

Julie

Thank you very much for your letter and enclosure, received today. Funny enough, we also had the "Family Tree" magazine and read about the Staffordshire Index being published.

The Wednesbury Goddard section looks fascinating and I look forward to analysing it thoroughly - unfortunately, our Family History Centre at Aylesbury (which is very good) won't have it until the end of January.

I will certainly share the information with cousin John. Many thanks again and best wishes to Brian.



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John

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With
Best Wishes for Christmas
and the New Year

Shirley and John Goddard
(Amersham)!

MRS May Mather

25th June 1993

Dear Mr & Mrs Goddard,

I was delighted to receive the June Newsletter today and somewhat comforted to read that I am not the only person who has not had journals regularly from the Guild of One-Name Studies. I research my maiden name of SHEARMUR & recently joined the Goddard Assn of Europe because my Great Grand Mother was Louisa Jane Goddard who married Thomas William Shearmur in Wednesbury on 22.4.1867. You may have received the copy of her marriage certificate which I sent to the membership secretary a few weeks ago.

At several family

members have GODDARD as ^{one of} their
Christian names, I have enclosed
a rough family tree to add
to your collection. I have alot
more specific details for each of
the people mentioned, so do let
me know what else I can send.

My request is whether you
can tell me anything about
Louisa Jane's father John Goddard
(book-keeper) who was so named
on her marriage certificate & said
to own the Royal Theatre, Wednesbury (probably
about 1850.) I have a family photo
of Louisa Jane Goddard. The
enclosed photocopy is not very
good & I will try to send a
better print. The writing beneath
the photo was written by my
Mother before she died.

Thank you for all your
hard work on behalf of the
Goddards.

Yours sincerely,
Mary Mather (Mrs)



The lady at the extreme right top row
 is Great Great Grandmother Shearman
 (nee Goddard). The boy in the middle
 row is John. He was very musical &
 became a professional, but was crippled
 for life when a platform on which he
 was performing, gave way.
 Old G. G. G. Grandfather Goddard in the
 middle (I think Jeremy looks like him)
 own the Royal Theatre at Wednesbury &
 he & one of his sons used to act in it.
 They also had a conjuring act with a
 professional conjurer & G. G. G. Grand-
 mother Goddard used to make the pees
 that were made to disappear!!

John Goddard - center of middle row.
 father of

Top row extreme right - Louisa Jane Goddard
 b. 1845

who married Thomas William Shearman
 Wednesbury, W. Bromwich

22.4.1867.

