

14.1.'88

Dear Mrs Goddard,

Thank you for your letter.
Nancy Goddard was the last to be living
in the village. She died in 1985. I enclose
a photocopy of my magazine write based
on the funeral sermon.

Stephen Goddard her brother (85?)
and his wife Sybil now live at 6 New Rd,
Shepperton TW17 9BN. Up to & including last
year they came to Hitchenster quite often &
Stephen sang in the choir five or six times a
year. His father was sexton. His initials are
carved on the seat across the Yew tree. The family
Cottage is "the Cottage" to the right of the Calvera
Arms now being renovated. Stephen is not
well & is about to go into hospital. He is a
fudge information about the village.

Best wishes. John Kewen.

Dear Friends,

Nancy Goddard, born January 5th 1903, buried at Silchester May 24th 1985

Normally I sleep well, but on Thursday morning I was awake in the early hours. A nightingale was singing on an oak tree in the Rectory garden. Never before I came to Silchester had I heard the nightingale sing so sweetly; never before I came to Silchester had I met anyone whose saintliness sings like a nightingale as it does with Nancy.

One great quality that marks a person as saintly is the ability to sing in the dark where others would be afraid. Nancy's death certificate had four causes of death, each one of which would no doubt have killed a lesser soul much earlier. Nancy's courage in the face of dark pain meant that few of us who knew her were permitted to be aware of her suffering. It must have been particularly hard for her on those restless nights and those long early hours of the morning - those hours when the nightingale sings.

The variety and vitality of the song of the nightingale puts the repetition of other bird songs to shame. Nancy loves the old but she also loves the new. Her prayer and worship are vitally alive. She was brought up in a generation when much was learnt by heart. But when I first started to celebrate communion with Nancy I offered her the choice of the ASB or the 1662 service. She chose the new to keep up with the times and because her lively faith is able to accept new things. Our communion services at her bedside never seemed to be a private affair between the two of us. The bread we broke there was sharing a deeper fellowship with other Christians than that found together by simply coming together in one place. Nancy may have been unable to go to the church building for a dozen or more years, but her worship is vital and alive as we share one bread and one body together.

If you hear the nightingale in the early hours when all else is still its song fills the night, and yet because the nightingale sings you are aware of other songs you might otherwise have missed. A brief cuckoo, a nightjar, or an owl in the distance. Nancy is like that. Her joy bubbles over with enthusiasm for news about what everyone else is doing. She has an unselfish interest in other people's comings and goings. Because she attracts so many loyal and generous and kind friends who visit her so often she is up to date with news of the village long before some of us who are more mobile. You go into her room through what, until only so recently, has been an ever open door. There she half sits, half squats in her bed. You think you are going to visit a lonely old woman - you come out as though you had been to a cheerful party.

Despite the variety and interest of the nightingale's song, they sing in the dark. Despite the nightingale's drawing attention to other songs that might have been missed, the nightingale can be disturbing in the early hours when you want to sleep. Nancy has that outspoken disturbing quality of saintliness. Asking the unexpected question, putting a finger on a weakness in her visitor that needs support and care. Two weeks ago I celebrated communion with her and read an Old Testament lesson for Rogationtide which speaks of the minerals of the earth being harvested underground as the corn is harvested above. God isn't mentioned in the reading. "What's the point of that?" asked Nancy when I had finished reading, and in the discussion that followed she suggested it was that all things come from God in his bountiful goodness. Nancy disturbs and encourages by the questions she asks. "Tell me about your walks. Tell me about the young people." she would ask me. What I was doing mattered to her, she valued it and therefore encouraged me. I am sure others found the same.

Nightingales sing. They are creatures of God, but God became man so that we might become the sons of God. The parallel with the nightingale must be dropped in speaking of the heart of Nancy's faith. With Easter confidence we can speak of Nancy as alive in Christ. Jesus healed the sick and raised them from their beds. Nancy was so full of the love of Jesus she didn't need to be taken from her bed. She was there to give joy and health and new life to all who came to visit her. The resurrection life came to Nancy long before she died, because in Vine Cottage was a prayerful Christian woman who made the cheerful joy of Christ alive for all who came upon her. At 82 she still had a childlike quality of surprise, excitement and appreciation of every new thing. I am sure she has a smile and a glint in her eye today. In order for you all to move along the aisle to take communion, Nancy's coffin has gently pushed me out of my stall. Today she has her right place in church, the place where a pastor and minister and shepherd of souls should be.

