

PLEASE KEEP ALL THIS
IF IT IS OF ANY INTEREST.
I have a copy!

LETES
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16th Jan 1985

Dear Mrs Goddard,

Jean Debney has suggested I
write to you as I have a GODDARD family
connection. The evidence I have does not tie
up, and I wonder if you have found this
family in your researches. I am trying to find
the link between the GODDARD and STATHAM
families, and have 3 pieces of evidence:

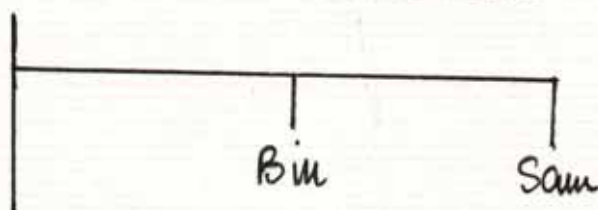
- ① A photograph taken 1938/9 of a visit by
a Harry GODDARD and Emma GODDARD of
Coalville, Leics., accompanied by Dorothy and
Ethel GODDARD who were on a visit from
the U.S.A., to my grandmother's ^(in Mansfield, Notts) Mary Jane
BROOKS, nee STATHAM. My mother said very
firmly that Harry GODDARD was Mary Jane's
cousin (what degree??). This seems to be
confirmed in that they are linking arms; and I
have another photograph of just the 2 of them,
also linking arms.
- ② A postcard written by Will GODDARD to Mrs

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 F.W. Gregory, née Emma STATHAM who was an
 elder sister of Mary Jane, née STATHAM.

③ My mother's suggested family tree: I have no dates.

Emma STATHAM m. ? BAKEWELL

Who is this Emma? Certainly NOT
 the one who married Fred
 GREGORY. Is it Emma?



This relationship does
 NOT tie up with members of
 the family I have spoken to,
 saying Harry is the cousin
 NOT Emma!

Emma
 m. Harry GODDARD

Is there a
 generation too
 many here?

Harry
 GODDARD
 emigrated
 to S. Africa

Will GODDARD
 emigrated to USA
 m. Ethel?

Dorothy GODDARD
 not aware of any
 other children.

Horace GODDARD
 emigrated to USA,
 possibly prospecting
 for gold. I have a
 photocopy of a letter
 addressed "Dear Mother"
 mentioning Colorado +
 Wyoming. It is not
 signed but could have
 been written by him.
 Apparently nothing more
 was heard from him.

I am enclosing an outline of the STATHAM family
 tree which shows my link to them, plus a few other
 comments. I will write out the Horace GODDARD
 letter as it may interest you anyway!

Any help gratefully received!!

Yours sincerely, Russa Carr

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HARRY
GODDARD

DOROTHY
GODDARD

ETHEL
GODDARD

EMMA
GODDARD

Is this Harry's
wife or
mother??

