

KENT

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20.05.02
europe direct

Dear Julie

Thank you for the address of Mrs Hollingsbee. As soon as I saw it I knew it wasn't my Holingsworth. I won't make contact with her but will keep her address on file.

I found the following on a Folkestone census. A member could be looking for him. I think it might be 1891 but can't be completely sure. I apologise for my inefficiency.

73 Bridge St.

Edmund Goddard	Widower	51	Fishmonger	born <u>Shaftsbury in Dorset</u>
Bertha Goddard	daughter	24	spinster	Laundress born Hythe Kent
Arthur Goddard	son	10	Scholar	born Hythe Kent
Ernest Goddard	son	9	Scholar	born Hythe Kent
Charles Goddard	son	8	Scholar	born Hythe Kent

I was going to send you the photostat copy of the census thinking I didn't need it. As I was typing this letter it struck me that it might be the famous Goddard fishmongers of Folkestone who had a shop in the fish market until a few years ago. I'll look in to it.

I think I told you about the photographs and letters that my cousin Jan recently bought over from America. One photo was of two babies, Robert Eric Bentley and Robert Bentley Goddard aged 7 months in 1911. The first baby I knew. The second must have been named for Robert Bentley my g.g.uncle the police officer whose murder on 16th December 1910 in Houndsditch with two colleagues led to the siege of Sidney St. I applied for the babies birth certificate. He was born the day after Robert was killed. His parents were Frederick and Emily Goddard my great grandfathers brother and sister in law. I am now working on a new branch of the family. In one of the letters from 1919 my g.g.grandmother Charlotte wrote to tell her son in America of the death of Emily, married for 1 year and 5 days leaving a grieving husband and 3 month old baby. I think this Emily must be the daughter of Frederick and Emily and sister of Robert Bentley Goddard. I have applied for her marriage and death plus the baby's birth certificate.

Yours sincerely,

Joan

Joan Dibble (Mrs)



5/12/99

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Dear Julie and Brian,

I thought you might like, for your files, the enclosed census information for Bilsington in Kent. I have enclosed page one of my family tree for you to compare the two. I think for the census the Goddards plucked a figure out of mid air for their ages. My g.g.g.grandfather Samuel should have been about 42. His wife Jane 17 and their baby Catherine a few months. I was hoping to see the children of his first marriage and assume they are the Samuel, William and Elizabeth listed. I am hoping to link Samuel aged 7 with Lila Blades nee Goddard in Australia. She is also in contact with Peter in Toronto (on the internet I assume) and he has obtained the marriage certificate of her Samuel Goddard (the age and area fits) and his wife Rachel Stokes.

It seems that my Samuel was born in Capel-le-Fern the next village to Folkestone. If this proves to be true 'we' weren't out of the area for long. Seeing that, this evening I went back to the notes that I made at the Mormon church a few weeks ago. I picked up a Sarah Goddard, parents William and Sarah, Ch. 2/12/1798 at Folkestone. Batch PO20721. They could be mine, time will tell.

I hope you have a super Christmas. Thank you for all the help that you have given me in 1999.

Kindest regards,

Joan

Joan Dibble

Bilsington Kent census 1841.

Goddard.

House name looks like Erith.

Samuel Goddard age 63 Farmer.

Sam Goddard Jun. age 25 F.L.

Jane age 15 ? no surname but ditto has got a cross over it.

Samuel ditto age 7

William ditto age 3

Elizabeth ditto age 5

Catherine ditto age 3 months

Bilsington Kent census 1851

No house name or street given

Samuel Goddard Head. Mar. 42 *s/be 52ish according to marriage cert.* Farmer of 16 acres.

Born Capel-le- Fern Kent.

Jane ditto Wife Mar. 31 *s/be 27ish.* Farmers wife. Born Ruckinge.

Catherine 10. Born Bilsington. Farmer's daughter

John 8 ditto Farmer's son

Thomas 6 ditto ditto

William 5 ditto ditto

Frederick 3 ditto *my g.g.grandfather ,Steed (as registered) Goddard*

William Wilson. Visitor. un. 32. Ag.lab. Born Ivychurch. Kent

FOLKESTONE GODDARD FAMILY TREE

*=Direct Line

Earliest recorded date so far 1840 East Stour, Ashford, Kent.

* William Goddard b?

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Robert Rayner b.?

