

FRED & AMEILA SCHULTZ SR.
FAMILY HISTORY

Fred Schultz Sr. was born 1876 in Provence, Poland. He has 2 sisters, Juliana and Barbara, and 1 brother, Edward. They were orphaned at an early age, for reasons unknown to us. Fred joined the Russian Army at about the age of thirteen. This insured him of clothing and food. While in the army he traveled through many countries learning their customs and languages. At about the turn of the century he decided to come to the United States. One of his sisters, Juliana, had preceded him to the states. She was married to Godfred Schiller and living in Wisconsin.

Fred packed all his belongings in a "steamer trunk" and boarded a ship for New York City. From there he traveled by train to Oconto Falls, WI. He stayed with his sister Juliana's family. Godfred took Fred to the paper mill in Oconto Falls where he worked and was able to get Fred employed there. Fred stayed with the family awhile before he purchased a house of his own. The house he bought was located only a few blocks from the railroad station. He set up house keeping and began furnishing it.

One day a year or so later, Ameila Schielke, a friend of the Schiller family and an acquaintance of Fred, came to the Schillers. It wasn't too long after her arrival that Fred and Ameila were married.

Fred and Ameila lived in the house Fred had purchased near the railroad station. In 1908, March 25th, Fred and Ameila were blessed with their first child, Anne Maire. Unfortunately she died in infancy. Their next child, Ray, was born while they were still living in Oconto Falls.

Fred was a very likable person. He had many friends. One of these friends borrowed \$200 from him. Sometime later when it was time to pay Fred back, he was unable to. Instead of the money, he offered Fred eighty acres of land west of Oconto Falls. Owning your own land was a part of the American dream Fred and Ameila had. So this offer was attractive and Fred took him up on the deal. The eighty acre tract was not the best of soil, as it was very sandy. Fred learned that an adjacent forty was available for homesteading. The land was government owned, and could be purchased at no cost. It was just a matter of getting approved by the government, then you had to build a homesite and work the land. After waiting for quite sometime, they finally received word that the land was theirs. This was the beginning of their farming career. This was also where the rest of the family was raised. Fred Jr., Tillie, Arnold, Paul, Ted and Adolph were all born on the farm.

With a large family and hard times it was difficult for Fred and Ameila to keep the family clothed and fed. During the winter months Fred would go up north and work in the woods logging to help bring in more money. Ameila and the children would look after the

farm. The family was accustomed to hard work.

As each child reached adulthood they moved on to find a life of their own. This farm stayed in the family until 1946. This is where many happy and fond memories were founded.

Here a few family accounts that will make you both laugh and cry.

Ray (the oldest) had a dream of becoming a pilot. He built himself an airplane one summer in the woods. Seems a strange place to build a airplane, but if you have younger brothers that you do not want bothering you, you've got to go where they won't. Finally completing the project, he had to try it out. Ray talked his brothers into helping him pull it home one Sunday afternoon when his folks were off visiting the neighbors. They hoisted it to the top of the barn roof, no small feat in it's self I'm sure. This would get the plane off to a good start. Crawling into the plane he had them push the plane off the roof. Well his dream of piloting a plane lasted only from roof to ground, but luckily he wasn't hurt from the fall.

Working hard and being thrifty was something the family knew all about. Fred and Arnold showed this when they moved to Milwaukee to find work. They found work at the same plant but on different shifts. Both needing a place to stay, they decided to rent a one man apartment. This they figured would cost them less and what with them working opposite shifts they would be able to share the apartment in shifts also. It was pretty sound logic, that way one would be working while the other was sleeping. My question is when did they change the sheets?

Tillie, being the only surviving daughter, was left with the task of helping keep food on the table and helping with the task of washing the clothes. A task most young girls even to this day do not relish. When Tillie was old enough to start dating, she suddenly became more concerned about how the house looked or if the boys were neat and clean when her date arrived. That was a difficult task when you had 6 brothers. Like all families there is always one that seems to get into things faster than you can clean them up. Well, Paul was the one that kept Tillie pretty busy.

When Arnold and Paul were born, the family was very poor. The twins were sickly and Ameila herself was not at all well. The local doctor, Dr. Gogons, having 5 daughters and no sons, wanted in the worst way to adopt Paul. But Fred and Ameila would not give up one of their own family no matter how rough the times were.

At the age of 12 Arnold came down with pneumonia. Dr. Gogons again came out to the farm. He stayed with Arnold until he was over the worst of it. It was a good thing that doctors cared more about people than money in those days.

Ted, the second youngest, was always the shy one. When the

other boys' dates would come over he would see to it he was gone. He did enjoy baseball. So much so, that he organized the "Gray Lake Sodbusters", a baseball team that had a lot of fun.

Adolph, the youngest, was not at all bashful. He was always where the crowd was. Girls seemed to swarm around him. I guess his older brothers taught him well.

Tragedy hit the family when Fred Sr. had his right arm and three fingers on his left hand cut off in a silo filler. This took place in late December of 1920. For several weeks they didn't know if he would survive or not. Friends and neighbors helped Ameila and the children with the Spring field work while Fred was still recuperating. It took several months before he was able to even help with the simplest of chores.

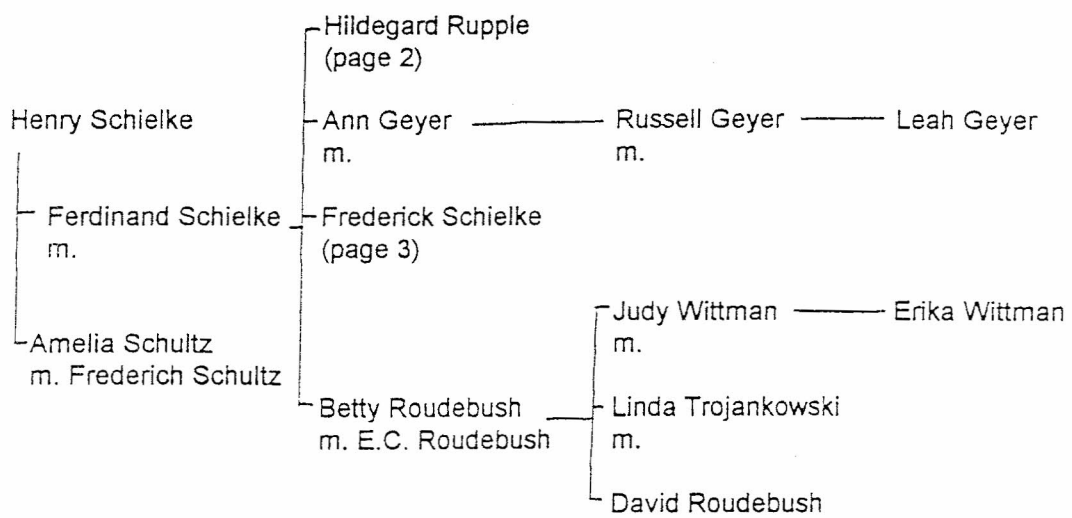
One by one each child struck out on their own. About 1942 Tillie and her husband Gust Raatz purchased the farm from Fred and Ameila. Fred had decided to move to Milwaukee where most of their children were now located.

