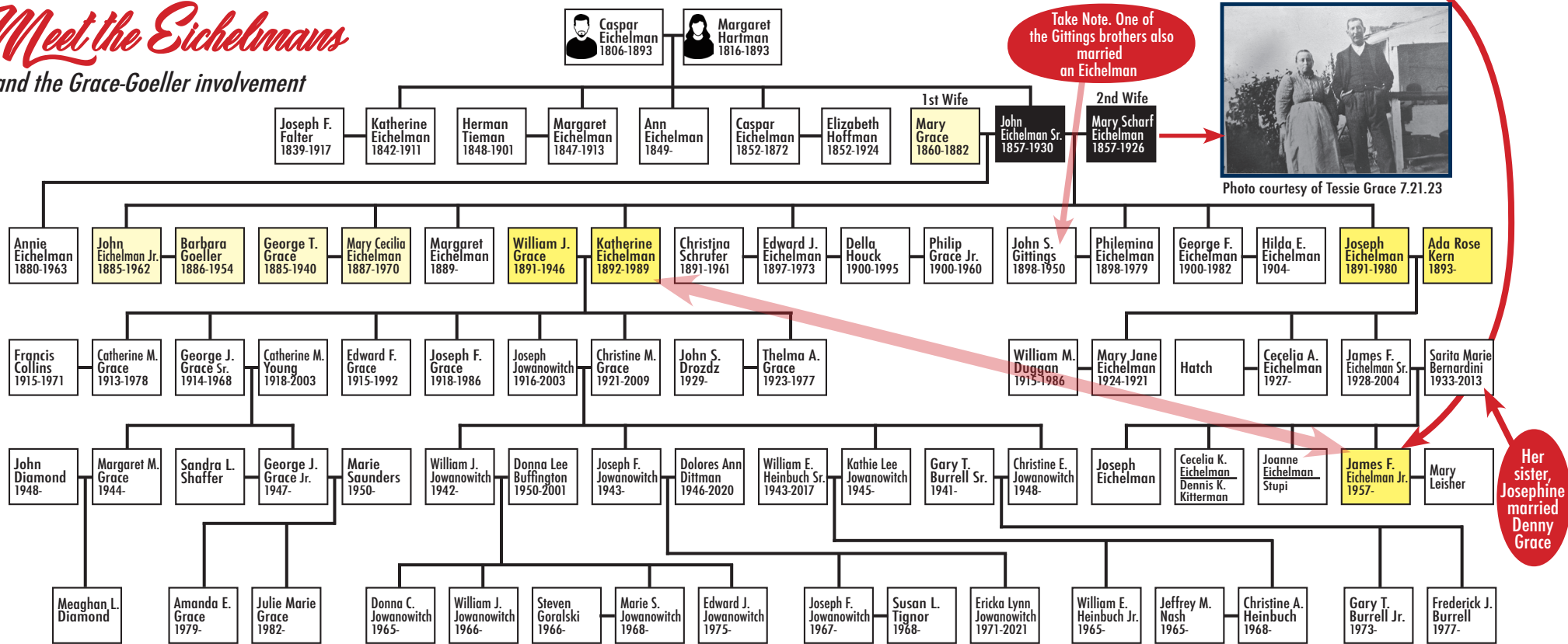


Meet the Eichelmans

and the Grace-Goeller involvement



Please note that this tree only takes you through the descendants of Katherine Eichelman and Joseph Eichelman. To make it easier to see the relationship, I have flagged (yellow) William James Grace & Katherine Eichelman as well as James F. Eichelman Jr. (born 1957). James F. Eichelman Jr.'s grandfather's sister, Katherine, married William James Grace. James F. Eichelman Jr. (born 1957) is grand nephew to William James Grace & Katherine Eichelman.

Other interesting or notable intertwinements

2nd row: Barbara Goeller married John Eichelman Jr., George T. Grace married Mary Cecilia Eichelman, William J. Grace married Katherine Eichelman. Here's one... John J. Grace married Margaret Barbara Goeller, but his first wife was Barbara Schrufer whose younger sister, Christina Schrufer married Edward Eichelman who later married Della Houck who also had been married to Philip J. Grace Jr. Did you follow all that? We're not done...4th row on end, James F. Eichelman Sr. married Sarita Marie Bernardini who was the sister of Josephine Theresa Bernardini who married Joseph (Denny) Grace. It is fascinating how all of us are connected.

