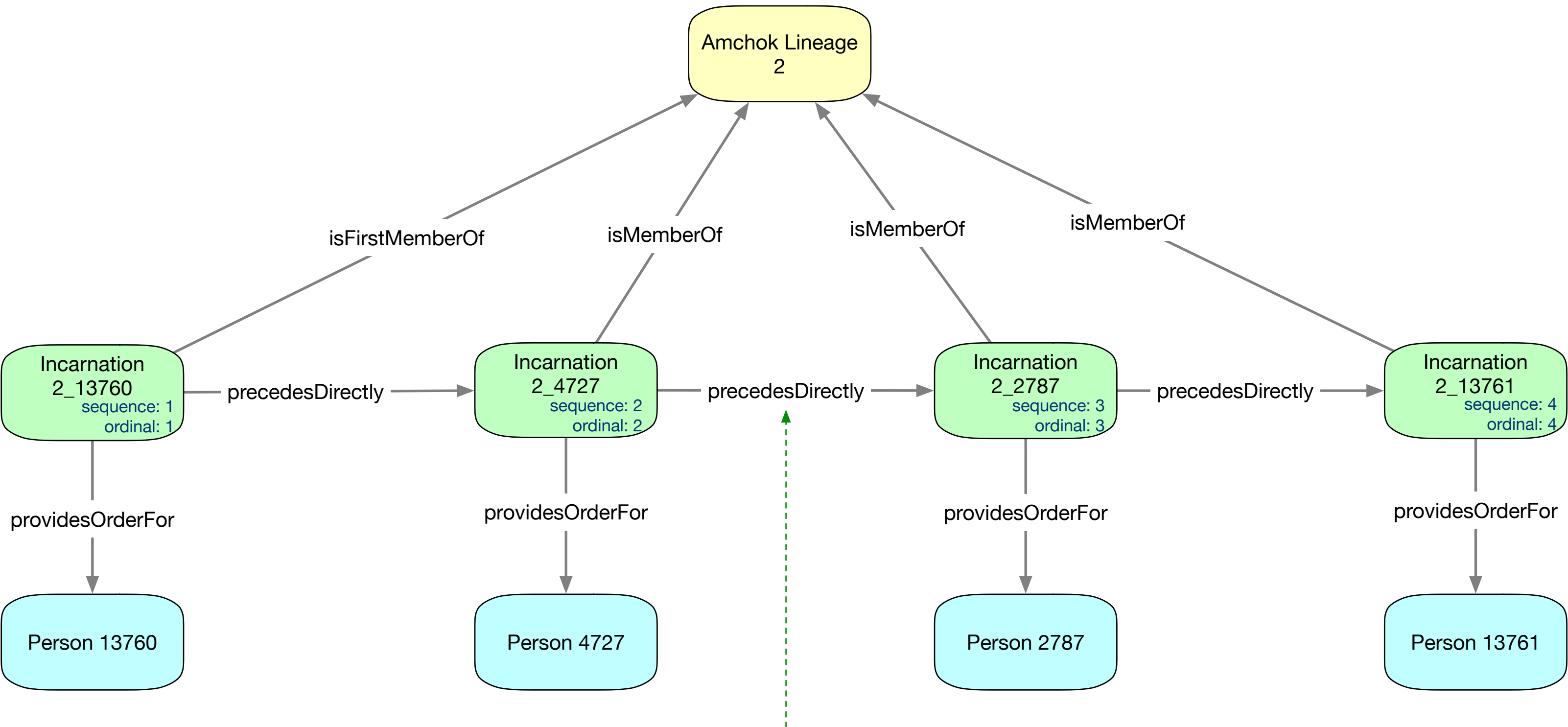
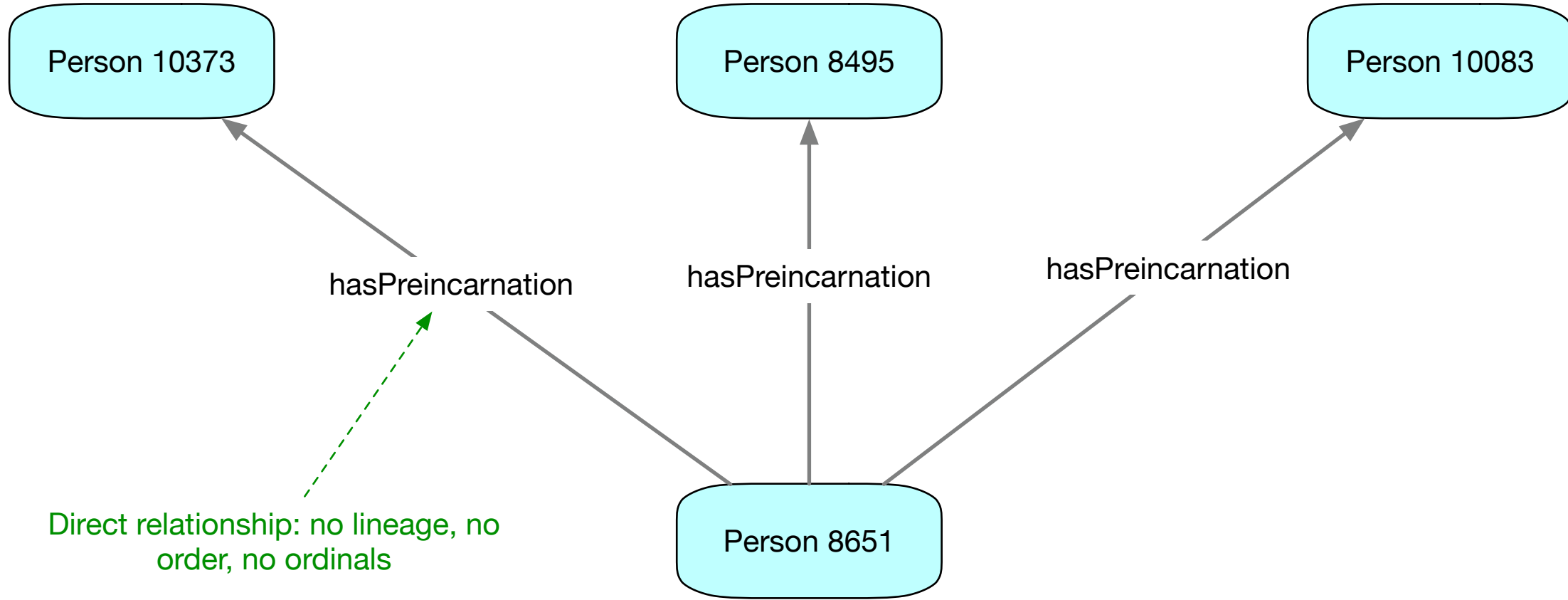


