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Uncle is Mr Ayliffe

From Servant Martha Anne 7/5/1731
niece of Mr Ayliffe

To Goddard Smiths at John Smiths
@ Lee N^o. Greenwich
Then redirected to Mrs Hodges
@ Sullgrave
Fawthing^o
Northamptonshire

Sir,

In the first place I think I ought to tell you master is pure well and cheetful and have been so ever since you left him He goes to Greenhill often and most days when he have dine'd he says (Thank God I have made as good a dinner as any of they) I suppose he told that 4 gentlemen dine'd here the Monday after you left Tockenham We had for dinner a gamon of bacon and pigeon roast leg of mutton 2 chickens and two puddings I am sorry to tell you the same day the orange trees was set out as ~~was~~ usual and Tarquin was unfortunelately let into the garden He terrible to get in at the glass door and broke off the main branch that the blossoms was upon and as big a branch off one of the other I have taken care to set them farther from the door Since master thinks they not be set in the summer house nights as well as day Be^{is} pleased ~~to~~ send orders the same day the turkey in heather dog Kennel hatched 11 young ones They all continues very well and grow bravely The red one have 8 They ~~are~~ are less and younger Chloe brought 7 puppies eight was drowned. presently. The other lived a week. Snowball and Rainbow have been in the garden house more than a week "gider" is not disposed of He is pretty well of the mange and is grown fatt Frances said nothing ~~of~~ ~~to~~ Mr Freke about him but to me & several who knew nothing of the matter, I heard Mr Freke tell master he would come and stay two or 3 days with him when ever he would send for him but I dont know that master have wrote to him I suppose his timber is not ready and that is the reason - I very often look upon the flowers but have marked but one more anemone not I believe there will be no more. There are an abundance of Mr Saverys ranunculas blowed in but not so large

and beautiful as they was last year. Frances have planted a great many flowers in pots out of the hot-bed Sarah Sutton have weeded the young carrots. The other holds pretty good Part of the platt next the white seat is to be digged for 3 rows of peas very soon. Master dined at Mr Benets Saturday and sent Francis from thence to Broad Hinton to inquire for the young esquire who is very well. While master was gone John Smith brought a letter from the Rocks which should have been delivered Thursday evening from Chippenham fair. I believe all the good family are well and Mrs Jacob talks of coming to Tockenham for 4 or 5 days with Mrs Charman the middle of this week. Sarah Sutton have been at Shaw this morning and says the weeding as you ordered wants to be done. She designs to do it this week. She cant find that there ^{are} any Cherry or holly plants come up. She look's after the harkopus but to little purpose for something eats them. Francis have been mowing this morning which is the 1st time since you have been gone My Uncle Byliffe was hear yesterday and went in the field with master to see the oxen. The lamb that was lost is found amongst Mr Brooms in his ground. Thomas Pinnegar had a son born ~~yesterday~~ Saturday Last. Jacky Byliffe told me John Stills (Stiles?) and ^{Mrs} Mary Tuck are to be married tomorrow. I have not thread to make your shirts Be pleased to buy $\frac{1}{2}$ oz of 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz of 12^d and $\frac{1}{2}$ oz of 10^d You will be pleased to remember shirt buttons and cambric for ruffles. I fear you will think I writes too soon but when Mrs Jacob is here I suppose master or she will write notes!! almost every post and then I should not have so good an opportunity because you ordered me to write when they did not and to fill my paper which I have done though after a very poor manner I am afraid Sir you will not think it worth postage I have no more to add but am
~~your dutifull servant~~ your dutifull servant

Master knows nothing of my writing
 Blue Lass come home May 1st in the
 night John Taylor got up & let her in.

