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A M W Goddard

Dear Adrian & Julie

I wonder if I could impose on your valuable time over a query on an article I read in the August issue of the Newsletter,please?

The first question is over the Wills on page 3. Have you similar information for Goddards in Hampshire, namely Bentley,Froyle, Crondall and Binstead,possibly Farnham in Surrey? This is the area I am having trouble over, just a few sketchy notes 1600 to 1605.

The second query is on your Annual Report where you mention Edward Morgan from Cheshire looking at Hampshire Goddards. Does his interest lie in my area, and if so can you put him in touch or let me contact him?

Finally on a sad note, my wife died suddenly on 7th May 1995. As I sent you my Family Tree, a couple of years ago, can you add this information in to it, please? Her full name was Pamela Lillian Joy.

Yours sincerely

Allen Goddard

ALLEN GODDARD

10th October 1995

Dear Allen,

Thank you for your letter. It is nice to know that someone reads the Newsletter! We get very little feed back.

R.W.K. Goddard abstracted many Goddard wills and summarised them. They come in to parts 1417-1605 and 1605- 1815. Unfortunately, for you no Goddard in the area in which you are interested made a will which has survived. The Yateley area, which is nearby has a plethora of wills however. David Goddard went to Hampshire Record Office and made a list of the wills which R.W.K.Goddard missed (he concentrated on the wills **in** London and perhaps Salisbury). Again there are none for the area you want - except for Samuel Goddard of Crondall 1820.

Of other records, we have all the Goddards from the Yateley parish registers, abstracted for us by David Goddard whose ancestors come from that area.

You are quite welcome to borrow the abstracts of the wills and the Yateley parish records.

The wills on page three of the Newsletter were part of the tree compiled by Edward Morgan. His ancestors came from Wellow and Romsey, but he has been making a sweep of the Hampshire Goddards to try to find out where his ancestors came from. He lost his wife earlier this year too. (Brian has amended his record for you).

We have very little on Surrey Goddards; just some who wandered over the boarder from Windsor in the 1870s.

David's address is 33 Atwood Ave., Kew, Surrey TW9 4HF
Edward's address is The Oaks, Mill Lane, Malpas, Cheshire SY14 8BL

Yours Sincerely

Julie Goddard

THOMAS GODDARD
of Alton, Hampshire
Cordwainer
1833

This is the last will and testament of me **Thomas Goddard** of Alton in the County of Southampton, whereby I commend my soul to God, and dispose of my worldly estate in manner after mentioned. I hereby appoint my son **Benjamin Goddard** sole executor of this my will and direct him to pay all my just debts, funeral and testamentary expenses by and out of my personal estate and I devise and bequeath unto my said son **Benjamin Goddard** my leasehold messuage, tenement or dwelling house with its appurtenances situate in a street or lane in Alton aforesaid called **Lenton Lane** and in which I and my said son now reside To Hold the same unto the said **Benjamin Goddard** his executors, administrators and assigns for the residue of the term for which the said messuage is held, subject nevertheless and I do hereby charge and make chargeable the same to and with the payments of the following sums of money (that is to say) To my daughter **Elizabeth** now the wife of **George Reed** a sergeant in the twenty first Regiment of Foot the sum of eight pounds sterling, and to each of my other children, videlicet **John Goddard, Jane** the wife of **Edward Ayling, Charles Goddard, Sarah** the wife of **Thomas Swain** and **Hannah Goddard** who is now residing with me the sum of seven pounds sterling to whom I hereby give and bequeath the same, and I direct the said several sums to be paid within eighteen months from the time of my decease And I also give and bequeath unto my said son **Benjamin Goddard** the bed and bedstead on which I now lie with the furniture thereto belonging for his own use and benefit Also I give and bequeath unto my said daughter **Hannah** the bed and bedstead on which she now usually lies for her own use and benefit And as to all the rest and residue of my household goods and furniture plate, linen, woollen, money and all other my personal estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever I give and bequeath the same unto and equally between all my aforesaid children and revoke all former wills by me made
In Witness where[of] I the said **Thomas Goddard** (the testator) have hereunto set my hand and seal the twentieth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and thirty three.

Thomas Goddard

Signed sealed published and declared
by the said Thomas Goddard (the testator)
as and for his last will and testament
the day of the date, in the presence of us,
who in his presence, at his request, and in
the presence of each other, have subscribed
our names as witnesses thereto

Jno. Richardson Clerk to Messrs Blewent[?]
Solicitors, Alton, Hants
Jno[?] Smith Butchers Arms Alton

Will of Thomas Goddard of Alton, contd.

January 20th 1835 This paper writing was exhibited to me as the last will and testament of the before named **Thomas Goddard** (the testator) who is deceased and **Benjamin Goddard** the executor within named was sworn executor thereof in due form of law and that to the best of his knowledge information and belief the whole of the goods, chattels and credits of which the said **Thomas Goddard** died possessed (without deducting anything on account of the debts due and owing by him are under the value of **One Hundred pounds**)

Before me

Thos. Phillips
Surrogate

Allen Goddard

FAMILY HISTORY CAN NEVER BE BORING

Recently a friend learning that I was researching my family history remarked "How boring that must be, just a series of dates showing birth, marriage and death!" This I was able to refute and showed him written evidence why. A cousin of mine sent me some cutting from the local press in North East Hampshire and there was a picture of a small cottage recently purchased by a couple for their new home. They decided to have the cottage rendered and as the old rendering was removed they found underneath in large letters, The Cricketers Inn. Now they knew why the cottage was called Cricketers. But on further investigation they found a more bizarre history, in the latter part of the last century, 28th September 1894, the daughter of the Manager(93 years of age) called her husband, Cyrus Knight in for his tea, at the time he was playing dominoes in the bar. During the meal an argument developed over the milk for his tea and he threw it at her. She responded by throwing her tea over him. With that he got up walked outside and took his shotgun and shot her as she stood over the sink doing the washing up.