Incarnation Lineage - Simple

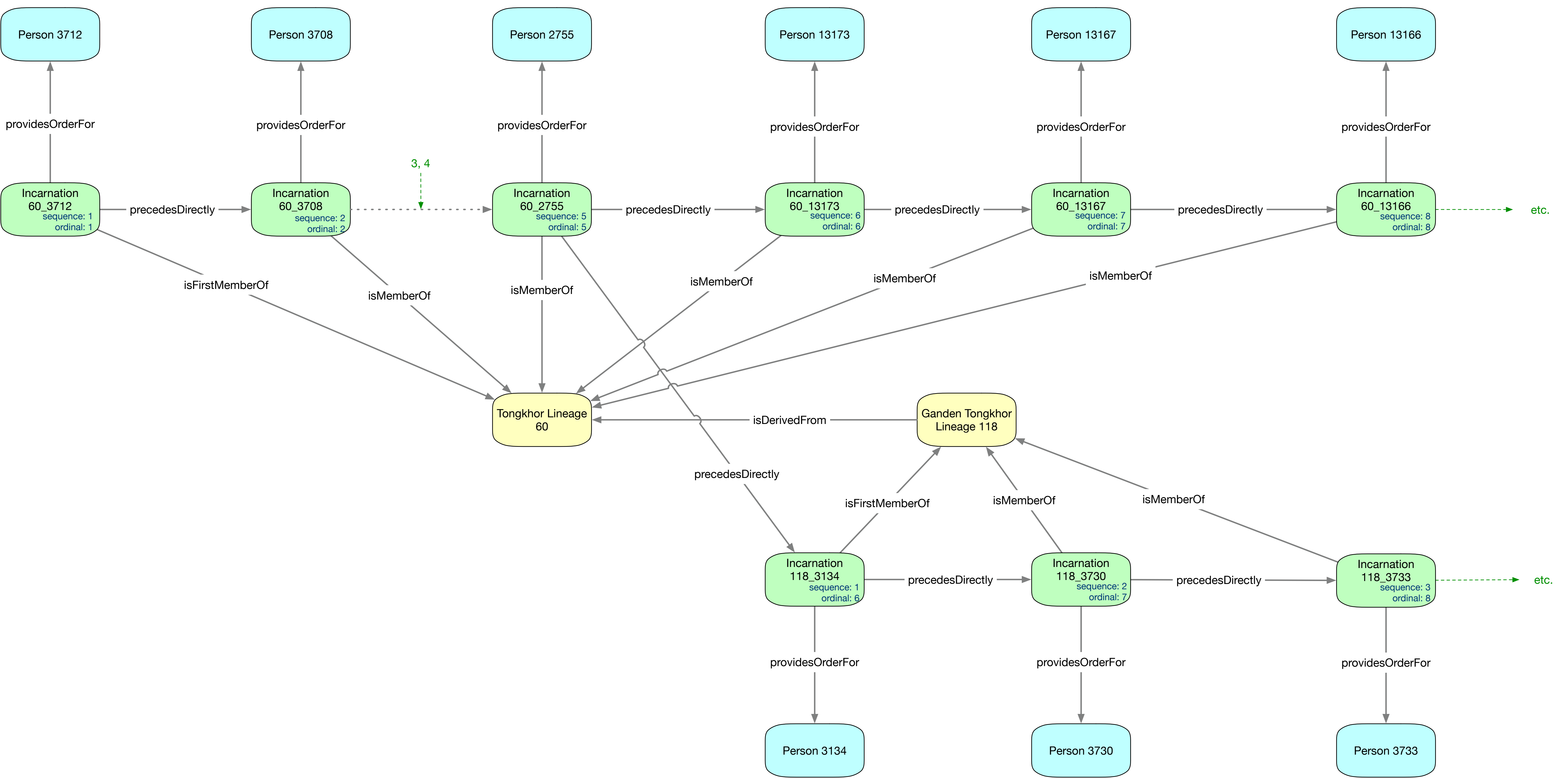


The precedence property is used to model split and disputed lineages. The sequence property is used to easily return an ordered list. The ordinal property represents how the incarnation is referred to in the system adopted