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Brief Sketch of Judge Augustus Elias Brevoort Woodward

Augustus B. Woodward was born Elias Brevoort Woodward, son of John Woodward (a New York shop-keeper) and Ann Silvester (daughter of Francis Silvester, cooper, and niece of Ann Silvester, wife of Elias Brevoort) . He was the eldest of four children of the couple who were baptized at the Reformed Dutch Church in New York City. Elias B. Woodward was baptized 6 November 1774. By 1796, the family of John and Ann (Silvester) had removed to Philadelphia. Justice Woodward never married.

Sister Marie Heyda tells us that Elias added the first name of Augustus as a young adult. She also states that

His education was excellent, grounded in science and mathematics, and in the Greek and Latin classics until in 1793, at the age of nineteen, August Elias Brevoort Woodward received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia. The Woodward family had moved to Philadelphia, and Augustus followed them to the city with which he was always to have strong ties. During the next years he lived in Philadelphia and, for a time, in western Virginia. He clerked in the Treasury Department, taught at Liberty Hall Academy, and studied and read law in preparation for the legal profession.

William L. Jenks, on the other hand would have us believe that young Woodward entered Columbia college with the class of 1793, at about the age of fifteen, but he did not graduate.

In 1801, the town of Detroit was incorporated. By an Act of Congress of the 11 January 1805, that part of the Northwest Territory lying between Lake Michigan on the west and Lakes Huron, St. Clair, and Erie, and their connecting straits on the east was organized as a separate region called the Territory of Michigan. Detroit was declared the seat of government of the Territory and William Hull was appointed governor of the Territory. Stanley Griswold was appointed Secretary and Augustus B. Woodward, Frederick Bates, and John Griffen, were appointed judges.

Augustus B. Woodward of the Territory of Columbia (Washington, D.C.), was commissioned as a judge of the Territory of Michigan on 2 March 1805 by Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States of America. Woodward had been nominated on 26 February 1805 and confirmed by the United States senate on 1 March 1805. Judge Woodward arrived in Detroit 30 June 1805 (Judge Bates was already in residence and a third judge was to be added to the Bench— Frederick Bates of the Territory was appointed on 3 March 1805.

When Judge Woodward and Governor Hull arrived at Detroit they found the town had been completely destroyed by a fire on 11 June 1805, three weeks before their arrival. Although Governor Hull and other new territorial officers did not take office until 1 July 1805, they immediately ignored the established town governing board. The old town had been a cluster of log houses crowded together on narrow streets which was unsanitary and particularly dangerous in case another fire should occur, so Governor Hull and Judges Woodward and Bates persuaded the townspeople to consent to the laying out of a new town with wider streets and larger lots, planned at a uniform size of 50 by 100 feet. The plan provided for a system of exchanging grants of new lots for old ones, and for the grant of a free donation lot to each inhabitant of the town above 17 years of age who had been a bona fide resident at the time of the fire. The new plan took time, and the citizens became disgruntled and to harshly criticize their rulers, particularly Woodward. Having been accustomed to the management of their municipal affairs by a board of their own choosing the people of Detroit, the trustees and other town officers protested the usurpation by the Governor and Judges.

It was not until the end of 1806 that Judge Woodward completed his sketches for a new street plan for Detroit which was similar in nature to the plan of the city of Washington with broad intersecting avenues with occasional circular parks and direct diagonal routes. Despite the criticism of Woodward's plan, it has been said that had it been carried out as an entirety, it would have prevented for all time the occurrence of difficult traffic problems in the city and plenty of open spaces. The plan was modified however because of political persuasion. Woodward Avenue, still a main avenue in the city, is the name sake of Judge Woodward.

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The Bank of Detroit was incorporated 15 September 1806 by order of the Governor. The company was organized, the banking-house erected, and the cashier appointed before the charter was granted. Judge Augustus B. Woodward, one of the judges who granted the act of incorporation, was appointed as president. Imputations unfavorable to Judge Woodward in regard to this and other matters were made, and he was threatened with impeachment. The bank, however, continued to do business, but in September 1808, the Governor and Judges, in the absence of Judge Woodward, passed an act making it punishable as a crime to carry on unauthorized banking business. This put an end to the brief existence of the institution, although its bills were in circulation until 1809.

In a letter from the Territory of Michigan's Governor Hull to President Jefferson on 12 March 1808, Hull made some interesting comments about the character of Judge Woodward.

Judge Woodward will probably remain here. I respect him as a scientific man; and he may be useful where he cannot take the lead. He may suggest many brilliant things, which after being pruned, and qualified, may be useful. His misfortune is that he cannot level his mind, to the common--ordinary occurrences of life. The experience of past times, is no less to him, and his ambition appears to be, to surprize mankind, by the singularity and novelty of his schemes. I have, and shall continue to do all in my power, to preserve harmony with him, as far as the public Interest will permit.