From M. J. before M.D. 19/2/1729

(1)

To Goddard

I thank you my dear Brother for your letter and account of my Papas amendment, and that you have taken some care of yourself. The trees and mop came safe Monday. They are not yet planted being very diligent at plough when the weather gives leave. All the cargo is come except the book and carpet which we want because this is so ragged. The legs of the things hang in it. The peas may be sown if the ground is dry enough though there is not one sown (as Farmer Brown of Marshfield tells me & farmer Salmon) hereabout. I have not bespoken any clover but enquired much. The best is to come from Farmer Parsons but I don't resolve how much to sow till I see how the peas do and it is time enough I will soon send to Bath for the bill and fusc seed, but having variety of business cant make much haste, You never saw any family more quiet and dutiful than my servants. I cant think why they should not continue so. I shall send for C. King at hedy day and I believe not sooner being willing to place the boy first if I can do it in a very good family for to my mind for inside and out I never saw one of the sort so promising, but he is on his good behaviour. Its probable Roger will not be able to observe the appointment. I hear he is to go a long journey. We should be glad to see you when you have a mind to come. The bounds and phill's? bargain is all the business that is at a stand now, Nans hand mends, all the rest are very well. I recieved your 2nd letter, and yesterday morning sent you a long one by Lovelock, who said he would give it to Gingel at 10 in the morning and order a messenger to go from Clack with it. ~~The~~ ^{your} messenger came since twas dark and I ~~wrote~~ wrote all this since supper. I am glad to hear my skill is so excellent. We cant perieve by yours whither Will Cole is dead or alive, poor Gald... Dick said he was not ill. We expect 2 pairs of little ~~shoes~~ ^{shoes} more from Wobton, I must desire you will order by Peter King, C. King to go to N. Hammond to be measured firmly and that you will take opportunity to send to Nick to come hither and bring some shreads at or before March the 7th which he promised to do on notice. I think I have nought to detain the boy this mornings but due duty service

M. J.

I suppose I must enquire for Vetches hereabout, Farmer Brown tells me tis best to mix the clover, both sorts and to sow it in the husk because it will preserve the seed if the season proves wet. Of this I may have my Papas opinion soon enough for the ground is very wet yet.

It seems Molly Brown is going to marry very well

From (M D)

Mary Dowdes 21/11/1730

(2)

To your dear sister

My dear brother has got away of sending the purest comfort packets for which I thank you. I am rejoiced to hear you are both so well. We are well too and as busy as a hen and a chick ordering my matters. We heard from Bath today. The Red shagreen is come, Mr House has had 2 letters sent him, not because he is rich but because he is reckoned not to have much courage, I hope, I have ~~an opportunity~~ enquired enough to get barrels and stables. I had an opportunity to day Mr Penny and an awkwardish young gentleman came here to ask leave to shoot in the woods and brought in a partridge and fieldfare. This has been a visiting day. The parson of the parish was here to fetch his tythes. Everybody admires at my cottages, I'm very busy threshing corn. J. Wood and I consulted about my cows. He valued the 2 best at £7-00. This morning a young butcher that looks civil came and just as we were in treaty and I persuaded him to give 10/- more. Lovelock came to the stable, in John sent him and I got my 10/- off the young butcher speedily. They cost £5-10-00 at midsummer I am mightily pleased. I received £16-15-00 for 34 ewes. My great pig at 5/3 a score came to £3-10. There you have a history of my grazing. Now for friendship I grieve for poor Giney and would do anything in the world for her, I am glad dear "titt & tuff" is so stout dear child. I hope he will own me. I hope he will want nothing. It's good news that ~~John~~ Joan Stratton is so well we are to wash 5 weeks clothes next week. I can't do without her. Be so kind to let Jack and the little horse, tell her so she may come Sunday evening or Monday morning. I persuaded Nanny to be my Chaplain. She reads prayer very prettily. Dear little Bett I had just such a comfort letter. She likes Sarum? better than the Rocks if mama was there & is contriving for me to live there. Mrs Charman says she looked wax work in her sleep. I owe Farmer Parsons a deal for seed wheat when he pays his rent I desire my Papa to think on it or sooner. You did well to send chickens. They cost at least 14^d each at Bath. I was like to forget the whole history of my cows. You said you would take a quantity and being like to have a large family I reasoned $\frac{1}{2}$ the best at 2^d a lb. about half a one of the quarters. I can leave to my people to keep house, I suppose they will weigh about 5 score a quarter and I desire Jack or who you think fitt may come and bring some ~~some~~ coarse ~~linen~~ linen. Thursday next on which morning it will be killed. I suppose the part I think of sending may serve for 10 or 12 pieces and if the cook will salt it in two parcels and not very much. We shall stay

Some Carter references taken from Goddard Smiths diary.