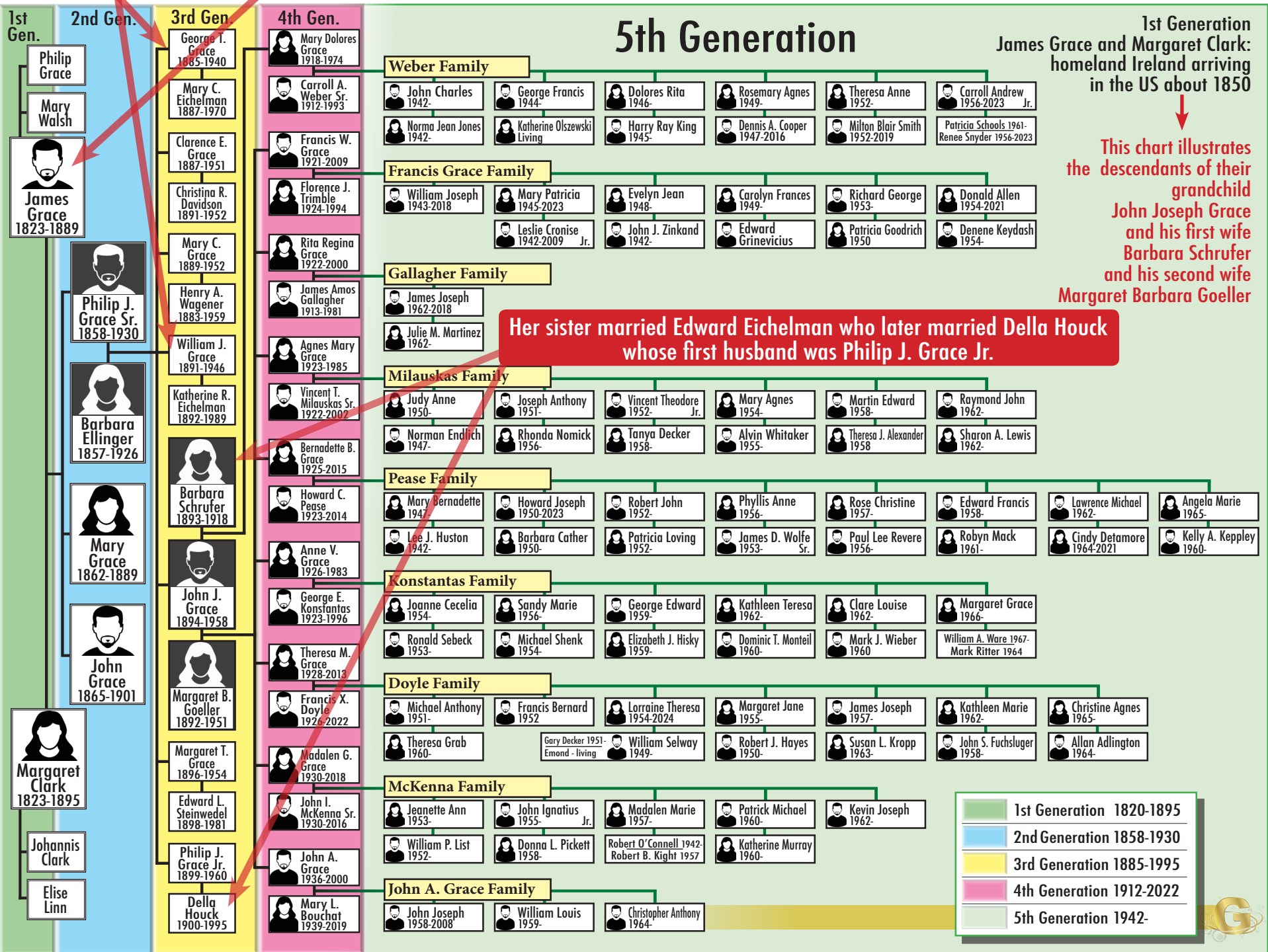
Other interesting notes for conversation

Top row: Caspar Eichelman and Margaret Hariman were married for over 50 years. He died Dec. 30, 1893 and she died Dec. 31, 1893 (the next day). Their daughter, Margaret in the 2nd row, married Herman Tieman. They had a son named Casper who later became known in the story of "The Saga of Casper Tieman". According to the story, Casper Tieman -about 50 years of age- who suffered some cognitive impairment, disappeared from his home in Lansdowne in October 1932; and despite a reward of \$50, advertised in the Baltimore Sun, if found dead or alive, was never found. The story of "The Saga of Casper Tieman" was passed down by Katherine Dembrowicz-Kirby, granddaughter of Philip J. Grace Jr.

