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Subject: Re: James Goddard - Convict

Julie,

Many thanks to you and Brian for your continuing efforts in tracing James Goddard's Hampshire family connections.

Jenny and I have just returned from a four-week trip to visit our second daughter Jane and her family in Karratha (about 1600 km north of us in WA), so have just caught up with your two emails, sent on 29 May and 11 June. It is disappointing that the local newspaper report gave no further details of the circumstances relating to the clock-stealing charge, but it is nevertheless a confirmation of the event.

I agree that there may be other Hampshire relatives of James Goddard (direct descendants or siblings and their descendants) and it would be most interesting to pursue this further. I have absolutely no additional information from this end; as you are aware, the only records I have of his Hampshire roots (prior to joining the Goddard Society, and receiving assistance from Edward Goddard and yourselves) were a statement on his death certificate that he was born in Hampshire, and a statement on his marriage certificate that he was a widower.

I would be delighted if you could post a notice in the next available issue of the Hampshire Genealogical Society Journal. You probably have enough information to compose the notice, but send me an email if you want to clarify any details, or need a payment for the insertion.
Regards, Russell

Hampshire Chronicle Saturday May 31st 1845
page 1, 4th column

Committed to the County Gaol

... James Goddard for stealing a clock, the property of John Edgell at Hawley..

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Julie,

Thank you for your reply to my query on possible approaches for locating the trial and prison records of James Goddard of Hampshire, who was convicted of felony at Winchester, and served time at Pentonville and Millbank, before being granted a conditional pardon and emigrating on the ship "Joseph Somes" to the Port Phillip District, Victoria.

Responses to your queries are as follows:

1. My Background Information. I am a retired geologist/geochemist, aged 62, living with my wife in Wembley Downs, a near-coastal suburb of Perth, Western Australia. After a short period in the mineral exploration industry I have worked

as a university lecturer in Brisbane and Perth, and as a research scientist with CSIRO. I have been involved in low-key genealogical research since the mid 1980s and continue to dabble in genealogy interspersed with travel, sporting commitments and family (three children and five grandchildren).

2. Goddard Association of Europe. I joined the Association through Ian Goddard, the Australian Coordinator, in late 2000, and have been a newsletter-receiving member since that time. Details of my research interests were published on page 2 of Newsletter No. 58 for April 2001. Since then I have had some helpful advice from (your) Brian Goddard (24 March 2001), and also correspondence from Ernest Goddard on the possible birthplace of James Goddard (1822-1860). Ernest pointed out that a James Goddard, son of James Goddard and Jane Coffee (married 03 Nov 1821) was christened on 03 Nov 1822.

3. Criminal History of James Goddard. Since writing to you, I have been using the internet to look for possible sources of mid 1800's court and jail records. I have found that most capital city libraries in Australia have copies of English records pertaining to the colonial period in Australia. The records were generated through the Australian Joint Copying Project (AJCP), and consist of microfilm copies of the originals. I have checked with the state library in Perth and their collection (of some 6000 reels) is about half the total of microfilms available. I understand from the librarian that the collection is not well-indexed, but she says there are ways around this problem. Certainly some authors on the net have reported success in using these data for prison records at Millbank. I hope to have a look at them next week.

Hampshire Genealogical Society. I would be delighted if you would check if there is any information on James Goddard in the "Calendar of Prisoners in Winchester Gaol 1788-1847". Certainly he was convicted at Winchester on 30 June 1845, but it appears he spent little time at Winchester Gaol, having been received at Millbank (from Pentonville)

discharged at Williamstown (Melbourne).

*** James Goddard (age 1), the infant son of John Goddard, wheelwright from Hertford (27) and wife Maria (22), sailed on the "Victory" from Plymouth 5 September 1852, arriving Geelong on 24 December 1852 (Fiche 045-148). This James Goddard travelled as a child with his parents.

**** James Goddard arrived on the "Almora" in 1857, after the marriage between James Goddard and Mary Askew. James Goddard.

I believe that it is most likely that my great-great grandfather James Goddard (1822-1860) was the exile James Goddard who arrived per the ship "Joseph Somes". The following data seem relevant:

1. The exile James Goddard was convicted in Winchester, Hampshire. James Goddard, 1822-1860, came from Hampshire;
2. The exile James Goddard was listed as being 24 years of age. James Goddard, 1822-1860, would have had his 24th birthday on 9 October 1846, and would thus have been 24 during the voyage of the "Joseph Somes (Jun-Sep 1847);
3. The ship "Joseph Somes" discharged the exiles at Geelong. James Goddard, 1822-1860, lived in the Geelong district for all his life in Australia;
4. The exile James Goddard's trade was a labourer. (James Goddard (1822-1860) was listed variously as a gardener and labourer;
5. The exile James Goddard was contracted to work for a Mr Willis, known to have property in the Pollocks Ford area, on the Barwon River, west of Geelong. James Goddard (1822-1860) gave Pollocks Ford as his place of residence at the time of his marriage to Mary Askew in Geelong on 6 January 1853.
6. The exile James Goddard was listed as "married". James Goddard, 1822-1860 was listed on his marriage certificate as "widower".
7. The period between the arrival of the exile James Goddard (24 September 1847) and the death of James Goddard, 1822-1860, on 11 February 1860 is a little more than twelve years. James Goddard's death certificate stated he had lived "about ten years" in Victoria.