- 23-7-1706: Aunt Carter & cousin Sophia visited Tockenham from Alscott
- 21-8-1718: My Uncle Carters birthday - 74 years old.
- 20-8-1718: I went to Alscott & came home by Faringdon on the 23rd.
- 24-10-1718: My cousin Sophia died.
- 29-5-1719: My cousin Edmond Carter died
- 17-3-1718: I came from Mr Harringtons - to Alscott - My Aunt Carter very ill & weak.
- 28-5-1726: My good Aunt Carter died aged 80 years.
- 11-7-1726: Mrs Rebecca Carter came to Tockenham
- 21-7-1726: Mrs Jacob & Mrs Carter & etc. went to Lydiard
- 22-7-1726: Mrs Jacob - Mrs Carter - Molly & Betty went to The Rocks, Marshfield
- 1-8-1726: Dr Adams - Mrs Adams came to Tockenham & Mrs Jacob & Mrs Carter from The Rocks
- 6-8-1726: Mrs Jacob & Carter went to Marlborough
- 31-8-1726: Dr Adams - Mrs Adams & Mrs Carter came to Harrington
- 9-11-1726: Sir John Doyly married Mrs Rebecca Carter

*taking too much time to collect
all of the refs*

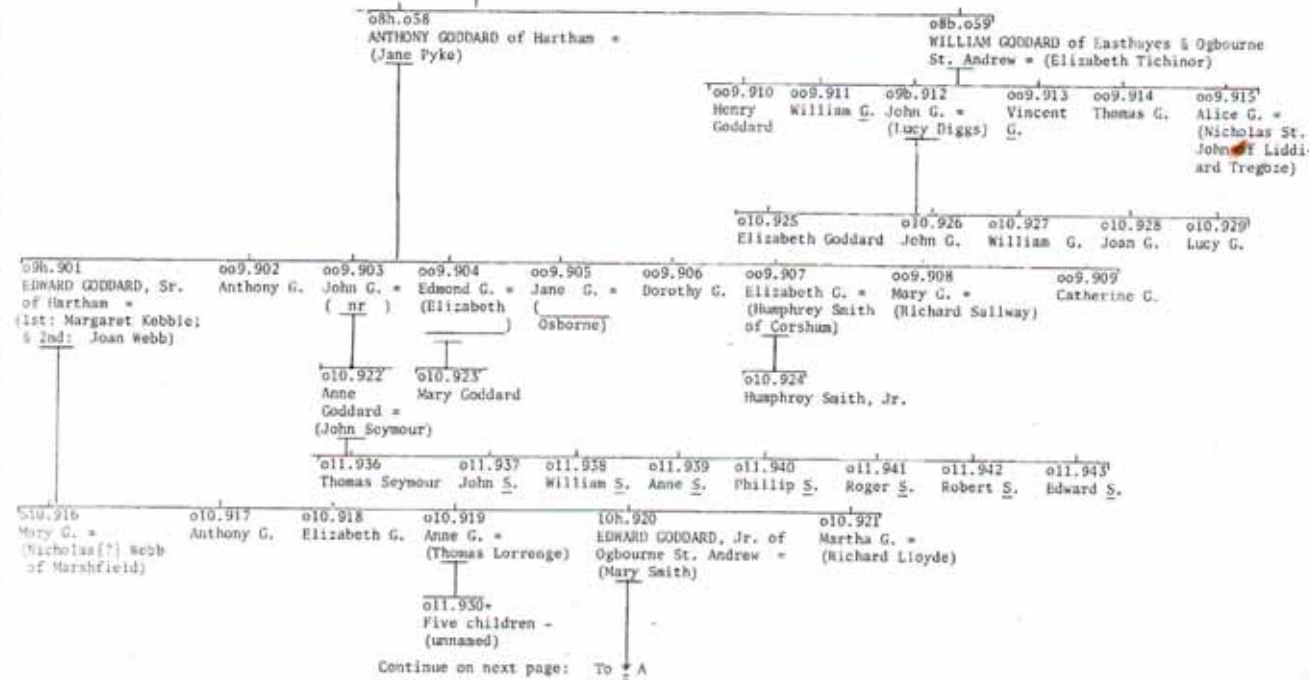
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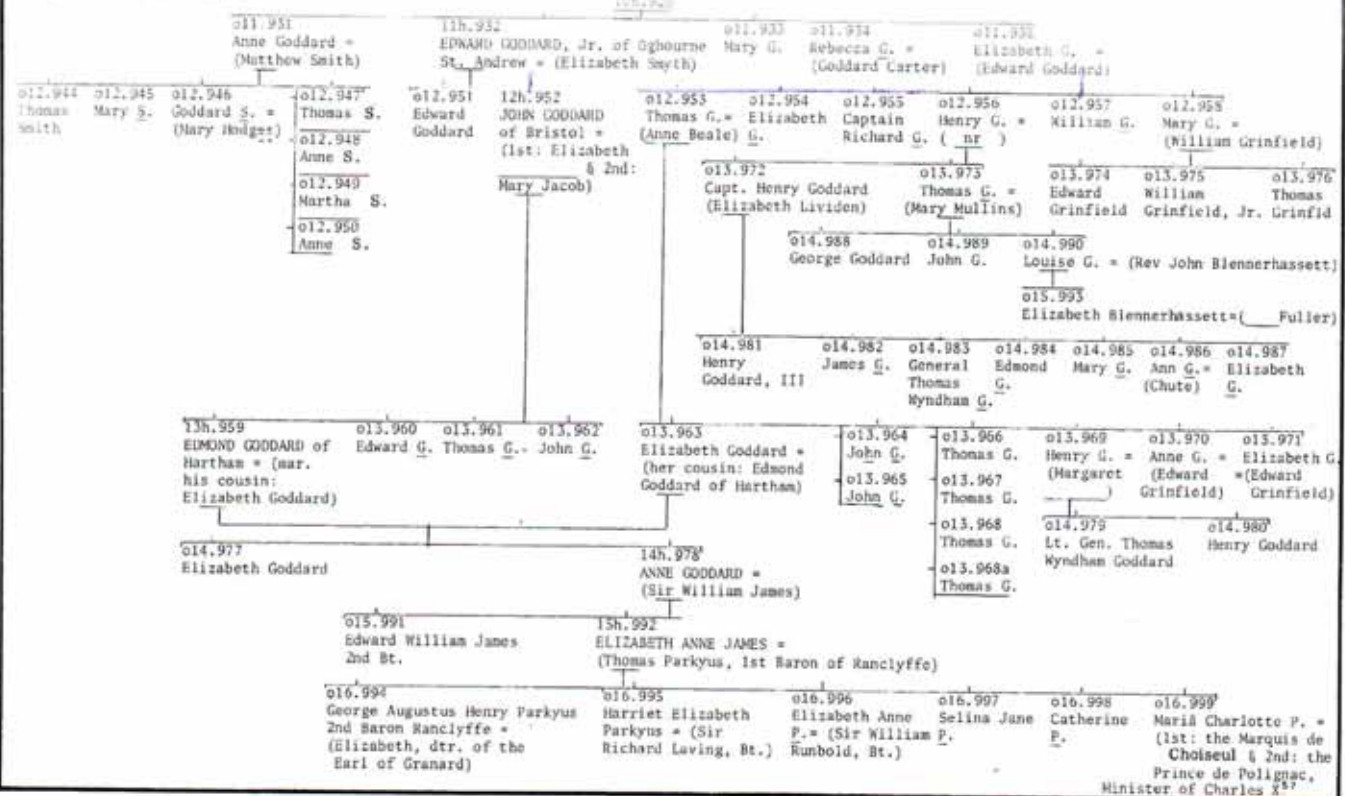
Pedigree Chart #11 - Page 1
 HARTHAM & OGBOURNE ST. ANDREW BRANCH
 c.1500 - 1798

NOTE - The information on this chart, with additional data, is found in the narrative on pages 725-32.

