

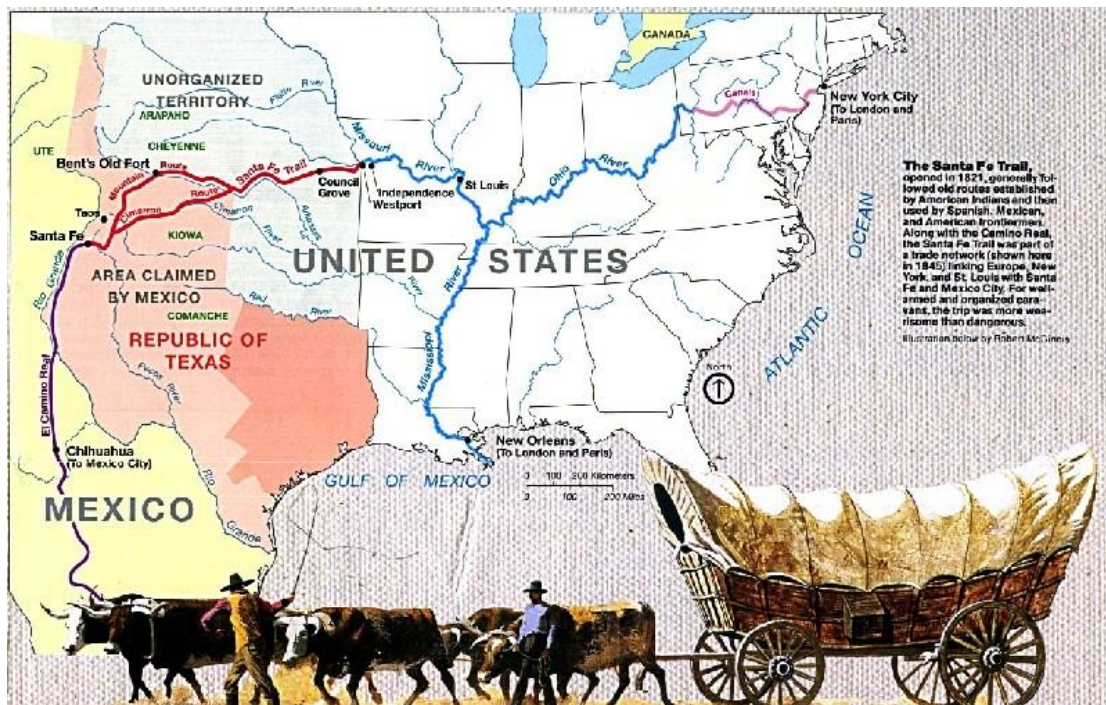
Ancestors of Hattie Alberta Williams

Including

Ezekiel “Zeke” Williams

Grandfather of the

Santa Fe Trail



Zeke is great-grandfather to Hattie Alberta Williams, whose husband's (Lewis Theodore Simpson's) grandfather was William Simpson, fourth great-grandfather to Charlie David Feaver.

AHNENTAFEL NUMBERING EXAMPLE

The following example shows the most common numbering conventions which can appear in the ahnentafel (ancestor) report. Your ahnentafel may print some or all of these numbers and symbols depending upon which report options you select.

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2. **John² Smith⁶** [17], born 17 Feb 1849 in New York, NY, died 3 Jan 1930⁷, son of **4.** Herman Smith and **5.** Margaret Sampson. He married 30 Jun 1870 **3.** **Mary Jones**, daughter of **6.** Albert Jones and **7.** Samantha Wiggins.

Their children were:

1 i **Bobby¹** [43]
 ii **Susan¹** [44], born 25 Dec 1871.

