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- Korean War begins
- 1952 Elizabeth II takes over throne when George VI dies
- 1953 Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay reach the top of Mt. Everest
- Ellen Kinney Beard dies September 7, 1953
Phebe Maria Beard- February 6, 1957
Bennett Nichols Beard- January 21, 1960
Mary Louise Beard- September 14, 1964
Stanley Drew Beard- July 31, 1970
Myron Gould Beard- December 25, 1974
Dorothy Beard Newberg- May 18, 1991
Geraldine Beard- September 1, 1994
Marjorie Beard Butt- December 2, 1994
Kathleen Beard Elmer- May 12, 2004
Edith Beard Valentine – April 3, 2009

Ex-Missionary Marks 82nd Birthday

A prim New England school teacher, who left Putnam, Conn., back in 1894 to accompany her husband as a missionary to China, today is celebrating her 82nd birthday in Saginaw.

She's Mrs. W. L. Beard, who now lives with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Newberg, 2306 North Bond.

She was teaching and Rev. Willard Livingstone Beard was a minister in a small Connecticut town when the two met and married, and made immediate plans for spreading Christianity

in China.

They arrived in China at the outbreak of the Boxer Uprising in 1900 and stuck through it in spite of Chinese attempts to oust foreigners from the country.

The Beards were stationed in the city of Foochow, in Fukien Province, where Rev. Mr. Beard eventually became president of Foochow College. Mrs. Beard assisted her husband by teaching English in the college and later in a girls' school.

Their compound, besides the college, consisted of a hospital, a boys' school and girls' school,

as well as eight other missionary homes. It was sponsored by the Congregational Christian Church.

The Beards were involved in more warfare when the Japanese invaded China in the early 1930s, but again they remained through it and were not bothered. In 1936 Rev. Mr. Beard retired but was called back. He retired again in 1941 and died in 1947 at Jacksonville, Fla.

During their 37 years in China, Mrs. Beard obtained a working knowledge of the Chinese language and became adept with chopsticks. She believes her greatest hardship during the years there was the separation from her six children when they came back to America for education.

The eldest daughter became a missionary and returned to China, where she died. Five live in the United States. Besides Mrs. Newberg, there is Mrs. W. R. Butt of Saginaw, Miss Geraldine Beard of New York City, Mrs. Hugh Elmer of Jacksonville, Fla., and Myron G. Beard of New York City.

Past Leaders Entertained

A crystal bowl of daffodils and irises was flanked by yellow tapers at Mrs. Carl Gray King's dinner party for past presidents of Junior Woman's Club. She entertained Tuesday evening at her Golfside home.

When guests played bridge, honors were scored by Mrs. A. E. Leuenberger, Mrs. Robert L. Herrman, Mrs. Allan A. Campbell and Miss Alice A. Arnold. Other attendants were Miss Carrie A. Rieder, Mrs. James H. Curtis, Mrs. Floyd G. Torongo and Mrs. Martin R. Krueger.

Birthday Party Honors Miss Helen Weisheim

Miss Helen Weisheim was entertained by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Weisheim, 1602 Marquette, at a party Saturday observing her 17th birthday. Refreshments and dancing were enjoyed by Misses Doris Clabusch, Joyce Hubbell, Charlotte Bain, Lorraine Schultz, Marlene Schneider, Marlene Trier, Donna Fuller, Delores Donner, Betty Fountain, Lila Weiner, Dolly Pawada, Phyllis Schneider, Donna Martuch, Elsie Reising, Dorothy Weisheim, and Ray Bauer, Robert Goodeman, Alfred Wielock, Nate Slocum, Kenneth Stevens, Jack Dammann, Leonard Schroeder, Donald Zuziak, George Reising, Dan Harnden, William Moore, Douglas Hayden, Dan McCauley and Emeril Lentner.



MRS. W. L. BEARD.
... missionary 37 years.
(Saginaw News Photo.)

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Etta Kinney Hume, Elbert Kinney, Ellen Kinney Beard and Emma Kinney – taken before 1953
[Photo from the collection of Jana L. Jackson]



Kathleen, Geraldine, Ellen, Marjorie, Dorothy wearing dresses from the Philippines - 1950
[Photo in the collection of Jill Elmer Jackson]



The Willard and Ellen Beard family reunion 1950

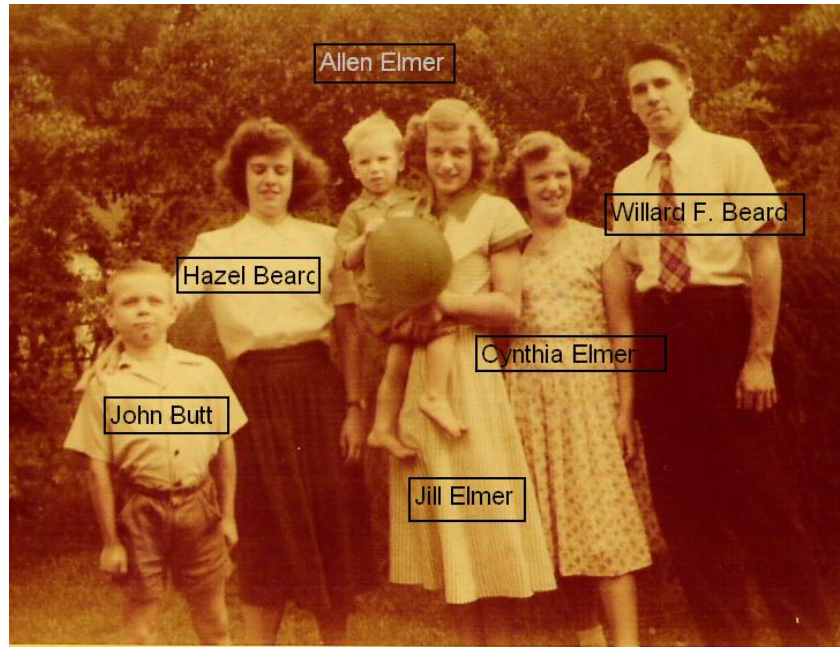
L to R: Jacqueline Elmer, Willard Frederick Beard, Hazel Beard, Cynthia Elmer, Hugh Elmer Kathleen Beard Elmer holding Allen Elmer, Ellen Kinney Beard, Geraldine Beard, Gould Beard, Virginia Space Beard, Marjorie Beard Butt, John Butte, Harold Newberg, Dorothy Beard Newberg.
Marjorie Beard Butt, John Butte, Harold Newberg, Dorothy Beard Newberg.

[Photo from the collection of John and Nancy Butte.]



Geraldine with Fred and "Kits" (Leolyn Jr.) Griffith- 1959

[Photo in the collection of Jill Elmer Jackson]



The grandchildren of Willard and Ellen Beard - about 1950 - photo from the collection of Jill Elmer Jackson



Written on back:" At Pearl and Bill Tayler's in Woodstock Conn. June of 1952

Left to Rt. front: Etta Kinney Hume, Elbert C. Kinney, Ellen Kinney Beard

Rear: Gould and Virginia Beard, Geraldine Beard, Pearl Tayler, Bertha Richardson Tweed, Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlin (Pearl's brother), Dorothy Beard Newberg and Wm. L. Tayler."

[Photo from the collection of Virginia Van Andel.]



Written on back: "At Pearl and Bill Tayler's in Woodstock Conn 7-52 [*previous photo said June '52*]
 Etta Kinney Hume, Elbert C. Kinney, Ellen Kinney Beard.
 Weekend of High School Reunion in Putnam Conn.
 Mother Beard's 66th reunion year, she is 84 yrs old."
 [Photo from the collection of Virginia Van Andel.]



Some of the Beards – probably July 1953

Jill Jackson believes that this photo was taken at Dorothy and Harold's home in Saginaw. Ellen Kinney Beard is in this photo and she died in September of 1953. Allen Elmer is also in this photo and he was born in 1948. If this photo was taken the year Ellen died, Allen would be 5 years old, which is about how old he looks in this photo. Left to right: Gould Beard, Willard F. Beard, Cynthia Elmer, Jill Elmer, Hugh Elmer, Ellen Beard, Hazel Beard, Allen Elmer, Geraldine Beard, Virginia Space Beard, probably Harold Newberg, Dorothy Beard Newberg, unidentified man behind her. Kathleen Beard Elmer may be taking the photo.

[Photo from the collection of John and Nancy Butte.]



Stamped on back: "Week of July 27, 1953"

L to R: Hugh Elmer, Harold Newberg, Dorothy Beard Newberg with young Allen Elmer in front of her, Jill Elmer with young John Butt in front, Kathleen Beard Elmer, Cynthia Elmer, Ellen Beard, and Marjorie Beard Butt. Ralph Butt may be taking the photo.

[Photo from the collection of John and Nancy Butte.]



Written on back: "Taken last September ('52) when Jill left for college."

Left to right: Kathleen, Cynthia, Allen, Jill, Hugh.

[Photo from the collection of Jill Elmer Jackson.]



Ellen L. Kinney wife of Willard L. Beard

March 29, 1868 – Sept. 7, 1953

[Photo from James Smith, Shelton, CT resident and genealogy researcher.]

