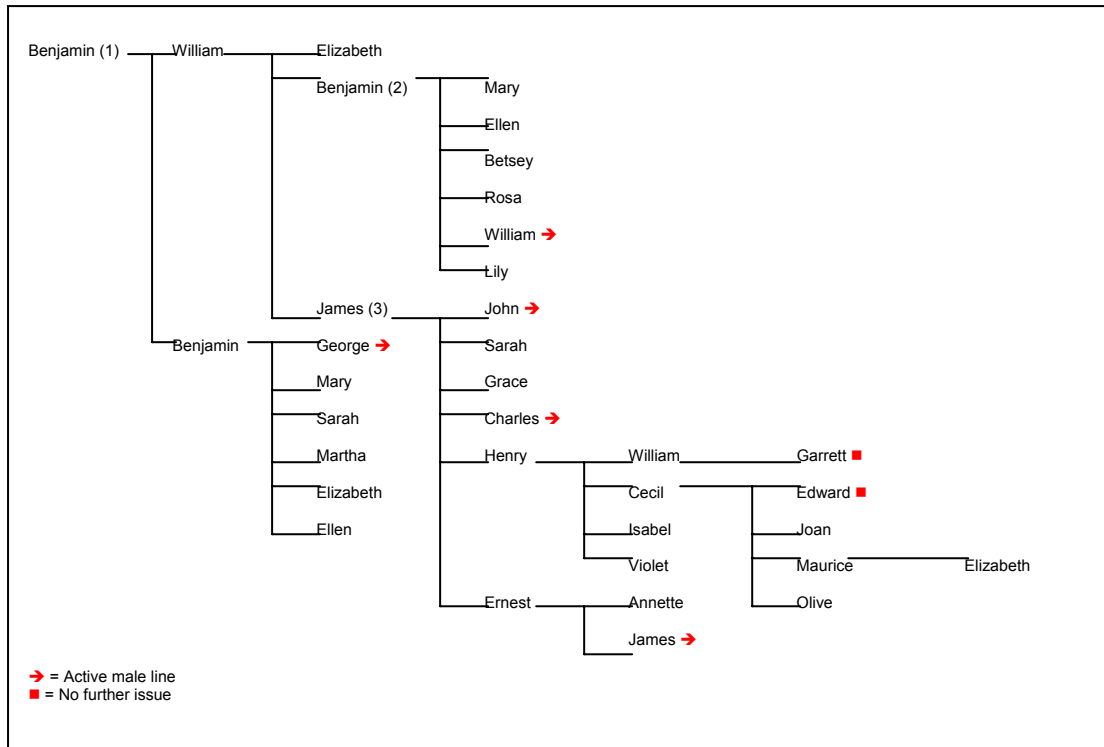


## Descendants of Benjamin of Bobbingworth, 1785 to 2000



Solid evidence for this family follows the first appearance of Benjamin in Bobbingworth parish registers in 1807; the family thereafter lived in Matching, High Laver, Harlow, Epping one branch emigrated to Australia. But one wonders if the family sprang from Hatfield Broadoak. There are several reasons why this might be possible:

- (1) as far as is currently known, the name 'Benjamin Beard' is only known in Hatfield Broadoak before 1800<
- (2) a Benjamin was baptised in Hatfield Broadoak in 1776; his age would be consistent with Benjamin of Bobbingworth having children in the early 1800s
- (3) the Benjamin above was the son of a husbandman; Benjamin of Bobbingworths son is known to have farmed c.45 acres
- (4) according Matching parish records, Benjamins sons William and Benjamin were both living in Hatfield Broadoak prior to their marriages - possibly living with their parents?

This certainly doesn't amount to proof but I believe it to be persuasive. My hypothesis therefore is as follows: Benjamin of Hatfield Broadoak (b.1771) marries one Elizabeth of Bobbingworth in around 1805. They stay there for the birth of their first two children, and then return to Hatfield Broadoak sometime in the 1810s or 1820s. Both of Benjamins sons marry and consequently live in Matching.