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 THOMAS GODDARD of Ogbourne St. George & St. Andrew (Anne Ernie)
 - See pages 214 & 217. They had 14 children who are recorded on page 214.
 The two sons below are progenitors of the Hartham & Ogbourne St. Andrew Branch.



Pedigree Chart #11 - Page 2



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To:



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Dear Mrs Goddard,
The transcript of the diary of Goddard Smith was made by William Parsons, a farmer and antiquarian from Wootton Bassett around 1900. (Our ref no G24/990/31). The collection also includes several letters to Goddard Smith and a few written by him(G24/990/32). Subsequently the original was located and the owner allowed us to make a copy. In fact Goddard Smith's handwriting is easier to read than Parson's, although his editorial notes are of interest(3431/2).
You are welcome to see these items in the record Office. They are not suitable for photocopying.
Yours sincerely, Steven Hobbs, archivist

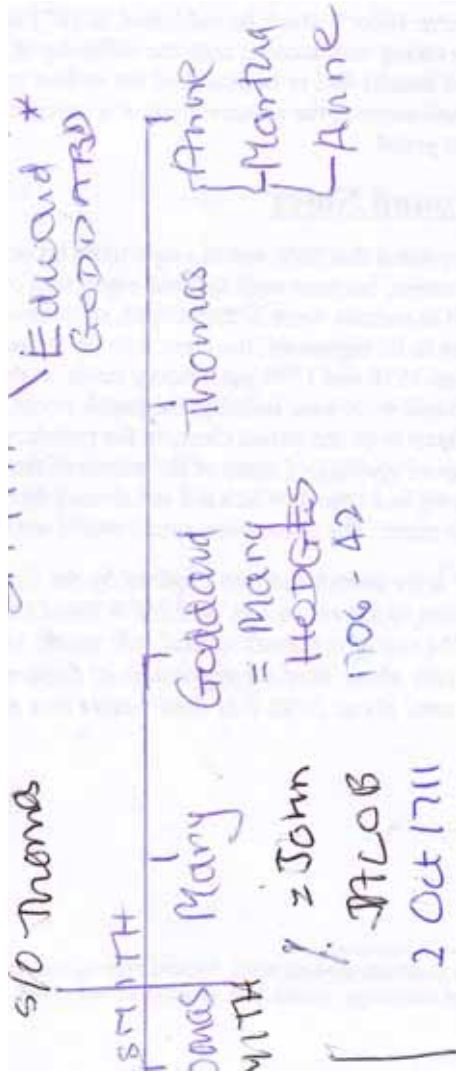
-----Original Message-----
From: Brian & Julie Goddard [mailto:bpgoddard@freeuk.com]
Sent: 19 July 2005 19:34
To: Wsro
Subject: Goddard Smith of Tockenham House

Sirs
I see on the web that "the Current Record Office Newsletter" says "before his decease sitting by the fire in his own house" said unto...local history led him to transcribe the diary of Goddard Smith of Tockenham 1706-1742.
The reference given
www.wiltshire.gov.uk/print/index/heritage/wsro/newsletter.htm
-22k-Supplemental Result Produces a notice saying this page is not obtainable.
I am interested in knowing whether this supplement is still available from you and who was the transcriber.
Julie Goddard

