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Jan 19th 1988

Dear Mrs Goddard

It was most kind of you to write to me, and to enclose your newsletter regarding the shield on your official paper, which rather puzzled me when first I came into contact with the Association.

I am so sorry that my dreadful writing was so incomprehensible, and I will endeavour to make this reply easier to read!

First, the Bramshaw I mentioned is the Wiltshire one in the New Forest, though maybe it is now in Hampshire following the reordering of counties by the Heath Government. It is close to Cadnam.

My interest in Bramshaw is because my father's family come from Wiltshire. He died nearly 70 years ago, but he was very proud of being a Saxon, and he used the Wiltshire Arms. I remember him telling me as a boy, how he paid an annual licence of a few shillings for the privilege of having the Arms on his carriage, although he never had a carriage!

I met last summer a distant cousin of mine, now close on 80 years of age who told me she still owned a house in Hertfordshire, called "Bromstant". Many years ago, in the early '30s I remember motorcycling to Fordingbridge, and I broke my journey at Bromstow, because I had heard of some family connection there. I managed to inspect the registers in the Church there, and found them very incomplete. However there were several Goddard entries. What interested me was that the churchwarden, helping me was a Mr. Maury (MAURY) which happens to be my middle Christian name. Among family papers here I have a letter from a Mr. Arthur Hill of 15th April 1917 addressed to Mr. Bowd Marsh, who complains that his Goddard knowledge is very meagre, but nevertheless he affords some interesting information, and so I enclose a photostat of his letter from which you will see the other Manors I mentioned in my previous letter - Centerton, Burchinwood, Moorcloose. But I haven't, so far, come across the sketch pedigree mentioned in the letter.

In "Goddard Wills" compiled by
Rainald W. Knightley Goddard 1910
There are various other sketch pedigrees and
a mass of interesting annotations, but
only a note of the Bromshew Church
Goddard entries, (again I enclose a
photostat copy in case you may be
interested, as this too, may be your husband's
country).

Thank you so much for your interest
but please do not go to any trouble to
research this line. I am not attempting
to create a sketch pedigree, but I am
only interested in any links in the
chain so to speak.

And forgive the length of this
letter, but I thought it best to
indicate my own interests in Bromshew.

Yours sincerely
Frank Goddard

Information received from a Goddard Association of Europe member
March 1988

Copy of a letter received

Skers,
Minstead,
Near Lyndhurst, Hants.

15 April 1917

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 11th has followed me from a former address. I am afraid that my Goddard Knowledge is very meagre and will be useless to you - I have made no attempt to work out the pedigree and have not seen the P.C.C.wills.

I am however able to identify 'Burchinwood', co. Wilts given without parish in the British Record Society's Calendar of P.C.C.wills:

1622 Goddard, Thos. esq. Burchinwood, co. Wilts.

A farm of that name is about 1/2 to 3/4 of a mile from here on the Southampton Road, adjoining Canterton manor- The farmhouse is modern, but it is on the site of an Elizabethan Manor house and the Lords of the Manor of Canterton lived at Burchinwood for a long time. - It is and was in the parish of Bramshaw, Wilts.

I have transcribed the Bramshaw Registers, and the Title deeds of Canterton Manor. I send you a note of the Goddard information in both.

Perhaps I may have a line, if you identify Thos.G. who bought Canterton Manor in 1580, with Thos. G. son of Richd and Cecily Goddard, who head your sketch pedigree.

Unfortunately the Bramshaw Registers have been much mutilated in the part and many pages are missing.

Ellingham, is about 10 miles from here- I am sorry to send you such disjointed notes, but am pressed for time.

The present owner of Burchinwood is Mr George E.B.Eyre (of Eyre and Spottiswoode). His property is now separate from Canterton Manor, but in the Goddards time Bramshaw (or Moorclose) Manor and Canterton Manor were all one estate with Burchinwood. Tradition says that the Lords of the manor lived at Canterton until the house got burnt down and then lived at Burchinwood, but I have seen no record evidence of the statement-

Hoping that my hints may help you, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Bower Marshly(?)