This tree was created with the invaluable help of Barbara Beard (nee Hanlon)

## 1. Benjamin of Bobbingworth

BENJAMIN BEARD. Married ELIZABETH

The Children of BENJAMIN and ELIZABETH BEARD are<sup>1</sup>:

- i. WILLIAM BEARD. Born on 26 Feb 1807. Baptised in Bobbingworth on 29 Mar 1807. Living in Hatfield Broadoak in 1828<sup>2</sup>. Labourer in 1829<sup>3</sup>. Married SARAH PEPPER (born c.1801, died by 1881<sup>4</sup>) of Matching in Matching on 14 Nov 1828<sup>5</sup>. Lived in Pear Tree Green 1829, Matching Green 1833<sup>6</sup>, and in High Laver by 1851<sup>7</sup>. A widowed William was living with his son Benjamin back in Matching in 1881<sup>8</sup>

The children of WILLIAM and SARAH BEARD are<sup>9</sup>:

- i. ELIZABETH BEARD. Born on 20 Jan 1829, baptised in Matching on 3 May 1829.
  - ii. BENJAMIN BEARD. Baptised in Matching on 14 Jul 1833. (See 2. *Benjamin of Matching*)
  - iii. JAMES BEARD. Baptised 2 Jun 1839 in High Laver<sup>10</sup>. (See 3. *James of High Laver*)
- ii. BENJAMIN BEARD. Born on 21 Aug 1808. Baptised in Bobbingworth on 23 Oct 1808. Lived in Hatfield Broadoak to 1834<sup>11</sup>. Married ELIZABETH SCOTT (born c.1815) of Matching in Matching on 1 Aug 1834<sup>12</sup>. Lived in Matching Green 1841-1850<sup>13</sup>. Wheelwright in 1841, but farmer by 1844<sup>14</sup>, recording some 45 acres in 1851<sup>15</sup>

The children of BENJAMIN and ELIZABETH BEARD are<sup>16</sup>:

- i. GEORGE BEARD. Born 1839
  - ii. MARY BEARD. Baptised in Matching on 28 Nov 1841
  - iii. SARAH BEARD. Baptised in Matching on 28 Jul 1844
  - iv. MARTHA BEARD. Baptised in Matching on 9 May 1847
  - v. ELIZABETH BEARD. Baptised in Matching on 1 Dec 1850. Buried in Matching on 23 Apr 1851<sup>17</sup>
  - vi. ELLEN BEARD. Born c.1852. Buried in Matching on 15 May 1855 1855<sup>18</sup>
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<sup>1</sup> Bobbingworth Baptisms

<sup>2</sup> Matching Marriages

<sup>3</sup> Matching Baptisms

<sup>4</sup> Matching Census 1881

<sup>5</sup> Matching Marriages

<sup>6</sup> Matching Baptisms

<sup>7</sup> Matching Census 1851

<sup>8</sup> Matching Census 1881

<sup>9</sup> Matching baptisms, Matching marriages, High Laver Census 1851

<sup>10</sup> Email from Barbara Beard on 23 Feb 2001

<sup>11</sup> Matching marriages

<sup>12</sup> Matching marriages

<sup>13</sup> Matching baptisms

<sup>14</sup> Matching baptisms, Matching Census 1841

<sup>15</sup> Matching Census 1851

<sup>16</sup> Matching baptisms, Matching burials, Matching Census 1841 and 1851

<sup>17</sup> Matching burials

<sup>18</sup> Matching burials

Benjamin of Bobbingworth possibly had a relative in Joseph Beard, who died in Matching aged 75 in 1813. His grandfather? A Joseph married Sarah Morris in Matching in 1791 Josephs son and Benjamins brother?

Benjamin also possibly had a third son (after William and Benjamin) named James, who died in Matching aged 30 in 1841.

William and Sarahs daughter Elizabeth may be the same as the Elizabeth found working for Henry Johns in High Ongar in 1851 – whilst she states her birthplace as White Roding, she is exactly the right age and as yet unassociated with any other local family.

