

The Scholarship at Yale

By Edward Kirtland Hine, Jr. ("Ted") – December 2003

During the late 1930's my father, Edward Kirtland Hine (1916-1977), attended Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. (Father had also mentioned that there had been a building on the Yale campus when he was there named after a Kirtland relative.) I was always aware as a child that part of the cost of this education was paid for by a "family" scholarship but I never learned the details prior to his early death. Some family members (including myself) have upon occasion been curious as to what this scholarship was all about.

While recently organizing and documenting my family history I ran into some clues about the scholarship and made contact via e-mail with Dianne Witte at Yale who provided some detailed information for me. Below are our e-mail exchanges in chronological order.

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On September 16th, 2003 I wrote to Dianne Witte (dianne.witte@yale.edu):

Hello Dianne:

I've been searching the internet for information regarding a scholarship used by my father when he attended Yale and just ran into your e-mail address associated with the Sheffield Scientific School. I'm hoping that you can help trace and determine the current status of this scholarship and/or perhaps pass this along to someone who can.

The Background

My father, Edward Kirtland Hine, attended Yale starting in 1935 and graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering in 1939. It was always known in the family as I grew up that his Yale education had been partially funded by a family scholarship but the name and specifics of the scholarship were never documented prior to his death in 1977. Members of my generation have often wondered about the specifics of this scholarship and whether it may be available to provide financial aid to current and/or future generations.

The Clues

In recently researching and documenting my family history I've come upon

several pieces of information which have provided clues about the scholarship(s). I'm hoping that this information will be helpful in tracking down the specifics.

(Note: To keep this brief and to the point I won't try to trace too many ancestral relationships below. Suffice it to say that most of the names mentioned here are all relatives)

1) In 1966 the Poland (Ohio) Centennial Committee published a booklet which provides information about a number of my ancestors instrumental in the early days of the community. A passage in the booklet reads:

"Lucy Hall (1819-1906) married Judge William Boardman of New Haven, Conn. He died leaving a large property in her care. She built the Boardman Memorial School at New Haven, Conn., a manual training school, and also a scientific building at Yale College, as a memorial to her uncle Doctor Jared Potter Kirtland."

In a brief history of the Yale Scientific School (Sheffield Scientific School) I recently found on the internet (<http://www.webmousepublications.com/itow/whoswho/sheffield/news-yale.html>) a reference is made to a small donation made by the "Hon. W.W. Boardmand, of the city" apparently in the 1860's. (I suspect that the "d" on the end of the name is a typo).

2) I have a handwritten letter sent in 1929 from Cornelia Wade Hall to father's aunt, Ellen L. Hine, who in turn forwarded it to father's parents in which she (Cornelia Hall) indicates that father could have the "Boardman Scholarships" at Yale (note that she refers to more than one scholarship) if he maintained the grades to be admitted. (Apparently he did as he entered Yale 6 years later in 1935). This letter suggests to me that there were more than one scholarship involved, the name of the scholarships likely contained or was related to the name Boardman, and that Cornelia W. Hall (who lived in Warren, Ohio) had a say in who had access to the scholarships.

3) I've recently come upon an original typed manuscript written by Ellen L. Hine (father's aunt) apparently around 1946 when she would have been about 77 years old in which she discusses many areas of the family history. One paragraph reads:

"Mrs. Boardman (Lucy Hall Boardman) built a Medical Library in New Haven in memory of Dr. Jared Potter Kirtland, and a Manual Training School in memory of Mr. Boardman. I recall hearing she even gave up having ice cream so she might give away a little more money to worthy causes. She had a scholarship in St. Margaret's School and one or two in Yale. Someone in the family may wish to use them but should apply ahead. They don't cover all expenses".

Another paragraph reads:

“May 5, 1921, Russell H. Chittenden, Director of the Sheffield Scientific School answered a letter I had written him, asking him about the scholarships. Relatives of Mrs. Boardman have the right to name a recipient. If right is not exercised, the officials of Sheffield Scientific School have the right to designate the beneficiaries. There is a further clause that the entire income of the fund shall be used for the benefit of the two individuals if they should at any time present themselves to take a course in the Sheffield Scientific School; viz; John Hoyt and Reuben B. Ridick. There were two scholarships established, being the income of a fund of \$10,000 and each scholarship brings in \$250 for the year. I will have this letter put in my bank box, #157 in the Mahoning National Bank.” (Note: Ellen L. Hine passed away in 1955 and the current whereabouts of this letter, if it has survived, is not know.)

The above is pretty much all I know. Again, can you (or someone you can forward this to) provide more specific information about these scholarships and their current status? If possible, I'd like to have copies of the original controlling documents from when the scholarships were set up.

