

# B E A R D S L E Y G E N E A L O G Y

Lineage and Record of

William Lincoln Beardsley

and His Descendants

The data on the family history prior to William Lincoln Beardsley (1860-1932) is taken mainly from the "Genealogical History of the Beardsley Family in America," by Isaac H. Beardsley, published in 1902.

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William Lincoln Branch of  
THE BEARDSLEY FAMILY IN AMERICA

WILLIAM BEARDSLEY, the progenitor of the family in America, was born in England in 1605, probably at St. Alban's, Hertfordshire. He was a mason by trade.

He sailed from England 2 April 1635 in the ship "Planter," and landed in Massachusetts a month or so later, accompanied by his wife Mary (age 26), daughter Mary (age 4), son John (age 2), and son Joseph (age 6 months).

He was admitted a freeman of Massachusetts in 1638; and resided there for several years. In 1639 he and seventeen others moved to and settled on a piece of cleared ground on Long Island Sound, and probably founded and named the place Stratford (Conn.)

Was deputy of the General Court at Hartford (equivalent to our Legislature of today) for eight sessions between 1645 and 1661; was one of the founders of the First Congregational Church of Stratford.

He died in 1661. In his will, probated 6 July 1661, he calls himself "William Beardsley, of Stratford....."

Children: Mary, b. 1631; John, b. 1633; Joseph, b. 1634; all three in England; Samuel, b. 1638, the first American-born Beardsley; Sarah, b. 1640, Cupheag, Conn.; Hannah, b. 1642, Stratford; and Daniel, b. 1644, doubtless also at Stratford.

JOSEPH BEARDSLEY (William), b. Nov. 1634, in England; came to New England with his parents in 1635; m. in 1665 to Abigail Dayton, of Long Island; took oath as freeman 4 June 1668; joined Congregational Church, Stratford, 1693; d. 29 May 1712,

Stratford. Children: Joseph, John, Hannah, Elizabeth, Thomas, Ephraim, Jonathan, Josiah.

JOHN BEARDSLEY (Joseph, William), b. 4 Nov. 1668; a blacksmith by trade; m. Abigail Wakelyn; d. 29 Nov. 1735. Children: Abraham, Jehiel, Caleb, Deborah, John, Andrew.

JOHN BEARDSLEY (John, Joseph, William), b. 9 Mar. 1701; m. Keziah Wheeler 29 Dec. 1725; resided at Rip-ton (now Huntington), Conn. Children: Augustin (or Austin), Obadiah, Patience, John, Jehiel, Eunice, Joseph, Charles, Paul.

OBADIAH BEARDSLEY (John, John, Joseph, William), b. 2 Oct. 1728, Stratford, Conn.; m. 1751 to Amy Calkins; for some years resided in Fredericksburg, Dutchess County, N. Y.; in 1790 moved to Monticello, Otsego Co., and finally to Richfield, and died there 1807. Children: Eunice, Jemima, John, Sarah, Levi, Obadiah, Partridge Thacher, David.

CAPT. LEVI BEARDSLEY (Obadiah, John, John, Joseph, William), b. 18 Mar. 1761; m. 10 Nov. 1784, to Sarah Smith; enlisted 14 May 1813 as Sergeant in 30th U. S. Inf., promoted to Captain, discharged 31 Dec. 1813; d. 23 June 1844. Children: Sally, Obadiah, Eunice, Jesse, Elisha, Sylvia, Levi Smith, and William D.

ELISHA BEARDSLEY (Levi, Obadiah, John, John, Joseph, William), b. 4 Aug. 1795; m. 9 July 1818, to Caroline Marvin; d. 9 Feb. 1882, Rock Island, Ill. Children: Polly, Phoebe, Eunice, Ezra Marvin, Ase-nath, Seth, Elisha I., Harriett M., James M.

