

# POORMAN HISTORY



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Left to right: Peter Desjarlais, Lestock Women, Francis Xavier Desjarlais, Mary Grace in background, Father Diverer, Mary Rose Favel, John Desjarlais. The two children are Lilly Desjarlais and Philip Desjarlais.



Taken in 1943. Robert, Gertrude, Henry and Eva Poorman.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This book is dedicated to the people of the Poorman Reserve, One Hundred Years of History of the Band. In a team approach, the people of the community played an important role in the compiling of pictures, data and other valuable information pertaining to the History of the Poorman Reserve. A special thank-you is in order for the people that lent their pictures and gave out valuable information so the History Book could become a reality. Thank you very much, your information was very deeply appreciated.

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## INTRODUCTION

Through the years, the Poorman Reserve has grown and changed, but this growth and the changes have been for the better and this we should be proud of. The community itself has come a long way from when the Treaties were first signed. Yet when these changes occur we as individuals should never forget our traditional and historical roots.

In effect this book is set out to do the following: to trace the ethnic ancestry of the community to the present day situation, through pictures and some write ups. It is within good faith that this book will demonstrate the ability of the community to bring together all its resources, positive aspects and potentialities as the book unfolds the community's heritage.

By the method of collecting and recording the community's traditions, cultures and particular historical events and historical data, it creates and produces a means of keeping the community's ethnic roots and traditions alive for future generations. It

will also enhance the present relationship between the younger generation and the Elders on the reserve.

It is through this type of write up that we are able to honor our former prominent leaders and other individuals which had a positive bearing on the development of the reserve. Thus, this type of recollection brings about and exemplifies future achievements and motivated accomplishments.

It is through hard work, respect, love and togetherness that enables this book to unfold the community's heritage. Irregardless of the era or generation, there are always good times. And these good times enhance the kinships and family ties, which so often become loose.

As you go through the book and you see a picture of a person or a community event, and this brings a smile to your face or a good peaceful feeling in your heart, then the book has achieved its purpose.

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**Former Chief Ed. Poorman wearing his brass button suit that were worn by the Chiefs after the signing of the Treaties.**



**Former Chief Ed. Poorman's Home. The year the house was erected is unknown. It has been replastered and touched up a bit so that it could remain standing. This house is an historical site on the reserve.**



**Willie Favel's homestead. This house is still standing after all these years. This house remains standing on a portion of the surrendered land, west of the reserve.**

## **THE SURRENDERED LAND SOLD IN 1918**

### **The Selling of The Reserve Land**

On April 13, 1918, the Chief of the Poorman Reserve, Tawequaesquape and his headmen, Jim Worm and Skeboss, signed an agreement on behalf of the reserve to sell a western portion of the Poorman Reserve. The selling of this portion of land was duly passed by the majority of the Band's electors through a referendum.

The Band's electorate was comprised of all the male members who were 21 years of age, thus these were the only ones eligible to vote. It is interesting to note that women weren't allowed to vote at this point in history.

The western portion encompassed an area of 2¼ miles by 6 miles and comprised of approximately 8080 acres which was sold at \$11.00 per acre. The area entailed section 3, 4, 9, 10, 15, 16, 21, 22, 27, 28, 33, and 34, situated in Township 29, Range 18.

Presently, the Band is making a land claims proposal, on the above mentioned land, to the Federal Government in Ottawa. It has taken approximately

15 years to accumulate all the material and information together for the land claims package, so in essence the various Chiefs and Councils during this time period have been involved directly in making this land claims package a presentable proposal. However, it is unknown at this stage, whether or not the proposed land claims package has been approved.

Notation: The names of the electors at this time frame were as follows: C. D. Favel, Jim Asapace, Charles Worm, Luke Ewenin, Edward Worm, Joe Seepееquascan, Larry Geddes, Fred Tobacco, Edward Poorman, Dick Littlelent, Jessie Fox, Machininie, Strongarm, Old Tobacco, John Ewenin, Machiskinic, Seepееquascan, Henry Keahkewyapew, Charles Keahkewyapew, Napootican, Tapequon, Ewenewis.

## **AN OVERVIEW OF HOW LIFE WAS AFTER THE SINGING OF THE TREATIES**

### **How It Was Long Ago**

Just after the Treaties were signed, the Reserves were put onto a permit system. With the permit system in place, the Indian people had to obtain written permission from the Farming Instructor or Indian Agent to do anything in general. Some examples of such situations are as follows: the selling of goods or livestock on and off the reserve, the killing of livestock, and one even had to obtain written permission to leave the reserve. If one was found guilty for any of these offenses they were often sent to jail. So in essence, jail was used as a deterrent by the Government to control the Indian people.

In education, a school was initially provided in the early 1890's to the residents of the Poorman Reserve, which was situated at the old sports grounds directly west of Fred Poorman's residence. However, this school was closed in 1895 due to lack of attendance. Actually, it was not closed due to a lack of attendance, but this was the reason the Government used to relocate the Indian children into Residential schools.

Since the closing of the Day School, the parents had no option but to send their children to Residential Schools because if they didn't then the parents were subject to an offence of being fined not more than \$5.00 or 10 days in jail, or both. Five dollars was a lot of money to pay in those days, so the parents had no other alternative but to send their children to the Residential schools.

Those children who attended the Residential schools were taught an entirely different way of life from their Indian culture. Just one example of this is that the students weren't allowed to speak their own native language. If one was found conversing in their native language, they often, too often, were subjected to physical punishment. So in essence, the idea of the Government was to civilize and educate the Indian children and eventually assimilate them into the white society, but it never did materialize.

It was not until 1949 that the Poorman Reserve received another school, which was administered by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. This school taught grades one to eight only. If a student wanted to receive a higher education then he/she had to go off the reserve, generally to the Lebret Residential School or to a Provincial High School in one of the neighbouring towns.

During the period from 1949 to 1980, the control of the Day School was under the auspices of Indian Affairs. However, in 1981, a memorable occasion happened when the transfer of the education administration and control was made from the Indian Affairs Department to the Poorman Band, thus making the School Band Controlled.



Clockwise from top — Machiskinic girls, Matechuck girls, Long Henry Kay, Whiteman unknown, Henry E. Kay, Whiteman unknown, Ed. Poorman, Mrs. White. Rose Kay, Mary Rose Favel (sitting down), Edna Kay, Jerome Littlelent, Jim Crowe, Mike Kay, Wilfred Favel, Mrs. Annie Favel (sitting down), Mary Kehler, Annie Machiskinic, Annie Favel, Veronick Favel, Warren Kay, Bill Favel, Jim Blueyes, Nick Ewenin, Ronnie Ewenin.

## OUR ELDERS

From the interviews conducted of some of the Elders from the Poorman Reserve, there is a distinct feeling of closeness when they talked about the old days, which in today's society seems to be missing. This closeness and respect was what contributed towards the expansion of the Poorman Community. People used to live in tents and log houses; there was no luxury of electricity or other modernized conveniences. People were thankful for what little they owned and they thanked the Lord for being given the opportunity to live day to day. Money didn't play an important role until later on in years when the Indian people realized how the Whiteman had monopolized it. People long ago use to go around visiting and this kept the extended kinship close knit. They did not require a reason to visit, but today this is not the case. People were always friendly and were always willing to lend a helping hand. The teachings were for the people to make do and be happy with what they had. The people respected and cared for each other, plus they highly respected nature.



Sisters: Old Mrs. Strongarm and Mrs. Buffalo.

Long ago we were brought up to respect and hold in high prestige, our Kokums (grandmothers) and Mosoms (grandfathers). A household was considered incomplete without them. Our Kokums and Mosoms were our teachers and they gave the younger generation guidance. Today people push aside the old ways trying to make room for the new ways. In this process we tend to forget our Elders, when in essence they are the ones that can guide us through the proper channels.



**Harry Asapace:** born — July 17, 1903; Parents — James Has-a-pass, Fanny Crowe Buffalo. Harry's first wife was from the Piapot reserve, her name is Sarah Fourhorns. Harry's second is seated with him in the picture. They have two surviving children, Corrine and Lawrence. Harry did serve as a previous councillor for the Poorman Band.

**Rosanna Kasheep:** born — 1903, date unknown; Parents — Old Strongarm, Margaret Kiniquon. Rosanna has one daughter, Elizabeth from a previous marriage. Both Harry and Rosanna live on the East end of the reserve. They are looked after by their daughters.



**John Skeboss:** born — March 5, 1904; Father — Old Skeboss. John married Annie Kaypay, but she passed on. They had no children, but they adopted two sons, Howard and Roland Dustyhorn. John was previous Chief of the Poorman Band, also he was and still is involved with the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians Nation. His status with the Federation is as Senetor. He lives on the East end of the reserve.



**Fred Dustyhorn:** born — August 15, 1906; Parents — Old Dustyhorn, Pay-cha-sum. Fred married Camillia Skeboss, but she passed on. Fred has one surviving son, Fred Jr. (Slug). Fred was previously Chief of the Poorman Band plus he served as councillor under different Chiefs. He is presently serving as a councillor under the present Chief and Council. Fred lives on the East end of the reserve.



**Margaret Assoon: born — July 19, 1903; Father — Jim Worm. Margaret married Mark Assoon, but he passed on. Margaret has two surviving sons, Michael and David. Margaret lives on the South end of the reserve with her son, David, who takes care of her.**



**Henry Kay: born — June 9, 1901; Parents — Henry Kay, Quatawetamok. Henry married Marie Mach-iskinic, but she passed on. Henry has five surviving children, Grace, Clement, Mary, Roger and Michael. Henry served as a previous councillor for the Poorman Band. Henry lives on the North end of the reserve with his daughter who takes care of him.**



**Annie Blueyes: born — June 24, 1906; Parents — Henry Kay, Quatawetamok. Annie married McKenzie Blueyes who passed on. Annie has two children Gladys and James who are both living with her. Annie lives on the North end of the reserve.**



**Mrs. Larry Geddes.**



Camellia Dustyhorn and Lou Lou Poorman.



Mr. and Mrs. Matechuck and daughter.



Mr. John Ewenin.



Mr. and Mrs. John Tapequon, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Worm (2nd wife).



Mr. and Mrs. Tapequon.



**Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Favel.**



**Joe Favel — in his dancing outfit.**



**Mrs. Theresa Strongarm.**



**Margaret Poorman, Mrs. Worm, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Ewenin and children, Mrs. Seepengoose and child, Marie Kay and children, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Doll and children.**



Tom Crowe Buffalo and James Crowe (son).



John Assoon.



Emma Assoon.



**Bob Kay, Gladys Kay, and children (Ida, Margaret, Warren) Qwetuich (Mrs. Ed. Poorman), Ed Poorman, Casper Poorman, Sam Ponance, Dorothy Kay.**



**Mr. Bob Kay.**



**Gladys Dustyhorn, Joe Dustyhorn and one of their children.**



**Former Chief Ed. Poorman.**



Mr. Mike LaPlante.



Long Henry Kay.



Gladys Kay.



Camera shy Kokoms.



**Annie Kay and sister.**



**Annie Kay (daughter), Fanny (mother) and other daughter.**



**Harry Asapace, Dick Littletent, John Kay.**



**Stanley Asapace, Helen Asapace.**

## MEMORIAL EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE ON THE RESERVE

There was always numerous events that did happen on the reserve. The events that did take place were pow-wows, sports days, branding time rodeos and other religious events. People would gather together and they would meet family members and friends. These events were a time for fun and enjoyment for both the old and young. There used to be an annual sports day, the old sports ground was situated on the East end of the reserve. Also the reserve used to host numerous pow-wows from year

to year. The type of topping that they used to utilize was made of leaves, these pow-wows were usually held outdoors for several days. The Band then had a hall built from logs, there they held indoor pow-wows along with other events.

The Band had various families on the reserve that owned cattle. When it came time for branding, other families would come out and assist which in time this branding time would turn into a rodeo to end the day of hard work into some fun.



This is a pow-wow that took place outside in the open.



Pow-wow on the reserve.



**Pow-wow on the reserve.**



**Long Henry Kay, Bob Kay, John Nahpootican, Austin Kay, Joseph Kay, Jervis Littlelent, Alexander Assoon (Johnny), Albert Kay.**



Pow-wow on the reserve.



This was taken during a leaf top pow-wow. The people from the reserve are Harry Asapace and George Seepengoose.



This was taken during a leaf top pow-wow.



This was taken during a leaf top pow-wow.