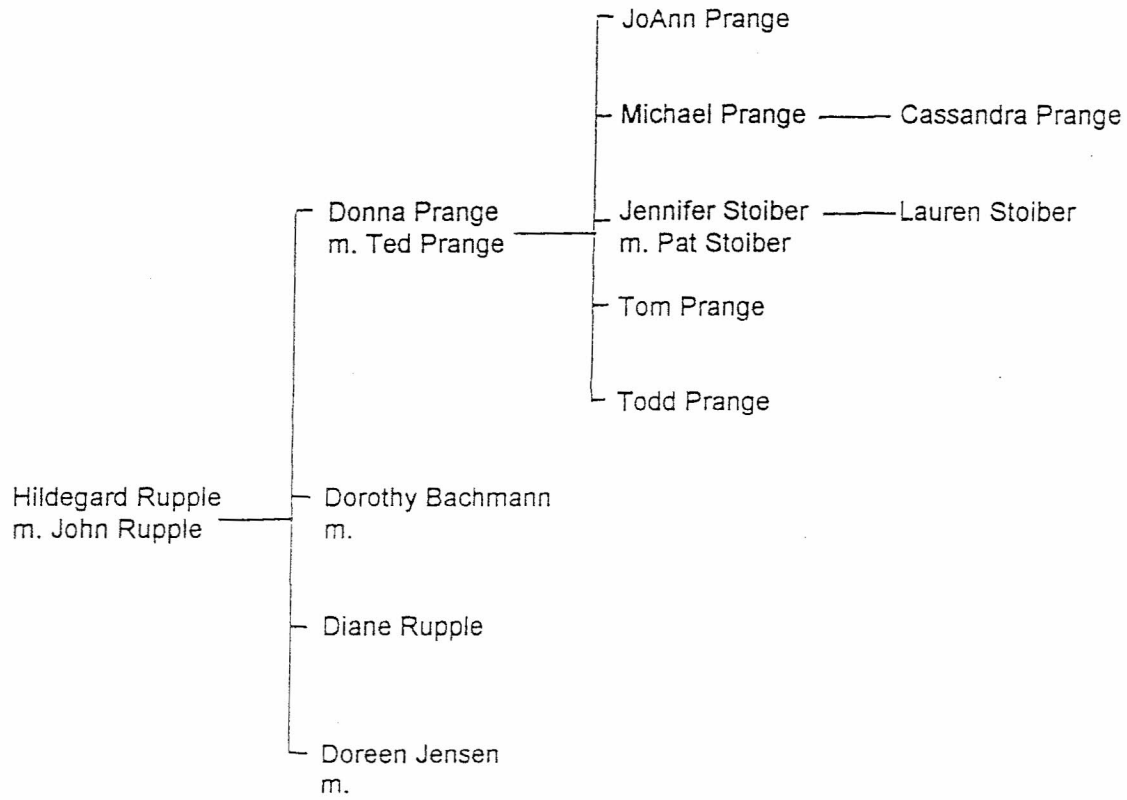
In 1946, Tillie and Gust decided to sell the farmstead and move to Milwaukee as well. They bought a home only a few blocks from where Fred and Ameila had settled.

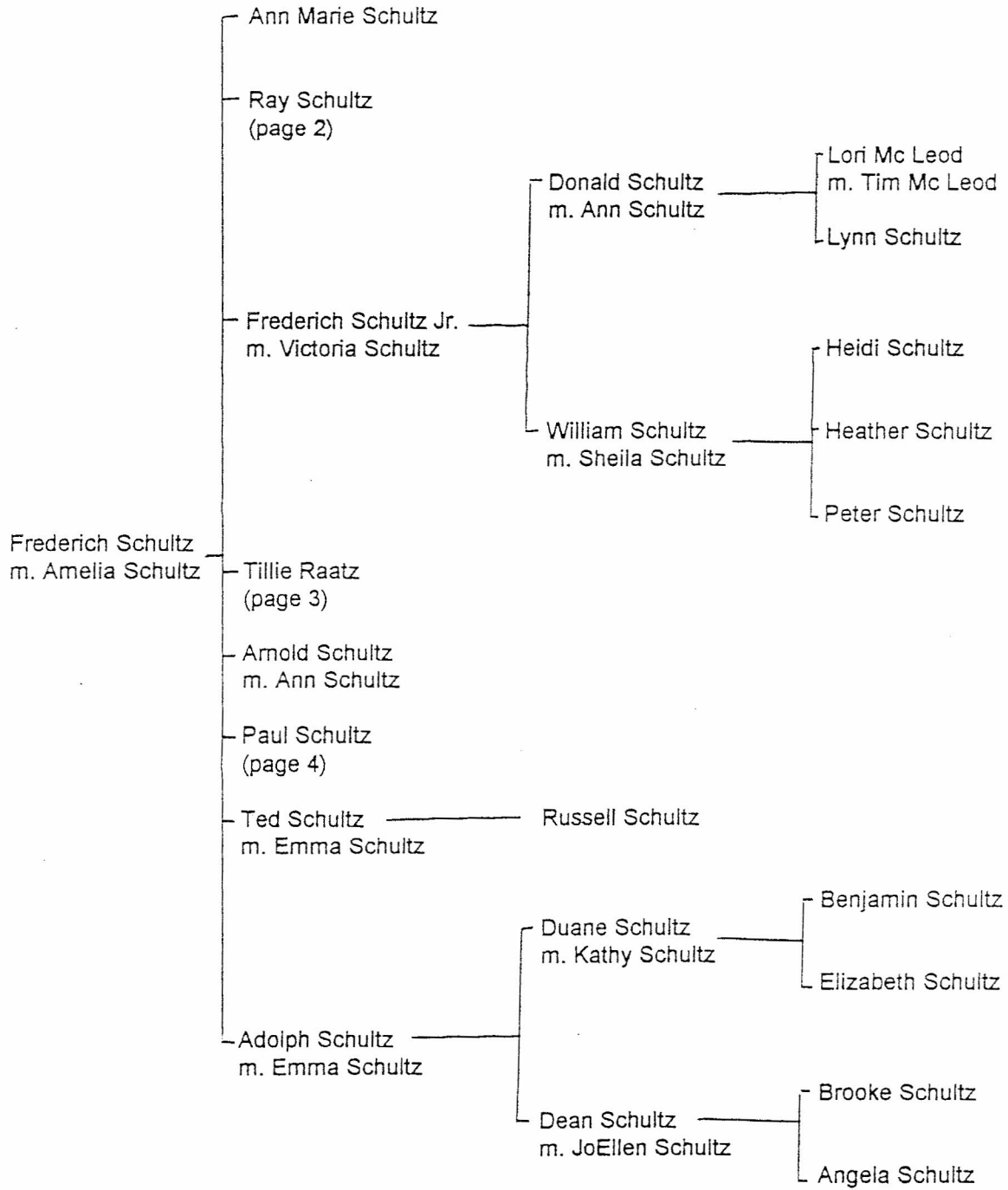
In 1947, Ameila passed away. Tillie and Gust asked Fred to come and live with them. They stayed in Milwaukee until 1951, when Gust and Tillie purchased a farm just east of Gillett. The family along with Fred moved to the farm which is presently owned by Gust and Tillie's son Mel and his wife Sharon. Fred lived with Gust and Tillie until his death in the fall of 1962.