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* Samuel Goddard (widower) m. Parish Church Ashford, St Mary's 8/6/1840 (both living at East Stour) Jane Rayner
 b. 1798? Capel-le-Fern Kent? *Samuel was forty two, Jane seventeen. I would imagine he had other children.* b. 1823? Ruckinge

d. 25/4/1874 In Folkestone. Fell downstairs and lingered for ten days.

d. After 1881

Catherine Goddard m. Thomas Jackson.	John Goddard	Thomas Goddard.	William Goddard	* Steed.	Susanna Goddard	Susan. Stede (Stephen)	Hannah
b. 28/2/1841 Bilsington.	b. 12/10/1842 B/ton	b. 16/5/1844. B/ton	b. 11/4/1846 B/ton		b. 19/7/50	21/10/51	25/1/54
					d. 5/10/1850	b Bils	b Bils
							b F/tonc

* Steed Goddard (Known as Frederick Steed.) m. 10/9/1865 Charlotte Anne Page

b. 9/5/1848 Bilsington

b. 1842 ?

d. 20/12/1908 Folkestone

d. After Dec 1910.

Frederick Thomas	Catherine Mary	Stephen Page.	* William Samuel m Elizabeth Fuller.	Louisa Jane m Robert Bentley	Ellen Charlotte	Bertram Charles
b. 17/12/1865?	b. 14/4/1871?	b. 6/7/1873?	b. 3/2/1875 Folkestone	b. 24/12/1876? b?	b. 14/12/1878?	b. 17/6/1886
			d. 1/4/1940	d. 7/2/1959 murdered.	16/12/1910	

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Daughter? --- Robert Eric Bentley b. 21/12/1910 d. aged three?

KATHERINE



31/10/99

Dear Julie and Brian,

“WOW”

I'm pretty sure your 'play around' on the computer has come up with siblings of my g.g.grandfather, Steed Goddard. I will apply for the birth certificate's of Stephen and Catherine this week to confirm it. If Jane is my g.g.grandmother she was born in about 1823 which makes it highly unlikely that Ashford Reg.Off. will be able to find her marriage certificate which I applied for last week.

The Queen Street on the census doesn't ring a bell with me but there was a lot of slum clearance after the war. All of the other addresses on the information that I am accumulating are very familiar to me. Most of them are just a stones throw away from the street where I was born.

I have enclosed an update to the family tree that may have arrived in the same post as this letter. I've added Catherine and Stephen as I'm pretty confident they are 'mine'. Steed named two of his children Catherine and Stephen.

Thanks a million.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan".

Joan Dibble (Mrs)

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23.8.99



19/8/99

Dear Julie,

Thank you for everything that I received this morning. It was truly awe inspiring and today became a no housework day!.

I will contact Mrs Taylor in Australia there could be a connection. If she replies she might like to compare notes.

The Bonnington records are fascinating, especially the reference to Steed Goddard. My G.G.Grandfather was Frederick Steed Goddard. There must surely be a connection. I will contact Cindy to see if she did Mersham. If she didn't I will attempt it at the Mormon Church after my holiday.

Catherine aged 8 is on your census listing. I have obviously used the wrong initial (K) which is very careless of me. My G.G. Grandmother Charlotte is not on your list though. She was on the 1881 census at the Mormon Church. The family were living at Foord Road. I note, for a charge, you may have more detailed information available. I have enclosed a cheque for £5-00. If you have no more to send please keep the money as a donation towards postage etc.

I am going to apply for the birth certificates of William D., Emma, Martha and Stephen to see if they are siblings of Frederick Steed Goddard. I wonder if William D. is William Day Goddard (Kelly's directory) I also wonder if William D. and William Goddard are the same person as both are listed in Dover Road. It's like unravelling knitting isn't it!!

I spoke to Felicity Fisher on the telephone this afternoon. I'd not heard of her until your letter. She was thrilled that I made contact. She contacted you in November last on behalf of Francis Jacobs. Felicity is a friend of Janis Jacobs in Creed Colorado. Frances and her daughter Janis are descended from Bertram, brother of my G.Grandfather Samuel. Janis is coming 'home' next year. It would be nice if her holiday coincided with the AGM

Yours sincerely,

Joan

Joan Dibble.

GODDARD ASSOCIATION OF EUI



16 August 1999

Dear Joan,

I have looked through my Kent file for you.

*In 1995 Mrs R.W. Taylor, 7 Murray Street, Tamworth 2340, New South Wales, Australia was asking about **William Spain** and **Sarah Goddard** who were married on 17 Nov 1737 at Bonnington. They had a son named **Thomas S. Spain** in 1748.*

I also have a note from Hasted's History of Kent Vol 8 that Robert Goddard was the occupier of Pinn Farm, Bonnington - date unknown.

*Last November **Mrs Felicity Fisher** asked about the Folkestone Goddards, I believe it was for someone else, an American acquaintance named Frances Jacobs, I think and I listed the ones in the 1881 census - copy enclosed. Mrs Fisher's address is 6 Kellsborough Ave., Swindon SN4 9HT. I cannot see a Catherine aged 8 on my copy of the 1881 census.*

I also enclose extracts from the Bonnington parish records made by one of our members who lives in Chatham - Cindy O'Halleran, 93 Albany Road, Chatham ME4 5DR. Cindy works in a Kent Library and can perhaps answer queries which would not take up too much of her time (she has two children).