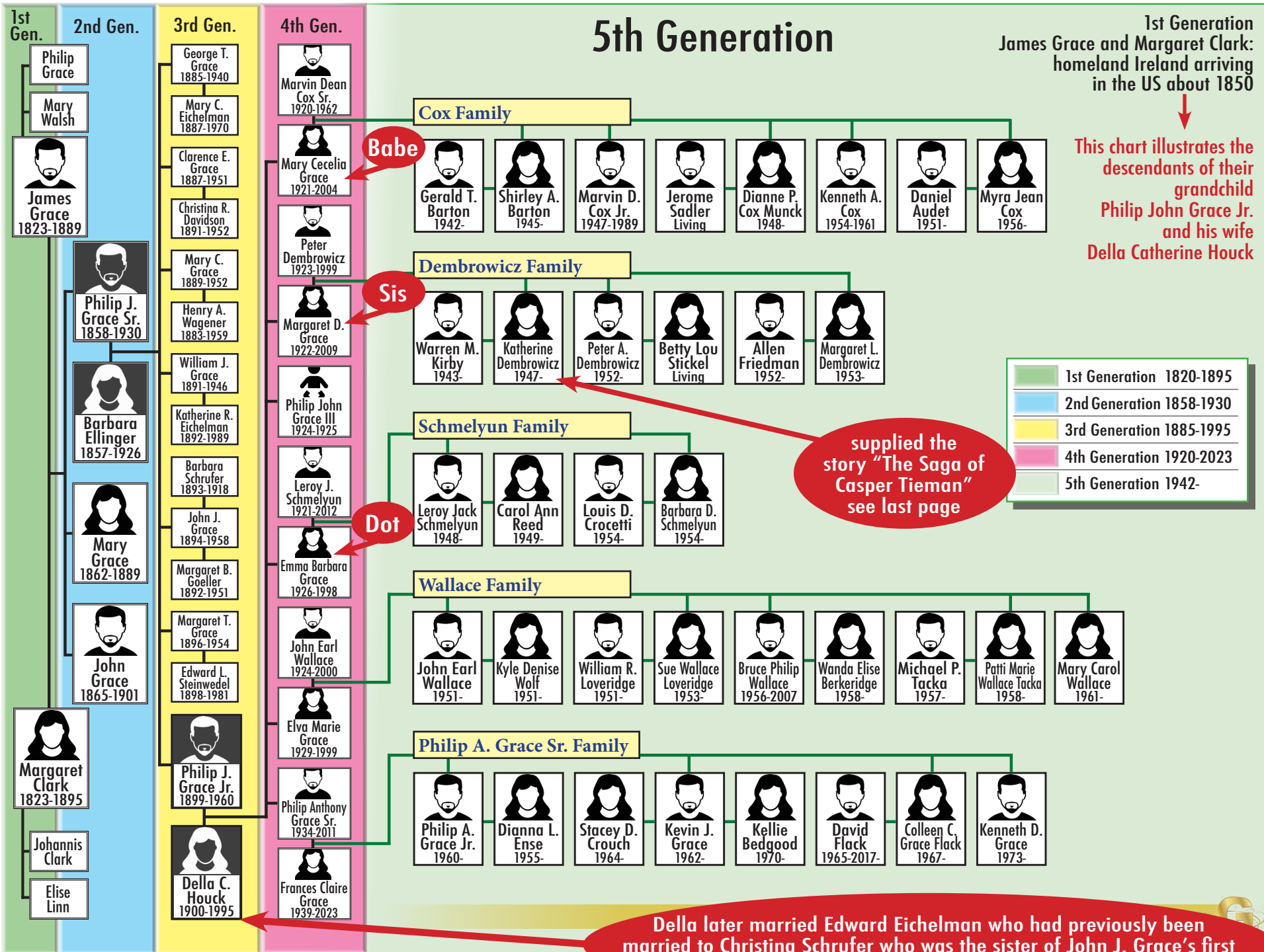
Last note: the spelling of given names has been delivered as it is most prominently recorded regardless of what the correct spelling might be. Cecelia VS Cecilia and Caspar VS Casper. These are not typos. They are being given as they most regularly appear for that individual.

