

18<sup>th</sup> February 1994

Dear Julie,

Thank you for your letter and the papers from Mrs. Meacock which I am returning herewith.

I also enclose a copy of "The Goddards of West Twyford", which was written by Mrs Meacock's late husband, together with a copy of my own family tree which links up with Mrs Meacock's work.

You are quite right in supposing these two family trees were sent to Howard Goddard-Jones!

Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Goddard

## THE FARMING GODDARDS OF SOMERSET - WILTSHIRE- MIDDLESEX

**William Goddard** of Westbury in Wiltshire, a farmer from Somerset had three sons **James** born 1833 and **William** born 1837, both in Somerset and **Samuel** born 1846 in Wilts. He had moved from Somerset to Wiltshire sometime between 1829 and 1840.

Around 1867 **James Goddard**, married to Martha Amelia, moved with his family of then three or four children to West Twyford Farm, Ealing. James died in 1877. Martha Amelia moved Wanwell, "The Bushes".

1877 **William Goddard** (married to Jane) moved to Ealing some time after 1871, certainly before 1875 when he was at Drayton Green Farm. He moved to Twyford House after James's death and died there in 1904. Twyford Farm was sold in 1902.

1881 **Samuel Goddard**, the youngest of the three brothers moved to Ealing some time between 1877 and 1880 -probably in 1877, after his brother William moved from Drayton Green to Twyford. In 1881 Samuel and his family are at Drayton Green Farm. In the 1880 rate book he is shown as occupier. The owner was Charles, or C.P. Millard.[or Milland].

1885 George Meacock ( a cousin of Frank Meacock who worked with his brother William had taken over Drayton Green Farm when their father, Thomas, the younger, died in 1855) acquired the tenancy of Wyke Farm, Isleworth.

1887 **Sarah Jane Goddard** the eldest daughter, it is believed, of James Goddard - married Frank Meacock of Wanwell. It would seem that Frank had given up Drayton Green Farm, or perhaps leased it, by 1871 for it is then shown to be occupied by a William Seward, or Seaward of Wanwell.

1890 **Samuel Goddard** took over Wyke Farm after George Meacock (after the death there of George's wife in April 1890).

1892 Drayton Green Farm was unsuccessfully offered for sale by its owner Edward Milland as a freehold building estate. Samuel Goddard still occupies; had youngest child born Ealing first quarter 1892.

1896 **Samuel Goddard** of Wyke farm died in March at Hastings and his widow Elizabeth Ann and son **Frederick Richard** carried on with it (see will).

1899 Mrs **Elizabeth Ann Goddard** is still shown in the Rate Books to be the occupant of Wyke Farm.

Elizabeth Ann Goddard married Thomas Goodenough see Reg. Brentford, March quarter Ref 3a 121

1902 Wyke Farm is in the occupation of Thomas Goodenough. (Rate book)

1908 Mrs E.A.Goodenough of Wyke farm acquires 3 plots of land, from the Earl of Jersey, in Osterley Park near to Wyke Lodge with a total area of 89 acres & 37 perches.

1930 Elizabeth Ann Goodenough, widow, of Wyke Farm, Isleworth, died aged 81 (see will)

**THE GODDARDS OF WEST TWYFORD - or a fascinating story of follow my leader!**

**James 1861 at Westbury, Hawkeridge Farm 105 acres married 2 children**  
1871 at West Twyford Abbey farm 310 acres  
1881 his widow Martha at Hanwell "The Briars"

**William 1861 at Westbury aged 24 with mother (widow) at Brook Farm 95 acres**  
1871 at Westbury at Hawkeridge farming 105 acres married 4 children  
1871 mother at Brook Farm 105 acres 3 men  
1881 at West Twyford farming 320 acres

**Samuel 1861 at Westbury aged 14 with widowed mother at Brook Farm**  
1871 at Westbury Fairwood? farming 70 acrs 1 man married 1 child  
1881 (or 1880) at Drayton Green farm 100 acres 4 men  
1890 at Wyke Farm and Drayton Green  
1899 Widow Elizabeth Ann at Wyke Farm  
married Thomas Goodenough  
1908 E.A. Goodenough lease more land at Wyke Farm

