

Johan Gibbons Goddard
Born at Upper Eastcombe
Harm Mar ch 19th 1830
Batecombe, Batecombe
Son of Jhos Goddard
And Ann his wife.

Wm. Bask Born at the
Rooley Farm, Bristington
W. Briston Mar ch 22nd 1853
Eldest Daughter of Thomas Felton
Bask & Ellen Bask his wife,
who was eldest daughter of
Robert Hawthorn of West Lane
Harm, Batecombe

Tombstone Batecombe Church; Som.
Frances Ann Dowding (nee Goddard)
1896 - 1985
of Lower Eastcombe Farm
Batecombe

No children, Schoolteacher

Cousin (2nd cousin?) to my
mother Constance Irene Axford.

John Cotton Goddard was at Hedderington Church
married to John Parish at (Ether)
The Parish to Mrs. M. Hedderington. This is written & enclosed
near Catherine to Henry both with deeds in case we
October 23rd 1895 by the free Parents should die
Red-Sea-boring while she is a letter child
Frances Ann Goddard and that her Cousin
their only child was born John Bedford or to her own
at Stockely in the Parish might have to manage for
of Hedderington near Coker her might have as letter
County of York from as possible
Sunday Nov 8th 1896 written by her Mother
at 25th Minutes to 6 o'clock J. H. Goddard
P. M. said was Baptized Nov 8th 1895

Bernard Welchman - Family Historian

Client: Miss J. Walker
Date: 8 June 1999

Time Spent on Research: 4 hours

The object of the search on this occasion was to locate the marriage of Thomas and Mary Goodard pre 1797. Starting with the most obvious parishes.

The following parishes were searched,

Batcombe		no entry found
Stoke Tristar		no entry found
Stoke St Michael (Stoke Lane)		no entry found
Frome		no entry found
Milton Clevedon		no entry found
Bruton		no entry found
Charlton Musgrove		no entry found
Wincanton		no entry found
Penselwood		no entry found
Cucklington		no entry found
Brewham	1783 - 1797	no entry found
Pitminster		no entry found

Having drawn a blank on these parishes I now turned to settlement. I am not certain how familiar you are with the laws of Settlement but this is a brief outline

Settlement and Removal

Poverty was an affliction that could strike at any time due to sickness, unemployment or death of the family's breadwinner. If this or a similar event happened the Parish was relied upon for relief so not as to starve or be without the basics of life such as clothing or heating. Obviously finding the recourses to carry out these payments but a great burden of the parishes and how the money was raised by taxes.

In 1601 a Poor Law Act was passed to provide for relief to be given to paupers in their parish legal settlement. The idea behind this act was to stop the influx of poor for temporary work, say at harvest time, to a parish which already had a large number of paupers, and then at the end of the harvest, those who came for work, stayed on and claimed poor relief. However this act still allowed for legal settlement after one month of living in the parish and so a vagrant could move in and soon obtain the right to relief.

However the act was amended in 1662 and there were basically eight ways that a person gained legal settlement;

1. A person who paid the parish rate or held public office
2. An unmarried person who had worked in the parish for one year
3. Someone who rented property in the parish worth over £10 per annum
4. A person who was apprenticed to another resident of the parish
5. A woman who married a man who had settlement in the parish
6. A legitimate child under seven years of age whose father lived in the parish
7. An illegitimate child who was born in the parish
8. A person who after giving the authorities written notice that he intended to live in the parish did so for forty days

These rules were usually strictly carried out and in some cases the documents have survived. The most useful of these is the settlement examination, which usually gives details of why a person feels that he should be allowed to stay in a parish, in some cases it will give his life history to date and thus is invaluable to the family historian. Unfortunately this type appear to be few and far between and the most likely that you will find will be either the Removal Order or Settlement Order. These will usually tell you the name of the person, the names of their family (this may not be all of the family) and to where they are to be "removed" to or where they have been "removed" from.

Unfortunately no such document appears to have survived or exist for your family.

My next move was to start and look at various documents to try and get some sort of clue of the origins of the family. One source that came to mind was documents relating to the Hoare Family. As you probably know they owned Stourhead House but also had land in other places including Somerset. A deed that I have located (Photocopy enclosed) did prove that the family held land from this family. Also found was a letter giving some Goddard family details, photocopy enclosed, for the late 1800's that might be of use to you.

Further Research

The most obvious place to now search is through the documents various parishes that have a connection with Goddard Family in the hope that we can find out where they originally came from.