Your friend,

David McKeeman

SILCHESTER GRAVEYARD AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Penelope Gray (?)

died 1901

Wife of William Turner Gray and sister of Ann wife of James Goddard

Annie Lottie (Nancy) Goddard Died 18 May 1985 Aged 82 1903-85

Winifred Mary Goddard Died 3 Oct 1972 aged 67 1905-72

Penelope Gray Goddard died 5 Sept 1966 Aged 64

Arthur Thomas Murrell Gray Goddard Died 29th Feb 1981 Aged 70

Ann beloved wife of Thomas Goddard at rest Oct 2 1915 Aged 76

James Goddard died May 7 1930 Aged 91 Clerk & Sexton at Silchester church
for 51 years

Arthur James Goddard Died 18 Nov 1953 Aged 85 1868-53

Also his wife Lottie Priest Goddard died 19 March 1949 Aged 80

Alice Penelope Goddard died 12 Jan 1962 aged 86

next to Edith Winifred Payne died 29 Sept 1964 Aged 83

John Goddard Died March 11 1867 Aged 70

Rector of St Mary, Silchester 1452 Sir Robert Woderd or Odard

SILCHESTER 1851

Bramley Road.

Thomas	GODDARD.	39	Carpenter	b. <i>Silchester?</i>	1812
Eliza	" "	40		b. Ewhurst Han.	
Eliza	" "	9		b. Silchester	1830
James	" "	8		b. " "	
Thomas Henry	" "	6		b. " "	
Hannah	" "	2		b. " "	

Dial.

Mary	GODDARD.	45	Grocer	b. Silchester.
Anne	" "	43	Assistant	b. " "
Sarah	BROWN.	67	" "	b. Baughurst.
Charles	SMITH.	38	Farm lab.	b.

New Farm.

George	GODDARD.	47	Farm lab.	b. Silchester.
Anne	" "	49		b. " "
Ellen	WAREHOUSE.	4		b. " "
Thomas	DIBLEY.	19	Servant.	b. Sherbourne.
George	DAY.	17	" "	b. Silchester.

Common.

John	GODDARD.	53		b. Stratfield.
Sarah	" "	43		b. Baughurst.
John	" "	3		b. Stratfield.
Sarah	" "	1		b. Silchester.

Crown Inn.

John	CHARLTON.	26	Carpenter & Innkeeper.	b. Heckfield.
Anne	" "	27		b. Silchester.
Lousia	" "	2		b. Swallfield Wilt.
1782 — Stephen	GODDARD.	69	Ret. malster & brewer.	b. Oakley.
Hannah	" "	59		b. ? Oakley.
— Stephen	" "	39	Malster & brewer.	b. Silchester. —
Charles	" "	30	Carpenter.	b. " "
Jane	" "	9	(niece)	b. " "

Dial

Ambrose	HAM	28	Wheelwright.	b. Bramley.
Caroline	"	28		b. Silchester.
Joel Stephen	"	7		b. Bramley.
Ellen	"	5		b. " "
William	"	3		b. " "
Margeret	"	8	mths.	b. Silchester.

Methodist Church

Celebration of Christmas

Christmas came early to the Methodist churches at Burghfield, Mortimer and Silchester. No, Santa didn't come tumbling down the chimney, or anything like that - none of these churches have chimneys that he could have tumbled down anyway. What we experienced was a "Celebration of Christmas", and at Silchester this happened on the evening of 14th December. Our minister had drawn together good singing voices from all three churches and formed a choir. And a very good choir it was too. The programme commenced with the choir singing Christmas carols and seasonal songs. Next came a scene from Dickens' "A Christmas Carol", in mime. We were privileged to peep into the Cratchit's kitchen, where the family were enjoying their Christmas dinner. The atmosphere was great and we felt that we were actually there in the kitchen, all the more so because the characters were dressed in period costume. After more songs and carols from the choir, we were treated to a nativity play, not unusual for Christmas, except that this one was presented by animals. Each brought their own unique presents. The cow brought milk, the chicken eggs and the sheep wool, but the poor little mouse couldn't get an invite because he had no gift to bring. But he got there in the end by bringing himself and wedging his furry body into a draughty hole in the stable wall. Then we joined in and sang our hearts out. Have you ever tried to sing "While shepherds watched" to the tune of "On Ilkley Moor baht'at"? Well, our minister is a Yorkshireman, but we'll forgive him! We mustn't forget to thank those others who worked so hard and well - the conductor, musicians, readers and back stage help. A very good show all round. Well done, everybody! And as Tiny Tim remarked, "God Bless us, every one".

