

**DR. LORENZO BEACH**

Dr. Lorenzo Beach (6) Obil (5) Amos (4) John (3-2) Thomas (1). The following sketch of this man whose picture is presented above is taken from the History of Madison County, Ohio, page 442 and was written by Dr. Wm. Morrow Beach.

History of Madison County, Ohio, Page 442.

Dr. Lorenzo Beach, son of Obil and Elizabeth (Kilbourne) Beach was born at New Haven, Vt. Nov. 7, 1798. He came to Ohio in the fall of 1813 and joined his brother, Uri, who had preceded him one year at Worthington, Ohio. He availed himself of such opportunities as Worthington afforded for improving his education and about 1816 or 1817 he commenced the study of medicine at Worthington, Ohio, and afterward went to Urbana, Ohio and took a course of instruction from Drs. Carter and Mosgrove of that place. He was one of a class of ten students under Carter and upon completion of his course he gave them a certificate of the fact. My recollection of the matter as I have heard it in boyhood was that James Comstock who was afterward his colleague or partner in business was of this class. He located where Amity now stands and where Uri, my father, had preceded him about 1820 when in his 22nd year. The amount of professional business transacted in those days was limited by their capacity to labor and they traveled on horseback, over a territory extending often fifteen and twenty miles in all directions.

For some years after about 1833 Dr. Beach was the leading merchant in the north of the county and subsequently began to put his capital in real estate. For several years he was the largest land holder and the heaviest investor in live stock and the heaviest capitalist in the township had ever had. In 1853 when the lands in the north part of the county were worth \$30 to \$40 per acre he began to sell out and in going to Illinois he invested his money in land warrants that were then abundant in the market at 30 cents an acre and located several thousand acres of land in McLean, Ford, Kankakee and Livingston Counties. He entered large real estate operations in the West and was successful.

He married Miss Edith Bull, daughter of Thomas and Silva (Benedict) Bull, Jr. of Franklin Co., Ohio near Worthington about the time he commenced the practice of medicine. She died September 13, 1869. He married second in 1871, Mrs. Sarah A. Roop.

In person he was of medium height and in the middle of life was slight and spare. He was quick and active in his movements and of a remarkably cheerful disposition. His energy in the prosecution of business was untiring and he had a stock of physical and mental health that failed him up to within two years of his death. He was a thoroughly honest man who throughout life doing earnestly whatever his duty he found to do. He died in Fairbury, Livingston County, Ill., August 9, 1878 in the 81st year of his age. His death was caused by structural disease of the heart.

**Children, all by first marriage:**

Hester Ann, b. Nov. 11, 1824, d. July 1, 1845; md. Dec. 22, 1842, Ezra D. Beach, who d. July 4, 1845.

Thomas A., b. Dec. 4, 1828, d. Aug. 2, 1852, md. Apr. 8, 1852, Amelia, daughter of Latham and Nancy (Comstock) Beach, b. July 9, 1828, d. June 13, 1852.

Chloe, b. Sept. 11, 1831, d. June 1, 1851, md; Apr. 13, 1851, Dr. George W. Bartlett, a brother of Amelia's father, married her brother Thomas A. Beach.

N. B. The above children are given with a correction to the errors appearing in Vol. II, No. 4.

**NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT  
PROBATE RECORDS**

This is a continuation of the probate records provided for the marriage of Lorenzo Beach Bidwell and Mrs. Anna Beach, of London, Ohio, and which began on page 10 of the last number. To the probate proceedings and records of the County Court at New Haven the same were abstracted have been added.

## The Family of Charles Brewster Beach

### Church Life, continued

At the beginning this little church was, in feeling and practice, a union church. A number of Congregationalists and Presbyterians helped in the building by subscriptions to the building fund and otherwise and in support of the preachers, and the understanding they were to share in the use and privileges of the new church. It was arranged that the pastor of the Congregational church at Whitney Point should hold occasional services in the church at Hyde Settlement.

