

GODDARD ASSOCIATION OF EUROPE



Monday, March 15, 1999

Dear Mr Goddard,

*I have received your most recent letter.*

*I am sorry that I did not appreciate the significance that you attached to your ancestor William's surname being spelt with a single D in the Maidstone registers; I take it that you think that this might indicate a French Huguenot connection. Could William read and write? Did he sign the register himself? The lists of Huguenots here give Godar, Godars, Godart, Godard, Godbert, Godartet, and Goddarte as variations on the name.*

*Secondly, the I.G.I., is **not** a list of **all** the baptisms and marriages that have taken place. In some counties the events listed are as low as fifty percent of the actual ceremonies which occurred. The I. G.I. is a list of names of people taken from parish registers and other documents which have been made available to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints for copying and primarily intended for use in their religious ceremonies. In some places the documents have **not** been made available by order of the local bishop. To pick a marriage or a baptism from the IGI and say that it is your ancestor **without** additional evidence such as documents and statements, is making a sweeping assumption in my eyes.*

*I gather from other information which has come to me, that you may be related to and in contact with Bronwyn Skinner of Jannali, NSW and perhaps this is where you have the additional information to confirm your assertion that your William is the one born to Benjamin and Susanna Goddard in St Leonard's Shoreditch in 1777.*

*I also received a letter last week from Zillah Jackson, 151 [redacted] QLD 4035, who is also descended from Benjamin and Susanna. Perhaps you would like to contact her and compare notes.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Mrs Julie Goddard  
Research Co-ordinator*



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Tuesday, April 13, 1999

Dear George,

Yes, I quite appreciate the reason for your wishing to investigate the Huguenots in case your ancestors were amongst them. I still hold that the records we have here, photocopies of odd pages of from books printed by the Huguenot Society, would be of no use to you, but I will enclose photocopies of the central London pages for you to examine (and keep).

Bronwyn Skinner's address is PO Box 131, Jannali, NSW 2226. She is a great great grand daughter of Benjamin Goddard and Catherine Harvey/Henry.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Goddard  
Research Co-ordinator



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9TH APRIL 1999

Mrs J.R. Goddard



ENGLAND

Dear Julie

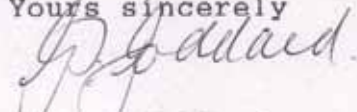
Your letter of the 15th March received with interest especially since I have also heard from Mrs Zillah Jackson whose husband is descended from Benjamin christened in 1762 a brother of my Great-great-grandfather William GODARD. This confirms to me that as the date of Benjamin's christening in the AIGS is accurate according to Zillah Jackson, this would tend to prove that the other entries must also be correct.? I have replied to her with whatever information I had to hand. The other name that you mentioned Bronwyn Skinner? I do not know her address if you do have it then I will get in touch with her. I appreciate that in your role of Research Officer of the GAE that you need to keep enquirers on the right track. It was a disappointment to me that my photograph of the Maidstone Parish Register that I hoped would confirm by a facsimile of the written evidence was out of focus, that, he spelt his name with one 'D'. I enclose a snap that I took, I carefully wrote over the shadowy signature of William Godard on his marriage certificate his wife Mary made her mark.,

Her father John Craddock and a friend Mary Reader were witnesses. His son My Great-grandfather John was born in 1812 and William also signed this record. Therefore there is no doubt that he spelt his name with the single 'D'

The transcriptions in the AIGS varied with the spelling of Godard/Goddard, understandable as the double 'D' was the more common English spelling. So you see that there is reasonable grounds for thinking that the family originated from a Huguenot background; hence my request to you for information on Huguenot refugees!

Best wishes

Yours sincerely



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9TH MARCH 1999

ENGLAND

Dear Julie

Thank you for your prompt reply to my letter of the 22nd February. Firstly, it would seem that you feel that I was making unwarranted assumptions with respect to the claiming of William GODARD as being baptised in London. The entry in the Parish Registers of All Saints Church Maidstone confirms by written evidence that, he spelt his name with one 'D'. I queried of the lady in charge of access to the registers if she knew why of a number of entries only one had the age penned in as a margin entry. She affirmed that marriages of those who were not baptised at the All Saints Church in Maidstone, had to prove their ages and origins. Whilst his son John has his name spelt with two 'D's' I saw that in the original certificate, how William spelt his surname, i.e., with a single 'D', when his son John was baptised in 1812, William as father still spelt his name with one 'D'. I was content to leave it at that, however one of my relations in Victoria found said William GODARD son of Benjamin GODARD & Susanna baptised in 1777, at St. Leonards Shoreditch London., entry on the I.G.I.