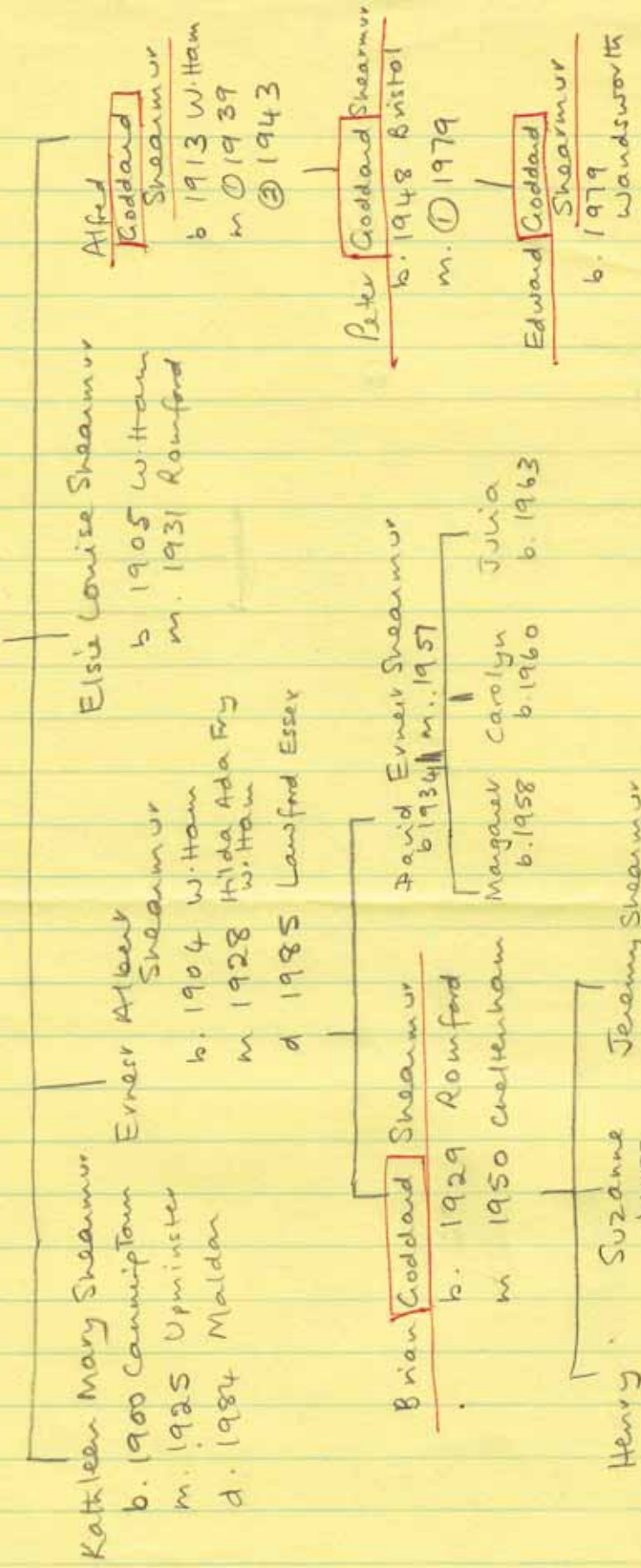
? book-keeper

? owner of Royal Theatre

Wednesbury

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Thomas Alfred Goddard Shearnur = Dorothea Ellenburger
 b. 1872 Rotherham m. 20.8.1899 b. 26.11.1872 E. Ham
 d. 1948 Upminster Canning Town d. 1955 Upminster



Kathleen Mary Shearnur
 b. 1900 Canning Town
 m. 1925 Upminster
 d. 1984 Malden

Ernest Albert Shearnur
 b. 1904 W. Ham
 m. 1928 Hilda Ada Fry
 d. 1985 Lawford Essex

Elsie Louise Shearnur
 b. 1905 W. Ham
 m. 1931 Rowford

Brian Goddard Shearnur
 b. 1929 Rowford
 m. 1950 Cheltenham

Henry
 Suzanne
 b. 1952

Daniel
 b. 1985

Emma
 b. 1987

David Ernest Shearnur
 b. 1934 m. 1957
 Margaret Carolyn
 b. 1958 b. 1960

Julia
 b. 1963

Alfred Goddard Shearnur
 b. 1913 W. Ham
 m. 1939
 d. 1943

Peter Goddard Shearnur
 b. 1948 Bristol
 m. 1979

Edward Goddard Shearnur
 b. 1979
 Wandsworth

W.A.P.

(have this family tree back to 1500's)
Nicol Arnott - 1
seaman
Thomas William Shearman
b. 21.12.1820 London
Margarer Arnott b.c. 1824

John Coddard =
(book-keeper)

Louisa Jane Coddard = Thomas William Shearman
b. 1845 d. 24.3.1910 (widow) W. Bromwich West Ham
22.4.1867 Wednesbury W. Bromwich b. 1843 Leith

Maud Hannah Shearman
b. 27.7.1868 W. Bromwich

George Frederick Shearman
b. 2.9.1870 Rotherham
m Lillian Binshaw 3.4.1899 Plaistow

Alan Thomas Frederick Shearman
b. 1903 W. Ham
m Rena Hitch 1931 Upton Cross

Mary Lillian Shearman
b. 1932 W. Ham

Colin Man George Shearman
b. 1936 W. Ham

Margarer Matilda
b. 27.6.1874 Darlington

Thomas Alfred Coddard
b. 11.8.1872 Shearman Rotherham
m Dorothy Ellenburger 25.10.1876 Darlington

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Lawrence Sephinus
b. 31.12.1880 W. Ham

Emerer Robert Doglar
b. 25.10.1876 Darlington

Mable Louisa
b. 17.12.1882 Canning Town

Jeremy Frank Coddard Shearman
b. 1948 Wanstead, Essex

(was PhD lecturing in Political Science in Canberra Australia)

Mr Mary Walker
supplier of these details

1 July 1993

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Dear Mrs Mather,

Thank you for your letter of 25th June.

Regarding the GOONS, they are a law unto themselves as the saying goes. I am told that the journal distributor does it when and if he feels like it. He is not on the telephone (or is ex-directory) and does not answer letters so there is no way of getting at him. I am also told that the mail sent to the post restante box stays there until someone is going that way, then if they feel so inclined, they will pick it up! I know it is run by unpaid(?) amateurs but they make such a fuss about their status and the importance of keeping up to the standards that they set -and then keep to no standards themselves. I now write direct to P.R.Goodall, 3 Dixey's Cottage, Great North Road, London N2 0NS. We attended the first meeting of the break away group for fully constituted groups (those with A categories) and exchanged some moans and grievances. They are holding a further meeting in Birmingham in September, but we have other things to do and are not going.