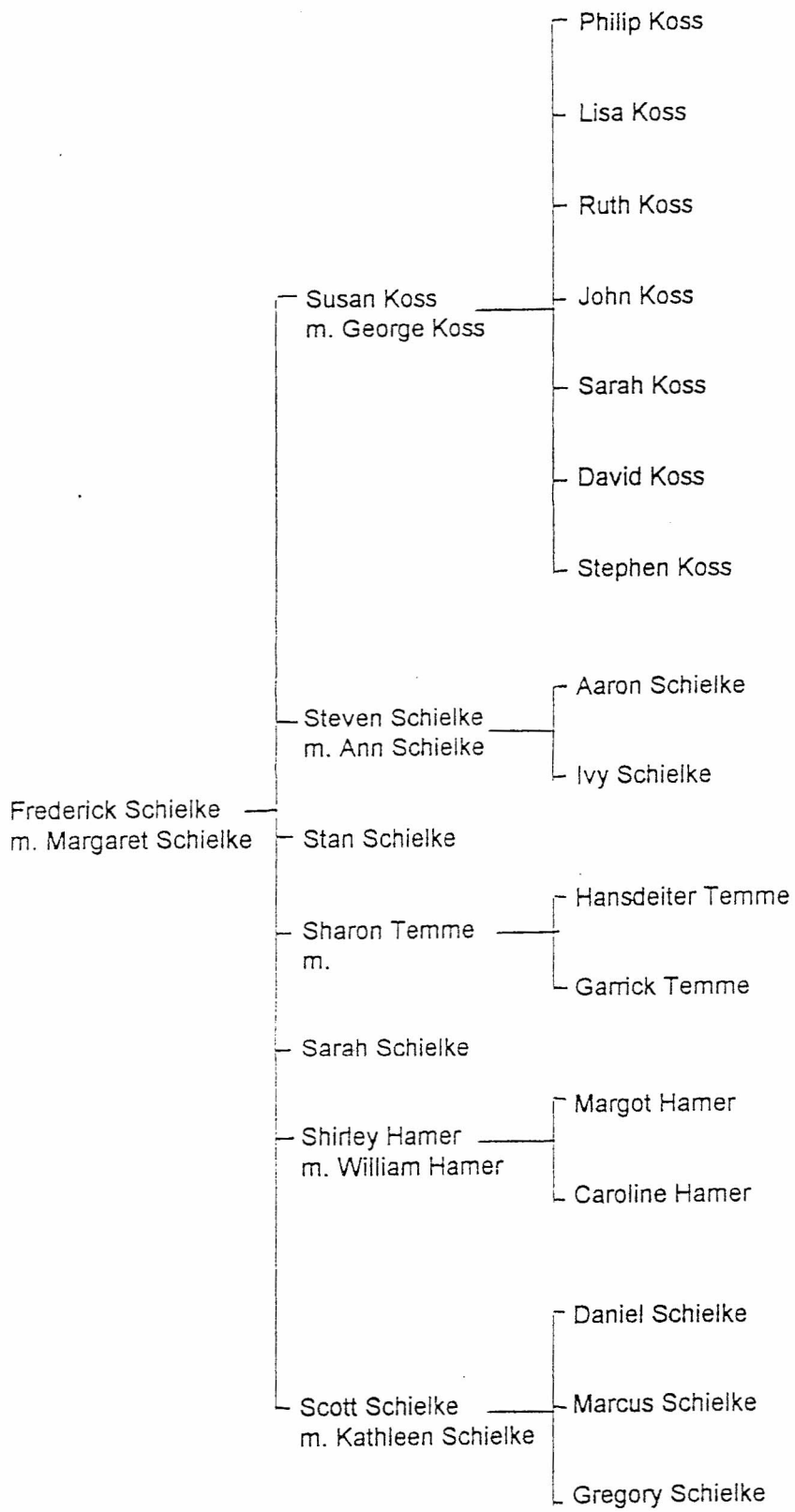
In all the years that Fred lived with his handicap he never seem to let it get in his way. Upon one occasion he asked Gust if, he Gust would help him move a cherry tree. Now Gust farmed acreage by Oconto Falls (which was called the other farm), along with the home farm, and that's where the tree was. Gust told Fred to let him know when he had everything ready. So each day as Gust would haul manure to the other farm Fred would ride along so he could work on his tree. Now as it turned out this was no little tree. The trunk of the tree was about 10 inches in diameter. After several weeks Fred had his tree ready to be moved to the waiting hole in the orchard at the home farm. That tree gave the family cherries for many years. Fred also saw to it that the robins didn't get their fair share. As he would sit on the open front porch with his single shot 22 rifle ever ready.

