

## **BEELER FAMILY HISTORY**

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### DESCENDANTS OF JOHANN MICHAEL BÜHLER (BEELER)

#### **Generation Number One**

JOHANN MICHAEL<sup>1</sup> BÜHLER was born 23 November 1680 in either Switzerland or what is now Germany. Derivations of Buhler are Buehler, Bealor, Beelor, Biler, Bihler and Beeler. There is conflicting information on which country he came from. Reliable genealogists have so far been unable to provide proof which of those places he called home.

He came to America 30 September 1727 arriving aboard the ship Molley in Philadelphia from Vestenburg, Germany, via Rotterdam. The ship's master, John Hodgeson, listed his name as Johannas Pealer.

Prior to 1871 what is now called Germany was a number of separate states whose boundaries frequently changed as a result of war or other disruption. That Johann Michael may have arrived from Vestenburg does not prove he resided there. He could have migrated from the Rhine Valley in Switzerland, as did thousands of others. Although I have searched the Internet, I have not found his name listed in either country. I and other Beeler Family researchers will continue to strive for proof of his place of birth.

He most likely was a Palatine, an inhabitant of The Palatinate, the lands owned by a secular prince of the Holy Roman Empire. In the 18th and 19th centuries, the term Palatine was used in America to describe immigrants of The Palatinate and other adjoining German-speaking areas, such as Switzerland.

Robert Sminkey posted this explanation: "During the War of the Grand Alliance (1689-97), the troops of the French monarch Louis XIV ravaged the Rhenish (Lower) Palatinate, causing many Germans to emigrate. Many of the early German settlers of America (the Pennsylvania Dutch) were refugees from The Palatinate. During the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars, The Palatinate lands on the west bank of the Rhine River were incorporated into France, while its eastern lands were divided largely between neighboring Baden and Hesse.

“After the defeat of Napoleon (1814-15), the Congress of Vienna gave the east bank lands to Bavaria. These lands, together with some surrounding territories, again took the name of Palatinate in 1838.”

It is important to remember that most people were illiterate in the 1700s. It was because of that that so many different spellings of Beeler occurred. As you will find later, Beeler came out Peeler more than once.

JOHANN MICHAEL<sup>1</sup> arrived in America likely with his wife and some children. His first son, ULRICH<sup>2</sup>, arrived 23 September 1734, seven years after his father. Ulrich was 29 years old. Records of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, list Johann’s children and notes that he died from drowning 15 August 1753 and is buried in the church’s cemetery.

JOHANN MICHAEL<sup>1</sup> BÜHLER and his wife, UNKNOWN had the following children:

- i. ULRICH<sup>2</sup> BÜHLER. Born 1705 in Switzerland. Died after 1778. Spouses: Maria Elizabeth UNKNOWN.
- ii. JACOB BÜHLER. Spouses: Maria Eva UNKNOWN.
- iii. VALENTINE BÜHLER. Spouses: Sophia UNKNOWN.
- iv. JOHN MARTIN BÜHLER. Spouses: Esther UNKNOWN.
- v. ANNA BARBARA BÜHLER. Married before 22 April 1739. Died before 25 January 1742/43. Spouses: Henry BASLER.
- vi. FREDERICK BÜHLER. Married before 18 May 1740. Spouses: Veronica UNKNOWN.
- vii. JOHN HENRY BÜHLER. Spouses: Maria Christine UNKNOWN.
- viii. CHRISTIAN BÜHLER. Spouses: Susanna Margaret UNKNOWN.
- ix. DAVID BÜHLER.
- x. JOHN MICHAEL PEELER. Born 9 August 1740 at Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Died about 10 March 1807 at Rowan County, North Carolina.

Notes on JOHN MICHAEL PEELER. He married ANNA CATHARINA UNKNOWN, then MARGARET REITHWEILL and they had seven children, all of whom came into this world as Peeler. They were Jacob, John Michael, Catharina, Peter, Anthony, Andrew and Anna Maria. No doubt this Peeler/Buhler situation has created much confusion for those striving to build their family tree. Later the last name was changed to Beeler. Fortunately, this branch of the Beeler Family does not have to concern itself with this situation.