Ray Merrick

Bright Hour

As I was preparing for our first Bright Hour meeting of 1996, my thoughts went back to 1995. This, I realised, had been a good and happy year. As well as our services, we'd attended rallies at other churches and enjoyed a summer and a Christmas party. In May we spent a day at Exbury Gardens and in July we had a tour of the Cotswolds. It was good to look back, but now we must go forward. I know this will be a great year for us, with many interesting and exciting things to come. With Christ as our leader and guide, how can we go wrong. We give a warm welcome to anyone of any age who would care to join us on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month and see what we do.

Vera Wilson

Forthcoming events Tuesday, April 2nd. Burghfield and Mortimer Choral Society - "Crucifixion"

A Grave Undertaking

The article in the Christmas edition of the Magazine on the Church Pond reminded Stephen Goddard of the following piece of Goddard family folk lore:

My Great Grand Father, James Goddard (whose grave is beside the gate leading from the Churchyard into the City) was for the last quarter of the 19th century and the first quarter of the 20th century the village undertaker and grave digger. It was his practice to drive from his work shop on the Common to the Church by horse and cart and then tether his horse by the Pond (where today there is a car park)

On Tuesday May 3, 1898 he drove Molly to the Church and tethered her by the Pond. The following is taken from his diary for that day:

Left the grave...rescued Molly from the Pond....Returned to the grave.

John Stroud - Silchester's First Schoolmaster?

I have been researching my wife's family history (STROUD) and found many connections with the Parish Church and local families who have been living in the area for generations.

In particular, John STROUD of Aldermaston, the earliest known STROUD ancestor of my wife Pamela, was married on the 15th of February 1817 by the Curate David Rodney Murray. John, who came from Aldermaston, married a local woman - Mary Ann SMALL who was the daughter of Richard, a Wheelwright, and Isabella SMALL living in Silchester. Mary Ann was baptised in the church on the 3rd July 1786. Witnesses to her marriage were Stephen GODDARD - many tombstones can be seen in the churchyard bearing this name, Isabella COLLINS (Mary's married sister) and James BYE - a name which seems to crop up as a witness to many weddings of the time. There is Bye's Lane in Silchester and probably named after a member of the family. All were able to sign their names in full at a time when many were illiterate and could only make a mark.

In 1818 John and Mary had their first two children (Barzillai and John Charles) baptised together in the church. Research has shown that their son John Charles was born out of wedlock. The parish register entry shows that their father was a Schoolmaster and lived in Silchester. We know from the church publication for visitors, written by L. F. Rushbrook Williams, that the Schoolmaster in 1824 was Charles Hill. Rector Coles is said to have started the first village school sometime after 1812 in a cottage where Culhams Farm now stands. Later documents show John STROUD went on to become a Land Measurer.

Mary Ann STROUD was found in Pamber around 1838 but John died early it seems, as his wife Mary was stated to be a widow in the Pamber Census of 1841 and the 1838-1839 Tithe map of Pamber shows her as head of the household living at Honey Mill Bridge, Pamber in a "cottage and garden". She herself lived to the ripe old age of 90 and died in 1871 at Pamber. Eliza FORD (another historical local family name) was present at the death on the 18th October 1871. It is well known that the FORD family were blacksmiths in Silchester village for many generations (at least since 1818). On September 13th, 1818 Joel FORD, son of Charles FORD Blacksmith and Lavinia, was baptised.

Other local families connected with the STROUD'S are DICKER (Isabella SMALL'S maiden name) and BROADHURST - Mary Ann BROADHURST, Dressmaker, married the Schoolmaster's eldest son, John Charles STROUD, Labourer, in the church on the 27th October 1836. Witnesses were Benjamin BENHAM and Elizabeth FORD, who were both illiterate and made a mark to sign their names. Mary BROADHURST made her mark too and as expected, only John Charles signed his name in full.