I am afraid that I have two disappointments for you. The membership secretary has not passed on anything about you and, so far, we cannot tell you anything about **John Goddard**, book keeper and theatre owner. We shall, of course, put him on the computer and hope that something comes up in the fullness of time. We have few, if any, records of Goddards in the Midlands area (except Leicestershire).

I do not know whether you want suggestions as to what to do next, but here goes.

I should write to the Local Studies department of Wolverhampton Libraries (Snow Hill, Wolverhampton) and ask if they have anything about the Wednesbury Theatre. I am taking it that Wednesbury is administered by Wolverhampton as we could not see a separate library authority in Wednesbury when I consulted the local reference library. They might also suggest the titles of any books on theatres in the area. The journals devoted to the acting profession are *The Era* and *The Stage*; the first began in 1838 so you could try consulting the 1850 editions at the Colindale Newspaper Library (or get someone to do it for you). There is also *Whos who in the theatre* and *Spotlight* but I am not sure that they cover the period which you want.

To get further details about **John Goddard**, so that you can trace his ancestry, I would consult the 1851 census of Wednesbury next. As there were few Goddards in that area it is very possible that he came from somewhere else - somewhere about which we have more records.

I will contact the membership secretary and ask where your marriage certificate has got to. Do get back to Brian and me when you think we can help you more.

Goddard - not known if related - found in p. Rs in Reading County Hall

- New Windsor

Baptisms

- 8.8.1856 Edward Athanasius(?) to Thomas + Elizabeth (Porter) 48 Model Cottages, New Windsor
D/P 147/1/19 page 287
- 1.11.1857 Samuel A/A D/P 149/1/20 page 12
- 5.2.1860 William Carrington A/A D/P 149/1/20 p. 55
- 26.4.1865 Sarah Elizabeth A/A D/P 149/1/20 p 175
- 26.4.1865 Alice A/A D/P 149/1/20 p 175
- 6.11.1868 Samuel Carrington A/A D/P 149/1/20 p 255
- 6.11.1868 Edward A/A D/P 149/1/20 p. 255
- 5.9.1873 Athanasius (?) A/A D/P 149/1/21 no. 457

10.5.1850 Henry to Harriett - single woman - Victoria St.
D/P 149/1/19 p 189

6.9.1868 George Harry to Henry John and Winifred Hannah (Clerk) Adelaide Square, Windsor. D/P 149/1/20 p 251

3.4.1870 Emily Winifred North to Henry John and Winifred Hannah (Steward on board ship) 11 Adelaide Sq. D/P 149/1/20 p 284

2.5.1869 Herbert to George + Anne (Coachman) 2 Edward Square
D/P 149/1/20 p 267

- Deaths
- Sarah Goddard - Windsor 2c 306 Dec Q 1865
 - St. C's Index Mary " " aged 9 2c 280 Sept Q 1868
 - Samuel Carrington Goddard " aged 0 2c 265 (? year)
 - David Hazel " aged 7 2c 273 Dec Q 1874
 - Sarah Rebecca " aged 25 2c 291 June Q 1875
 - Jane " aged 72 2c 263 (or 253) Sept Q 1876

Marriages D/P 149/1/9 - p. 18. New Windsor Parish Church, Berks 1858

35 / July 21	Septimus Cotes	Batcl / Clerk	Windsor	Father - Peter Cotes
	Ellen Goddard	Spir. / "	"	" Samuel Goddard

(both offices - Army)

1859 register.

50 / March 26	John Munday	Batcl	-	Purveyor	Andover	Father	John Munday	Purveyor
	Charlotte Jane Goddard	Sp.	20	-	Windsor	George Goddard	Bookbinder	

Our Goddard Family

4.7.1864 James + Sarah Goddard received award at Windsor -

1861 Census 2 Farm Yard, New Windsor: William and Charlotte Goddard

William Goddard mar. 40 Railway Porter (S.W.R.) b. Leatherhead

Charlotte (née Ayling): 45 (~~40~~^{married} 22.6.1845) b. Woodmancof, Sussex

William son 13 b Lambeth

Emily dau 15 b Datchet, Berks

Ellen Charlotte dau 9 (bapt 26.9.1852) b Windsor

Walter son 5 (b. 3.7.56, bapt 7.9.56) b Windsor

George son 2 (bapt 2.1.59) b Windsor

(Charles Frederick bapt 15.10.1854 - no further record - died?)