LT. COL. EZRA MARVIN BEARDSLEY (Elisha, Levi, Obadiah, John, John, Joseph, William), b. 4 Oct. 1827,

Ashland, Genesee County, N. Y.; m. 8 Feb. 1848, Mercer County, Ill., to Sarah (b. 11 Nov. 1821, Allegany County, Penn., d. at Chicago, Ill., as the clock was striking midnight on the break between the 10th and 11th of Nov. 1911), dau. of John and Mary (Cline) Lemon (erroneously reported in the 1902 Beardsley Genealogy as Simon), gdau. of Isaac and Rebecca Lemon.

Ezra Marvin Beardsley moved with his parents and family to Rock Island, Ill., in 1844; elected Sheriff of Rock Island County, 1855; studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1859.

In 1861 he enlisted in the "three months service" and was commissioned Lieutenant in the 69th Ill. Vol. Inf.; was later Post Adjutant at Camp Douglas, a military prison near Chicago; on expiration of his enlistment returned to Rock Island.

Reenlisted 2 Oct. 1862, helped recruit six companies of the 126th Ill. Vol. Inf., was elected Lt. Col. of that regiment, and served with the Army of the Tennessee, being wounded at Shilo. His regiment was later transferred to Arkansas, and he was appointed Post Commander at Devall's Bluff on the White River.

He was honorably discharged 15 Aug. 1864, and resided in Rock Island until 1868 when he moved to Rushford, Minn. In 1869 moved to Parker, Montgomery County, Kan., where he was later County Commissioner, and served two terms in the state legislature, and in 1872 as U. S. Commissioner for Kansas and Indian Territory; 10 April 1872 was certified for the practice of law, District of Kansas; in 1876 moved to Cimarron, N. Mex., for a short time, and then to Siloam Springs, Ark.; in 1880 moved to Ottawa, Kan.; in 1883 to Lake City, Barber County, Kan., where he died 24 May 1885.

Children: Mary Catherine, Seth Marvin, Ezra Irving, William Lincoln, and Albert Lemon.

WILLIAM LINCOLN BEARDSLEY (Ezra, Elisha, Levi, Obadiah, John, John, Joseph, William), b. 4 Nov. 1860, Rock Island, Ill. Moved with his parents in 1869 to Kansas, resided in various places (see Ezra Marvin

Beardsley) until 1880 when he settled in Ottawa, Kan.

As a young man he worked in the division offices of the A. T. & S. F. Ry. in Ottawa, and was division storekeeper for several years until his resignation in 1898.

He married at the home of his bride's parents near Sand Creek, Franklin County, Kan., 30 Sept. 1884, to Maggie Olive (b. 16 Mar. 1867, in Honey Lake Valley, near Marysville, Cal., d. 26 Feb. 1950, Arnett, Okla.), dau. of Griffey Garten and Sarah Ann (Atterberry) Miller.\*

In 1898 he moved with his family to a farm near Hopeton, Woods County, Okla.; in 1899 to a ranch on Eagle Creek in the same County; in 1900 sold out and moved to Medicine Lodge, Kan., for about a year, and in 1901 to a farm which he homesteaded about three miles west of Gate, Beaver County, Okla.

During the next few years he was engaged for a short time in the lumber, hardware and farm implement business in Englewood, Kan.; was engaged by the Beaver County commissioner to audit the county books for the first time since the county was organized; then to Gate, Okla., in the drug business, as publisher of the Gate Valley Star, and as U. S. Commissioner.

In 1907 he moved to Beaver City where he served two years as County Clerk, then back to Gate, Okla., in 1909; in 1912 to Forgan, Okla., as Land Commissioner for the newly built M. K. & T. Ry.; in 1922 was Grand Chancellor of the Oklahoma Knights of Pythias; in 1929 to Arnett, Okla.; d. 10 Nov. 1932, Shattuck, Okla., and was buried at Alva, Okla.

Children: Leroy Lemon, and Edna Sarah.

