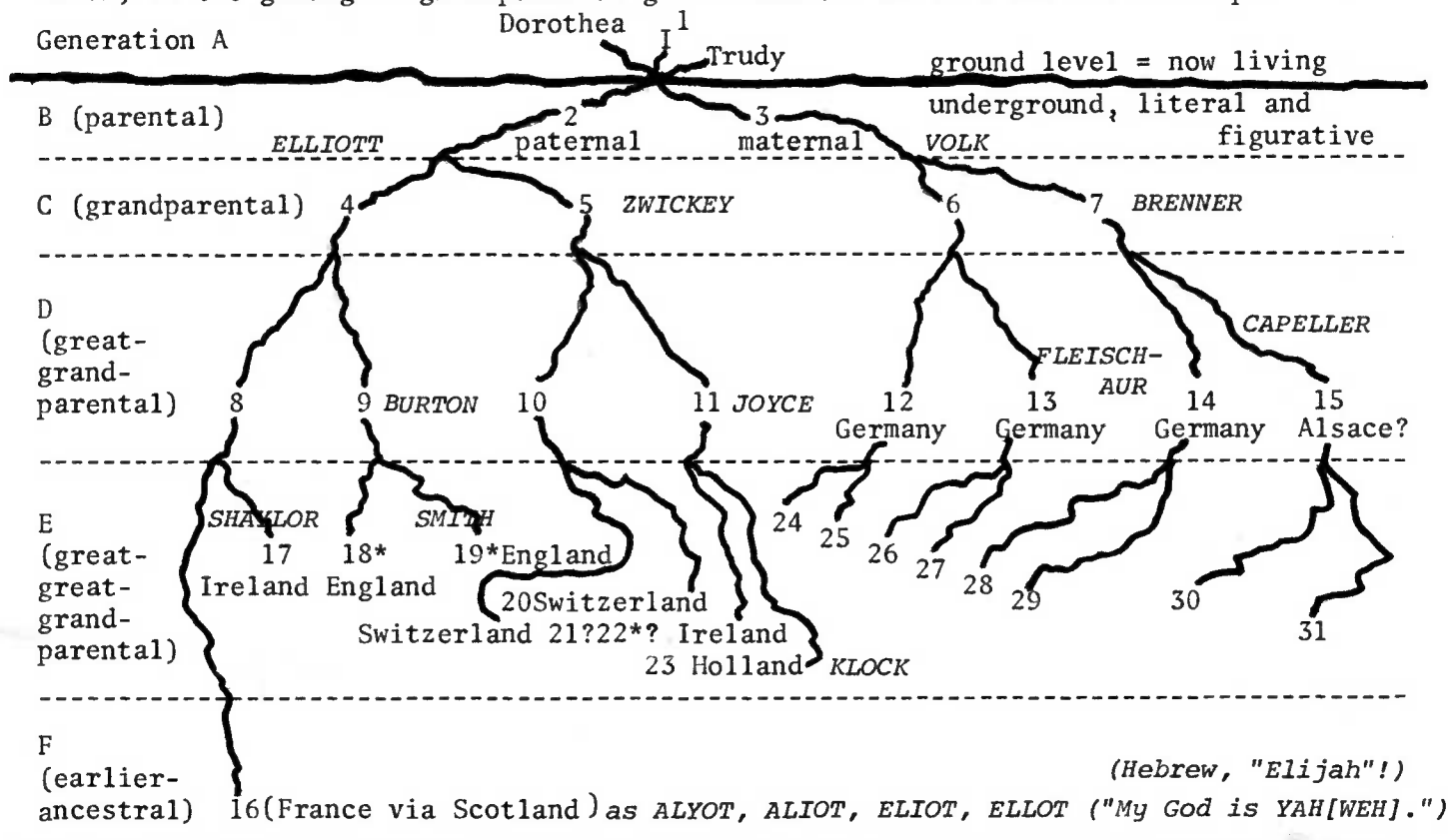


BLACK ELK begins with the shaman justifying telling his story, which "I would not tell were it not the story of all life." In this spirit this thinksheet shares with you my *bio-roots*, inviting you to use its methods as model for investigating your own. ...First, I did my genealogy, using copies of the "Pedigree Chart" (Genealogical Society of Utah/36)...Then I drew a pictures of a double root-system (maternal and paternal), with three shoots (myself and my two sisters) emerging through the earth surface. I used earth-layering to represent immigration generations, as none of my roots stop in the Western Hemisphere (and none are in Africa or Australia, and none I can unconvener [probably none, though there's a strong rumor of some Jewish blood] are in Asia--so all are in Europe)....Then I did three more visuals and abandoned them all in favor of the root-picture, but you may want to try one or more: (1) A bar graph showing no immigrants before the grandparental generation, then the startling increase [from 4 to 15] in the following generation [with only one certain beyond that]; (2) Then I put all ancestors (by number, as on the "Pedigree Charts") on a map of Europe, and found I'm decidedly an NWE (Northwestern European, if the SE limit of NW Europe is taken as Switzerland); (3) Finally, on a wheel with 16 segments representing my 16 greatgreatgrandparents, I distributed my ancestors as another way of visualizing quantity (and found 1/16th Dutch-speaking, 5/16ths English-speaking (with the possibility of 1/8th Gaelic-speaking, within the 5/16ths English-speaking), and 10/16ths [5/8ths!] German-speaking; or to read the wheel another way, my MOTHER's side looks like this: all 8* lived in Germany, and those 4 of their chn. who were my great-grandparents were immigrants to USA; and my FATHER's side looks like this: 2 from German-speaking Switzerland, 1 from Holland, 3 from England (1 of these with roots in Scotland and then in France, coming over to Britain in 1066 with Wm. the Conqueror), and 2 from Ireland....*2, I think, in Alsace-Lorraine....All except the AD1066 character, in the greatgreatgrandparental generation....Now lets see the roots picture:



Where a country appears with a number, that person emigrated from that country to ours. ...Note that my maternal ancestors all immigrated in Generation D, and all but one of my paternal ancestors in Generation E (but the starred numbers may be earlier, and the ones with "?" are only probable)...How few (how rich!) our roots, how brief our life! *Italics* are the main family-names.

PEDIGREE CHART

DATE _____

CHART NO. _____

NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING CHART _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

NO. 1 ON THIS CHART IS THE SAME PERSON AS NO. _____ ON CHART NO. _____

1 BORN _____
WHERE _____
WHEN MARRIED _____
DIED _____
WHERE _____
NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE _____

2 BORN _____
WHERE _____
WHEN MARRIED _____
DIED _____
WHERE _____

3 BORN _____
WHERE _____
DIED _____
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11 BORN _____
WHERE _____
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12 BORN _____
WHERE _____
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16 ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART _____

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GIVE HERE NAME OF RECORD OR BOOK WHERE THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED. REFER TO NAMES BY NUMBER.

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