### Generation Number Two

ULRICH~~BE~~ BEELER and MARIA ELIZABETH UNKNOWN were parents of:

- i. ELIZABETH BEELER (note the change in spelling of last name). Born 6 August 1738, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Spouses: Daniel Miller.
- ii. MARTHA BEELER.
- iii. ULRICH BEELER. Died about 1805 in Sullivan County, Tennessee. Married Martha UNKNOWN.
- iv. JOHN VALENTINE<sup>3</sup> BEELER. Born 21 February 1737 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.<sup>1</sup> Died about 1823 in Grainger County, Tennessee.<sup>2</sup>
- v. JOSEPH BEELER. Born 2 August 1744 in York County, Pennsylvania. Married CHRISTINA BAKER 2 November 1772 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. Died 14 August 1833 in Sullivan County, Tennessee.<sup>3</sup>
- vi. GEORGE BEELER. Born about 1747 in Millersville, Virginia. Died in 1818 in Claiborne County, Tennessee.
- vii. JACOB BEELER. Born 10 October 1750 in Frederick County, Virginia. Married CATHERINE UNKNOWN. Died 20 January 1843 in Sullivan County, Tennessee.<sup>4</sup>

(Sara Huggins, reference, Library of Virginia, wrote “we have checked our reference sources and place names and did not see a Millersville.<sup>5</sup> However, there was a German settlement in Shenandoah County called “Millerstown” or “Mullerstadt” founded in 1740. It became Woodstock in 1761.”<sup>6</sup>

- Sources: <sup>1</sup> Grainger County Tennessee and Its People 1796-1998  
<sup>2</sup> Notes of David Cospers  
<sup>3</sup> Bible Record of William Beeler

<sup>4</sup> Tennessee Ancestors, Vol. 10 (3), Dec. 1994. Article Titled JOSEPH BEELER AT KINGS MOUNTAIN.

<sup>5</sup> Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, Vol. 10, p.41

<sup>6</sup> Virginia Place Names, p. 192

Note for ULRICH BUHLER: Extracted from the list of foreigners imported in the ship Hope, Daniel Reid, Master, from Rotterdam. Qualified Sept. 23, 1734.

BUHLER, Ulrich. (The original list is herewith given) Men's Names

| Name          | Age |
|---------------|-----|
| BULER, Ulrich | 29  |

### Generation Number Three

JOHN VALENTINE<sup>3</sup> BEELER (ULRICH<sup>2</sup>, JOHANN MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>) was born 21 February 1737 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He was married to MARY TURNEY in 1759 in Frederick County, Virginia. He died about 1823 in Grainger County, Tennessee. His wife was born about 1740 and died about 1810 in Union County, Tennessee.

JOHN VALENTINE<sup>3</sup> BEELER and MARY TURNEY had these children:

- i. ROSANNA BEELER. Born about 1759 at Frederick, Virginia. Married James Arnwine. Died after 1837 in Tennessee.
- ii. DANIEL BEELER. Born about 1760 in Frederick County, Virginia. Married Elizabeth Hudspeth. Died 13 November at Lawrenceburg, Lawrence County, Tennessee.
- iii. JACOB BEELER. Born 1760 in Frederick County, Virginia. Married Catherine Unknown. Died in 1835 in Sullivan County, Tennessee.
- iv. JOSEPH BEELER. Born 5 July 1762 in Frederick County, Virginia.<sup>3</sup> Married Catherine (Katy) Petre in 1791 in Sullivan County, Tennessee.<sup>1</sup> Married Anna Hollingsworth Parker. Died 22 August 1845 in Grainger County, Tennessee.<sup>3</sup>
- v. MARGARET BEELER. Born 4 April 1765 in Pennsylvania. Married Unknown Smith. Married Thomas Dunn. Died 20 November 1846 in Speedwell, Claiborne County, Tennessee.<sup>4</sup>

- vi. PETER<sup>4</sup> BEELER. Born 16 September 1767 at Millers Town, Shenandoah Valley, Virginia.<sup>5</sup> Married BARARA PETRE in March 1794 in Tennessee.<sup>2</sup> Died 17 August 1836 in Speedwell, Claiborne County, Tennessee.<sup>6</sup>
- vii. ULRICH BEELER. Born about 1769. Died in Sullivan County, Tennessee.
- viii. GEORGE BEELER. Born about 1771. Died in 1836 in Claiborne, Tennessee.
- ix. ANNA BEELER. Born 1779. Married William Robinson 12 November 1802 in Grainger County, Tennessee.
- x. JOHN BEELER JR. Born about 1784 in Tennessee. Married Hannah Vandergriff 19 April 1802 in Grainger County, Tennessee. Died in 1861 in Grainger County, Tennessee.