Justice Woodward's reputation did not improve. In 1817 the Detroit Gazette began publication and included views that Augustus B. Woodward "was discredited by men who, ... were able to exert powerful pressure upon public opinion.... To a large degree, it was necessary to their own dignity and prestige to perpetuate the myth that the Judge was a charlatan and a fool."

There is no doubt that Judge Augustus B. Woodward was an extremely intelligent man but he had a difficult time communicating with his colleagues and the citizens of Detroit and made many enemies because of his short temper.

Indeed, Woodward's reputation became so tarnished that when his term as Judge of the Michigan Territory expired the 1st of February 1824 his name was not considered for nomination by President Monroe. Woodward was however, appointed a justice of the Territory of Florida on 26 August 1824. Judge Woodward died about three years later.

The Territorial Papers, and Michigan Historical journals are full of accounts of Judge Augustus B. Woodward.

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From the Editor

It is obvious that the index does include the name of the spouse, therefore, if you find a marriage of interest, you may write to the Vital Records, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309 or call (608) 266-1371.

The fee structure and information needed to request a copy of a marriage record stated immediately below was located on the World Wide Web at the address: <http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/vitalrecords/marriage.htm>

Fees: The fee for the first copy of any marriage record is \$7.00. Additional copies of the same re-

cord, ordered at the same time, are \$2.00 each. Therefore, two copies of the same record would be \$9.00. Please make check or money order payable to **VITAL RECORDS**.

Information needed to request a copy of a marriage record:

1. The relationship between the person named on the record and the person making the request. Example: my own, my child's, etc. Only the person named on the record, the immediate family of that person or anyone with written permission from the person named on the record or the person's family may get a "certified" copy of a marriage certificate. Note: A "non-certified" copy of a marriage certificate is available to anyone who applies.
2. The reason for needing the record;
3. The full name of the groom listed on the marriage record;
4. The full maiden name of the bride listed on the marriage record;
5. The date of marriage;
6. The city and county of marriage;
7. Your signature.

Include a letter noting relationship of person on certificate to person requesting certificate; reason for requesting the certificate; full name of person on certificate; date of birth or death; city/county of event; parents name including mother's maiden name for a birth record; for death records including age at time of death or social security number is helpful but not necessary; be sure to sign the letter of request; include a self-addressed stamped envelope. *Note:* Genealogy requests can take up to 3 months, other requests will be in the mail within 15 working days.

Obit of Joseph Woodward Wauseon, Fulton County, Ohio

Contributed by Donna L Sams

Note: The following obituary clipping was found by Ms. Sams in her great-grandmother's scrapbook .

'WOODWARD--In Wauseon, Nov. 19th, 1883 Joseph Woodward, aged 88 years, and 7 months lacking 6 days. Joseph Woodward was born in Windsor, Mass. April 25th 1794. When he was 10 years of age his father moved to Canandaigua, N. Y., in which place on the 8th of October 1821 he was married to Miss Theresa Kent. Both, desiring to begin married life right and walk in the way of truth, united with the Baptist church in 1822, in which relationship they continued until 1825 when they immigrated to Ohio and settled in Geauga county. It is here he first heard the voices of Thomas and Alexander Campbell. After carefully contemplating this new idea as presented by these reformers, he decided in 1830 to connect himself with the Disciples church at Chardon, Ohio. From that time he has ever been an earnest advocate of the primitive faith. In 1854 he changed his place of residence to Erie county. It was here that the tie which bound two faithful hearts was severed; in March 1861 his wife went to her rest. In 1865 he came to this town and during that period of 18 years, he has lived an exemplary Christian life. Six children were born to him, all of whom are members of the church, four survive him, two sons and two daughters. The youngest son was killed in the army in 1862. Mr Woodward was a soldier of the war of 1812 and drew a pension at the time of his death.'

Obit of La Vern Albert Woodward Lake Havasu, Arizona

Contributed by Roxanne Woodward

Source: *Today's News Herald*, Lake Havasu City, Arizona, 9 July 1999.

La Vern Albert Woodward of Lake Havasu City died July 5, 1999, at Havasu Regional Medical Center. He was 81.

Born Aug. 16, 1917 at Dayton, Wash., he served in the U.S. Army. He was a truck driver in Sacramento, Calif. for 30 years and worked for L.A. By Products. He moved to Lake Havasu City eight years ago from Sacramento.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge in Lake Havasu City and the Moose Lodge in Sacramento, Calif.