There are still many descendants of John Stroud the Schoolmaster living in Silchester and Pamber Heath today. The family had at least two Grocers locally: Leonard STROUD had a Grocer's shop (now turned into a private dwelling) in King's Road, Silchester for many years. William STROUD, the Pamber Heath Grocer between 1870 and 1912 had a shop in the cottage adjoining the present Pamber Heath Post Office in Pamber Heath Road. This was carried on into the living memory of some by his son Barrie STROUD until the 1970s. Barrie was the Great Grandson of the Schoolmaster John STROUD.

All attempts at tracing back further have failed so far due to the unavailability of records for the period. If anyone can supply any information I would be very grateful. I also have a lot of information on the DICKER and SMALL families besides a vast amount of information on all the STROUD families of Hampshire and Berkshire if anyone is interested. Please contact me by telephoning 01734 700016 or writing to me at 55 Burney Bit, Pamber Heath, Tadley RG26 3TL.

Ray West

brian goc



From:
To:
Sent: 21 July 2002 13:03
Subject: enquiry

Dear both
I had a letter yesterday asking if I knew anything of John Richard Brown Goddard who married Eliza Jenno in 1902.
I have found him in 1881 census as grandson of Sarah Goddard of Silchester b 1871.
There was an enquiry in newsletter 38, Feb 1996 from a Mrs Dimond in Auckland, N.Z. asking about the same person.
Do you have Mrs Dimond's address that I can forward to my enquirer?
I know we have lots of information about the Silchester Gs but I'll suggest she joins first if she wants to follow that line (I suspect it's a minor interest).
Shall I give her your address or shall we wait and see?
John

waited. No approach.
1/03 Ask Julie NZ.

GREEN GY 44

would welcome any further, i.e. earlier, info re Richard & Sarah and beyond, if known. Gg

THE GODDARD FAMILY

OF OAKLEY, SILCHESTER, ALDERMASTON, TADLEY and SOUTH AFRICA, c.1720 to 21st CENTURY

Richard Goddard born (c. 1720) married Sarah (maiden name ?)

William Goddard born Oakley (1743) married Pamela GOOBY at Wooton St Lawrence, 1775.

<u>Children</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Children</u>
William Goddard married Pamela GOOBY	Stephen Goddard married Hannah ALLEN	Thomas Goddard married Eliza	James Goddard married Elizabeth FORD	Robert Ford Goddard married Fanny SMITH	Frederick Charles Goddard married Iris Matilda MONGER	Geoffrey Robert Goddard married 1973 Marion SA 1982 Jennifer SA
Pamela b. Oakley 1776	William b. Wooton St. Lawrence 1808	Eliza b. Silchester 1842	Edith Elizabeth b. Tadley 1868	Alice b. Tadley 1902	Gerald Frederick Gilbert b. Tadley 1931 ^{23¹²9}	<u>Kai</u> b. Pretoria 1975
George b. Oakley 1777	Stephen b. Silchester 1810	<u>James</u> b. Silchester 1843	Sarah Ruth b. Tadley 1870	Eveline b. Tadley 1903d1908	Janet Rosemary b. Basingstoke 1943	Natasha b. Pretoria. 1983
Richard b. Oakley 1779	<u>Thomas</u> b. Mortimer 1812	Thomas b. Silchester 1845	Alice Mary b. Sulhamsted 1872	Louisa b. Tadley 1905	<u>Geoffrey Robert</u> b. Tadley 1945	<u>Geoffrey Frederick</u> b. Pretoria 1986
Thomas b. Oakley 1780	Charles Allen b. Silchester 1820	Hannah b. Silchester 1849	Henry James b. Aldermstn. 1875	Albert George b. Tadley 1908		
<u>Stephen</u> b. Oakley 1782	Caroline b. Silchester 1822		Martha ^{TWINS} & Mary b. Aldermastn 1877	<u>Frederick Charles</u> b. Tadley 1911		
Silas b. Wooton St Lawrence 1794d1796	Ann b. Silchester 1824		Lucy Eliza b. Aldermastn 1879	Phyllis b. Tadley 1918		
	James Robert b. Oakley 1825		<u>Robert Ford</u> b. Aldermastn 1880			
	Mary Ann b. Silchester 1827		Walter Garnet b. Aldermastn 1882			
			Bertha b. Aldermastn 1886			

NOTE The South African connexion is through my mother. My brother has lived there since 1971. Gg.