Arthur Hill

Goddard entries in Bramshaw registers (Hants and Wilts)

1606 Thos Falkner, gent and Barbara Goddard married March 27th
1620 April 6 Thomas Goddard buried (I suppose that he was the testator in
1622 will (P.C.C. 42 Savile) whose will was paid 29 May by son Henry)
1625 Oct 12 Elizabeth daughter of Mr Richard Goddard esquire baptized.
1629 Oct 2 Sara daughter of Mr Richard Goddard, baptized.
1668/9 Feb 2 Anne daughter of Henry Goddard gent "was borne".
1702/3 Mar 10 Henry Goddard Esq., buried
1728 Nov 13 Ann Goddard, wife of Daniell, buried
1743 May 12 Daniell Goddard, gent buried

The member also recommends that Rainald W.Knightley Goddard's book 'Goddard wills' published in 1910 will be of interest.

1895⁷³ part of the manor of Canterton was in Wiltshire.

In the defence of Thomas Goddard in 1608 he mentions 'an ancient farm with a dwelling-house belonging to the demesne of the manor called the site or farm of the manor of Canterton with common of pasture in the commons and wastes of Brook Heath and Shave.'⁷⁴

A mill was attached to the manor of Canterton as early as 1348,⁷⁵ probably the water-mill of which mention is made in several documents of the 17th century.⁷⁶ The last notice of it is in 1703.⁷⁷

The church of *ALL SAINTS* consists of chancel with a large pew on the north and a south vestry, nave with a north pew and large south transept, west tower and north porch. The internal arrangement produces a very quaint effect, the transept being almost as long as the nave, and two large galleries entirely fill up the west end of the church. The chancel and nave are of stone, partly plastered, and all the rest of the building is in red brick. The chancel and nave seem to date from the first half of the 13th century, but the font belongs to the latter part of the 12th century and some of the walling of the church may be as old as it is. The brick additions are all of 18th-century or later date, including the tower, which, however, appears to have replaced an earlier one, for in the west wall of the nave are the jambs of a segmental headed arch, which may be of 13th-century date. The east window of the chancel is a modern double lancet. The pew on the north side has a fireplace, carpet and cushioned seats, while that to the north of the nave, though larger, has fewer domestic comforts. The chancel arch dates from the first half of the 13th century and has three engaged shafts in the jambs, while the arch, of two chamfered orders, is nearly straight-sided and has been rebuilt, the original curve being clearly shown on the stones of the arch. The north door is of the same date as the chancel arch, and has two orders with continuous edge-rolls broken by a shallow undercut abacus at the springing; the label is double chamfered. The porch is of brick and on the outer doorway are the initials and date R E W S C W 1683, doubtless, in spite of their spacing, those of the churchwardens for the year.

The south transept has three windows, each of three wood-framed lights. On the south wall of the nave below the gallery is a three-light trefoiled 16th-century window, the head in a very distorted condition, and over it is another light for the gallery. The 'three-decker' pulpit, though disfigured by graining, makes a very effective group, with its hexagonal canopy, the shape of which is spoilt by an

added piece at the back; it is partly of 17th-century woodwork and on the north side of the steps to the chancel is the mutilated base of a 15th-century screen. Most of the benches in the chancel and nave have moulded back rails and are probably of 17th-century date, and the gallery fronts are very good specimens of 18th-century panelling.

The font stands in front of the pulpit and has a square Purbeck marble bowl with four restored angle shafts, stem and base. On its west face is our Lord's Baptism, on the east an Agnus Dei, on the north a lion with two bodies and a single head, and on the south two eagles having what may be a conventional tree between them. The surface is a good deal damaged, as the font has been buried in a garden.

The bells are three in number, the first bearing the inscription 'Love God R B 1604'; the second 'Sancta Maria'; the third 'In God is My Hope.'

The plate consists of a silver parcel-gilt chalice of probably 17th-century date, a silver paten with gilt edges of 1836, a silver paten of 1876, a flagon parcel gilt of 1739 and a plated almsdish.

The first book of registers contains mixed entries 1683 to 1762, the second baptisms and burials 1764 to 1812.