*Mrs Kay Hollingsbee has also looked through the Kent directories and in the 1882 Kelly's Directory a **William Goddard** is running a lodging house 55 Dover Road, Folkestone and **William Day Goddard** is living at 5 Radnore Villas, Dover Road, Folkestone.*

I hope that some of this might be of help.

Yours sincerely,

*Julie Goddard
Research Co-ordinator*





12/8/99

Dear Julie,

I have enclosed as promised everything I have so far. I think you will agree it is quite an achievement since May. I was hampered by the fact that my grandfather died when my father was a baby. My grandmother re-married and the extended family of Goddards aren't known to me.

From the birth certificates and other documents that I now have I find it very interesting that the family lived in one area of Folkestone, which isn't a huge town, for nearly a hundred years.

On the family tree I have marked the direct line *. This should make it easier for you to follow. For the moment I have added, in italics, William D. Goddard, who you mentioned last evening and, Samuel whose has recently 'arrived' from Australia. *DIFFERENT FAMILY (6.8.2011)*

Re, Samuel above. My brother recently made an appeal on the internet and was contacted by a lady in Australia. Her ancestor, Samuel Goddard was born 24/6/34. He married Rachel Stokes from Bethesdon, Kent and they lived at Chart, Kent. She says that Samuel went to America which is interesting. Our known history says that Bert (Bertram Charles) and Sam went to America, Sam came back and, Bert stayed. His descendants are now in Creed Colorado. I have been assuming it was, Bert's brother, Sam (my great grandfather) who went. Maybe it was his uncle, Sam who could be the Australian. I'm sure time will tell. The Australian lady's father, Goddard, is dead and what she has given to my brother is all that she has.

The following came from a very badly handwritten letter that my, Aunt Wyn sent to an American cousin in the 1970's. She was born in 1897. She is the aunt who always insisted that we were related to Lord Chief Justice Goddard!!.

'The farm at Bonnington was held in the name of White who in 1690 married Grace, sister of John Lynch of Grays Essex (*Not sure about Grays Essex. Handwriting appalling.*) by whom he had a son, Thomas and he had three daughters who married Goddard, Beake and Hawkins. On his death he left one farm to Goddard who afterwards purchased the farms of the children of Beake and Hawkins. He then sold the farm at Mersham to Samuel Goddard, his nephew. The farms are still there and at Mersham there is a plaque on the wall and it says Goddard's

Close lots of new houses.'

Aunt Wyn (my grandfather's sister) was the only Goddard I knew and she was a very knowledgeable woman. By the time she wrote the above though she was already a little odd but it does have a ring of authenticity to it doesn't it. In September I am going 'home' for a week and staying at Ruckinge. I booked the cottage before I had the above. Ruckinge is the next village to Bonnington and near to Mersham, maybe my ancestors are calling me 'home'. I'll visit the churches etc and see what I can find out. I do know, though, that all of the baptismal records are in the archives at Canterbury and I won't have time to go there. Going back to Australian Samuel, Bethesdon and Chart are also very close by which makes me feel he could be ours!. Also nearby is a place, a village I think, called, Goddard's Field. If you want to look on the map all of the places mentioned are quite near to Ashford.

That's as much as I have. If you can add any more I would be thrilled. If the woman in Kent who made contact comes back to you and you think she links with our Goddards do give her my address.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joan".

Joan Dibble (Mrs)

FOLKESTONE GODDARD FAMILY TREE as at 12/8/99

*Samuel Goddard. Labourer b?

Stephen Page. Labourer b?.

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*Frederick Steed Goddard b.?

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Charlotte Ann Page b 1842

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Possible sibilings ? Samuel Goddard b 24/6/1834 info from Australia a Goddard searching and William D. Goddard. Folkestone 1881 census from Julie Goddard Newbury. Please send census info on W.D.Goddard.

Frederick and Charlotte Married 10 September 1865 at Christ Church, Parish of Folkestone. Frederick age 19? living at 9, St Peter's Street Folkestone. Rank domestic. Charlotte 22 also rank domestic living at Danton Farm, Cheriton.

I have their marriage certificate.

