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Goddard alias Taylor

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Dear Mrs. Goddard,

I understand you are in charge of the Goddard one name Study, and wonder if you can help me.

One of my grandmothers was Ellen Elizabeth George nee Goddard (once known as Nelly Elizabeth Goddard)

I have details of her marriage (on 16.5.1893 to Jim George) and of her death on 15.10.1923. She was stated to be 21 when she married and aged 50 when she died. There is a 1 year inconsistency in these dates.

There are missing details relating to the whole family - the father may have married twice and apparently there were 6 children (of whom 2 may have died before 1881). The blanks relate to the births, marriages and deaths of the parents, and the births of all the children.

I enclose a schedule of the details of the family from the 1861, 1871, 1881 and 1891 Census (the approximate year of birth is shown in brackets)

Do you have any details regarding this family for any help would be a start towards further research. So far as I can ascertain, the family lived in Nottingham at all relevant dates (except for Ann - the first wife - who was born in Chesterfield). There must be some information available which I have not yet traced?

With grateful thanks for any help you may be able to give.

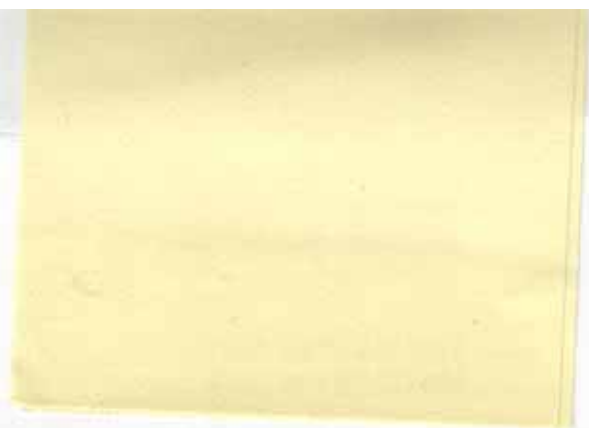
Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Swann", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

F. E. W. Swann

1861	Parliament Street		
	William Goddard	35	
	Ann "	34	
	Mary Ann " (Niece)	12	
1871	Greyhound Street		
	William Goddard	46	
	Emma "	26	
	Martha A "	7	(1863 - 1864)
	John W "	5	(1865 - 1866)
	Florence J"	2 months	
1881	Collin Street		
	William Goddard	56	
	Emma "	36	
	Florence J"	10	
	Nelly Elizabeth"	7	
	Charles Henry "	6	
	Emma "	3	
	Eliza Ann " (Niece)	18	
1891	London Road		
	William Goddard	63	(1825 - 1828)
	Emma "	48	(1842 - 1845)
	Flora "	21	(1871)
	Nellie "	19	(1873)
	Charles "	18	(1874 - 1875)
	Emma "	13	(1877 - 1878)

Assuming all 6 children resulted from the marriage of William and Emma, this must have taken place in 1862/63.



Dear Ms. Goddard,

I thank you for your letter dated 11th February, and have pursued enquiries into my Goddard ancestors.

My great grandfather was William Goddard (possibly called William Taylor Goddard), and he and his brother were prominent in Nottingham as Fishmongers and Oyster Dealers in 1860 - 1890. Could I trouble you to make further enquiries concerning them, and also the children of William Goddard, details being as follows:-

- a) William Goddard who married Ann Gibbons about 1860, and they had at least one child Martha Ann born in Nottingham, 14.12.1863, and possibly another John W. (see below).
- b) According to the Census of Population there were also the following children:-

John W	born	1865/66
Florence J	"	1871
Nelly Elizabeth	"	1873/74
Charles Henry	"	1874/75
Emma	"	1877/78

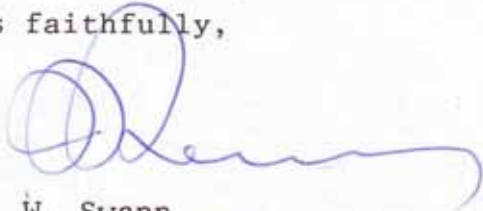
It is likely that his wife Ann died about 1865, and William Goddard remarried Emma?