NB
For over 200 years, everyone here mentioned, to my generation included, was born in a small area (approx 10 miles diameter) of Hampshire - though 6 at Aldermaston 1 at Sulhamsted just over Berkshire border, but within the 10 miles diameter, nevertheless. Gg.

brian c



From:
To:
Sent: 31 January 2003 20:01
Subject: Re Goddards Silchester

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Dear Julie and Brian Goddard,
I have returned from holiday to
find various correspondence and a Goddard
Silchester CD for which I sent off for prior
to leaving.

However, examination of the 'trees' and CD
has thrown up a problem.

I Quote from 1881 census:

Charles Goddard(my g gfather) head M male birthplace Silchester,
(other reference has been Oakley ,Silchester)

Hants ages 61 i.e. born c 1820 carpenter

Fanny Goddard Wife M Female 44 birthplace Bradford(Peverell)
Dorchester.

Joel Goddard(my grandfather) son male aged 13 birthplace
Sulhamstead Berks scholar

Alice Goddard daughter female 7 birthplace Sulhamstead,Berks
scholar.

Ann Goddard daughter female 5 Sulhamstead ,Berks

Mary J Goddard daughter female 1 Sulhamstead,Berks

I have a copy of Joel's birth certificate which confirms
the above parents.

Now according to the 'tree' and CD there was a Charles Allen
born Silchester but reputed to have died in 1836.

Also a Charles Allen Born 1835 son of William and Clarinda Smith.

Where does that leave my Charles???

I would be most grateful if you could enlighten me.

Thanks.

Peter Beck,
New Milton,Hants,England.

1-2-03 Must do his own checking
& make up his mind.