According to Ellen's death certificate issued in Saginaw, Michigan, Ellen died at age 85 in a Saginaw osteopathic hospital of Recent exacerbation of Cardiac Infarction and Intestinal obstruction with varasio[?hard to read--maybe a varicose condition?] of small intestine. This was discovered during an autopsy.

[From the Saginaw newspaper September 8, 1953]

BEARD, Mrs. Ellen K.

4703 Ironwood Street

Widow of Dr. Willard L. Beard, passed away at the Saginaw Osteopathic Hospital Monday morning. Age 85 years, Ellen L. Kinney was born March 29, 1868, at Union, Connecticut. She graduated from the Putnam Connecticut High School and attended New Britain Normal School and Oberlin College. She taught school in Connecticut for two years. In 1894, she was married to Mr. Beard. They then went to China and were in missionary service at Foochow, China for nearly 45 years. In 1940 [1941], they retired and made their home in Connecticut until Dr. Beard's death in 1947. Since that time she had made her home with her daughters in Saginaw. She attended the First Congregational Church. Surviving are four daughters and one son, Mrs. Harold Newberg, Mrs. W.R. Butt, both of Saginaw; M. Gould Beard, Manhasset, Long Island; Miss Geraldine Beard, New York City, N.Y.; Mrs. Hugh Elmer, Jacksonville, Fla.; six grandchildren; also one sister and one brother; Mrs. Etta Hume and Elbert C. Kinney, both of Putnam, Conn. Funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Case Chapel. Rev. Harry Suttner and Dr. Hugh Townley will officiate with burial in Shelton, Conn. Friends may call at the chapel from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday and are requested to omit flowers.

According to the Memorial Service Book of Ellen Kinney Beard, the pall bearers were Willard F. Beard, Oliver Wells Beard, Daniel N. Beard, Theodore W. Beard, William Lonsdale Tayler, and Seymour F. Valentine. Services were held at the Congregational Church, Shelton, Ct., September 11, 1953. Relatives attending were: Geraldine Beard, Dorothy and Harold Newberg, Marjorie Beard Butt, Virginia Space Beard, Hazel E. Beard, Willard F. Beard, Phebe M. Beard, Stanley Beard, Myra Beard, Bennett Beard, Abbie Beard, Etta Kinney Hume, William L. Tayler, Pearle Tayler, Evangeline Lawson Leslie. [Son, Myron Gould Beard was not listed, so it is unclear if he attended. Daughter, Kathleen Beard Elmer was unable to attend. Memorial book in the collection of Virginia Van Andel.]



THE NEWBERGS REVIVE MEMORIES

... Harold C. (Whitey) Newberg and his wife, Dorothy, coaches and directors of physical education at North Intermediate for most of the past 37 years, thumb through their college year books. Whitey recently retired as director of the YMCA-Boytown Basketball League after 25 years of service. (Saginaw News Photo).

Dorothy Beard Newberg and husband, Harold – probably sometime after 1960

*Excerpt from letter dated **March 4, 1962** written to Kathleen and family from Dorothy:*

I was lucky on the day Astronaut Glenn took his quick trip around the earth.I saw the blast-off and all that the TV showed in the morning. It's refreshing to see a man of his caliber, personality and humility become the nation's hero, after all the attention given by the nation's kids to these screw-ball rock-and-roll singers and twist dancers, and wild west gun-men!! I think that event has increased our prestige around the world. I don't know what to think of more nuclear tests.



Jill Elmer Jackson feels that this is Mary Beard – this could have been taken at Century Farm in Connecticut
[Photo from the collection of Jill Elmer Jackson]

Obituary of **Mary Louise Beard**- died September 4, 1964 [*Breast Cancer*]

Miss Mary Louise Beard, 82, died yesterday afternoon at her home, 564 Long Hill Avenue after a short illness. She was born in Huntington May 26, 1882, and was a descendant of a family which helped found the Town of Milford in 1639. Her father was Oliver Gould Beard and her mother Nancy Maria Nichols Beard.

She attended school in Huntington and graduated from Derby High School in 1901. She was also a graduate of Mount Holyoke College class of 1905. Following graduation she taught for a year in New Haven and for three years in a preparatory school in Santa Barbara, Cal. She also taught for several years and was head of the science department at Monticello Seminary, Godfrey, Ill.

Founded School

In 1914 she went to China with her sister, Flora, and founded an American School there for the children of missionaries. I school was established in Tungchou near Peking. This school furnished training for the primary grades through college preparatory work. In 1920 she returned to this country and obtained her master's degree at Columbia University. Returning to China in 1921 she taught there until 1924.

In 1924, she returned to the family homestead on Long Hill Avenue, Shelton, where she resided the rest of her life.

She was a member of the Shelton Congregational Church being active in the Women's Missionary Society and a past president of the Connecticut Fellowship of Congregational Women. While head of this organization she traveled extensively throughout the state and represented the organization at the national council meetings. She was an honorary deaconess of the church and member of the Silver Circle. She was also a member of the Sarah Riggs Humphreys Chapter, DAR. She is survived by a brother, Stanley Drew Beard, retired director of Lederle Laboratories of Pearl River, N.Y.: four nephews, eight nieces, nine grand nephews and grand-nieces and 13 great-grand-nephews and great-grand-nieces.

Rites Wednesday

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Shelton Congregational Church. I Rev. George L. Mann, pastor, will officiate assisted by the Rev. Howard C. Champe, former pastor, and Mrs. Paul Minear, a director of the Church Board for World Ministries. Mrs. Minear will represent Dr. J.B. Carlton, president of the United Church Board.

Interment will be in Long Hill Cemetery. There will be no calling hours. I Cyrus E. Lewis and Son Funeral Home, 148 Elizabeth Street, Derby, is handling funeral arrangements.



Jill Elmer Jackson and Cynthia Elmer Amend identified the lady at the right as Mary Louise Beard. This undated photo was probably taken at one of the many meetings where Mary spoke about China. These are probably her curios and Chinese clothing that she purchased while in China.

[Photo from the collection of Virginia Van Andel.]

The following was written for the 1995 25th anniversary of Wesley Heights built on the location of Century Farm:

WESLEY HEIGHTS: HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

A tradition began in 1726, when Samuel Beard of Milford paid the “full sum of Nineteen Hundred pounds good Bills of Publick Credit” for the land which came to be known as century Farm at Long Hill in Shelton. From that time on, those who have lived on that land have consistently been committed to strong religious values and concern for others in the community.

Seven generations of the Beard family farmed the land and took an active role in the community and local church. Mary Louise Beard, who sold Century Farm to United Methodist Homes, served as missionary in China before retiring to the family homestead. According to Edith Valentine, a member of the family who signed the deed to The Homes, Century Farm was well known and everyone loved to visit.

At that time in the early 1960's, the existing Methodist Homes in West Haven and Danbury were not large enough to accommodate the growing need for quality care for older adults. Bishop Lloyd Wicke appointed a commission to plan and raise funds for additional senior facilities in Connecticut and New York.

In December, 1964, The Health Care Agencies of the New York Annual Conference of the Methodist Church paid \$5,000 for an option on 39 acres of land from the estate of Mary Louise. The land was purchased the following year for \$120,000.

Wicke Health Center was built first, opening in 1968. Two years later, Wesley Heights began operations. Peg Belden Martin, a newspaper reporter who became one of the first residents at Wesley Heights, kept tabs on the project from the outset.

According to Peg, that first summer, residents lived in a “cloud of dust and no lawns.” They watched as the trees were planted and the streets paved.

In addition, not all the Congregate apartments were finished, so several residents stayed in cottages in West Court and were driven back and forth for meals in the dining room.

Residents soon made Wesley Heights their home, enjoying cookouts, parties, progressive dinners and other neighborly events. A residents association was formed and many issues of concern to residents were worked out. The first newsletter was published in 1971, with Glen Ketchum Maresca as editor and Peg Belden as publisher. Early activities included a sewing circle, woodcarving, table games and sing-a-longs. Bingo games and the Flower Fund (now the Sunshine Fund) debuted in October of 1972. By September of 1975, the newsletter included a full page of activities for residents.

That same year, the resident newsletter took note of how caring and concerned the staff members were. In describing Lillian Haurilak, today the administrator of Wesley Heights, editor Maresca noted: “Who has ever approached Lillian’s door, and not found somebody standing in it, with three or four more outside, while Lillian, between typewriter and telephone, finds the means to smile at one and all and even appears to like to smile, no matter how many times she’s interrupted for no reason at all?”

Throughout these past 25 years, that same attitude of caring has shaped the lives of all who have lived or worked at Wesley Heights. The joy, the smiles, the laughter... the sorrow, the tears and the sadness have been shared and borne by the entire community. Residents and staff come from all over to make a community of caring and love. It is this which we celebrate today, on Wesley Heights’ 25th anniversary.

