

ACADEMIC FAMILY TREE FOR LOYE AND ALDEN MILLER

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In planning the recent Centennial Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society, Russell P. Balda, chairman of the Centennial Committee, asked me to prepare an academic family lineage of the Ph.D. students of the two Millers. This provided background information for the first-time presentation of the Loye and Alden Miller Research Award.

The academic tree displayed at the meeting triggered a small cascade of emendations incorporated into the version offered here. While made as accurate as possible at this time, I suspect that more corrections or additions will turn up, as indeed they did up to the submittal of this write-up. Some additional background information follows.

Loye Holmes Miller (1874–1970) began his teaching career in 1904 at the Los Angeles State Normal School, which later became UCLA, and he retired in 1943. It was only in the last nine years of his active service that the Ph.D. degree was awarded and, in that time, he had two M.A. and two Ph.D. students. He also served as a member of the Ph.D. dissertation committee of Hildegard Howard, chaired by Joseph Grinnell (see below).

Alden Holmes Miller (1906–1965), Loye's son and one of Joseph Grinnell's students, began his teaching career in 1931 in the Department of Zoology and Museum of Vertebrate Zoology at the University of California, Berkeley. He remained on the faculty until his death 34 years later. Miller sponsored 28 Ph.D. students, 26 of them in avian biology. The latter are listed in the chart. Their students (AHM's academic grandchildren), also limited to Ph.D.s in avian biology, total 166. Additionally, as part of this 4th generation group, there are at least 40 (not listed) whose Ph.D. topics were non-avian. Consideration of M.A. students or the 5th generation was physically beyond the scope of the chart. When Grinnell died, his students Richardson and Test finished with Miller, and when Miller died, his students Bock and Wolf finished with Davis.

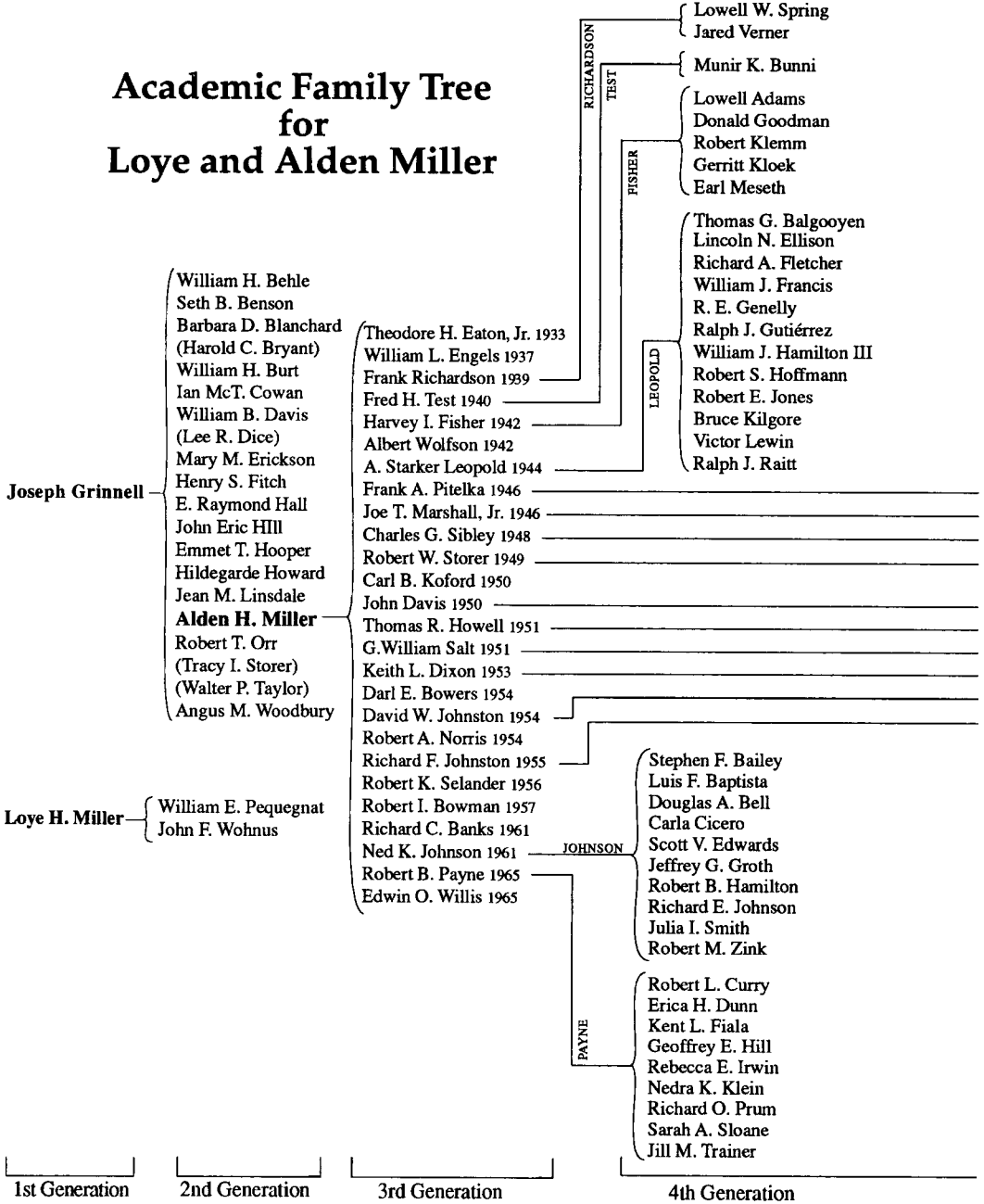
In preparing the lineage, I was greatly assisted by two colleagues. First, Peter Stettenheim provided data from an ornithologist tree presented with Joanna Burger at the 1984 AOU meeting in Lawrence, Kansas. This triggered the single largest number of additions to the 4th generation listings submitted to me. Second, Ned K. Johnson provided a copy of a lineage from his article, "Ornithology at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley," to appear in W. E. Davis, Jr. and J. A. Jackson (submitted manuscript). There, as here, the record begins with Joseph Grinnell. Johnson limited his list of Grinnell's students to avian biologists. The expanded and ostensibly complete list included here appears in print for the first time. The research effort has been complex, demanding searches in university archives back to 1914. So, again, some additions or corrections may be expected.

