

21. THE GODDARD FAMILY

a. Connection with the George Family

As shown in para. 11d. Jim George married Ellen Elizabeth Goddard on 16.5.1893, and she was the daughter of William and Emma Goddard. At the time of the marriage Jim George lived at 4, Clarence Street, and she lived at No. 5.

Prior to her marriage Ellen Elizabeth George was shown as Nelly (Nellie) or Nelly Elizabeth - in the Census records and in her Father's Will. Her Birth Certificate has not yet been obtained.

b. Earlier History

Research his indicated that William Goddard was the son of John and Mary Goddard, as shown below in the 1841 Census for Bell Yard. The main comment about this assumption, is that the four children shown were older than would have been expected, in view of the age of the parents - the eldest child was born when the mother was 40, and the youngest child was born when she was 48.

There is certainly a consistency between this census and that for 1851 at Pennells Yard, for the father was a tailor on each occasion, and the ages tally. The differences are that John is then shown as married to Sarah - it is always possible that he could have remarried, and William is not living at home. A vital connecting factor is that next door is living Ann Gibbons (aged 24, born at Chesterfield), and it should be noted that the mother of the first child of the family - see c. below - is stated to be Ann Goddard nee Gibbons, and the 1861 census, shows that Ann Goddard was born in Chesterfield.

This is reasonably good evidence that the facts co-relate, but there is a mystery as to William's whereabouts in 1851. It could be that he was the William Gibbons, Fruitdealer, (living with Ann Gibbons as a visitor) but he was aged 23 instead of 25, and it is a little doubtful for he was called William Goddard in the 1841 census (aged 15), and again called William Goddard in 1863 - when Martha Ann was born. He was obviously living away from home, and the only other William Goddard (aged 25) traced in the 1851 census (living in Nottingham) was living with Mary Arnold on Red Street - but he was shown as a Framework Knitter and married to Mary, so it is very doubtful if this connects.

c. The Family of William Taylor Goddard

The full name of the father has been established as William Taylor Goddard, and he married Emma some time after 1863, (probably about 1867/8) having previously been married to Ann who is presumed to have died. No details of either marriage have yet been traced, although the maiden name of his first wife was Ann Gibbons - the marriage certificate (prior to April 1861) will be obtained.

The census details shown below appear to confirm that William Goddard married twice.

It appears there was either one or two children by the first marriage, and the remaining four or five children by the second marriage, viz:-

Martha Ann	b.14.12.1863
John W	b.1865/6
Florence J	b.1871
Nelly Elizabeth	b.1873/4
Charles Henry	b.1874/5
Emma	b.1877/8

It has been difficult to trace the registration of the birth of these children or of any christenings. So far the birth of Martha Ann, the daughter of William Taylor Goddard and Ann Goddard, formerly Gibbons has been traced - the father was stated to be a fishmonger/master. None of the other Christian names can be traced in the registers at St. Catherine's House, in or about the years stated - the absence of these details present a mystery. Further research will be made to see if the surname of Taylor applied.

It is known that Nelly Elizabeth married Jim George on 16.5.1893, and according to her Father's Will, Florence married Mr. Burton - although his Christian name is not shown. From the Will it is shown that the four youngest children were alive in 1904, but the two eldest children were not mentioned in the Will - neither did they appear in the 1881 Census (at home), when they would have been 15 and 17 years old, so possibly they had died.

The significance of the name Taylor has not yet been established, neither is it known when it was first used, although the name William Taylor Goddard does appear on the birth certificate of the first child in 1863, and again on his death certificate, but the name William Goddard is shown in the Census entries, in the Electoral Registers and in Trade Advertisements.

William Taylor Goddard died on 2.10.1908 (his Will was dated 22.6.1904). Both the Will and Probate are in the name of William Taylor (otherwise Goddard), and this puts a new angle on the various queries regarding this family - which was the correct name?

His Will refers to his son Charles Henry Taylor (otherwise Charles Henry Goddard), but again it is not known when the name was first used - both the Trade Advertisements and the entries in the Electoral Register refer to Charles Henry Goddard (in 1907 and 1912), but if so why was he shown as Charles Henry Taylor in the Will? - he used this name as the Executor of his Father's Estate (Probate dated 19.5.1909).