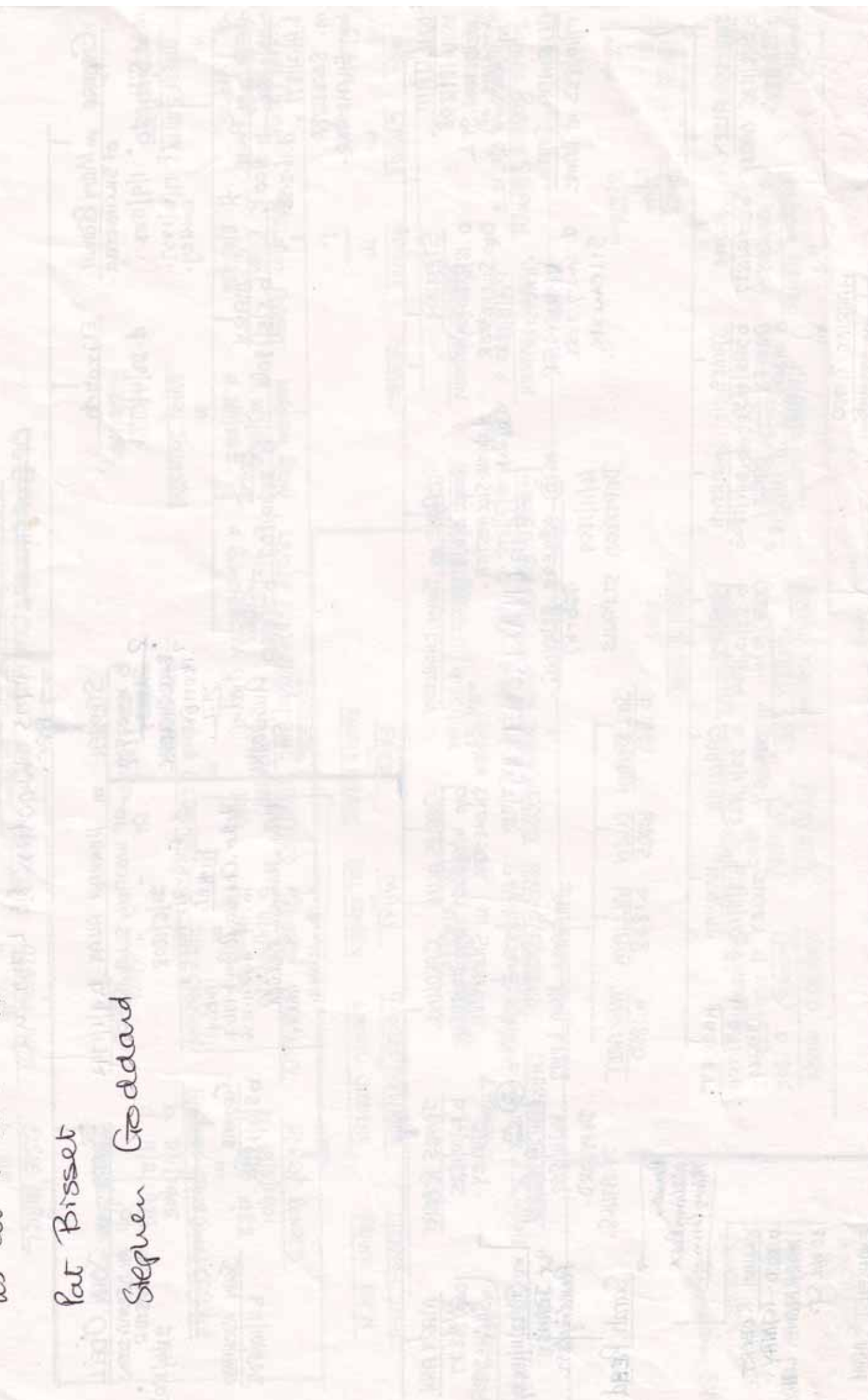
Silchester Goddards
as at 1 June 1993

Pat Bisset

Stephen Goddard

WILLIAM
GODDARD

GODDARD

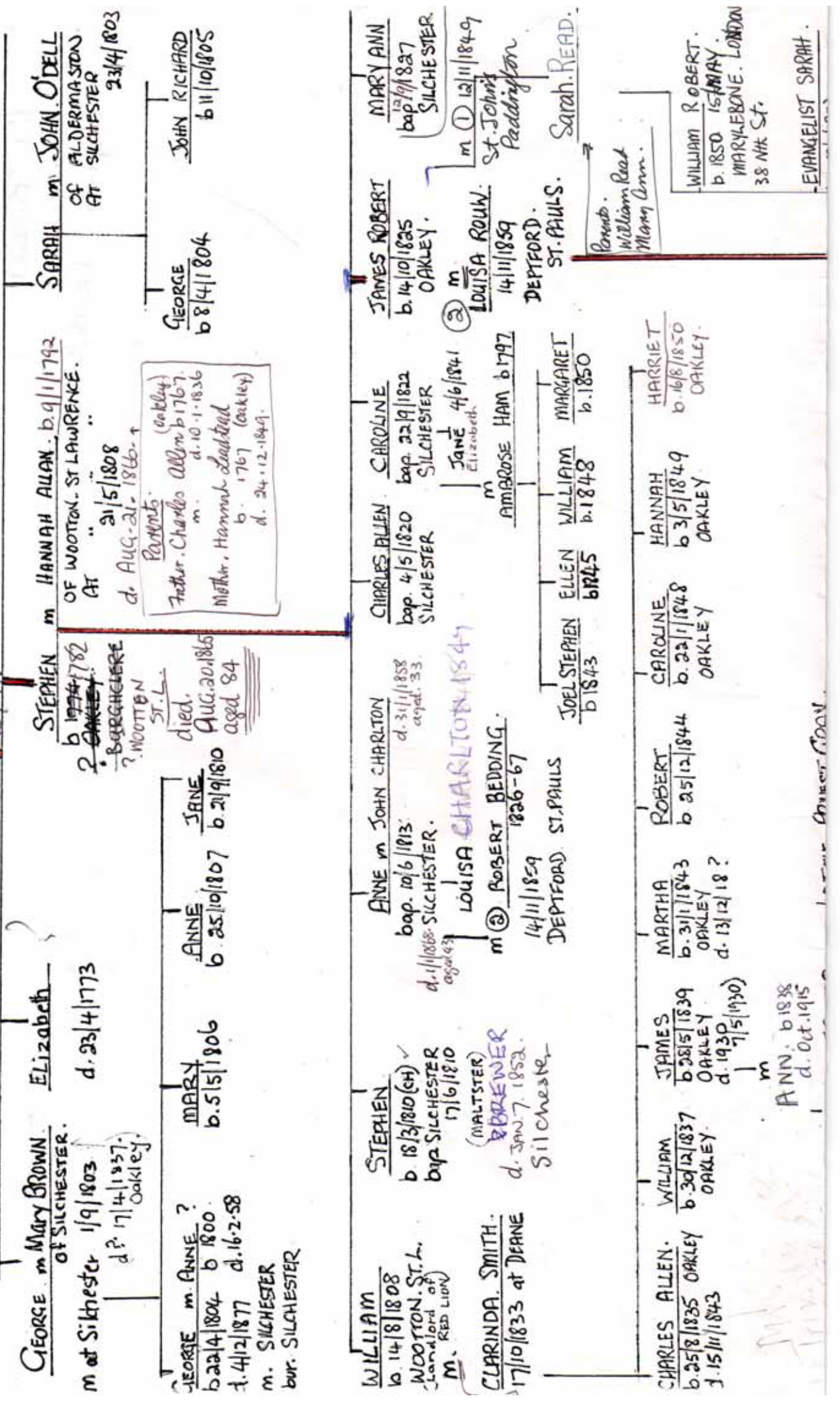


FAMILY TREE

WILLIAM PAMELA
THOMAS GOOBY
JANE

GIDDARD

1775 Wootton St Lawrence
27 Apr.



1871 - 1949
1868 - 1953

STEPHEN 1908 - 1991
 SYBIL TOUL
 WILLIAM ARTHUR d. in infancy
 ANNIE LOTTIE (NANNY) b. 1903 d. SILCHESTER. 18/5/1985
 ARTHUR THOMAS MURRELL GRAY (Tom) b. 1911 d. 28/12/1981
 PENELOPE (NELLIE) 1902 d. 5/9/1966.
 WINIFRED MARY (WINNIE) b. 1905 d. Oct. 1972. SILCHESTER.
 1871 - 1949
 DONCASTER 43 OXFORD ST.
 LOUISA ANN b. 1855 - 18/5/55.
 DONCASTER Fitzwilliam St.

STEPHEN 1933 3 children
 JAMES 1946 3 children
 GEORGE ROBERT STEPHEN b. 11/11/1860 d. 8/5/1878 d. NAPIER.
 MARY HANNAH b. 21/5/1862 d. 1937 m. GEORGE NORMAN
 GEORGE ROBERT b. 14/13/1844 d. 1943 m. EMMA ELIZA BROWN
 HENRY JOSEPH WIGGEAD b. 8/4/1868 d. 8/2/1940 d. 24/11/1918
 ALFRED FREDERICK b. 8/4/1868 d. 8/2/1940 d. 24/11/1918
 CHARLES OLDFIELD b. 5/3/1876 d. 14/8/18