Pow-wow in long hall (Long Henry Kay, Joe Poorman, and young Benny — dancing).



**Indoor pow-wow — Long Henry Kay.**



**This is a big top pow-wow held outside. Visible up front are various people from the reserve.**



**This is a big top pow-wow held outside.**

## SPORTS DAYS AND OTHER EVENTS

Sports days on the Poorman Reserve were considered very happy get togethers. This was where family reunions took place and various friends met. These sports days were happy ones where the people took advantage of all their talents, such as their horsemen abilities, foot racing and putting up a show of their Indian outfits.

Other events that took place on the reserve were religious ceremonies. These ceremonies were well respected by the people that took part or observed. These events were never questioned since they were

considered part of the Indian religion.

Another happy and big event that took place on the reserve were various weddings. These events were considered once in the lifetime for the people that were getting married so the people from the reserve always did their best to support and put up a big time for the married couples. Following the marriage ceremony, a big feast was set up followed by a large pow-wow. In all everyone came and enjoyed themselves.



Taken during one of the sports day.



Taken during one of the sports day.



Warren Kay dressed in his dancing outfit during the 1955 Golden Jubilee.



Taken during one of the sports day.



Religious function on the reserve.



Taken during a religious ceremony.



Taken during a religious ceremony (rain dance).



Taken during a religious ceremony (men riding around the camp and singing).



Teepee that was used for religious purposes.



Taken during a religious ceremony. (men riding around the camp, singing). Wilfred Machiskinic, Jerome Littletent, Thomas Dustyhorn, Fred Dustyhorn, Victor Machiskinic, Thomas Kay, the other one is unknown.



Old Matechuck and Lou Lou Poorman. The old man is holding the original spear of Kawacatoose. This was the spear that Kawacatoose used when he fought various wars with various other tribes.



The Matechuck family (wedding).



Wedding Day of George and May.



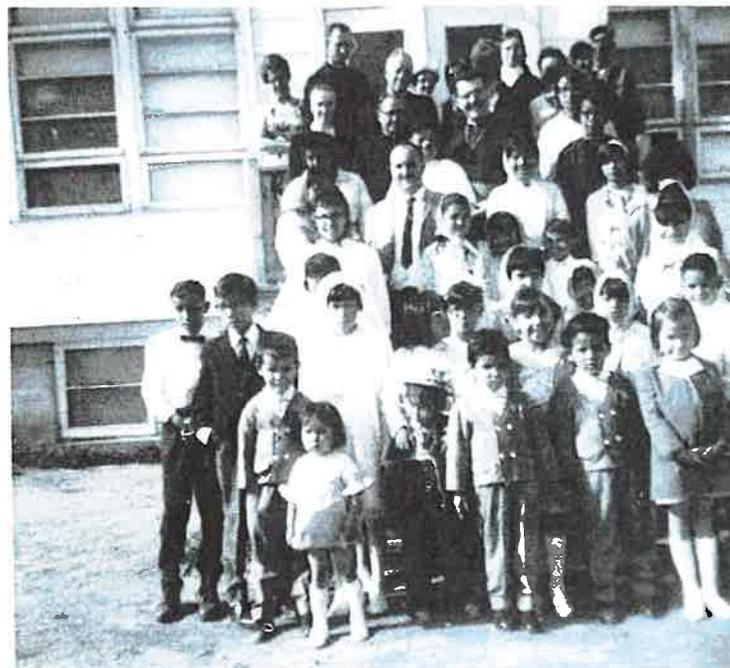
Wedding celebration.



Wedding celebration.



Picture taken in front of Wilfred Machiskinic's old house. These are people of the Anglican faith. Beverley Machiskinic, Shirley Assoon, Vivian Assoon (The little girls in the doorway). Fred Poorman, Joseph Favel, Warren Kay, Austin Kay, Ernest Crowe, Rev. Taylor, The Bishop, Eva Kay, Rose Kay, Edna Kay, Mildred Favel, Charlotte Kay, Mary Favel.



These are people of the Catholic faith from the reserve. This was taken when the Bishop paid a visit to the reserve.

## CHIEFS OF THE POORMAN RESERVE

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**KAWACATOOSE:** The year he first became Chief and for how long is unknown. He was Chief during the time of the Treaty signing. The Whitemen at that time did not know enough about the Indian language to correctly translate 'KAWACATOOSE', so they translated the name to POORMAN. The correct translation is 'LEAN MAN' or 'SKINNY MAN'. This is how the name of the Reserve, 'POORMAN' came to be.



**TAWQUASEQUAPE:** The year he first became Chief is unknown, but what is known is that this term ended in 1932. He was the son of Kawacatoose, so by tradition he was next in line for the title of Chief. In 1918 Tawquasequape, his councillors and all the male members of the Poorman Band, who were of full age, sold back Reserve land to the Government. He married Esquasis from the Piapot Reserve. His councillors were: Jim Worm and Skeboss.



**EDWARD POORMAN:** He first became Chief in 1932 until 1954, 22 years, a total of 11 terms. He was brought up by Tawquasequape and he became Chief because Tawquasequape had no sons. This is where the tradition of "the eldest son takes over the title of Chief when his father dies", was broken. During his term as being Chief, the Reserve received a Federal Day School, in the year 1949. He married Janet Tapequon and raised two boys. His councillors were John Skeboss, Henry E. Kay, and Rod Favel.



**EDWARD WORM:** He first became Chief in 1954 until 1956 and was elected again in 1966 for another term until 1968. During his first term in 1955, the reserve erected the Old Federal Day School. He married Flora Favel and had 10 children, he then remarried Olive McNab and had one child. His councillors were: Jacob Asapace, Mark Assoon and Harry Asapace. In 1966-68: Tom Crowe Buffalo, Joseph Dustyhorn, Henry Kay, Archie Littlelent and Wilfred Machiskinic.



**FRED DUSTYHORN:** He first became Chief in 1956 until 1958, for one term. At the same time he was elected Chief, the first women council member in all of Canada was elected, Marie Louise Ewenin. He married Camillia Skeboss and had two children. His councillors were: Marie Louise Ewenin, Charlie Favel and John Desjarlais. He also serves as councillor on the present council.



**JOHN SKEBOSS:** He first became Chief in 1958 until 1966, for 8 years or 4 terms. He was elected again in 1968 for one term until 1970. He also served as a councillor for 18 years, from 1936 until 1954. He married Annie Kaypay and had no children, but he traditionally adopted two sons. His councillors were (1958-66): Joseph Favel, Lawrence Tobacco, Tom Crowe Buffalo, David Poorman, Joe Littletent, Gilbert Crowe, Henry E. Kay, Thomas Dustyhorn, Wilbert Favel, John Desjarlais, Victor Machiskinic, Archie Littletent, Thomas Matechuck and Glen Worm. 1968-70: William Poorman, Howard Dustyhorn, Michael Kay, Roland Dustyhorn, Joseph F. Dustyhorn, Joseph V. Poorman and Warren Kay.

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**JOE LITTLETENT:** He first became Chief on May 22, 1970. Joe died on November 10, 1970, only 7 months into his term as Chief. He died from a heart attack. Howard Dustyhorn was Chief for the remainder of the term. Joe served as councillor for 2 years, 1960-62. He married Margaret Poorman and had one child. He lived common-law with a Moneybird lady and had a number of children with her. His councillors were: John Kay, Lawrence Tobacco, Wilfred Machiskinic, Warren Kay, Richard Poorman, George Mafechuck and Peter Dustyhorn.



**HOWARD DUSTYHORN:** He first became Chief when he took over for the remainder of Joe Littletent's term. He was first elected Chief in 1972 until 1976, for a second time again in 1978 until 1982. During his second term in office the reserve built a recreation centre and the reserve was also granted control over the Federal Day School. The Kawacatoose Education Complex was starting to be built during his term in 1981. He also served as councillor for 2 years during 1968-70. His councillors were (1972-74): Alex Kay, Richard Poorman, Warren Kay, Peter Dustyhorn, Victor Machiskinic and William Poorman. 1974-76: Alice Dustyhorn, Roland Dustyhorn, Wilfred Machiskinic, Glen Worm, Rita Worm, Peter Dustyhorn, Richard Poorman and William Poorman. 1978 — Dexter Asapace, Michael Assoor, Ed-

ward Desjarlais, Lloyd Ewenin, Charlie Favel, Thomas Favel, Stella Machiskinic, Percy Poorman, William Strongarm and Edwin Worm. By-election held August 30, 1978-80: Dexter Asapace, Michael Assoon, Edward Desjarlais, Roland Dustyhorn, Lloyd Ewenin, Charlie Favel, Victor Machiskinic, Richard Poorman, William Strongarm and Glen Worm. 1980-82: Richard Poorman, Allan Asapace, Roland Dustyhorn, Dexter Asapace, Barbara Asapace, Victor Machiskinic, Glen Worm, Wilfred Machiskinic, Lawrence Asapace, Thomas Favel and Michael Assoon Sr. Howard married Theresa Bigsky, he then remarried Joyce Assoon and they had three children.



**EDWARD DESJARLAIS:** He was first elected Chief in 1976 until 1978, for one term. He also served as councillor for 4 years in 1978-80 and then again in 1982-84. He married and divorced Hazel Fourhorn and they had seven children. He also has several other children from his common-law wife. His councillors were: Michael Assoon, Alice Dustyhorn, Joseph Dustyhorn, Thomas Favel, Annie Favel, Wilfred Machiskinic, George Matechuck, Percy Poorman and Glen Worm.



**RICHARD POORMAN:** He was first elected Chief in 1982 and is now still presently the Chief, 1986. The Kawacatoose Education Complex was completed during his first term as Chief. He also served as councillor for 10 years, 1970-76; and 1978-82. He married Caroline Tabacco and they had seven children. His councillors were 1982-84: Thomas Favel, Roland Dustyhorn, Glen Worm, Rita Worm, Mary Dustyhorn, Wilfred Machiskinic, William Strongarm, Victor Machiskinic, Dexter Asapace and Edward Desjarlais. 1984-86: Thomas Favel, Roland Dustyhorn, Glen Worm, Wilfred Machiskinic, William Strongarm, Victor Machiskinic, Fred Dustyhorn Sr., Walter Assoon, Brian Mahingen, Clint Favel, Annie Favel and Caroline Poorman.

## VETERANS FROM THE RESERVE

The Poorman Reserve had a number of men that enlisted and they did serve to fight for their country. These men were not required to take such measures, but they felt obligated to the country and their native people to do what they felt was necessary. Some of these men enlisted and travelled overseas to fight, while some enlisted during Peacetime. These men are respected and honored for they put their lives on the line and we as the community are deeply privileged to say that they originate from the Poorman Reserve. Some of these veterans have passed

on, but they will also be remembered. The ones that are still with us today have the right to be proud since they have accomplished a great feat. To show their admiration, the Elders gave several of the Veterans, Honor songs, which are held in high esteem.

The name of these men are as follows: Alex Poorman, Christopher Ewenin, Jacob Asapace, Oswald Worm, John Littlelent, Prosper Dustyhorn, George Asapace, John Desjarlais and Ronnie Ewenin. The following men enlisted during Peacetime: Vincent Amiskusees (Worm), and Charlie Ewenin.



Jacob Asapace with his group. The x indicates which is Jacob.



Alex Poorman is in the front row towards the left of picture.



Alex Poorman — war veteran plus brother. Fred and sister-in-law, Bessie.