To add to the mystery, in the Will of Ellen Elizabeth George, which was dated 29.12.1909, she appointed Charles Henry Goddard as one of his Executors - he was her brother. She died on 14.10.1923, and he used this name as the Executor of his sister's Estate (Probate dated 21.11.1923).

d. Censuses:-

1841 taken 7.6.1841 Bell Yard (Possibly Bellfounders Yard or Bell Inn Yard, Long Row).

John Goddard	65	Tailor
Mary Goddard	57	
John Goddard	17	
William Goddard	15	
Mary Goddard	12	
Abraham Goddard	9	

The following family were living next door:-

Sarah Bailey	45	
Sarah Hill	20	
Samuel Goddard	25	Lab.
Henry Goddard	7	

It is possible that there is some connection between the two families, and that Sarah Bailey became Sarah Goddard (see 1851 below).

1851 taken 30.3.1851 Pennells Yard

John Goddard	mar	Head	75	Tailor
Sarah Goddard	mar	Wife	55	
Mary Goddard	unm	Dau	23	Lace Drawer
Mary Ann Goddard	unm	Dau	3	At home
Henry Goddard	unm	G.son	17	Hawker
William Cheetham	mar	Lodger	21	Hawker
Fanny Wilkinson	widow	Lodger	57	Laundress
Henry Wilkinson	unm	Lodger	18	Labourer
Sarah Atkin	unm	G.dau	8	Scholar

Mary Ann is likely to be the daughter of Mary, and she is the neice of William as shown in 1861 (see below) - this is a little further evidence that William was the son of the family, but living away from home in 1851.

Henry Goddard is likely to be the same child as was living next door in the 1841 census.

John Goddard and Fanny Wilkinson were born in Ollerton, Henry Wilkinson in Ticknell, Yorks, and Sarah Atkin in Kirkee (in India) - all the others were born in Nottingham.

The following family were living next door:-

Ann Gibbons	unm	Head	24	Needlewoman
William Gibbons	unm	Visitor	23	Fruitdealer
Ann Hill	unm	Visitor	24	Servant
Marria Scott	unm	Visitor	14	Servant

These four were born in Chesterfield, Nottingham, Sheffield and Radford respectively.

1861 taken 7.4.1861 Parliament Street

William Goddard	Head	35	Fish Minger
Ann Goddard	Wife	34	
Mary Ann Goddard	Neice	12	Lace Trade
John Pelham	Lodger	30	Fish Minger

Ann was born in Chesterfield and the others in Nottingham.

1871 taken 2.4.1871 11, Greyhound Street

William Goddard	Head	46	Fish Salesman
Emma Goddard	Wife	26	
Martha A Goddard	Dau	7	Scholar
John W. Goddard	Son	5	Scholar
Florence J. Goddard	Dau	2 months	

All were born in Nottingham. It appears that Ann has died and William has remarried - this would have been after 1866 if the two eldest children were of the first marriage, or possibly in 1864/5, if there was only one child by the first marriage.

1871 taken 2.4.1871 27, Greyhound Street

Adrian Goddard	Head	40	Oyster Dealer
Mary Ann Goddard	Wife	34	
Eliza A. Goddard	Dau	8	Scholar

Although there is no proof, it is likely this family were related, with William and Adrian being brothers. Eliza Ann Goddard, the daughter of Adrian would have been 18 in 1881, and such a person is shown as resident with William and Emma (see below), being described as a niece.

1881 taken 3.4.1881 8, Collin Street

William Goddard	Head	56	Fish and Game Salesman
Emma Goddard	Wife	36	
Florence Jane Goddard	Dau.	10	Scholar
Nelly Elizabeth Goddard	Dau.	7	Scholar
Charles Henry Goddard	Son	6	Scholar
Emma Goddard	Dau.	3	
Eliza Ann Goddard	Niece	18	Hosiery Mender
Elizabeth Slater		19	Servant

All were born in Nottingham except the Servant who was born in Greenwich. It appears the two eldest children - Martha and John - who would have been 17 and 15 respectively, had either died or left home.

1891 taken 13.4.1891 110, London Road

William Goddard	Head	63	Fishmonger
Emma Goddard	Wife	48	
Flora Goddard	Dau.	21	
Nellie Goddard	Dau.	19	
Charles Goddard	Son	18	Clerk
Emma Goddard	Dau.	13	Scholar

All were born in Nottingham.

e. Occupations and Addresses

William Goddard was a fishmonger, and it is reasonable to assume from Trade Directories that he established the firm of William Goddard and Son, which traded from the Market Place, Nottingham between 1869 and 1900, and had moved to the new Sneinton Market by 1912. The business was also at Park Wharf in 1881 and 1885, and at a shop 33, Goldsmith Street, 1898 - 1912.