From 1855 to 1859 Rev. S. N. Robinson was pastor of the church at Whitney Point and had certain responsibility for the little group of Congregationalists and Presbyterians who attended the church at Hyde Settlement. One evening, we are told, it was at the time of a Methodist revival, just as he was about to begin his sermon, in the church, one of the leading Methodists started a hymn; others joined in singing verse after verse, and hymn after hymn and thus, in short, prevented his preaching. Then Franklin Hyde arose and conducted Mr. Robinson to the schoolhouse, close by the church, many of the congregation following. In the schoolhouse, doubtless, they heard Mr. Robinson's sermon and then held an indignation meeting. At least one said he never would enter that church again, and he never did.

Shortly afterward nearly all the Congregationalists and Presbyterians of the neighborhood became members or regular contributing attendants of the Congregational church at Whitney Point. To most of them this meant a drive of four miles or more on Sunday morning but even in those days of poor roads that was not too great a hindrance.

The Beach family waited many years, hoping for an opportunity of attending a church of their own communion. Charles Beach died in 1853 and his mother, Lucy Pittenden Beach in 1857. Thus grandmother Beach became sole adviser and head of the family. She realized that when she was gone, her children might drift away from the Church altogether; so she and her children joined the Methodist Church at Hyde Settlement. She died in 1869; an Episcopal Church was organized in Whitney Point in 1871.

In the Adams Street community where was located the Beach homestead, two miles east of Hyde Settlement, church services and a Sunday School had been maintained several years with some degree of regularity and a Methodist Church organized, the services being held in the schoolhouse and ministers supplied from nearby appointments when, in 1871, a small church was erected. The enterprise was generously supported by the families along the "Street", John M. Beach, J. P. Adams, the Stoughtons, Abel W. Beach and others. John Beach headed the subscription list in the sum of \$500. This church flourished until after the coming of the automobile. Abel W. Beach left one-tenth of his personal estate for its support in 1912. After being closed for some years, the property was sold in 1930 and the building removed to a new foundation, said to have been that of the first frame house in the neighborhood, and there converted into a farm dwelling.

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### Church Life

The earliest church organization in the vicinity was a Congregational society set up by one Dr. Williston, Dec. 15, 1797, in a log schoolhouse at a place called Patterson's Point, now known as Whitney Point. In 1822 this early society built a church in what is now the village of Lisle. In 1842 under the auspices of the same society another church was built at Whitney Point. (History of Broome County by Smith.)

Early in the history of Hyde Settlement occasional religious services were held in a barn belonging to Major Chauncey Hyde who had come from Lenox, Mass. in 1791 or 1792. Soon after 1810 such services were held in a schoolhouse, the difficulties of building a church being too great for the little community to undertake at that time. Nearly all the families of the vicinity, Hyde, Stoughton, Woodruff, Seymour, Stiles and others, were either Congregationalists or Presbyterians. They had come from Berkshire County, Massachusetts, where these churches were well established. Later a number of Methodist families came into the neighborhood.

Chauncey Hyde's account book shows: "Nov. 20, 1814, Paid Rev. Henry Ford for preaching, cash, \$15.00; March 16, 1816, Oliver Stiles paid Rev. Henry Ford, sixteen shillings". These items evidently refer to services in the schoolhouse of Hydeville. In 1825 a Methodist Episcopal society of five members had been organized in "Barker" by Horace Agard. (The Township of Barker was set off from Lisle April 18, 1831.)