1851 census of Wiltshire Westbury H01707/1842

**Apsley Farm**

Thomas R. Goddard Head aged 53 Farmer born Somerset, Stoke Trister  
 Ann Goddard Wife 52 born Somerset, Batcombe  
 James Goddard Son 22 Farmer's son born Somerset, Batcombe  
 John H Goddard Son 21 Farmer's son born Somerset, Batcombe  
 Thomas R. Goddard Son 18 Farmer's son born Somerset, Batcombe  
 Catherine Goddard Dau 10 Scholar born Somerset, Batcombe  
 [Jenifer Walker's grandmother - married John Axford of Keevil]  
 Mary Ann Goddard Dau 9 Scholar born Stoke Lane (?)  
 Elizabeth Jess (?) Servant 23 Dairymaid born Wilts, Nunney

[Note: they must have left Somerset for Wilts after 1842 but before 1851]

**Church Street, Westbury**

William Goddard Head Unmarried Age 45 Landed proprietor born Somerset  
 Sarah Goddard Sister Unmarried 47 born Somerset [place perhaps given  
 but unreadable - JRG]

Brother and sister of Thomas R. Goddard above?

Stoke Lane = Stoke Wake near Blandford?

Westbury Wilts Ref HO 107/1842

**Tinhead Corner (p.9 E.D.36)**

William Goddard Head Mar 49 Farmer rents 50 acres born Somerset, Frome  
 Martha Goddard Wife Mar 42 Farmers wife born Somerset  
 James Goddard Son Unm 18 Born Somerset, Beckington  
 Ann Goddard Dau Unm 16 Born Somerset, Beckington  
 William Goddard Son Unm 14 Born Somerset, Beckington  
 Jane Goddard Dau Unm 11 Born Wilts, Trowbridge  
 Stephen Goddard Son 9 Born Wilts, Westbury  
 Martha Goddard Dau 8 Born Wilts, Tinhead Corner Westbury  
 Sarah Goddard Dau 6 Born ditto  
 Samuel Goddard Son 4 ditto  
 Eliza Goddard Dau 2 ditto

1861 census return Wiltshire, Westbury Ref. R69 1301

E.D.4

**Edington, Lower Street**

Ann Goddard Head Unm 63 Farmer's widow retired born Somerset, Batcombe

Mary Ann Goddard Dau Unm 19 born Somerset, Stoke Lane?

**Westbury Brook (near Brook Farm)**

Martha Goddard Head widow 37![52] Farming 95 acres employing 2 men 1 boy born Somerset, West Harptree [nee Franks]

William Goddard Son Unm 24 Farmer's son Born Somerset, Rudge

Stephen Goddard Son Unm 19 Farmer's son Born Wilts, Westbury

Martha Goddard Dau Unm 18 Born Wilts, Westbury

Sarah Goddard Dau Unm 16 Born ditto

Samuel Goddard Son Unm 14 Scholar Born ditto

Eliza Goddard Dau 12 Scholar Born ditto

Albert Goddard Son 9 Scholar Born ditto

Note: Martha was the widow of William  
Son James had married and was at Hawkeridge farm  
Ann born 1835 & aged 26 not there  
Jane born 1840 & aged 21 not there

**Hawkeridge Farm**

James Goddard Head 27 Mar Farmer of 100 acres Born Somerset, Rudge

Martha Goddard Wife 27 Mar Farmer's wife Born Somerset, Little Elm

Sarah Goddard Dau 2 Born Wilts, Hawkeridge

William Goddard Son 4 months Born, Hawkeridge, Wilts

Martha Dewbury Servant 17 Unm Dairymaid Born Wilts, Maiden Bradley

Ann Edwards Servant 13 Unm Nurse maid Born Wilts., Dilton Marsh

1871 census of Wiltshire Westbury Ref G10 1930/31

ED6

**Brook** p 15

Martha Goddard HHead Widow 62 Occupier of 105 acres emp. 3 men Born Somerset West  
Hartrey [Harptree]  
[Died 1875 ged 66]

Albert E. Goddard Son Unm 19 Born Wiltshire, Tinnis Corner

Ann Marshman Servant Unm 17 Born Wilts. Potterne

**Fairwood**

Samuel Goddard Head Mar 24 Farmer of 70 acres employing 1 man Born Wilts, Westbury

Elizabeth A. Goddard Wife Mar 21 Born Wilts

Herbert W. Goddard Son 2 Born Westbury

**Hawkeridge**

William Goddard Head Mar 35 Farmer of 105 acres emp 2 men 1 boy Born Somerset,  
Rudge

Jane R.M. Goddard Wife Mar 34 Farmer's wife Born Wilts, Southwick

William F. Goddard Son 6 Born Fairwood (?)

