

STAFFS

Wrote to

John Amersham  
" High Wycombe

30/9/03

John cannot help.

22.10.03

F.F. John G.

has had a stroke

might write memoirs

5.11.03

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The Goddard Association  
of Europe

5 November 2003

Dear Patricia,

Thank you for your letter received today and our commiserations to John on his stroke. Unless people write to us directly with such information we do not know. My sister was affected in the same way by her stroke and can no longer pursue her hobby of painting, having lost her spatial awareness. She was lucky in that she has a devoted partner as I am sure you are to John.

Thank you too for passing on the information and advice you have for Mr Knight. I will see that he gets it.

We should be delighted if you could write up John's family for a Goddard monograph. Have you seen a copy of one? Brian likes to edit the scripts he gets sent so that they all have a similar format and are about the same length.

Richard of Malvern is in the midst of writing the next Newsletter and could have space to include the information about your grand daughters and Freddie, so I will contact him this evening. What lovely names. We have just become grandparents for the first time. He arrived early before anything was ready for him and has caused quite an upheaval in our lives.

Looking forward to hear from you again,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs) Julie Goddard





St. Claire, Sp [redacted]reat King

31st October, 2003.

Dear Julie,

Thank you for your letter of 30th September with the enquiry you have received from Mr. Ronald Knight regarding John Thomas Goddard who was born in Wednesbury in 1879.

I must apologize for the delay in replying to your letter. I am not sure whether you know that my husband John suffered a severe stroke in May 1999 and now cannot walk. He is well and fortunately his speech was not impaired but he does need my constant care. This is the reason we have not been able to join you at the Goddard Association weekends, nor have we been able to carry out any family history research for some years. I am sure you will understand that I do not have much time during the day to search through our records.

However, I see that I did make a note of William & Catherine Goddard of Gt. Western St. Wednesbury in 1881 who are John Thomas's family. We did feel at the time that we could not find any connection with this family.

John's Great Grandfather John who married Hannah Yardley was born in Windsor in 1810. He was a soldier, a sergeant in the 30th Foot Regiment and spent some time in Clonmel Ireland. He married in Galway St. Nicholas 1833. His wife Hannah was born in Wednesbury. After looking at Army records we find that the Army travelled to Liverpool for passage to Ireland via canals which would have taken them through the Midland area where John could have met Hannah giving us the Wednesbury connection. Their first child <sup>George</sup> William was born in Clonmel Ireland Feb. 1835.

I did at first think he might be John Thomas's grandfather but we found George William in an index for Smethwick at Trowse Lane, Wednesbury 1871 with Mary, Julia, Amelia, John, Jemima, Alice & Kate.

I suppose it is conceivable that John Thomas's grandfather could have been related to my husband's great grandfather John, a cousin perhaps or younger brother, although I have not been able to make a connection. We have never found or heard of any family link with Houslow or Slough.

Our new found cousin John James from the Lee, Great Missenden, did find in High Wycombe library George Goddard and Elizabeth (who died aged 26/27) both with parents William and Fanny. These two could have been Old John's brother and sister. George Goddard was married twice and the witness to his marriage was William Goddard. Unfortunately I do not have any dates for this information.

I am enclosing a family tree which I have quickly copied out and hope I have not made any errors. Louisa Jane b. 1845 is connected to Mrs. Mary Mathers who we discovered through the association some years ago. There is still work to be done on this family tree.

Your letter has prompted me, with John, to try and find the time to write a memoir of the Goddard family we know about, which was always John's Intention.

I have been meaning to write to the Association about our identical twin grand-daughters Jemima and Eloise who were mentioned in the last newsletter. The girls are the daughters of our son Jonathan and Mary his wife. We send our thanks for the good wishes of the Association. The girls and their brother Freddie are doing very well.

Sorry we do not have e-mail.