He is survived by sons, Larry A. Woodward of Chico, Calif., Michael E. Woodward of Orangevale, Calif., and Richard A. Woodward of Sacramento, Calif.; daughters , D'Ella Ainsworth of Sacramento, Calif. and Lezlie Russo

Obit of La Vern Albert Woodward *continued from page*

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New Subscribers

Michael Edward McDermott, 2415 Camrose Avenue, San Jose, CA 95130-2103. Mr. McDermott is interested in Alba Woodward who was born about 1783 in Vermont; married 20 July 1808 in Stockholm, St. Lawrence Co., N.Y.; and died in St. Lawrence Co. about 1852.

Joyce H. Lamont, 1616 Hollow Lane, Tuscaloosa, AL 35406; jhlamo@aol.com. Researching Thomas Woodward, The Regulator, who was born in Fairfax County, Virginia, about 1729 and died in Fairfield Co., South Carolina in 1779.

Sue Breakiron Wert, 930-26 Jetton St., Davidson, NC 28036; werts@mindspring.com. 2nd great granddaughter of John Woodward, born 30 March 1815 and died 2 August 1873. He is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Uniontown, Pennsylvania. Ms. Wert is particularly interested in the Pennsylvania counties of Fayette and Chester.

Georgetta Woodward Breakiron, Box 55B RD #3, Carmichaels, PA 15320. Great granddaughter of John Woodward who was born 30 Mar 1815 and who died 2 August 1873. He is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

Carol A. Brisson, 3712 Vista De Ora, Los Alamitos, CA 907200; cabwebb@aol.com. Searching Eliza ("Elizabeth") Woodward who resided in Spencer Co., Indiana, in 1850. Ms. Brisson is primarily interested in research in Ohio

Bonnie Jean Martinson, 2272 Wahlquist, Idaho Falls, ID 83401; bmarti1591@aol.com. Researching Anna Maria Woodard who was in the state of New York from 1815 to 1834; Indiana from 1834-1845; and Iowa from 1853 to 1896. Ms. Martinson is particularly interested in Genesee, NY, LaPorte, Ind., and Homer, Iowa.

Sharron A. Godwin, 19279 S. FM. 148, Kemp, TX 75143; brg306@aol.com. Ms. Godwin is interested in William H. Wood(w)ard of Grimes Co., Tex. in 1847 and Navarro Co., Tex. in 1860-1887). He was born in NC on 1 April 1820.

M.D. Monk, 1203 Melrose Dr., Richardson, TX 75080: mdmonk@home.com. Mr. Monk is researching Richard Woodward who was located in Pennsylvania during the 1600s. He is also interested in Woodwards of Nebraska, Iowa, and Colorado.

Glenn Richard Hambrock, 1115 South Bridge, Portland, IN 47371: jaycogen@jayco.net. Researching John Woodard who was born in New Jersey 11 Oct 1806. John Woodard resided in Randolph Co., IN from 1838 until his death 4 May 1888.

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Donald M. Tatreau, 2701 Kalmia Lane, Hendersonville, NC 28791: mtatreau@brinet.com. Searching John Henry

Queries

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Deadline for queries: December 10th, March 10th, June 10th, September 10th.

(197) Searching for **Thomas "Tom" Wood(w)ard** who married **Minerva Warden**. Tom and Minerva's had: **Riley Woodard; Harriet Woodard; Mary Woodard; and Walter Woodard**, b. 22 Feb 1890. The family resided around the Pearl River Co. area of Miss. - *Cynthia Martin, 519 West Point Tap, Palestine, TX 75801; <mrmartin@flash.net>*

(198) Seeking ancestors and descendants of **George W. Woodard** (1836-1912) and **Hannah Elliott** (1836-1899). Ch.: **Henry Woodard**, b. 1854 and mar. Ella J. (--?--); **George Woodard**, b. 1856 and mar. Nettie (--?--); **William I. Woodard**, b. 1860; **Milo Woodard**, b. 1861, d. 1937, and mar. **Janet Gilpin; Dora Jane Woodard**, b. 1864, d. 1921, and mar. **Edwin J. Butler**; and **Flora Woodard**, b. 1866. George W. Woodard mar second **Mary Celestia (Lettie) Wheeler** (1852-1944). George W. was her second husband. Lettie mar. 1st **Alfred Woodard**, and 3rd **Leman Woodard**. - *Hannah Sampe, 2109 W. La Loma Drive. Rancho Cordova, CA 95670; <Samperoots@aol.com>*