**John Littleent — war veteran.**



**Jacob Aspace — Veteran. Picture taken when he was a young lad attending Residential School.**



**Thomas Machiskinic, Tony Dustyhorn, John Kay, Wilfred Machiskinic, John Nahpootican, John Poorman, Andrew Kay, Joe Machiskinic, Ed. Poorman, Joe Favel, Lloyd Dustyhorn (behind trailer). The picture was taken during the funeral of Mary Rose Favel.**



**George Aspace — Veteran. Picture was taken when he was a young lad attending Residential School.**



**Oswald Worm — Veteran. Picture taken when he was a young lad attending Residential School.**



**Vince Amiskusees and wife (Mary).**



**The Aspace family, George & children, Fanny, Harry and wife Rosanna.**



**The Favel family (making bannock).**



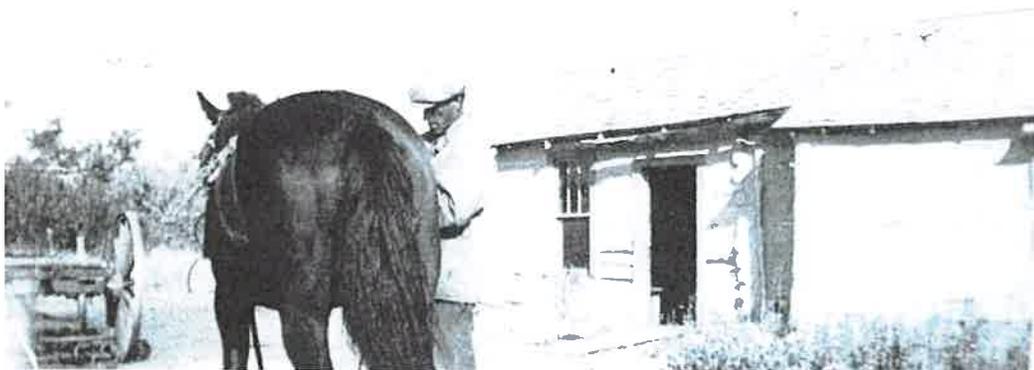
**Rosey Dustyhorn.**



**Long Henry Kay, Annie and son.**



**Mr. and Mrs. Fred Poorman and family.**



**Long Henry Kay.**



**Annie Favel, Charlie Favel, and children (Veronick, Edna, Annie, Charlie, Rose, Albert, Mary).**



**Bob Kay, Hector Kay, Lawrence Tobacco.**



**John Kay and Dorothy Kay (wife).**



**John Kay.**



**The Worm family — Lillian and her husband, Mary, Vincent, and Mr. Ed. Worm.**



**Isabelle Matechuck and Katherine.**



Bill, Eva, and Mary Rose Favel.



People from the reserve attending a Band meeting. (Fred Dustyhorn, Albert Machininie, Victor Malchiskinic, James Crowe, Bessie Poorman, John Nahpootican, Warren Kay, Thomas Kay, Richard Poorman, the others are unknown.



Bob Kay and Hector Kay.



Lawrence Strongarm, Wilfred Favel, Henry LaPlante, unknown, Andrew Kay.



Tom Crowe-Buffalo, Lou Lou Poorman, Jerome Littlelent, Veronick Favel & child.



Amanda Littlelent and family.

## CHIEF AND COUNCIL

The present Chief is Richard Poorman, and the following people are on the council: Fred Dustyhorn Sr., Glen Worm, Bill Strongarm, Annie Favel, Caroline Poorman, Clint Favel, Wilfred Machiskinic, Thomas Favel, Brian Mahingen, Walter Assoon, Victor Machiskinic, and Roland Dustyhorn. The above chief and council started their terms in 1984-86, meaning that in 1986 there will be nominations and elections. Every two years this is a trend that is followed, that each chief and council members holds office for two years at a time and this will continue until the Poorman Band has its own election regulations in place. At the start of each term, each council is given a portfolio to take care of and these portfolios consist of; Roads, Water and Sanitation, Administration, Housing, Health and Medical, Recreation, Education, Economic Development, Band Membership, Adult Education, Bussing and Agriculture. The next couple of pages will introduce you to the chief and his council members, plus a little personal background history of each.



**Name:** Annie Favel  
**Date of Birth:** September 17, 1934  
**Status:** Divorced  
**Children:** Foster children, Leslie, Michael, Rita, Waylon  
**Parents:** Charlie Favel  
Annie (Taypayosatum)



**Name:** Richard Poorman  
**Date of Birth:** November 22, 1944  
**Status:** Married Caroline Tobacco  
**Children:** Raylene, Cheryl, Brad, Stacey, Tracey, Allen, Delvern  
**Parents:** Joseph Poorman  
Emily (Machiskinic)



**Name:** Caroline Poorman  
**Date of Birth:** July 2, 1947  
**Status:** Married Richard Poorman  
**Children:** Raylene, Cheryl, Brad, Stacey, Tracey, Allen, Delvern  
**Parents:** Lawrence Tobacco  
Maria (Favel)



**Name: Fred Dustyhorn Sr.**  
**Date of Birth: August 15, 1906**  
**Status: Widower**  
**Children: Joseph Fred**  
**Parents: Old Dustyhorn**  
**Pay-cha-sum**



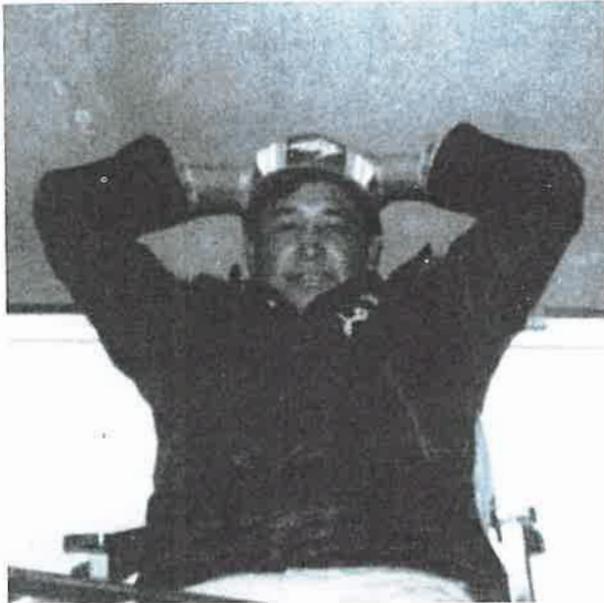
**Name: Walter Assoon**  
**Date of Birth: September 20, 1954**  
**Status: Married Beatrice (Kay)**  
**Children: Children from wife's previous marriage, Fernie, Dean, Dallas, Rolanda, Jason**  
**Parents: Michael Assoon Sr.**  
**Isabel (Tukanow)**



**Name: William Strongarm**  
**Date of Birth: August 17, 1947**  
**Status: Married Colleen Favel**  
**Children: Jade, Emerald**  
**Parents: Lawrence Strongarm**  
**Theresa (Akan)**



**Name: Brian Mahingen**  
**Date of Birth: December 5, 1957**  
**Status: Married Irene Cardinal**  
**Children: Jolene, Tammy, Jamie**  
**Parents: James Wales**  
**Elsie Mahingen**



**Name: Roland Dustyhorn**  
**Date of Birth: May 15, 1943**  
**Status: Married Mary H. Machiskinic**  
**Children: Merlin, Thomas, Cory, Oral, Noella, Kenny**  
**Parents: Thomas Dustyhorn**  
**Madeline (Skeboss)**



**Name: Victor Machiskinic**  
**Date of Birth: October 16, 1933**  
**Status: Married Ida Kay**  
**Children: Clayton, Etheline, Joseph, Jerry, Gilbert, Alfred, Sally, Karl, Joan, Martin, Molly, Lily, Carl, Helen**



**Name: Wilfred Machiskinic**  
**Date of Birth: July 17, 1935**  
**Status: Married Stella Poorman**  
**Children: Beverley, Elaine, Debra**  
**Parents: Thomas Machiskinic**  
**Philomene (LaPlante)**



**Name: Clint Favel**  
**Date of Birth: May 29, 1958**  
**Status: Married Lila Papequash**  
**Children: Tania, Chad, Curt**  
**Parents: Warren Kay**  
**Rose E. (Favel)**



**Name:** Thomas Favel  
**Date of Birth:** August 20, 1945  
**Status:** Married Vera Desjarlais  
**Children:** Rod, Melody, Elvis, Annie, Charlie  
**Parents:** Charlie Favel  
 Annie (Taypayosatum)



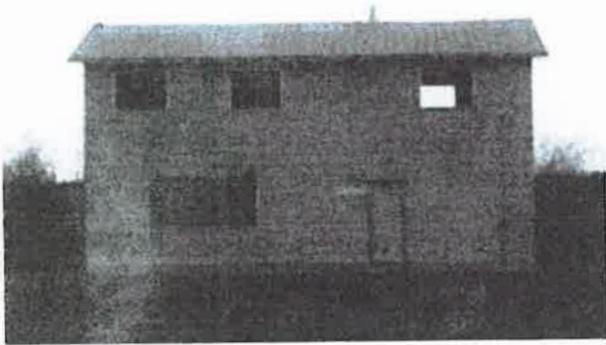
**Name:** Glen Worm  
**Date of Birth:** May 12, 1937  
**Status:** Married Josephine Machiskinic  
**Children:** Rene, Donna, Darrell, Leanne, Melanie, Lana, Glen  
**Parents:** Edward Worm  
 Flora (Favel)



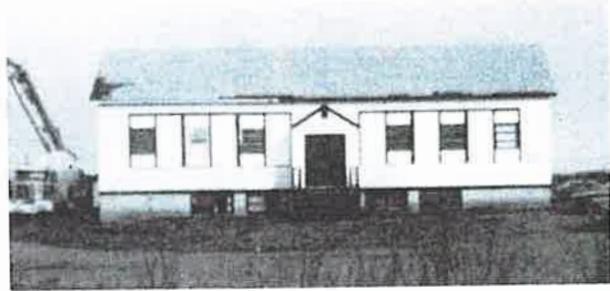
This was the original farm house. The reason it was referred to as the farm house was because it housed various Farmer Instructors, prior to the Band taking over its own Band administration and affairs. After the Band took over its own administration this old farm house was converted into a child care centre. The house mothers were Annie Favel and Alice Dustyhorn. The old farm house is no longer being utilized. To the right of the house farm stood the first Band Office. The Band Office was where the Chief and Council and various Band staff oversaw the affairs of the Poorman Band.



The Chief and Council and Band staff moved into a second Band Office and this place was utilized as the second Band Office. Following the move of the Chief and Council and the Band Staff into a third Band Office this place was converted into a living quarters for one of the Band members. It later was converted into a Pool Hall and Arcade by Walter Assoon and is still being utilized as such.



**This was the third Band Office that was utilized. This place had various offices for the Band staff. It also accommodated various courses, such as up-grading, plumbing, electrical and carpentry. It also housed the Ladies' Sewing Club plus various off-campus university classes. This place is no longer being utilized at the present time.**



**This was originally the old day school which was built in 1955. The school was Federally owned and administrated by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Grades one to eight were the grades that were taught at the school. Also included in there were the beginners' class, which was later known as Kindergarten. Later after the new school was built, the chief and council and the band staff moved in the old day school, making it their fourth and present Band office. This move took place in 1982. Also housed in the Band office is the Alcohol Drop In Centre plus an up-grading class.**

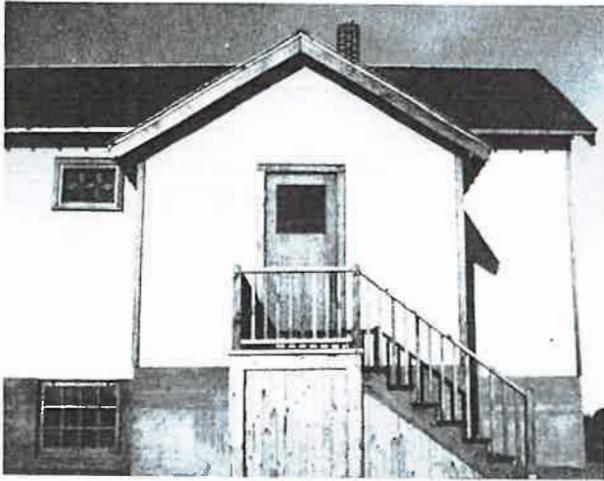


**The Kawacatoose Education Complex was constructed in two phases. Phase one was the south end of the complex. Construction began in June of 1981 and was completed in September of the same year. The building contract went to Dura Structures of Regina. The grand opening was on October 15, 1981. Classes began when phase one was complete, however they only taught grades one through eight.**

**Phase two, the north end, was also contracted to Dura Structures of Regina., The project started February 15, 1983, the actual construction began in April, 1983 and was completed in August of that same year. With phase two completed the school was better equipped and able to accommodate Nursery, Kindergarten, Grades one through Twelve.**

**Presently, the Kawacatoose Education Complex offers Nursery all the way through grade twelve. From year to year the enrollment changes. The people of the reserve are proud of the school and it does serve a purpose for their children, plus it gives the members a sense of achievement and pride.**





This was the second old day school, the actual date it was built is unknown, the date would be about the middle to late 1940's. This was the only school that educated the children from the reserve until the other day school was built in 1955. Prior to this school being built there was another day school which was situated on the East end of the reserve, up by Fred Poorman's present dwelling. This old school was built about 1897-?