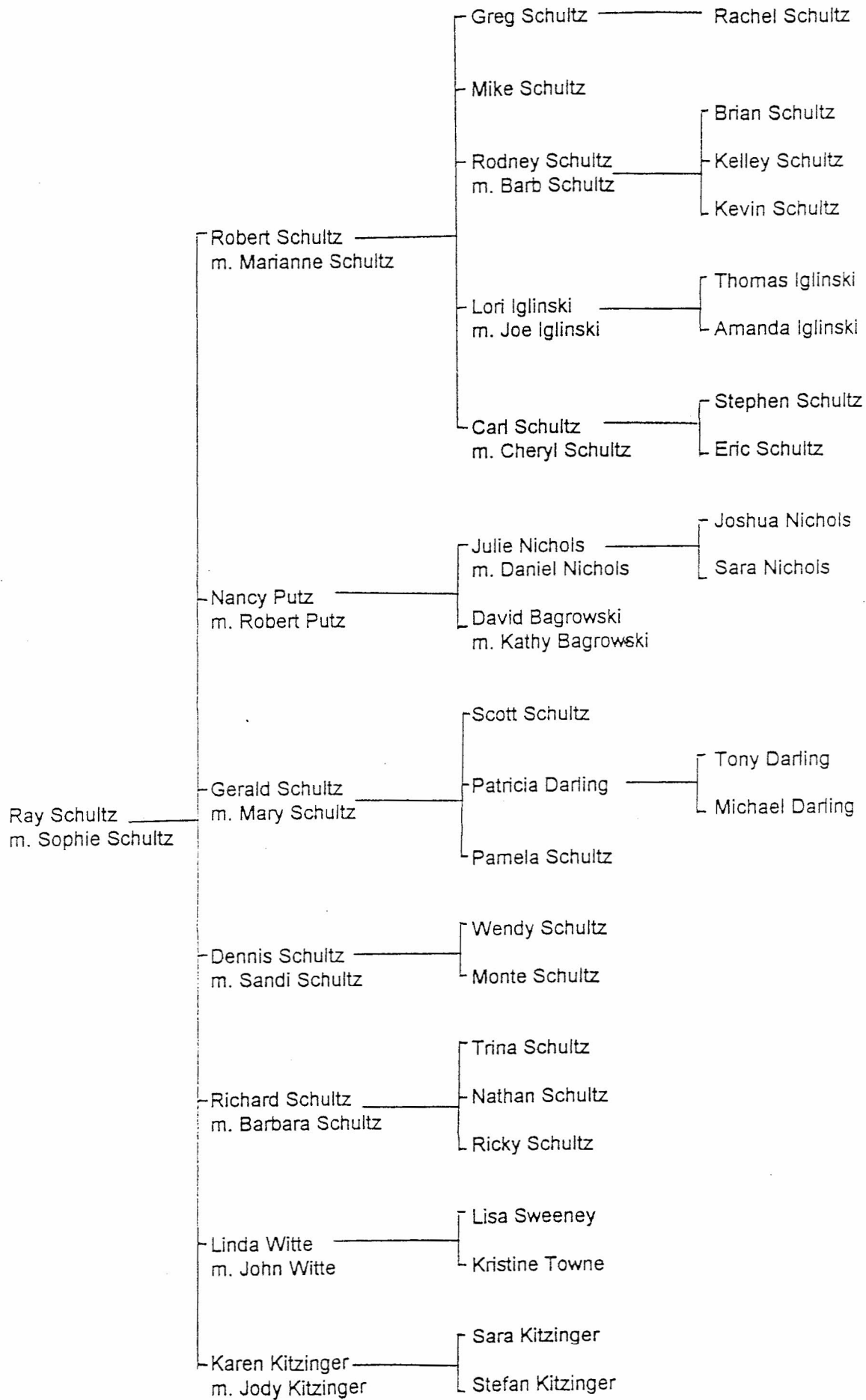
Fred Sr. was laid to rest, with his wife Ameila, in Milwaukee at the Union Cemetery, located at 3180 North Teutonia Ave. The grave sites can be found at Lot 63A, Block 18, Section 8.