⁶Smith Family Bible, p. 2

⁷U.S. Social Security Death Index

Explanation:

<p>John² Smith⁶ [17] died 3 Jan 1930⁷ 4. Herman Smith</p>	<p>John Smith is an ancestor of generation number two. Citation⁶ referring to source of information. Record Identification Number (RIN) Citation⁷ referring to source of information for this event. Find ancestor Herman Smith at paragraph number (4.).</p>
<p>1 ii</p>	<p>Susan¹ [44] Find Susan at paragraph number (1). She is the second (ii) child in the family, and of the first (1) generation. Susan's RIN number is [44].</p>

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1. Hattie Alberta¹ Williams, born 25 Nov 1877 in Cole Camp, Benton, MO; died¹ 2 Oct 1976 in Milton-Freewater, Umatilla, OR; buried in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Milton-Freewater, Umatilla, OR, daughter of **2. Lafayette Taylor Williams** and **3. Melcina (Rutledge) Williams**. She married on 25 May 1910 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla, WA **Lewis Theodore Beardsley**, born 29 Dec 1878 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla, WA; died 12 Nov 1944 in Milton, Umatilla, OR; buried 14 Nov 1944 in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Milton, Umatilla, Oregon D-1, son of James Theodore Beardsley and Mary Jane (Jane) (Simpson) Beardsley.

Notes for Hattie Alberta Williams

OBITUARY - MILTON-FREEWATER: Hattie A. Beardsley, 98, Route 3, Milton-Freewater, died Saturday at Elzora Manor in Milton-Freewater. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Edward Morrison, Pastor of the Wesley Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Milton-Freewater Cemetery. Friends who wish may make memorial contributions to the Wesley Methodist Church memorial fund through Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home. Mrs. Beardsley was born Nov 25, in Cole Camp, Mo. and came to this valley with her father, Lafayette Williams, at an early age. She married Lewis T. Beardsley in Walla Walla Dec. 25, 1910. He died Nov 12, 1944. She has been in ill health for a number of years and a resident in a nursing home for seven years. She is survived by her daughter, Gwendolen Ring, Pendleton; three grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Notes for Lewis Theodore Beardsley

OBITUARY: From the Milton Eagle, Nov. 16, 1944: "Louis T. Beardsley, 65 years of age, died suddenly Sunday afternoon at his home on Cherry Street here. He had suffered a stroke. Beardsley, who had spent almost all his life in this community, was born December 29, 1878, in Walla Walla. Surviving him are his wife, Hattie A. Beardsley; a son, Eldridge W. Beardsley, La Grande; a daughter, Mrs. Gwendolyn Ring, Echo; two grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Frances Frazier, who resides here. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Milton Methodist Church, Rev. A.J. Neufeld officiating. Burial was in the Milton I.O.O.F. cemetery."

CENSUS DATA:

** 1887 Washington Territorial Census: At age 8, Lewis was the only child living with mother Mary Jane and step-father James Moss.

** April 1892 Washington State Census: At age 13, Lewis was living with mother Mary Jane, step-father James Moss and step-brother James Moss, Jr. (age 21).

** 1900 US Census: Lewis was a day laborer still living with his mother. By now she had been widowed twice. They lived in dwelling 71, near the Frazier's dwelling 69.

** In World War I Lewis was issued a draft registration card (roll 1852148--1917-1918) and was listed as a self-employed farmer.

Children of Hattie Alberta Williams and Lewis Theodore Beardsley were as follows:

- i **Gwendolen Theodora Beardsley**, born 26 Nov 1913 in Oregon; died 11 Oct 1991 in Umatilla County, OR. She married on 21 Mar 1943 in Walla Walla, Washington **Francis Peter Ring**, born 1906; died 1980; buried in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Milton-Freewater, Umatilla, OR.

Notes: The class of 1931 announces the commencement exercises McLoughlin Union High School, Thursday, May 21st, 8:15 p.m.