There is also a copy 1762 to 1768 with mixed entries.

The first mention of a church in *ADYOWSON* Minstead is in 1272, when, attached to the Bettesthorne moiety of Minstead, it was settled on John de Bettesthorne and Margaret his wife.⁷⁸ In 1291 it was assessed with the chapel of Lyndhurst at £6 13s. 4d.⁷⁹ It followed the descent of the manor,⁸⁰ Mr. Henry Francis Compton, the lord of the manor, being the present patron.

Among possessions forfeited for superstitious uses in the reign of Edward VI was land worth annually 1s. which had been 'appointed for ever to have continuance, of whose graunt they know not, to mayntayn 2 lightes.'⁸¹

Charity of Thomas Brown, founded *CHARITIES* by will 1667. (See under Christchurch.)—The yearly sum of £6 is received by the rector, who is entitled to retain 10s. for a sermon on New Year's Day, the residue in the distribution of clothes or bread.

In 1814 the Rev. Scrope Berdmore, D.D., by his will directed his executor to place the sum of £200 stock in such a manner as that the annual interest might be received by the rector to be distributed by him among the poor people of the parish on or about 6 April. The trust fund consists of £200 consols with the official trustees. The yearly income of £5 is distributed in bread.

⁷³ Local Act 58 & 59 Vict. cap. 91.

⁷⁴ A. W. Michelweck and in *Antiquities*.

⁷⁵ *Cal. Pat.* 1348-50, p. 223.

⁷⁶ *Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1623-5, p. 569;

Abstract of Claims in the New Forest, 172.

⁷⁷ Feet of F. Div. Co. Mich. 2 Anne.

⁷⁸ *Ibid.* Hants, 1 Edw. 1, no. 2.

⁷⁹ *Pope Nick. Tax.* (Rec. Com.), 2134.

⁸⁰ *Inst. Bks.*; Aitchison, op. cit.

⁸¹ *Chant. Cert.* Hants, 52, no. 51.

paying anything therefor; free ingress and egress in the waste lands of the forest, to search for all his animals there straying, the right to hold view of frankpledge twice a year, the right to estrays found in the manor and honey found in the woods; also to have all his woods in the custody of his own woodward appointed as the court baron of the manor and his manor free of forest officials. He also claimed the right to the left shoulder of all deer found within the woods of the manor. Finally on the day of the holding of the view of frankpledge he claimed for himself and his steward the right to kill and carry away one deer.⁶⁰

Richard Compton died in 1684 and was succeeded by his only surviving son Henry, who had married Elizabeth daughter and co-heir of Sir Thomas Hoby.⁶¹ Henry died in 1703 and was followed by a son Hoby, at whose death unmarried in 1714⁶² the estate was inherited by his brother Henry,⁶³ who also died without issue in 1724. By his will dated the previous year his Hampshire property, including Minstead, passed to his wife Eleanor daughter of John Willis of Ringwood, who married as her second husband Dr. Charles Bava. On her death without issue in 1742 she left Minstead to her nephew Henry Willis, second son of her brother James Willis, on condition that he took the name of Compton.⁶⁴ He was Sheriff of Hants in 1758 and was a noted racing man, being an original member of the Jockey Club founded in 1753. His racing career extended from 1751 to 1786, during which time his horses ran in 119 races, of which he won forty-one.⁶⁵ He died at Bath in 1786, leaving a son Henry, who succeeded, but only survived him one year, when the property passed to his brother John, who was Sheriff of Hants in 1797 and kept the hounds from 1800 to 1803.⁶⁶ He died in the latter year, his eldest son Henry Combe then being a boy of fourteen. Henry became Sheriff of Hants in 1819 and took a prominent part in suppressing the 1830 agrarian riots at Fordingbridge. One of the pikes with which his men were armed is now in the manor-house.⁶⁷ His son Henry who succeeded him was sheriff in 1871, and on his death in 1877 his son Mr. Henry Francis Compton became lord of 'the manor of Minstead and Brook,' as the manor, including all his property at Brook, is known at the present day.⁶⁸

