

31. 3. '98.

Dear Brian & Julie,

As I am a new member to the Goddard Association I am not quite sure how everything works so please forgive me if I am writing to the wrong people.

I have enclosed the part of the family tree I am now researching and was wondering if part of it could be printed in can you help section. I know it can't all be printed, I don't know how to edit yet!!

I know I haven't done much research yet but living so far away from London makes it a little difficult. (but a Church of Latter Day Saints etc) has opened 15 miles away so it is becoming easier) but I was wondering before I start ordering fiches etc to see if anyone 'has been here before' I would like to know what happened to all the children after Charles.

Also is there a charge for 'Can you help' being printed. I have had all the back issues of the GAE and enjoying ploughing through them. I have enclosed a S.A.E incase you need to reply.

Thanking you,

Susan Goddard.

CAN YOU HELP

Henry Leopold Goddard born 1837 in Benhall Suffolk married Fanny Coxs/Cocks on 4th January 1863. They were married at Westbourne Chapel House, district of Kensington and both were living at Nottinghill, Kensington at the time of their marriage. (Henry L Goddard's father was Charles Goddard, I am also led to believe he had a brother called David)

They ^{had eleven} children as far as I know:-

George b 1864 who married Emily Bolton and emigrated to America.

Charles b 1865 who married Elizabeth and had 3 children as far as I know - Julia, Albert (my Grandfather) and Nelly.

Henry Edward b 1867

Harry b 1868

Fred b 1870

Ted b 1872 died Southend On sea 1912

Daniel b 1874

Fanny b 1876

Kitty b 1877

Alice b 1879

Nellie b 1884

How much of the following information is accurate I do not know:-

Henry + David Goddard returned from the Crimean War, they were discharged from the ship "Harrage". They returned to London where Henry met Fanny who was working for Bishop Latimer as a cook. Henry + Fanny were offered a house by Bishop Latimer

in the county of Shepherd's Bush, at the entrance of Lahimer Rd and Knowland Rd and before the railway came it was a short cut to Providence place. The 1881 census shows the family at 19 Providence, Hammersmith and Henry is shown as a coal dealer, and his son George is working for him.

Charles Goddard my Great Grandfather became an apprentice wheelwright. After he finished his apprenticeship he went to Shepherd's Bush where together with his brothers George and Ted started a business "Goddard Bros". George - a greengrocer, Ted a coal merchant and Charles a wheelwright and coach builder. Charles continued in the business after George emigrated to Canada and helped to start the Shepherd's Bush market on private property owned by the Railway. The railway later took over the running of the market.

Charles went on to have a boot shop, then a removal firm which the railway eventually bought. They lived in a house which was bought by the G.P.O and converted into a telephone exchange. (I think this was in Uxbridge Rd). Charles died in Orset hospital, Canvey Island during the worst raids of the war.

GODDARD ASSOCIATION OF EUROPE



27th April 1998

Dear Susan,

A few days after your letter of enquiry about your Benhall, Suffolk ancestors we had an enquiry from

Mr R.J.Smith, 78 Hessel Road, Ealing, London W13 9ET

He says "David Goddard was born in Benhill (sic) Suffolk c. 1825 and by 1851 was living at Havering, Essex, with his first wife Eliza. By 1861 he was widowed but married in Havering in that same year, as his second wife Eliza Smith (my gt-gt-grandmother). They subsequently moved to Hastings, Sussex, where he acted as a Bath Chairman. He died there on 20 November 1879. Eliza Goddard died at Hastings in 1889. The 1861 census for Havering also lists (in Collier Row Ward) an Edward Goddard and his family. He too was born in Benhill Suffolk, and I would imagine he was David's brother. However, the I.G.I. for Suffolk only shows David (son of Charles Goddard and Sarah Manning, bap 15.5.1825, Framlingham) but not Edward."

I wrote and told him that we could give him more information, but would he consider joining the association - if we don't do this we will never have any funds to spend on research, etc. However I have heard nothing further and if he is descended from Eliza Smith's first marriage he may not think it worthwhile. You have paid a subscription and here is the information!

Yours sincerely,

*Julie Goddard
Research Co-ordinator*



GODDARD ASSOCIATION OF EUROPE



29 April 1998

Dear Mr Smith,

The enquirer who is descended from Henry Leopold Goddard is Miss Susan Goddard, 9 Cylch Aeron, Aberaeron, Ceredigion SA46 0DN. She says that Henry Leopold Goddard was born in 1837 in Benhall. There is a family tradition that Henry and David were in the Crimean War (1853-56) and returned to England on the ship "Harrage". Henry married Fanny Cox/Cocks in Kensington and they lived in Notting Hill. She will be able to tell you the rest of the story better herself.

I have a large file on Norfolk and Suffolk Goddard, but nothing specifically on Benhall. I have written to a member of the association who inherited a large family tree of the non-conformist Goddards around Rendham, Suffolk and asked if she has anything on Benhall but she has not yet replied.