Finally, there is apparently still a building on the Yale campus which carries the Kirtland name
(http://www.yale.edu/psychology/brochure/Departmental_Facilities.html).
Kirtland is not a common name so I suspect that this may be the building built by Lucy Hall Boardman in memory of her uncle Dr. Jared Potter Kirtland (my 2nd great grand uncle). Can you confirm this?

Thanks for your help.

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P.S. While I am not aware of anyone from my current generation who has attended Yale, I have a long list of ancestors who have including: Edward Kirtland Hine (1939, my father), Charles Potter Hine (1898, 1901 Law, great uncle), Billius Kirtland (approx. 1830, 2nd great grandfather), Jared Potter Kirtland (1815, 2nd great grand uncle), Homer Hubble Hine (1797, 2nd great grandfather), Dr. Jared Potter (1760, 4th great grandfather), Rev. Daniel Kirtland (1720, 5th great grand uncle).

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On September 30th 2003 Dianne Witte Responded:

Ted,

Just wanted you to know that I received your request and am working on it. I will get back to you next week.

Dianne

On October 21st, 2003 Dianne Witte Responded:

Dear Ted,

I am now able to respond to your inquiry into the current status of a Sheffield Scientific School scholarship and Kirtland Hall.

Sheffield Scientific School scholarship

Lucy Hall Boardman made a bequest of \$10,000 for scholarships in the Sheffield Scientific School in her will; the Lucy Hall Boardman Fund was established in 1909. Boardman's will provided that the income from her bequest was to be used to assist "two worthy young men in the payment of their necessary expenses while students in said School." It further reserved for Boardman's relatives the right to name those who were to receive the scholarship aid, but, should none of them exercise this right, the "proper officials of the Scientific School may designate the beneficiaries." The will did name two young men who should receive the entire income of the fund, should one or both decide to take the scientific course: "John Hoyt, nephew of my cousin, Kirtland Kelsey Cutter, of San Francisco, and Reuben Briggs Riddick, now living with Thomas Kinsman in Warren, Ohio."

On March 7, 1945, the Sheffield Scientific School trustees voted to include the Lucy Hall Boardman Fund in with other scholarships and prize funds to be used for scholarships for undergraduate candidates for the B.S. and B.E. degrees. The Sheffield Scientific School terminated as an active school in 1956, although the board of trustees still exists to oversee the Sheffield Scientific School property and meet legal requirements. (See <http://www.eng.yale.edu/history/sheffield.htm>)

Today, financial aid at Yale is based on need. Science students accepted to Yale College and the Graduate School apply generally for financial aid, not for particular scholarships. The approximately \$1 million in income from all Sheffield Scientific School endowed scholarships is duly applied toward the financial need of science students; the School's trustees still meet annually to verify this expenditure. However, the Sheffield income makes up only a portion of the total needed to fund scholarships for science students.

You may be interested to know that this year the recipient of the Lucy Hall Boardman Fund scholarship is Ms. Elizabeth K. Lara, a senior in Yale College whose major is Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry.

Kirtland Hall

Kirtland Hall, 2 Hillhouse Avenue, is today the home of the Department of Psychology. Our records show that in 1902 Mrs. Boardman presented \$108,000 to the trustees of the Sheffield Scientific School for the erection of Kirtland Hall in memory of her uncle, Jared Potter Kirtland, M.D. 1815, who died December 11, 1877.

"Yale Buildings and Grounds," a document printed for internal use by the University, describes Kirtland Hall as follows:

"Kirtland Hall was constructed in 1902 to house Sheffield Scientific School's Department of Geology; Kirtland Kelsey Cutter, architect. A Neo-Renaissance symmetrical villa with Ionic portico, it is constructed of East Haven brownstone with rusticated Longmeadow sandstone and terra cotta trim. It contains three floors and a basement. Modernized in 1964; Carleton Granbery, architect for the Department of Psychology, it includes administrative quarters and offices, a lounge, laboratories, seminar rooms, and specialized workspaces.

"The Hall, a memorial to Jared Porter Kirtland, M.D. 1915, a member of the second graduating class of the Medical School, was a gift of his niece, Lucy. H. Boardman. Upon completion of the C. Mahon Kline Geology Laboratory, it became home to the Department of Industrial Administration, and now the Department of Psychology."

"The Campus Guide: Yale University" by Patrick L. Pinnell also contains a description of Kirtland Hall. I will put a copy of the relevant section of the book in the U.S. mail to you.

One final note. A colleague who was helpful to me as I was compiling this information also sent me the following e-mail message, and I thought you might be interested in it:

"On personal note, Lucy Boardman was quite the benefactress. I'm on the vestry at Trinity Episcopal Church on the Green in New Haven, and the church was the recipient of a lot of money from the Boardmans when Lucy died. The church received a Tiffany window funded from her estate as well as several endowments for church programs and missions (outreach). We also have a portrait of Mrs. Boardman that was given to the church. I'm guessing that it's at least 100 years old. The portrait hung for some time in our choir room, as she was a big supporter of the formation of the men and boys choir that still sings at Trinity (over 120 years old). Most likely she was instrumental in its formation and funding."

