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From the flying pioneers biographies of Harold E. Morehouse

#### HILLERY BEACHEY

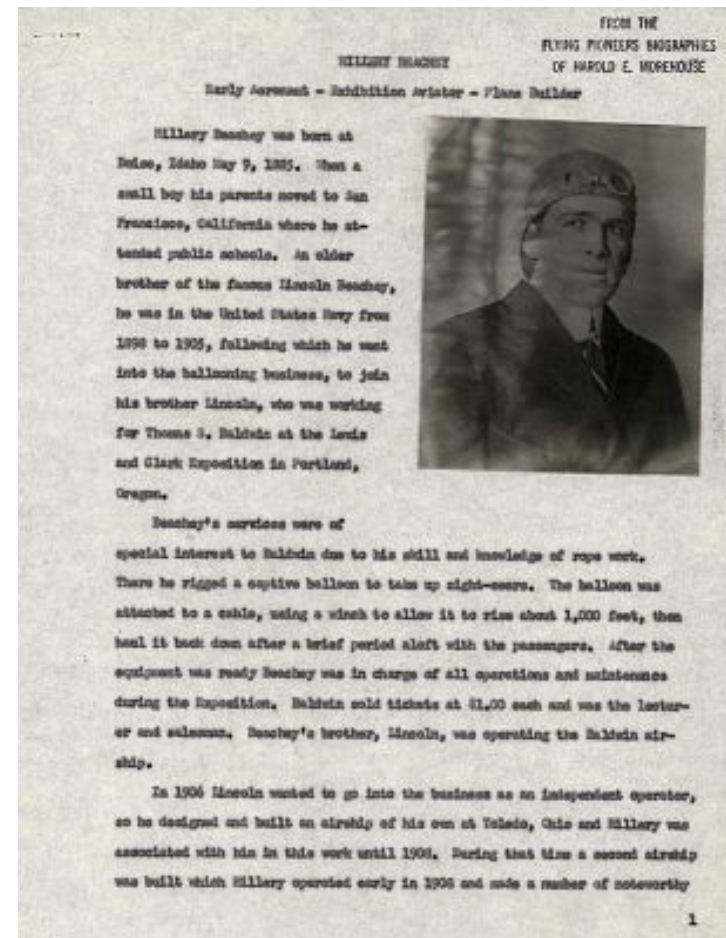
##### Early Aeronaut- Exhibition Aviator- Plane Builder

Hillery Beachey was born at Boise, Idaho May 9, 1885. When a small boy his parents moved to San Francisco, California where he attended public schools. An older brother of the famous Lincoln Beachey, he was in the United States Navy from 1898 to 1905, following which he went into the ballooning business, to join his brother Lincoln, who was working for Thomas S. Baldwin at the Lewis and Clark Exposition in Portland, Oregon.

[image]

Beachey's services were of special interest to Baldwin due to his skill and knowledge of rope work. There he rigged a captive balloon to take up sight-seers. The balloon was attached to a cable, using a winch to allow it to rise about 1,000 feet, then haul it back down after a brief period aloft with the passengers. After the equipment was ready Beachey was in charge of all operations and maintenance during the Exposition. Baldwin sold tickets at \$1.00 each and was the lecturer and salesman. Beachey's brother, Lincoln, was operating the Baldwin airship.

In 1906 Lincoln wanted to go into the business as an independent operator, so he designed and built an airship of his own at Toledo, Ohio and Hillery was associated with him in this work until 1908. During that time a second airship was built which Hillery operated early in 1908 and made a number of noteworthy



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