LEROY LEMON BEARDSLEY (William, Ezra, Elisha, Levi, Obadiah, John, John, Joseph, William), b 3 July 1885, Ottawa, Kan.; m. 13 Apr. 1905, near Zelma, Okla., to Blanche Ellen (b. 17 Dec. 1887, Arkansas City, Kan., d. 26 Nov. 1937, Arnett, Okla.), dau. of John Wesley and Sarah Ellen (Leonard) Hackelman; residence Arnett, Okla.

\*See Miller reference, page 10

Children: Frances Lavaughn, William Marvin, Marguerite Ellen, and Violet Helen.

FRANCES LAVAUGHN BEARDSLEY (Leroy, William, Ezra, Elisha, Levi, Obadiah, John, John, Joseph, William), b. 28 Feb. 1906, near Gate, Beaver County, Okla.; m. 5 Sept. 1926, Ochiltree County, Texas, to Thomas Lawrence (b. 9 Jan. 1902, Mangum, Okla.), son of David Bradshaw and Janie (Brown) Hutson; residence near Gage, Okla.

Children: Billie Lee; Malcome Lawrence; Raymond Donald, b. 2 Sept. 1938, Arnett, Okla., grad. Gage, Texas, High School, 1956; Clayton Fulton, b. 25 Jan. 1941, Arnett; Jane Ellen, b. 23 Sept. 1944, Higgins, Texas; and Thomas Arthur, b. 4 Jan. 1947, Trinidad, Colo.

BILLIE LEE HUTSON (Frances, Leroy, William, Ezra, Elisha, Levi, Obadiah, John, John, Joseph, William), b. 31 July 1927, Forgan, Beaver County, Okla.; m. 22 April 1944, Cheyenne, Roger Mills County, Okla., to Joseph Curtis (b. 28 Oct. 1923, near Arnett, Okla.), s. of John Martin and Erma Ester (Bradley) Beagle; residence Booker, Texas.

Children: Eric Lewis, b. 21 Apr. 1945, Higgins, Texas; Martin Lawrence, b. 24 Aug. 1948, Phillips, Texas; and Jo Ann, b. 20 Aug. 1956, Dumas, Texas.

MALCOME LAWRENCE HUTSON (Frances, Leroy, William, Ezra, Elisha, Levi, Obadiah, John, John, Joseph, William), b. 13 Sept. 1933, Arnett, Okla.; grad. Fargo, Okla., High School, 1953; m. 13 June 1953, Arnett, to Yvonne Lou (b. 9 Apr. 1932, grad. Burnside, Iowa, High School, 1951, and from Northwestern Inst. of Medical Tech., Minneapolis, Minn., 1952), dau. of Knute (b. 21 Nov. 1901, Nykoben, Denmark, d. 18 Sept. 1952, Burnside, Iowa) and Mary Jane (Machovec) Espelund; residence Belgrade, Mont. No children.

WILLIAM MARVIN BEARDSLEY (Leroy, William, Ezra, Elisha, Levi, Obadiah, John, John, Joseph, William), b. 11 April 1907, near Gate, Okla.; m. 19 Aug. 1928, Higgins, Texas, to Mollie Lee (b. 14 Aug. 1909, Moody, McClellan County, Texas), dau. of Robert Henry (b. 17 Sept. 1871, d. 23 Oct. 1939) and Mary Lou (Ashcraft) Gamel; divorced 1952. Children: Donna Lee; and Susan Lynn, b. 17 Dec. 1948, Oroville, Calif.

DONNA LEE BEARDSLEY (William, Leroy, William, Ezra, Elisha, Levi, Obadiah, John, John, Joseph, William), b. 8 Jan. 1934, Perryton, Texas; m. 17 Sept. 1955, Oroville, Calif., to Robert Hamilton (b. 9 May 1930, Los Angeles, Calif.), son of William Walter and Lois Grace (Hamilton) Tait; residence Tripoli, North Africa. One child, Gregory Scott, b. 18 Sept. 1956, Sacramento, Calif.