Richard M. Goddard Son 4 Born Fairwood

Caroline J. Goddard Dau ? Born Hawkeridge

Edith M. Goddard Dau 1 Born Hawkeridge

Susan Lane Niece 16 Domestic servant Born Berks, Reading

Note: By 1875 when his mother Martha died, William was at Drayton Green Farm, Ealing

WILLS OF SOMERSET - WILTS - MIDDLESEX GODDARDS

1860 **William Goddard** late of Brook in the parish of Westbury, Wilts., farmer died 12 Nov. 1860 at Brook Road, Salisbury, father of James Goddard of Hawkeridge in the parish of Westbury, farmer, and the son of John Goddard of Lullington in the County of Somerset, farmer.

Son James and brother John appointed trustees & executors

1875 **Martha Goddard** formerly of Brook in the parish of Westbury, late of the town of Westbury, widow, died Mar 2 1875. Proved 12 April 1875 at Salisbury by William Goddard of Drayton Green Farm, Middx.

Trustees; son William Goddard & brother-in-law John Goddard of Laverton in Somerset, farmer

Mentions daughter Mary Jane wife of William Bourne

William & Ann Sibson  
 William James Sibson  
 Employed at Harrow Parish Church  
 Harrow on the Hill 15th November 1846

John Goddard (Sonteman)  
 Lewisham, Kent  
 Emily Goddard

William Goddard = Martha Franks  
 of Westbury Wiltshire born West Harptree, Somerset  
 James. born Somerset Frame b. 1809 d. 12th April 1875  
 (1802-1860) (12th November)  
 William Goddard = Jane Rebbeck  
 Twyford Abbey Farm Faling, Middlesex, 1837-1904  
 1836-1920 born in Southwick, Wilts

marrned at Lewisham Parish Church  
 17th May 1868. They had thirteen  
 children the eldest Clara.

Clara Sibson  
 died 10th November 1946 aged 78  
 married at Peroral Parish  
 30th April 1889  
 "They had five children three  
 girls died at an early age  
 Emily, Ada & Elsie  
 buried in grave at Kensal  
 Cemetery, Harlesden, London NW10.

Frank Goddard  
 The Grange Farm, Witleston, Middles.

b. 1865 d. 21st March 1898 aged 33

Donald Goddard  
 b. 10th April 1897 d. July 1969  
 married Kathleen Wilson October 1935

Frank William Goddard  
 b. 31st Dec 1895 d. 15th June 1956 aged 62  
 married Winifreda 1935

Michael Richard Goddard  
 b. 29th September 1936  
 married Valerie Sumner b. 22nd June 1942  
 28th September 1968

Ray Richard Goddard  
 b. 29th January 1937  
 married Margaret Eve October 1969

Carole Mary Goddard  
 b. 2nd September 1940  
 married Peter Logan March 1962

Deborah Maxine Goddard  
 b. 20th May 1973

Adam Richard Goddard  
 b. 21st November 1970  
 Mark Richard Goddard  
 b. 25th May 1973

Sally Ann Logan  
 b. 18th August 1944  
 married Peter Logan March 1962  
 Tom Logan  
 b. 18th December 1967  
 Stewart Logan  
 b. 11th June 1976

Stephen Richard Goddard  
 b. 23rd March 1971

## THE GODDARDS OF WEST TWYFORD

Material for this preliminary background note on the Goddards of West Twyford has been drawn largely from Census Returns and some Wills. The dates of marriage for the three principal families have been extracted from the General Registry indexes. They are thought to be correct but are, however, qualified in the text as neither parish registers nor marriage certificates have yet been consulted. The birth years for the children of these families deduced from the ages stated in Census Returns have been checked against the General Registry indexes and these latter dates have been used in the text and on the appended family trees. Where the children are known from another source to have had more than one Christian name but only one shown in the Census Return, then the second is included in the text - in parenthesis.