Yours sincerely,

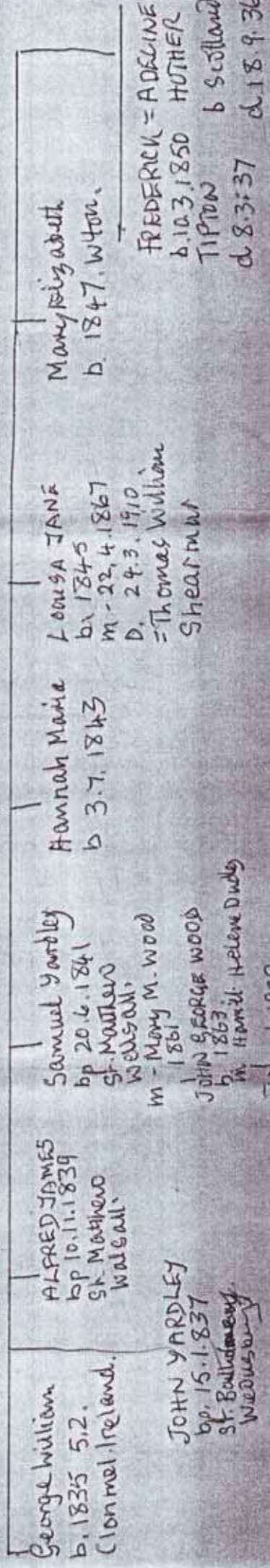
*Patricia Goddard*

WILLIAM GODDARD = FANNY RANCE

m. 28.9.1804 Windsor.

JOHN N GODDARD  
bp 30.9.1810 Windsor  
m. 28.10.1833 Galway. St. Nicholas  
d. 2.9.3.1886 Walsall

= HANNAH YARDLEY  
b 1810 Wednesbury.



HANNAH MARIA b Camble 1875  
= FRANK OSBORN LESTON  
m. Sept 1898.  
D. 1950

MAUD MARY = EDWARD TARDING  
b. 19.9.1885 b. 1876 STRATFORD  
D. 1947 d. 24.8.59  
BOLTON HEAD

ADELINE HOWSE = PERCY ALBERT  
CPAT) KENWARD  
b 1882 18.8.  
Wednesbury  
m Dec 1914  
D Brompton  
Sept. 1963

JOHN ALFRED  
b. 1884  
KINGS NORTON

\* FREDERICK EDWARD  
b. 18.7.1881  
m. 29.4.1919.  
D. 12 12 1944

= MARIE CLEMENTINE MONTERET  
b. 7.3.1890  
D. 18.5.1969

FREDERICK FRANCIS JOHN = PATRICIA HADLEY  
(known as John)  
b. 23.2.1920, BIRMINGHAM  
m. 12.7.1952  
one son three daughters - 10 grandchildren

FRANK PERCY =  
IRIS SMITH  
3 daughters

Told him 'No

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15 September 2003

Dear Mr Goddard,

JOHN THOMAS GODDARD OBE, MC, JP. 1879-1946

Please find enclosed a completed membership application, and being a retired 70+ may I please claim being eligible for the reduced donation.

I am in the process of researching for something of a biography of the above local celebrity, who rose to be Regimental Sergeant Major in the 14th (King's) Hussars, and was then Mayor of Weymouth 1938-1945.

You will doubtless be aware that the Museum of the 14th Hussars is at Preston, which I will obviously need to come up to visit at some time. In the meanwhile I am hoping that members of the Association may be able to assist in this project. Enclosed is an appropriate Family Tree so far compiled.

Yours sincerely,

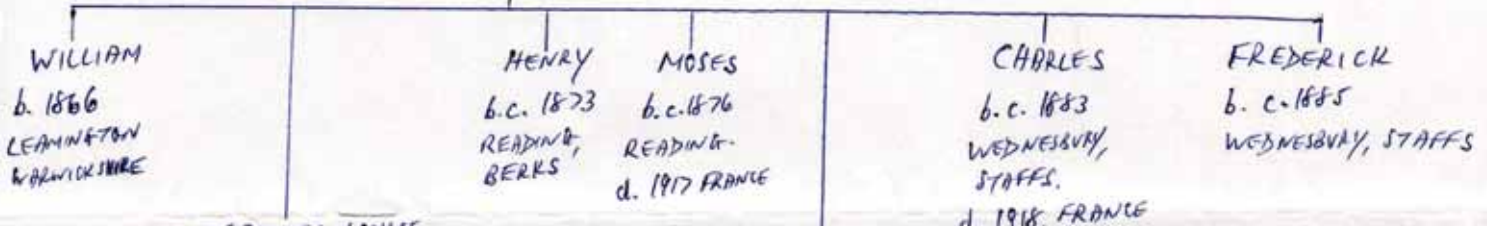
Ronald D. Knight

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GODDARD FAMILY OF MIDDLESEX, STAFFORDSHIRE, HAMPSHIRE & DORSET

WILLIAM GODDARD = CATHERINE CLARK  
 b. c. 1836, HOUSLOW, MIDDX d. 1896, WEDNESBURY, STAFFS  
 b. c. 1845, LEAMINGTON, WARMS. d. 1896, WEDNESBURY, STAFFS