The family of Charles Beach, arriving in 1827, were Episcopalians. Whether the greatly desired new church should be Congregational, Presbyterian, Methodist or Episcopal was still to be determined. *(Most of our own Thomas Beach line of desks, were Congregationalists -*

February 14, 1842, a meeting was held "to take into consideration the propriety of building a Methodist Episcopal chapel". John Stoughton was chosen the President of the meeting and Charles Gaylord Secretary. It was resolved the Society should be called the First Methodist Episcopal Society of Barker. Duly elected as trustees were: David Miller, Charles Gaylord, Chauncey Hyde, Abner Dunham and Stephen Foot. The trustees purchased two square rods by the roadside from John Hyde. Work soon began on the foundation. Everybody was interested and wanted to help. Three men with oxen drew stone from Major Hyde's quarry and from George Gaylord's ravine. Sand was obtained from Charles Beach's place. Logs were drawn from the forest: two timber trees; two pines for ties; one ash for ties; two basswoods for ties; four large beech trees for posts; a thousand feet of scantling for the steeple. Farm products were contributed to be sold and the proceeds used to pay for certain work and supplies: two bushels of oats for the painting; two bushels of corn for the pulpit; two bushels of corn for the gallery; one barrel of cider for stoves. Four dozen candles; one keg of ground lead and sash for large windows were contributed unconditioned.

while our own Thomas line stayed in Conn.,  
until early 1800s when some moved on  
to buy up land in Western Reserve of  
Ohio (around what is now Akron, O.)  
From there our own Beachs later to  
Columbus, Ill. where tied up with  
our Julians & trekked to Calif. en  
masse 1849. Were founders of Sacramento.  
The old Beach Homestead still stand  
on Sac. River at Freeport. Our Julian  
gr. grandparent (Geo. - wife Sarah) died  
in Indiana) owned property next to  
Beachs. Our Julians moved, later, to  
Oakland & S. Francisco —

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*Note: I am including these pages, though not our direct line (these are desc. of "Uncle" John Beach, brother to our Shao) as they give an interesting account of later generations of the Beach clan as they moved from the Beach line. B.*

The Family of Charles Brewster Beach

Home Life

The family endured many hardships in establishing the new home. All cooking and baking had to be done in an open fireplace until the first stove came, about 1845. Cutting off the timber for fuel or lumber, burning or uprooting the stumps and plowing the unbroken but fertile soil and preparing it for field crops and garden vegetables were of foremost importance. An L-shaped frame house, unpainted, soon replaced the log house. Its deep cellar provided for the storage of vegetables, smoked hams, dried and smoked beef, bins of potatoes and sweet-smelling apples. On hanging shelving were jars of preserves, jellies, jams and pickles, also cakes of maple sugar; and on the floor barrels of vinegar, sweet cider, corned beef, salted pork and several tubs of butter. All these were products of the farm.

The women found themselves fully employed in preparing three meals a day, caring for milk, making butter, doing the washing and ironing, spinning, sewing and mending, and in putting up dried fruits and preserves. The district school provided a limited course of education for the children. An occasional evening singing-school furnished a community pleasure and certain social opportunities for the younger set. The men became expert in getting out timber from the forest, having it into shape and constructing the framework of their barns, stables and corn-cribs. They constructed a treadmill for horses, thus obtaining power for sawing wood for fuel. Haying and harvesting, planting and cultivating were all done by hand in the early days. In the '60's the mower appeared and in the '70's the reaper. The homestead became a strictly self-supporting, prosperous dairy farm. After 1890 butter-making ceased and the milk was delivered daily to the nearest R.R. station, Itaska, and sold for cash.

Jan. 31, 1941 must have been a great day on the homestead. Susan, the eldest child, in her twentieth year, is to be married to George Hyde, of Hydeville. What shall the family have for breakfast? They might choose from the following list:- Ham-and-eggs, pork-and-beans, baked potatoes, brown bread and white, buckwheat cakes with maple syrup, apple-sauce, maple sugar, butter and milk, all home products. At the table might have been grandfather Isaac Beach, 80 years old, and his good wife Lucy Chittenden Beach, 70; father Beach, 48, and mother Beach, 40; baby Fred, 2 years old and the seven older brothers and sisters, a total of twelve.

