

A JIGSAW PUZZLE WITH PIECES MISSING

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"I regard being the co-ordinator of a one-name study as being the equivalent of doing a gigantic jigsaw puzzle. Sometimes I see a group of red pieces which fit together and, hey presto, a pattern appears which I can sometimes attach to another coloured group which I had arranged earlier. Sometimes I realise that someone, one of our members perhaps, has some of the pieces hidden away, or that some of the pieces over the years have slipped down the back of the sofa; but I live in hopes that one day a nearly complete pattern will emerge. If the name was Silverthorne or Hogflesh the jigsaw would not be so difficult. But, I ask you, Goddard, a name which has representatives nearly all over the world – but not in Cairo, one of our members assures me; he looked in the telephone directory as soon as he arrived there, as a matter of habit.

Take for example Kintbury churchyard. If you haven't been there do let me recommend a visit. Besides being in a pleasant spot in a lovely little village, alongside the picturesque canal, it has some celebrities as inhabitants and one never knows who you might meet out walking their dog. In the churchyard of St Mary's there are several more. Near to the gap in the wall leading on to a pleasant lane is a table tomb with the inscriptions: 'In loving memory of Emily daughter of W.H. Goddard of Parsonage Farm, Iver, Bucks, who died Apr 21st 1902 aged 69 years.' 'Also of Ann Weston beloved wife of the late Walter Weston of St John's Wood and sister of Emily Goddard born 17th March 1842 and died 19 Feb 1926.'

What were they doing in Kintbury? In the 1851 census the family are all at home at Round Farm, Lovereen, Iver. There is William H. Goddard, his wife Mary Ann and children Jane (15), Thomas (11), Ann (10), Emily (8), Sarah (6) and George (4). In 1863 they had moved to Parsonage Farm, still in Iver. In 1881 William H. Goddard, aged 67, born Grove, Berks, is still farming 135 acres at Iver. It seems that Ann's husband Walter Weston must have retired from St John's Wood in the country and taken his wife and sister-in-law with him. Another branch of this family were farming at Etcombe Regis but their ancestors, so we are told – so far unverified – bought Canterton Manor, near Southington, in 1560 when a London lawyer ancestor bought himself a home in the country.

Further into the churchyard under the trees are stones for Richard Goddard who died 2nd October 1867 aged 55 and Janet Goddard who died 10th October 1872 aged 50, and another to Richard their second son who died 10th April 1871, aged 25. Richard senior farmed at

Templeton, between Kintbury and Inkpen. He was there in 1831 when the agricultural rioters surrounded the farm and demanded money before breaking up the threshing machine. He married Janet Lidderdale of Kintbury, in whose family were doctors and teachers. They had thirteen children, most of whom emigrated to America. Richard has an ancient family tree. His father, Richard Smart Goddard, was born in Chieveley in 1779, the son of the George and Ann Goddard who have a tablet on the wall in Chieveley church. George was a son of Thomas Goddard, a timber merchant who owned property in Northcroft Lane, Newbury, next to the canal, which he must have seen develop from an idea to an actual means of transporting his wood at first downstream to Reading and then upstream to the west. The family first appeared in Chieveley in 1566 and paid homage to the Lord of the Manor. They have several eminent lawyers, doctors and clerics in their extensive family.

Almost next to this tombstone is another for James Goddard, who died 20th March 1885, aged 82, and Caroline, who died 17th April 1888, aged 73. James appears as a shoemaker in an 1827 Directory of Berkshire, but later he became a whiting manufacturer and also at his death owned a considerable amount of property including *The Barley Mow*, a freehold beer house, four cottages and six acres of land at Kintbury and two freehold cottages at Headley, near Kingsclere. The property was divided, we learn from a document at the PRO, at Caroline's death between the children John Knight Goddard, James Goddard, Clara Scott, Kate Johnson, Agnes Cruse and Rhoda Sheppard. James junior was a carpenter at Speen.

Last year I got quite excited about this latter tombstone as my husband and I were taking two Canadian sisters around the churchyard, looking for the tombstone of their great-grandmother Caroline Goddard. Caroline, née Kimber, was the widow of William Goddard of Easton Royal, Wilts. They married in Easton in 1842 but moved to London where they kept the *Hoops and Grapes* in Broadway. However, William had been a carrier in Easton and started a cab business in London, which his son George took over when William, presumably tired of the bright lights, returned to the country. William died in 1875 and Caroline lived with one of her daughters-in-law, Elizabeth Emms, in the High Street, Kintbury. An entry in the burial register of St Mary's Kintbury states that Caroline Goddard was buried on 23rd February 1905, aged 84, but, although there was certainly enough money in the family for a tombstone, there does not appear to be one. The Goddard family at Easton Royal also has a long pedigree traceable forwards from the marriage of Stephen Goddard to Jane

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Dear Brian,

I presume to claim kinship with you because we share the Goddard name and because you live in the vicinity from which my grandfather came. Kathryn Goddard Meyer sent me an excerpt from your letter to her in which you question and/or refute some of the information which has been printed about our family.