As a result of her head injuries she died. He then walked out leaving the gun propped up against the door jamb and was not seen again until the next morning when he casually walked into the pub where he was promptly arrested by the village constable. He was duly brought to trial at the Winchester Assizes in October 1894, at which trial he insisted the gun went off accidentally. Despite the jury recommending mercy he was sentenced to hang for his crime. The execution took place at Winchester Prison on 12th December 1894. There were no long delays in justice in those not too far off times. What was more interesting were the press reporting of the execution. Up until 1920, reporters were allowed to witness executions in this country, and the press were duly present at this one. Copies of the Hampshire Independent that I have, give a very detailed description of the execution, which was in fact a double one as there was another prisoner hanged at the same time.

The current owners of the Cricketers I understand, while not wishing to turn the clock back and sell beer at their house, have in fact planted vines on the property, so what I wonder will they call any wine that they produce? I have found that if you take the trouble you can find out very detailed information of long dead ancestors and a recent lesson I have learned is not to be modest in your thoughts about them. I have searched graveyards for details of one particular man, married in 1727, I had got a copy of his marriage certificate, but could not find out details of birth or death. It did not ocurr to me, through modesty, that he could have been influential enough to be buried inside the church! There he was safely inside with three other members of the family, one of whom I found had been apprenticed to a carpenter. I should add that the man hung for murder was not of the Goddard family, but married into the distaff side of the Goddards.

September 8th

LH

Dear Mrs. Goddard.

There's very little to tell you about Henry Goddard himself, I'm afraid, but the description of Powells Farm which has emerged from my great-grandfather's account Book may give you some idea of his background for a brief time.

Thankyou for the cheque, & best wishes for all your Goddard research –

Jean Kington

PS. James Galder's daughter Ada (my grandmother) married into the Edmonds family, formerly of Newbury!

Powells Farm, Bentworth, near Alton, Hants. of about 400 acres, was mainly arable during (& probably before) the 19th century. All the farm buildings & the many ricks & stacks were thatched but the farmhouse was probably slated. This was pulled down & rebuilt several times in the last 50 years, so that now there are three houses there with the land owned & farmed by the Gibbons family not far away.

There was a profusion of hedges around the fields & plenty of coppices in the area. Crops grown there were wheat, oats, barley & rye; turnips & peas; "cow grass" clover, sainfoin, vetches & "summer tares". They reared beef cattle, sheep & pigs; kept two house cows, geese & other poultry, & of course, horses.

About 60 men were employed for long or short periods between 1839 & 1848, & 10 girls at different times in the house.

This is the picture that has emerged from the Accounts kept at first by the owner Thomas Vickery (the beautiful copperplate handwriting of the early entries may have been his — or his book-keeper's) & after his death on Jan 1st 1842 by his executor, my great-grandfather James Yalden (the writing had changed then). James continued to run the farm for his aunt Mary Lee Yalden until he moved to Hattingley Farm, Headstead, where my grandmother Ada Vickery Yalden was born.

The 260-page Accounts Book has been transcribed, in 2004, in longhand because I wanted to make it a little more personal for my many descendants. Page numbers are not entirely consecutive because the names of the longer serving workers are scattered through the book & I felt it might be easier to read if they were put together.

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A Glossary of some of the terms used

A.R.P. 1 acre = 4 Roods = 40 Perches by 4 wide
Ashes being wood ash may have been used on the garden, or for making soap
Bavins bundles of brushwood, bush bavins being of thinner twigs more suitable for bread ovens
Chips probably for kindling
Fagots much the same as bavins
Hacking a hack was a tool like a pickaxe or hoe
Hulls probably pea haulms
Lands, Shares, Turnfurrows parts of a plough
In lugs a square measure of 30¼ square yards (standard measure of an allotment – 10 lugs)
Mores roots, tree stumps or the plants themselves
Peel an implement for lifting bread from the oven
Rod of hedge – linear measure of 5½ yds, or 16½ ft.
Hedging rods probably for laying a hedge
Hurdle rods upright between shores
Sainfoin, Summer Tares fodder crops related to vetches
Shores the outer poles of hurdles or wattles
Shuffler a yard man, moved from job to job
Strike (or skep) usually ½ Bushel (or the wooden vessel)
Tail wheat small grain separated when thrashing
Whiffance the spreader bar of chain harrows bearing two whiffle-trees to which a pair of horses were harnessed by chains
Withs, withies probably split & woven in hurdles

1840 Henry Goddard head carter
Oct 20 with second team Board & lodgings in the house
Wages at Old Mich^s 1841 to be . 6 . 0 . 0
1841 March 13 In part towards wages 1 . 0 . 0
Left his service April 7th/41