Sources: <sup>1</sup> Grainger County Tennessee and Its People 1796-1998

<sup>2</sup> Notes of David Cosper

<sup>3</sup> Texas Society DAR Roster Revolutionary Ancestors, Vol. 1

<sup>4</sup> Buried in Dunn Cemetery, Speedwell, Claiborne County, Tennessee

<sup>5</sup> Beeler Family in Virginia and Tennessee

<sup>6</sup> Buried Beeler Cemetery near Speedwell, Claiborne County, Tennessee

Notes for JOHN VALENTINE<sup>3</sup> BEELER. Information from David R. Cosper:

“Shenandoah Co., VA was once part of Frederick County from which it was split off in 1772. The Beelers lived near Edinburg for perhaps 20 years before most, if not all, of them moved on to Sullivan County, TN. John Valentine Beeler migrated to Grainger County about 1797 as did several of his children. His brothers Jacob, Joseph and Ulrich stayed in Sullivan County where all three died. His brother, George, settled in Claiborne County, TN.”

(Jacob and Joseph fought in the Revolutionary War. Both filed certificates that they had participated in the Battle of Kings Mountain and they had witnessed the surrender of the enemy.)

*The Pennsylvania - German Society:*

First Reformed Church, Lancaster, PA, Births & Baptisms: 1737

John Valentine Buhler, s. Ulrich; b. 21 Feb, bap. 15 May

*Grainger Co., TN County Court Minutes 1796-1802:*

A Deed of Conveyance from Thos. King to John Bealor proven in Open Court let it be registered.

A Deed of Conveyance from John Beelor to Joseph Beelor. Acknowledged in Open Court let it be registered.

John Beelor Records his mark, a Smooth Crop in the Right Ear and half Crop in the left.

A Deed of Conveyance from John Beelor to George Petre Acknowledged in Open Court let it be registered.

A Deed of Conveyance from John Beelor to Daniel Petre Acknowledged in Open Court let it be registered.

*1804 Grainger Co, TN Tax List: Capt. Thomas James' List:*  
Beeler, John, Senr. 440 acrs Clinch River

#### **Generation Number Four**

PETER<sup>4</sup> BEELER (JOHN VALENTINE<sup>3</sup>, ULRICH<sup>2</sup>, JOHANN MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>) born 16 September 1767 in Millers Town, Shenandoah Valley, Frederick County, Virginia. Died 17 August 1836 in Claiborne County, Tennessee. He is buried in the Beeler Cemetery near Speedwell, Tennessee. He married BARBARA PETRE in March 1794. She was a sister of Katey who married Peter's brother, Joseph. Barbara died in June 1828 and is buried beside her husband.

Notes on Peter Beeler from Old Speedwell Families:

The John Valentine Beeler family settled on Beaver Creek in what is now Sullivan Co., TN, sometime before April 1780 when John Valentine was first granted land there by North Carolina. The Beelers were most probably German or Swiss origin and came into Virginia from Pennsylvania.

A neighbor on Beaver Creek was Adam Petre, whose daughter Barbara, married Peter Beeler about 1794. . . .Barbara Beeler died at Speedwell in June 1828 and is buried beside her husband.

Peter Beeler was taxed in Sullivan Co in 1796. He moved to Grainger County, Tennessee, about 1797 and he is found on the tax list of Sullivan County for that year. His father is first mentioned in the court records of Grainger County in February and Peter in May 1798. . . .

Peter Beeler and his mill are mentioned frequently in the court records of Grainger County. He served as a juror several times and was taxed for several hundred acres in

the years 1799-1813. His holdings ranged from 385 1/2 acres to 640 acres. He and his family were enumerated in Grainger County in the 1810 census.

. . . The last time he (Peter Beeler) is mentioned in the Grainger County court records is in Aug 1814, as he sold land to Joseph Beeler. In four transactions from Oct. 1810 until Sept. 1818 he bought 610 acres on Davis Creek in Claiborne County . . . In March 1833 he sold his farms to his three youngest sons jointly. His will was presented in court on 3 Oct 1836 and proved by William Kincaid. William Bowman and Adam Beeler were bonded executors. A sale was held in early November. The estate was settled March 1841.