In a telephone conversation with Edith Beard Valentine on February 22, 2008, Edith told Jana Jackson that she taught kindergarten at a school near Century Farm. She recalled a beautiful staircase within the home. One day she was at school and saw trucks going by and she realized that they were going to the old farm. She had someone watch her class for her and went over to the farm and saw them knocking it down. There had been a problem with vandals at the now vacant house. Later, after the Methodist Mission home was built, she would take her kindergarten class for a walk over to visit the residents.

Following is an undated article regarding Century Farm by Patricia Villers of the Register Staff:

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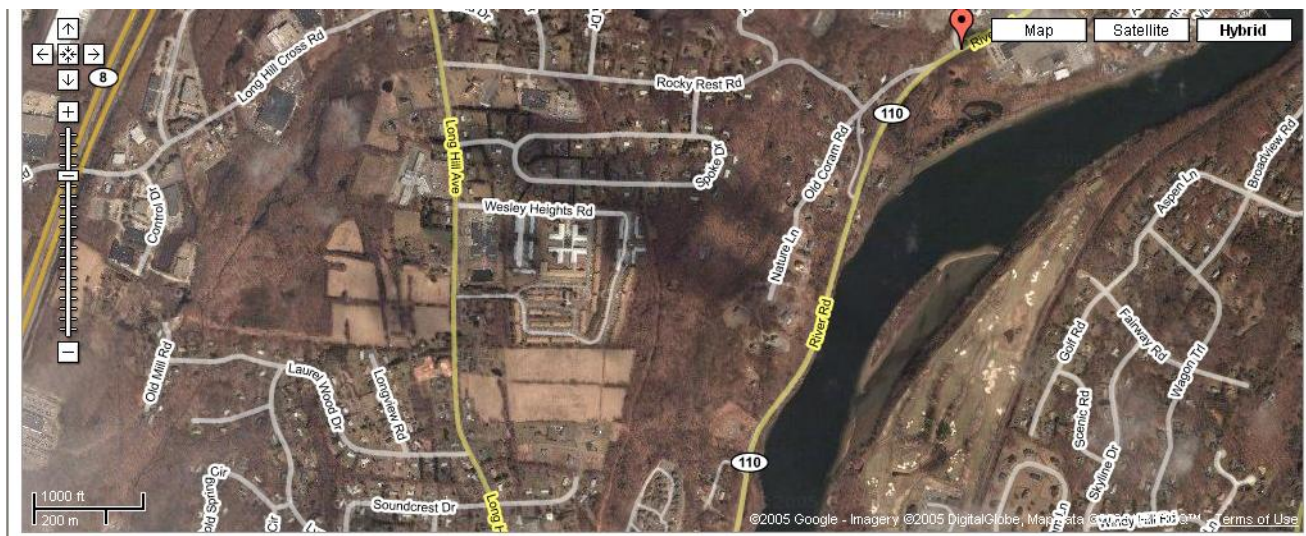
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Property where Century Farm was located – between Long Hill and River Rd– now Wesley Heights Rd.
From Google maps

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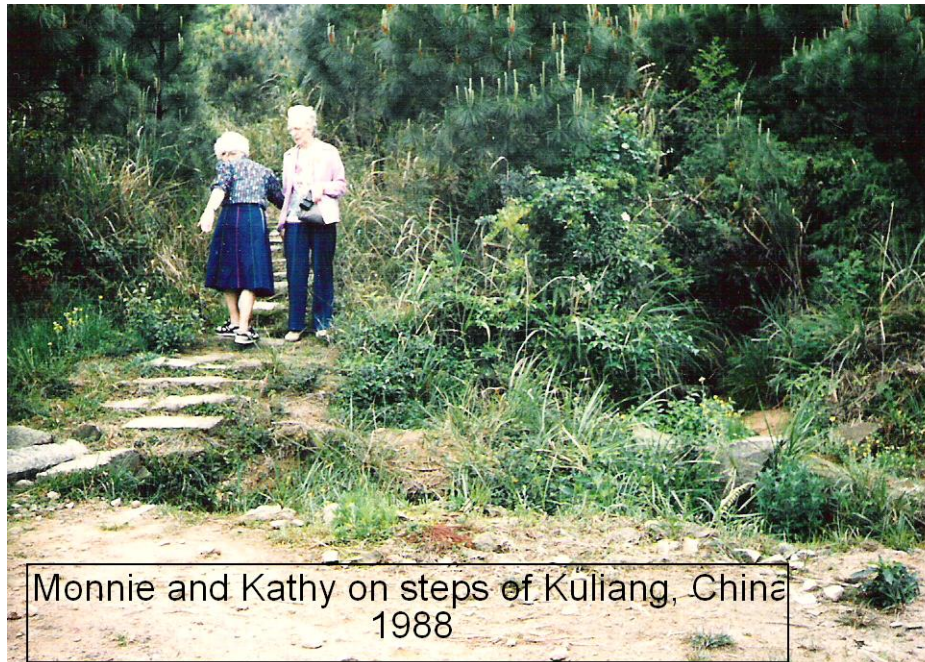
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Monnie Beard Butt, Edith Beard Valentine, Kathleen Beard Elmer, Barbara Beard (wife of Stephen Beard), Nancy Butte [Note-Barbara died in a car accident later that year-1988.]

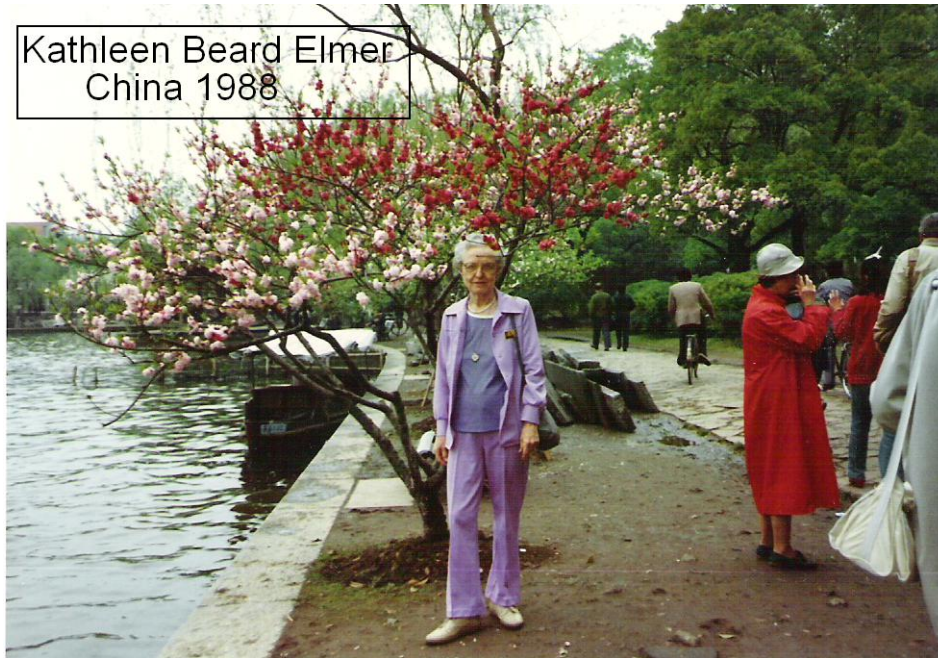


Monnie and Kathy on steps of Kuliang, China
1988



Marjorie and Kathleen on Kuliang 1988
[Photo from the collection of John and Nancy Butte.]

Kathleen Beard Elmer
China 1988



Monnie and Kathleen in China
1988



This photo was taken during the 1988 China trip. It is probably one of the buildings or residences on the Mission Compound in Foochow.

[Photo from the collection of John and Nancy Butte.]



View of Foochow 1988

[Photo from the collection of John and Nancy Butte.]

The following was written by Nancy Butte, wife of John Butte, about her travels to Foochow with Monnie and Kathleen in 1988:

“When we were in Fuzhou it was so very difficult. We were assigned a government guide who spoke some English. We were assigned a hotel and restaurants to eat in. The guide, about 20 years old maybe, left us at the restaurant and would return later to pick us up. Often we were ignored when he left. It was unusual to see Caucasians at that time...there were no signs (as we know them) in English or even pictures that we could read. It was terribly awkward to be detached from the tour guide and group we had been with for almost 3 weeks previously! Monnie and Kathy wanted to see the “old bridge”, and this young guide took us to a bridge built in maybe 1950 or so! THAT was not what they meant, of course. But Fuzhou had grown at a tremendous rate in the last 25 years and so most of it was “new”. The guide did know the white pagoda. It was there that Kathy and Monnie felt some degree of familiarity....large boulders, banyan trees where they had played. But, absolutely no sign of any old Western buildings at all. The guide did not know “Kuliang”...maybe because of the way they pronounced the word, maybe because, like all of China, it had been renamed. The missionaries really took the Chinese pronunciation of words and translated them into English spelling as they sounded. It may not have been originally Kuliang. Where he took us seemed, to me, to be like what they had verbally described to me. But they did not really recognize much. Even though there were sort of overgrown stairs—which they recalled as having been part of the journey—they were not sure. After all, it had been fifty years, hadn’t it? Or more! They had been children in sedan chairs.