MARGUERITE ELLEN BEARDSLEY (Leroy, William, Ezra, Elisha, Levi, Obadiah, John, John, Joseph, William), b. 26 April 1908, near Gate, Okla.; m. 24 Dec. 1929, Perryton, Texas, to Horace Kelly (b. 26 Mar. 1908, Preston, Ill.), son of Edward Everett (b. 6 Aug. 1859, Preston, Ill., d. 10 Oct. 1954, Roseville, Ill.) and Minnie Lorena\* (Kelly) Mann; residence Missoula, Mont.

Children: Doris Ellen; David Leroy; and Mary Lavaghn, b. 17 May 1940, Burgettstown, Penn.

\*Born 23 Jan. 1870, Preston, Ill., m. 31 Aug. 1887, d. 19 Feb. 1912, Coulterville, Ill.

DORIS ELLEN MANN (Marguerite, Leroy, William, Ezra, Elisha, Levi, Obadiah, John, John, Joseph, William), b. 25 Sept. 1931, Perryton, Texas; m. 7 Oct. 1950, Trinidad, Colo., to Victor (b. 8 Aug. 1928), son of Victor (b. 14 Sept. 1900) and Mildred Fay\* (Chaffee) Macaluso, Sr.; residence Trinidad, Colo.

Children: Ronald Ralph, b. 27 Aug. 1952; and Debra Ellen, b. 3 June 1954; both at Trinidad.

\*Born 30 April 1903.

DAVID LEROY MANN (Marguerite, Leroy, William, Ezra, Elisha, Levi, Obadiah, John, John, Joseph, William), b. 31 Mar. 1938, Burgettstown, Penn.; enlisted 2 Oct. 1956, Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps, Univ. of Washington, Seattle, Wash.; m. 28 Dec. 1957, Missoula, Mont., to Charlotte Bellrose (b. 3 Oct. 1938, Missoula), dau. of George Mulford (b. 16 Dec. 1911, Missoula, d. 17 Nov. 1953) and Kathleen Margaret\* (Harrigan) Crutchfield; residence Missoula.

\*Born 21 Aug. 1911, Lewistown, Mont.

VIOLET HELEN BEARDSLEY (Leroy, William, Ezra, Elisha, Levi, Obadiah, John, John, Joseph, William), b. 1 Sept. 1909, near Gate, Okla.; m. 5 Aug. 1928, Miami, Texas, to Jef Arthur (b. 2 July 1904, White-wright, Texas), son of William Jasper (b. 19 Aug. 1869, in Alabama, d. 2 Nov. 1938, Perryton, Texas) and Della\* (Jared) Mayo; residence Chico, Calif.

Children: Douglas Bruce, b. 1 Oct. 1933, Perryton, Texas, served in U. S. Navy 28 Sept. 1951 to 23 July 1954, was on carrier Philippine Sea, awarded three battle stars in Korean War, awarded three service bars--Korea, Japan Occupation, and United Nations Defense--residence Chico, Calif.; Dennis Don, b. 29 Mar. 1938, Borger, Texas, enlisted 11 Aug. 1955, U. S. Marines; and Kay Arthur, b. 9 Mar. 1954, Dallas, Texas.

\*Born 27 May 1872, Old Hickory, Tenn., d. 4 Oct. 1917, Sabinal, Texas.

EDNA SARAH BEARDSLEY (William, Ezra, Elisha, Levi, Obadiah, John, John, Joseph, William), b. 3 Oct. 1888, Ottawa, Kan.; m. 1 June 1910, Gate, Okla., to Capt. Wilmot Polk\* (b. 16 Jan. 1889, Rice, Navarro County, Texas), son of Rev. Leonidas Gideon (b. 27 Jan. 1848, White County, Ill., m. 21 April 1882, Forrest City, Ark., d. 21 Sept. 1915, Strawn, Texas) and Lula Ella\*\* (Polk) Rogers, gs. of Marcus Washington and Sarah Tabitha (Mitchell) Rogers, ggs. of Charles Thomas and Elizabeth (Hutton) Rogers; residence Santa Rosa, Calif.