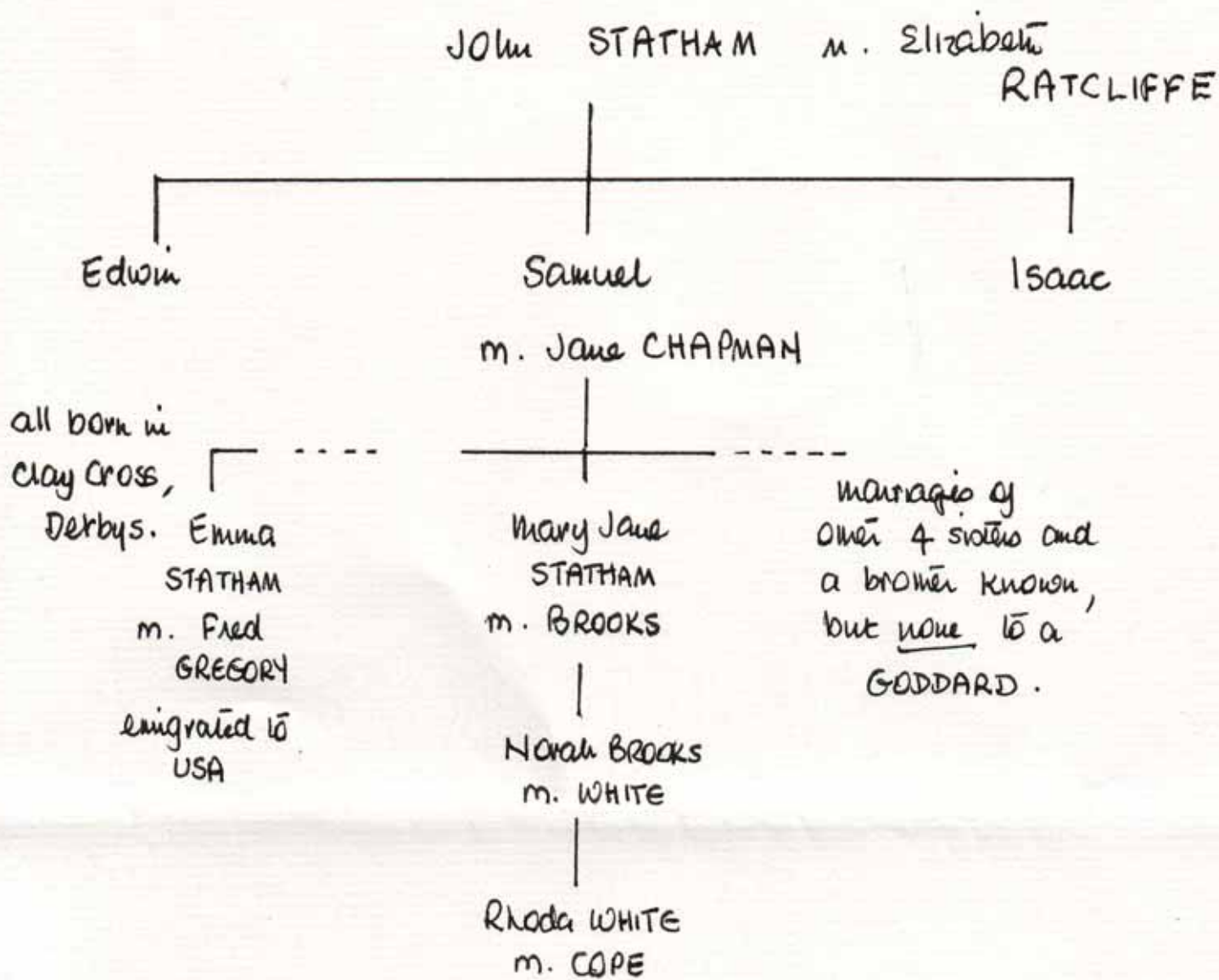


MARY JANE BROOKS
née STATHAM

RHODA COPE née WHITE
grand. daughter of
MARY JANE BROOKS

Photograph taken in 1938/9





Isaac STATHAM had a daughter Emma,
born in 1877 and still alive in 1891

Jane STATHAM (née CHAPMAN) had a sister
Clara who married and had a daughter
Emma (BODEN) who was born 1875

I feel my mother's idea of the GODDARD link is
not quite right - too many Emmas?
was it an Emma link, or another name?!

Dear Mother

I will now
write you a few lines
to tell you that I am
still in the land of
the living with my
head up I should have
wrote you sooner than
this but have been
wanting expecting a letter
from you I left Colorado
the twentieth of December
for gold hill this State
along with two others
fellows that I got acquainted
with in houisville I did
not seem to get over the
sickness I had and the
doctor to me to go to

I was told that
this was a letter from
Horace to his Mother.
Was she in the USA
or the U.K? Don't
know.

The notepaper was
8" x 5" and the
original had been
folded lengthwise.

The writing slopes to
the right and is easy
to read.

There is no address
and no date.

"Dear Mother" begins
2" down the sheet
and this gap was
written on, but is
unreadable apart from
the occasional word.

Rhoda Cope

Jan. 1995

I will ask who
has the original when
I am over there in
Sept. & see if I can
obtain a better copy!

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Boulder Mat is about ten miles from Louisvile were I could get good Mountain water to drink and then I would be allright in a week or two board is high there and no work so I concluded that I would come to Wyoming we came on horse back a little over five hundred miles to gold hill there is a great excitement goin on there Gold was discovered there last fall and is said to be the largest and purest vein of our in the United States there is a great many people camped as near there as they can get for snow we had to go the last

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three miles with snow shoes
my companions had friends
living about twenty five
miles from the foot hills
down in the valley I stayed
there with them until
the the first of Feb. when
I came to Rock Springs we
was coming through the
country at the time
that the red skins was
on the war path we
was thinking of going through
Freemont County but found
out that we had better
switch of has the Indians
was holding a war dance
on the line of the reservation
I got work as soon as I got
to Rock Springs and have
been working ever since
Don't know whether I shall

go back to Colorado this spring
or not Gilmour wants me to
that is my companion he is
in Lafayette four miles from
Louisville working in a coal
mine there was four of us
left Illinois together but two
of them have shown the white
feather and gone back home
sick and of course if I don't
go back he will come out
here after springs opens
up so that he can get in to
the mountains for there is
a little work to do there
before leaving as we could
not get to do last fall and
that is about all for this
time hoping you are all
in the best of health has
never felt better in my life
if you answer this I wish you
would right away as I don't know
how long I may stay it just depends
on the spring as soon as it open
I shall be gone from here Good By