Fuzhou is a HUGE city of skyscrapers, waterways, and, at that time, zillions of bicycles!! We rode in a small bus. The kind that may seat 15 people. I did not ever have a paper map of the city. (I always do when traveling, but at that time, such things were not available to tourists) So, I really cannot be specific, sadly. In writing the above, I decided to get out the little “journal” I kept of our trip. (April, 1988) I will write you below what I wrote in the journal.

Wed, April 28, 1988

Today, after a two hour delay at a crowded, smoky, airport in Guangzhou, we stepped off the plane in Fuzhou! Nana (Monnie) has not beamed like this on the entire trip! As we walked together across the asphalt, 5 women from America among 100 Chinese, Monnie looked up, pointed to the hill, and said in a tear-choked voice, “There is Kuliang!” All of the waiting of today was worth it. I airport was a very basic place...luggage delivered to a cement platform in a shed by a truck. So much yelling, shoving, and pushing that we just stood back and waited. But not only a CITS guide awaited us, but also Dr. Chen, a doctor who visited Aunt Gerry in Connecticut when he was at a Public Health Conference about 2 years back. He is about 60, very kind-faced, speaks great English and most hospitable. (Jana, I believe he finally moved permanently to the U.S. and would be helpful if we could locate him!!)

The CITS guide is about 23, a young man named Lin (pronounced Lean) He is so very eager to please us, and will show us anything we wish. Good!

It took only a few minutes before Monnie and Aunt Kathy realized that everything building-wise they remember is gone. Totally. Either bombed in the late 1940’s or torn down. They are quite surprised and distressed by this. What we saw, as we came to our hotel, was typical of China: lots of rubble, some old buildings and some quite new buildings. There are 1.2 million people here now. Our hotel, The Hot Spring Hotel, is many stories, very western and not very full. China has overbuilt new hotels and they are not really well-built nor well-maintained. (i.e., dirty carpets, draperies snagged or unhooked, bath tiles quite dirty.) Hotel shops are overrun by locals out “looking” and they are very loud! This atmosphere does not lend a feeling of quality or tranquility to a place!

April 29

The day dawns muggy and either overcast or smoggy, it’s hard to tell. At 9:00 we board bus and go to Drum Mountain. (GuShan) to locate some remnant of familiarity. One leaves the city soon and there are rice paddies now growing winter wheat. People in straw Chinese hats dot this area—all bent over. In the near distance the land rises abruptly into a rather tall hill....bigger and more rugged than a “hill” actually, but certainly “mountain” is overstating it! At any rate, where they used to walk up on stairs there is now a road winding crazily up. First it’s paved, but soon it is a dirt road progressively more bumpy and narrow. The other four are saying “ooh” and “ah” at steep cliffs and hairpin turns. The hillsides have been planted with pines and there are wild azaleas, white climbing roses, and wild lilies. The fog/clouds drift by occasionally, obscuring views but only adding to the sense of being quite removed from the city. We were not really blessed with a view from any part of the mountain to the plain—but Monnie recalled it for us. All of the old houses appeared gone—the Air Force now has buildings and antennae on top. Monnie and Kathy searched in vain for something familiar everywhere we stopped. A few peasants live near the top in a small cluster of buildings and we saw them on the terraced hillside and near houses.

On the way down we stopped at Gushing Spring Temple. What was there was not important. But, here a man came up and spoke. He had been in Dr. Beard's school and recalled for us those days!! THAT cheered up Monnie and Kathy a lot!

We continued down in the bus and went to lunch. After lunch we visited the Christian Church. (Flower Lane Church) This is one of 400 in Fujian Province we were told. While we had tea and walked about, (the sanctuary building was a Western-style church) they went to fetch "THE BISHOP"! He appeared in about 25-30 minutes. He was 85 and not retired. He remembered Dr. Beard and others who Monnie and Kathy knew. We had a long visit, signed the guest book, and took pictures. (talking through interpreters)



L to R: Financial Ch.; Monnie; Bishop Mosu[?] Hsieh; an aid; Kathy
[Photo from the collection of Jill Elmer Jackson.]

Finally, we left and visited Lacquerware Factory #2. Our guide could not speak well on how the lacquer products were made. We each bought something in the usual shop after the "tour". We visited another shop of Arts and Crafts of China, then to the hotel.

Dr. Chen came about 5:50 and we six had tea in the lobby/bar for about an hour. It was very interesting to speak to him. He has an exceptionally kind face and I liked him immediately. You can tell he is well-educated and has traveled a great deal. His wife and two children live in New York and work there. The children all graduated from Syracuse."

Myron Gould Beard



In Memoriam Death Takes DC-3 Pioneer
From: American Airlines "Flagship News: January 6, 1975

M.G. (Dan) Beard, who played a key role in the development of transport aircraft from the DC-3 to the 707, died Dec. 25. at Veterans Hospital in Northport, N.Y. He was 78.

A noted test pilot and aeronautical engineer, Mr. Beard was assistant vice president, safety, when he retired from American in 1964.

He joined American as a pilot in 1932. Later, as chief engineering pilot, he worked with a long-time friend and associate, the late William Littlewood, who was then AA's vice president, engineering. In the mid-1930s, Mr. Beard flight-tested the DC-3 before its entry into commercial service. Mr. Beard, Mr. Littlewood and Douglas Aircraft Corp. engineers were primarily responsible for the development of the most famous of all piston airplanes, the DC-3.

Another highlight of a career studded with accomplishment came at the end of World War II, when Mr. Beard headed up a group of American engineers and pilots, under a Navy contract, in research on airborne radar. From this research came the installation in the mid-1950s of this important navigational aid.

A long list of AA "firsts" bears the strong imprint of Mr. Beard and Mr. Littlewood: Specifications and sponsorship of the DC-6, Convair 240 and DC-7; development of flashing navigation lights; an entire fleet equipped with full-feathering propellers, reverse pitch propellers, to name a few.

He received numerous awards for his contributions to aviation. He was the holder of the Air Medal. Other honors included a citation from the University of Michigan, the Flight Safety Foundation's Safety Award, a certificate of appreciation from the Society of Automotive Engineers and the AA Million Miler Captain Award.

He was a fellow of the Institute of Aerospace Sciences and belonged to several other aviation and fraternal groups.

He is survived by his wife Virginia; daughter Hazel; son Willard F. Beard, an Air Force major based in Honolulu; sisters Geraldine Beard, Dorothy Newberg, Marjorie Butt and Kathleen Elmer, and two grandchildren.

[From a resume of Gould provided by his descendants, Gould was a member of the Quiet Birdmen, an exclusive and secretive aviation organization.]

In a note to Gould's Biographical Sketch, written shortly after 1963, F. W. Kolk adds the following:

The above recitation of names and places really doesn't do too much to give a stranger a correct impression of Dan Beard. Behind this outline lies a long story of continuous adventure, punctuated by the exercising of leadership in dealing with everything from black gangs on tramp steamers to groups of highly individualistic, intelligent and temperamental engineers and similar technicians. He has had to exercise ingenuity in keeping engines running at sea and in the air and he has particularly faced up to and solved the problems arising from the front ends of airplanes in the various capacities of pilot, engineer and management. He has taken a turkey buzzard full in the face through the windshield of a Ford Tri-motor. He has deliberately spun large transport airplanes. He has re-built baulky, raw engines with his bare hands, manufacturing some of the necessary parts and he has led, cajoled and forced the development of American Airlines' fleet of transport airplanes into the finest, all-around aircraft in the World, and in so doing has become one of the most loved and respected figures in American aviation today.



The following article is from the Encyclopedia of American Biography, New Series, Volume XXIX, a Publication of The American Historical Company, Inc. New York, 1959:

BEARD, Myron Gould "Dan"

Assistant Vice President for Equipment Research of the American Airlines since 1954 and active in the field of aeronautical engineering for more than thirty years, Mr. Beard is a Fellow of the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences and member of the Society of Automotive Engineers. His articles on aeronautical subjects have appeared in the "Society of Automotive Engineers Journal" and the "Aeronautical Engineering Review" of the "Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences: since 1929, and he has presented papers frequently before both societies. He is chairman of the SAE Committee on Cockpit Standardization, which received the Flight Safety Foundation's safety award in 1953 for having obtained for the first time a national standard flight instrument panel for transport planes. Made a Fellow of the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences in 1954, he served on the IAS Council from 1954 to 1956. He has been a member of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, Committee on Operating Problems since 1944. He was Chairman of the Daniel Guggenheim Medal Board of Award for 1958.

