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12th July 2001

Dear Mrs Goddard

I recently contacted Mr Richard Goddard, President of the Goddard Association, in order to purchase two monographs relating to the Goddard families of North Gloucestershire. I hadn't realised at the time that there was a further part to this series and have since requested a copy of that too.

I explained to him the reason for my request and my connection to the family and he suggested that I contact both you and Leslie F Goddard of Sturchley. Hence my letter to you.

I'm really not sure how this works, being relatively new to the Association - I joined at the beginning of this year. Although I began looking into my family history about four years ago, it has really only taken off in the last year, since starting on this branch, mainly because of my interest in this side of my family.

My connection to the Goddards, is through my maternal grandmother, whose maiden name it was. I, like her, have always been fiercely proud of this branch of my

family. I loved her dearly. She was full of life, spirit and adventure and I think this is the reason why I am now concentrating all my efforts into finding out as much about them and their lives and the social history of their time, as I possibly can.

I am hoping that you, as Research Co-ordinator, may be aware of others who might also be investigating this branch.

Charles Goddard was born in St Nicholas Parish of Gloucester in 1864. He married Clara Berry, in 1890 also of Gloucester and they had five children, two boys and three girls, my Gran being the eldest.

Charles' brother was Thomas Charles, the father of Tom Goddard the England and Gloucester cricketer, making him and my Gran, first cousins.

Her brother Charles Henry, b-1892, died of wounds received at the Battle of Armentières in 1915. He was given a military funeral in Gloucester, which was much publicised in the local papers.

MY GGG GRANDPARENTS *William GODDARD & Elizabeth MARSHALL m 1785 Throckmorton Worcs.

THEIR CHILDREN

Sarah chr 1786 Childs Wickham
John chr 1788 do
Ann chr 1790 do
William chr 1793 do
*Richard chr 1795 d 1859 do (m 1817 Mary HETHRIDGE Tewkes) d 1859
buried Tredworth Cemetery Glos

THEIR CHILDREN

* William Marshall GODDARD b 1818 Tewkesbury BOAT OWNER
m Louisa Fincher SMITH (b 1820 Worcester) in 1839
John b Tewkesbury BOAT BUILDER
Thomas b Tewkesbury COAL MERCHANT

THEIR CHILDREN

Eliza chr 1843
Mary Ann do
Jane Louise chr 1846
Richard Charles chr 1851
George Marshall chr 1855
Thomas Charles chr 1857
Elizabeth chr 1860

} St Nicholas Parish Gloucester

*Charles b 1862 -1932 Gloster, m 1890 to Clara (née Berry) b 1864 -1919

THEIR CHILDREN

*Florence Eliza GODDARD (POTTER) b 1891 Gloster m 1922 D 1978 BIRMINGHAM
Charles Henry GODDARD b 1892 Gloster died 1915
Alice Maud (CORNWELL) b 1894 m 1918 to an ANZAC
emigrated to Aostralia 1919
Mabel Clara (KING)
George

*indicates direct line

I hope that this is clear and that it gives you enough information to be able to recognise at a glance at least one of the names mentioned.

If you need to know any more / require a search fee, or anything else that I, as a beginner, have forgotten in my ignorance, please let me know.

I have enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your convenience and look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs Sue Horton
Membership number 23018*

GODDARD ASSOCIATION OF EUROPE



Dear Mrs Horton,

Welcome to the Goddard Association. After paying an annual donation you get three/four copies of the Newsletter a year, an invitation to an annual get together and free use the facilities of the Research Department. Records of Goddards which have been given to us over the years are filed in what used to be a nice dining room here, together with census records, CDs and microfiche. Brian and I do not do any research for people (heavens I should be doing nothing else) but will look through the records we have here, put people in touch or suggest other lines of research.

We had a look at the 1881 census for you and have filled in a few gaps. We also looked at the War Graves Commission records for Charles Henry. I recalled that we did an item about Tom Goddard in Newsletter 14 and I will ask Richard at Malvern whether he has a copy he could send to you. I enclose an item from Newsletter 16. Have you got a cigarette card with Tom Goddard on it? They are available; I see them when I am looking for my grandfather's cousin Ewart Astill.

Did Richard give you Leslie Goddard's address? In case he did not it is 69 Lewis Road, Stirchley, Birmingham B30 2SU. He may have done some further research which has not yet been put into monograph form.

You will see that William Goddard's boat was called the "Eliza" and he seems to have gone up and down the Severn. I am sure that either Gloucester Record Office, or Worcester Library could suggest some material about boats which used to do this trip.

Please ask if you want any more help or advice. If you write a short paragraph about your family for the Newsletter (send to Richard at Malvern) you could find that other members might also be able to help.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Julie Goddard



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Dear Sue,

Thank you for your letter.