This building is the clinic, which was built in 1983. There is presently a community health representative working there 8 hours a day from Monday to Friday. She looks after getting appointments for people, seeking referral agencies, looking after medical transportation funding, assisting the Health Nurse and the Dentist that comes to the clinic. A clinic as such was badly needed by the community and as it is situated on the reserve it is really being utilized by the people. Various alcohol and drug workshops are held there also, plus pre- and postnatal classes for both young and middle age mothers.

## THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL

In 1979 the Chief and Council of the Poorman Band brought to the attention of the Government that they wanted to take over the control of their children's education, meaning they wanted to maintain a Band controlled school on the reserve. The Chief and Council at that time felt that this route was for the betterment of their children and future generations. It was not until 1980 that the Government finally agreed to the presented proposal. The formal signing agreement did not take place until a year later, in 1981. This signing on August 13, 1981 to officially transfer control of their education to Band Control was a memorable day that will go down in history as one of Poorman's greatest achievements.

A signing ceremony attended by the Department officials and Band council members, marked the transfer of control over education and a new \$500,000.00 school on the reserve. Dr. Owen Anderson, Director General of the Department's Saskatchewan regional office, said the transfer "represents an important step forward" for Indian education. "Congratulations are in order for what has been accomplished in such a short time," he said signing the agreement. Chief Howard Dustyhorn, co-signer of the document, and other Band Council members were also very pleased with the transfer.



Dr. Owen Anderson (Indian Affairs) presenting Former Chief Howard Dustyhorn on behalf of the Poorman Band with a plaque commemorating the signing of a formal agreement transferring the Federal Day School Program for the Department of Indian Affairs to the Poorman Band.

## THE GRAND OPENING OF THE KAWACATOOSE RECREATION CENTRE

In 1980 the Poorman Band built a Recreation Centre (Gym) on the reserve. Since the Band had no other facility for sports and other functions, this Recreation Centre was viewed as a great asset to the Community people. The children utilized the Gym for various sports functions and the adults utilized the Gym for various workshops, dances and various get-togethers. This gym is now connected to the first and second phase of the Education Complex, but it is still utilized by the people of the community. The Gym did and still does serve as a vital facility.



This is the official opening of the Kawacatoose Recreation Centre. This is the ribbon cutting, which was done by Sen. John Skeboss.



**MUNRO OFFICIATES AT SCHOOL OPENING** — Indian Affairs Minister John Munro made a number of visits to Saskatchewan Region in 1981,

including two visits to the Poorman Reserve. The above picture shows the minister, along with Saskatchewan RDG Owen Anderson and other officials, accompanying young members of the reserve community on a tour of the new school facility which he officially opened last October. During his speech, Munro pointed to his spring visit to Poorman, when he visited the old two-room school with classes in the basement and said, "I'm delighted to be here in person to share in the joy and pleasure of the people of Poorman over this new school."

In the spring of '81, the Indian Affairs Minister visited Poorman to officially open the Kawacatoose Recreation Centre which had just been completed. Prior to Munro's spring visit, no other Minister of Indian Affairs had ever appeared on the reserve.



Chief Howard Dustyhorn, chief of Poorman Reserve, chats with Dr. Jim Dosman, president of the Sask. Liberal Party, during the opening ceremonies. Dr. Dosman has been working effectively on behalf of the constituents of Humboldt-Lake Centre and helped exert pressure for the badly needed new school.



Aerial view of the new school (centre) with the new gymnasium on the right. The old school is seen in contrast at far left. The new gymnasium, opened by Mr. Munro last April, is called the Kawacatoose Recreation Centre. The new school is called the Kawacatoose Education Centre.



Hon. John Munro, minister of Indian Affairs, delivering the opening address. Vincent Amiskusees, director of Education and master of ceremonies for the occasion, is standing behind Mr. Munro.



Indian Affairs Minister John Munro is being presented with a plaque of appreciation from the Poorman Band.



The people of the community are very proud that they have erected on the reserve such a complex and recreation centre. The Band had to struggle through a lot of meetings and political red tape in order for the education complex to become a reality.

Following the ribbon cutting, speeches and other activities, the Poorman Band hosted a pow-wow to commemorate the closing activities of the day. This

pow-wow was in honor of the opening of the Education Complex.



**Dexter Asapace (Traditional Dancer) is leading the grand entry of the other dancers.**



**This picture shows the Chief and council, Band Staff, teachers and other Indian Affairs officials dancing for grand entry.**



**This picture shows the girls' fancy dance.**



**Chief Richard Poorman and Vince Amiskusees hold up a plaque that was presented to the Poorman Band for the completion of Phase two of the Education Complex.**



**This is the official ribbon cutting of the second phase of the Education Complex. Dan Goodleaf did the honors of cutting the ribbon.**

## REMEMBRANCE DAY POW-WOW

The following pictures were taken during the Remembrance Day Pow-Wow that was held in the Poorman Gym on November/85. The people really enjoyed themselves. They came from miles and miles around to attend this pow-wow. The pow-wow committee, Fred Poorman, Bill Strongarm and Mary Kehler should feel proud with a job well done. Of course this appreciation should be directed and included the other people from the community that made this pow-wow a success.



Taken during the tiny tots' competition.



Taken during the memorial dance.



Taken during the memorial dance.





Residential School students, some are from the reserve.



George Asapace, Matilda and family.



Senior girls at the residential school.



Sisters: Rosanna Kasheep and Esther Mahingen.



Confirmation of students at the residential school, some of these students are from the Poorman Res.



Lawrence and Theresa Strongarm and family, they are mudding a barn.



**Asapace Family.**



**Mr. and Mrs. John Skeboss.**



**Alex Poorman and Joe Machiskinic.**



**Annie Kay and her sister Clara.**



**Mrs. Eva Kay.**



**Tobacco boys going for a ride in a horse and sleigh.**



Students at the Muskowekwan Residential School.



The function that is taking place in the picture is unknown.



Annie Kay.



Men from the reserve are feeding sheaves into a thresher.



This picture was taken during a religious ceremony on the reserve.

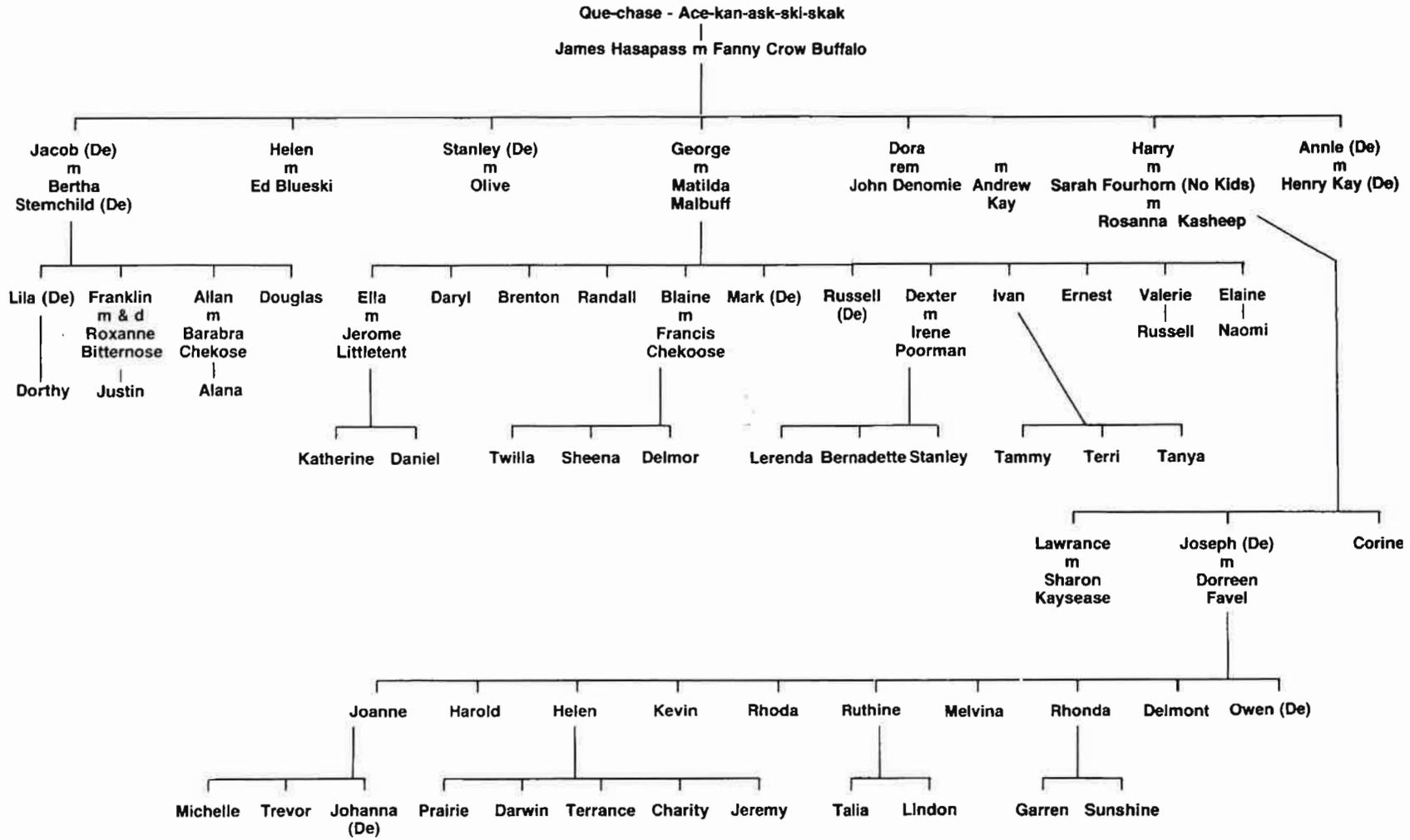


Veronick Favel, Mary Kehler, Gladys Blueyes, Annie Blueyes, Loretta Favel, Colleen Strongarm, Grace Kay, Marie Kay, Henry Kay, Charlie Favel, Annie Favel, Gordie Favel, Gerald Kay, Richard Favel, Clint Favel, Michael Taypayosatum.

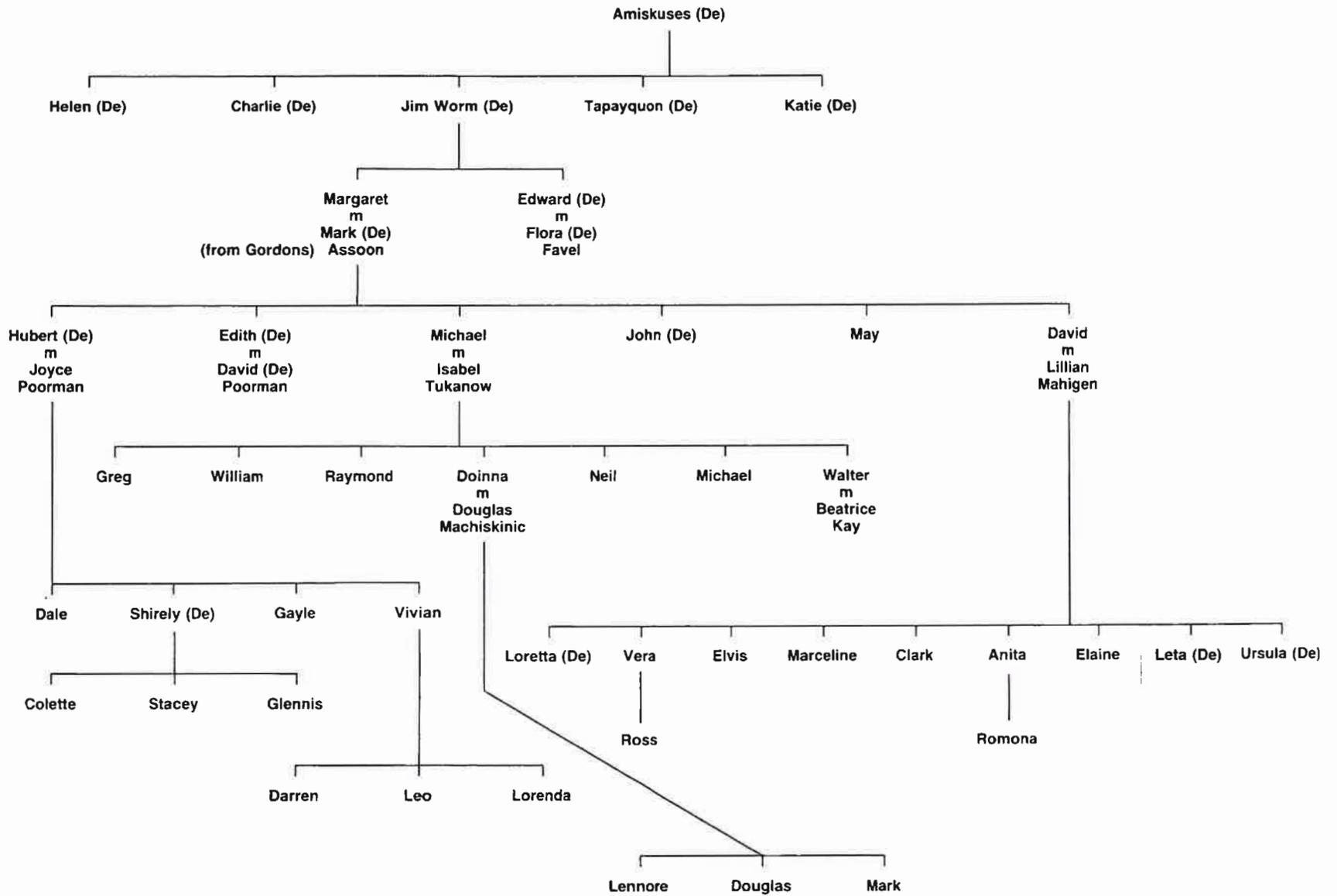
#### THE FAMILY TREES

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2. ASSOON
3. CROWE
4. DESJARLAIS
5. DUSTYHORN
6. EWENIN
7. FAVEL
8. KAY
9. MACHISKINIC
10. MACHININE & SKEBOSS
11. STRONGARM, MAHINGEN & PELLITIER
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13. TAPEQUON
14. TOBACCO
15. WORM