The deed enclosed refers to Thomas Ryall Goodard son of Thomas Ryall Goodard aged 15 and William Goodard. This William is most likely to be the William of Church Street in Westbury found in the 1851 census. This would also give credence to your theory that William and Sarah were siblings of Thomas senior. Perhaps we should look for their baptisms. Can you get a photocopy of the census entry for this couple? It might help in that perhaps one of the places of birth could be deciphered.

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Report Reference: JW2

Research Objective: To try and extend the Goddard family. From the information that we already had we knew the following,

Thomas Ryall Goddard was baptised [we assume that this is a baptism as the register does not state this is the event recorded. It is a mixed register of baptisms and burials most entries do give the event but this one does not. Given that the parents are named and it is about the date we expected to find his baptism I feel that it is safe to assume this is the case - on the 23 Apr 1797 at Stoke Trister the son of Thomas & Mary Goddard.

1. The first task on this occasion was to locate any other Goddard entries at Stoke Trister at around the time of Thomas's baptism.

Stoke Trister Parish Register (ref: 2/1/1) 1790 - 1810

baptisms

2 May 1802 Wm s.o. Thomas & Dorothy Goddard

burials

4 Jul 1790 Edward Goddard

From this it would seem that Thomas and Mary only had the one child baptised at Stoke Trister and as you had suggested Thomas remarried. There were no male Goddard marriages in this parish between 1754 & 1812 and only three female marriages taking place in 1790, 1792 & 1807.

2. As we are still lacking the marriage of Thomas & Mary I started to search parishes further from Stoke Trister and then check for any children

Bratton Seymour no Goddard entries found

Horsington no Goddard entries found

Abbas Combe (Temple Combe) Parish Register of marriages (ref: 2/1/5)

2 Feb 1825 Benjamin Goddard of this parish, bachelor
Maria Ryall also of this parish, spinster
Married by banns neither signed the register
Witnesses: Harriett Sheppard & William Brines[?]

Henstridge Parish Register of Marriages (ref: 2/1/4)

10 May 1761 William Goddard of the parish of Marnhull in the county of Dorset,
bachelor
Ann Lovell of this parish, spinster
Married by licence William only signed the register
Witnesses: William Down & Jonathan Toogood

This couple had three children baptised between 1761 and 1766 but none afterwards. Unfortunately for us there was two baptisms for a Charlotte and one for a William, none however for a Thomas

North Cheriton	no Goddard entries found
Holton	no Goddard entries found
Shepton Montague	no Goddard entries found
Pitcombe	no Goddard entries found
Ansford	no Goddard entries found
Lamyatt	no Goddard entries found
Evercreech	no Goddard entries found
Castle Cary	no Goddard entries found

This completes the Somerset parishes that are in the vicinity of Stoke Trister. There is one other parish that is nearby and that is Stourton which, as you know, is in Wiltshire. There is a transcripts for this register in the Somerset Record Office and so this was where I next looked. The following entries were found.

Stourton Parish Register - transcripts (1570 - 1800)

2 Jun 1796 Thomas Goddard of Stoke Truster
 Dorothy Ryall [of this parish?]
 Married by licence

I next searched for any children of this couple and only found the baptism of one;

28 Dec 1799 Sally d.o. Thomas & Dorothy Goddard of Stoke Truster.

This is the only child of this couple that appears in this transcript although others could obviously have been baptised after 1800. This does now throw the information that we have into some confusion. It is obvious that this is the same Thomas and Dorothy that had a child baptised in 1802 and we assumed that Thomas had married Dorothy after the birth of Thomas as the register definitely states that his parents were Thomas and Mary.

From this we have a Thomas married to a Mary who had a son called Thomas Ryall. The marriage of this Thomas and Mary has not been found but would of taken place before 1797. This couple had one child and then disappeared. We also have a Thomas who married a Dorothy Ryall in 1796 and had children. We now have two Thomas's from Stoke Trister, neither of which a baptism can be found for, one who married a Ryall and one who did not. The one that did not used the name Ryall when at least one of his children were married. This all seems to be too complicated and full of ifs and buts. I think that the truth is that we are dealing with one Thomas and the baptismal entry for Thomas Ryall is either a mistake, with the mothers name being entered incorrectly or Dorothy was also know as Mary.

GODDARD ASSOCIATION OF

29 August 1999

e-mail: 

Dear Michael,

I have now found my files.

Jennifer writes

"Somerset Record Office Deed A/ B? A S 3/71 Year 21- 12-1847
Manor of Kilmington, Somerset

Sir Hugh Richard Hoare of Stourhead, Wilts. and of the Manor of Kilmington, sells to William Goddard of Westbury, yeoman, for £75 a lease of a house and inn called The Jolly Drover now as two houses with tenants George Trimby and Charles Smith, with 3 roods 38 poles. In a former deed of 1826 Sir Richard Colt Hoare, now deceased, had sold this lease with another house to Thomas Ryall, yeoman, now deceased. Tenants then were Charles Edwards and Thomas Smart.