In the time of the Confessor CANTERTON (Cantortun, xi cent.) was held by Chenna and was assessed at half a virgate. He was, however, only allowed to retain one half of his holding, the remainder being taken into the New Forest. It had formerly been worth 20s.: in 1086 the shares of the king and his tenant were 16s. and 4s. respectively.⁶⁹

The records of the early history of Canterton are very scanty, but at an early date it gave its name to a family who were possessed of land in the neighbourhood and certainly held property in Canterton as early as 1227, as in that year Roger de Sevenhamton

gave a message and all his lands in Canterton which he had of the gift of Ralph de Canterton to the church of the Holy Trinity at Mottisfont.⁷⁰ From scanty documentary evidence it is clear that this family continued to hold property in Canterton during the next two centuries. In 1316 Nicholas Canterton was returned as lord of the vill of Canterton,⁷¹ and he was apparently succeeded by a son Andrew who was collector of customs in the port of Southampton in 1343.⁷² In 1473 John Canterton died seised of Canterton,⁷³ then for the first time called a manor, which he held jointly with Alice his wife of the Earl of Arundel at a rent of 6s. 1d. Alice survived and continued to hold the property till her son came of age.⁷⁴ From him it appears to have passed to William Canterton, who in 1556 conveyed the manor by fine to Philip Darvall,⁷⁵ probably only for the purpose of a settlement, as the same year John Ringwood and Jane his wife transferred it to Alexander Mill.⁷⁶ In 1580 Roger Mill (probably a son of Alexander) and Alice his wife conveyed the manor to Nicholas Fuller,⁷⁷ who the same year jointly with Sarah his wife sold it to Thomas Goddard, member of an old Wiltshire family who had held land in Hampshire since the reign of Henry I, and with whose descendants it remained for a century and a half.



GODDARD. *Gules a chevron vair between three crescents argent.*

In 1608 Thomas Goddard was summoned before the Attorney-General to show by what right he held the manor of Canterton. Thomas in his reply stated that he held it under the king as of his manor of Lyndhurst by suit of court and the payment of a small annual sum⁷⁸—an answer presumably satisfactory to the court, as Thomas was holding the manor at his death in 1623.⁷⁹ He was succeeded by a son Henry, who died four years later, having left the manor by will to his nephew Henry, then an infant, son of his brother William.⁸⁰ On the death of William in 1640 Alice his widow petitioned for the wardship of her son,⁸¹ who subsequently succeeded and was holding the manor in 1684.⁸² In 1703 David Goddard, probably son or grandson of Henry, sold the property to Richard Paulet of Little Testwood,⁸³ whose kinsman John Henry Beaumont fifteenth Marquess of Winchester sold it in 1887 to Mr. John Jeffreys, the present owner.⁸⁴



JEFFREYS. *Ermine a lion and a quarter sable.*

Previous to the County of Southampton Act of

⁶⁰ *Abstract of Claims in the New Forest*, 232-5.

⁶¹ Aitchison, op. cit. 16.

⁶² *Recov. R. East*, 13 Anne, rot. 23.

⁶³ *Cent. Mag.* lix, 112. ⁶⁴ *Ibid.* 111.

⁶⁵ Aitchison, op. cit. 19, 20.

⁶⁶ *Ibid.* ⁶⁷ *Ibid.* 23, 24.

⁶⁸ *Ex inform. Mr. John H. Sampson*, agent to Mr. Compton.

⁶⁹ *F.C.H. Hants*, i, 510a.

⁷⁰ *Cal. Chart. R.* 1226-57, p. 41.

⁷¹ *Feud. Aids*, ii, 317.

⁷² *A. W. Michelmorish and its Antiquities*, 41; *Cal. Close*, 1343-6, p. 32.

⁷³ *Chan. Inq. p.m.* 13 Edw. IV, na. 29.

⁷⁴ *Ibid.*

⁷⁵ *Recov. R. Hil.* 2 & 3 Phil. and Mary, rot. 155; *Feet of F. Hants*, Hil.

⁷⁶ 3 & 4 Phil. and Mary.