THE GODDARDS OF WEST TWYFORD

Among the many families whose names have found a place in the history of 19th Century Ealing were the Goddards of Twyford Abbey Farm. This was not a local family, for the first time their name appears in the West Twyford Church registers was in 1868, soon after James Alexander Goddard became the new tenant of Twyford Abbey Farm. This is recorded by Bro. Cornelias Kearney in his book on the owners and tenants of Twyford Abbey; and there are references to them also in Holmes's "Notes on the History of the Parish of West Twyford".

In point of fact, James Goddard had come to West Twyford with his family, from Wiltshire. He had been born in Somerset at Rudge, near Beckington, son of a farmer William Goddard and his wife Martha who some time between 1837 and 1849 had moved into Wiltshire - where he farmed at Tinhead Corner, Westbury, (which is onlt about 3 miles from Beckington).

William and Martha had ten children, three of them born in Somerset and seven in Wiltshire. Among them were five sons: James and William born in Somerset in 1833 and 1837 and Stephen, Samuel and Albert born in Westbury in 1841, 1846 and 1852. It is James, William and Samuel, however, in whom we are particularly interested here as all three eventually moved to Ealing and became associated with Twyford Abbey Farm.

In the 1851 Census Returns for Westbury, William Goddard with his wife and nine children is shown to be a farmer renting 50 acres. His age is given as 49 and his place of birth as Frome. He died in 1860 and in the 1861 Census his widow Martha is shown to be farming 95 acres at ~~Brook~~<sup>Brook</sup>, Westbury, and employing two men and a boy. With her were her two older sons - William aged 24 and Stephen aged 19; her daughters Martha and Sarah aged 18 and 16 respectively; and her three younger children listed as scholars: Samuel 14, Eliza 12, and Albert 9 (born after the 1851 Census was taken, William and Martha's tenth child). Two of the children listed in the 1851 Census, Ann then aged 16 and Jane 11, do not appear with the family in 1861. Martha Goddard died in 1875.

Her eldest son James Goddard appears to have married in 1855. The 1861 Census shows him still at Westbury and farming 100 acres at Hawkeridge Farm. He and his wife, Martha (Amelia), then had two

children, Sarah aged 2 and William 4 months, both born at the farm. They subsequently had two more children, both girls, at Hawkeridge before moving, as mentioned earlier, to Twyford Abbey Farm, Ealing. There they had five more children. Two of these Arthur (James) and Alfred (John) are shown in the 1871 Census Returns for Twyford Abbey together with Martha (Louise) and Mary (Matilda) - who had been born at Hawkeridge in 1863 and 1865. The other three children of James and Martha born at Twyford were Frances Amelia (1872), Stephen Ernest (1875) and Sidney Silas (1877). Their eldest daughter and their son William (born in 1860) are not shown with them in the 1871 Census; it is believed that William may have died young.

James Goddard died at the comparatively early age of 44 in 1877 at Twyford and his widow, Martha Amelia, moved to Hanwell where she lived for the next 38 years at "The Briars" in the Uxbridge Road. In the 1881 Census Returns for Hanwell, she is shown as having with her there, her eldest daughter Sarah (Jane) now aged 22, Martha (Louise) aged 18 and her four youngest sons still at school. Mary Matilda and Frances Amelia were not at "The Briars" when the Census had been taken. Martha Amelia Goddard died at "The Briars" in 1915, at the age of 81 and she was buried in a family grave at the Westminster Cemetery in Hanwell.

James and Martha Amelia's eldest daughter, Sarah Jane born in 1859, married Frank Meacock of Hanwell in 1887. He was a grandson of Thomas Meacock the younger who had taken over Drayton Green Farm, Ealing, from his father in about 1822. When Thomas died in 1855, his two sons, William and Frank, continued farming at Drayton Green and when William died in 1863, his brother Frank carried on with it. Some time after 1871, however, Frank Meacock retired from farming and Drayton Green Farm passed into the hands of a William Seaward. (See the author's monograph: "The Meacocks of Middlesex and West London" for a detailed history of that family).