The information about "Hungerford Castle" must have come from The Goddard Book Volume I. I knew the information was incorrect, and I shall inform Kathryn. My grandfather, William Lidderdale Goddard and several of his brothers claimed Templeton House as their family home. I am enclosing a picture of the house, taken many years ago. I have visited this house, and in 1959 it had been converted into flats and was in a bad state of repair. My father's first cousin, Kenneth Goddard, gave me a tour of Goddard and Lidderdale sites at that time. We visited St. Mary's Church in Kintbury Parish and St. Lawrence Church (Lidderdales) near Hungerford. That visit was so long ago; I was not driving; I was not knowledgeable about what I wanted to know; and time was limited. Therefore I've wanted to return to the area, but only if and when I had a definite objective and I knew where to go and what to do. You may be the source of information which I need.

The Lidderdales are buried in St. Lawrence Churchyard. Do you know it? Is the name of Lidderdale familiar to you? I have never run across it here in the U. S.

My grandfather, William Lidderdale Goddard (1848-1916), came to the U.S. because the family didn't approve of the woman he married, Caroline Brazier...yet his parents were already dead. He supposedly graduated from Oxford at age 15. (a prep school, perhaps). Somewhere along the line he studied medicine, as he began practicing soon after coming to Tennessee. He was the son of Richard and Janet Lidderdale. That Richard was the son of Richard and Elizabeth Knowles.

I am enclosing more than you probably want to know. I feel that what information I have is correct, the sources being tombstones and from family wills.

I should appreciate any information and help you wish to share with me.

Mary L. Goddard

A HISTORY OF BERKSHIRE

The village, which is almost a little town, lies around the church, but there are many scattered farm-houses, often with a few cottages around them, which form a number of very small hamlets. The population is chiefly agricultural. The chalk in the village is quarried for the preparation of whiting. The kennels of the Craven hounds are at Walcot, near Elcot. There are Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist chapels in the village.

Wallingtons, the residence of Mr. A. S. Gladstone, stands a mile to the south-west of Kintbury village and is a two-story brick building apparently of early 17th-century date but much modernized and altered during the last century. The plan is H-shaped with central two-story porch, but at the back the wings have a considerable projection, forming a courtyard, now laid out as a garden, inclosed at the end by a low fence wall. The front faces north, but the gardens are formed on the slope of the hill on the south side and have fine old iron grilles and gates. Beyond were four fish-ponds, two of which have been drained and planted. The north front appears to have been remodelled towards the close of the 18th century in

There is a moat near Anville's Farm in the detached part of Kintbury, and at Balsdon Farm are the remains of a fine circular moat.

Inglewood House is the seat of Mr. H. J. Walmesley, Titcomb Manor that of Mrs. Dunn. Forbury is the property of Mr. E. A. Hanley, the Willows of Mrs. Goodhart, Holt Lodge of the Rev. J. P. Brandreth, Barrymores of Miss E. Pegler, Kintbury Lodge of Mrs. Phillips, and Wormstall of Commander E. Charrington.

On the north side of the road from Hungerford to Newbury is Elcot Park, the property of Sir Richard Sutton, bart., of Benham Valence. It is a two-storied 18th-century house added to and remodelled in the 19th century when the whole of the exterior was stuccoed.

The tithing of Elcot was inclosed in 1780 under an Act of 1779, and Kintbury in 1815 under an Act of 1809-10.³

A polished flint axe-head was found a few years ago by the roadside at Denford by a boy in the Wesleyan school at Hungerford.⁴ Traces of what is believed to be the Roman road from Spinae to