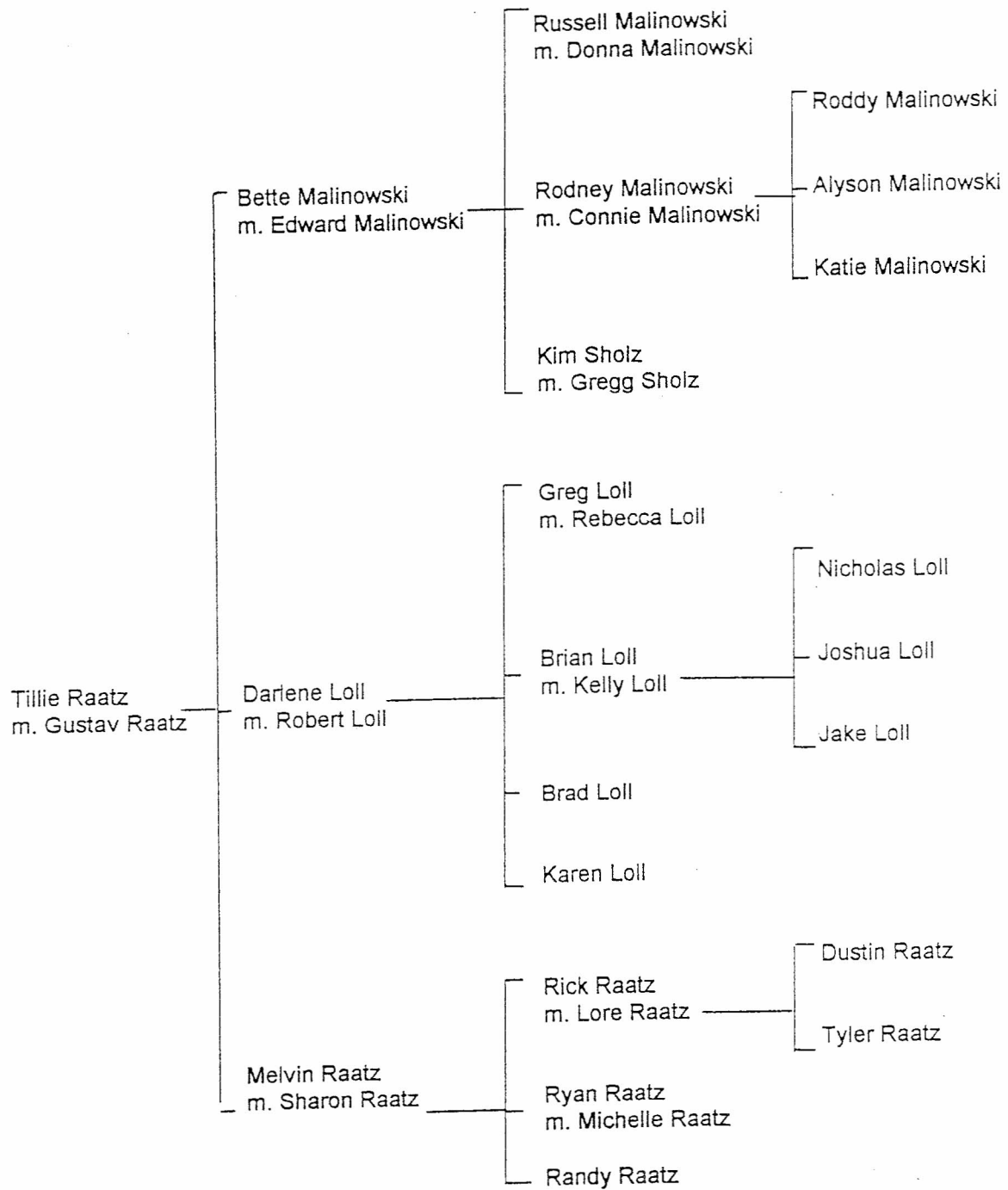


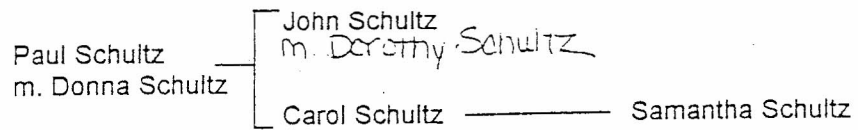
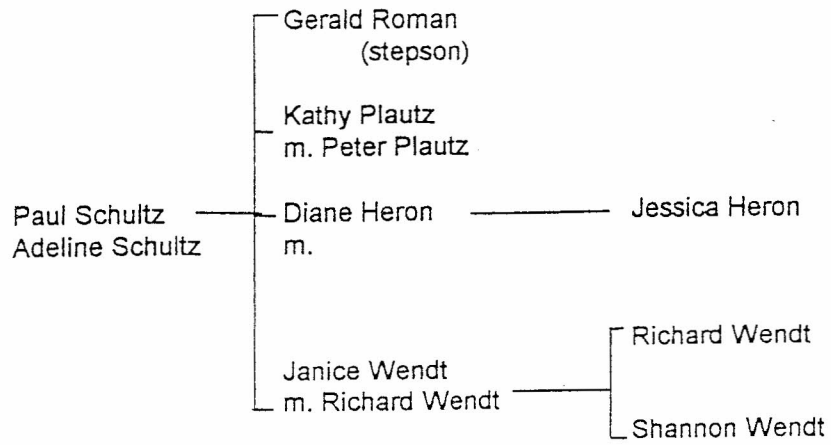