PETER<sup>4</sup> BEELER and BARBARA PETRE were parents of the following children:

- i. ESTHER BEELER. Born 9 January 1795, Sullivan County, Tennessee. Married John Powell 21 February 1813. Died 1853.
- ii. MARY BEELER. Born 16 July 1796, Sullivan County, Tennessee. Married William E. Bowman Jr. about 1822. Died 13 November 1839, Claiborne, Tennessee.
- iii. ANNA BEELER. Born 17 April 1798 Sullivan County, Tennessee. Married Joab Powell.
- iv. WINNIE BEELER. Born 11 November 1799 Grainger County, Tennessee. Married Stephen Cawood III about 1819. Died after 1850.
- v. JOHN W BEELER. Born 8 May 1801, Grainger County, Tennessee. Married Jane Powell 16 October 1824 in Claiborne County, Tennessee. Died about 1864.
- vi. ADAM BEELER. Born 11 April 1803 Grainger County, Tennessee. Married Susan Bowman 31 March 1824.
- vii. SAMUEL BEELER. Born 28 May 1806. Married Elizabeth Unknown in 1830.
- viii. SARAH BEELER. Born 11 October 1808, Grainger County, Tennessee.
- ix. SUSANNAH BEELER. Born about 1810, Grainger County, Tennessee.
- x. DANIEL<sup>5</sup> BEELER. Born 10 February 1813, Grainger County, Tennessee. Died 27 July 1862.

- xi. BARBARA BEELER. Born 30 June 1814, Grainger County, Tennessee.
- xii. CATY BEELER. Born 28 September 1816, Claiborne County, Tennessee.
- xiii. ROSANNAH BEELER. Born about 1816, Claiborne County, Tennessee. Married Jefferson Hunter 26 November 1836 at Speedwell, Claiborne County, Tennessee. Died 1 July 1868 in Speedwell, Claiborne County, Tennessee.

### Generation Number Five

DANIEL<sup>5</sup> BEELER (PETER<sup>4</sup>, JOHN VALENTINE<sup>3</sup>, ULRICH<sup>2</sup>, JOHANN MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>) was born 10 February 1813 in Grainger County, Tennessee, and died 27 July 1862 in Union County, Tennessee. He married RACHEL CAWOOD ROGERS 15 April 1841 in Claiborne County, Tennessee. She was born 29 April 1822 in Claiborne County, Tennessee, and died 04 January 1897 in Union County, Tennessee.

Children of DANIEL<sup>5</sup> BEELER and RACHEL ROGERS are:

- i. DAVID ROGERS BEELER. Born 11 May 1842, Claiborne County, Tennessee. Died 26 July 1936. Married NANCY (NACK) STINER. She was born 22 July 1844 Union County, Tennessee, and died before 1936.
- ii. JAMES ASBURY<sup>6</sup> BEELER. Born 28 November 1844, Speedwell, Union County, Tennessee (was Claiborne). Died 11 April 1931 near St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon.
- iii. JOHN WESLEY BEELER. Born 31 December 1847 Union County, Tennessee. Died 3 March 1932.
- iv. FRENCH HAGGARD BEELER. Born 04 May 1850, Union County, Tennessee. Married Martha Louisa Stiner about 1852 in Union County, Tennessee. Died 2 December 1939.
- v. WILLIAM HARRISON BEELER. Born 5 January 1853, Union County, Tennessee.
- vi. ANDREW JACKSON BEELER. Born 10 April 1855, Union County, Tennessee.
- vii. FRANCIS MARION BEELER. Born 14 March 1857, Union County, Tennessee. Died 28 October 1898.

- viii. SARAH MATILDA BEELER. Born 14 August 1859, Union County, Tennessee.
- ix. DANIEL M. BEELER. Born 28 November 1862, Union County, Tennessee.

Notes on DANIEL<sup>5</sup> BEELER from Old Speedwell Families:

Daniel Beeler, youngest son of Peter and Barbara (Petre) Beeler, was born in Grainger County, Tennessee, probably near Williams Creek on 10 Feb. 1813. His father had come to Grainger County from Sullivan County, Tennessee, about 1797. He settled near Speedwell, Claiborne County, Tennessee, about 1815. Daniel and Rachel C. Rogers were married in Claiborne County on 15 April 1841. He died in Union County, Tennessee, 27 July 1862. Daniel Beeler received an undivided one-third interest in his father's real estate in March 1833. . . . Late in 1852 Daniel Beeler moved to the south side of the Powell River near Lead Mine Bend and bought 250 acres there from John Sharp. He was taxed on his property in Union County through 1862. In about 1857, for example, he was assessed for 250 acres, one poll, five horses, twelve cattle, twenty-two sheep, fifty swine, ten bushels of wheat and one thousand bushels of corn. No probate record for Daniel Beeler has been found in Union County.