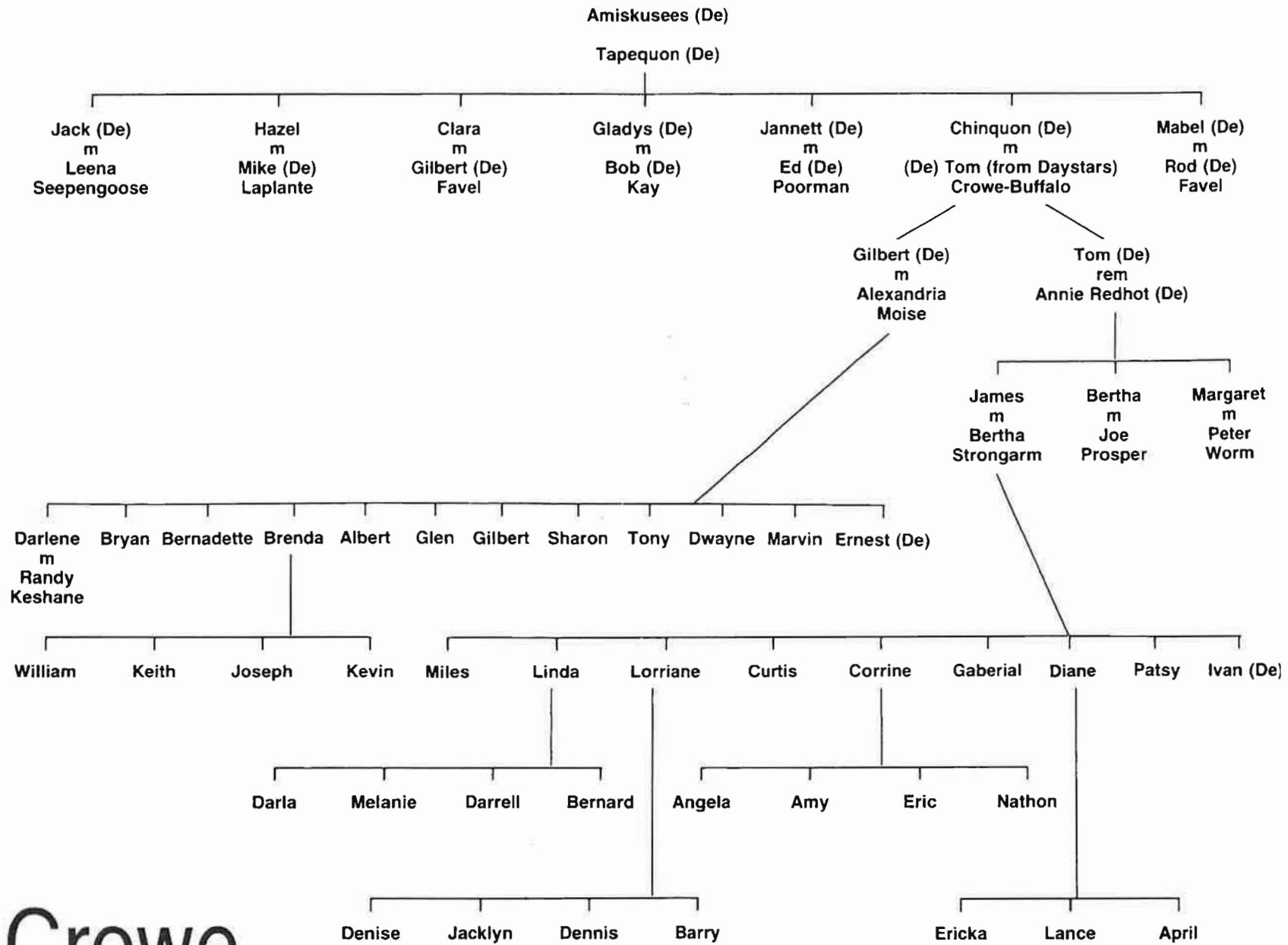
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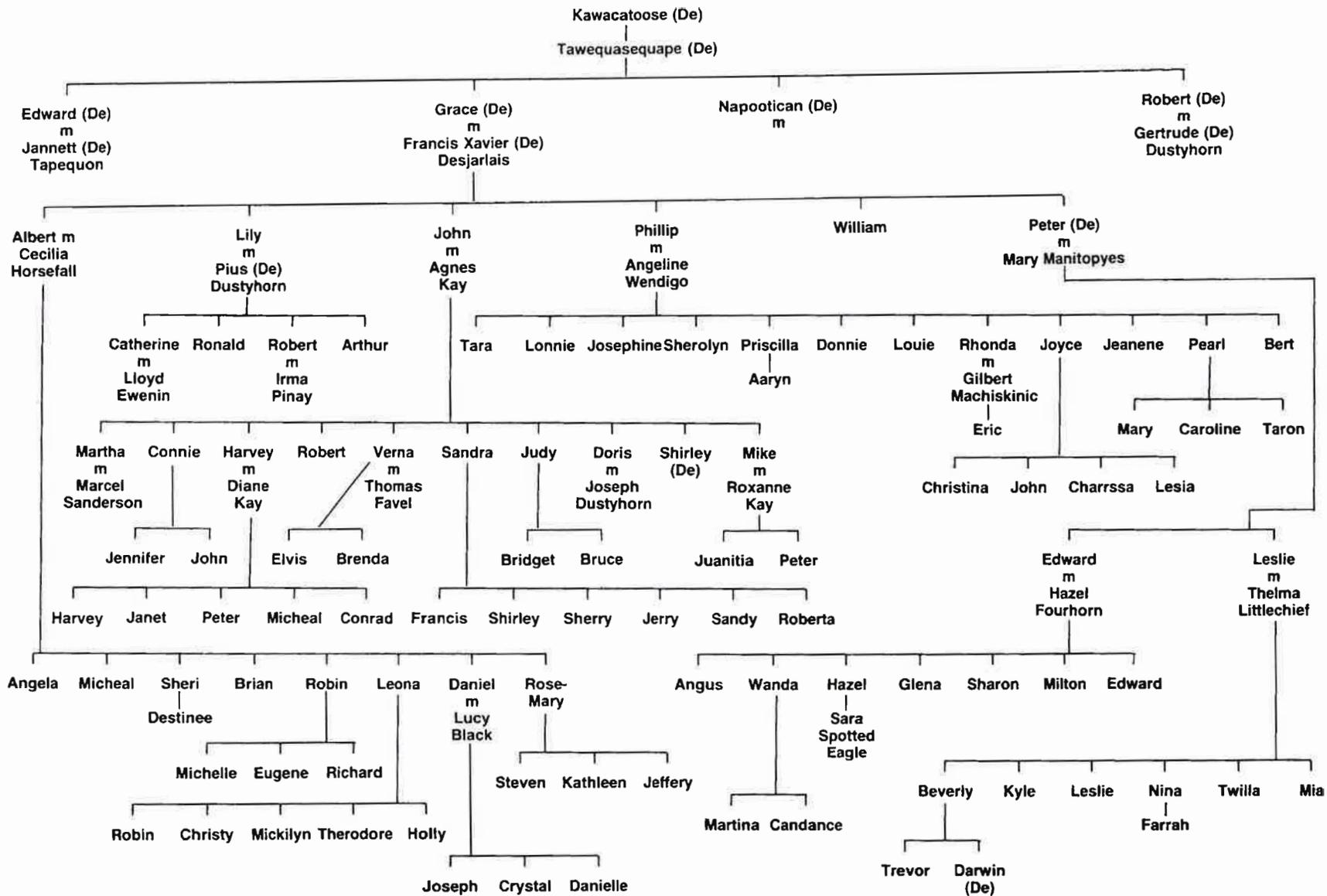
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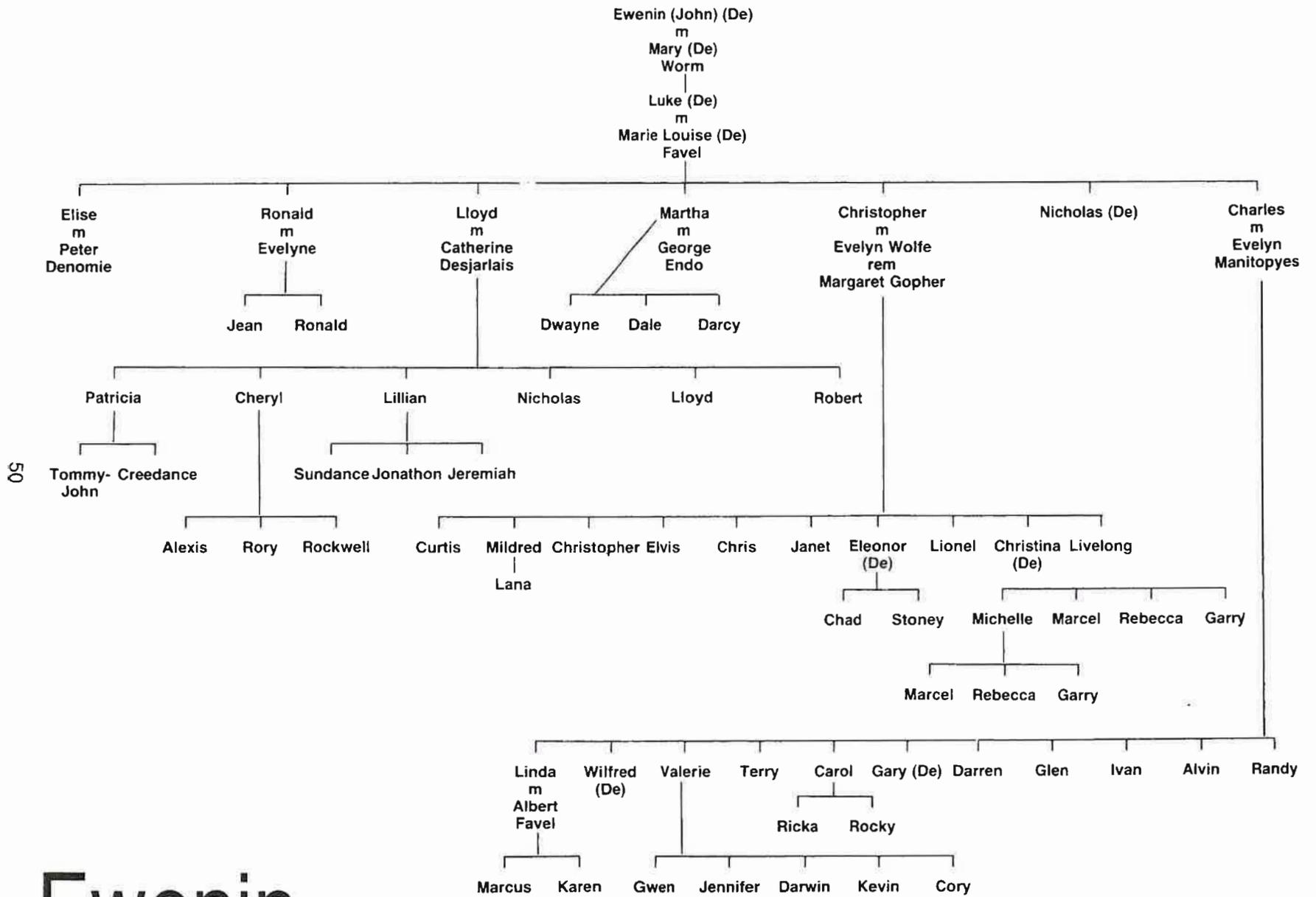
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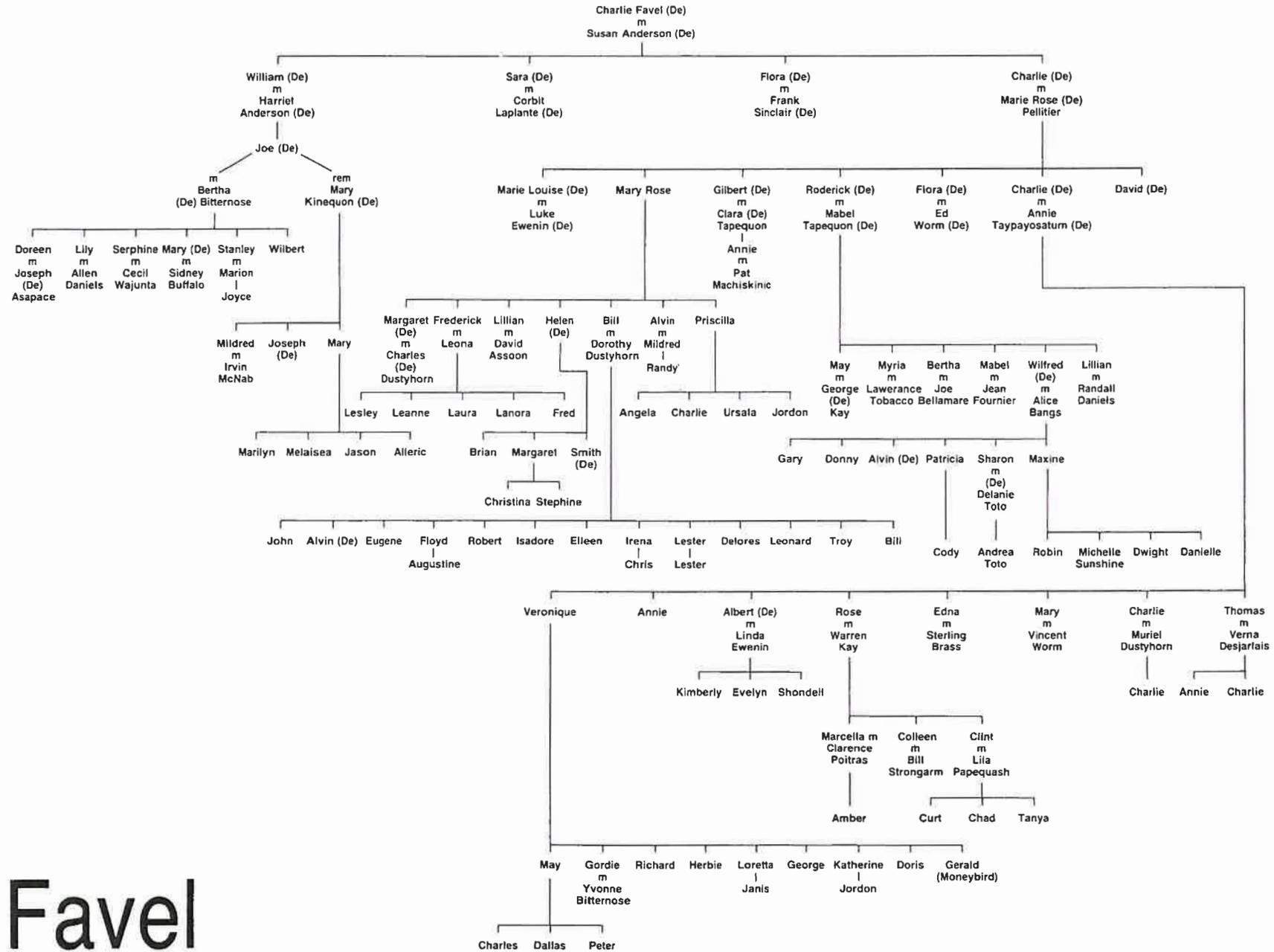