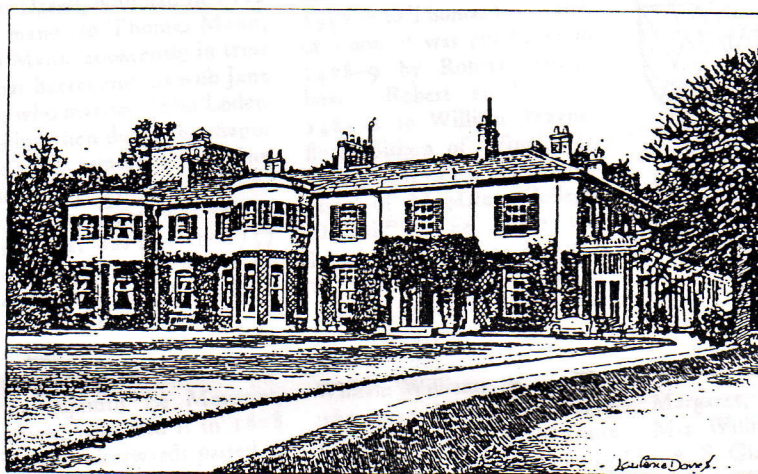
Cunetio have been noticed in the north of this parish, both in the township of Clapton and that of Denford.⁵ About the year 1870 a pot of black earthenware, containing, amongst others, a fine silver Campanian coin (B.C. 290-40), now in the Newbury Museum, was found on the Wormstall estate.⁶

In 1762 a large quantity of Saxon coins of the reigns of Edred, Edwy and Edmund were found in the churchyard,⁷ and not far off, on the top of the chalk cliff, there were found before 1870 some skeletons, the *tibiae* of which were markedly platycnemic.⁸ There was a settlement here as early as 931.⁹ Roads in

Denford, called Ickniel Street and Coleway, are mentioned about the year 1252.¹⁰

Henry Brinkelow the satirist ('Roderigo Mors') was a son of Robert Brinkelow, a farmer in this parish. Henry, who died in 1546, began life as a Franciscan friar, but left the order and married. Walter Harte, prebendary of Wells, a nonjuror and father of Walter Harte the poet and essayist, died here on 10 February 1736.¹¹

The whole of the southern portion of the parish, the original township of Kintbury, and perhaps also the townships of Elcot with Wormstall and Clapton, seem to have belonged to the king, but some time between 980 and the Norman Conquest the two northern townships



ELCOT PARK, KINTBURY

the castellated style of the day, sham battlements being added to gables and walls and 'Gothic' canopies to the windows.² The building was restored and enlarged in 1892 by Mr. William Hew Dunn, when all traces of the former remodelling were swept away and new stone mullioned windows introduced. Further alterations were made in 1912 by Mr. A. S. Gladstone. The old 2-in. brickwork now remains substantially only along the west side and the south end of the west wing, but there is an original projecting chimney in the southern courtyard. An old sundial on this chimney bears the motto 'The Concern of the Rich and of the Poor.' The roofs are covered with red tiles and the gables have plain barge-boards, which are joined at their apices by very singular pendants.

² A photograph of an old drawing in the possession of Mr. Walter Money, F.S.A., shows the north front very similar in style to that of Sandleford Priory near Newbury, which was remodelled or rebuilt by James Wyatt, c. 1781. Wallingtons may have been altered at the same time or shortly after. The bay windows in the end wings shown in the drawing are now gone.

³ Priv. Act, 19 Geo. III, cap. 72; *Blue Bk. Incl. Awards*, 7; Local and Pers. Act, 50 Geo. III, cap. 118.

⁴ Inform. supplied by Mr. Camburn, the head master.

⁵ *Berks. Bucks. and Oxon. Arch. Journ.* xiii, 83.

⁶ Inform. supplied by Mr. James Gilkes.

⁷ Camden, *Brit.* (ed. Gough), i, 159;

Lysons, *Mag. Brit.* (ed. 1806), i, 215; *Hist. of Newbury and Env.* (1839), 285; *Trans. Newbury Dist. Field Club*, i, 16.

⁸ *Trans. Newbury Dist. Field Club*, i, 208; *Journ. Anthropol. Inst.* vi, 196-8.

⁹ See under Inkpen above.

¹⁰ Wigram, *Cartul. of St. Frideswide* (Oxford Hist. Soc.), ii, 338.

¹¹ *Dict. Nat. Biog.*



Dear Mary,

I sent the photographic postcard of Hungerford which you sent to Mr Blakelock who runs a quaint second hand bookshop in Hungerford. He also keeps a small museum of the town in the rooms above the shop. I enclose the card he sent in thanks. He sounds so interested that I have also sent on a copy of the picture of Templeton House which you also forwarded to us.

Yours Sincerely,

Goddard

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5 Nov '91

Thank you very much for the postcard of Hungerford High St with the old Town Hall that you sent me on 3rd Nov. I shall be happy to put a ~~note~~ into the historical records which we keep here. The picture must be prior

to 1870 when the old town hall was demolished; yet after the date of the building of the railway bridge. It's a most interesting picture.
Thank you again most sincerely
Michael Blakeway.

22 July, 1991

Dear Julia and Brian,

I am overwhelmed at your prompt and productive (to me) response. I can hardly believe that you have expended so much effort in my behalf. I was dubious that I'd have any reply at all. I'm greatly indebted to you.

