

Thomas
Leicester



19th August, 2004.

Dear Julie Goddard,

Your article in the June number of the Leicestershire and Rutland Family History Society interested me immensely.

My mother was a Goddard and was descended from Thomas Goddard who married Hannah Hadley at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on 14th December, 1820.

Two of their children were Francis George, baptised at St. George's, Leicester, on 16th September, 1829, when Thomas was a shoemaker of Albion Street, and William James, baptised at St. George's on 26th March, 1834, again son of Thomas, shoemaker of Albion Street and Hannah.

Hannah Goddard, age 36, of Albion Street, was buried on 20th December, 1836, and in the 1841 Census there were no Goddards in Albion Street.

This is my line, as I am descended from William James, who married Frances Saunders in London in 1855, and the descent is fully documented. My mother was a grand-daughter of William and Frances.

Strangely, the Census Return for 1851 gives another Thomas Goddard, shoemaker, resident in Albion Street. Two of his children were baptised at St. George's on 12th January, 1851, son and daughter of Thomas Goddard, shoemaker and Ann of Albion Hill. Thomas, as a widower, had married Ann Carr at St. Margaret's, on 31st May, 1835. (A year before Hannah Goddard, nee Hadley, died). A Thomas Goddard, shoemaker, was listed as resident in Albion Street in White's Directory of 1846.

This Thomas Goddard is fully documented, dying in 1887, age 88, and leaving an informative will.

My Thomas Goddard has proved much more elusive and I am wondering whether there is a link between the two families, possibly as cousins, and whether they appear on the family tree of the Leicestershire Goddards prepared by Patrick Goddard?

I believe the Thomas Goddard who died, age 88 in 1887, was the son of Joseph Goddard and Sarah, and was baptised on 28th May, 1798 at St. Margaret's, Leicester, but I have not followed this up properly.

I enclose a SAO and should be most grateful for any help you may be able to give me. Needless to say, I should be pleased to provide you with any further information which may be of interest to you.

Yours sincerely,
Denise M. Baker



21st September, 2004.

Dear Mrs. Goddard,

The delay in replying to your two most helpful letters of 21st August and 5th September has been due to my being away on holiday. I am most grateful for your efforts and your prompt reply.

The Thomas Goddard for which you have sent me all the detail is, in fact, the one who is not my ancestor. I have the will outlined in your second letter and also that of Thomas' son Thomas Walter Goddard.

The Census return of 1851 gives the residents of 64 Albion Street as:

Thomas Goddard	Head	50	Cordwainer
Ann	"	Wife	34
Mary Francis	"	Dau.	18 Milliner
Ann Sarah	"	Dau	5
Thomas Walter	"	Son	3
Henry Alfred	"	Son	7 mths.

Mary Francis appears in the 1861 Census as living at 45 Chatham Street, as a servant, age 29 to John King, Ann Goddard's (formerly Ann Carr, originally Ann King) brother. By the 1881 Census, therefore she would have been 48, not 38 as in the extract you sent me. Understandable, perhaps! She was obviously a child of Thomas' earlier marriage to Kezia Hurd at Humberstone, in May, 1829, and born circa 1833.

To come to my own Thomas Goddard - I have the baptismal entry for my great-grandfather William James, son of Thomas, shoe maker and Hannah Goddard of Albion Street, for 26th March, 1834, at Leicester St. George, and also another entry for Francis George, again son of Thomas, shoe maker, and Hannah Goddard of Albion Street on 16th September, 1829, and also the marriage of Thomas to Hannah Hadley at St. Margaret's on 14th December, 1820. Hannah Goddard, of Albion Street was buried, age 36, on 20th December, 1836, at St. Martin's.

I am now wondering whether there could possibly have been a mistake in the marriage register. Thomas Goddard is listed as "bachelor" and Hannah as a "spinster", but if Thomas was a "widower" it would have been possible that he was the father of the Thomas (1802-1887), i.e. the Thomas (1771-1854) who married Jane Kilby at Humberstone in 1797. This may be wishful thinking, but it would have been natural for Thomas (1802-1887) to have taken over from his father some time in the 1840's.

Please can you tell me the source of your information about the year of death of Thomas in 1854? I will then send for his death certificate. The Leicestershire Burial Index merely lists a Thomas Goddard, age 3 weeks, buried at Welford Road, in 1854.

I am sending my donation to the Goddard Association today.

Very many thanks for your prompt assistance. I enclose a stamped addressed envelope, for the information on the date of death of Thomas, born 1771, and any other information you can give.

Again, my warmest gratitude.

Yours sincerely,

Denise Baker.





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5 March 2001

Dear Mr Goddard

Thank you for your enquiry. The results of my research are shown below:

1. **Hours spent:** Two 2. **Subject:** **GODDARD**
 3. **Records searched:**

Rearsby Parish Registers DE372/2, 4, 8 and 3
 Humberstone Parish Registers 2D60/8
 Barrow on Soar Parish Registers DE2933/14 and original
 Barrow on Soar Bishops Transcripts MF274
 International Genealogical Index (IGI) Leicestershire
 Marriage Bond Index

4. **Results of research:**

I began with Thomas GODDARD as requested and I confirm that he was baptised at Rearsby on 22 September 1771, and that he was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth GODDARD. I have already verified his marriage to Jane KILBY (my report 14 April 2000, page 1) on 23 November 1797. He had one brother Charles, baptised 27 August 1783 and buried 6 November 1801.