One child, Edna Beardsley.

\*See Charles Thomas Rogers and His Descendants,  
Genealogical Section, Library of Congress; and  
New England Historical and Genealogical Regis-  
ter, Jan. 1924.

\*\*Born 28 Nov. 1864, Walnut Bend, Phillips County,  
Ark., dau. of Thomas Marlborough and Fannie  
Tabitha (Foster) Polk, gdau. of William Wilson  
and Elizabeth (Dodd) Polk, grand-niece of Pres.  
James K. Polk.

EDNA BEARDSLEY ROGERS (Edna, William, Ezra,  
Elisha, Levi, Obadiah, John, John, Joseph, William),  
b. 27 July 1911 at her Beardsley grandparents' home  
near Gate, Okla.; grad. Berkeley, Calif. High School,  
1928; member Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority; m. (1st) 14  
Jan. 1931, Berkeley, Calif., to Kenneth Jack (b. 6  
Jan. 1909, Brigham, Utah), son of Frank E. and Mary  
(Jack) Young, gson of George and Mahala (Murphy) Young;  
divorced 21 Nov. 1954; m. (2nd) 9 June 1957, Santa  
Rosa, Calif., to Walter Harry (b. 30 May 1901, Perth  
Amboy, N. J.), son of Jordan John and Lena (Larson)  
Nielsen; residence Spokane, Wash.

Children: Roger Jack; Robert Frank; and Russell  
Polk, b. 8 Jan. 1944, Berkeley, Calif.

ROGER JACK YOUNG (Edna, Edna, William, Ezra,  
Elisha, Levi, Obadiah, John, John, Joseph, William),  
b. 3 July 1934, Berkeley, Calif.; grad. Mt. Diablo  
High School, Concord, Calif., 1953; enlisted 22 Dec.  
1952, U. S. Naval Reserve; boot camp San Diego, Calif.,  
1953; training cruise to Hawaii 1954; enlisted 20 Oct.  
1954 U. S. Army; basic training, Co. B. 1st Inf., 6th  
Div., Ft. Ord, Calif., Oct. 1954 to Jan. 1955; Field  
Radio Repair School, Camp Gordon, Ga., Jan. to June  
1955; 2nd and 71st Signal Co., Ft. Lewis, Wash., July  
1955 to Feb. 1956; 504th Signal Co., Signal Depot,  
Sacramento, Calif., Mar. 1956; Hq. Co., U. S. Army  
Garrison, Camp Zama, Japan, 15 Apr. 1956 to Oct. 1957;  
promoted to Spec. 2nd Class 20 June 1957; transferred  
to inactive reserve 3 Oct. 1957; unmarried.

ROBERT FRANK YOUNG (Edna, Edna, William, Ezra, Elisha, Levi, Obadiah, John, John, Joseph, William), b. 29 Mar. 1936, Berkeley, Calif.; grad. Mt. Diablo High School, Concord, Cal., 1954; enlisted U. S. Army 7 Oct. 1954; basic training Co. I, 1st Inf., 6th Div., Ft. Ord, Calif., 8 Oct. to 21 Dec. 1954; Military Police School, Camp Gordon, Ga., 3 Jan. to 26 Feb. 1955; 287th Mil. Pol. Co., Berlin, Germany, 17 Mar. 1955; m. 4 May 1957, Magdalenen Church, Berlin, to Ursula Elizabeth (b. 29 Aug. 1937), dau. of Herman and Elizabeth (Renate) Topleb; transferred to Ft. Lewis, Wash., Jan. 1958. No children.