Leslie Goddard is probably away on holiday, as we were last week, and will write soon. I am sure that with his knowledge of the area and your knowledge of your family you could write an article for the *Goddard Newsletter* or even a complete monograph on your branch of the Goddards for separate publication.

You have got a lot further in your research than many of us. Could I suggest some other sources?

The Oxford Companion to Local and Family History by David Hey has an entry under Canals and suggests Charles Hadfield's *Canals of the West Midlands* published in 1969 and Eric de Mare's *Canals of England* (1991). There was also a Parliamentary Select Committee on Canals of which the report was published 1883 and also a Board of Trade Statistical report in 1888 and a report of a Royal Commission in 1906-11. I found this type of material valuable when I was researching my framework knitter ancestors as there are reports of the actual words said to the investigators.

And if you do not already know them *Family Tree Magazine* and *Practical Family History* are two magazines which you should see regularly. I also suggest that you phone the *FTM* office and ask if they have published any articles on Canalworkers. They keep an index of articles and will run them off for you at a modest price.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Julie Goddard
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Dear June

Thank you for your informative letter which arrived yesterday morning, re my request for help with Goddards of Gloucester.

I perhaps should have been a little more forthcoming with the amount of information that I already have, so that you wouldn't have gone to so much trouble.

I do have the 1881 Census on compact disc and had therefore found the references to Louisa Goddard, her husband William (on the boat Eliza) and their children, that you kindly supplied.

In addition to this, I have found a reference to William and sons, George and Charles, on the website

www.msurman.freeseve.co.uk

in the 'Gloucester strays' on the 1871 census return, where Charles was working on the boats at the age of 9.

A visit to the archivist at the National Waterways Museum in Gloucester, gave me an insight into the history of canal boats and also, through the gauge records, I was able to track down some of the other Goddards, who worked on and around the docks. I also found details of the cargo that Eliza and the others carried and what became of the boats, ie whether they were sold or broken up.

I already had the information from the War Graves Commission, on Charles Henry Goddard (1892 - 1915) and have written to the Royal Artillery Headquarters, who unfortunately are in the process of moving all their archives to a brand new site and suggested, that to avoid delay, I contact Kew.

I did not however have the copy of the newsletter no 16, so thank you for that, but Richard has very kindly sent me numbers 14 and 35, the latter of which has a reproduction of the cigarette card you mentioned.

I have now received Part 3 of Goddards of North Glos and Worcs. and am awaiting a reply from L F Goddard Esq.

I shall take up your suggestion to write a précis on what I have discovered so far, in the hope that there is someone else out there who can help further and who perhaps, I could help too.

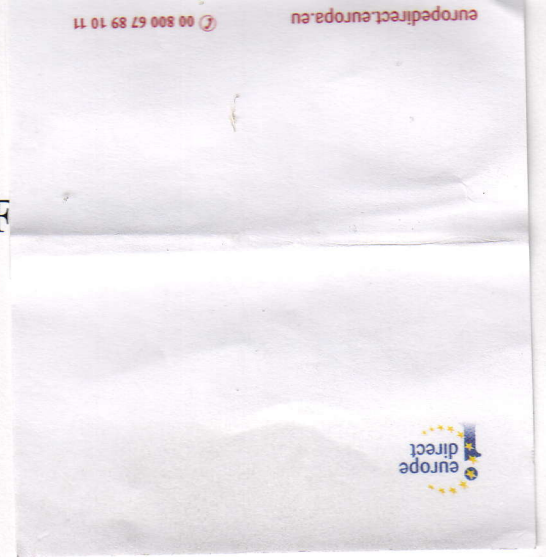
I have already found a fourth cousin, whose maiden name was Goddard and who still lives in Gloucester and a second cousin in Australia, who was the one who put me in touch with your Association.

Thank you again for your time and advice.

Yours sincerely

Sue Horton

GODDARD ASSOCIATION OF



Dear Sue,
Thank you for your letter.

How pleasing that descendants of the three sons of Richard Goddard of Childswickham have made contact. Please do write a short account for the Newsletter. I am in touch with three descendants of my great great Norfolk grandfather and it is interesting to see what family traits have come down the line.

Regarding life on the canal boats; I suggested to Alison that the following books might give some background to your family history:

Charles Hadfield *Canals of the West Midlands*

Eric de Mare *Canals of England*

The report of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Canals published 1883

and one about a woman's life on the boats

Ramlin' Rose; the Boatwoman's story by Sheila Stewart.

I do not know whether she was able to get any of them.
Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Goddard
Research Co-ordinator

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Dear Sue,

Another member has been in touch with me about canal boatmen.

