz Kafka
D H Lawrence
Mikhail Bulgakov
J R Tolkien
F Scott Fitzgerald
Ernest Hemingway
Vladimir Nabokov

20th Century

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
Salvatore Satta
John Steinbeck
Evelyn Waugh
George Orwell
Graham Greene
William Golding
Saul Bellow
Anthony Burgess
Muriel Spark
J D Salinger
Kingsley Amis
Kurt Vonnegut Jr
Chinua Achebe
John Updike
V S Naipaul
Vasco Ferretti
Mario Vargas Llosa
Peter Carey
Salman Rushdie
Péter Esterházy
Stieg Larsson
J K Rowling

Composer Richard Strauss's Family:

- Father was principal horn player in the Munich Court Opera orchestra
- During his boyhood Strauss attended his father's orchestra rehearsals and had tuition
- Mother from a wealthy brewing company family. She was musical e.g. she transcribed Richard's early compositions
- Richard married an operatic soprano
- They had one son who became a lawyer. There is no record of him being musical



A better understanding of a composers' family musical ties:

- **Strong** Tie: One or both parents* were professional musicians
- **Medium** Tie: A parent was an accomplished amateur musician
OR a close senior relative was a professional musician
- **Low** Tie: A parent in the arts or related education, or a musical household
- **No** Tie: The parents and family had little or no ties to music

Composer	Strong	Medium	Low	No
Richard Strauss	✓			
Jean Sibelius		✓		
Maurice Ravel			✓	
George Frederick Handel				✓

These ratings then
put into a score
on the strength
of family musical tie

Score
10
7
3
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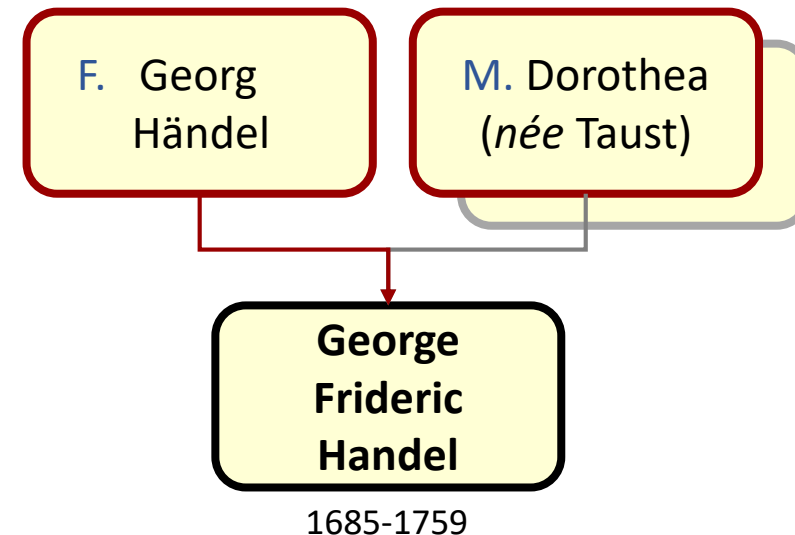
* or related guardian on parents death

Equivalent link criteria formed for the other 5 professions

Composer George Frideric Handel's Family:

- George's father was an eminent **barber surgeon**
- His father's second wife, George's mother, was daughter of a Lutheran Pastor and widow of a barber surgeon. No indication she was musical
- Scant information on the composers childhood other than he pursued a career in music despite his father's vehement disapproval
- George did not marry or have children

Composer	No
G. F. Handel	✓



Careers of the 100 composers' parents

Fathers' careers...			
35	Composers/Professional Musicians*		
6	Aristocrats/Nobles	1	Butcher
6	Doctors/Dentist	1	Cabinet Maker
5	Engineers/Inventors	1	Chemist
5	Schoolmasters	1	Civil Servant
5	Merchants/Wholesalers	1	Clerk
4	Shopkeepers	1	Farmer
3	Clergyman	1	Foreman
2	Army Officers	1	Forrester
2	Bankers	1	Grocer
2	Innkeepers	1	Novelist
2	Factory owners	1	Pawnbroker
2	Lawyers	1	Property Tycoon
2	Shoemakers	1	Silversmith
1	Agronomist	1	Translator
1	Baker	1	Wheelwright
1	Brewer	1	Wigmaker

Mothers' impact...	
2	Composers/Professional Musicians*
13	had a significant musical influence