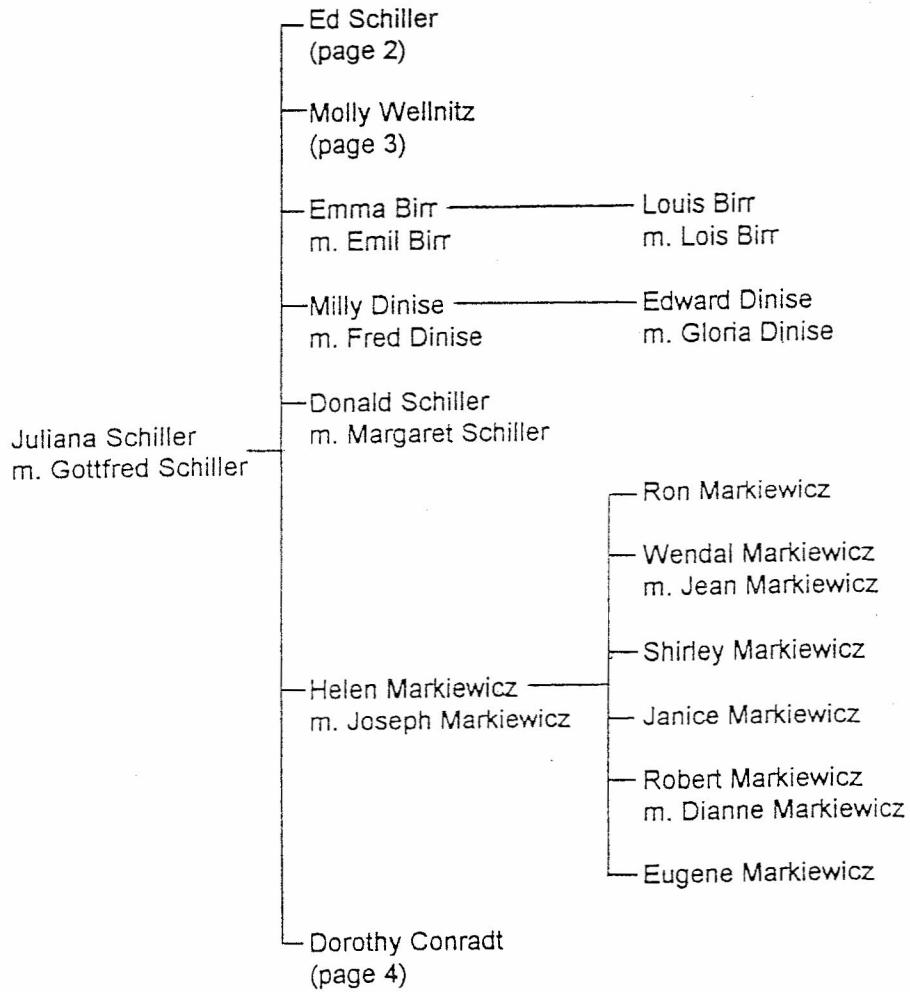


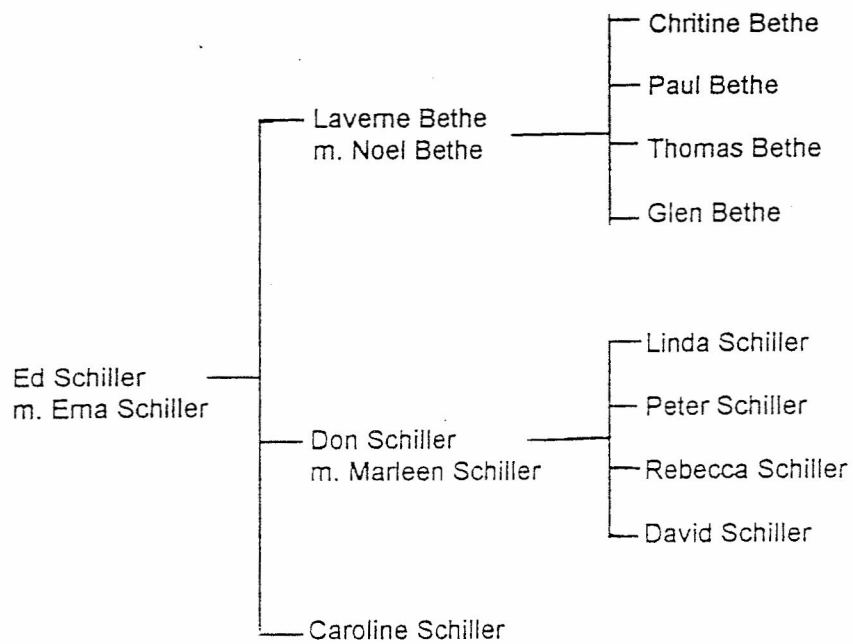


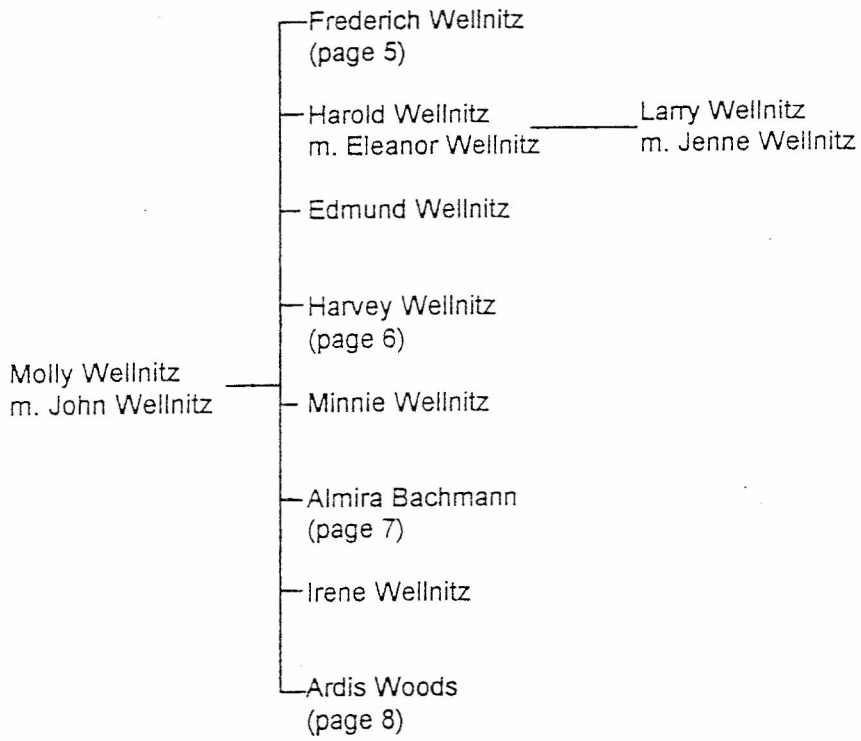