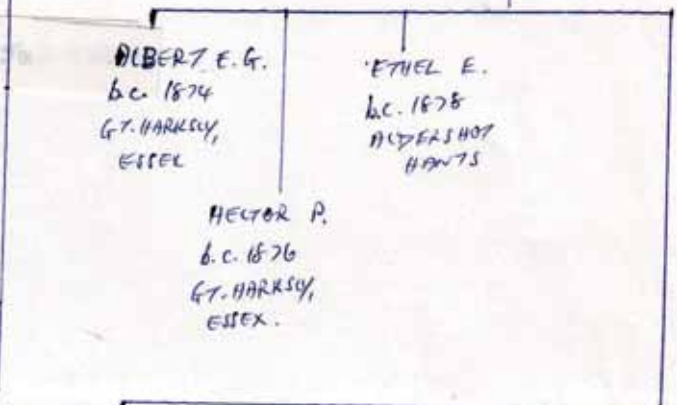
29271 Pte  
 15th Machine Gun Coy.  
 ex S. Staff Regt  
 b. Wednesbury  
 KIA 15/4/1918.  
 n.k. name



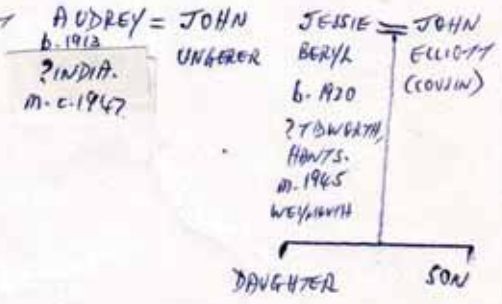
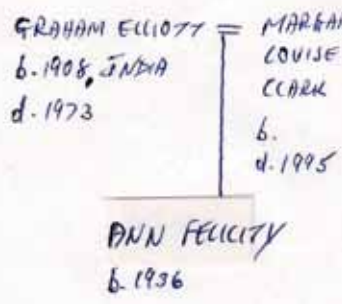
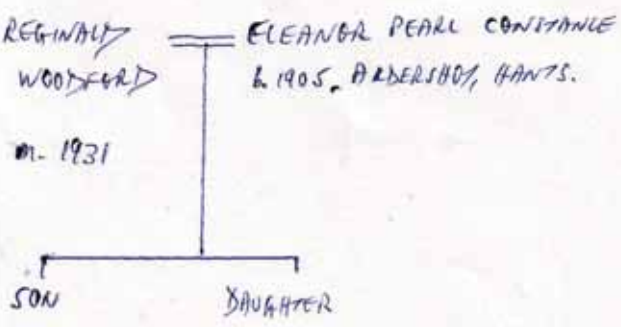
- COOMBS = FRANCES LOUISE  
 b. c. 1871, BIRMINGHAM m. c. 1890

18749 Pte  
 2nd Sth Staffs Regt  
 b. Wednesbury  
 KIA 8/3/1917  
 bur. Pozieres.

GEORGE WILLIAM ELLIOTT = ELEANORA  
 b. c. 1858, GASPORT, HANTS d. c. 1900, ALDERSHOT  
 b. c. 1849 GT. HARKLEY, ESSEX



JOHN THOMAS = HILDA CONSTANCE MARGARET  
 b. 1879 WEDNESBURY, STAFFS d. 1904, ALDERSHOT  
 d. 1946, WEYMOUTH DORSET  
 b. c. 1879, ALDERSHOT, HANTS d. 1946, WEYMOUTH, DORSET



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11 Feb 94

Dear Julie, Thank you very much for your most helpful letter of 29 January.

Spurred on by your advice, I visited St Catherine House last Monday and have just received the certificates I requested.

Apart from details of my mother's family, on the Goddard side, I found that my grandfather, John George Wood G. was born on 12 July 1863 at "Kisley Croft" Wednesbury. I wonder if that ties in at all with your mention of Goddards in Wednesbury in the 1860s and 1870s? - although his father is described as an "iron worker" and "gas tube welder" - not much to do with theatres!