The early Beaches of Conn. were Congregationalists. In 1732 following the lead of Rev. John Beach of the 2nd generation, they became Episcopalians and were loyal to the English Church and to the King, taking no part in the War of the Revolution. The Beaches and Mansirs of Mass. were also Episcopalians but coming to Parker, N.Y. found no organization of that church.

*Note: Our Thomas Beach & desc. - & most of our other ancestors in early N. Eng. adhered to this faith, though a few, our Michael Humphrey, for instance were Episcopalians & loyal to the King, as were all Eng. Colonists until the Rev. War.*

*Cont'd from above: - on to open new territory across the nation This line settled in N. York*



Wife = formerly

- 291 - Eliza b 11-27-1801 and <sup>Lee</sup> Lee <sup>Elderst- child -</sup> ~~Spd~~
- 294 - Clarinda 9-23-1811 and Henry T. ~~Spd~~
- 295 - Ransom 2-6-1814
- 297 - Harvey Milton 5-25-1818

(Wci Beach Children)

Levi Children

Henry B	Mary Eliza
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(son of Jacob  
and Bethiah)

JULIUS BEACH, SR. (5th generation)

BORN - 1-19-1765

DIED - 11-7-1848 (84 yrs)  
Goshen, Conn.

MARRIED- Eunice Oviatt  
Born 1771-d. 11-7-1848 (died-  
1-1-1845 at 74 yrs) Goshen, Conn.  
(dau. of Samuel Oviatt who died  
in Ohio)

Rev. War Service- enlisted with quite a  
few others of the family and relatives)

CHILDREN

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>To Whom Married</u>
Abigail	10-5-1790	ca 1828	Jos. Drake Humphrey (son of Isaiah)
Julius		died at 5 yrs.	
Stella	9-24-1797		4-12-1821 Van Renss. Humphrey (son of Isaiah)
Eunice	11-21-1799		(1) Abijah Brown (2) Pamler
JULIUS (ours) (note: 1880 Sac., Calif. Census gives age 82 which would mean correct year of birth would be 1798)	2-8-1802	ca 1882 Sac., Calif.	Betsy Humphrey (1803-1884) Goshen Conn. Dau. of David.  (To Norton, Summit Co., Ohio soon after they married 1819 Goshen, Conn.)
Evelena	6-4-1805	2-21-1842	Munson Carter (to Illinois, prob Adams County)
Clarissa	12-5-1807		Ezra Foote ( To Wisconsin)
Albert	11-30-1809	6-3-1849	9-11-1831 Adelaide Pinney

(Above Julius and Eunice Oviatt Beach were our gr. gr.  
grandparents)

BES



(son of Julius, Sr.  
and Eunice Oviatt)

JULIUS BEACH, JR.

BORN - 1798 or 1802  
Goshen, Conn.

DIED - after 1880 Sac., Calif.

MARRIED - Betsy Humphrey,  
(dau. of David)

( our great grandparents)

CHILDREN

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Whom Married</u>
Julius Clinton	1825 Ohio	2-12-1888 Sac., Calif.	Mary E. Davis (1834-1894)
Harriet Eliza	1826 Ohio	10-23-1906 Sac., Calif	Wm. Nelson Keyes on 6-7-1846 In Quincy, Ill.
George Washington	ca 1830		
LOUISA L. (ours)	11-13-1831-3	1903 (of strokes) Bur. Sac. Calif in Julian Cem. Plot	John Stafford Julian on 9-5-1847 in Quincy, Ill.
Mary Emily	ca 1834		

(All children born in Ohio)

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Julius Beach, Jr., born in Goshen, Conn. was the 6th generation of our Beach line in America. He was a direct descendant of Thomas Beach, a founder of Milford, Conn. and his wife Sarah Platt, daughter of Richard, also a founder of Milford. These two emigrant ancestors from England settled in America in early 1600s. (see Thomas Beach chart and history and also that of Richard Platt for details).