WEDDING: Newspaper wedding announcement on March 21, 1943 said: "Miss Gwen Beardsley became the bride of Pvt. Francis Peter Ring Sunday at 2:00 o'clock at the home of Judge Timothy A. Paul in Walla Walla. Attending the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson. "The bride was attired in soldier blue with red accessories and a red carnation corsage. Mrs. Wilson wore navy blue with old rose and her flowers were cream and rose carnations. Mrs. Ring has taught school in this locality several years, while Mr. Ring was a telegraph operator for the Union Pacific railway before being

¹Walla Walla Union Bulletin (Walla Walla, Washington), 4 Oct 1976.

inducted into the army. He is now stationed at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, and is in the Engineers' division. Fourteen persons honored Mr. and Mrs. Ring with a surprise party Monday night. The evening began with a charivari, after which a social time was enjoyed. At eleven, a buffet supper was served from a table decorated with pink and white sweet peas. A white wedding cake was presented by the bride's mother. A guest of honor was Francis Leroy Walden, who is home on furlough after serving his country on foreign soil."

In January of 1960, Gwendolen lived at R.1 Box 148A, Hermiston, OR.

- ii **Eldridge W. Beardsley**, born 24 Jun 1916 in Oregon; died 21 Jan 2001 in Milton-Freewater, Umatilla, OR. He married **Ionia Belle (Jellison) Beardsley**. Notes: In January of 1960, Eldridge lived at 1817 Walnut St., Milton-Freewater, OR.

Generation 2

2. Lafayette Taylor² Williams, born 24 Apr 1842 in Missouri; died 3 Apr 1915 in Oregon, son of **4. Samuel E. Williams** and **5. Mary (Graham) Williams**. He married on 13 Oct 1867 **3. Melcina (Rutledge) Williams**, born 22 Sep 1844; died 20 Jan 1891 in Williams Cemetery, Union Church, Benton County, MO.

Children of Lafayette Taylor Williams and Melcina Rutledge were as follows:

- i **Henry Alonzo¹ Williams**, born Oct 1868 in Benton County, MO; died bef 1930. He married **Anna Mary (Harder) Williams**, born Nov 1871 in Woodson County, KS; died Feb 1942 in San Francisco, San Francisco, CA.
- ii **Minnie E¹ Williams**, born 1871. She married **Mark Cockburn**.
- 1 iii **Hattie Alberta¹ Williams**, born 25 Nov 1877 in Cole Camp, Benton, MO; died² 2 Oct 1976 in Milton-Freewater, Umatilla, OR; buried in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Milton-Freewater, Umatilla, OR. She married on 25 May 1910 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla, WA **Lewis Theodore Beardsley**, born 29 Dec 1878 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla, WA; died 12 Nov 1944 in Milton, Umatilla, OR; buried 14 Nov 1944 in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Milton, Umatilla, Oregon D-1, son of James Theodore Beardsley and Mary Jane (Jane) (Simpson) Beardsley.
- iv **Della B¹ Williams**, born Dec 1881. She married **Charles Cockburn**.
- v **Mamie L¹ Williams**, born May 1885. She married **George Hunter**.

Generation 3

4. Samuel E.³ Williams, born 1796 in Cumberland County, Kentucky; died 26 May 1871 in Williams Cemetery, Union Church, Benton County, MO, son of **8. Ezekiel "Zeke" Williams** and **9. Margaret (Thornton) Williams**. He married **5. Mary (Graham) Williams**.

Notes for Samuel E. Williams

In the Spring of 1834 Samuel moved from Kentucky to Benton County, MO

Children of Samuel E. Williams and Mary Graham were as follows:

- i **Jessee² Williams**, born 1813 in Kentucky; died 6 Feb 1861 in Missouri. He married **Letitia (Scott) Williams**.
- ii **Ezekial² Williams**.
- iii **Perlana² Williams**, born 18 Oct 1820 in Kentucky; died 1901. She married **Jonah G. Holsler**.
- iv **Missouri C.² Williams**, born 9 Mar 1822 in Kentucky; died 22 Nov 1854. She married **Vincent Fugate Berry**, born 1818; died 1895.
- v **Samuel Franklin² Williams**, born 5 Sep 1827 in Kentucky; died 1 Nov 1907 in Missouri. He married **Mary Catherine (Cathey) Williams**.
- vi **James Houston² Williams**, born 17 Dec 1827 in Kentucky; died 14 Jan 1899 in Mt Olivet, Benton County, MO. He married on 1 Feb 1849 **Mary Ann (England) Williams**, born 17 Jun 1829; died 4 Dec 1903.