Mr. Beard was born in Foochow, China, on November 13, 1896, the son of Willard Livingston[e] Beard and Ellen Lucy (Kinney) Beard. His ancestry stems from family roots put down in America during early colonial days. Records show that Martha Beard and five children landed in Boston on June 26, 1637 and moved to the Milford (Connecticut) colony in 1639, the father, James Beard, having died enroute on the ship "Martin". She was one of the few "free planters" who alone had liberty to act in choice of carrying on public affairs in the plantation. I family lineage runs through Samuel Beard, a Lieutenant in the Milford Trainee-Band in 1723; James Beard, Deacon Samuel Beard, a Sergeant in Captain Birdy's Connecticut Company in the Revolutionary War; Joel Beard who built the house in 1783, now standing on the original Beard homestead in Huntington, Connecticut; Joes Beard, 2nd, a

representative in the Connecticut State Legislature in 1855; Oliver Gould Beard, grandfather of Myron Gould Beard. His father, William [Willard] L. Beard was born February 5, 1865 at Huntington, Connecticut, graduated from Oberlin College in 1891, and from Hartford Theological Seminary in 1894. He received an Honorary D.D. degree from Oberlin College in 1916. He married Ellen Lucy Kinney, born May 29, 1868, in Putnam, Connecticut, and that same year, 1894, they went as missionaries to Foochow, China, under the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. During the first term he founded the Foochow Theological Seminary of that Mission. From 1905-1910 he started YMCA work in Fukien Province, China. In 1912 he was appointed President of Foochow College of the American Board. Dr. and Mrs. Beard were the parents of one son and five daughters, all born, reared and educated in China. They retired finally in 1941 and returned to the United States in August of that year.

Mr. Beard studied in the grammar school of the Foochow Mission until 1909, then entered P.S. no. 3 in Mount Vernon, New York, and he graduated from Putnam High School in Connecticut in 1916. He attended Oberlin College in 1916 and the first semester of 1917, and then after World War I he returned to College in 1921 and obtained the degree of Bachelor of Engineering at the University of Michigan in 1925.

During World War I, Mr. Beard enlisted in the Army Air Corps on December 21, 1917, and was then stationed at the USSMA Princeton Ground School from March 21, 1918 to May 15, 1918. He took his flight training at Kelly Field, Texas on the Curtis JN 4-OX, commonly called the Curtiss "Jenny". He made his first flight on June 17, 1918, soloed on June 26th following, in 4 hours, 2 minutes, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps on November 12, 1918. He resigned on January 19, 1919 and accepted a commission in the Army Air Corps Reserve and remained in the Reserves through WWII.

Upon receiving his aviator's wings in World War I, he was presented with a membership in the Federation Aeronautique Internationale- Aero Club of America No. 3739, and in 1929 he joined the Quiet Birdmen (QB's) in the New York hangar.

Test engineer on diesel engines at the Winton Engine Works, Cleveland, Ohio, from February to July 1919, Mr. Beard was third assistant engineer of the motor ship Mount Baker of the Gaston, Williams and Wigmore Globe Line from July to December 1919, and second assistant engineer in January and February, 1920. First assistant engineer from February, 1920, to February, 1921, he served on the ship to Europe, South America and Gulf of Mexico ports, and he then became installation engineer on diesel engines at the Newport Ship Building Company at Wilmington, North Carolina, from February to June 1921.

Upon his graduation from the University of Michigan, in 1925, Mr. Beard became associated with the Ingersoll-Rand Company on design, test and installation of diesel engines from July 1925 to August 1927. He re-entered the aviation engineering field when he became an installation engineer and test pilot for the Fairchild-Camenez Engine Corporation of Farmingdale, New York. In September 1927 he passed the tests for a Limited Commercial Pilot's License No. 755 and the Transport Pilot's rating in 1930, with the Airline Transport Instrument rating following in 1934.

Mr. Beard was the test pilot of the Fairchild Aviation Corporation from October 1928 to July 1929 when he became chief test pilot of the American Airplane and Engine Corporation of Farmingdale and he served in this post until October 1932, at which time he was attached to the New York Office of the Aviation Corporation which was the holding corporation of the previous mentioned companies. It was as chief test pilot of the Fairchild Aviation Corporation that Mr. Beard did most of the development testing on the Fairchild-Camenez "Cam" engine. He also flew initial test flights on the KR-21; the KR-34; the Pilgrim X-100 and X-150; the Clark GA-43 and numerous pontoon versions of the land models.

Co-pilot with American Airways, Incorporated, from January 1933 to June 1934, he was promoted to Chief Test Pilot of American Airlines from June, 1934 to January 1935. Instrument flying check pilot with the operations department of American Airlines at Chicago from January to November 1935, Mr. Beard became chief test pilot in American Airlines engineering department, testing the DC-3 at the Douglas Factory, and he was later appointed Chief Engineering Pilot of the Engineering Department, first at Chicago and later at New York, from January 1937 to October 1943. Mr. Beard held the post of director of flight engineering of American Airlines from October 1950 to 1954, and he now holds the post of Assistant Vice President in charge of Equipment Research of American Airlines.

As chief engineering pilot and director of flight engineering for American Airlines, he personally did all acceptance testing of the Vultee V-1A at Glendale, California, the Douglas DC-2, DC-3, and he was in charge of testing the DC-6 and DC-6B at Santa Monica, California, and the Convair 240 at San Diego, California.

Mr. Beard, as chief engineer, was in charge of development and analysis and he was responsible for the specifications of the Douglas DC-7. As assistant Vice President, Equipment Research, he was in charge of

developing the preliminary specifications and performance requirements for the Lockheed Electra turbo prop transport, and for American Airlines model of the Boeing 707-123 jet transport.

During World War II Mr. Beard was pilot and flight engineer on the crew of the first cargo DC-3 flown by American Airlines for the Air Transport Command, Cargo Survey flight to Greenland in preparation for military cargo service across the North Atlantic. This was in April 1942. He was on the crew as flight engineer and pilot of the first four-engine survey flight flown across the North Atlantic with a C87 cargo plane in October 1942. Mr. Beard was attached to a special mission for the Defense Supplies Corporation as pilot on a DC-3 to indoctrinate the Brazilians with the excellence of the American flight equipment to replace the German airplanes which were taken over when the Brazilian Government nationalized the German Condor Airline System into a Brazilian Airline System. This mission was conducted from January 1st, 1943 to March 22nd, 1943.

In May 1943, Mr. Beard was flight engineer and pilot on the first cargo flight with a C-54 across the North Atlantic. This flight started across the north Atlantic from Gander, Newfoundland to plant a radio navigation station in the Azores. An hour before arriving there, they received radio orders to detour the Azores and land at Marrakech, Africa. The flight then proceeded to Preswick, Scotland. This was the first nonstop flight from New Foundland to Africa and was accompanied by General Ben Giles, Commander of the North Atlantic wing. General Giles and the entire crew received the Air Medal for this flight.

From 1935 to 1950, Mr. Beard personally flew most of the experimental icing tests on the DC-2, DC-3, DC-4 and DC-6 for American Airlines. From 1945 to 1948, he was in charge of the experimental work and flew many of the tests to determine operational uses of airborne radar, which is now so useful for weather surveillance.

As an additional sidelight to his professional flight testing work, he was the second pilot and the first airline pilot to fly the famous DC-3 on December 21, 1935 and participated with the Douglas test pilot in all of the certification flights on that famous airplane. On one of these flights, Mrs. Beard Accompanied her husband, being the first woman to fly in the DC-3. The DC-3 was later rated one of the four outstanding vehicles of transportation of World War II.

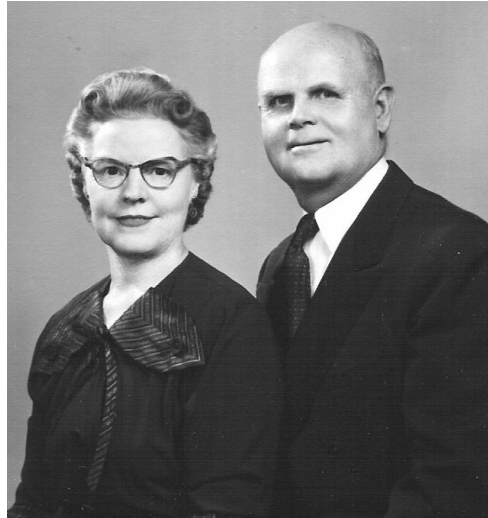
Mr. Beard flew his first jet powered plane on August 29, 1945 which was a Bell P-59 twin engine jet. He was also the first U.S. Pilot to fly the A.V. Roe Canadian "Avro-jet" on April 27, 1950. On April 21, 1953, he was invited to fly the British Vickers Viscount and in August 1953, the first British Bristol Britannia. On September 12, 1955 he was invited to fly the first American built jet transport- the Boeing 707, and on February 21, 1958, the first American turbo-prop commercial transport- the Lockheed Electra, and was the first airline pilot to fly both these airplanes. Climaxing a long flying career, on October 7, 1958, he flew the Convair Delta wing supersonic TF-102A, putting it through the sound barrier to Mach 1.3 or about 900 miles per hour.

Mr. Beard enjoys social connections as a member of the Michigan Union of the university of Michigan and of Bethpage Lodge No. 975, Free and Accepted Masons at Farmingdale, L.I., N.Y. He is a member of the Congregational Men's Club and a past president of the LaGuardia Airport Kiwanis Club. When he can find leisure from his duties, his favorite sports are sailing, hunting and fishing and his hobbies are woodworking, horticulture and gardening.