The trade directories also show the business at the home addresses, which were 11 Greyhound Street (1862 - 1877) then 8 Collin Street (1881 - 1885) and 5 Clarence Street (1893 - 1904).

The description of the trade was usually fishmonger or fish salesman, but in the 1861 census it was spelt fish minger, and in the 1881 census it was fish and game salesman.

It is thought Adrian Goddard was a brother of William Goddard and he was an oyster dealer. This is shown in the 1871 census, and also Wrights 1868, Wrights 1874 and Post Office Directory 1876. The address was always Greyhound Street, Nottingham, but the number varied from 27 to 29 to 22. There is no trace of Adrian Goddard other than between the years 1868 and 1876.

In Morris 1874 the business of Oyster Dealers is shown at 22 Greyhound Street, but under the name of John Goddard, and the relationship is not known.

There is evidence of an earlier business of fishmongers, that of James Goddard, shown as follows:-

Glover 1844 Bell Inn Yard, Long Row.
Wrights 1874 Malt Court, Charlotte Street.

The earlier entry could relate to the previous generation, possibly the father of William (and Adrian) Goddard, although this is not borne out by the 1841 Census, when John Goddard was shown as a Tailor at Bell Yard.

f. Electoral Registers

A selection of these have been examined, and they show the following:-

5, Clarence Street (house)		
	1895/7/1900/2/5/7	William Goddard
33, Goldsmith Street (shop)		
	1901/4/7	William Goddard of 5 Clarence Street. Charles Goddard of 9, Addison Villas or Street.
	1912	Charles Henry Goddard of 30a, Mapperley Road.
9, Addison Street (house)		
	1899/1901/4/7	Charles Henry Goddard.

Charles Henry Goddard was not on the Register at 9 Addison Street in 1898, so presumably he moved there about that time. This tallies to a reasonable degree with his date of birth in 1874/5. He would have been 24 or 25 in 1899, and had possibly left home and married just prior to this date.

g. Will

As stated above, the Will of William Taylor (otherwise Goddard) was dated 22.6.1904, and was proved by his Executors on 19.5.1909 - they were Charles Henry Taylor (son) and Robert Archibald Young (Solicitor). The Gross value of the Estate was £1,467 net £617.

William Taylor (otherwise Goddard) could not write, as is shown in the Attestation Clause to the Will - he did not sign it, but placed his mark thereon.

The beneficiaries under the Will are:-

his 4 children viz: -

Nelly, wife of James George	3 Freehold Cottages on London Road.
Emma Taylor	£39 p.a.
Florrie Burton (the wife of Burton)	£32 p.a.
Charles Henry Taylor (otherwise Charles Henry Goddard)	The residue.

It is also relevant that the Will of Ellen Elizabeth George, nee Goddard (she was referred to as Nelly in her Father's Will) - which was dated 29.12.1909 - referred to 3 dwelling houses on London Road, next to the Sir John Franklin Inn. This was No. 84, London Road, at the corner with Kirkewhite Street. These 3 houses would be numbers 86, 88 and 90 leading towards Trent Bridge, and 110 London Road (see above) would be situate nearer Burton's Almshouses.

h. Summary

It appears that William Goddard was born 1825/6 and his wife Emma 1843/5. The birth certificates of the children have not yet been traced, and this is a mystery with further research necessary - possibly into the name Taylor.

William Taylor Goddard died on 2.10.1908 at 5, Clarence Street, Nottingham aged 82. His daughter Ellen Elizabeth George was present at his death, and she was living at 4 Clarence Street.

The entries in the Nottingham Evening Post in the Personal Announcement column are as follows - no mention is made of any relatives, and the discrepancy in his age is strange:-

2nd October, 1908 (Friday)
GODDARD. On the 2nd instant at 5, Clarence Street, William Taylor Goddard, of Wm. Goddard & Son, Wholesale Market, in his 85th year. Friends please accept this, the only intimation.

5th October, 1908 (Monday)
GODDARD. On the 2nd instant at 5, Clarence Street, William Taylor Goddard, of Wm. Goddard & Son, Wholesale Market, in his 85th year. Interment General Cemetary (Top End) Tuesday 12.30.