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- 21. Town Hall
 - 32. Bakery Park
 - 33. Leamy Smith 1836
 - 34. M^r Wm Munnice
 - 35. The late W^m Pratt of W. M^r
 - 36. From the Throats of the
 - 37. School Combs by J. G. 1837
 - 38. Earl of Clarendon
 - 39. Petter Hill 1837
 - 40. Lord & Lady Clarendon
 - 41. Inscription for Henry
 - 42. M^r Mark Thorton
 - 43. W^m B. H. & H. W. G. G. G. G.
 - 44. Town at Castle Hill &
 - 45. W^m Howell. Survey with
 - 46. Morgan Abbey Gloucester

Lord Smith's Eye
 Regent's Park
 Somerset House
 - P.O.
 1530 P.S.
 Town Hall
 in City of London
 College of Wood
 of Peter W.D. H. H.
 and Barber
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 City of London
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 at Home
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Portrait of Smith by
 Frederick Thomas

8-10-91:



Dear Julie,

Have delayed writing to you until I had some more Goddard references for you.

I took out the enclosed deed 212b/6363 because of the 'Smiths' that were in it. Although I am interested in the origin of a 'John Smith baker of Swindon' - so far in a deed of 1672 as an adult - I don't think that this (year 1628) deed is going to be of any use to me, so this is for you.

Anyway to answer your last letter, yes I would love you to visit & to be able to bring any wills that you have. We have a photocopier here & can copy anything at a moments notice. I am most interested at the moment to know if there are any Hartham or Melksham wills that might be on my line.

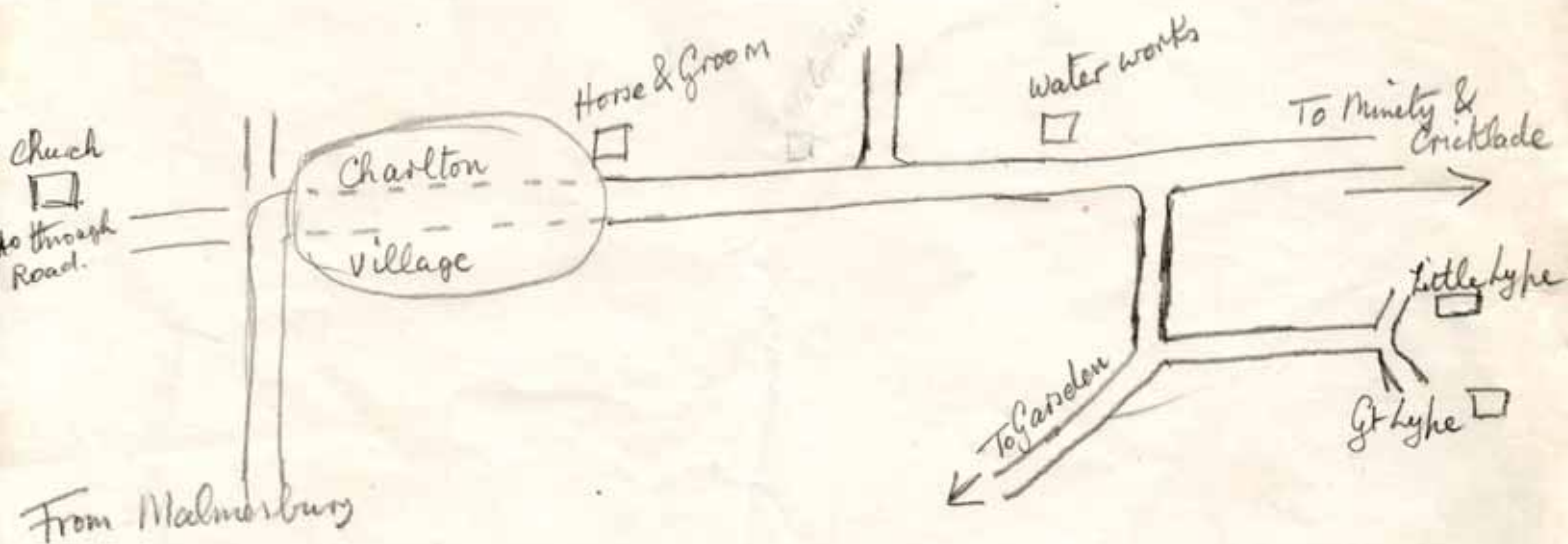
I did try ordering the Goddard wills from the library, but no luck. Try visiting the British Library they said.