If there is anything, I would appreciate a reply - see enclosed!

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,  
John

19 November 1993

Dear Julie,

My wife and I were very interested indeed to see the reference in the Newsletter to John Goddard of Wednesbury in connection with the family tree of Mrs Mather of Woking. We may have some relevant information, but as we know from experience there are false starts!

My great-grandfather was John Goddard; he was baptised on 30 Sept 1810 in Windsor, Berks, and his father was William Goddard who married Fanny Rance on 28 September 1807 in Windsor.

John Goddard married Hannah Yardley, who herself was born in Wednesbury, Staffs. The possible link with Mrs Mather's family tree is that "my" John Goddard was very active in Wednesbury for many years. In the 1871 census he is described as a "Clerk, Gas Tube Works, Wednesbury", and in 1881 census he was Owner-Manager of the Theatre Royal, Wednesbury. He wrote some pantomimes, and one of those was produced at the Theatre Royal in 1863. We have a copy of the programme.

So far we have been able to confirm the births of five children to John and Hannah Goddard:-

1. John Yardley Goddard, born 1836 at Stafford.
2. Alfred James Goddard, born 10 Nov. 1839 at Walsall
3. Samuel Yardley Goddard, born 20 June 1841 at Walsall
4. Hannah Maria Goddard, born 3 July 1843 at Walsall
5. Frederick Goddard, born 10 March 1850 at Tipton. This Frederick Goddard was my grandfather (he died in 1937)

We have no trace of a daughter Louisa Jane Goddard, so the above may be a "false start" for Mrs. Mather. On the other hand, however, as you will see there was a seven year gap between the birth of Hannah Maria in 1843 and of my grandfather in 1850, so it is possible that Louisa Jane could be John Goddard's daughter. If she was born around 1845-6 or 7 she would have been 20-22 when she married on 22 April 1867. I should add that despite exhaustive searches we so far have not been able to trace

the birth registration or the baptism of Frederick Goddard, my grandfather. It could be that, as was not uncommon at that time, the birth registration was not made. Having said this, however, it is surprising that the births of John Goddard's 4 children were recorded in 1836, 1839, 1841 and 1843, but not that of my grandfather Frederick in 1850.

We of course have much more information about our Goddard family in the Wednesday area over the years, but perhaps I should wait to see whether Mrs. Mather or you yourself consider that "my" John Goddard could be the John Goddard quoted by Mrs. Mather. Of course the difference between the "job description" of Book keeper and Clerk well over a century ago may not have been too marked!

Whilst writing, can I say that we have been intending for quite a while to write to you about our Windsor links of John Goddard and his father William Goddard, so now is perhaps a good time. Can I ask you whether you have any information in your archives which might provide some link with my great and great-great grandfathers in the Windsor Area? Any information you could give us would be greatly appreciated. We are so anxious to go back further in time than 1807 with the marriage of William Goddard and Fanny Rauce.

We will both await with keen anticipation your reply.

With all good wishes

Sincerely

Pat and John Goddard

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## GODDARD FAMILY OF MRS MARGARET MARTIN

4th July 1864 James and Sarah Goddard received an award at Windsor [what for?]

1861 census

2 Farm Yard, New Windsor; William and Charlotte Goddard

William Goddard mar 40 Railway porter (SWR) born Leatherhead  
Charlotte (nee Ayling) 45 (married 1845) born Woodmancot, Sussex  
William son 13 born Lambeth  
Emily dau 15 born Datchet, Berks.  
Ellen Charlotte dau 9 (bap 26 Sep 1852) born Windsor  
**Walter** son 5 (b. 3 July 1856, bap 7 Sept 1856) born Windsor  
Charles Frederick bap 15 Oct 1854 - no further record- died?