Walter Goddard married Ellen Jane Dredge (b 3.5.52, bapt 29.2.52)

on 21.12.1880 W.G. died 23.6.1928 E.J.G. died 24.5.24

Issue - Walter Philip William (Bet) b. 25.8.1881 m. Olive Mary Grayney

Percy Charles b 20.11.1882, died 12.11.1968

m. Lily issue Kathleen + Reginald.

Arthur Austin b 19.9.84, died 23.9.62

m. Laura issue Reginald, Robert Walter and Leslie

(Robert was Kathleen Hilda's heir)

Edward Ayling (Ted) - b 20.1.87, died 6.1.1958 - unmarried

Francis Reginald (Reg) - b. 13.7.89, died 9.1.1950 - unmarried

Nelly Elizabeth b. 2.3.91 (died young - no dates)

Kathleen Hilda (Queenie) b 4.3.92 - died 10.2.1981 - unmarried
but kept house for her brothers

Walter Philip William + Olive Mary's issue.

* Maie Louie b 9.2.1920 m. Frederick George Deena 21.4.47

Kathleen Ellen b 1.5.1921 m John Douglas Duke 7.5.55

Doreen Lillian b 20.2.1924 m David William Garnsworthy 12.6.48

Walter Edward (Ted) b 26.3.1926 m Joyce Mary Stuart 16.2.57

* my parents

Other relatives - to be sorted

Arthur Goddard - Cousin to Queenie - Headmaster at Frome Grammar School, Somerset - 1880's - wife Eva, issue Glad, Valerie, and Arthur (Windle Art in Minis etc.) - possible O.R.S?

Baptisms Cart. 5.9.1873 John Henry to John Henry + Louisa Sarah
4 Lammae Ave (Upholsterer) D/P 149/1/21 N° 456

3.8.1873 Eliza Ann to Joseph + Hannah Queen Ann Gardens
(Carter) D/P 149/1/21 N° 470

1.2.1880 Samuel Henry James to James George + Elizabeth Alma
(Draper) 14 Thames St. D/P 149/1/21 N° 1476

2.5.1880 Frederic John to Albert + Druella Emily (labourer)
6 Brook St, Windsor D/P 149/1/21 N° 1524

N° Date - Percy Arthur to Edward John + Elizabeth Margaret
(Confectioner) Spital D/P 149/1/21 N° 1554

The undermentioned Houses are situated

Parish [or Township] of <i>New Windsor</i>		City or Municipal Borough of <i>New Windsor</i>		Municipal Ward of <i>Inwards</i>	Parliamentary B <i>Windsor</i>		
No. of Schedule	Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House	HOUSES		Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age
		In- habited	Un- habited (U., or Building B.)				
121	9 <i>Thames side</i> <i>King Arms</i>	1		<i>Stephen Barber</i>	Head	Mar.	4
				<i>Martha do</i>	Wife	do	
				<i>George do</i>	Son		8
				<i>Sarah do</i>	Daughter		7
				<i>William do</i>	Son		6
				<i>Mary do</i>	Daughter		5
				<i>Harry do</i>	Son		5
				<i>Tammy Taylor</i>	Servant		
				<i>Thomas Bradley</i>	Guest	<i>Widow</i>	5
				<i>John do</i>	do	<i>Widow</i>	27
				<i>William Shepherd</i>	do	<i>Mar.</i>	4
<i>John West</i>	do	<i>Widow</i>	53				
122	1 <i>Farm Yard</i>	1		<i>Charles Neal</i>	Head	Mar.	36
				<i>Mary A. do</i>	Wife	do	
				<i>Emily do</i>	Daughter		
				<i>Louisa do</i>	do		
				<i>Richard do</i>	Son		6
				<i>Alice do</i>	Daughter		
				<i>Joseph Arthur</i>	Servant	<i>Widow</i>	31
123	2 <i>do.</i>	1		<i>William Goddard</i>	Head	Mar.	40
				<i>Charlotte do</i>	Wife	do	
				<i>William do</i>	Son		13
				<i>Emily do</i>	Daughter		
				<i>Ellen do</i>	do		
				<i>Walter do</i>	Son		3
3	Total of Houses...	3		<i>Charles Hedden</i> <i>Bapt 15/10/1854</i>	Total of Males and Females...	14	14

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE						Reference: —
1	2	3	4	5	6	R.G. 9/7