

De Villiers-Pama Notation

The De Villiers-Pama system allocates an alphabetic letter to each generation, followed by a number to each child in birth order. ... This De Villiers-Pama system is the standard for genealogical works in South Africa. It was developed in the 19th century by Christoffel Coetzee de Villiers and used in his three volume *Geslachtregister der Oude Kaapsche Familien* (Genealogies of Old Cape Families) and refined by Dr. Cornelis (Cor) Pama, one of the founding members of the Genealogical Society of South Africa.

eg. a1b5c1d3 a1: 1st generation (progenitor)
 b5: 2nd generation, fifth child
 c1: 3rd generation, first child
 d3: 4th generation, third child