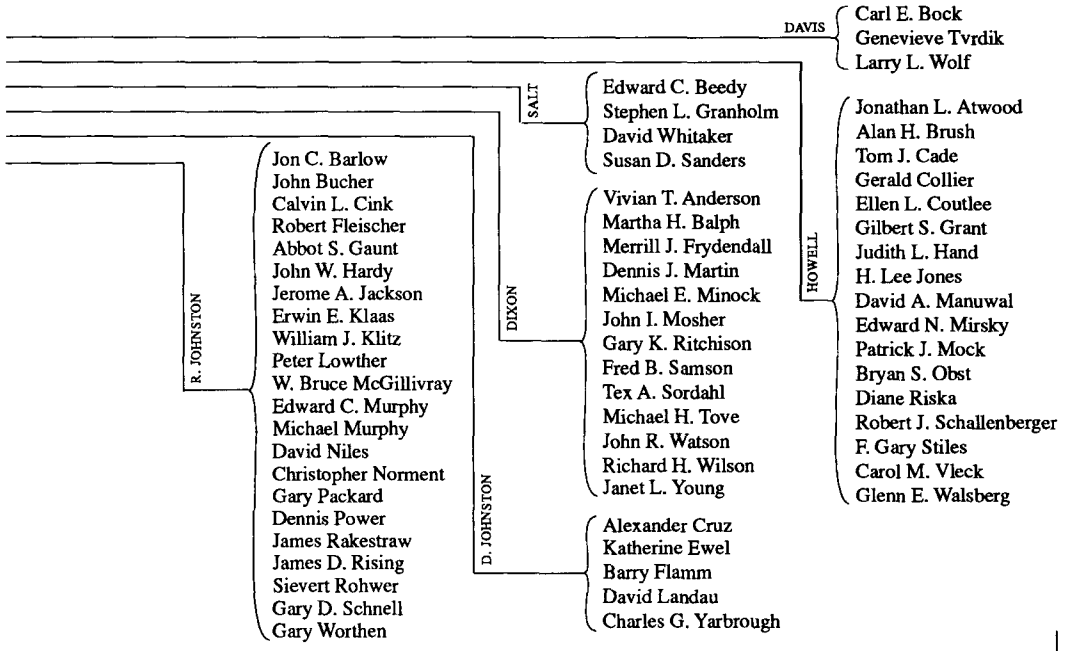
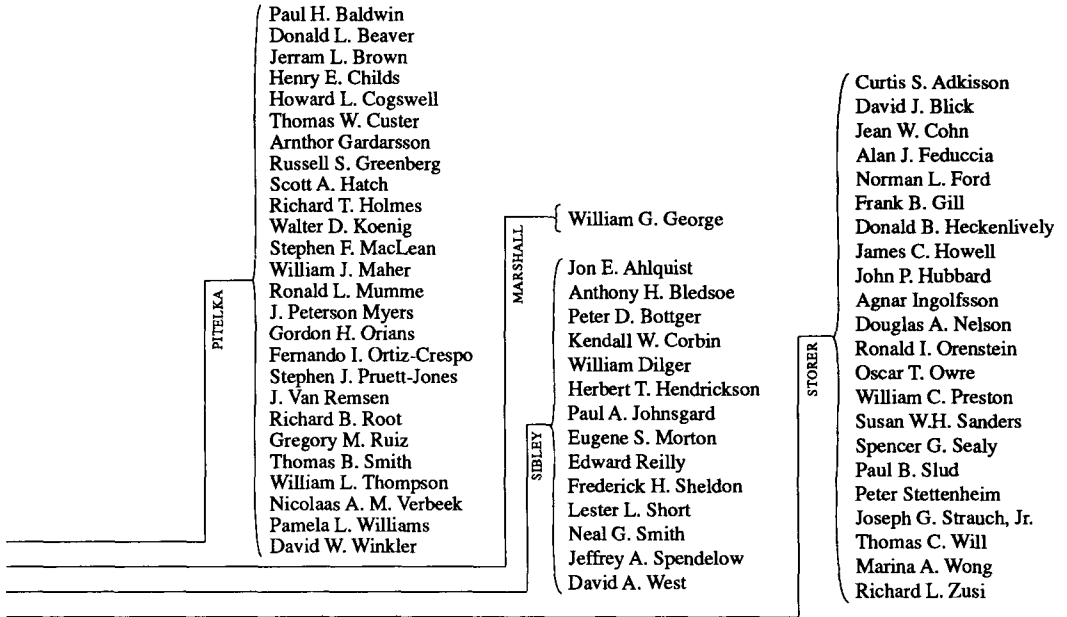
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4th Generation