Married an Eichelman

James had a brother named Edward who had a Daughter named Mary Grace who Married John Eichelman Sr.

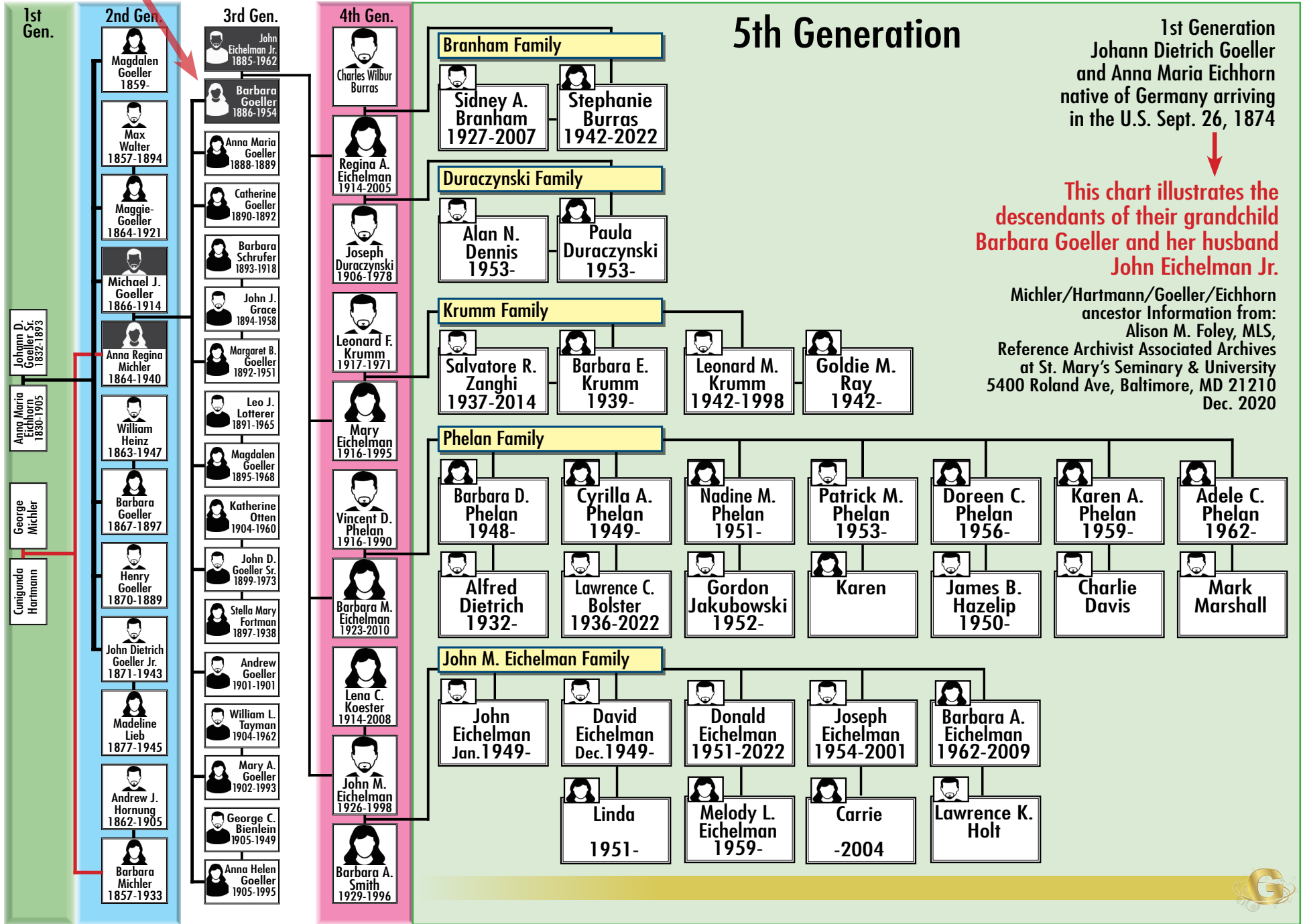


Not shown here, but an interesting note Edward Eichelman and his first wife Christina Schrufer had 11 children together.