⁷⁷ *Feet of F. Div. Co. Mich.* 4 & 5

⁷⁸ *Phil. and Mary.*

⁷⁹ *Ibid. Mich.* 22 & 23 Eliz.

⁸⁰ *Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1623-5, pp. 569, 573.

⁸¹ *W. and L. Inq. p.m.* lxxviii, 74.

⁸² *Chan. Inq. p.m. (Ser. 2)*, deciv, 95.

⁸³ *Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1640-1, p. 228.

⁸⁴ *Com. Pleas Recov. R. Tria.* 36

Chas. II, m. 2.

⁷¹ *Feet of F. Div. Co. Mich.* 3 Anne.

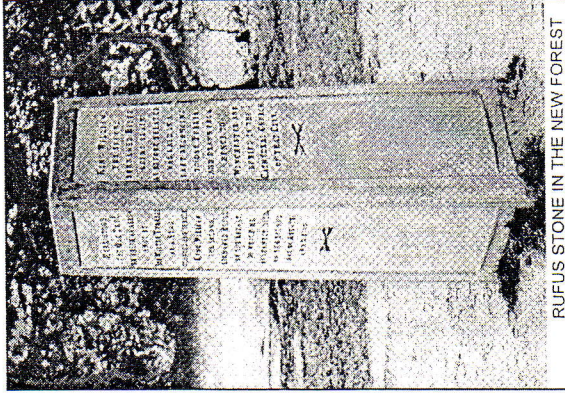
⁷² *Ex inform. Mr. John Jeffreys.*

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members of the family to know where they are buried - a nice thought.
I have also recently sorted out another mystery too; my grandfather Frank was at Higham, Kent in 1901 and I wondered why he was there. It turns out that his sister **Miriam Walker** and her husband

Robert were there too. Robert was a golf professional, so he was probably living with them while working on a golf course with his brother in law. (Member 2671)
Ms R. M. PURKISS, 78 RUFUS GARDENS, TOTTON, Southampton, Hants SO40 8TB

Recorded on the Rufus Stone in the New Forest is the enduring legend that **William Purkiss**, charcoal burner, carried the body of "King William the Second surnamed Rufus being slain" and he "was laid in a cart belonging to one Purkis and drawn from hence to Winchester and buried in the Cathedral Church of that city."



RUFUS STONE IN THE NEW FOREST

William Rufus instantly died on 2 August 1100 after being struck on the breast by an arrow supposedly shot at a stag by Sir Walter Tyrrell. Ronda's research on the Hampshire Purkiss/Purkis family does not extend back to Norman days but she has accumulated a mass of details and references to the name in the Minstead area, where her ancestors were indeed charcoal burners.
A 1652 document she has transcribed

HRO Ref: 23M54/2, relates to:

THE MANOR OF MINSTEED AND BROOKE

The court baron of **Richard COMPTON** Esq. of his manor aforesaid there held on Tuesday the sixth day of April in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred fifty and two by Francis **SAMBROOKE** gent steward there.

FREEHOLDERS

Richard GODDARD Esq.	John PURKIS the elder	Thomas FRIEND
Richard LYNE gent.	Roger COLLINS	John MORRIS
Phillip DORE gent	John FULFORD	Thomas KING , clerk
Edward BRIGHTHE	Francis RANGER	Richard CULL
		WISEMAN

COPYHOLDERS:

John BARROW
John DEALE (*1)
Richard ARCHER
William READE
John CALL
Francis HOUSE
James PHILLIPS
John VENTOM
Phillip STRIDE
Thomas FRIEND
(*2) **Exofer STRIDE**

John PEARSE
Thomas MARSHMAN
Edward WRITE
Richard GAYNE in wid.
Joane Gayne
Clement PEARSE
Richard READE
William STRIDE
Richard MASIE
George NICHOLLS
John MORTIMER

WIDOWS:

Katherine SOAFE
Anne PERSE otherwise

Joane BROMFIELD
Joane WIDGLEY
Darkis PEARSE

COTTAGERS:

Thomas WOLFE
William WRITE
Henry CURTIS
John BURGIS

John PEARSE jun
John MARSHMAN
Robert WHITEHORN
Magdolin MICHELL

THE HOMAGE

John Barrow
John VEALE (*1)
Richard Archer
Francis House

William Olding
Richard Hayes
Robert Soafe
Richard Reade

Editor's Notes:

(*1) Since those men listed in 'The Homage' (i.e. the manorial jury list) were drawn from the copyholders it would indicate that **John Deale** and **John Veale** are one and the same person with a surname mistranscription here. Veale is by far the more common New Forest name. (*2) 'X' usually means Christ; 'Xofer' therefore is Christopher.

If you are interested in learning more about this area and its people, Peter Roberts, (ex-New Forest verderer) informs me that he has copies available of his hardback, 166-page book 'Minstead - Life in a 17th Century New Forest Community' published in 2002. Copies are £20 from the shop address or available by post (UK) for £22 inclusive with cheque made out to 'P. Roberts'. Send to Nova Foresta Books, 185 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7AR. Website is: <www.novaforestabooks.co.uk> Telephone: 023 8029 3389. E-mail: <postmaster@novaforestabooks.co.uk>

A review of Peter's book will be in the next magazine



13/6/95.

Dear Mr. Goddard,

I noticed your interest in the Beds., list of members interests along with various others. However, as you live in Berkshire I thought it more likely that your Goddards might be connected to mine.

I am researching all branches of my family and have just turned my attention on this one. Shortly, I hope to have a search carried out at Berks. Record Office for the Goddards at Grove and, seeing your interest, wondered whether you know anything.

What little information I have to date is listed overleaf.

Yours truly,
Robert Merchant.

EMMA WEATHERLEY b. 17th JULY 1840 at KING ST,

TWICKENHAM - PARENTS EDWARD WEATHERLEY + MARY

GODDARD.

IN 1881 CENSUS INDEX SHE IS WIDOWED, LIVING WITH BROTHER WILLIAM H. GODDARD, FARMER OF 135 acres AT IVER, BOTH CWE GROVE AS BIRTHPLACE.

I WAS TOLD THAT THE GODDARD FAMILY OWNED FARMS AT OSTERLEY, WAXLOW MANOR (GREENFORD), AND IVER.

MARY'S DAUGHTER EMMA INHERITED LAND AT HAYES (WHERE THE GRAPES PUB STANDS). I AM JUST ABOUT TO ORDER THE DEATH CERTS OF EDWARD, MARY + EMMA.

THERE WAS, APPARENTLY, A GODDARD FAMILY TREE IN EARNING LIBRARY BUT IT HAS GONE MISSING - TERRIBLE LUCK! I KEEP ASKING THE ASSISTANT BUT SHE SEEMS APATHETIC.

BERKSHIRE DOESN'T SEEM WELL COVERED BY THE I.C.I., NOR BY BOYD'S MARRIAGE INDEX. THE SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS MAY HAVE SOMETHING SO I WILL LOOK WHEN I AM THERE AGAIN.

PLEASE FORGIVE ME IF THE ABOVE DOESN'T LINK WITH YOURS.

16th June 1995

Dear Mr Merchant,

Thank you for your letter about the Goddards of Grove. My husband is not related to these Goddards, but he and I are the Research Co-ordinators of the Goddard Association. I am surprised to learn that you saw our names in the Bedfordshire FHS list as we do not belong to that society.

The Goddard Association does have records of the family at Grove and Iver. Some of the family moved to Kintbury, Berks and have a tombstone in the churchyard. We are also told that there are also tombstones in the churchyard of Iver for Mary Ann, wife of Will Henry Goddard and Will Henry himself and their daughter, Mary. We have also been told that the family moved to Iver from Bramshaw and Canterton in Hampshire in the early 1700s, but have not been able to prove this yet.

I enclose a leaflet about the Goddard Association for your consideration. While it is not necessary for you to join, it would make available our records in full.

Yours Sincerely

Julie Goddard



Dear Mr. + Mrs. Goddard,

Some weeks ago I wrote regarding the Goddards of Grove and Iwer, Bucks. Since then I have joined the Goddard Association.