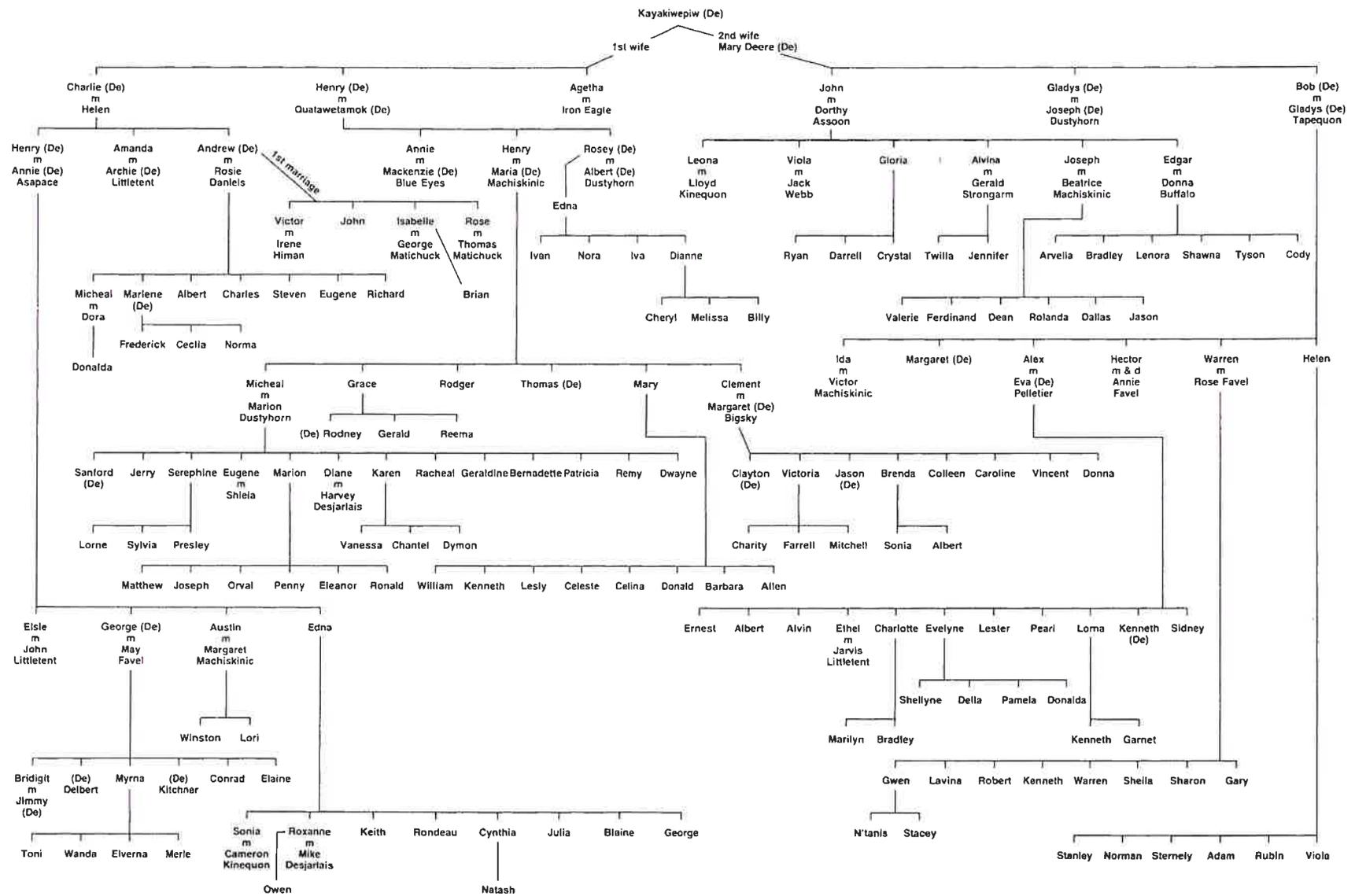


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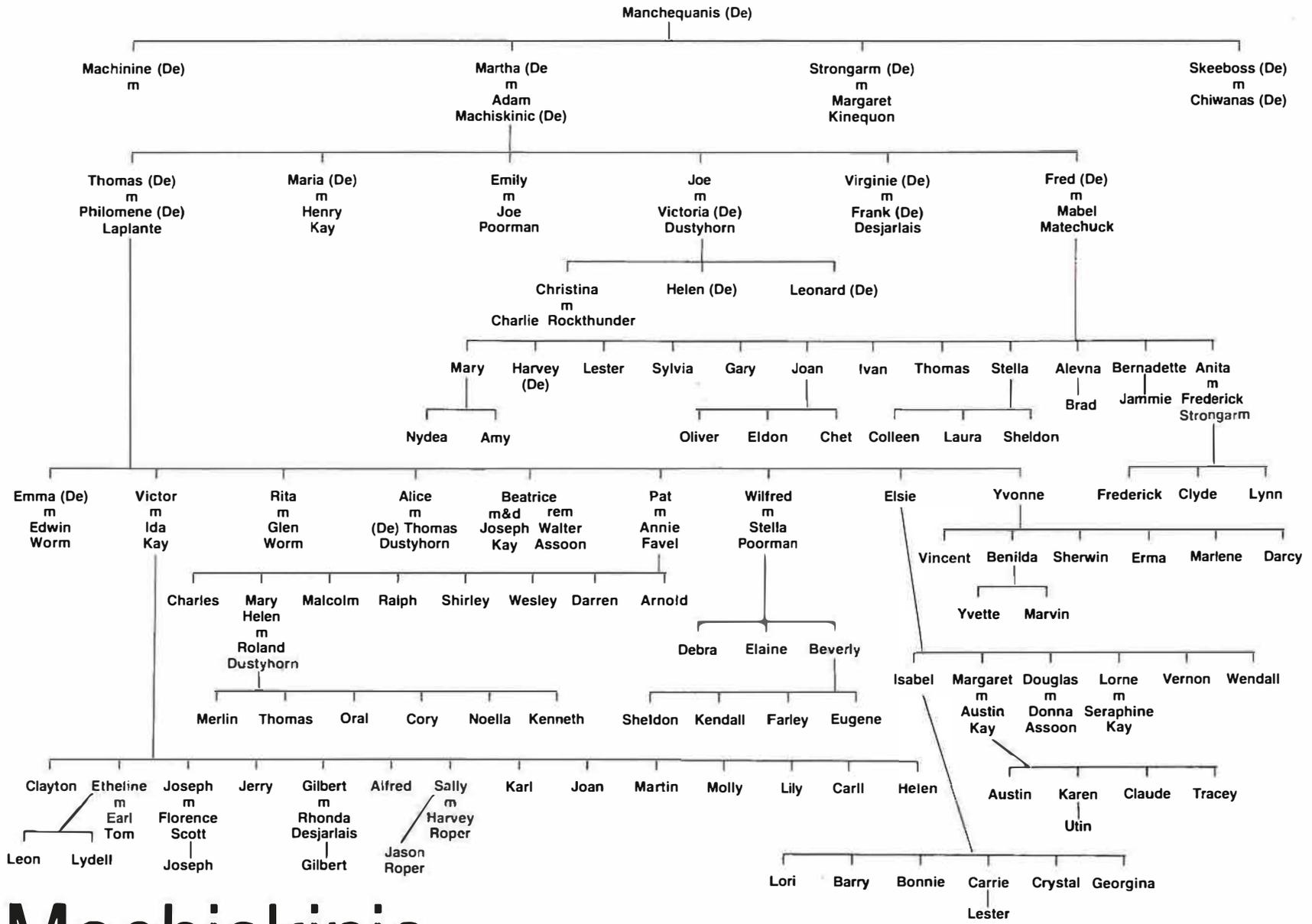
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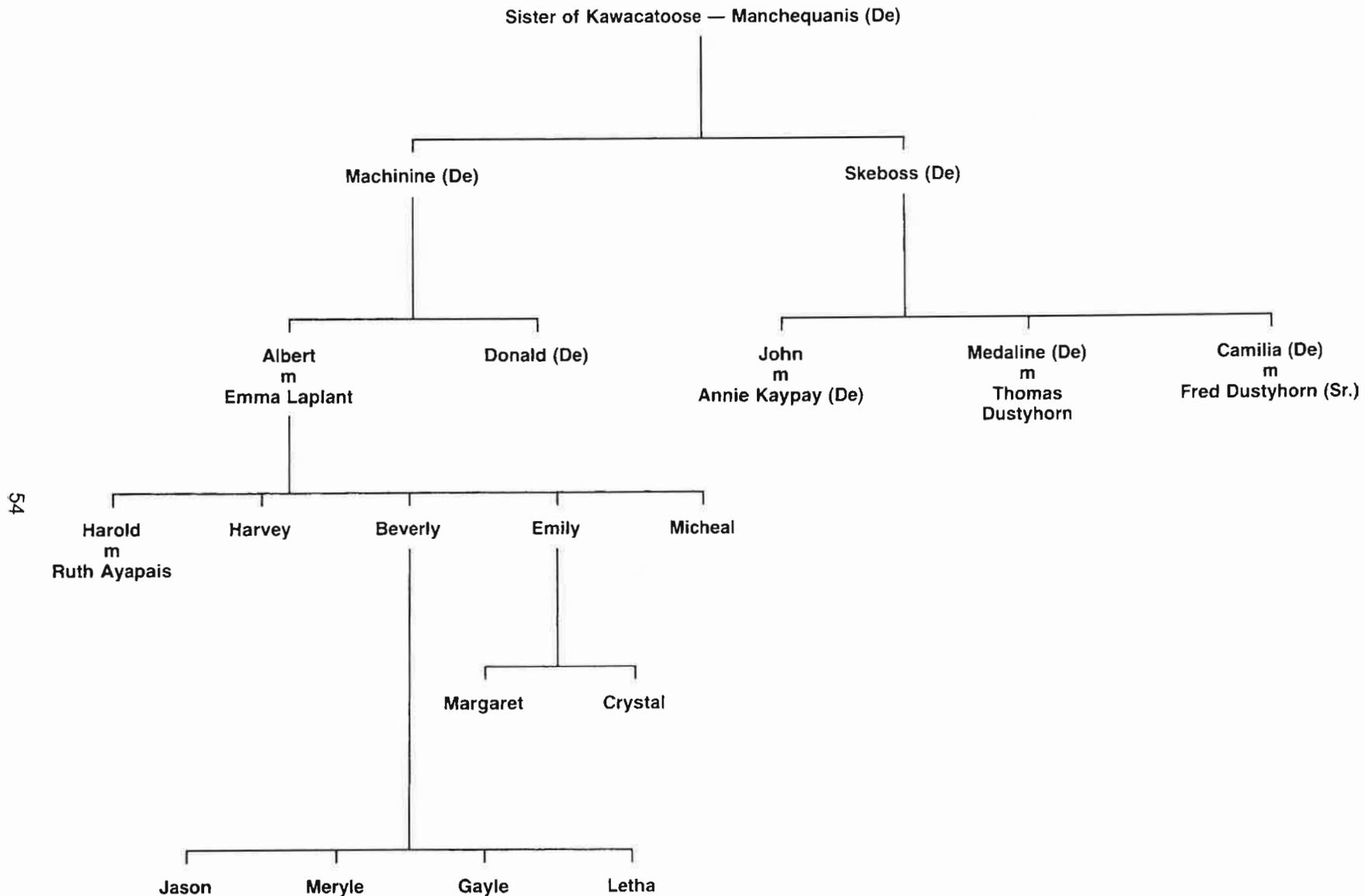