## 2. Benjamin of Matching

BENJAMIN BEARD. (Son of WILLIAM and SARAH BEARD. See 1. *Benjamin of Bobbingworth*) Baptised in Matching on 14 Jul 1833. Living at home and unmarried until at least 1851<sup>19</sup>. Married HANNAH (born c.1842 in Matching)

The children of BENJAMIN and HANNAH BEARD are<sup>20</sup>:

- i. MARY BEARD. Baptised in Matching on 31 Mar 1867
- ii. ELLEN BEARD. Baptised in Matching on 15 Aug 1869. Had an illegitimate child named George William in 1888 by George Thomas Wilkinson, but likely he took Wilkinson name<sup>21</sup>
- iii. BETSEY BEARD. Baptised in Matching on 3 Mar 1872. Married John Saville, a stockman of Matching on 18 Jun 1887 in Matching<sup>22</sup>
- iv. ROSA BEARD. Baptised in Matching on 17 Apr 1881. Working as a domestic servant in 1894<sup>23</sup>. Married William George Gaylor, a machine man of Matching on 13 Oct 1894 in Matching<sup>24</sup>
- v. WILLIAM CHARLES BEARD. Baptised in Matching on 17 Apr 1881
- vi. LILY ELIZA BEARD. Born 10 Mar 1885, baptised in Matching on 24 May 1885

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Benjamin had died by 1901, but Hannah, aged 60, was still living in Matching at that time, working as a laundress<sup>25</sup>

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<sup>19</sup> Matching Census 1851

<sup>20</sup> Matching baptisms

<sup>21</sup> Matching Baptisms

<sup>22</sup> Matching marriages

<sup>23</sup> Matching marriages

<sup>24</sup> Matching marriages

<sup>25</sup> Matching Census 1901

### 3. James of High Laver

JAMES BEARD. (Son of WILLIAM and SARAH BEARD. See 1. *Benjamin of Bobbingworth*) Baptised 2 Jun 1839 in High Laver<sup>26</sup>. Labourer in 1863<sup>27</sup>. Married CATHERINE BARNES (born 11 Sep 1842 in High Easter, died 13 Sep 1922 in Canning Town<sup>28</sup>) in Matching on 17 Jun 1863<sup>29</sup>. Lived in Little Laver 1873 to 1901<sup>30</sup>. Described as a 'carrier' in 1901<sup>31</sup>. Died 16 April 1913 in West Ham<sup>32</sup>

The children of JAMES and CATHERINE BEARD are<sup>33</sup>:

- i. JOHN BEARD. Born 1865 in High Laver. Does not appear in 1901 census<sup>34</sup>
- ii. SARAH BEARD. Born 1867 in Abbots Roothing
- iii. GRACE BEARD. Born 1873 in Little Laver
- iv. CHARLES BEARD. Born 1876 in Little Laver. By 1901 living in East Ham and working as a railway warehouseman<sup>35</sup>
- v. HENRY "HARRY" BEARD. Born 24 May 1878 in Little Laver<sup>36</sup>. Married AMELIA EDITH ANNIE PYE (born 12 Feb 1879 in Mullinger, Eire) on 20 July 1899 in Hatfield Heath<sup>37</sup>. A grocers assistant by 1900<sup>38</sup>, living in Berden by 1901<sup>39</sup>. Died on 5 February 1956 in Wanstead<sup>40</sup>

The children of HARRY and AMELIA BEARD are<sup>41</sup>:

- i. WILLIAM HENRY FRANK "FRANK" BEARD. Born on 26 Oct 1900 in Matching<sup>42</sup>. Initially at least referred to as Henry<sup>43</sup>. Ladies hairdresser, owned shop in Harlow where he lived most of his life<sup>44</sup>. Married DOROTHY GERTRUDE DENNINGTON (born 15 Dec 1901 in Orford, Suffolk, Died 21 Sep 1995, Bishops Stortford). Died 2 Nov 1971 in Clavering<sup>45</sup>.