(199) Searching for info on and ancestors of **Charles Woodard**, b. in Vt. during Apr 1849. He mar. **Martha Fletcher** who was b. in Ireland in Apr 1848. Known Ch.: **Wanda Woodard; Pearl Woodard; S. Woodard**, b. in Minn. in May 1882; **Mattie Woodard**, b. in Calif. in Jun 1884, and mar. **Otis Webb; Alice Woodard**, b. in Calif. in Sep 1889 and mar. **Edward Lawrence**; and **Mary Ann Woodard**, b. in Keno, Ore. 6 Apr 1892, d. in Klamath Falls, Ore. 2 Sep 1967, mar. 1st, **Arthur Meyers**, and mar. 2nd **James William Pringle** (b. in Belleville, Republic Co., Kans. 25 Apr 1884 and d. in Portland, Ore. 7 Jun 1949. - *Mike & Joan Maher, 4606 Sutley Circle, Papillion, NE 68133; <m_j_maher@email.msn.com>*

(200) Looking for **Ed Woodward** b. abt 1885 in Chariton Co., Mo. As the family story goes he returned from college with fine clothes and a gold handled cane. Latter, feeling that parents, **Millard Woodward** and **Rosa Filser**, provided for him in the manner he had become accustomed, he left home and was never heard from again. This is my great uncle. - *Pat McCrory, 106 Wisteria Dr. San Antonio, Texas 78213-2106; <patybell@aol.com>*

(201) Looking for any connections to **Edwin Woodward**

(born 1857) of Taunton, Mass., who married **Lena Mueller**. They had a son **James Woodward**. Family lore indicates that Edwin emigrated from Scotland, and that he met Lena in Russia, though obviously of German Descent. - *Bob Woodward; 1741 Dressage Drive, Reston VA, 20190; <RBWoodward@aol.com>*

(202) Isaac Woodward, Jr., a Revolutionary War Soldier, resided in Springfield, New York and is buried there on the old farmstead. . He was born in Sudbury, Mass., son of Isaac Woodward, Sr. SAR, DAR, and other lineage societies have accepted this line. Another Isaac, Jr., has been found in the area of New Hampshire/Vermont area and his descendants feel that this Isaac is the son of Isaac Woodward, Sr., of Sudbury. - *Mrs. Shirley Woodward, 10809 N Fairway Ct. W, Sun City, AZ 85351-4145*

(203) The death certificate of **Henry Nathaniel Woodard** (information provided by a daughter) states he was born about April 5, 1858 at Dayton, Montgomery Co., Ohio. We have not been able to find anything about him until he married **Laura Belle Shockney** in Randolph Co., Ind. between 1878 and 1882. Henry can easily be traced to Tenn., then Ark., Texas, and Okla. He settled in Leedey, Dewey Co., Okla., but died at Hitchitaw, Okla., en route to Foreman, Little River Co., Ark. to visit family, in 1937. - *Ollie M. Stadler 3421 SE 37th St., Topeka, KS 66605-3130; <olmay47@aol.com>*

Woodward who, according to family tradition, resided in the area of Waterbury, Conn. between 1799 and 1830. Mr. Tatreau's area of greatest interest is in New Haven Co. and Litchfield Co., Conn.

Patricia T. Gray, 15163 George Blv., Clearwater, FL 33760; ancestor1@aol.com. John and Sarah Woodward, issue of Mary Woodward, are the earliest verified Woodwards being search by Ms. Gary. The family was located in Goochland County, Virginia, early to mid 1700s.

Lloyd Woodward, 1623 E. 3200 N. Rd., Piper City, IL 60959; woodward@frontiernet.net. Mr. Woodward is searching the family of Richard Woodward born in England about 1634 and emigrated to Massachusetts Bay Colony (Boston and Watertown) by 1635.

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Lewis County, Washington Al and Bertha Woodard Photograph



I have a picture of the Woodard family (believed to have been taken in Lewis Co., Washington) - Al and Bertha Woodard with their four daughters (probably 1930's or 1940s). If you know of this family or are related to them please contact John Blair, 105 Bruno Place Rd., Longview, WA. 98632; jblair@kalama.com.

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of Elk Grove, Calif.; brother Harold Gates of Washington; sister Madelein Bernhardt of Molalla, Ore.; companion of 10 years Lorena Kirkland of Lake Havasu City; 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Marie Woodward in July of 1986 and his daughter, Tamara Woodward in 1965.

There will be a public viewing from noon to 5p.m. Sunday, July 11 at East Lawn Cemetery in Sacramento, Calif.

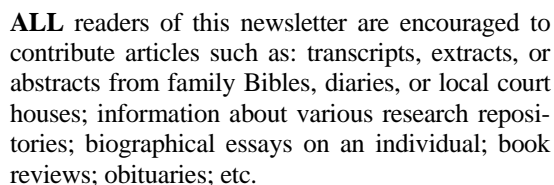
Service will be at 2p.m. Monday, July 12 at East Lawn Mortuary, Sacramento, Calif, with burial following.

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