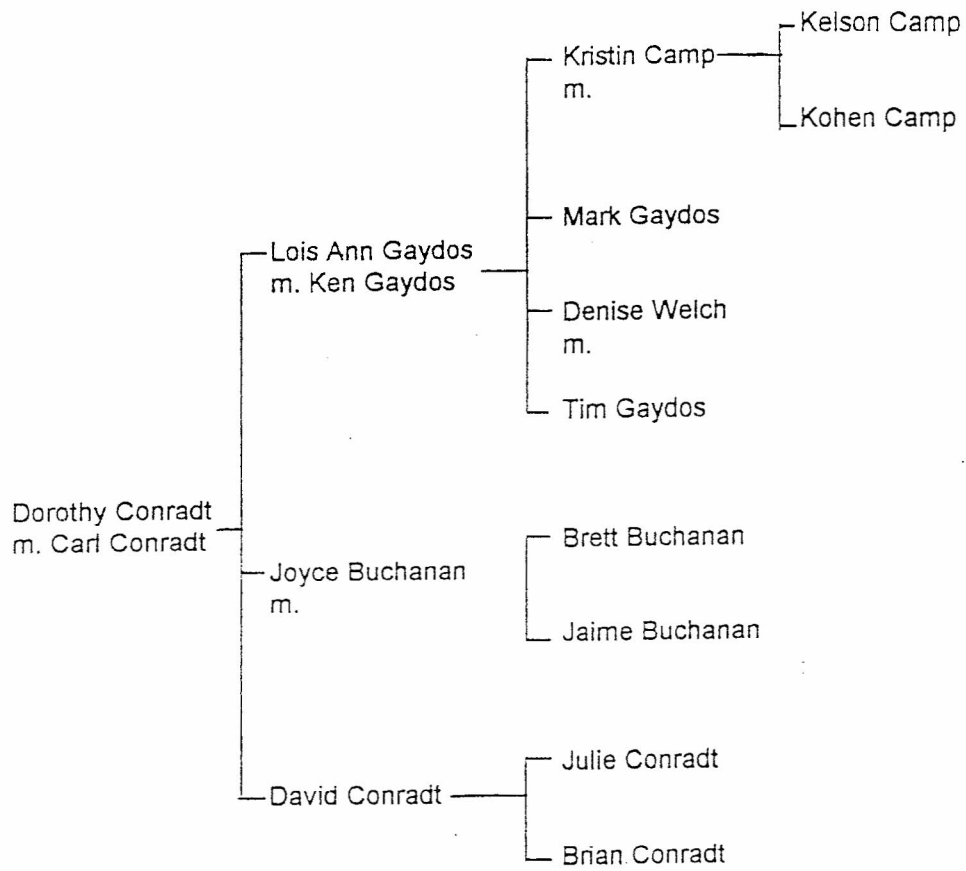


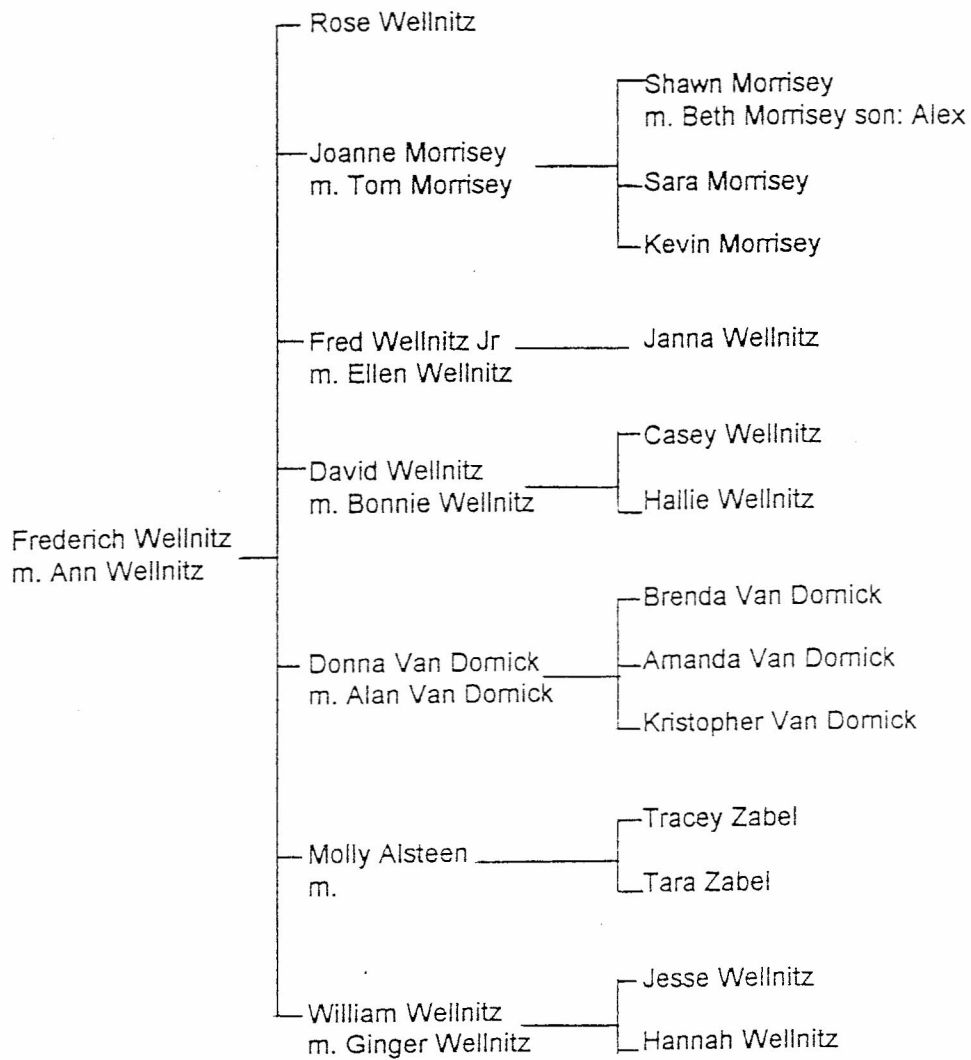


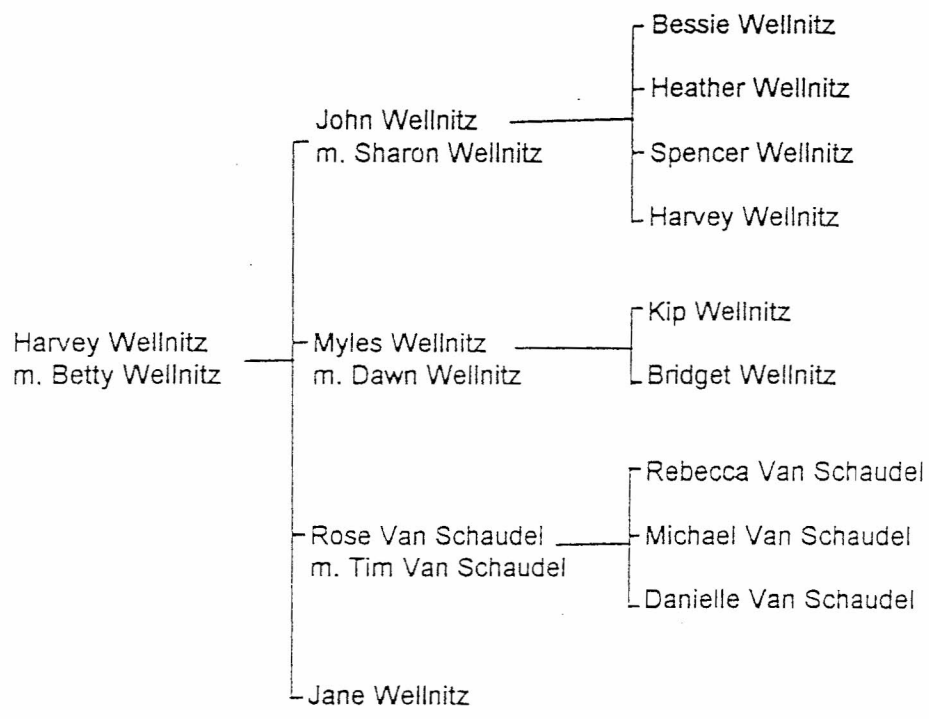


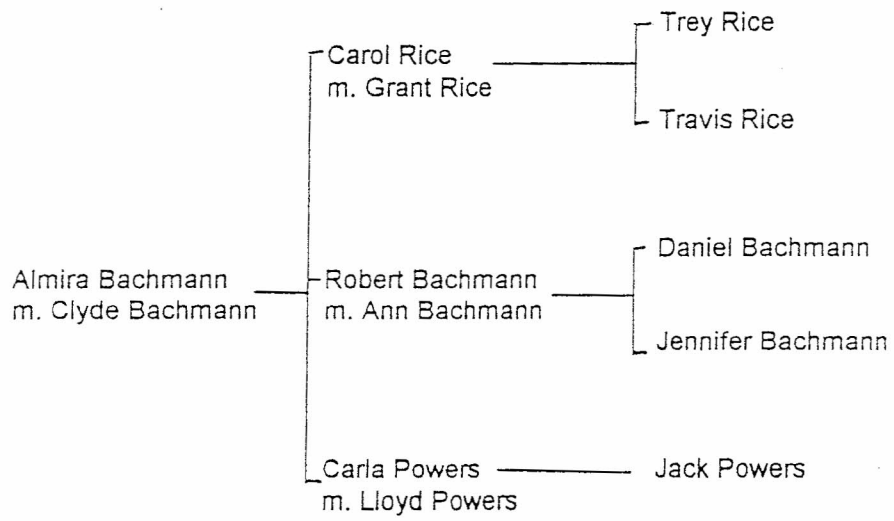