Naturally, I am interested to learn more about the English background of James Goddard, but so far have been unsuccessful. In particular, I would like to follow-up the court and prison records that might still exist for the Winchester trial and Pentonville imprisonment of James Goddard, but am unsure how to proceed. The details I have from the shipping records are as follows:

Register No. 987
 Name Jas. GODDARD
 Age 24
 Read & Write Both
 Former Trade or Profession Labourer
 Trade Taught in Prison Carpenter
 Married or Single Married
 Crime Felony
 Sentence 10 Years
 When Convicted 30 June 1845
 Where Convicted Winchester
 When Received 16 August 1845

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Julie,

I am absolutely delighted with the information that you and Brian have been able to obtain on James Goddard. I agree that James Goddard from Hawley is the most likely "suspect", and I am happy to wait patiently until Brian has time to follow up the details in the Winchester court records.


I mentioned when last I wrote, that I would try to look at the Millbank and Pentonville Prison records using the AJCP microfilms held in the Perth Library. After some initial difficulties, I was able to find that "my" James Goddard was held briefly at Wichester goal before being transferred to Millbank and then to Pentonville, before being transferred back to Millbank prior to sailing as an "exile" on the "Joseph Somes" to the Port Phillip district.

The admission records for Millbank and Pentonville match very well with the data on the shipping record I obtained some time ago and, in addition, I learned from the Pentonville record that he had two children and that his birthplace was "Holly", Hampshire. This record also stated that his father was James Goddard and he also came from "Holly". You can imagine my disappointment when I looked up the Hampshire map and found that there was no such place as "Holly". However, the information from Edward Goddard (I mentioned this in my earlier email) that a possibility existed that James Goddard and his parents came from the Hawley-Yately area in northeast Hampshire, had me convinced that "Holly" = Hawley.

I look forward to hearing whether the Historical Society is continuing with its proposal to compile a Goddard tree for the Hawley-Yately district. Certainly a most interesting project, and one to which I would be happy to make a contribution.

Thanks and best wishes, Russell

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From:  <>
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 Sent: 18 February 2002 23:05
 Subject: Re: Goddards of Yately

On 18 Feb, brian goddard <bpgoddard@freeuk.com> wrote:
 > Peter How is the Yately project going with regard to the Goddard
 > family trees? I have an interesting story about James Goddard born
 > Hawley 1822 if you are extending the tree to cover Hawley - the
 > families moved to and fro as you have perhaps found. I also found
 > some Holland Goddards in the Winchester Court records - only the
 > index as yet, but I will check up on the actual cases on our next
 > visit to Hants R.O. Julie Goddard

I was going to get in touch with both you and Ernest since the deadline is fast approaching. We are doing our four Yateley families for Local History Week in the first week in May. We are mounting an exhibition commencing on 16th April in Yateley Library on the four families -- slightly changed from our original intentions. We have changed the aristocratic family from the Arundells to the FitzRoys since we got some new information. We are still doing the Cave family (me), the Bunch family (Chris Bunch) and the Goddards (Ernest). The FitzRoys exhibition will be narrative since we don't have many pictures. The Caves and the Bunches families we shall do mostly by captioned pictures.

The Goddards we plan to do mostly by a massive family tree. We hope thereby to provoke a response from the Goddards still living around here to fill in some family details by leaving us envelopes in a 'post box' -- or my phoning or emailing us.

Who
~~Ernest~~ ?

So of course we are very interested in any stories you have. Hawley was part of the ancient parish of Yateley and the modern ecclesiastical parish of Hawley was formally separated from Yateley in 1838 and Cove in 1844. In fact most of the Goddard family came from Hawley and Cove but those two hamlets were then part of Yateley, and therefore the Hawley and Cove people got christened, married and buried in Yateley church, that is if they did not decide to go to Farnborough which was in fact closer to walk.

I am planning to do a 'compare and contrast' feature on the Goddard and Bunch families showing that whereas more Bunches stayed locally over the generations, the Goddards dispersed.

Of course we shall send you a copy of whatever we put into the exhibition.

Thanks for keeping in contact

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John EDGELL
m Martha VARNDALE 24 Oct 1840
at Hawley

James EDGELL
m. Ellen GODDARD 25 Oct 1851
Hawley, Yateley

~~Odiham~~ Holland
on trial 1789 aged 44
b. 1745
? m. Hannah Smith 1747 Basingstoke ?
Holland on trial 1825 aged 29
b. 1796
m. Ellen Elinor MOTT 11 Feb 1822 at Hawley

**CALENDAR OF COURT CASES
WINCHESTER**

James Goddard aged 22 (W.R.Imp) [?] committed May 27th 1845 by F.R.Thornton and G. Birch Esqs., charged with having on 16th day of May instant, in the tything of Hawley, feloniously broken and entered the dwelling-house of John Edgel and stolen therefrom a clock, the property of the same John Edgel - 10 years transportation.

Prisoners remaining in Odiham Bridewell

Holland Goddard aged 44, committed April 17 by Thomas Hall, Esq., the Rev. William St John and the Rev. John Richards - for the space of one month. 1789

Prisoners in the Bridewell, for limited times

Holland Goddard aged 29. Committed October 17th 1825 by B.G. Boniere Esq., for three months imprisonment for destroying game.