by ToL. Sequence and ordinal are the same except in split lineages and unnumbered lineage originators; sequence is not shown in the following diagrams where it is the same as the ordinal.

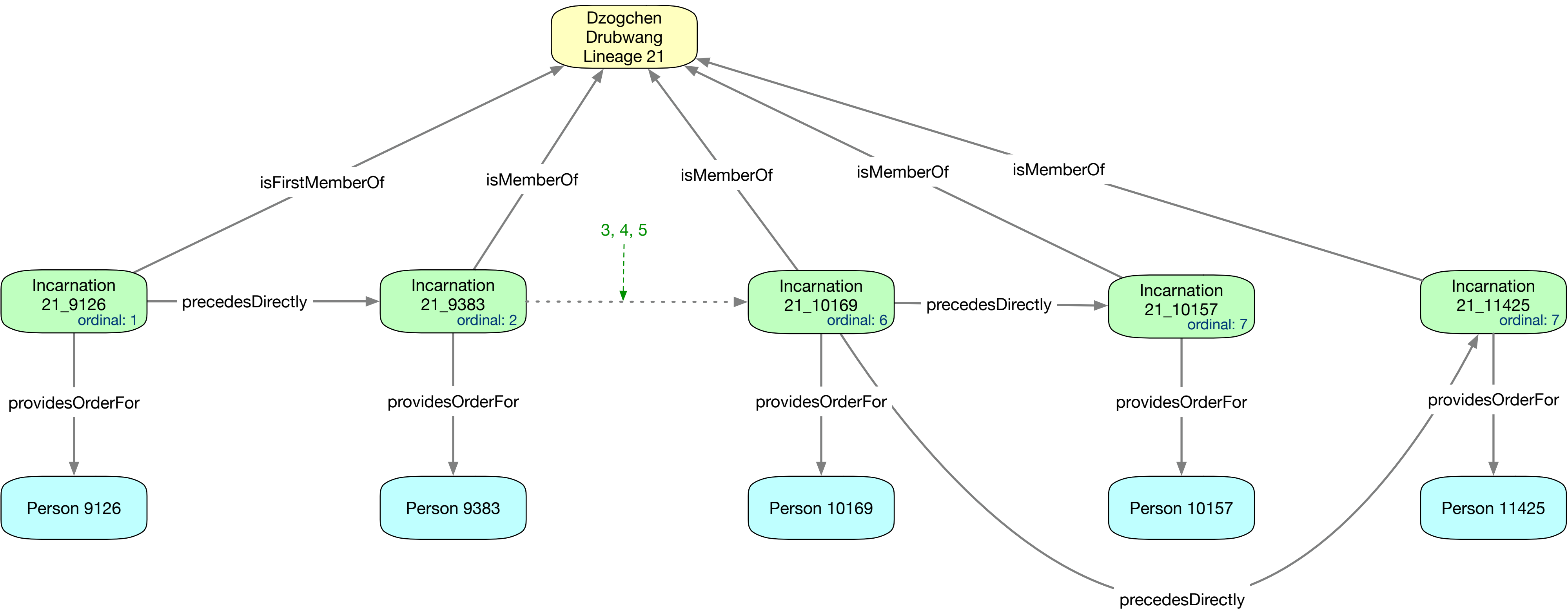
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Split Lineages