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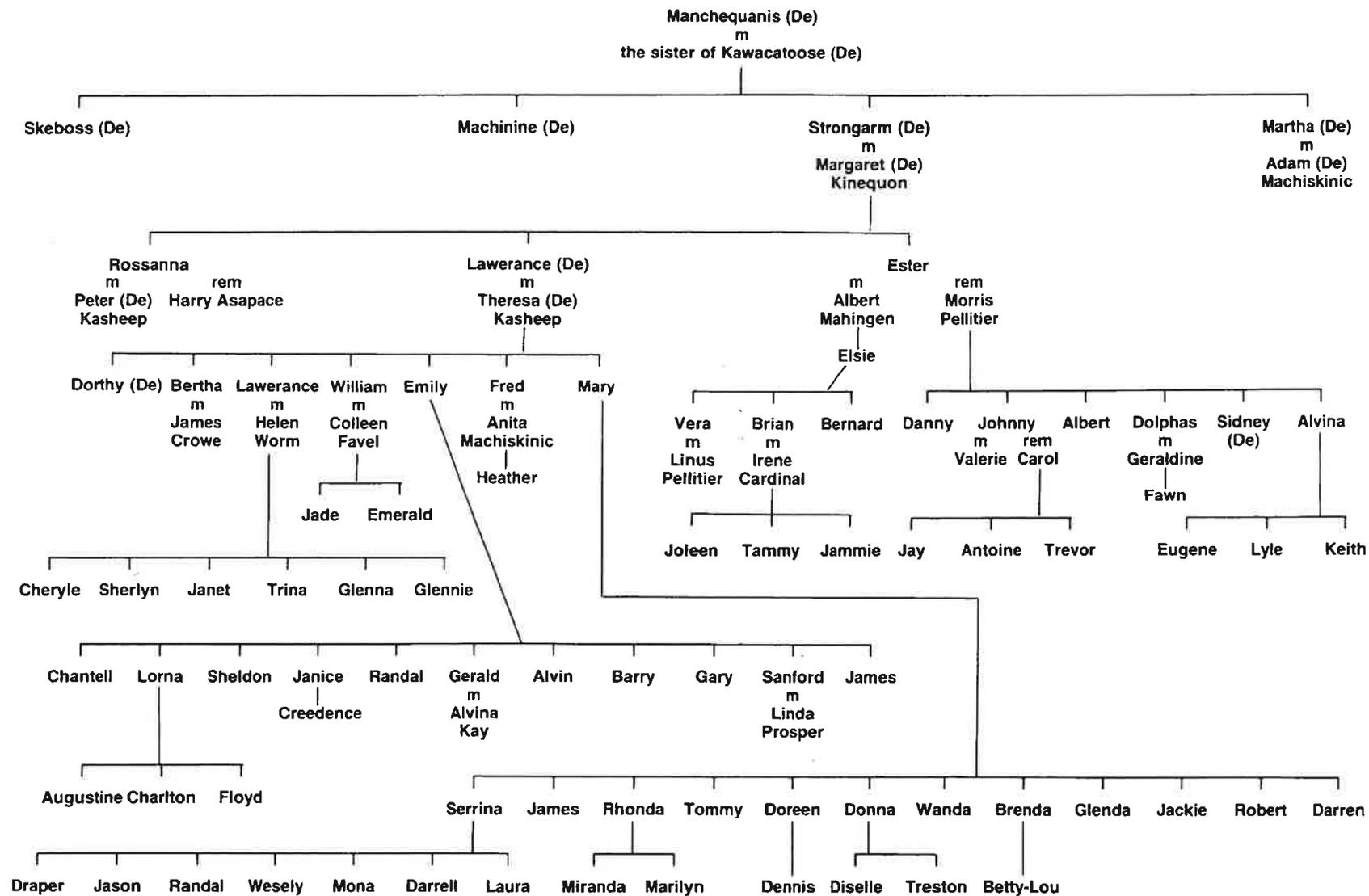