²Ibid.

- vii **Sarah Ann² Williams**, born 1831 in Kentucky. She married **William Berry**.
- viii **Glaphra² Williams**, born 1833 in Kentucky. She married **William F Jones**.
- ix **Lucretia Louise² Williams**, born 1835 in Missouri; died 17 Jan 1852. She married **William E. Bailey**.
- 2 x **Lafayette Taylor² Williams**, born 24 Apr 1842 in Missouri; died 3 Apr 1915 in Oregon. He married on 13 Oct 1867 **Melcina (Rutledge) Williams**, born 22 Sep 1844; died 20 Jan 1891 in Williams Cemetery, Union Church, Benton County, MO.

Generation 4

8. Ezekiel "Zeke"⁴ Williams, born abt 1775 in North Carolina; died 24 Dec 1844 in Benton County, MO, son of **16. John Brittian Williams**. He married (1) abt 1796 in Cumberland County, KY **9. Margaret (Thornton) Williams**, born 1775; (2) on 22 Feb 1814 in Cooper County, MO **Nancy (Jones) Williams**, born 1775.

Notes for Ezekiel "Zeke" Williams

Cole Camp, Missouri is located along what was once known as The Military Road. A man named Ezekiel Williams had surveyed a segment of this road to include the section that came through what was to become the future Benton County. Williams, Zeke, as he was known, liked the area and was to return in 1829 or 1830, settling along what became Williams Creek about four miles west of the present town site in 1829 or 1830. Here he opened a trading post and a way-station for travelers and stage coaches. He also opened a post office which he reportedly named after his home parish of Cole Camp, in Kentucky.

Zeke was a colorful person and had first settled in the area of Boonville, Missouri that became his base of early operations. He was a trapper, led wagon trains along the Santa Fe Trail, was captured by the Indians and vied with the French trappers. He was at one time accused of bigamy and even murder, but was cleared of both charges. He is also reported as being the first white settler in Benton County, although French and Spanish trappers and adventurers had criss-crossed the area many years before.

Ezekiel Williams was recorded as the first white to explore Arkansas River and was possibly a member of the Lewis & Clark Expedition. He was the first white settler in Benton County, Missouri. He established a store, post office and stopping point for travelers and stage coaches traveling along the old Military Road, or the Butterfield Trail, about four miles west of the present Cole Camp. He later moved the post office to the present town site in 1839.

MILESTONES:

- 28 Aug 1799: Commissioned as Captain in 16th Regiment of Green County, KY
- 09 Jul 1804 Commissioned as Captain in 46th Regiment of Cumberland County, KY
- 1807: Hired by William Clark to escort Mandan Chief Big White, wife and son back to village (near present Bismarck, North Dakota).
- August 1810: Left Fort Mandan, headed southwest into Wyoming and Colorado for Manuel Lisa to find the Spanish Settlements.
- September 1810: First white man in area of North Platte River and Casper, Wyoming.
- June 1811: At junction of Sweetwater and North Platte Rivers.
- Jun 1813: Taken prisoner by Kansas Indians
- 15 Aug 1813: Released by Kansas Indians
- Nov 1813: Attended meeting at Arrow Rock (West bank of MO river in Saline County). Meeting was attended by George C. Sibley (Indian Agent - Fort Osage, MO) and Kansas Indians. Zeke recovered 10 - 11 bales of fur lost during capture.
- 15 Dec 1813: Met with William Clark, Governor of MO, in St Louis
- First 1/2 1814: Served as Ranger and defender at Cooper's Fort (1 mile west of Petersburg in Howard county) during war with British along Missouri River.
- 18 Jan 1814: Received \$561.00 for bales of fur from Missouri Fur Company
- May 1814: Left for expedition to Arapaho Country with Morris May, Braxton Cooper, and 18 men of Philleber's (Philibert's) Company.
- 1815: Returned from Arapaho Country expedition
- Jul 1816: Served on first Grand Jury of Howard County
- 8 Jul 1816: Granted Letters of Administration to vacate estate of James Jones
- 17 Feb 1817: Paid \$960.00 for 270 acres of Boon's Lick Bottom.
- April 1817: Served as Petit Juror.