We have always known that Indian blood was in the family from Cordie Lee Nichols Beeler, who was part Cherokee. But since Daniel Pleasant Beeler, her husband, looked so Indian we suspected a source on the Beeler side. A descendant David William Rogers and Sarah Cawood "Sally" Rogers provided information that pins the suspicion down.

Rachel C. Rogers, Daniel's wife, was David and Sarah's daughter. Sarah's parents were Stephen Cawood and Sarah Kellerby, who was half Indian. Sarah Kellerby's grandfather is reported to be Chief Keyatoy of Maryland, but that not been proven.

### **Generation Number Six**

JAMES ASBURY<sup>6</sup> BEELER (DANIEL<sup>5</sup>, PETER<sup>4</sup>, JOHN VALENTINE<sup>3</sup>, ULRICH<sup>2</sup>, JOHANN MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>) was born 28 November 1844 in Speedwell, Union (was Claiborne) County, Tennessee, and died 11 April 1931 near St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon. He married ELIZABETH AVELINE HONEYCUTT 24 November 1865 in Maynardville, Union County, Tennessee. She was born 14 April 1845 in Union County, Tennessee, and died 24 April 1875 in Liberty, Gage County, Nebraska. She is buried in Liberty Cemetery, Gage County, Nebraska. He married ESTHER CORDELIA LYNCH on 11 August 1876 in Liberty, Gage County,

Nebraska. She was born 09 February 1857 in Claiborne County, Tennessee, and died 12 May 1943 near St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon.

Notes on JAMES ASBURY<sup>6</sup> BEELER:

The following information comes from a document filed with the Bureau of Pensions, Department of the Interior, No. 904280, and signed by James A. Beeler, and his death certificate filed 1 April 1931 in Columbia County, Oregon. The names of his parents are found in the 1850 census of Union County, Tennessee.

During the American Civil War, he served in Company C, 8th Tennessee Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, 23 Corps of the Union Army. Record No. 753397 of the Record and Pension Division of the War Department, dated 30 September 1890, says he enrolled in the Army on 1 February 1863 and mustered out with his company on 30 June 1865. From 31 October 1863 to 30 April 1864 he held the rank of private and corporal. He was captured by Confederate forces near Maynardville, Tennessee, 11 April 1864. There is no evidence that his company was in action at that time. Medical records show he was treated for diarrhea from 20 to 22 September 1863 and returned to his regiment. Prisoner of war records show he was confined at Richmond, Virginia, on 26 April 1864. He was sent to Andersonville, Georgia, prison on 31 May 1864.

His death certificate said he died of heart "decenefinisation(?)", probably heart failure. The physician who signed the death certificate was a poor penman. He was buried at Scappoose, Columbia County, Oregon.

James Asbury married Elizabeth Honeycutt about five months after being discharged from the Union Army. Elizabeth became pregnant shortly after her marriage and gave birth several days beyond nine months later. Their third child was born 20 September 1870 in Nebraska. It is likely James and Elizabeth left Tennessee for Nebraska about 1869 where they remained for about 30 years.

Farm census records in the Gage County Historical Society, Beatrice, Nebraska, show that J.A. Beeler owned farmland in 1892, 1893, 1896 and 1898. He likely took advantage of the Homestead Act signed by President Abraham Lincoln May 20, 1862. He would have worked as a farm laborer for 16 years. The law required that he work and improve his own homestead of 160 acres before it was "proved up," meaning ownership was transferred from the federal government to him.

The same Farm Census records also show that Daniel Pleasant Beeler, his first son, and John Bryce Beeler, first son of his second marriage, owned farm land. D.P. Beeler owned in 1893 and 1896. Bryce owned in 1898. It seems likely James Asbury gave the land to his two sons.

None of the Beelers owned property in Gage County in 1900. It makes sense that all three sold out and James Asbury took his family to Oregon on the train that traveled right through Liberty.