Mr. Beard was married on July 15, 1930, to Virginia Blatchley Space, the daughter of Frederick Grant Space and of Hazel Bauman (Van Namee) Space. Her father's family is descended directly from John and Priscilla Alden, of "Mayflower" fame, and her mother's family stems from Elder Brewster who also came over in the "Mayflower". Mr. Frederick Grant Space was born at Port Jervis, New York, on August 4, 1886, graduated from Port Jervis High School and attended the Young Men's Christian Association School in New York City. Purchasing agent for the General Ordnance Company of Derby, Connecticut from 1916 to 1921, he held the same post with the Seymour Manufacturing Company of Seymour from 1921 until his retirement in 1954. Mrs. Beard's mother [Virginia Space Beard's mother] was born in Mount Vernon, New York, on March 25, 1889. Both of her parents now reside in Oxford, Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Beard have two children: 1. Hazel Ellen, born on July 9, 1931, at Derby, Connecticut, graduated from Manhasset High School in 1950 and attended Pennsylvania College for Women in Pittsburgh, 1950-1954 majoring in Biology. She is now assisting with research work in the Laboratories of New York Botanical Gardens. During the summer of 1954, Hazel Beard was the young Adult Community Ambassador from Manhasset, New York under the Experiment in International Living, to Denmark where she lived with a Danish family the entire summer. 2. Willard Frederick, born at Cincinnati, Ohio, on December 7, 1933, graduated from Manhasset High School in 1951 and obtained the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration at the University of Michigan in 1955. A second lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve Officer's Training Corp., he attended the navigation school at Harlingen, Texas, Air Force Base, becoming a First Lieutenant, and he is now navigation officer on KC97 tankers at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Air Force Base. He married Mona Kerruish Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Junius P. Wilson, 2nd of Roslyn Estates, on July 27, 1957. They are the parents of Virginia Lee born July 4, 1958 [and later, 'Barbara June', July 25, 1960].

Few pilots have had such an extensive experimental and test flight record as Mr. Beard. In May 1958 he had accumulated 6,200 hours in all types of airplanes and most of it in engineering and experimental testing. Mr. and Mrs. Beard make their home at Manhasset, New York.

[Copy of article provided by the family of Willard Frederick Beard, son of Myron Gould Beard.]



Dorothy and Harold Newberg after 1950 [From the collection of Jill Elmer Jackson]

[From the Oberlin College Alumni Magazine]

Dorothy (Beard) Newberg

Dorothy Beard Newberg, [OHS '19, OC '23, died] May 18, 1991, in Saginaw, Mich. Born Feb. 26, 1901, in Foochow, China, she taught physical education in Saginaw 29 years. She coached girls' basketball for Ames United Methodist Church, winning state championships in 1936 and 1937. She was a former Worthy Matron and Grand Ruth of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold; her father, Willard L. Beard, Class of 1891; her mother, Ellen Kinney Beard, Class of 1891; a sister, Phebe Beard '19; and a brother, M. Gould '20. She is survived by sisters Geraldine Beard '21, Marjorie Beard Butt '28, and Kathleen Beard Elmer '30. *Oberlin Alumni Magazine*, Oberlin, Ohio, Fall 1991, p. 32.

[From the Saginaw newspaper, May 1991]

Newberg, Mrs. Dorothy B.,
Saginaw, Michigan

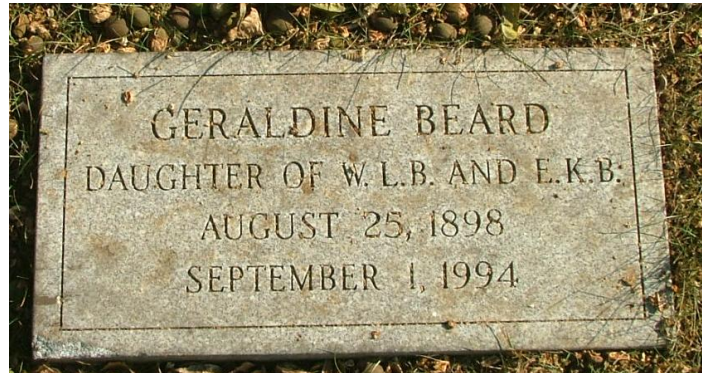
Passed away Saturday, May 18, 1991 at the Saginaw Geriatrics Home. Age 90 years. Dorothy Beard was born Feb. 26, 1901 in Fuzhou, China, where her parents were missionaries. She was married to Harold C. (Whitey) Newberg on Aug. 17, 1927. He predeceased her Nov. 9, 1969. She was graduated from Oberlin College and then taught physical education at North School until her retirement. Mrs. Newberg was an active member of Ames United Methodist Church where she and her husband organized the athletic program. She also sang in the choir and taught Sunday school. She was a member of the Bethlehem Chapter #105 O.E.S. where she was a past Worthy Matron and also Grand Ruth at State Convention. Surviving are three sisters, Geraldine Beard and Marjorie Butt, both of Saginaw; Kathleen Elmer, Jacksonville, Fla; many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will take place 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at Ames United Methodist Church, 2015 Hanchett St. Rev. John W. Hinkle will officiate with burial in Roselawn Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at the W.L. Case and Company Funeral Chapel, 409 Adams Street from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday where the Bethlehem Chapter [Copy unreadable here for a couple of words. Possibly- will conduct a memorial..] ..rial service at 7:30 p.m. They may then call at the church on Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until time of service. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider the Ames United Methodist Church or the Bethlehem Chapter #105 O.E.S. designated for the ESTARL Fund.



1982- Dan and Bea's 50th Anniversary [*Dan Beard and wife, Beatrice*]

Left to Right standing: Geraldine Beard, Win Valentine (son of Edith Beard Valentine), Hazel Beard
 Left to Right seated: Virginia Space Beard (wife of Myron Gould Beard), Edith Beard Valentine (daughter of Bennett N. Beard), Maureen Valentine (Win's wife)



Geraldine's gravestone- Riverside Cemetery

Geraldine Beard
 Daughter of W.L.B. and E.K.B.
 August 25, 1898
 September 1, 1994

[Photo from James Smith, Shelton resident and genealogy researcher.]

[From the Saginaw newspaper, September of 1994]

Beard, Geraldine,
 Saginaw, Michigan.

Passed away Thursday morning at Saginaw Geriatrics Home. Age 96 years. She leaves a sister, Mrs. Marjorie Butt, Saginaw.

Cremation has taken place. Burial will take place in Connecticut. Arrangements by the McIntyre Chapel.



Monnie and Ralph's grave stone, Bay Robert, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada

Nancy Butte wrote in an email about Monnie and Ralph's gravesite: "Monnie and Ralph are buried in Bay Roberts, Newfoundland in a little old cemetery on a bluff overlooking the sea. It is a windswept and lovely spot."

[Photo from the collection of Jill Elmer Jackson]

Obituary of **Marjorie Beard Butt**

Butt, Marjorie (Monnie)

Saginaw Township

Passed away early Friday morning, December 2, 1994 at her home after a short illness. Age 88 years. Born Marjorie Beard, February 17, 1906 in Foochow, China, the daughter of a Congregational Missionary couple who spent 50 years in China and founded a university there. Like her five siblings, she was sent back to the United States in her mid-teens. She was raised thereafter on the family farm in Shelton, Conn., by two maiden aunts. Monnie graduated from Oberlin College (Ohio) and went to Labrador with the Grenfell Mission as a teacher to the Indians. There she met and became engaged to William Ralph Butt who was then starting a five year apprenticeship as a Hudson's Bay Company trading post manager. There were forced to wait the entire duration of the apprenticeship before HBC company policy would allow them to marry. The long wait was rewarded, however, by what Monnie refers to as a "two year honeymoon" while Ralph managed the HBC post at Davis Inlet, Labrador. They were totally alone there at that outpost except for the occasional trapper or Indian who came to trade. From that position near the Arctic Circle, they were enlisted as part of the Allie's "Distant Early Warning" (DEW LINE) using morse code through a huge government supplied, gas generator powered radio to send daily reports of weather condition and airplane spotted and identified to the military base during the war. *[Nancy Butte added a note here that "The part about the DEW line should be when they were in Fort Nelson, British Columbia."]* Monnie and Ralph briefly returned to the U.S. for the birth of their son, then were reassigned across country to the HBC Post at Northwest River, British Columbia *[actually Labrador]*. Traveling there, they were informed that theirs was the first infant up the newly opened ALCAN Highway. At two their son suffered a short illness that frightened them into an

appreciation of the vulnerability of their remote existence. They returned to the U.S. settling in Saginaw, Michigan where Monnie had a married sister living. Within a few years, Ralph won the position of administrator for the new Osteopathic Hospital being founded in an old Victoria mansion on N. Michigan Ave. in Saginaw. Monnie supported Ralph through the difficult years that saw both the hospital grow from fewer than eight beds to over 275 and Ralph elected to the position of National President of the American Osteopathic Hospital Association. During these years Monnie taught school, raised two children and was active in the First Congregational Church of Saginaw. The AAUW, P.E.O and many civic organizations. She was married to William R. Butt on August 31, 1940 in St. Johns, Newfoundland, Canada. He passed away on October 16, 1983. Surviving is one son and one daughter, John C. Butte and his wife Nancy and their children, Ted and Jessie Butte of Burlingame, California and Sharon Murphy and her husband Gerald Murphy of Hemlock and their daughter, Brookie Taylor of Midland; one great0grandon, Trent Rogers; one sister, Kathleen Elmer, Jacksonville, Fla.; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, husband, one brother and three sisters.