Our Julius was the second son of this name born to Julius, Sr. and wife, Eunice Oviatt Beach. (see Oviatt history and chart). An elder brother, also named Julius, had died at 5 years. With his five sisters and a younger brother, Albert, Julius grew to manhood in the little mountain town of Goshen, Conn., noted for its scenic beauty and healthy climate.

In the year 1819 Julius married Betsy Humphrey, daughter of David, Jr., and his wife, Lucy (Marshall) also of Goshen. (see Humphrey family history following). In a huge, complete history of "The Humphreys Family" by Dr. Fred Humphrey, I found the following "David Humphrey's daughter Elizabeth, (Betsy) married 1819 in Goshen, Conn., Julius Beach, Jr., son of Julius, Sr. and wife Eunice (Oviatt). They soon after removed to Norton, Summit Co, Ohio. They resided at last account in Sacramento, Calif. Mr. Beach was a talented, educated gentleman, rich and influential". under page-350 family #36. Their children were then listed.

In Ohio our Julius and Betsy settled near a large group of family and friends, who had moved to Ohio earlier, some as early as 1800 or a little before when the Western Reserve Territory first opened up. Betsy's parents, David Humphrey, Jr. and wife Lucy (Marshall) bought land and settled in Braceville, Trumbull Co., Ohio. (Note: all our people who moved to Ohio from Conn. settled in N. E. section in Geauga, Trumbull, Summit Counties or nearby. Julius' grandfather, Samuel Oviatt, Jr. and brother, Benjamin Oviatt, had settled early in Ohio. Our Samuel Oviatt bought up a lot of land in this new territory and he also settled in Braceville near his close friend and in-law, our David Humphrey. (Quite a few Humphrey-Beach marriages took place). ( Complete histories and charts in file).

Suffice to say our great grandparents, Julius and Betsy Beach, were anything but strangers in a strange land when they settled in Ohio. Julius' sister, Stella and her husband, the prominent Judge Van Rensselaer Humphrey, also lived in the small town of Nerton (later he settled in Hudson). Julius and Betsy's children were born in Ohio, probably the little town of Nerton. Our family did not linger too many years in Ohio but moved to Missouri in 1836 until 1839 when moved on to Illinois, Adams County, near Quincy. I have a copy of marriage license issued in 1847 to our grandparents, Louisa Beach and John Stafford Julian in Quincy. Whether these two met before residence in Ill. is doubtful as I have Julian history back to 1700 in America and the Beach and connecting lines from early 1600s in America and have never found one link between the two lines.

Through welcome correspondence with Beach cousins in Sacramento and other sources I have learned that our people in Illinois, numerous of the Beach clan and connections and our gr. grandfather, George Julian, his son, John Stafford Julian and wife, Louisa and baby daughter, Elizabeth with many others around Quincy, started the long trek to California, in the year 1849 (for details of the sojourn of this wagon train see following article.) Exactly which members of Julius Beach and George Julian's children were in this original wagon train we are not sure at this time. They were all living in California later but it is possible that some of the younger children were in school in Illinois and did not come until later. We do know one of Geo. Julian's daughters married a Dr. Williams and settled in Marcelline, Ill. near Quincy, and visited her family in Cal. later. ( more research needs to be done in Ill. after 1849. 1850 Adams County, Ill. census should give us the names of the Beachs and Julians who were still there. I am working on this phase of the family history now..Bea)

Our two great grandfathers, Julius Beach and George Julian, bought adjoining ranches on the Sacramento River in Freeport. A descendant of Julius and Betsy Beach now owns the original Beach home and property including Beach Camp and Beach Lake. Our George Julian later sold his property adjoining the Beach holdings to a member of the Beach family but it was again sold, this time to one outside the family.