As his age when married in 1804 at Maidstone was given as 27 this confirms his birth as having occurred in 1777, that was the only entry in the IGI of a person with that name and that date. I don't think it was making too much of a leap to ASSUME that it was one and the same person. I note that in your reply for some reason you refer to all my references as having been spelt with a double 'D' contrary what I typed and found in my research.? I only wrote to you because of the entry in the last newsletter offered to loan the sheets from the Huguenot Society. I shall however, consider writing to the Huguenot Society of London as you advise. Whether my ancestors were Huguenots or not, is not germane to my research, I merely seek to confirm their origins if possible.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Goddard". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

George Goddard

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22ND FEBRUARY 1999



NEWBURY

ENGLAND

Dear Julie

I last wrote to you in 1995 to advise you of the passing of 'KENTOPHILE', Mr Bernard Thomas. Last year I was able to pay a flying visit to U.K. to visit relatives, as I was in the Maidstone Kent locality, I followed his previous research at All Saints Church in Maidstone. I struck gold in that I was able to find in the Parish Registers confirmation of my Great Grandfathers birth (1812) and marriage in 1834 John Goddard to Grace Buck; and one of the witnesses was his father William GODARD, subsequently I also found Williams marriage to Mary Craddock, in 1804 his age unusually was shown in the register as 27y.o., this I understood to mean that he was not a local and had to prove his age to the Parish clerk. This meant he was born in 1777 elsewhere in England.

In correspondence with my relations in Victoria who had checked the I.G.I. I got the information that William Godard was christened on the 23rd February 1777 at Saint Leonards Shoreditch London; his parents were given as Benjamin Godard and Susanna.

Regards & Bes

*Spodda*

Sincerely

GODDARD ASSOCIATION OF EU



March 12, 1999

Dear Zillah Jackson,

Your letter of enquiry has been forwarded to me by John Goddard of Accrington our Membership Secretary.

I remembered having had an enquiry for Benjamin Goddard before and consulted our London queries file. A Mrs Bronwyn Skinner, P.O. Box 131, Jannali NSW 2226 contacted us in 1993. She says that she is a great great grand daughter of Benjamin Goddard who was born about 1763 and married a Catherine Harvey. Catherine was transported to Australia on the ship "Minstrel" arriving 12th October 1812, with her two children. Her profession was that of silkwinder and Beverley thinks that she was transported for stealing stockings and was sentenced in London on 4th December 1811. She was given a ticket of leave on 5th July 1813 and died 21st October 1840.

Catherine petitioned for her husband to join her and he arrived on the "Fortune" in 1816 to join her. Being a carpenter with experience in the Royal Navy was an asset in his favour.

We found Benjamin's baptism in the I.G.I. Benjamin s/o Benjamin and Susannah baptised Stepney (London) St Mary's Whitechapel 1763 10th July.

and Bronwyn discovered that he married Catherine in 1793 at London, All Hallows, but she read Catherine's surname as Henry.

Perhaps you could contact Bryony and pool your discoveries. We have very little on London Goddards because no one has been brave enough to tackle such a large city, with so many people. Please let me know what you discover so that I can keep it in my files and contact you when someone else with a similar tree writes.

I enclose a leaflet about our association. If you join you can place a advertisement about your enquiry in the quarterly newsletter and perhaps someone else will contact you.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Goddard  
Research Co-ordinator

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Dear Mr Watts

I saw your advertisement in the 1992 Genalogical Research Directory re Goddard, London.

My great great great great grandfather Benjamin Goddard born approximately 1763 m Catherine Harvey in London. Benjamin died in Sydney in 1836.

Catherine his wife was transported to Australia per the ship "Minstrel" arriving 25th October 1812, with two of her children. Her profession was a Silkwinder, I am led to believe that she was sentenced for stealing stocking on the 4th December, 1811 in London. Catherine was given a ticket of leave on 5th July, 1813 and died 21st October, 1840.