Would you be so kind as to point me in the right direction, as you informed me that there had been some research into the Grove branch.

Please inform me if this entails any cost on your part so that I can reimburse you.

Thank you very much indeed for your help.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Merchant-(7614.011)

1st June 1994

Dear Mr Goddard,

In 1988, when we were just starting up, you were kind enough to send us some details of your family tree and the Goddards of Bramshaw, Burchinwood and Canterton and later of Iver. You state that "prior to the family move to the above farm the previous home was Canterton Manor from 1560 until 1730".

We are trying to make progress on the Hampshire Goddards and perhaps link up several families. I should be grateful if you could tell us if you have any documentary evidence to support the statement that the Iver Goddards were also the Bramshaw ones.

I am approaching Grays Inn to see if their records give anymore information about **Thomas Goddard** who bought Canterton in 1560. We have noted that the family later used the Wiltshire Goddard shield and coat of arms and wonder if Thomas was a younger son of this family. They tended to follow the old custom of the first son inheriting, the second son going into the church, the third into the army and the further sons into the law and commerce in London. That way the family had influence in all spheres.

Yours Sincerely

Brian and Julie Goddard
Research Co-ordinators



Telephone Nos:-
 Home... Whiteparish 528
 School. " " " " 271

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Dear Gillian,

I have been mean ng to write to you ever since seeing the open letter in the Advertizer. Due to great pressure of work here at school on the run down to the Easter holidays (which started yesterday) I just have not had time to write such personal letters.


However, I am very interested in obtaining further information concerning the " Goddard " family. A year or two ago my wife pointed out to me an article in a magazine (can not remember which one but a mag. for ladies) that had a "write up" of a gathering of about 200 GODDARDS at Swindon. Again had fully intended to follow that lead by writing to the mag. - but never got around to doing so.

Nevertheless, I would be very grateful for details concerning the gathering this year i.e. T I M E the place will I know be the Goddard Arms in Swindon, but I'm not quite sure where the pub actually is either. I am supposed to be attending a charity fund raising rifle shoot on that Sunday that goes on from 10 - 1 p.m. IF the meeting is lunch-time in Swindon I hope to get out of going to the shoot even though I am a major organiser!!!!

Recently I discovered that my 'side' of the clan may well have roots here in the forest only five miles from where I live. I enclose photo-staß taken from the HAMPSHIRE CHRONICAL (Romsey Libary) dated 1896. Thomas. William. Henry are featured often in the various generations son's names. I enclose also a copy of my "family" my father is Thomas William, son of Thomas, grandson of Thomas (1857) You will see that my great-grandfather was 20yrs. old when his first child Jane was born and that his wife Anne produced a child nearly every year for the next 10yrs.!

Well Gillian, that is about it at this stage. Incidentally I did try to telephone you when the letter appeared, but could not find you listed.

Yours sincerely,


 Geoffrey Stuart GODDARD

Title deeds of Canterton Manor, near Lyndhurst, Hants.

22 oct. 22 Eliz (1580)

Conveyance of Canterton Manor from Nichs. Fuller (of Grays Inn) and Sarah his wife to Thos. Goddard of Grays Inn.

(Fine 12 Nov. 22 Eliz)

Perhaps this was the only Thomas Goddard who appears on your sketch pedigree. The Register of Gryas Inn should give his parentage.

19 Dec. 23 eliz (1580)

Thos. Goddard described as of the town and County of Southampton, gentleman.

27 June 31 Eliz (1589)

'Thos. Goddard of the towne of Southampton Esquier'

(Fine 13 oct. 31 Eliz (1589))

16 Oct 7 Wm iii (1695)

Lease - Henry Goddard of Burchinwood, wilts, gent to Jas Vincent of Canterton, parish of Minstead, Hants, yeoman.

1 & 2 July 1703 (2 Anne)

Daniel Goddard late of London, but now of Burchinwood, Wilts, gent.