- April 26, 1817: Deeded north half of Lot 7 and paid additional \$80.00 to Thomas Gray in exchange for South half of Lot 16. (Lot 7 on Second Main St - now Hamilton St - in Franklin, MO).
- July, 1817: Served as Petit juror. Received guardianship of step-children; Eady (Edith), Benjamin, Francis, Thomas, Corbin.
- Summer 1818: Commissioned to mark out road from Franklin to nearest intersection with road leading from junction of Potosi Road and the Osage River to Cole's Fort.
- March, 1820: Fined for not appearing for juror duty.
- Dec 19, 1820: Signed horse race agreement for second Saturday in Feb 1821. Race was 500 yard heat. Prize was \$500.00 cash, \$200.00 in silver, and \$300.00 in good young horses.
- August 14, 1821: Hosted meeting of 17 men for expedition to "Far western places."
- August 18, 1821: Led first mule pack train on Santa Fe Trail.
- November 1822: Bought 2 lots in Boonville from Robert P. Clark (Administrator of estate for Asa Morgan).
- July, 1823: Indicted for Bigamy by Circuit Court of Cooper County for marriage to Margaret Thornton of Cumberland County, KY on Jan 1, 1800.
- August 6, 1823: Arrested for Bigamy by Sheriff of Cooper County.
- Nov 17, 1825: Paid \$53.00 for Lot 3 in Rocheport, MO (in west point of Boone County).
- May 15, 1827: Attended rendezvous in Blue Springs with 105 men. Appointed Captain of 53 wagon and carriage caravan destined for Santa Fe, NM on Santa Fe Trail. This was largest caravan on trail to date.
- Fall, 1830: Moved to farm in northeast Benton County, 10 - 12 miles Spring, 1831 North of Osage River, 70 miles South of MO River. Built house on SE quarter of NE quarter of Section 16, Township 42 North, Range 21 West.
- March, 1834: Fail to show for duty as Grand juror.
- Feb 16, 1835: Granted Grocer's License (Saloon license) by first session of Benton County Court. Same session established "Township of Williams." Post Office "Cole Camp" operated from William's farm with Zeke as first postmaster.
- Late 1839: Acquired half of Section 10 (320 acres) and 240 acres of Section 16. Dates vary from Oct 23 - Dec 10.
- May, 1842: Sold parcel of Section 10 to Methodist Episcopal Church. Land purchased now holds Union Church and Cemetery, North of Williams Creek on old Boonville-Springfield Road.
- December, 1843: Mortgaged "home 40" and adjoining 80 acres in Section 16 to School Fund for \$244.78.
- Dec 20, 1844: Dictated will to James Godwin, John Tyree, Dunks Sumner, and H. Bartlett.
- Dec 24, 1844: Died. Buried in Williams Cemetery, Union Church, Benton County, MO.

Children of Ezekiel "Zeke" Williams and Margaret Thornton were as follows:

- 4** i **Samuel E.³ Williams**, born 1796 in Cumberland County, Kentucky; died 26 May 1871 in Williams Cemetery, Union Church, Benton County, MO. He married **Mary (Graham) Williams**.