**Walter** married Ellen Jane Dredge (b. 3 May 1852, baap 29 Feb 1852)  
on 21 Dec 1880. Walter died 23 June 1928. Ellen died 24 May 1924.  
issue; **Walter Philip William (Bert)** b. 25 Aug 1881  
married Olive Mary Branfey [?]  
their issue:

\*Marie Louise b. 9 Feb 1920 m Frederick George Freeman 21 Apr 1947  
Kathleen Ellen b 1 May 1921 m John Douglas Duke 7 May 1955  
Doreen Lilian b 20 Feb 1924 m David William Garnsworthy 12 Jun 1948  
Walter Edward (Ted) b 26 mar 1926 m Joyce Mary Stuart 16 Feb 1957

**Percy Charles** b 20 Nov 1882 died 12 Noov 1968

married Lily issue Kathleen & Reginald

**Arthur Austin** b 19 Sep 1884 died 23 Sep 1962

married Laura; issue Reginald, Robert Walter & Leslie (Robert was Kathleen Hilda's heir)

**Edward Ayling** (Ted) b. 20 Jan 1887 d 6 Jan 1958 unmarried

**Francis Reginald** (Reg) b 13 Jul 18889 d 9 Jan 1950 unmarried

**Nelly Elizabeth** b 2 mar 1891 died young

**Kathleen Hilda** (Queenie) b 4 mar 1892 d 10 Feb 1981 died unmarried- kept house for her brothers

\*Mrs Martin's parents

Other relatives to be identified:

Arthur Goddard - cousin to Queenie- Headmaster Frome Grammar School, Somerset in 1880s-  
wife Eva, issue Glad, Valerie, and Arthur (possibly the Uncle Art that Marie knew?)

## GODDARDS OF WINDSOR NOT RELATED TO MRS MARGARET MARTIN

### New Windsor

#### Baptisms

8 Aug 1856 Edward Athenium (?) to Thomas & Elizabeth (Porter)  
48 Model Cottages, New Windsor D/P 149/1/19 page 287

1 Nov 1857 Samuel A/A D/P 149/1/20 page 12  
5 Feb 1860 William Carrington A/A D/P 149/1/20 p 55  
26 Apr 1865 Sarah Elizabeth A/A D/p 149/1/20 p 175  
26 Apr 1865 Alice A/a D/P 149/1/20 p 175  
6 Nov 1868 Samuel Carrington A/A D/P 149/1/20 p255  
6 Nov 1868 Edward A/a D/P/ 149/1/20 p255  
5 Sep 1873 Athemasius (?) A/a D/p/ 149/1/21 no 457

10 May 1850 Henry to Harriett - single woman -Victoria St. D/P 149/1/19 p189

6 Sep 1868 George Harry to Henry John & Winifred Hannah (Clerk) Adelaide Sq., Windsor  
D/P 149/1/20 p 251

3 Apr 1870 Emily Winiifred North to Henry John & Winifred Hannah (Steward on board  
ship) 11 Adelaide Sq., D?P 149/1/20 p284

2 May 1869 Herbert to George & Anne (Coachman) 2 Edward Sq., D/P 149/1/20 p 267

5 Sep 1873 John Henry to John Henry & Louisa Sarah  
4 Lammas Ave. Upholsterer D?P 149/1/21 no 456

3 Aug 1873 Eliza Ann to Joseph 7 Hannah  
Queen Ann Gardens (Carter) D/P 149/1/21 no 470

1 Feb 1880 Samuel Henry James to James George & Elizabeth Alma  
14 Thames St (Draper) D/P 149/1/21 No 1476

2 May 1880 Frederic John to Albert & Drucila Emily  
6 Brook St., Windsor (Labourer) D/P/1/21 no 15245

no date ?c1880 Percy Arthur tp Edward John & Elizabeth Margaret  
Spital (?) (Confectioner) D/P 149/1/21 no 1554

#### Deaths - from St Catherine's Index

Sarah Goddard - Windsor 2c 306 Dec Q 1865  
Mary Goddard Windsor aged 9 2c 280 Sep Q 1868  
Samuel Carrington Goddard aged 0 2c 265 1868  
David Hazel Goddard aged 7 2c 273 Dec Q 1874  
Sarah Rebecca Goddard aged 25 2c 291 Jun Q 1875  
Jane Goddard aged 72 2c 263 (or 253) Sep Q 1876

#### Marriages

D/P 149/1/9 p 18 New Windsor Parish Church, Berks  
1858 July 21 Septimus Cotes Bach Clerk Windsor Father Peter (Army Officer)  
Ellen Goddard Spin Clerk Windsor Father Samuel (Army Officer)

1859 March 26 John Mundy Bach Purveyor Andover Father John (Purveyor)  
Charlotte Jane Goddard Spin 20 of Windsor father George (Bookbinder)