Catherine petitioned the Governor to allow her husband to Benjamin to come to Australia he arrived on the "Fortune" in 1816 as he was a Carpenter and had served in the Royal Navy he would be able to support himself in the Colony he was permitted to come.

I have found the following marriages and births on the I G I :-

Benjamin Goddard married Catherine Henry(?) 1793 at London, Allhallows I presume this is my Benjamin.

BIRTHS:-	5/8/1794	William
	16/4/1797	Benjamin
	7/10/1799	Catherine
	11/11/1802	Susannah
	18/3/1807	Sarah
	18/10/1810	Mary Ann.

I presume they are the children of Bengamin and Catherine.

Replied  
30.5.93.

Benjamin (b.1797) came to Australia ~~to Australia~~ with his mother (and another child but we do not know at this stage which one.) He married in Australia Mary Ann Bevitt ( the daughter of Mary Bevitt (nee Gager) and Joseph Bevitt who were married at St Martins in the Field London. Mary Ann's mother was also a convict and she was transported with her mother in 1814. Her father Joseph apparently did not come to Australia as we can find no record of death.

Benjamin and Mary Ann had several children and I am in contact with decendants.

Hoping this information will assist in your research and there is a connection.

I have enclosed two International Reply Paid Coupons, hoping to hear from you soon.

Yours faithfully

*Bronwyn Skinner*  
Bronwyn Skinner

This was just to make it  
clearer for myself.

Benjamin Goddard = Susannah  
m. 1757

GODDARD

Sarah b. 1758	Thomas b. 1760	Susannah b. 1761	Benj. = Catherine Harvey b. 1762 m. 1793 d. 1836 Sydney	Richard 1766	Mary 1767	John 1769	Eliz. 1773	Wm. 1777
						?		Shredith St Leonard
						John Benj. b. 1799		John = Grace BUCK MORRISON

William b. 1794	Benjamin b. 1797	Catharine b. 1799	Susannah = Hy Taylor b. 1795? 1800? d. 1869 NSW.	Sarah b. 1807	Mary Ann b. 1810

Henry b. 1822	Maria b. 1824	Sylvia b. 1826	Catharine b. 1829	Benjamin b. 1831 d. 1904	Robert b. 1834	Charles b. 1836	Mary A. b. 1841

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- Jackson = Zillah



Dear Mr. Goddard,

I am forwarding a section of my husband's pedigree chart commencing with his g'grandfather, Benjamin Taylor whose mother was Susannah Goddard.

I have forwarded this in the hope that a member of your organisation may be connected with this line. If so, I would appreciate hearing from them and would be happy to pass on any other information I have regarding this family.

Referring back to the pedigree chart, the following are the children of Henry Taylor and Susannah Goddard: Henry b.1822, Maria b.1824, Sylvia b.1826, Catharine b.1829, Benjamin b.1831, Robert b. 1834, Charles b. 1836, Mary A. b.1841.

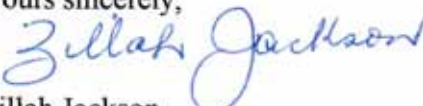
Children of Benjamin Goddard and Catherine Harvey: William b.1794, Benjamin b.1797, Catharine b.1799, Susannah b.1802, Sarah b.1807, Mary Ann b.1810. (all born England)

Children of Benjamin Goddard and Susannah .....: Sarah b.1758, Thomas b.1760, Susannah b.1761, Benjamin b.1762, Rebecca b.1764, Richard b.1766, Mary b.1767, John b.1769, Elizabeth b.1773, William b.1777. (all born England)

There was a John Benjamin b.1799 that I thought might have been the son of John from this family. I have not proved conclusively the details of this last family, so I do make that clear in case there are some discrepancies.

Catherine Harvey and Henry Taylor (her son-in-law) were both transported to Australia as convicts and both were given a life sentence. Henry aged 18 years, arrived in 1818 for allegedly stealing a handkerchief with three other lads. Catherine arrived in 1813, but I have not yet searched her court trial records. Benjamin Goddard and family came free and later applied successfully for a land grant. Hopefully somebody will be able to connect.