Generation 5

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Children of John Brittian Williams were as follows:

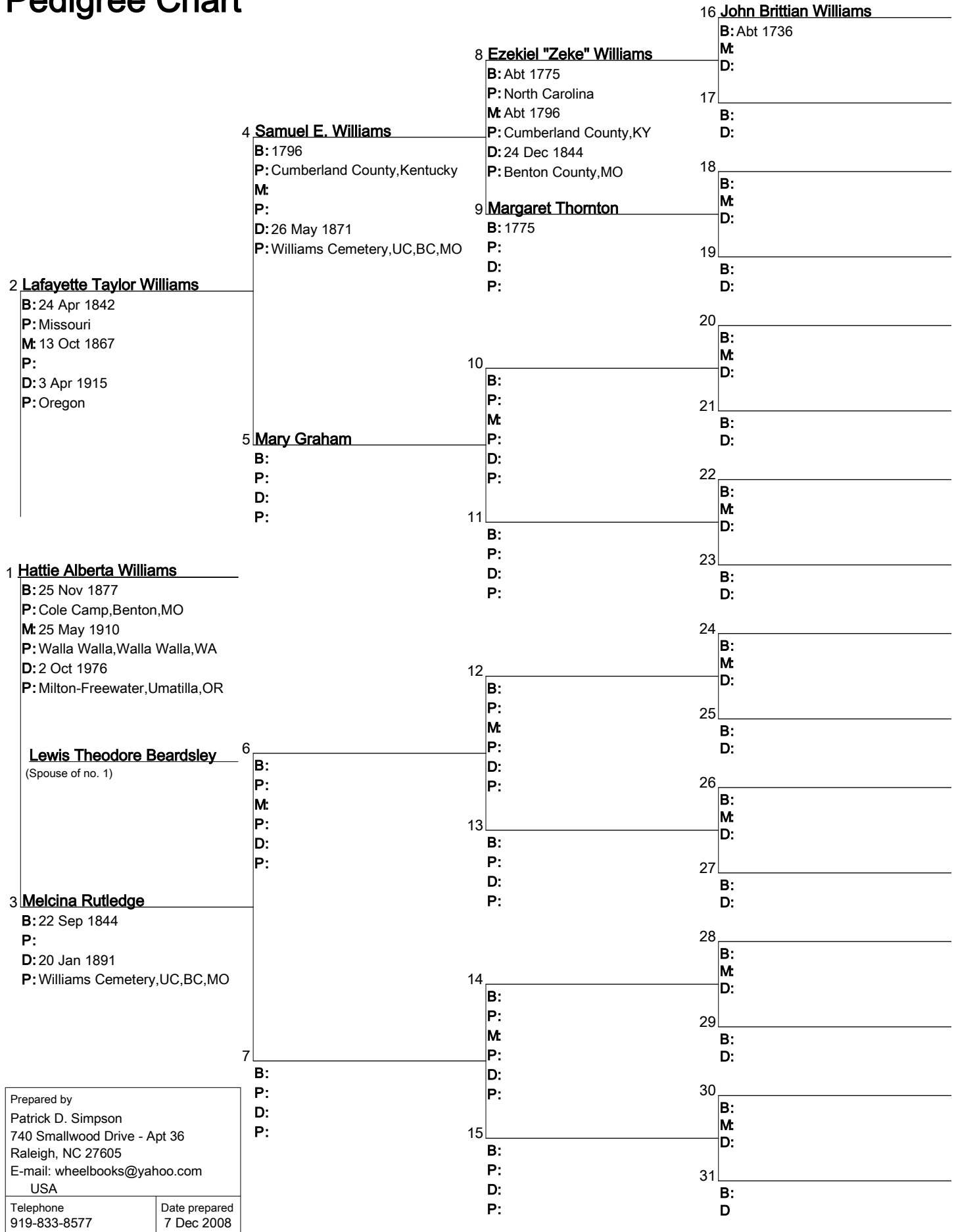
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