Memorial service will take place at the date to be announced later at the First Congregational Church. Dr. Charles Guerreno Jr. will be officiating. Burial will take place at Bay Roberts, Newfoundland, Canada. Memorials may be made to the First Congregational Church, Hospice of Saginaw, or the American Cancer Society. Cremation has taken place. Arrangements by the McIntyre Chapel.



Gravestone of Hazel Ellen Beard
July 9, 1931- June 7, 1999

Hazel E. Beard [From the Manhasset Press, June 18, 1999 edition]

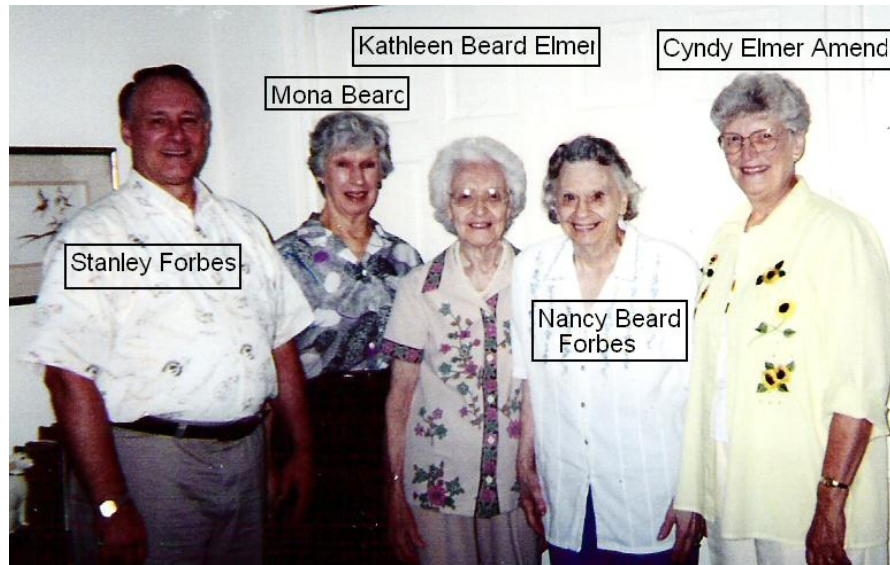
Hazel E. Beard, Manhasset resident since 1942, succumbed to cancer at the Sunharbor Manor in Roslyn Heights on Monday, June 7. Daughter of M. Gould "Dan" Beard of American Airlines and Virginia Space Beard, Hazel assumed the family Munsey Park home after the death of her mother in 1994.

A Manhasset High School graduate, Class of 1950, Hazel attended Chatham College in Pittsburgh and received her degree from Adelphi in 1980. In the middle 1940's she attended the Aloha Summer Camps in Fairlee, Vermont, and acquired a life-long interest in nature and the environment. An original appointee to the Nassau County Soil and Water Board, she continued to serve on the board until the time she was incapacitated.

Miss Beard worked as a laboratory research technician at the New York Botanical Gardens and then spent several years as a dental assistant for three Manhasset dentists. For the past several years she has been a receptionist with the Fairchild and Sons Funeral Home in Manhasset.

A memorial service will be held in The Congregational Church of Manhasset Chapel on Tuesday, June 29, at 7:30 p.m. The family suggests in lieu of flowers, a donation to any environmental or nature organization.

Hazel is survived by her brother, Maj. Willard Beard, USAF Ret. of Charlottesville, VA.



Stanley Forbes (son of Nancy, grandson of Stanley Beard), Mona Beard (wife of Willard F. Beard), Kathleen Beard Elmer (daughter of Willard and Ellen), Nancy Beard Forbes (daughter of Stanley Beard) and Cynthia Elmer Amend (daughter of Kathleen Beard Elmer). Probably 2000 or 2002

Kathleen [Beard] Elmer, 95 Jacksonville

Kathleen Elmer, a resident of Jacksonville since 1946, died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, in Crystal River, at the age of 95.

She was born Aug. 10, 1908, in Foochow, China, in a small stone cottage near the top of a mountain called Kuliang. She was named Kathleen Cynthia Beard. Her father, Willard L. Beard, was a missionary and principal of a Chinese boys' high school, and her mother, Ellen Kinney Beard, taught English in his school. She was educated in China by missionary wives until the age of 12. Kathleen left China at the age of 12, sailing from Shanghai to Seattle, Wash., with her parents when they returned to the United States on furlough.

She then lived in Oberlin, Ohio, and completed her high school education there [*OHS class of 1926*]. She met her childhood sweetheart and future husband, Hugh Elmer, in Oberlin.

Following high school, she attended Oberlin College and graduated in 1931 with a degree in music. After graduation she went to Logan, Utah, and taught in a high school for one year. She then returned to Saginaw, Mich., and married Hugh Elmer on Sept. 9, 1932.

They settled in Jacksonville in 1946 and joined the Epperson Memorial Methodist Church. Kathleen became the church organist and she was also very active in other church functions. She continued playing the organ and piano for the church for more than 50 years. In addition to playing the organ and piano for the church, she played for many weddings and other functions. She also wrote numerous songs including songs for individual weddings.

When Epperson Memorial Methodist Church closed, she became a member of the Wesley Fellowship.

She was a member of the PEO Sorority.

In 1988, she and her sister Marjorie, escorted by her niece, Nancy Butte, returned to China for a visit to see their birthplace and childhood home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hugh Elmer, Dec. 7, 1996; four sisters, Phoebe Beard, Geraldine Beard, Marjorie Butt and Dorothy Newberg; and one brother, Gould Beard.

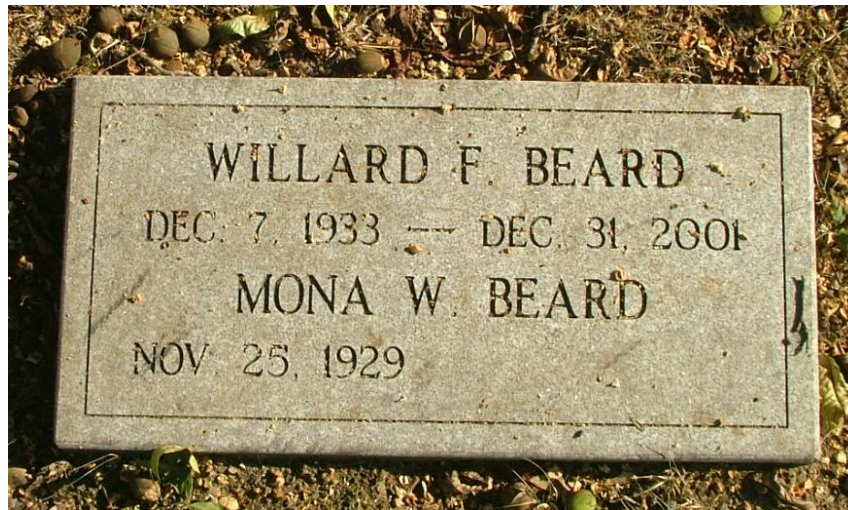
Survivors include one son, Allen Elmer and wife, Sherry, of Jacksonville; two daughters, Cynthia (Cyndy) Amend and husband, Bob, of New Smyrna Beach, and Jacqueline (Jill) Jackson and husband, Charles, of Crystal River;

nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Her grandchildren and their spouses are: Adam Elmer and wife, Sandy, Nicole Simmons and husband, Randy, Christopher Elm, Mark Jackson and wife, Jana, Scott Jackson and wife, Della, Laura Peugh and husband, Bill, Robert Amend and wife, Robin, Michael Amend and wife, Diana, and Steve Amend.

Her great-grandchildren are: William Peugh III, Timothy Peugh, Jordan Peugh, James Peugh, Liana Amend, Nathaniel Amend, Rachel Amend, Michaela Amend, Andrew Amend, Megan Amend, Sarah Jackson, Joshua Jackson, Lucas Jackson, Jamie Jackson and Brett Jackson.

Citrus County Chronicle, Crystal River, Florida, May 15, 2004.



Willard Frederick Beard

Obituary -Charlottesville Observer, Jan. 2, 2002

Willard F. Beard, 68, a resident of Charlottesville, died Dec. 31, 2001. Mr. Beard and his wife, Mona, were long time residents of Honolulu before moving to Charlottesville six years ago. He was born on Dec. 7, 1933, in Cincinnati, the son of Virginia Space Beard and Myron Gould "Dan" Beard, an aviation pioneer. As his father was an early pilot with American Airlines, he grew up on Long Island, N.Y., with a love of aviation. After graduating from the University of Michigan, he joined the Air Force as a second lieutenant in 1956. While in the service, he obtained an MBS from Harvard Business School and then was stationed at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines, where he flew cargo missions to Vietnam for two years. During that time, his flight crew received the Marine Unit Citation at Khe Sahn. He was transferred to staff duty at Hickman Air Force Base in Honolulu, where he retired in 1976.