Yours sincerely,

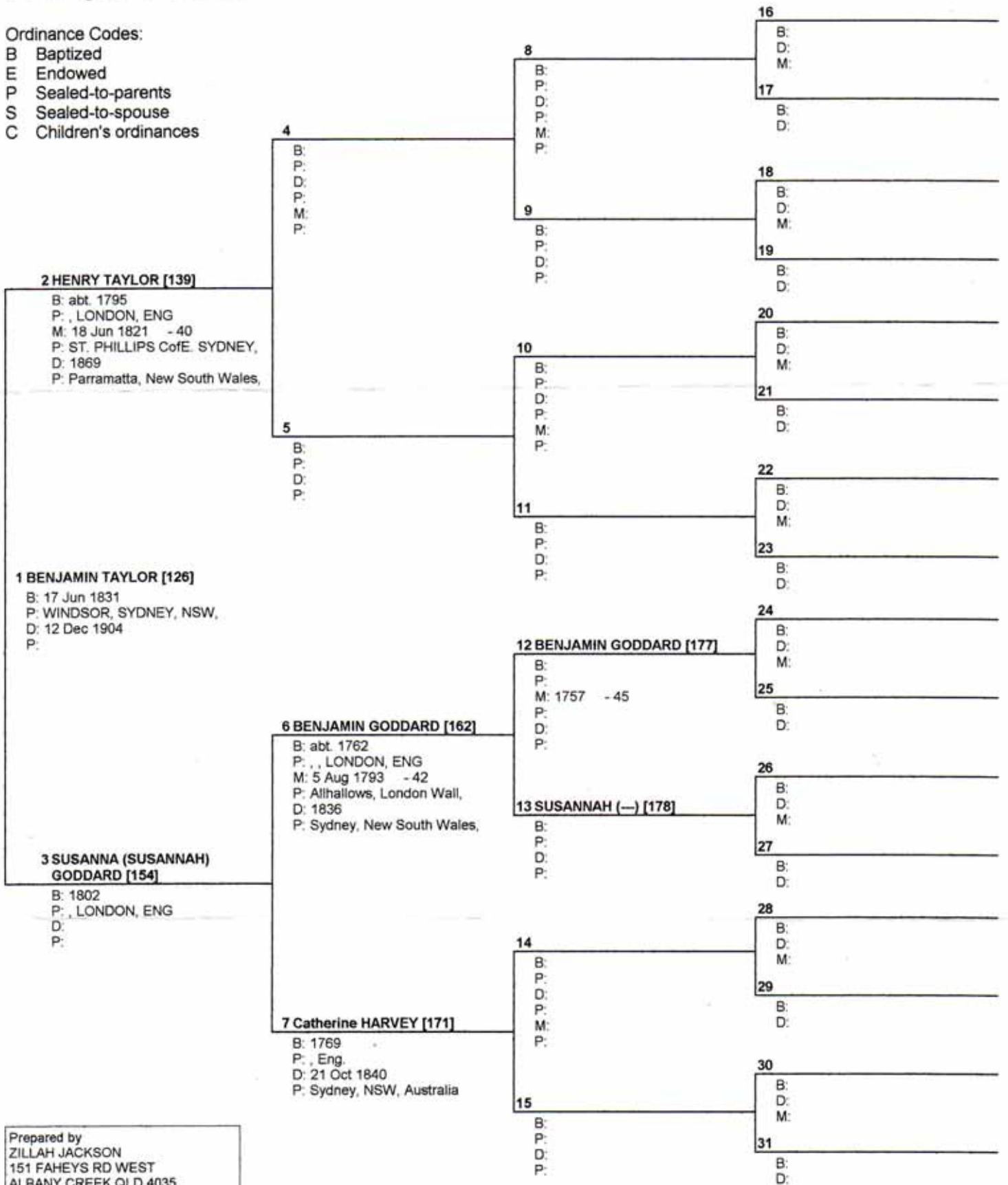
  
Zillah Jackson

# Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 1

**Ordinance Codes:**

- B Baptized
- E Endowed
- P Sealed-to-parents
- S Sealed-to-spouse
- C Children's ordinances



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