Married an Eichelman

The Goeller descendants are not well known by most of the family. Shown here are only the descendants of Barbara Goeller-Eichelman and John Eichelman Jr. I have similar trees for all the Goeller descendants.



To preserve the authenticity, none of the text has been altered to correct typos, punctuation or grammatical errors..

as presented by
Katherine Dembrowicz-Kirby 2020

The Saga of Casper Tieman

I found this news clipping shortly
after I read Katherine's story.

This is a true story! Occurring in the late 1920's it would involve a mysterious disappearance and a possible murder perpetrated by a prominent member of the community. But the story stopped cold and continued to be an unsolved mystery. Until now, almost one hundred years later.

It begins with a disappearance of a young man by the name of Casper Tieman. Born with a mental deficit, Casper was a child in mind but a man in body.

Although his exact age is unknown, between his mid twenties to early thirties would probably be fairly accurate.

No one, not his family nor friends had any idea where he could have gone. He was just here one day and vanished the next!

Casper certainly didn't have the mental capabilities to take care of himself or even a desire to strike out on his own. He lived on or near the thirty-four hundred block of Washington Boulevard in Baltimore County, Maryland.

At the time of his disappearance, Casper worked for a Mr. Will Link doing menial chores. Mr. Link was married to Casper's mother or sister and lived he with the Links.

Mr. Link owned a large piece of land on which he grew different vegetables that were then processed and sold in grocery stores. This venture undoubtedly proved advantageous for the Links.

Additionally, Mr. Link had a house on some of his land that he rented.

That's where my family comes in to the story. The Grace Family rented that two-story farm house from Mr. Link.

It is important to mention a little about Mr. Link. He had a reputation for being an ill-tempered individual who when agitated could become violent. Domineering and fastidious, Mr. Link caused people to avoid him unless they had no alternative.

One Sunday morning the Grace family were returning home from Church. Mr. and Mrs. Grace were having a rather heated argument about a now long-forgotten subject. As they turned into their driveway, Mrs. Grace got out of the car and instead of going into the house, stomped into the woods. The two oldest children, Babe and Sis, got out of the car and decided to go look for their mother.

The girls, then about aged I'm seven and nine, wandered through the woods, but since their mother had a head start, they were unable to find her. They decided to head back to their house.

As they wandered back toward home they stumbled upon a strange sight. There, in the middle of the woods was a large mound of freshly dug dirt.

Strewn on top of the mound was partially burned pages from what appeared to be a bible.

The girls were still staring at what appeared to be a grave when they were startled by a man's voice. It was Mr. Link and he was extremely agitated. His voice boomed as he yelled at the sisters, to "get out of here and don't ever come back!" They ran as quickly as possible in the direction of home. Fearful of "getting into trouble", the girls never told anyone of the unusual gravesite until years and years later.

Coincidentally, it was at this period of time that Casper Tieman went missing.

Months later, Babe and Sis did work up enough courage to look for the mound of dirt but were unable to find it. Perhaps it had been moved.

As the girls got older they began to believe that they had stumbled upon the grave site of Casper Tieman who had been murdered by Will Link.

Why was Mr. Link so angry at two little girls for looking at that site? Why was there a burned bible on top of the mound? Why had Casper Tieman never returned or been found? These were questions the girls later asked themselves. Now, almost one hundred years later, I believe that this mystery is solved. I believe that Casper, while working around the Link home did something that tremendously annoyed Will Link. And in a fit of rage, Will Link killed Casper Tieman. Perhaps it was accidental and not pre-meditated but in his rage, Mr. Link did kill poor Casper. He then decided to bury the body and eliminate the evidence of the crime.

I was told this story by Sis many years ago. Sis was my mother and I never forgot the saga of Casper Tieman.



Katherine Dembrowicz-Kirby