It was Frank's eldest son, also Frank, born in 1858 at Drayton Green Farm, who married Sarah Jane Goddard. The couple set up house at "Highfield" in Cherington Road, Hanwell - one of the oldest houses there. Sarah Jane was still living there 55 years later when she died in 1942. Frank Meacock had died in 1928; they had a son and two daughters.

To return, however, to the Goddard brothers and West Twyford. James's brother William Goddard, it appears, married in 1862 and is

shown in the 1871 Census Returns for Westbury as farming 105 acres and employing two men and a boy at Hawkeridge. With him there were his wife, Jane, and four children: William F. age 6; Richard M. 4; Caroline J. 3; and one-year-old Edith M. The two oldest children were said to have been born at Fairwood, Westbury, and the younger ones at Hawkeridge. This suggests that he had been farming at Fairwood, after he had married, until about 1868 when he then moved to Hawkeridge after his brother James left there to go to West Twyford. Two more children were born to William and Jane Goddard at Westbury: Kate in 1872 and William in 1874.

By the time James Goddard died at Twyford Abbey Farm in 1877, however, William too had moved to Ealing - in about 1874 - for he is described in the Probate record of James's Will as "of Drayton Green Farm". He subsequently moved with his family to Twyford Abbey Farm where he is shown in the 1881 Census Returns to be farming 320 acres and employing nine men and a boy. With him were his wife and six of their children, the youngest of these - Florence (Jane) - having been born in Ealing, presumably at Drayton Green, in 1875.

William Goddard died at the age of 67 in 1904 at Twyford House in Hillingdon Heath, having sold Twyford Abbey Farm and its contents in 1902. His widow, Jane, died in 1920 at Twyford House - at the age of 83. It would appear that it was their daughter Florence who became churchwarden of West Twyford Church in 1918.

Samuel Goddard, youngest of the three brother, born in 1846, is believed to have married in 1868 and the 1871 Census Returns for Westbury show him - with his wife Elizabeth (Ann) and a two-year-old son Herbert W. - farming 70 acres at Fairwood and employing one man. It seems likely that he had been working with his brother William at Fairwood before he married and taken over the farm when William moved to Hawkeridge.

Some time after 1877 and before 1880, however, Samuel Goddard followed his brother to Ealing - probably after William had moved from Drayton Green to Twyford. At any rate, he is shown in the 1880 Ealing Rate Book to be the occupier of Drayton Green Farm, now owned by C.P. Millard. In the 1881 Census Return he is shown at the farm as a dairy farmer working 100 acres and employing four men; with him were his wife, Elizabeth Ann, and five children - the youngest being a daughter born in Ealing. He was still said to be the occupier of Drayton Green Farm in 1892 when it was unsuccessfully put up for sale

by auction by an Edward Millard.