Expect you have found out by now that I am corresponding with Mavis Brind, if anything turns up that might have to do with her family of Brinds.

So I look forward to hearing from you & hope you are able to visit one day soon & we can get together & compare notes.

Sincerely

Jennifer



20-5-92:



Dear Julie,

I was so sorry to hear that your mother had died & that Brians mother is in hospital. It is a part of your life gone.

I always miss my mother most when I've been out & about somewhere & come back home & she's not there to gossip to. She was always so interested in everything I did, no matter how trivial it was.

And it was so kind of you to send me your Dunsdon Family book. An original saxon family too. (You didn't say in your letter - am I allowed to keep it?) I just stopped everything & read it straight through. Its so interesting. I even saw 1 mention of my Axford family there. And a marvellously horrendous court case to finish up with. It is my great ambition to find something similar in one of my family lines one day.

Don't know if I agree entirely with Countess Badeni's ideas about Mary Smith. The letters that we have & that are written by her, make her sound a more sympathetic person. She had a lot of trouble with her 2nd husband & his son by his 1st marriage. They were both always short of money & trying to find ways of getting hold of her 1st husbands property. Plus Mr Downs, senior, was always unwell & in continuous pain, & lived in a separate set of rooms from her when they were living at The Rocks. They only communicated with each other via the servants.

And you got to Sheldon Manor alright. I am sure Brian will soon put Mrs Gibbs to rights on anything to do with the Goddard family. I imagine she has no Goddard blood on her side of the family.

It was lovely to see you & kind of you both to take the time to come & see me & to be able to chatter so much about Family History. And now its such a sad time for you.

Again thank you very much for sending your book

sincerely,

Jennifer



27 May 1992

Dear Jennifer,

Thank you for your kind letter. Brian's mother is out of hospital again, having entertained the nurses for a week. I do not always see eye to eye with her, but I will agree that she is a lively 86 year old who still enjoys life.

The Dunsdon book is for keeps. I recall writing to you when writing it for information about the Axfords, having got your address when doing research on them for Elwood Berrett.

You are probably right about Mary Smith and June Badeni also! Everyone sees everyone else from a different standpoint. I calculate that John Jacobs was 34 years older than Mary and called her "the Childe", but how is it that her language was so coarse as for Thomas to call it "Billingsgate language"? Brother Goddard seems quite refined. Mind you the discussion between John and Thomas when they discussed when she became pregnant with the third child seems to have been rather tasteless, or took place when they were drunk - as I believe gentlemen regularly were in that period.

I must confess that I have not looed at the diary fora week as Sarah came home and swept up the papers from the desk in her room to make way for her half term homework. However, Brian and I met Ken Rogers at Marlborough (Medicine and History day) and I told him that I was thinking of making a commentary to the diary. Finding that I did not have the original, but only a copy, he threw up his hands in horror and said that I would be liable to a charge of breaking copyright laws if I had not got the permission of the owner of the original. This was what I wanted him to say and I asked him who had the original. This he was unable to recall, having last seen it thirty years ago, but he has promised to try to find out before Silverthorne Day (when we meet again in the kitchens of the village hall at Steeple Ashton). The law of copyright is exceedingly complicated and probably is in this case the right to make money out of the diary is held by the owner as it is an unpublished work and would probably be doubly sure if the owner was a descendant of one of Mary children(the only sibling of Goddard's to survive to reproduce?)

The saga of Walter de Godarville and Sheldon Manor is ongoing. We are now certain that Mrs Gibbs is wrong in the correctness of the two shields on the front cover of the guidebook, but hvae not yet been able to prove conclusively what Walter's shield had on it (he could have had several) or what shield she has mistakenly depicted on the cover. It may be the shield of Chippenham town.