In Newsletter no. 59 page 3 I had a paragraph about the crew of canal steamer *Fidget* from Birmingham. In the 1881 census the boat was at Guys Cliffe Wharf, Warwick, but Captain Henry Goddard came from Bullsbridge, Middlesex. Mrs Eileen Bostle wrote in with details of the wharf at Bullsbridge. She has now found that a descendant of Captain Henry is still alive at ninety and that he used to be on the canals too. I leave it to you whether you want to contact him or not. His address is

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Middx.,
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He also has an e-mail address: frank.goddard@btinternet.com

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs) Julie Goddard
Research Co-ordinator



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Dear Mrs Partridge,

I am pleased to report that a search through our files has revealed a previous enquirer with ancestors on the Gloucester canal



is descended from William Goddard and Elizabeth Marshall who were married at Throckmorton, Worcs in 1785. She is descended from their son Richard, born 1795, through his son William Marshall Goddard (boat owner) born 1818 Tewkesbury; his son Charles born 1862 in Gloucester; and his daughter Florence Eliza Goddard, later Potter, born 1891 at Gloucester.

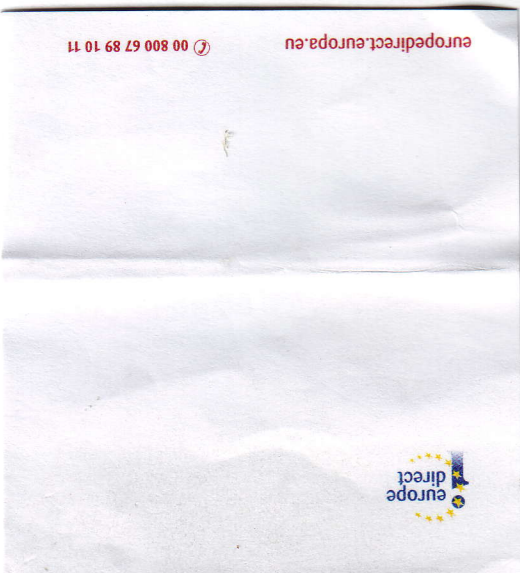
I enclose the 1881 census information about William and Charles, who were on the "Eliza" and Louisa, who was at home.

Mrs Horton has much more information which I am sure she will share with you. Their is a relationship too to Tom Goddard, the England and Gloucester cricketer.

I do suggest that Charles Hadfield's book "Canal's of the West Midlands" and Eric de Mare's "Canals of England" are good for background reading.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs) Julie Goddard
Research Co-ordinator



1881 British Census

Dwelling: Eliza

Census Place: Worcester St Peter, Worcester, England

Source: FHL Film 1341699 PRO Ref RG11 Piece 2918 Folio 167 Page 2

Marr Age Sex Birthplace

William GODDARD

U 60 M Tewkesbury, Gloucester, England

Rel: Head

Occ: Master

Charles GODDARD

U 20 M Gloucester, England

Rel: Servt.

Occ: Boatman

1881 British Census

Dwelling: 6 Sabrina Cottage
Census Place: Gloucester St Nicholas, Gloucester, England
Source: FHL Film 1341611 PRO Ref RG11 Piece 2531 Folio 59 Page 42

	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Louisa GODDARD	M	62	F	Worcester, England
Rel: Wife (Head)				
Occ: Boatowners Wife				
Jane GODDARD	U	32	F	Gloucester, England
Rel: Daur				
Occ: Slate Polisher				
Thomas GODDARD	U	23	M	Gloucester, England
Rel: Son				
Occ: Carpenter				

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Dear Mrs Partridge,

Goddards of Gloucester and Evesham



I regret to say that we have had no other Goddards approach us with a similar family tree to yours ie in the Gloucester and Evesham area.

I believe that John Goddard has drawn your attention to our monograph North Gloucestershire Goddard Part 2 which might help you. The research for this monograph was done by member Leslie Goddard of Birmingham. if you wish to be put in contact with Leslie do ask for his address.

Your enquiry will be kept on file in case someone does contact us sometime in the future, when you will be informed.

In the meantime I suggest that you write a few paragraphs about your family for the Goddard Newsletter. This is compiled and edited by Richard Goddard of Malvern whose address is on the back page.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs) Julie Goddard
Research Co-ordinator



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12th March 2003

Dear Julie,

Thank you very much for your letter, which I have just received, suggesting I contact a new member Mrs Alison Partridge, whose interest also lies in the Goddards working on the canals and River Severn in Gloucester in the 18 - 1900's. It was extremely good of you to contact me.

You were right to think that there might be a connection! Ali contacted me through the Surname interest list on the Internet just before Christmas and it transpires that we are descended from the same great great great grand-parents, making us, I believe fourth cousins. Richard Goddard of Childswickham born 1795, had three sons. I am descended from the eldest, William Marshall Goddard; Ali from the middle son John and I have also been in touch with a great great granddaughter of the youngest son, Thomas. Three, fourth cousins, all women, descended from the three sons of Richard. Perhaps the three of us could get together and, as you suggest, write something about life on the River.

Thank you once again.

Kindest regards

Sue Horton

Mrs Sue Horton