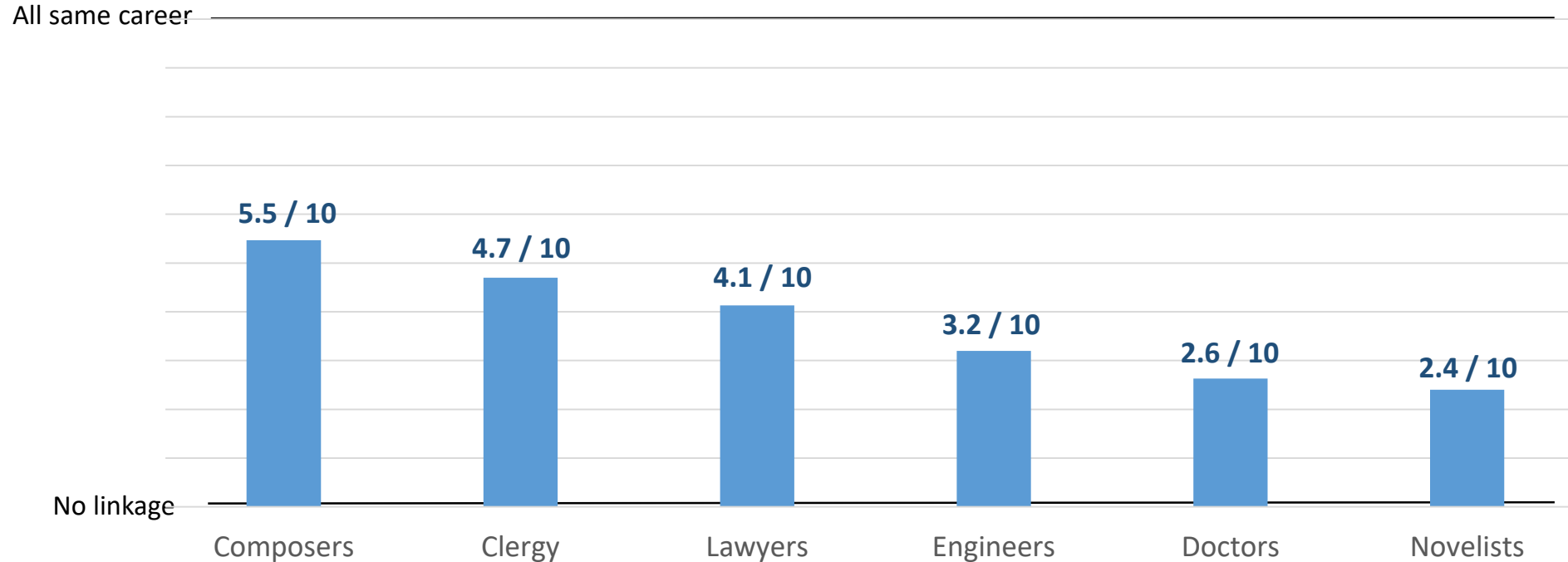
Guardian/Senior Relatives' impact...	
7	professional musicians having major musical influence on the composer

* Parent or close-relative guardian if both parents early death.

In 1 case, both parents were professional musicians

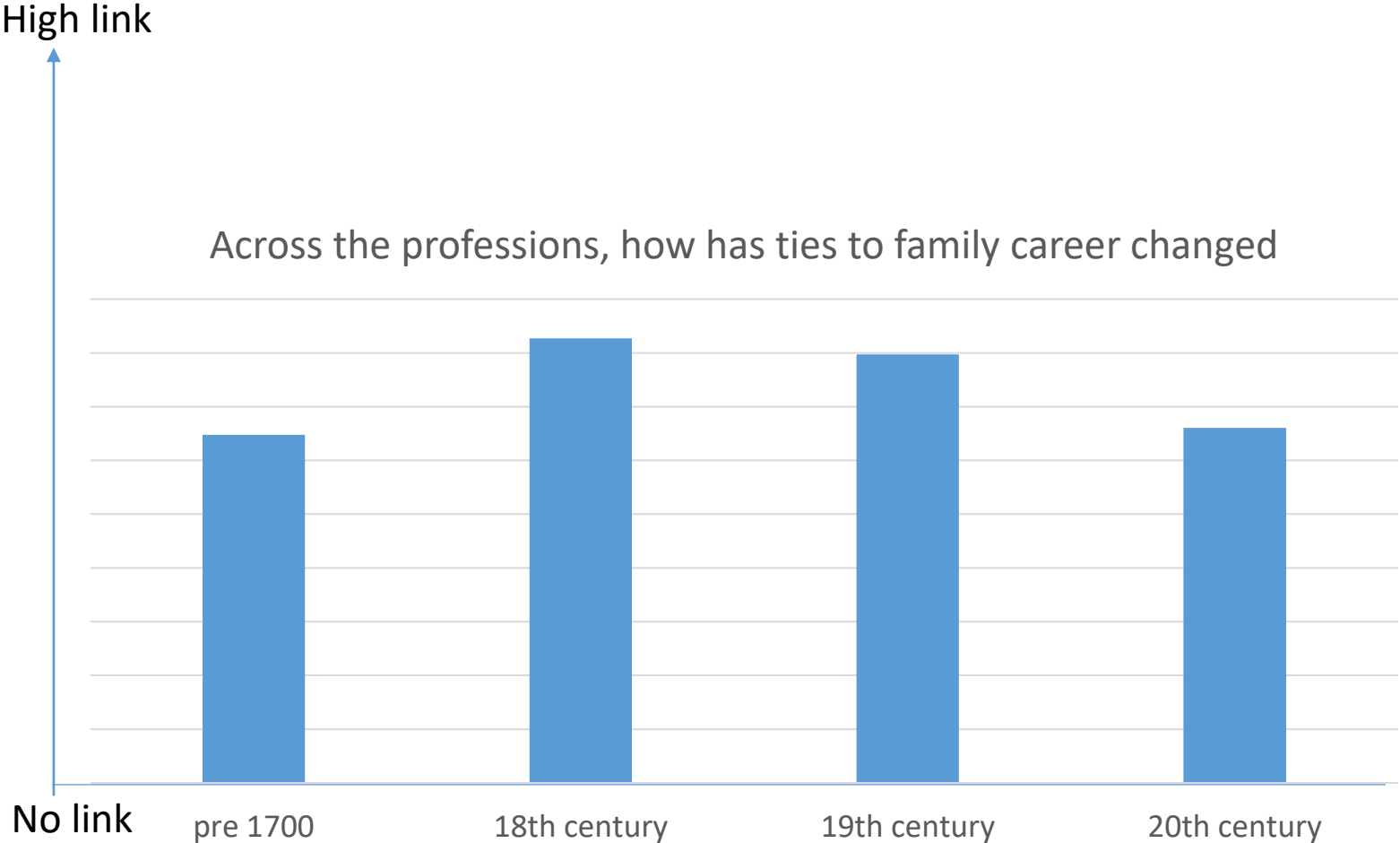
In the blood? Summary comparison of family career-following, by profession:

To what extent did their profession link to their family careers?

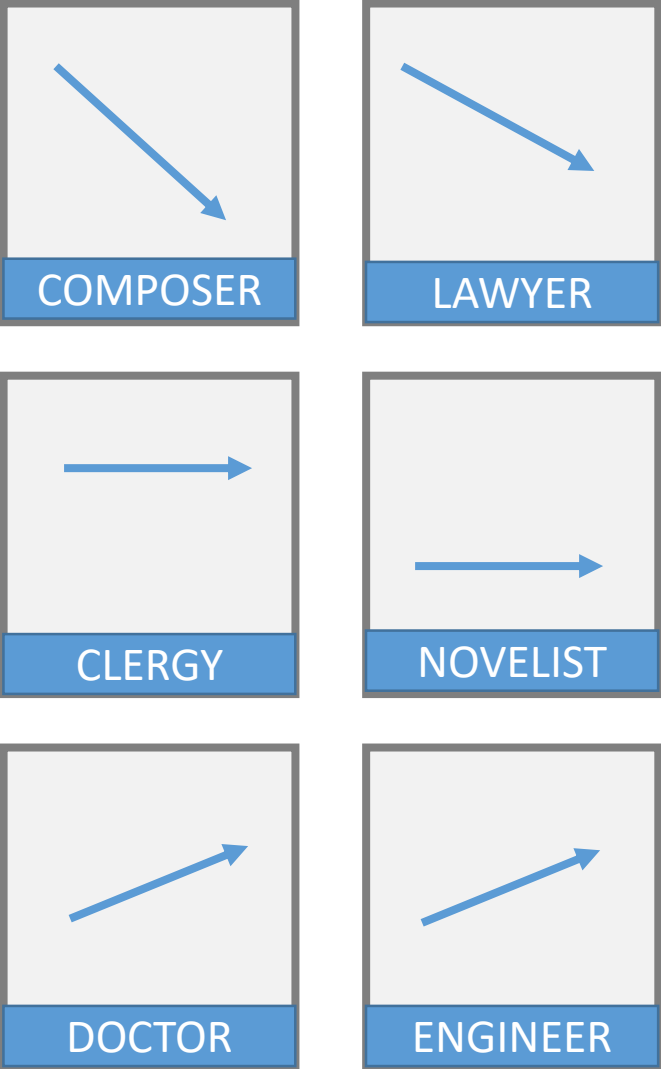


- Eminent composers and clergy strongly follow in the family careers
- Eminent lawyer are moderately strong in following family careers. Engineers less so
- Eminent Doctors and, particularly, Novelists rarely come from families who have author heritage
- Other factors: wealth, privilege, nationality (and accuracy of data and its categorisation) may well be key influences

Overall, family career links of eminent figures are in slow decline but varies by profession:



Across the professions, how has ties to family career changed



Total sample size 600 eminent people across 6 professions