Children of JAMES ASBURY<sup>6</sup> BEELER and ELIZABETH HONEYCUTT are:

- i. SALLY EVALINE BEELER. Born 19 August 1866, Maynardville, Union County, Tennessee. Note: Sally Evaline (also spelled Aveline) Beeler.
- ii. LOUISA MATILDA BEELER. Born 15 April 1868, Union County, Tennessee; Died 04 July 1906, Liberty, Gage County, Nebraska. Married GEORGE LIDA SHARP, 12 November, Pawnee City, Pawnee County, Nebraska. Born 27 March 1862, Union County, Tennessee. Died 29 March 1943, Liberty, Gage County, Nebraska.
- iii. RACHEL ANNIE BEELER. Born 20 September 1870, Liberty, Gage County, Nebraska. Died 1870, Liberty, Gage County, Nebraska and is buried in Liberty Cemetery.
- iv. NANCY REBECCA BEELER. Born 16 September 1871, Liberty, Gage County, Nebraska.
- v. DANIEL PLEASANT BEELER. Born 25 April 1874, Liberty, Gage County, Nebraska. Died October 1968, St. Helens, Oregon.

Children of JAMES ASBURY<sup>6</sup> BEELER and ESTHER CORDELIA LYNCH are:

- vi. JOHN BRYCE BEELER. Born 04 June 1877, Liberty, Gage County, Nebraska.
- vii. GENERAL NEWTON BEELER. Born 22 January 1879. Died 24 February 1879. Buried in Liberty Cemetery, Gage County, Nebraska.
- viii. JAMES ELI BEELER. Born 24 April 1881, Liberty, Gage County, Nebraska. Died after 1920, St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon. Married Bird (Birdie) Pierce.
- ix. BERTHA THERESA BEELER. Born 17 March 1883, Liberty, Gage County, Nebraska.
- x. ANNA CATHERINE BEELER. Born 23 August 1885, Liberty, Gage County, Nebraska.

- xi. ARCHIE MARION BEELER. Born 24 September 1894, Liberty, Gage County, Nebraska. Died March 1986, McMinnville, Yamhill County, Oregon. He married BESSIE A. DUNWOODY.
- xii. FRANKLIN GRADY BEELER. Born 06 September 1898, Liberty, Gage County, Nebraska. Died after 1920, St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon.

### Generation Number Seven

DANIEL PLEASANT<sup>7</sup> BEELER (JAMES ASBURY<sup>6</sup> DANIEL<sup>5</sup>, PETER<sup>4</sup>, JOHN VALENTINE<sup>3</sup>, ULRICH<sup>2</sup>, JOHANN MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>) was born 25 April 1874 in Liberty, Gage County, Nebraska. A twin sister did not survive. He died in October 1968 in St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon. He married CORDIE LEE NICHOLS in Shawnee, Oklahoma, 27 March 1904. She was born 13 April 1884 in Kentucky and died in October, 1978, in St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon.

Notes on DANIEL PLEASANT<sup>7</sup> BEELER: He was a practicing barber most of his life. He retired from barbering at the age of 80 in 1954. He did not move to Oregon with the rest of his family. Instead, he moved about 60 miles north to Lincoln, Nebraska, where he opened a barbershop in the back of a saloon. He met Cordie on a business trip to Oklahoma when she about 16 years old. Later they agreed they would marry when Cordie turned 20. They actually got married about two weeks shy of her twentieth birthday.

Daniel and Cordie, who was part Cherokee Indian, lived in Oklahoma but went to Oregon in 1906 to visit his father who lived in Warren, Oregon, a small town near St. Helens. They then moved across the Columbia River to live in Chinook, Washington, where Daniel operated a barbershop. Their first son, Daniel Ernest, was born in Chinook. Daniel and Cordie returned to Shawnee, Oklahoma, in the fall of 1907 where he also had a barbershop and Cordie operated a ladies ready-to-wear shop. It was in Shawnee that Daniel cut William Jennings Bryant's hair and shaved two presidents: Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft. Daniel and Cordie were both avid sports fans. They were friends with baseball pitcher Carl Hubble, who had been in Daniel's Sunday School class, and pitcher Dizzie Dean, who came to the small town of Meeker, Oklahoma, where they eventually moved to from Shawnee. Hubble and Dean eventually became members of baseball's Hall of Fame.