GRIFFEY GARTEN MILLER FAMILY

Griffey Garten Miller, son of James Griffey Miller and a Miss Garten, was born 1 April 1830, in Jackson County, Ohio; married 25 December 1853, at Warsaw, Ind., to Sarah Ann, dau. of Edward and Ann (Poor) Atterberry; and died 17 July 1909, Alva, Okla.

Leaving his family behind him in Indiana, he migrated by wagon train to California in 1859, and settled in Northern California. After a period of fruitless mining and prospecting for gold, he engaged in farming and trucking in the Sacramento Valley, near Marysville.

It was 1864 before he could arrange to bring his family out. His wife and two daughters went from Northern Indiana to New York, thence by boat, and across the Isthmus of Panama, to San Francisco.

In 1867 he recrossed the plains with his family by wagon train (of which he was made Captain), via Salt Lake City and Ft. Bridger, and settled in Lyons County, Kan. An infant child, Charles Wesley, died on the way and was buried at Ft. Saunders, Wyo.

In the fall of 1869 he moved to Osage County, and in 1874 to a farm near Burlington in Coffey County. In 1880 he moved to Siloam Springs, Ark.; to Ottawa, Kan., in 1883; in 1896 to a farm near Medicine Lodge, Barber County, but returned to Ottawa in 1891. In 1898 he returned to the farm in Barber County, but shortly after moved to Woods Co., Okla.

Children: Ellen Versalia, b 6 Jan. 1855, Kos-cinsko County, Ind., m. 15 Dec. 1872, to Arthur Dee Clarke, d. 21 Aug. 1907, Alva, Okla.; Emma Cornelia, b. 14 Dec. 1858, Marion County, Ind., m. 27 Oct. 1880, to Corbin Hess Blackford, d. 31 Jan. 1925, Alva, Okla.; Charles Wesley, b. 10 Oct. 1865, Lassen\* County, Calif., d. 31 Aug. 1867, Ft. Saunders, Wyo.;

Maggie Olive, b. 16 Mar. 1867, near Marysville, Calif., m. 30 Sept. 1884, to William Lincoln Beardsley, d. 26 Feb. 1950, Arnett, Okla.; George, b. 18 Apr. 1869, Coffey Co., Kan., d. 26 Sept. 1869; Harvey Martin, b. 16 June 1871, Osage Co., Kan., m. \_\_\_\_\_ to Lou Atkinson, d. 27 Oct. 1946, Carmen, Okla.; Gertrude, b. 8 Mar. 1873\*\*, Osage Co., Kan., d. 7 June 1874; Edward Alonzo, b. 7 July 1875, Coffey Co., Kan., m. 4 Mar. 1896, to Stella Duding, d. 5 May 1939, Putnam City, Okla.; and Walter Theodore, b. 15 Oct. 1877, Coffey Co., Kan., d. 22 Jan. 1882, Siloam Springs, Ark.

James Griffey Miller, father of Griffey Garten Miller, was born in Green Bryer Co., W. Va., in 1804, and died in Indiana in 1851. The surname of his wife was Garten, but her given name is unknown. She was born in Jackson County, Ohio, in 1807, and died in Marion County, Iowa, in 1868.

Sarah Ann Atterberry was born 20 Mar. 1837, reported by some as Albany, N. Y., and by others (including her husband's autobiography) as Era Co., N. Y., and died 4 May 1912, Alva, Okla. \*\*\* Her father, Edward Atterberry, was born in England, came to America about 1835, and died in Osage County, Kan. Her mother, Ann Poor, was also born in England, and died in Indiana. Among their children were Charles, Sarah Ann, Julia, Wesley, Edward, and Alonzo.

\*In the Griffey Garten Miller bible this is given as Plumas Co., but in his autobiography as Lassen.

\*\*In the Miller bible this is given as 1874, but in the autobiography as 1873--the latter probably being correct.

\*\*\*probably means Erie Co., as there has never been an Era Co. in New York. Two grand-daughters have written records, presumably direct from the grandmother herself, which show Albany as her birthplace.