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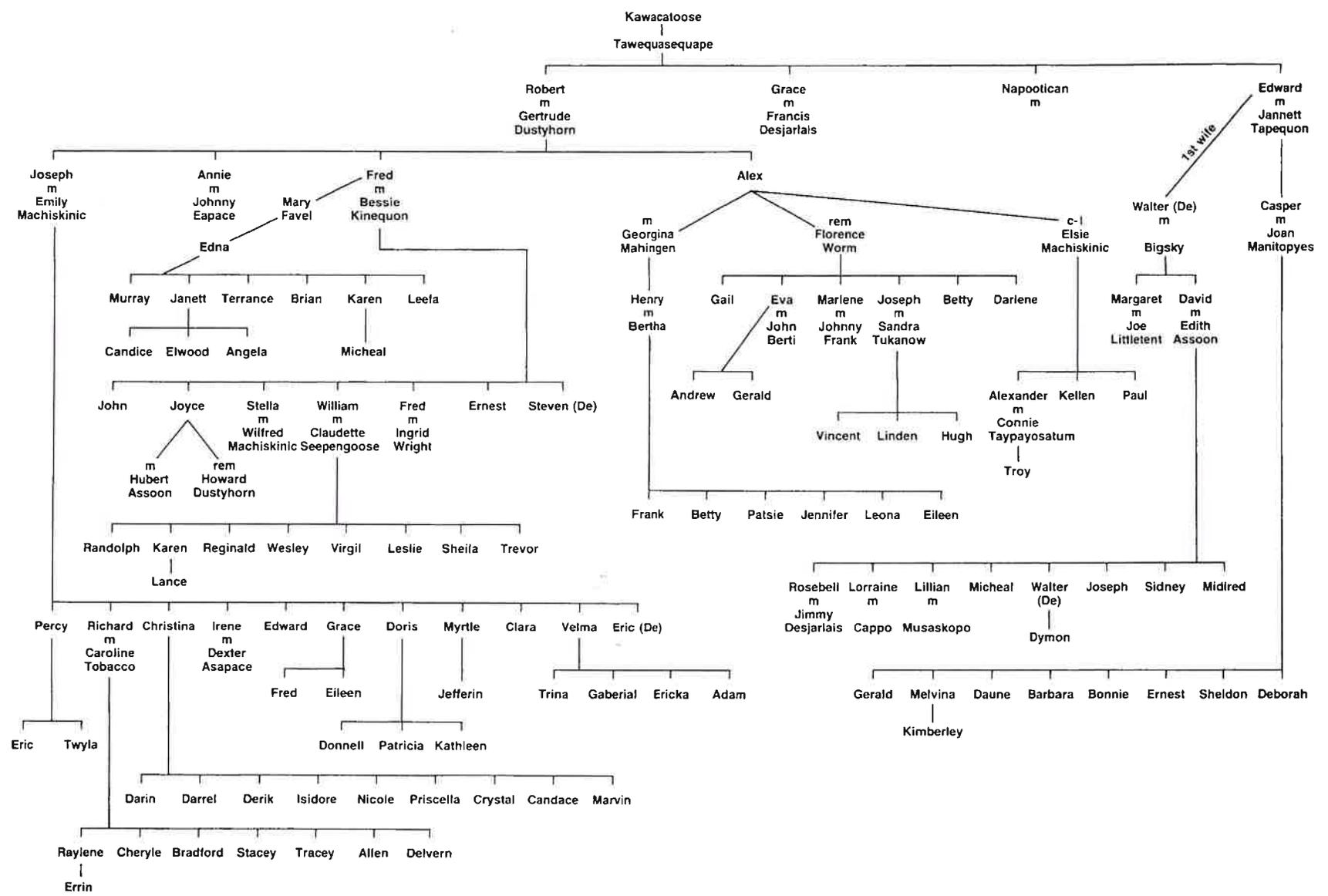
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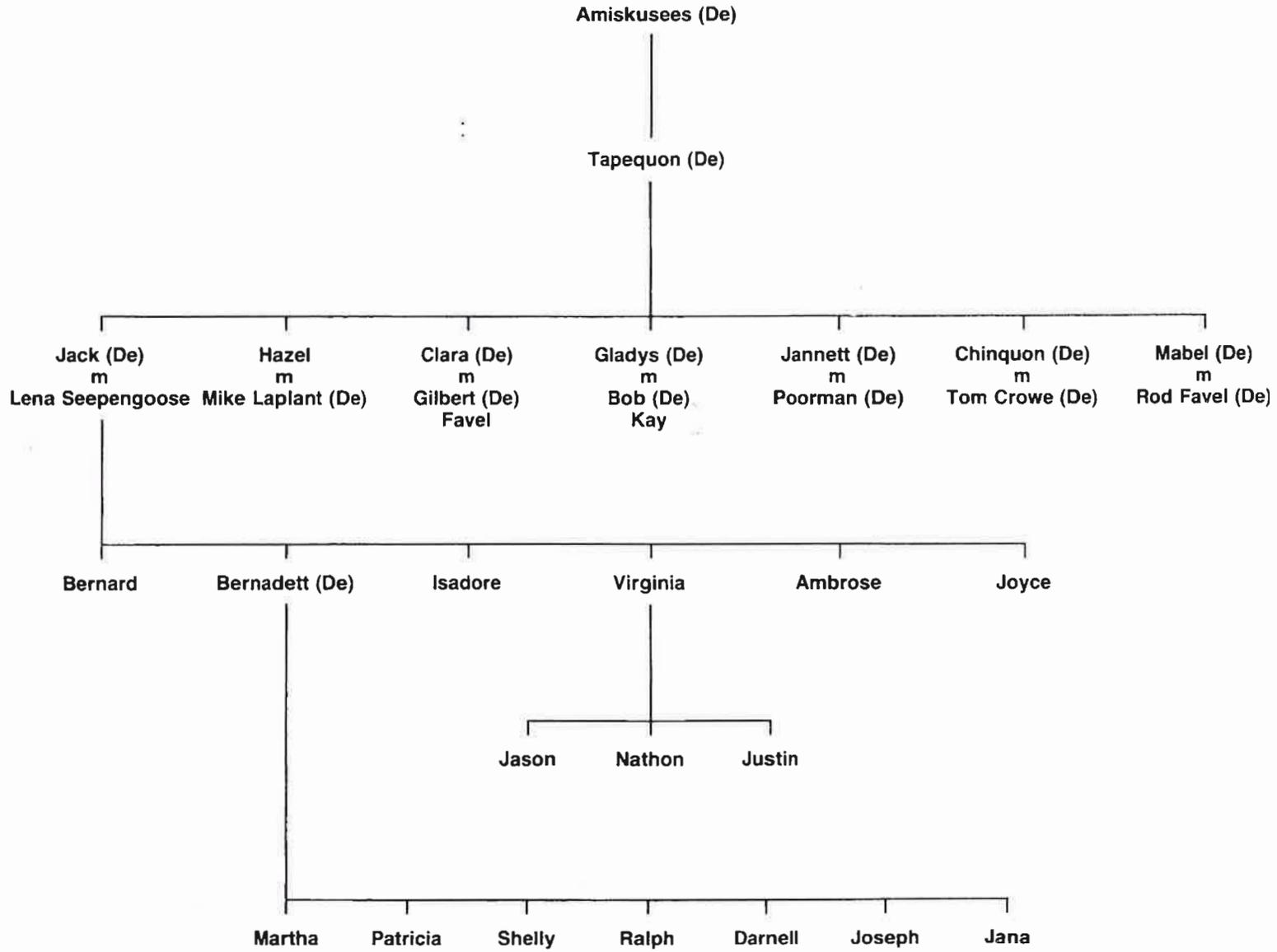
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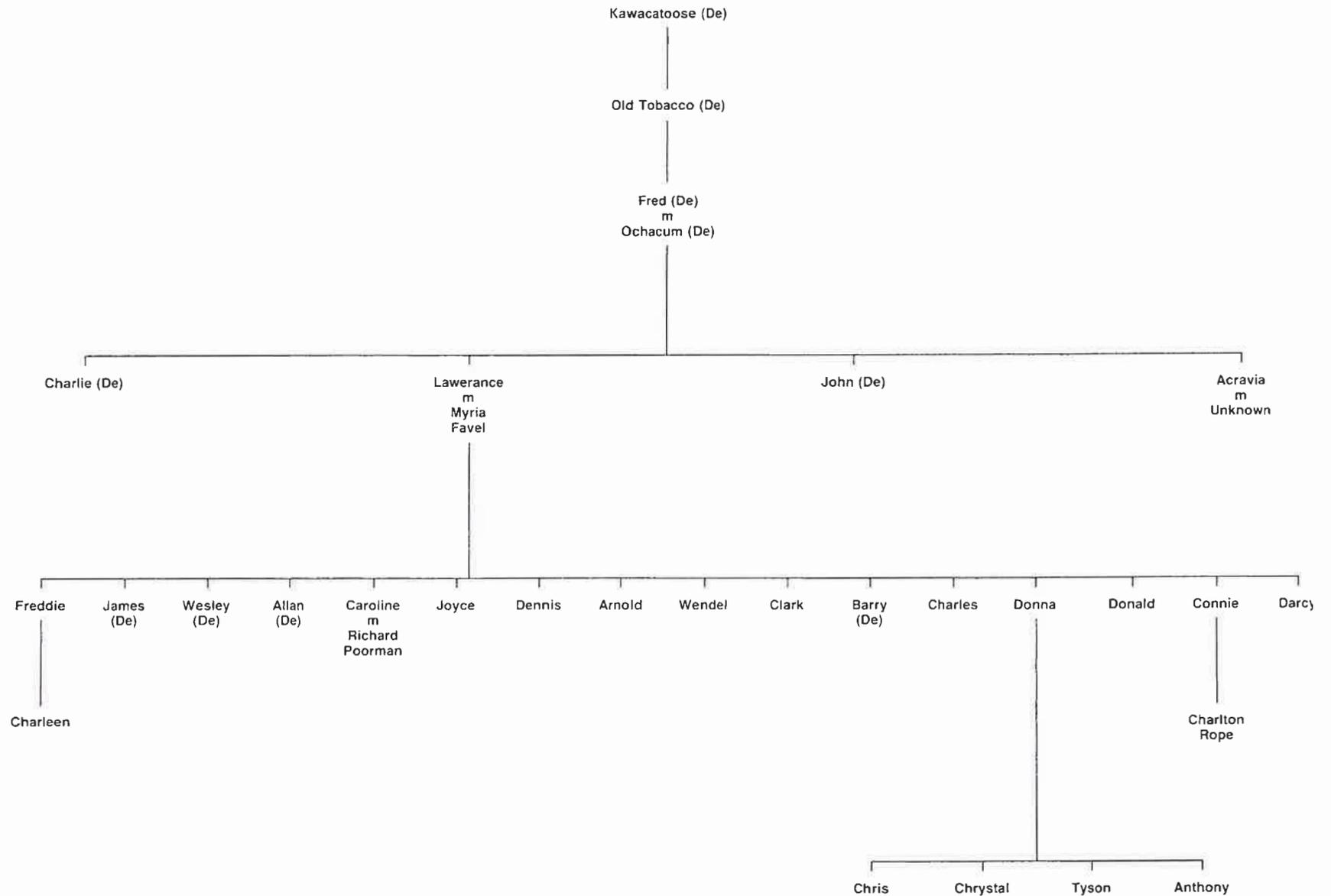


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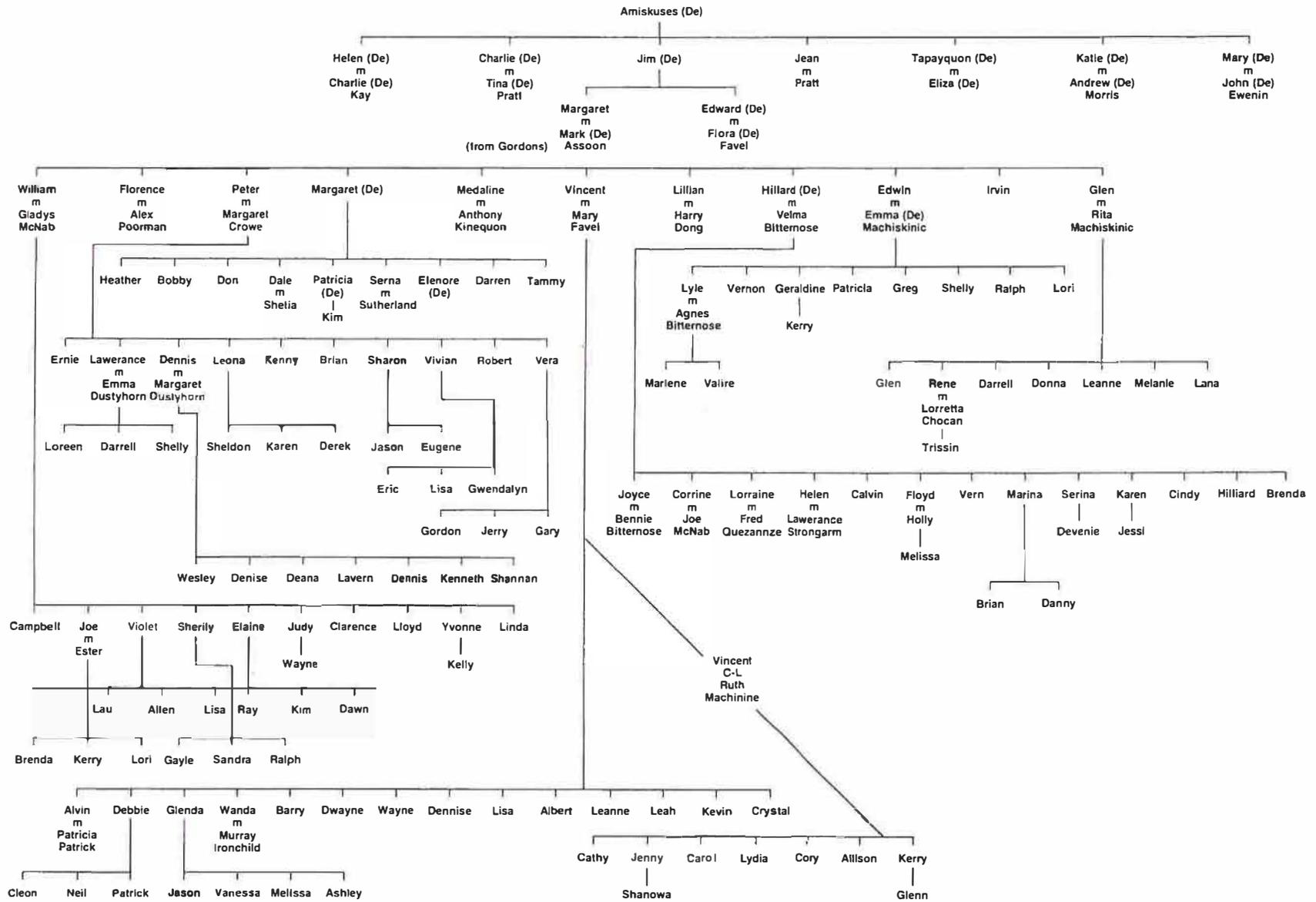


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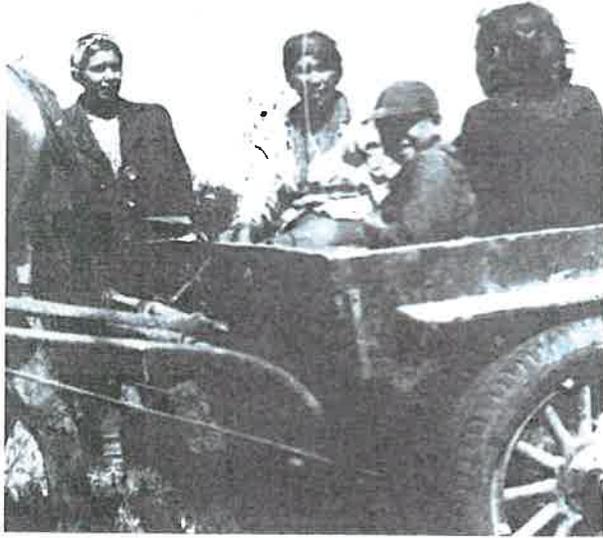
**Frank Sinclair.**



**Flora Sinclair.**



**Mary R. Favel, August 19, 1973.**



**Eva Kay, Annie Favel, Tom Favel (son), Rose Kay (daughter).**



**Peter Desjarlais.**



**Flora and children (Kirby and Sara), Charlie Favel.**



**John and Agnes Desjarlais, 50th Anniversary.**



**Rita and Glen Worm, 25th Anniversary.**



**Tom Crowe, Old Kapay, Willy Favel.**



**Left to right: Peter Desjarlais, Lestock Women, Francis Xavier Desjarlais, Mary Grace in background, Father Diverer, Mary Rose Favel, John Desjarlais. The two children are Lilly Desjarlais and Philip Desjarlais.**



**Taken in 1943. Robert, Gertrude, Henry and Eva Poorman.**