I am indebted to Amanda Keyes married to a descendant of Harriet Beach (daughter of Julius and Betsy); also to Alvin Beach (grandson of Julius Clinton Beach, eldest son of Julius, for whom my brother, Clinton Beach Julian is named) for data they sent on our Sacramento family's early history and activities.

(son of Jacob and  
Bethia )

JULIUS BEACH, Sr. (5th generation)

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(Rev. War Service)


DIED - 11-7-1848 Goshen, Conn.

MARRIED -ca 1789 Eunice Oviatt  
( 1768-1845)

dau. of Samuel.

CHILDREN

(all born Goshen, Conn.)

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 JULIUS ** (ours)	2-8-1802 or possibly 1798. Sac., Calif. census 1880 shows him 82 years.	ca 1882	1819 Betsey Hum- phrey, dau of David, Jr.
To Ohio after marriage 1819 in Goshen, Conn.			
Evalene	6-4-1805 (settled in Illinois) but records seem to show Evalene buried in Goshen, Conn. with parents.	2-21-1842	Munson Carter
Clarissa	12-5-1807	1886 in Footville, Wisc.	Ezra Foot (1809-1885) son of Joseph & Abigail (Baldwin) on 6-4-1829
Albert	11-13-1809	6-3-1849	Adelaine Pinney on 9-11-1831

(above Julius and Eunice Beach are our Gr.  
grandparents )





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How many of Julius and Eunice's children remained in Goshen we are not sure. A daughter, Evelyn (b. 6-4-1804) married Hanson Carter and moved to Ill. Since she is listed as buried in Goshen she must have returned later to her home town. Her sister Clarissa (b. 12-5-1807) married Ezra Foote and located in Wisconsin. Abigail the eldest daughter, (b. 10-5-1790) married Joseph Drake Humphrey, born 3-15-1789 in Goshen. He was son of Isalah (son of our David Humphrey, Sr.) We believe Abigail and Joseph accompanied our Julius and Betsey to Norton, Summit Co. Ohio. (Records list Abigail's burial in Norton). Abigail was referred to as a woman of fine intellectual abilities and exalted character. She had 7 children. Two other daughters of Eunice and Julius were married at the family home. Stella married the prominent judge, Van Rensselaer Humphrey on 11-21-1799 (They also went to Norton with Julius and Betsey, later settling in the town of Hudson.) Van was brother of Joseph Drake, above. Eunice born 11-21-1799 md. Abijah Brown and Albert md. 9-11-1831 Adelaia Finney.

Julius' father-in-law, Samuel Oviatt, Jr. and his brother Senj. Oviatt had settled early 1800s in new territory Ohio in the Western Reserve, with their families. Samuel lived in Braceville, as did our David Humphrey, Jr. and wife Lucy (Marshall) Betsey's parents. All our people in close contact in Trumbull, Cosuga, Summit Counties and area around. When a lawsuit ensued after S. Oviatt's death to equitably distribute his large land holdings our Julius and Eunice (da. of Samuel Oviatt) were comanded to appear in court with rest of the large Oviatt family or suffer \$1000 fine. Whether they made the trip to Ohio or not we don't know but most of their life was spent in Goshen, Conn., where they lived to a ripe old age. Julius, Sr. died 11-7-1848 and Eunice 3 yrs later and lie buried in Goshen. (error... I check these dates, and find Eunice died january 1st, 1845, three years before Julius).

Our Beach and Humphrey families were evidently close neighbors and friends; there being several marriages between the children. (see Humphrey Family History also Oviatt History and copy of et. case (Ohio) in files). Bea.

References: "History of Goshen, Conn." by Rev. A. G. Hibbard.

"Humphreys Family" by Dr. Davis, etc.

"HISTORY of Wallingford, Conn."

Other sources too numerous to mention, including a great deal of correspondence with Libraries, members the "Conn. Society of Genealogists" (of which I am a member); Historical Soc. of Ohio (also a member of this); and most important data from "cousins" researching our lines and connecting lines. (see files).....

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