Children of DANIEL PLEASANT<sup>7</sup> BEELER and CORDIE LEE NICHOLS are:

- i. THELMA MARGUERITE BEELER. Born 4 May 1905 in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Married Ernest Henderson. She resided in St. Helens, Oregon, and died in 2001.
- ii. DANIEL ERNEST<sup>B</sup> BEELER. Born 3 March 1907, Chinook, Pacific County, Washington. Died 8 May 1988, in Tigard, Washington County, Oregon.
- iii. EDNA LORENE BEELER. Born 23 August 1910 in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Married Reagan Crowell on 8 December 1929 in Stillwater, Oklahoma. As of December 16, 2003, she resides in Forest Grove, Oregon.
- iv. JAMES LEO BEELER. Born 14 January 1914, Shawnee, Oklahoma. Died 1975 in St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon. He was in the Army in World War II.
- v. ELIZABETH RACHEL BEELER. Born 20 February 1917, Shawnee, Oklahoma. Married Don Mathis. Divorced. Married Frank Serafin 11 January 1948. As of March 2002, she resides in Vernonia, Oregon.
- vi. EVELYN MATILDA "SWEET" BEELER. Born 2 April 1920, Shawnee, Oklahoma. Married James Merrill. Divorced. As of March 2002, she resides in St. Helens, Oregon.
- vii. EDWARD WILLIAM BEELER. Born 2 April 1920, Shawnee, Oklahoma, a twin of Evelyn Beeler. He died in a playground accident in 1924.

### Generation Number Eight

DANIEL ERNEST<sup>B</sup> BEELER (DANIEL PLEASANT<sup>7</sup>, JAMES ASBURY<sup>6</sup> DANIEL<sup>5</sup>, PETER<sup>4</sup>, JOHN VALENTINE<sup>3</sup>, ULRICH<sup>2</sup>, JOHANN MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>) was born 3 March 1907 in Chinook, Pacific County, Washington. He died on Mother's Day 1988 in his youngest son's home in Tigard, Washington County, Oregon. His cremains were scattered in the Pacific Ocean at Pacific City, Oregon, where he often launched a dory to fish for salmon. He married MARY THELMA PAXTON 30 March 1929 in Meeker, Lincoln County, Oklahoma. They moved first to St. Helens, Oregon, in 1939 and then to McMinnville, Yamhill County, Oregon. Daniel was an automobile mechanic most of his adult life. Mary Thelma Paxton Beeler died Christmas Day, 1989. Her cremains are scattered over the graves of her parents and daughter in Meeker Cemetery, Meeker, Lincoln County, Oklahoma. (Although Dan and Thelma met in Oklahoma, it is likely their ancestors were acquainted since both families

settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, after coming to America in the mid 1750s.)

Children of DANIEL ERNEST<sup>8</sup> BEELER and MARY THELMA PAXTON are:

- i. SHIRLEY ANN BEELER. Born 1929 in Meeker, Lincoln County, Oklahoma. Died in 1935 of pneumonia. Buried in Meeker Cemetery, Meeker, Lincoln County, Oklahoma.
- ii. MARY ELIZABETH BEELER. Born 14 September 1931, in Meeker, Lincoln County, Oklahoma. Married MEL FOX 1 July 1951. Later divorced. They had four children:

Denise Lynn. Born 30 June 1952.  
Shirley Ann. Born 12 May 1954.  
Tom M. Born 20 November 1957.  
Donald David. Born 21 January 1959.

*Notes:* Denise, Shirley and Tom reside in the Salem, Marion County, Oregon area, and Donald resides in Lake Oswego, Multnomah County, Oregon. Mary Fox, as of December 2003, resides in Tigard, Oregon.

- iii. EDWARD ELI<sup>9</sup> BEELER. Born 13 August 1933, Meeker, Lincoln County, Oklahoma. Married GERALDINE YVONNE MAYERS 9 March 1962 in Salem, Marion County, Oregon.
- iii. DAN PAXTON BEELER. Born 16 December 1945, McMinnville, Yamhill County, Oregon. Married FAY ANN EILERTSON 14 February 1970. They had five children:

Becky Lynn. Born 9 April 1973.  
Jefferson Eugene. Born 22 February 1976.  
Dan Paxton Jr. Born 2 November 1978. Died 21 November 1978.  
Jennifer Marie. Born 19 November 1980.  
Christine Kelly. Born 1 August 1983.

As of December 2003 all of the family resides in the Tigard, Oregon area.

### **Generation Number Nine**

EDWARD ELI<sup>9</sup> BEELER (DANIEL ERNEST<sup>8</sup>, DANIEL PLEASANT<sup>7</sup>, JAMES ASBURY<sup>6</sup>, DANIEL<sup>5</sup>, PETER<sup>4</sup>, JOHN VALENTINE<sup>3</sup>, ULRICH<sup>2</sup>, JOHANN MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>) was born

13 August 1933 in Meeker, Lincoln County, Oklahoma. Married GERALDINE YVONNE MAYERS 9 March 1962 in The Woodland Chapel, Salem, Marion County, Oregon. Edward worked in the newspaper business in Aberdeen, Washington; Wilson, North Carolina; Eugene, Oregon; El Cajon, California; and Westminster, Maryland. Geraldine was a travel agent prior to retirement. They have resided in Sequim, Clallam County, Washington after retiring 31 December 1989.