 ARTHUR. d. NAPIER.
 EMILY SARAH HAMMOND m. 5/4/1901
 MARY M. GILL HANSEN
 GEORGE FREDERICK m. ELLENOR JANE
 LAUREL GIDDENS FRANK KLEIN

MAY GEORGE QUEENIE WINNIE
 m. m. m. m.
 GILLEN 3. 1.
 ELLENOR LOUISA b. 12/1892 d. 13/1975 m.
 WILLIAM ROBERT b. 11/1894 d. 8/6/1938 m.
 NORMAN ROUV b. 10/3/1895 d. 2/11/1962 m.
 LESLIE FREDERICK b. 7/2/1896 d. Palmerston Nth
 ERIC STRATFORD b. 25/11/1897 d. 1966 m.
 GEORGE LAWRENCE b. 11/9/1898 d. HAMILTON
 HENRY RONALD b. 19/5/1901 d. Nov 1982 m.
 HARRIET JANE (ETA) CARLYLE b. 2/1/1905 d. 9/2/1970
 MONA C. LOWRIE m. G. FITZGIBSON.
 HENRY RONALD b. 19/5/1901 d. Nov 1982 m.
 HARRIET JANE (ETA) CARLYLE b. 2/1/1905 d. 9/2/1970
 3 children
 2 children
 2 children

ERNEST SMITH b. 25/10/1885 3 children
 CLIFFORD b. 22/4/1904 d. 7/6/1904
 ALICE GWENDOLINE b. 1/10/1905 d. FEB. 1991 m.
 ALBERT IVAN b. 1908 d. 17/3/1986 m.
 RITA O'ROUKE 2 children
 ELISIE MIRIEL b. 1911 d. 16/12/1914 (Patio)
 FRANK DIXON m. RITA O'ROUKE 2 children
 FRANK DIXON m. RITA O'ROUKE 2 children
 FRANK DIXON m. RITA O'ROUKE 2 children