I shall join the Goddard Assoc. of Eur., and send some reimbursement to you when I've found out how to convert dollars to pounds by mail!

Templeton House was in deplorable condition in 1959 when I was there, so no doubt it would have been a candidate for demolition somewhere in the 60's. In fact I got to see it, even as it was.

At that time some repairs were being done at St. Lawrence. It and the Churchyard were both in need of attention.

I have an old old picture showing St. L. and the Godd. tombstones. Eventually I'll have it copied for you. I also have an old old postcard of Donnington Sq. in Newbury. Would it have any value to you? It has none to me.

Inside St. Mary's there is a lovely stone pulpit and plaque given by Lidderdale spinsters.

Capt. John Lid. is buried there, but I found
no stone for his wife Anne (Pearce-Pierce)

A friend from Iowa had told me of the
village of Liddedale. She thought it was named
for a railroad man. I should pursue
this more diligently.

The Lidd. info fits exactly into what I
have. Julia did indeed marry Pecks + Wm
did have a son, Charles. This info came from
an uncle, much older than my father. He
had to have learned this from his father,
my immigrant ancestor + grandfathers.

The baptismal info on Richard + Caroline
Gdd. doesn't fit what I know! Interesting.
Richard born 1812, baptised 1810; Caroline
born 1817, baptised 1816. The trouble with
genealogy is that the more one finds out,
the more puzzling things become.

I really don't know what I'm looking
for. These family tales have always fascinated
me. One of these days I'd like to return to Berks.
+ again view these churchyards. I'd like to
know: 1) if Grandfather really went to Oxford - at
any time, 2) why 7 of 12 Gdd children left England,
3) more of the Liddedales.

Can you tell me if there's a Castlemilk in
Dumfriesshire, Scot.? John Liddedale was born there.
Many thanks for your help. I'm off for a
trip to Alaska - but I'll be in touch later. Sincerely,
Mary Goddard

1871. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE, in the City of

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.
29	May 24	William Siddons Go stand		Widower	Merchant	Newbury in the County of Northampton	Richard Go stand
		Caroline Louisa Briggs		Single		Newbury in the County of Northampton	Thomas Briggs

Married in the Parish Church, according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church,

This Marriage was solemnized between us,

William Siddons }
Caroline Louisa Briggs }

in the Presence of us,

by Licence }
Geo Clark }
Mary King }
by me, }
Geo Clark }

I Certify the above to be a true Copy,

Wm. Bennett
Minister



WILLIAM LIDDERDALE GODDARD

Son of Richard and Janet Lidderdale Goddard

Born 3 March 1848 at Templeton

He is supposed to have gone to Oxford and "finished at the age of 15 that would have been about 1863 He was a chemist (apothecary) and then went to Medical School in USA. MLG

Married: Caroline Louisa Brazier May 24 1871 at Parish Church of St Botolph, Bishopsgate, London

He is said to be a gentleman son of Richard Goddard a farmer and he is living in St Botolph's parish

She is said to be the daughter of Thomas Brazier, tailor of Newbury, where she lives.

Jno Clack and Mary Kingett? Hingell were witnesses.

They had children but 2 boys and Caroline died young - before 1882 when he married Melissa Jane Rosson
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Dear Mr Lidderdale,

For some time I have been tracing the Goddard family based upon Chieveley, Berks. one of whose illustrious members was Rayner Goddard, Lord Chief Justice of England.

Another member of the family was Richard Goddard who had an estate in Hamstead Marshall, near Newbury, and married Janet Lidderdale. Their graves are in Kintbury churchyard. Several of Richard and Janet's thirteen children moved to America, where, I am told, their descendants have family gatherings every so often.

Miss Mary L. Goddard of Littleton, Ohio, is very interested in her ancestors. Hungerford Museum very kindly showed me copies of letters which you have written about the Lidderdale family and I wonder if you would like to be put in touch with her.

I enclose a stamped addressed envelope for a reply.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Julie Goddard
Research Co-ordinator





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13 October 2001

Dear Mrs. Goddard,

Thank you ever so much for your letter of 28 September 2001.

I am greatly interested by the information you sent me, which I never thought to meet with again. Very many thanks.

I in fact do already know of the marriage of Janet Lidderdale - a sister of my father's grandfather - to Richard Goddard, but there my knowledge ends. I should be very

much glad to know more and so
it would be thrilling indeed
to be put in touch with Miss Mary
L. Goddard, of Littleton, Ohio, which
your letter promises.

Thank you for the addressed and
stamped envelope which I herewith
use.

Yours sincerely,

John F D Lidderdale.