After retirement, he became active in local Honolulu politics. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention, and ran successfully [*unsuccessfully*] for the U.S. House of Representatives. During that time he joined the Sons of the American Revolution. He and his family were active supporters of the Obedience Training and Labrador Retriever Clubs of Hawaii. He worked annually for H&R Block, in both Hawaii and Charlottesville. After moving to Charlottesville, he was actively involved in leadership of the local chapter of the Air Force Association. He has been a lifelong supporter of many national and local non-profit groups focusing on environmental and social issues.

Will is survived by his wife, Mona Wilson Beard, whom he met and married on Long Island in 1957; two daughters, Barbara June Scott and Virginia Beard Van Anel; four grandchildren, living in California and Michigan.

Services for this weekend will be announced by Teague Funeral Home. Donations in his name may be made to Hospice of the Piedmont, 1490 Pantops Mountain Place, Suite 200, Charlottesville, VA, 22911, or the Virginia or Hawaiian Chapters of the Nature Conservatory.

Myron Gould Beard's family

Family Group Sheet

Husband: Myron Gould Beard		
Born: 13 Nov 1896	in: Foochow, China	
Married: 15 Jul 1930		
Died: 25 Dec 1974	in: Veteran's Hospital, Northport, NY	
Father: Willard Livingstone Beard		
Mother: Ellen Lucy Kinney		
Wife: Virginia Blatchley Space		
Born: Abt. Apr 1910	in: NY	
Father: Frederick Grant Space		
Mother: Hazel Bauman Van Namee		
CHILDREN		
1 F	Name: Hazel Ellen Beard	
	Born: 09 Jul 1931	in: Derby, CT
	Died: 07 Jun 1999	in: Manhasset, New York
2 M	Name: Willard Frederick Beard	
	Born: 07 Dec 1933	in: Cincinnati, OH
	Died: 31 Dec 2001	in: Charlottesville, VA
	Married: 27 Jul 1957	in: Manhasset
	Spouse: Mona Kerruish Wilson	



L to R: Hazel, Virginia, Gould and Willard F. Beard
Hazel is also seen in her later years in the first photo on the previous page.
[Photo from the collection of Virginia Van Andel.]

Willard Frederick Beard's family

Family Group Sheet

Husband: Willard Frederick Beard	
Born: 07 Dec 1933	in: Cincinnati, OH
Married: 27 Jul 1957	in: Manhasset
Died: 31 Dec 2001	in: Charlottesville, VA
Father: Myron Gould Beard	
Mother: Virginia Blatchley Space	
Wife: Mona Kerruish Wilson	
Father: Junius Pendleton Wilson, Jr.	
CHILDREN	
1	Name: Virginia Lee Beard
F	Born: 04 Jul 1958
	Married: 28 Dec 1985
	Spouse: Richard John Van Andel
2	Name: Barbara June Beard
F	Born: 25 Jul 1960
	Married: 30 Dec 1989
	Spouse: Stephen Reid Scott

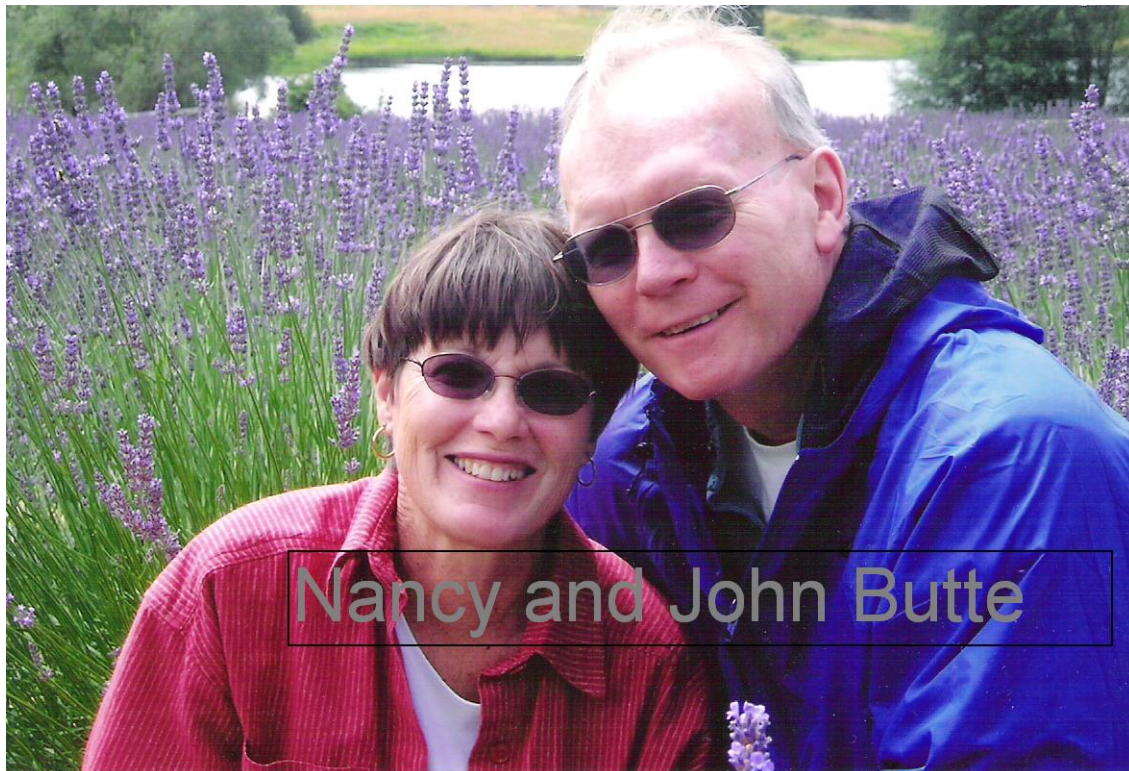


Willard Frederick Beard (son of Willard Livingstone Beard), Virginia, Barbara and Mona Wilson Beard. 1977
Hawaii

Marjorie Beard Butt's family

Family Group Sheet

Husband: William Ralph Butt	
Born: 1914	in: Newfoundland, Canada
Married: 31 Aug 1940	in: St. John's, Newfoundland
Died: 1983	
Wife: Marjorie Beard	
Born: 17 Feb 1906	in: Foochow, China
Died: 02 Dec 1995	in: Residence in Saginaw, Michigan
Father: Willard Livingstone Beard	
Mother: Ellen Lucy Kinney	
CHILDREN	
1 M	Name: John Charles Butte Born: 08 Feb 1943 in: Shelton, CT Married: 24 Nov 1973 in: Portola Valley, CA Spouse: Nancy Lee Roberts
2 F	Name: Sharon Butt Born: 03 Apr 1948 in: Saginaw, MI Married: 05 Jan 1980 Spouse: Gerald Edward Murphy



John Charles Butte (son of Marjorie Beard Butt) with wife, Nancy

Kathleen Beard Elmer's family

Family Group Sheet

Husband: Hugh Elmer	
Born: 19 Jun 1909	in: Marsovan (aka Merzifoun), Turkey
Married: 09 Sep 1932	in: Saginaw, MI
Died: 07 Dec 1996	in: Jacksonville, FL
Father: Theodore Allen Elmer	
Mother: Henrietta Mary Horsley	
Wife: Kathleen Cynthia Beard	
Born: 10 Aug 1908	in: Kuliang, Foochow, China
Died: 12 May 2004	in: Crystal River, FL
Father: Willard Livingstone Beard	
Mother: Ellen Lucy Kinney	
CHILDREN	
1 F	Name: Jacqueline Elmer Born: 03 Mar 1935 in: Clearwater, FL Married: 28 Jul 1956 in: Jacksonville, FL Spouse: Charles Edward Jackson
2 F	Name: Cynthia Elmer Born: 19 Dec 1937 Married: 02 Feb 1958 Spouse: Robert Nathaniel Amend
3 M	Name: Theodore Allen Elmer II Born: 16 Mar 1948 in: Dothan, AL Married: 15 May 1969 Spouse: Sherry Darlene Walden



Hugh and Kathleen Elmer at their 60th Wedding Anniversary 1994



Thanksgiving 2002

Kathleen Beard Elmer and 13 of her 15 great grandchildren. By 2009, four more great grandchildren were born, making a grand total of 19.



Cynthia, Kathleen and Jill

Cynthia Elmer Amend, Kathleen Beard Elmer and Jill Elmer Jackson - July 20, 2002



Jill and Charlie Jackson – Cynthia and Bob Amend



Theodore Allen Elmer (son of Kathleen Beard Elmer) and wife Sherry 2002



Christmas 2006 – Jamie, Mark Charles Jackson (great grandson of Willard and Ellen Beard), Jana (Beard letter compiler) and Brett Jackson