Anne his wife

Eliz. Urrey of Southampton, widow

Thos Toplady of Milborne Park, Somerset, chisurgeon, and Sarah his wife

Anne Wright of London, widow

which Eliz., Sarah and Anne are daughters and co-heirs of Henry Goddard late of Burchinwood Esq., deceased.

Further information then follows about the owners of Burchinwood in the 1700s which is not of interest to Goddards.

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I am however able to identify 'Burchinwood', co. Wilts given without parish in the British Record Society's Calendar of P.C.C.wills:

1622 Goddard, Thos. esq. Burchinwood, co. Wilts.

A farm of that name is about 1/2 to 3/4 of a mile from here on the Southampton Road, adjoining Canterton manor- The farmhouse is modern, but it is on the site of an Elizabethan Manor house and the Lords of the Manor of Canterton lived at Burchinwood for a long time. - It is and was in the parish of Bramshaw, Wilts.

I have transcribed the Bramshaw Registers, and the Title deeds of Canterton Manor. I send you a note of the Goddard information in both.

Perhaps I may have a line, if you identify Thos.G. who bought Canterton Manor in 1580, with Thos. G. son of Richd and Cecily Goddard, who head your sketch pedigree.

Unfortunately the Bramshaw Registers have been much mutilated in the part and many pages are missing.

Ellingham, is about 10 miles from here- I am sorry to send you such disjointed notes, but am pressed for time.

The present owner of Burchinwood is Mr George E.B.Eyre (of Eyre and Spottiswoode). His property is now separate from Canterton Manor, but in the Goddards time Bramshaw (or Moorclose) Manor and Canterton Manor were all one estate with Burchinwood. Tradition says that the Lords of the manor lived at Canterton until the house got burnt down and then lived at Burchinwood, but I have seen no record evidence of the statement-

Hoping that my hints may help you, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Bower Marshly(?)

Arthur Hill

Goddard entries in Bramshaw registers (Hants and Wilts)

1606 Thos Falkner, gent and Barbara Goddard married March 27th
1620 April 6 Thomas Goddard buried (I suppose that he was the testator in
1622 will (P.C.C. 42 Savile) whose will was paid 29 May by son Henry)
1625 Oct 12 Elizabeth daughter of Mr Richard Goddard esquire baptized.
1629 Oct 2 Sara daughter of Mr Richard Goddard, baptized.
1668/9 Feb 2 Anne daughter of Henry Goddard gent "was borne".
1702/3 Mar 10 Henry Goddard Esq., buried
1728 Nov 13 Ann Goddard, wife of Daniell, buried
1743 May 12 Daniell Goddard, gent buried

The member also recommends that Rainald W.Knightley Goddard's book 'Goddard wills' published in 1910 will be of interest.

Title deeds of Canterton Manor, near Lyndhurst, Hants.

22 oct. 22 Eliz (1580)

Conveyance of Canterton Manor from Nichs. Fuller (of Grays Inn) and Sarah his wife to Thos. Goddard of Grays Inn.

(Fine 12 Nov. 22 Eliz)

Perhaps this was the only Thomas Goddard who appears on your sketch pedigree. The Register of Grays Inn should give his parentage.

19 Dec. 23 eliz (1580)

Thos. Goddard described as of the town and County of Southampton, gentleman.

27 June 31 Eliz (1589)

'Thos. Goddard of the towne of Southampton Esquier'

(Fine 13 oct. 31 Eliz (1589))

16 Oct 7 Wm III (1695)

Lease - Henry Goddard of Burchinwood, wilts, gent to Jas Vincent of Canterton, parish of Minstead, Hants, yeoman.

1 & 2 July 1703 (2 Anne)

Daniel Goddard late of London, but now of Burchinwood, Wilts, gent.

Anne his wife

Eliz. Urrey of Southampton, widow

Thos Toplady of Milborne Park, Somerset, chisurgeon, and Sarah his wife

Anne Wright of London, widow

which Eliz., Sarah and Anne are daughters and co-heirs of Henry Goddard late of Burchinwood Esq., deceased.

Further information then follows about the owners of Burchinwood in the 1700s which is not of interest to Goddards.