This would appear a reasonable assumption, so there was a gap, with 4 children born to the second wife.

- c) The only birth certificate which has been traced is of Martha Ann (but surely the births of the next 5 children were registered), and this shows the father as WILLIAM TAYLOR GODDARD. Is there any trace of this person, or of his 6 children as detailed above.

Please inform me whether I am eligible for membership of the Goddard Association, and if so please furnish details.

Yours faithfully,



F. E. W. Swann

11th February 1995

Dear Mr Swann,

Thank you for your letter about your Nottingham Goddard ancestors.

I am afraid that I cannot add much, if anything, to your knowledge of your family. Nottinghamshire is not one of the counties where Goddards occur in any number. Over the last ten years I have had the following enquiries:

Henry Goddard of Nottingham who married Hannah Astill and had a son Enoch Samuel Goddard who married Ann Cox and had a daughter Hazel Maude Goddard. Enoch and Hannah were converted to the Mormon Church and emigrated in 1855. Henry's father is thought to have been Enoch Joseph Goddard born East Upton in 1791.

Harriett Esther Goddard daughter of Robert William Goddard and Ann Elizabeth nee Camm baptised Nottingham St Marys 8 Feb 1882

Clara Goddard second child of Benjamin and Emily Ann Goddard born 29 Mar 1868, married at Kimberley, Notts., but family probably came from Heanor, Derbys.

George Henry Goddard, son of George & Ada Booth Goddard born Newark, Notts. 19 Feb 1873 emigrated to USA

none of which seem to tie in with your family.

I will have an enquiry put in the "Can you help?" column in the next Goddard Newsletter (due early May) and I hope that one of our members can help you further.

Yours Sincerely

Julie Goddard
Research Co-ordinator

PS I was interested to see the surname "Swann" as my Leicestershire family married into this family. Our Swann cousins lived in Loughborough.

6th May 1995

Dear Mr Swann,

Thank you for your letter of 3rd May. I enclose a leaflet about our association so that you can choose whether to join or not.

After my letter in February I drafted an enquiry for our May Newsletter. Hopefully there was room to include it. We shall find out in a day or two when the new issue appears.

Since February I have received a print out of the index to the 1881 census of Nottinghamshire and have been able to check **William Goddard's** entry and confirm what you told me about the family. I did notice that they appeared to have two adjacent households - numbers 3364 86 and 3364 87 and that baby Emma and Eliza Ann were in the second one. Is that relevant? Annoyingly William does not give his place of birth in the 1881 census. Does he give it in any of the other censuses? You have not given me William's brother's name and I cannot see anyone else in the 1881 census in Nottingham who says that he is employed as a "Fish and Game Salesman". Do you know the name of his brother? Sometimes a little lateral thinking helps and if the name of his brother is a little more unusual than "William" he might be easier to trace. (I expect it is "Thomas" or "John" and equally as common!)

Regarding William's marriage; does his marriage certificate give his age? It should give the name and occupation of his father and where they were living.

If you think that Ann Goddard died about 1865 have you looked for her death certificate?

You write that you have not found birth certificates for the later children. Penalties for failure to register births came into force in 1874, so it is likely that baby Emma would have been registered even if William did not think it necessary to do the others. Why not try the Nottingham Register Office which deals with the area in which they lived, rather than asking the GRO. Some offices are better at dealing with search requests than others (Newbury is a gem and they are anxious to help) and get a firm price beforehand.

The fact that "William Goddard" later became "William Taylor Goddard" (probably to distinguish himself from all the other William Goddards in that part of Nottingham) may indicate that his mother's surname was Taylor. This does not help very much as Taylor seems to have been an even commoner name in Nottingham than Goddard!

Best of luck with your searching. I will let you know if any answers your enquiry in the Newsletter.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Julie Goddard