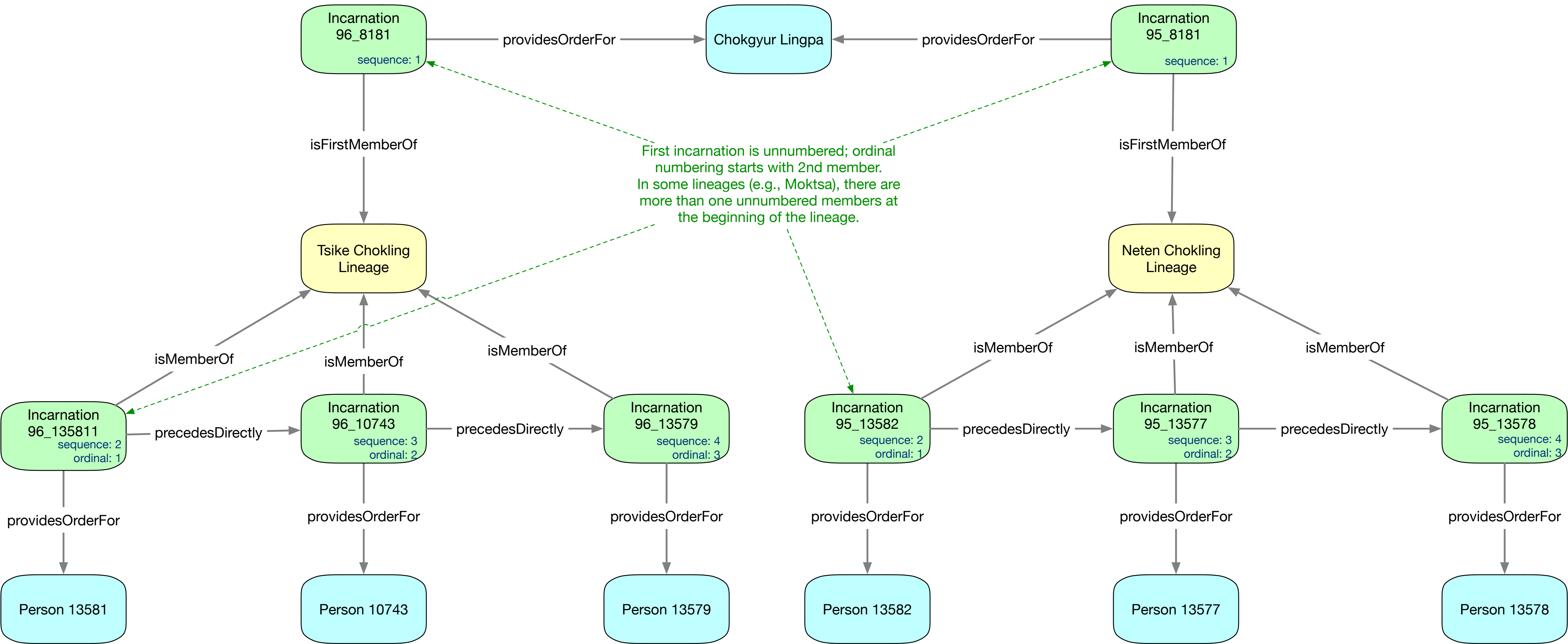


Disputed Lineages

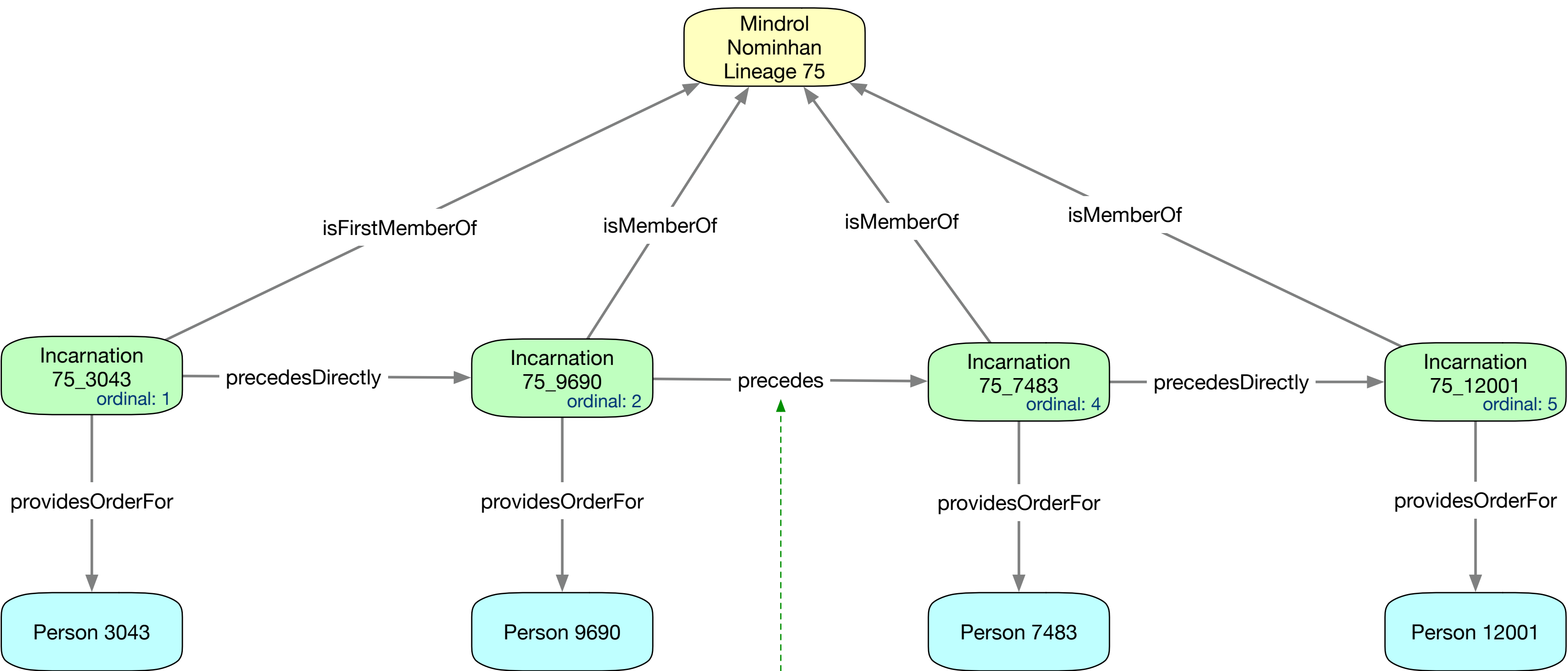


Different traditions claim a different 7th incarnation, and the lines will continue to diverge from this point. Differs from a split lineage. This case will become increasingly common as Chinese and Indian traditions split after the death of current incarnations such as the 14th Dalai Lama. It may eventually result in splitting the lineage into two child lineages.

Unnumbered Lineage Originator



Missing Incarnations



Incarnation 3 is missing because no information is known about the person. Another approach would be to create an incarnation without a person, but this creates data entry problems.