The Child of WILLIAM and DOROTHY BEARD is<sup>46</sup>

- i. GARRETT DENNINGTON BEARD. Born September 1934 in Bishops Stortford. Died 17 Dec 1934 in the Infants Hospital, Westminster, London.
- ii. CECIL BEARD. Born 2 Jun 1902 in Newton Berden. (See 4. *Cecil of Epping*)
- iii. ISABEL BEARD. Born 1908 in Harlow
- iv. VIOLET BEARD. Born 1910 in Harlow

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<sup>26</sup> Email from Barbara Beard on 23 Feb 2001

<sup>27</sup> Matching Marriages

<sup>28</sup> Email from Barbara Beard on 23 Feb 2001

<sup>29</sup> Matching marriages

<sup>30</sup> Matching Census 1881, Little Laver Census 1901. Email from Barbara Beard 23 Feb 2001

<sup>31</sup> Little Laver Census 1901

<sup>32</sup> Email from Barbara Beard on 23 Feb 2001

<sup>33</sup> Email from Barbara Beard on 23 Feb 2001

<sup>34</sup> Census 1901

<sup>35</sup> East Ham Census 1901

<sup>36</sup> Barbara Beard 31 May 2002

<sup>37</sup> Email from Barbara Beard on 23 Feb 2001, Matching Baptisms

<sup>38</sup> Matching Baptisms

<sup>39</sup> Berden Census 1901

<sup>40</sup> Email from Barbara Beard on 23 Feb 2001

<sup>41</sup> Email from Barbara Beard on 23 Feb 2001, Matching Baptisms

<sup>42</sup> Barbara Beard 31 May 2002

<sup>43</sup> Berden census 1901

<sup>44</sup> Barbara Beard 31 May 2002

<sup>45</sup> Barbara Beard 31 May 2002

<sup>46</sup> Barbara Beard 31 May 2002

- vi. ERNEST BEARD. Born 1884 in Little Laver. By 1901 living in East Ham and working as a 'Railway Engine Chare'<sup>47</sup>. Married ANNETTE REAVEY in 1914<sup>48</sup>.

The children of ERNEST and ANNETTE BEARD are<sup>49</sup>

- i. ANNETTE BEARD. Born in 1914 in Poplar, London
- ii. JAMES BEARD. Born in 1922 in Mile End, London

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James and Catherine revolved around Hall Green Farm in Little Laver for many years<sup>50</sup>

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<sup>47</sup> East Ham Census 1901  
<sup>48</sup> Barbara Beard 31 May 2002  
<sup>49</sup> Barbara Beard 31 May 2002  
<sup>50</sup> Barbara Beard 31 May 2002

#### **4. Cecil of Epping**

CECIL BEARD. (Son of HARRY and AMELIA BEARD. See 3. *James of High Laver*) Born 2 Jun 1902 in Newton Berden. Married ETHEL NEWELL (b.20 Jun 1902 Plumstead, London) in Woolwich, London on 21 Jul 1926<sup>51</sup>. Moved to Epping in 1926<sup>52</sup>. Cecil a telephone operator/caretaker, living in Post Office on High Street<sup>53</sup>. In 1939 moved to Crow Stret with the exchange, but by 1945 family had moved into Half Moon pub on the High Street where Cecil took over the licence<sup>54</sup>. Moved to Ilford in 1952. Died 9 Mar 1972 in Plumstead, London<sup>55</sup>

The children of CECIL and ETHEL BEARD are<sup>56</sup>:

- i. EDWARD BEARD. Born 1928 in Woolwich, London. Died 1928 in Epping
- ii. JOAN BEARD. Born 1929 in Epping
- iii. MAURICE BEARD. Born 1932 in Epping. Married BARBARA HANLON (Born 1937 in London) in Brisbane, Australia on 18 May 1968.

The child of MAURICE and BARBARA is:

- i. ELIZABETH BEARD. Born 1971 in Brisbane, Australia
- iv. OLIVE BEARD. Born 1943 in Epping

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<sup>51</sup> Email from Barbara Beard on 23 Feb 2001  
<sup>52</sup> Email from Barbara Beard on 8 Mar 2001  
<sup>53</sup> Email from Barbara Beard on 8 Mar 2001  
<sup>54</sup> Email from Barbara Beard on 8 Mar 2001  
<sup>55</sup> Email from Barbara Beard on 23 Feb 2001  
<sup>56</sup> Email from Barbara Beard on 23 Feb 2001