

1911

- Sun Yat-Sen named "Provisional President" of China
December 29, 1911
- Republican Revolution- Manchu dynasty ousted
- Willard and family remain in the United States where
Willard is working for the ABCFM
- Beard family photo is taken at Century Farm
- Willard is 46, Ellen- 43, Phebe- 16, Gould- 15, Geraldine-
13, Dorothy 10, Marjorie- 5, Kathleen- 3.

Because Willard and Ellen are on furlough from China in 1911, we have no letters from that year. However, we have this family photo taken at Century Farm. Kathleen Beard Elmer wrote down all the names of those whom she remembered of those in the photo. She identified the infant in the picture as Edith Louise Beard. We know from A Genealogy of the Descendants of Widow Martha Beard by Willard's sister, Ruth Beard, that Edith was born on February 16, 1911. We can therefore determine that the photo was taken in the summer of that year.

The Beard Family 1911



Century Farm, Shelton, CT

Willard Livingstone Beard- front right
 Ellen Kinney Beard- back row, 4th from left
 Dorothy Beard- front row, farthest left
 Marjorie Beard- front row next to Dorothy, 2nd from left
 Kathleen Beard- front row next to Marjorie, 3rd from left
 Grace Beard- front row, next to Kathleen, 4th from left
 Leolyn (the 2nd) Beard- front row next to Grace, 5th from left
 Gould Beard- 2nd row, 1st young boy in white shirt on left
 Geraldine Beard- 2nd row, immediately to the right of Gould
 Phebe Kinney Beard- 2nd row, 3 children to the right of Geraldine with long hair and necklace
 Olive Beard- 2nd row girl at far right next to Willard
 Anna Beard- 2nd row, 4th child from right, next to Phebe Kinney Beard
 Mary Beard- woman sitting on ground farthest to the left in the picture
 Flora Beard-back row, 4th from right
 Ruth Beard-back row, 6th from right (has her arm on chair)
 Oliver Gould Beard- man sitting in chair with shorter beard and hand in jacket front
 Nancy Maria Nichols Beard- white haired woman in light colored shirt, left of Oliver
 Leolyn Seaver Beard (widow of James Beard)- woman sitting at far right in picture

Edith Louise Beard- baby in the picture (born February 16, 1911) sitting on mother, Abbie's lap with father, Bennett Nichols Beard next to her

William Thomas Beard (probably)- brother of and man sitting next to Oliver Gould Beard. William died in October later that year (1911).

Stanley Beard- man standing at far left

Oliver Gould Beard, Jr.-possibly 3rd from right back row

Elizabeth Beard- woman in light colored shirt standing behind the sitting Oliver Gould Beard.

Phebe Maria Beard- unknown...possibly back row, 2nd from left? Or, between Ruth and Flora?



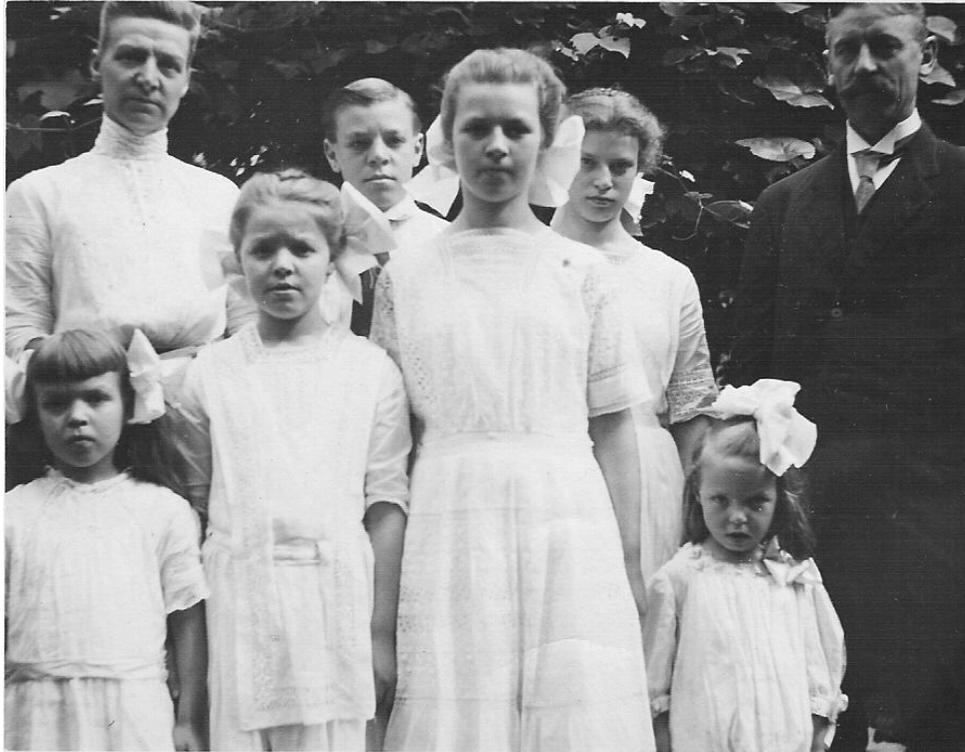
Beard cousins Summer of 1911, taken the same day as the above family reunion photo