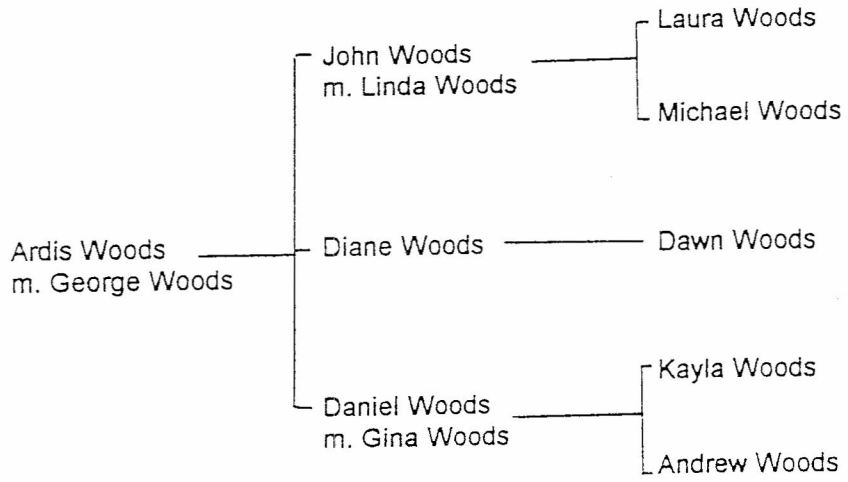


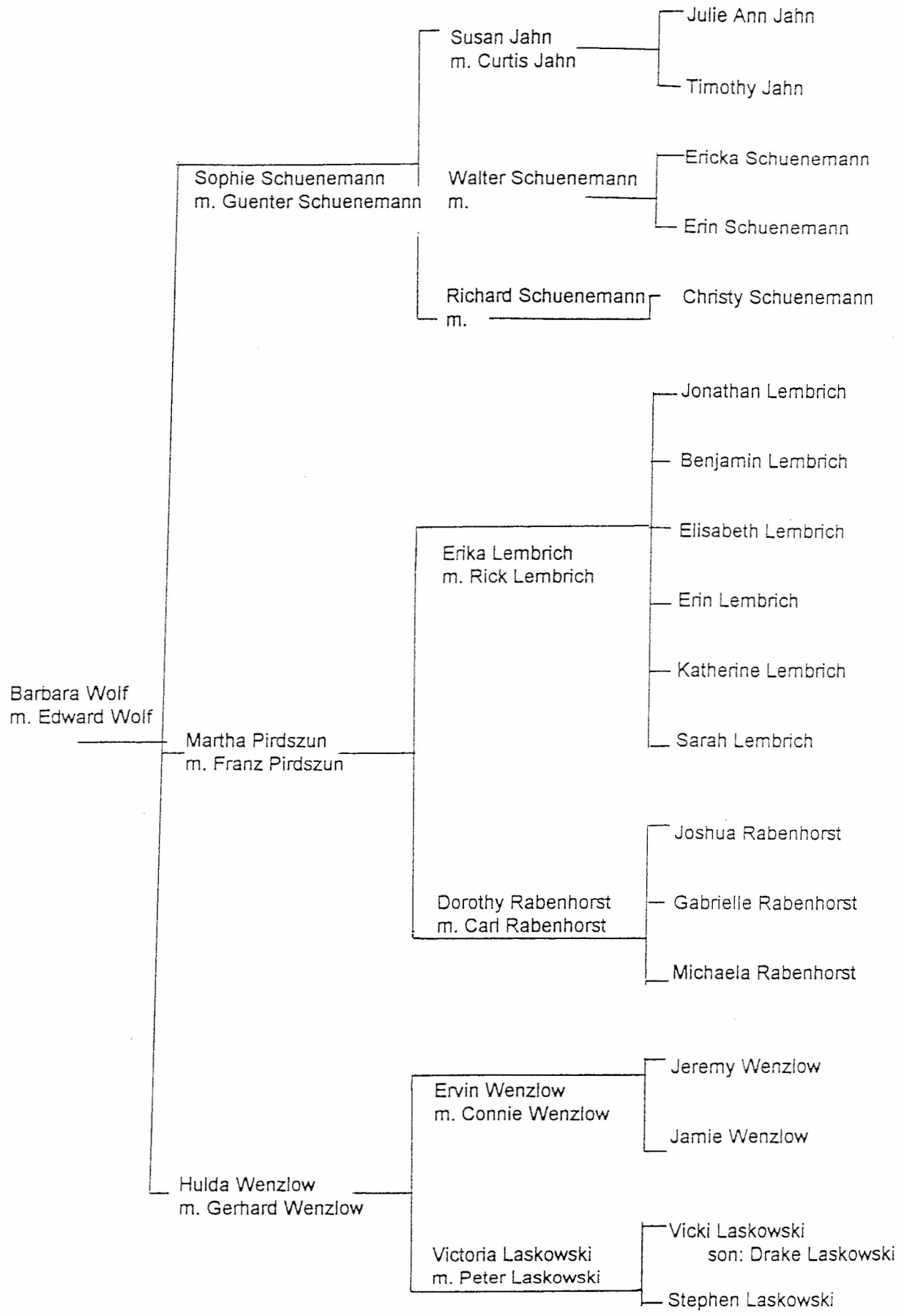












Descendants of Edward Schultz