If you decide to do some research on Benhall at long distance there is an agency calling itself " East Anglian Village Research" based on 1 Ivy Cottages, Long Road West, Dedham, Essex CO7 6EL, but they charge £8.50 an hour inclusive of the time taken in travel and writing up what they find and if they have to travel from Essex it might mean a large bill! There is also "Anglia Research Services" Peter Turvey, 12 St Mary's Close, Offton, Suffolk, IP84RZ who is an AGRA member (which means that if you have any queries or complaints with his work AGRA will arbitrate). Do bear in mind that non-conformism was rife in Suffolk and that chapel records often need some searching for.

I would be grateful if you would let me know what you find so that I can put anyone else who writes with a similar pedigree in touch with you.

I have looked in our Sussex file but cannot find anyone who is doing research into Goddards in the Hastings area. We do have a member who has done a lot of Sussex research, but mostly in the Hove, Angmering area, but if you think she might be able to help, I can give you her address.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J.R.Goddard
Research Co-ordinator

Mr R.J.Smith,



Tell Susan Goddard
if he joins or if he doesn't

GODDARD ASSOCIATION OF EUROPE



10th April 1998

Dear Mr Smith,

Thank you for your enquiry about your Goddard ancestry in Benhill - which I think should be Benhall, in Suffolk.

I had an enquiry only last week from someone else who is descended from the same village and her ancestor Henry Leopold Goddard, born 1837, is thought to have had a brother named David. However, before revealing her name and address I would ask that you consider becoming a member of our association. The minimum donation is £7.50 (£5 to senior citizens) which goes towards maintaining our records, producing a quarterly Newsletter and funding an annual meeting. I enclose a leaflet. Donations should be sent to the membership secretary in Accrington.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs J.R.Goddard
Research Co-ordinator*



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7 April 1998

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Dear Sir,

Re: GODDARD of Benhill, Suffolk; Havering, Essex; and
Hastings, Sussex.

I am researching my family history and would be grateful for your help in connection with the GODDARD members.

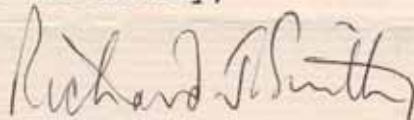
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Do you have any further material which would help me expand the history of this family? If so, I would be very grateful to hear from you.

I enclose an SAE.

Yours faithfully,



Richard J. Smith

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25. May 1998

Dear Julie,

Thankyou for your letter dated 13.5.1998 and for the book on Shepherd's Bush market (which I will return as soon as I've read it). The book is very interesting and I've enjoyed reading snippets of it, but for some unexplained reason I've had very little time to myself lately!! Since the clock has gone forward Anwen (my 3 1/2 year old daughter) doesn't go to bed so early and my sister-in-law has just had twin boys so it's been hectic lately.

Soon after I received your letter 27.4.1998, Mr Richard Smith wrote to me and you we have a connection. The first I've had since I've started family history approx 20 years ago. He told me in his letter he has joined "G.A.E" and I'm glad about this.

As yet I have not received any inquiries from 'Can you help' in the April newsletter. Early days yet?

You mention the ^{Goddard's of} Sweffling were chapel goers, well I am now led to believe that also the Goddard's I'm just trying to find out more about - Henry Leopold Goddard married Fanny Cocks/Cox at Westbourne Chapel House, district of Kensington. The local Mormon church which I've made a few visits may be able to help so I need to pay them a visit. I would like to borrow the family tree of the Sweffling Goddards. Let me know how much p+p is and I shall send it to you.

I hope the A.G.M was a success & I hope

to attend in the future.

Sorry about this quickly written reply but I wanted to write to say thank you for all your help before it went too late.

(Oh yes thank you for the details of the 1881 census. I have had a look at the 1841 census for Benhall Suffolk with little success, but the writing was appalling & faint.)

Regards for now,
Thanks again

Susan.

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London W13 9ET

22 October 1998

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Dear Julie,

Re: GODDARD of Benhall, Suffolk; Havering, Essex;
Hastings, Sussex; Shepherds Bush, West London, etc..

You may recall I wrote to you last April about David Goddard, born 1825 in Benhall, Suffolk, and you very kindly put me in touch with Susan Goddard of Aberaeron who is descended from his brother Henry.

Since then Susan and I have had some useful correspondence, and I have done a lot of research in London and lately at Suffolk RO to expand the family history. It is developing into a fascinating and wide-ranging story; in the near future I will be sending you a large dossier of material for your library, including a paper that I am currently writing up.

In the meantime, can you answer me a quickie, please. I find that this Goddard family actually originated in Elmswell, Suffolk, which is some distance from Benhall. Charles, the father of David and Henry (and several others), was born in Elmswell in 1792 and his ancestors appear to have been in the village nearly 100 years before that. There was also a John Goddard of nearby Badwell Ash, c.1800, who may have been connected.

Do you already have any information or family trees on Elmswell Goddards, or any living contacts? If so, it may save me a bit of work and enable me to tie things up better.

I enclose an SAE and look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Richard J. Smith

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