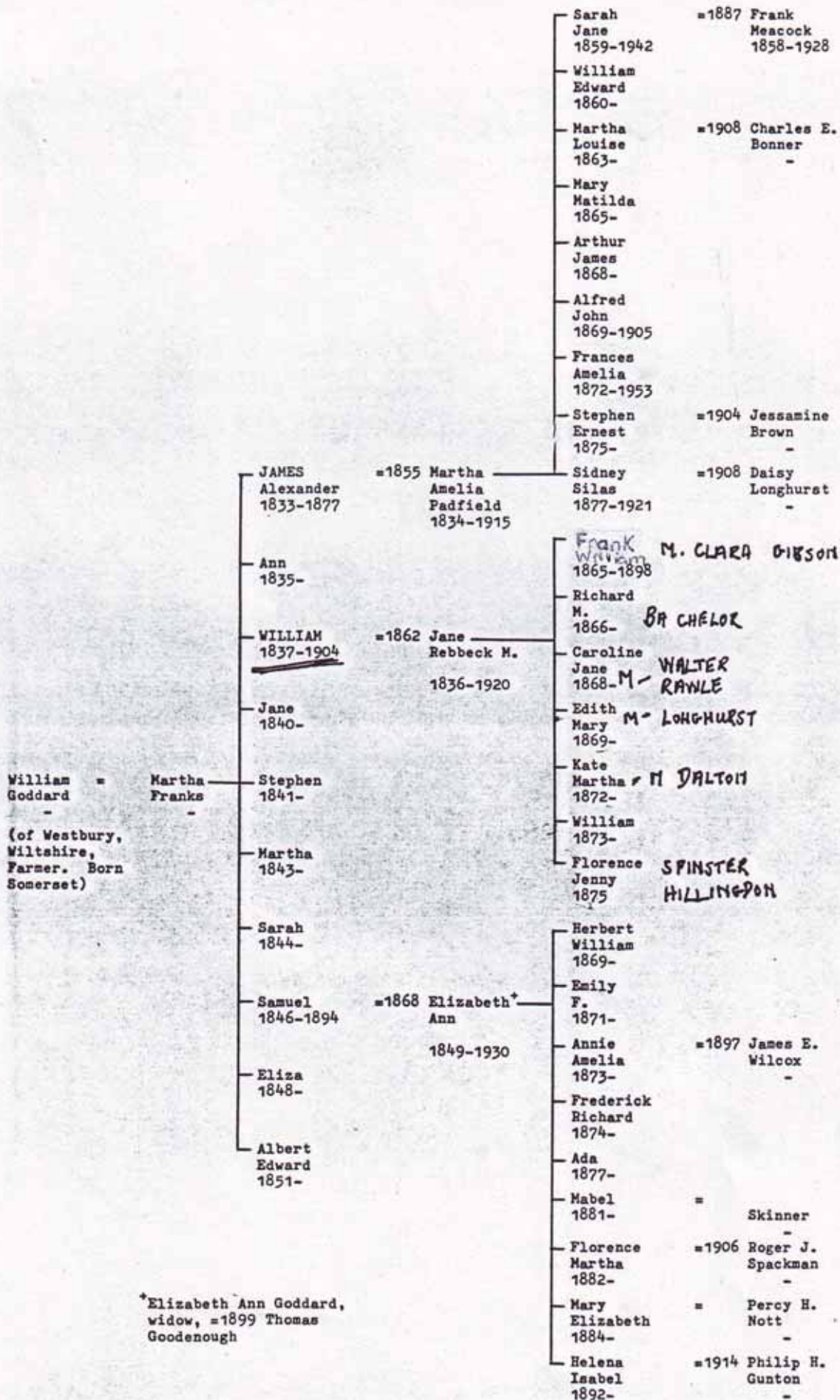
In 1890, however, Samuel Goddard appears to have become the tenant of Wyke Farm at Isleworth, on the Jersey estate. Samuel's predecessor at Wyke had been George Lodovic Meacock (a first cousin of Frank Meacock who had married Samuel's niece, Sarah Jane Goddard) who obtained the tenancy, in 1885, from the Earl of Jersey but had had to give it up after his wife Elizabeth had died at Wyke Farm in the early part of 1890.

Samuel Goddard died in 1894 at the age of 47 and was described in his Will as "of Wyke Green Farm, Osterley Park, Isleworth, dairyman". In it he directed that his business at Wyke was to be carried on by his wife Elizabeth Ann and his son Frederick Richard, who was then about 19 years of age.

There are gaps in the Isleworth Rate Books but the next entry shows Mrs Elizabeth Ann Goddard to be the occupier of Wyke Farm, in 1899. By 1903, it had passed into the hands of a Thomas Goodenough; and in 1908, Mrs E.A. Goodenough of Wyke Farm obtained the lease of three plots of land with a total area of some 89 acres, from the Earl of Jersey, in Osterley Park near to Wyke Lodge.

In this context it is interesting to find that Samuel Goddard's widow Elizabeth Ann had married Thomas Goodenough in the early part of 1899. She died in 1930, still at Wyke Farm, a widow once more, aged 81. What happened to her son Frederick Richard we do not yet know but he is not mentioned in his mother's Will dated 1923. We do know however that following Elizabeth Ann's death, Wyke Farm had passed into the hands of Percy Seecombe, a haulage contractor, whose family are still there today and also that it has not been worked as a farm for many years.

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\*Elizabeth Ann Goddard, widow, =1899 Thomas Goodenough