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1881 census they are in Foord Road, Folkestone. Frederick's age is given as 39?. As yet I can't find his birth certificate which makes me think he may not have been born in Folkestone. *Marriage cert and census give two conflicting ages. Poss years of birth 1842 or 1846!!*

Their children are listed, 1881 census as:-

***Frederick Thomas aged 15, Catherine 8, Stephen 7, *Samuel 6, Louisa 4, *Louisa's story maybe in the next news letter.* Ellen 2. Born after census, Bertram Charles b 17/6/1986

*** From the American paperwork. Frederick Thomas b 17/12/1865 Catherine Mary b 14/4/71. Stephen Page maybe later known as 'Stud' b 6/7/73. *Samuel (reg. William) b 3/2/75 (Americans say 74 but I have his birth certificate.) Louisa Jane 24/12/76. Ellen Charlotte 14/12/78. Bertram Charles 17/6/86

* (**) Samuel (registered William Samuel) Born, Sandy Lane, Folkestone. 3rd Feb 1875 m

Elizabeth Sarah nee Fuller. *Have birth certificate.

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Their children not in order.

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Wyn 4/3/1897 (*Aunt Wyn in letter*), Gwen, Elizabeth, Lil, *Bert Nell, Hilda, Steve, Sid.

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(**) Samuel (Bricklayer) died 1st April 1940 at 36 Marshall Street Folkestone aged 65 years.
E.F. Bailey (Ellaby) Son-in-Law m Nell, 18 Jesmond Street, registered his death on that day.

(*Have death certificate*)

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*Bertram Charles Goddard m Norah Joan nee Shorter 13/2/1903 d 9/5/97

*born 63 Marshall Street 26th October 1901.

(*Have birth certificate*)

(Carriage examiner. Railway company.) Died 1925' ish?

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*Horace Bertram Samuel Goddard b 28/4/23 b 7 Marine Terrace Folkestone m 20/11/42

Phyllis Rose Young b 12/6/1924. Div. Terence Goddard b 1/12/24

**Have birth certificate*

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*Joan Mary Warner Goddard b 6, Dawson Road Folkestone 27/11/44 m in Cardiff

2/11/63 Richard Thomas John Dibble b 3/2/42



27/10/99

Dear Julie,

Thank you for telephoning this evening. I thought you would like to see what I have achieved since I joined the GAE just a few weeks before the AGM.

Today the birth and death certificate of my g.g.grandfather arrived. He was born in 1848 so I have a very good chance of finding his parents marriage certificate. Once I have that it will be over to church records and the real work will begin.

Thanks for all of your help so far,

Kindest regards,

Joan

Joan Dibble (Mrs)

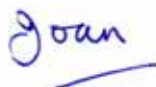
19/8/1

Dear Julie and Brian,

I was going through my Goddard boxes this evening and re-read a letter that I received from you in August 1999. The last paragraph of it meant nothing to me at the time but with fresh information that I have there just may be a link. You say that **Mrs Kay Hollingsbee** has also looked through the Kent directories and in 1882 Kelly's Directory a William Goddard is running a lodging house at 55 Dover road, Folkestone and William Day Goddard is living at 5 Radnor Villas, Dover Road, Folkestone. The name Hollingsbee rang a bell with me and I searched further and found notes that I took over the phone from my very elderly aunt. She said that aunty Lil's (I think she meant her sister and my aunty, my grandfather's sister) married name was **Holligsworth**. She went on to mention Paul Holligsworth who would be 60ish. Are you still in contact with Kay Hollingsbee? Is she a member of the association? The surnames are very similar aren't they. Aunty Gwen could have got it slightly wrong. I'd love to hear from you on this. I'd be thrilled to bits if she was 'mine'. You may remember that my grandfather died when he was in his early twenties and until I joined the association and started doing my family tree I barely had a Goddard family.

The second paragraph of your letter said that Felicity Fisher was asking about Folkestone Goddards on behalf of Frances Jacobs in America. I was immediately able to claim Frances as mine. To update you, Frances' daughter Jan, who is the same age as me, has just been over here for a month. We had five wonderful days getting to know one another. She brought over with her an absolute treasure trove of photographs and letters sent from England that her family had kept. I now have a copy of a photograph of my g.g.grandmother Charlotte Goddard. Copies of letters that Charlotte wrote to her son Bertram Charles who emigrated about 1910. He was Jan's grandfather and my g.grandfather's brother. My g.grandfather went to America with him but came back. Among the letters is a very touching one from his sister giving a very moving account of Charlotte's death.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joan". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

Joan Dibble (Mrs) nee Goddard

GODDARD ASSOCIATION OF EU



21 August 2001

Dear Joan,

I have looked in the Kent file for you. Mrs Hollingsbee's address is 5 St Andrew's Way, Tilmanstone, Deal, Kent, CT14 0JH. She is not a member of the association and I think that our contact with her was through Cindy O'Halleran, who is a member. You might like to mention this if you write to her. She appears to have done a lot of work on Kent families.

I, myself, cannot see much of a connection between Hollingsworth - which comes from the name of a manor in Cheshire- and Hollingsbee, a quite unusual name. However it might be worth chasing up in case your elderly aunt had the name wrong.

Best wishes,

Julie Goddard
Research Co-ordinator



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