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Sent: 09 August 2004 08:58
Subject: Re: Goddards

Julie,

Ref. George Harby Goddard.
Thank you for the new info. Coincidentally, this "Harby" is related to Maureen the Wife of Roger Sayer. You may recall, that you recently referred me to him. His Father James Goddard was the Brother of my Gt. Grandfather, John Goddard.



Sent: Sunday, August 08, 2004 7:15 PM
Subject: Goddards

Patrick
I have been looking through the Goddards who were killed in WWI for someone else and found the following in passing
26061 Pte George Harby Goddard 6th Batt.Lincolnshire Regt.
formerly 31414 Leicester Regt.
Born Leicester. Died of wounds France 2 May 1917 aged 34
s/o James and Sarah Jane Goddard of Leicester
Husband of Sarah , 26 Haynes Road, Leicester.
Buried Grevillers British cemetery (FR512).
Julie



20th June 2004

Dear Julie,

When I read your very interesting item in the current edition of the Leicester FHS Journal, I was reminded that you kindly wrote to me several years ago inviting me to contact you regarding my interest in Goddard Family research. I did not reply at the time because I was a complete novice in the skills of tracing family history. Because of other commitments, principally work, I am sorry to say I am not much better now! However, I find the subject intriguing and your recent article has provoked me into wanting to find out more.

What first aroused my interest was the enclosed family group photograph of Thomas and Sarah Jane Goddard with their sons Harry, John, Charles, Jim and Tom. The inscription I have typed is exactly as is recorded on the reverse of the photo. In particular, and probably because I am an ex-serviceman, I am keen to find out the circumstances of Tom's death and where his sacrifice is commemorated. I think it is important that his great great great grandchildren are made aware of how, as a young man, he gave his life for his country.

The only verifiable information I have to hand so far is the birth certificate of my wife's mother, Joyce Goddard, which I obtained through the internet. Anecdotal information indicates the family came from Leicester, and I have a photograph of Sarah Jane (the wife of Thomas) giving her surname as 'Pearson'. Unfortunately we have no living relatives to enable us gain more information. There are several Leicestershire Tom Goddard's commemorated by the British War Graves Commission. A Private Tom Goddard died on 15th May 1917 at the age of 24 and is commemorated on the Arras memorial. However, although his father is shown as living at a Leicester address (17 Cromford Street), the father's name is shown as James! Access to the 1901 census gives a family of James and Mary Goddard with their children May, Ellen, Albert, Mary, Harry, Tom, Ethel and Arthur at 39 Cecil Road Leicester. Tom is shown as being 8 at the time that ties in with being 24 at his death! However, I have this gut feeling he is not the Tom Goddard I am searching for, although he should not be any less remembered.

My efforts in tracing a Thomas and Sarah Goddard and family in the 1901 census have been unsuccessful so far. If there is any light you, or indeed Patrick Goddard in Plymouth, can shed to assist me it will be very much appreciated. Most of my information is derived from comments on the back of a large collection of 'Goddard' photographs which my wife has inherited. The earliest are from the turn of the century and many relate to Church activities at a place called Newby Road in Leicester. If you are interested in copies, please let me know.

In your letter you suggested a £7.70 cheque would be welcome – that was two years ago! In the light of inflation, I have enclosed a cheque for £10 which I hope will cover any costs relating to possible information. If not, please let me know and I will respond accordingly.

I am sorry for the lengthy letter – my email address is roger.sayer@bt.com but I am unable to get back to me.

Many thanks for your time, any advice you can give to a very novice Family History investigator will be very welcome.

Yours sincerely

Roger

Dear Julie,

I get two or three Goddard queries a week but it never ceases to surprise me how many times the basic information one is given is hideously, downright WRONG!

So nowadays I always check the information before setting out on a fruitless quest.

I don't believe Thomas GODDARD and Sarah Jane PEARSON ever had a son called Tom or Thomas.

They had five sons alright and all of them survived infancy and they all appear in both the 1891 and 1901 censuses.

In the 1901 Census their names and ages are:

John. (24)
Harry (21)
George (19)
Charlie (17)
James (15).

As far as I can see none of these died in WW1. I expect that it was somebody connected to this family whose name was Tom that died, but it wasn't a Tom GODDARD.

Peter

Bria



From: [redacted]@com>
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Sent: 25 June 2004 23:17
Subject: Goddard Enquiries

Julie,

Don't worry about the enquiries, I enjoy doing them and, after all, there was little point in constructing the indexes if they are not going to get used.

Some of the enquiries come from "regulars" who are usually members of the Association but almost always these are straightforward and take only a few minutes to deal with.

But then I'm on the Goddard list for both Rootsweb and Ancestry and these are the ones where the screwed up data comes from but nevertheless some of these people finish up joining the Association. Then there are the people in the Newsletter who want help and the new members who, very often, don't seem to know a lot about their families.

I am fully retired and fortunately don't need any extra income but the volunteer work I do at the Family History Centre, the not for profit business I organise getting certificates from the GRO (over 1500 per year), the odd lecture I give to the Ontario Genealogical Society, little bits of research I do into my own family and so on, keep me very busy. That's apart from running a house and garden.

I don't much enjoy Canadian winters so I utilise that time to enlarge the indexes. The plan for next winter is to put the expatriate overseas BMDs and the military BMDs into the Goddard indices so there is still lots to do.

Best regards

Peter

Thomas Giddard - Father of Charles
etc - Ex Coal Merchant



Sarah Jane Giddard
nee Pearson
Born 1847 - Died 1920



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GODDARD FAMILY circa 1906

Thomas & Sarah Jane born 1847
died 1920 5 sons - Harry (eldest?)
died 1 Jan 1943

John 1884 - 1959
Charles - 24 Apr 1885-1960

Jim

Tom - killed 1914-18 war
Born last - 1 daughter age unknown
- died young





Charlie - Harry - John
Grace - Phoebe - Clara
first decade of 20th century

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No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
182	Twenty fifth May 1923 47 Thafford Road Leicester	Joyce	Girl	Charles Goddard	Blara Goddard formerly Simpson	Engineer (Foreman)	Charles Goddard Father 47 Thafford Road Leicester	July 1923	Alfred E Manger	

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