Thomas was buried at Humberstone on 16 October 1854 aged 83 years. He was the Parish Clerk for Humberstone. His wife Jane was buried there on 7 March 1855 aged 80 years. There was no marriage for Thomas and Elizabeth at Rearsby in 1771. According to the IGI the marriage between Thomas GODDARD and Elizabeth GREGORY took place on 17 June 1771 at Barrow on Soar. However, I could find no evidence of this in either the parish register or the Bishops Transcripts for Barrow on Soar. I have looked at the



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21 August 2004

Dear Denise Baker,

Thank you for your letter. My article on Thomas Goddard's will has caused a lot of interest, especially my comment that Patrick Goddard had compiled a large tree of Leicestershire Goddards.

Looking at your enquiry and looking at the name of Thomas Goddard in Leicestershire one realises how common the name combination was!

In the 1881 census I found a Thomas Goddard aged 78, widower, cordwainer, living with his unmarried daughter Mary aged 38, at number 64 Albion Street. Mary was employed as a warehouse woman at a hospital. There was no other Goddard living in Albion Street at that time. Looking at these details it would seem that this Thomas was was the one who was baptised on 26 September 1802, the son of Thomas and Jane nee Kilby. Thomas and Jane were married in Humberstone in 1797 and appear on Patrick Goddard's family tree.

I have made a printout of the IGI list of siblings of Thomas baptised 1802. You will see that he appears several times with differing baptism dates. Don't trust the IGI implicitly should be our motto!

Can you tell from looking at his will whether this Thomas is in your ancestry, or is he "the other one?"

Come back to me when you have digested all this as I can make further enquiries. However, I suggest that before I make further investigations, using the expertise of our members, that you consider making a donation to the Goddard Association. £7.50 (or £5 for the retired and unwaged) brings a year's membership and three Newsletters in which members can advertise their family trees.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Goddard

Research Co-ordinator



3 Thomas & Jane bap Humberstone 1802

Thomas = Hannah (HADLEY)
GODDARD 1820 1800-36
St Mary.

Shoemaker
Albion St
Leicester

Francis
George
1829

William = Frances
James SAUNDERS
1834 m - London
1855

90 Joseph & Sarah Thomas ← = ② Ann CARR
1798-87 1835
Shoemaker St Mary
Albion St Leicester

son & dau
bap 1851

Thomas = Jane Kilby Humberstone 1797
23 Nov.

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From:
To:
Sent: 25 August 2004 17:40
Subject: Re: Re:Thomas Goddards of Leicester

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Julie,

Thomas Goddard - Shoemaker.

Thank you. Very interesting. As you may see from my Tree ,
Thomas GODDARD 1802 (Humberstone) the Son of Thomas
GODDARD, 1771 -1854, married Keziah HURD in 1829 at St Margarets.
Leicester. I have no more information.

I would be pleased to receive an "update"

Regards

Patrick



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Leicester

Patrick

Further investigation reveals that one of the two Thomas Goddard the shoemakers may have been the son of Thomas Goddard and Jane Kilby baptised 1802 and on your tree. I have written back to the enquirer asking her to make some more investigations. One of the two Thomas's died in 1887 and left a will of which she has a copy. One Thomas was alive in 1881 aged 78 and with an unmarried daughter Mary aged 38.

Julie

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5 September 2004

Dear Mrs Baker,

Further to my previous letter Patrick Goddard has supplied the following information:

Thomas Goddard born/baptised 1802 in Humberstone, Leicester, was the son of Thomas Goddard 1771-1854 and married Keziah Hurd in 1829 at St Margaret's Leicester.

I have also unearthed the following when going through my files for someone else:

Residual Accounts 1888 in Public Record Office IR.19.181

Thomas Goddard late of Leicester cordwainer

died 25 March 1887

exhibited by John King of Leicester gentleman

& William Pratt Townsend of Barkby Leics. grazier, executors

probate Leicester 15 July 1887.

mentions 4 messuages or tenements (5,7,9 & 11 Curzon Street, Leicester) – value £650

duty £7 . 0 . 11

Residue for the use of William Goddard, Annie Sarah Townsend, Thomas Walter Goddard, Martha Sabina Worthey, Mary Goddard and Frederick George Goddard

children of the deceased.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Goddard



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From: [redacted]@leicestershire.gov.uk
 To: [redacted]@leicestershire.gov.uk
 Sent: 23 September 2004 10:17
 Subject: Re: Leicester Goddards

Julie,

Please see below re. Thomas GODDARD 1771.
 I am intrigued as to the connection.?

"Wartime Memories". Answer; No!. I no nothing about this.

I note your remarks concerning the LRFHS movements

Thank you.

Patrick.

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Patrick

I am being asked what evidence - death cert?- have you that Thomas Goddard born 1771 died in 1854?
 The Leicestershire Burial Index give Thomas Goddard aged three weeks buried at Welford Road Cemetery for 1854. I am waiting for our copy of the new countrywide Burial Index to come having ordered it on 7th August.

I am told that Leics & Rutland FHS have been given notice to move from their present offices. Hopefully they have been offered several other places which might even be more suitable premises. However, for some time their responses to queries might be erratic. Have you put anything into their "Wartime Memories" project?

Julie Goddard

23/09/2004

Brian



From: [redacted]@ireeuk.com>
To: [redacted]@ireeuk.com>
Sent: 11 October 2004 10:04
Subject: Re: Leicester Goddards

Julie,

Charles (1834) and Hannah (1837) were two of the many children of James GODDARD (1805 -Humberstone) who was one of the many children of my Ancestor Thomas GODDARD (Rearsby1771- buried Humberstone 1854) who preceded his Son Edmund GODDARD (Humberstone1812 -1892) as the Parish Clerk of Humberstone

Please see my Tree.

I would be grateful for the Member's contact details.

Regards

Patrick



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Patrick

Thanks for the letter received recently. The printout list was interesting. Why are some names underlined? eg Charles Goddard 1834 St George, Hannah Goddard 1837 St Geo. We have a member who is descended from them.

Julie