Children of EDWARD ELI<sup>9</sup> BEELER and GERALDINE YVONNE MAYERS are:

- i. CHAD LORING BEELER. Born 25 December 1964, in La Mesa, San Diego County, California.
- ii. SCOTT WESTON BEELER. Born 2 October 1966, in La Mesa, San Diego County, California.

### Generation Number Ten

CHAD LORING<sup>10</sup> BEELER (EDWARD ELI<sup>9</sup>, DANIEL ERNEST<sup>8</sup>, DANIEL PLEASANT<sup>7</sup>, JAMES ASBURY<sup>6</sup>, DANIEL<sup>5</sup>, PETER<sup>4</sup>, JOHN VALENTINE<sup>3</sup>, ULRICH<sup>2</sup>, JOHANN MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>) was born Christmas Day 1964 at Grossmont Hospital, La Mesa, San Diego County, California. He married SHANNON LYNETTE MCNUTT 27 May 2001 in Falls City, Washington. He was graduated in advertising from the College of Journalism at the University of Maryland, College Park, and as of March 2002 resides in Seattle, King County, Washington, where he is co-proprietor of a bass guitar retail store, Bass Northwest Inc.

SCOTT WESTON<sup>10</sup> BEELER (EDWARD ELI<sup>9</sup>, DANIEL ERNEST<sup>8</sup>, DANIEL PLEASANT<sup>7</sup>, JAMES ASBURY<sup>6</sup>, DANIEL<sup>5</sup>, PETER<sup>4</sup>, JOHN VALENTINE<sup>3</sup>, ULRICH<sup>2</sup>, JOHANN MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>) was born 2 October 1966 at Grossmont Hospital, La Mesa, San Diego County, California. He married CAROLYN BRADY 19 March 1994 in Baker Chapel at Western Maryland College in Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland. As of December 2003 he resided near York, York County, Pennsylvania, where he operates Beeler Communications, a public relations firm. He was graduated in English literature from Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland.

Children of SCOTT WESTON<sup>10</sup> BEELER and CAROLYN BRADY are:

- i. SOPHIE JO BEELER. Born 8 September 1999, at York Hospital, York, York County, Pennsylvania.
- ii. STOSH ELI BEELER. Born 8 May 2001, at York Hospital, York County, Pennsylvania.

- iii. CASSANDRA BEELER. Born 2 August 2003, at York Hospital, York, York County, Pennsylvania.

**Generation Number Eleven**

SOPHIE JO<sup>11</sup> BEELER (SCOTT WESTON<sup>10</sup>, EDWARD ELI<sup>9</sup>, DANIEL ERNEST<sup>8</sup>, DANIEL PLEASANT<sup>7</sup>, JAMES ASBURY<sup>6</sup>, DANIEL<sup>5</sup>, PETER<sup>4</sup>, JOHN VALENTINE<sup>3</sup>, ULRICH<sup>2</sup>, JOHANN MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>) was born 8 September 1999 in York, Pennsylvania.

STOSH ELI<sup>11</sup> BEELER (SCOTT WESTON<sup>10</sup>, EDWARD ELI<sup>9</sup>, DANIEL ERNEST<sup>8</sup>, DANIEL PLEASANT<sup>7</sup>, JAMES ASBURY<sup>6</sup>, DANIEL<sup>5</sup>, PETER<sup>4</sup>, JOHN VALENTINE<sup>3</sup>, ULRICH<sup>2</sup>, JOHANN MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>) was born 8 May 2001 in York, Pennsylvania.

CASSANDRA<sup>11</sup> BEELER (SCOTT WESTON<sup>10</sup>, EDWARD ELI<sup>9</sup>, DANIEL ERNEST<sup>8</sup>, DANIEL PLEASANT<sup>7</sup>, JAMES ASBURY<sup>6</sup>, DANIEL<sup>5</sup>, PETER<sup>4</sup>, JOHN VALENTINE<sup>3</sup>, ULRICH<sup>2</sup>, JOHANN MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>)

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