Front Row L to R: Marjorie Beard, Gracie Beard, Kathleen Beard, Leolyn Beard

Second Row L to R: unknown girl, Phebe Kinney Beard, Geraldine Beard, Dorothy Beard, Olive Beard, Annie Beard

Back Row L to R: Gould Beard, Oliver Wells Beard, possibly Theodore Willard Beard (son of Zina Chatfield Beard), Dan Beard, possibly Harold Chatfield Beard (also son of Zina), unknown boy.

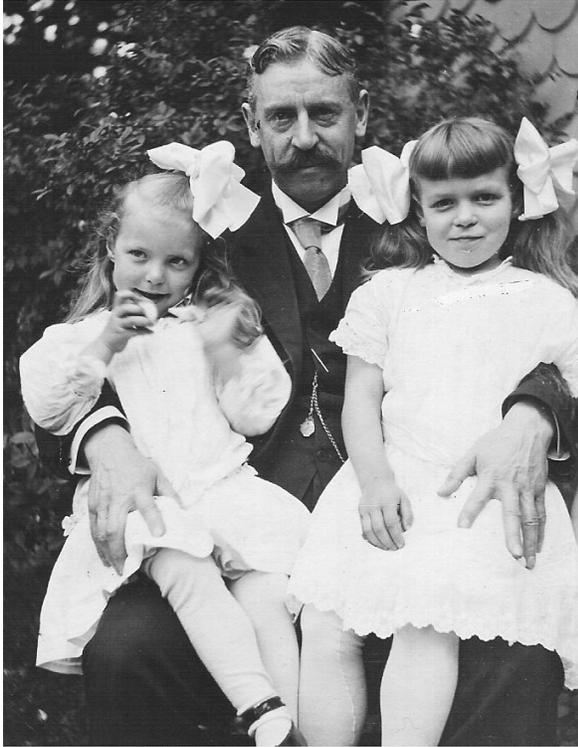
[Photo from the collection of John and Nancy Butte.]



L to R back: Ellen, Gould, Phebe, Willard
L to R front: Marjorie, Dorothy, Geraldine, Kathleen
Probably 1911 [Photos from the collection of Virginia Van Andel, and also, John and Nancy Butte.]



Seated- Phebe holding Kathleen
Standing L to R- Dorothy, Gould, Geraldine, Marjorie



Willard with Kathleen and Marjorie about 1911



Marjorie and Kathleen 1911

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



Beard Cousins - 1911

Back row L to R: Geraldine Beard, Olive Beard, Phebe K. Beard, Anna Gilbert Beard, Gould Beard
 Front row L to R: Dorothy Beard, Gracie Beard, Daniel Nichols Beard, Leolyn Beard 2nd, Kathleen Beard, Oliver Wells Beard (behind Kathleen), Marjorie Beard [Photo from the collection of John and Nancy Butte.]