I hope this information is helpful.

Dianne Witte

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On October 22, 2003 I replied:

Hi Dianne:

Thanks so much for the information. It's clear that you spent a good deal of time researching my request and your efforts are appreciated.

I have a couple of remaining questions:

Did you run into anything in your research to suggest that there have been any changes to the Lucy Hall Boardman Fund scholarship which would prevent current Boardman relatives from naming recipients?

Finally, I'm curious to know about how much the fund is worth today and how much is currently available annually to the recipient of the scholarship.

Again, thank for your help.

Ted Hine

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On October 29, 2003 Dianne Witte Responded:

Dear Ted,

Regarding the first of your remaining questions, student record privacy laws enacted in the last decades -- primarily the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), also known as the "Buckley Amendment," see <http://www.yale.edu/opa/ycb/v26.n2.buckley.html> -- would preclude the university from providing detailed information about eligible students. Given that legal limitation, it would be difficult to involve current Boardman relatives from naming recipients in any meaningful way. When Mrs. Boardman made her bequest, such laws didn't exist. In addition, financial aid policies at Yale have changed since the time Mrs. Boardman made her generous gift. As I noted in my earlier email, financial aid is provided to all admitted students who demonstrate need in accordance with parameters established by the federal government, and students are admitted without any consideration given to their financial aid needs.

Regarding your second question, it is Yale's policy not to disclose financial information to anyone but the donor him/herself. The rare exceptions are disclosures made to the widow/widower of the donor, if s/he was closely involved with the gift, or the executor of the donor's estate, if needed.

What we can do for interested relatives is give them background information and the names of current recipients of scholarship money. In my earlier email I gave you background information about the Boardman Fund and the name of last year's scholarship recipient (at that time the most recent information I had). Since then, the 2003-04 Boardman scholarship recipients have been designated. They are Mark Henry,

Thank you again for your interest.

End of E-mail exchanges

By the turn of the twentieth century, the entry to Hillhouse Avenue was watched over by Cloister Hall and the Historical Society, two buildings symbolizing continuity—the former with European ideas of university life and the latter with New Haven’s prefigured destiny. The two were joined in 1904 by **Kirtland Hall**, placed in the side yard of the Town-Sheffield House. It was an homage to Hillhouse Avenue, offered with typological faithfulness. **Mrs. Lucy Boardman**, who lived for almost a half-century in 46 Hillhouse (see **Hillhouse Avenue Houses**), gave the funds for Kirtland; it was a gift in memory of her uncle, one of the earliest graduates, in 1815, of the Medical School, housed then at Prospect and Grove Streets in the former Hillhouse hotel. The building was for the use of the Geology Department of the Sheffield Scientific School, thereby placing the study of geology at the entrance to the street on which had lived Dana and the Sillimans, father and son. **The architect, Kirtland Kelsey Cutter (1860–1939)**, was a relative, of course, called back from a burgeoning practice in Spokane, Washington. Cutter tellingly chose local East Haven brownstone as his material rather than following the example of the brand-new Bicentennial Buildings and importing limestone. He also gave the building a four-columned Ionic portico, which duplicates the size, spacing, and detailing of the 1839 Ithiel Town portico on 46 Hillhouse, the donor’s house. The forms and themes, the money and bloodlines, of Hillhouse Avenue eerily restated themselves in Kirtland.



Kirtland Hall

Ted Hine Comments:

Lucy Hall Boardman's mother was Mary Beach Kirtland who in turn was a daughter of Turhand Kirtland. Lucy's uncles included Jared Potter Kirtland and Billius Kirtland (of Poland, Ohio).

Cornelia Wade Hall was Lucy Hall Boardman's niece (daughter of Turhand Kirtland Hall, Lucy's brother). Note that this is the same Cornelia W. Hall that left a trust for the descendents of all (or most?) of the children of Samuel Hine and Emma Kirtland Hine and their descendents.

It is interesting that neither Lucy Hall Boardman nor Cornelia W. Hall was that closely related to my father. According to my genealogy software, Lucy Hall Boardman was father's "1st cousin twice removed" and Cornelia W. Hall was his "2nd cousin, once removed". (Confused? So am I.)

Dianne Witte implies in her last e-mail that the family no longer has a say in who uses the scholarship. I'm not quite convinced of this. (Note that in one of my e-mails I asked Dianne Witte to send copies of the controlling documents of the scholarship as it was set up but that she never did.... though she did mail some information to me.)

Should any descendents of the Poland, Ohio Hine or Kirtland families ever have someone in mind that could use a scholarship at Yale, it might be worth having an attorney take a

look at the originating documents which set up the Boardman scholarship. It's a long shot but who knows?