[She could not read the first name on the three name lease, except that she was a widow] other two names were William Goddard aged 46 years and Thomas Ryall Goddard son of Thomas Ryall Goddard, aged 15 years.

Rent was 5 shillings per year.

Witness to the deed was A.O.Baker at Stourton."

Despite Jennifer not getting the whole of the reference number, I am sure that Somerset Record Office, if in a genial mood, could identify the deed and might make a photocopy for you.

Jennifer has also found a deed (Wilts R.O. I think) reference number 413/228
Bennett/Goddard year 1663

"On 19th Feb 1663 John Bennet of Westbury, gent and John Goddard of Upton Noble, Somerset esq.

settles court case against Thomas Bennett of Warley, Essex, esquire. etc."

This was part of the general reorganisation of the property of England after the Civil War, Protectorate and now the Restoration, I think. It perhaps does not look as if it belongs to your family at present, but bear it in mind.

Jennifer's researcher has found some Goddard/Ryall marriages at Abbas Coombe and the marriage of Thomas Ryall Goddard to Ann Gibbons at Batcombe 3 May 1827. Witnesses were Sarah Ryall Goddard, Mary Ann Goddard and William Goddard. I am not sure what you are looking for so I will leave it for you to contact her yourself.

Yours sincerely,

3. Check Stoke Trister for the baptism of Thomas Goddard pre 1780. Also extract any Goddard entries.

Stoke Trister Parish Register (ref: 2/1/1) 1751 - 1790

Burials

10 Nov 1779

Mary Goddard was buried

At the end of this line and spreading over three lines with no dates are the following entries " James & William Godard buried"

These are the only Godard entries in the register giving us the possibility that Thomas came from elsewhere.

THOMAS RYALL GODDARD

Batcombe Parish Register of marriage (2/1/7)

3 May 1827

Thomas Ryall Goddard, bachelor of the parish of Batcombe

Ann Gibbons, spinster of the parish of Batcombe

Married by licence with consent of Friends.

Both signed the register

Witnesses: Sarah Ryall Goddard, Mary Ann Goddard & William Godard.

MARRIAGES solemnized in the Parish of Batcombe
in the County of Somerset in the Year 1827

Thomas Russell Goddard Bachelor of the Parish
Batcombe
and Ann Gibbons Spinster of the Parish
Batcombe

were married in this Church by Licence with Consent of
Ministry this 6th Third Day of
May in the Year One thousand eight hundred and Twenty Seven

By me Thos Cony Rector Batcombe
This Marriage was solemnized between us { Thos Russell Goddard
Ann Gibbons

In the Prefence of { Sarah Russell Goddard Witness X
Mary Ann Goddard Witness X
William Goddard
No. 106.

James Leaber of the Parish
Batcombe
and Mary Anne Garland of the Parish
Batcombe


were married in this Church by Banns with Consent of
this twentieth Day of
August in the Year One thousand eight hundred and Twenty seven

By me Thomas Proucher Cony
This Marriage was solemnized between us { The mark of James
The mark of Mary Anne Garland

In the Prefence of { Thomas Cony
William Jarvis
No. 107.

Anna Davis of the Parish
Batcombe
and Masilda Allen of the Parish
Batcombe

were married in this Church by Banns with Consent of
this Thirteenth Day of

 appeared personally *Thomas Ryall Goddard*
of the Parish of *Batcombe*
the County of *Somerset* *Esoman* a Bachelor of the age
of *twenty one* years *and upwards*

and prayed a Licence for the Solemnization of Matrimony, in the Parish
Church of *Batcombe* in the County
aforsaid and Diocese of *Bath and Wells*, between
him and *Ann Gibbons*
of the Parish of *Batcombe* *aforsaid* a *Spinster*
of the age of *twenty one* years *and upwards*

and made Oath that he believeth that there is no Impediment of Kindred
or Alliance, or of any other lawful Cause, nor any Suit commenced in any
Ecclesiastical Court, to bar or hinder the Proceeding of the said Matrimony,
according to the Tenor of such Licence. **And** he further made Oath, that
she hath had *not* usual Place of Abode within the Parish of
Batcombe *aforsaid*, for the Space of *Fifteen*
Days last past.

Thos Ryall Goddard

Sworn on the same
day before me

Thos Ryall Goddard