Phebe Kinney Beard
About 1911

Death of Oliver Gould Beard's brother, William Thomas Beard – October 30, 1911

From the Evening Sentinel, Tuesday, Oct. 31, 1911:

BEARD- In Oronoque, at the home of his daughter Mrs. Frank E. Blakeman, Wm. T. Beard, aged 79 years, 10 months, 26 days. Funeral services will be held at the home of F.E. Blakeman in Oronoque, Thursday at 2:15 o'clock in the afternoon. Interment in Riverside cemetery.

AGED RESIDENT OF HUNTINGTON DEAD

WILLIAM T. BEARD PASSES AWAY AT HOME OF DAUGHTER IN ORONOQUE

Born in Old Homestead He Spent Nearly Eighty Years in This Town- One of Pioneer Manufacturers of This Place- Returning to Land Later in Life Was Successful and Prosperous Farmer.

In the death of William T. Beard, which occurred in Oronoque last night, Huntington lost one of its oldest native residents, and one of its oldest native residents, and one of the pioneer manufacturers of this section. Mr. Beard was born in the old homestead of the Beard family now occupied by O.G. Beard, at Long Hill, and resided there until in early manhood he engaged in the manufacture of straw paper, with his brother Theodore Beard in the mill at Wells Hollow, now used as a saw and grist mill. The brothers were among the pioneer manufacturers of this section, and for a number of years did a thriving business in the paper which was then used extensively. They built a two family house near the mill and resided there together for several years. Later they dissolved partnership, and Mr. William Beard purchased a farm in Long Hill not far from his old home and until a few years ago followed the pursuit of farming, being as successful in this as in the paper manufacturing business. He suffered from valvular disease of the heart for many years and nearly six years ago suffered a paralytic stroke as a sequence to the disease from which he never entirely recovered, although he was able to carry on his farming for two or three years and market his produce. Gradually falling in health, however, he removed to the home of his daughter Mrs. Frank E. Blakeman, in Coram, about three years ago, and there he steadily though slowly failed until diabetes developed and finally caused his death as stated. He was nearly eighty years of age and was perhaps the most up-to-date person of his years in this section.

Always a great reader he kept fully abreast of the times through the papers and magazines, while he was a constant reader of the best of current fiction. Few men were better posted on current topics, while he knew all the best authors and fairly reveled in their writings. Even after the severe shock of nearly six years ago, he continued to have the same zest for reading and love for the best in fact and fiction, and few better read men could be found.

He leaves three children, Miss Stella Beard, Mrs. Frank E. Blakeman and Miss Hattie Beard to mourn his loss. He was always keenly alive to the interests of his native town, and was an old line Democrat in politics, and while not trying for office he was always in touch with the affairs of the town and his advice was received with attention by both political friends and enemies as well.

From the Shelton Times, dated Saturday, December 2, 1911, page one:
Beard Family Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. O.G. Beard, at Century Farm, entertained a party of thirty on Thanksgiving Day. The ramifications of the "family tree" including Mr. and Mrs. Beard numbered twenty-nine. The children and their children were all present except Miss Mary Beard who is teaching in Godfrey, Ill. After the bountiful dinner the time was passed with music and pleasant talk until quite a late hour. Some of the guests will remain for the rest of the week.



About 1911. The little boy in the spare tire is probably Daniel Nichols Beard, son of Willard's brother, Bennett Nichols Beard (1907-2001)

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



Foochow, Foreign buildings about 1911 probably on Nantai Island, Foochow

The Revolution of 1911

The Monarchy of China became a Republic on October 10, 1911. The Revolution in Foochow began at 4:15 a.m. November 9.

About 5,000 Tartars (Manchus) were left without food or money in the city. These had each received a monthly stipend from the Chinese Government, which enabled them to exist with doing little or no work. Five years after the Revolution there were less than 1,000 to be found in Foochow. They had moved to other places or had died.

Beard, Willard L, and Anti-Cobweb Club of Foochow, China Fukein, A Study of a Province in China. Shanghai, China: Presbyterian Mission Press, 1925.