

BEN HALL

GODDARD ASSOCIATION O

13th May 1998

Dear

I was looking down the 1881 census of Suffolk for someone else and found that the following Goddards were still living in the village when the census was taken. If you want further details, or to check what I noted down (I cannot be sure I was 100 p.c. accurate), ask to borrow the records from me.

Alice	5	d/o George	b. Benhall
Athel	4	d/o George	b. Benhall
Eliza	25	w/o George	b. Great Glenham, Suffolk
Ellen	9	d/o Emma	b. Benhall
Ellen	5	d/o Henry	b. Benhall
Emma	44	widow charwoman	b Sweffling, Suffolk
Frederick	3	s/o George	b Benhall
George	29	Ag. Lab	b. Snape
George	39	Ag Lab	b Benhall
George	1 month	s/o George	b Benhall
George H.	2	s/o Henry	b. Benhall
Harry	11	s/o George	b. Benhall
Henry	33	Ag Lab	b Benhall
Henry	31	Ag Lab	b Benhall
James	16	Ag Lab s/o Emma	b Benhall
Jane	26	w/o Henry	b Dennington, Suffolk
John	13	Ag Lab s/o George	b Benhall
John	1 month	s/o Henry	b Benhall
Mary Ann	20	charwoman d/o George	b Sweffling, Suffolk
Rosa	3	d/o Emma	b Benhall
Samuel	1	s/o Henry	b Stratford St Andrew
Susanna	40	w/o George	b Sweffling
William	13	farm servant for Robert Plant	b Benhall

s/o = son of d/o = daughter of Ag Lab = Agricultural Labourer

Note that the Goddards of Sweffling were mainly chapel goers. We have a family tree of Sweffling Goddards which you could borrow if you wish.

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GODDARD ASSOCIATION OF EUROPE

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2nd April 1998

Dear Susan,

I have typed out your request for the "Can you help?" column. There is no charge for members - all part of the service. And you do not need to send s.a.e.s for an answer.

I had a look at the I.g.I. for Suffolk in Newbury library this afternoon, but unfortunately there is very little coverage of Benhall. There seem to be two entries

*1857 April 5 Charles son of James and Elizabeth baptised
1857 August 2 Honour daughter of William and Harriet baptised*

which does not get us any further. I had a look at the current phonebook which covers Benhall, but again there seem to be no Goddards left there except someone whose surname is Goddard-Coote. I have a very large file of Goddards in Suffolk and Norfolk, but again nothing for Benhall. However, I see from our gazetteer that it is next to Rendham. Rendham was the home of one of our founding members, Miss Kathleen Millicent Goddard, who made a lifelong study of her nonconformist Goddards. She made a family tree of her closest Goddards but I cannot see Benhall on it. Her niece, Miss Eileen Horne inherited all her papers and I will ask if she has anything on your Goddards. When you are researching do bear in mind that this area of Suffolk was strongly non-conformist and many of the chapel records have not been recorded yet by the L.D.S. Church.

Do you see "Family Tree Magazine" and the new "Practical Family History"? The new edition of "Tracing your family tree" by Jean Cole and John Titford is useful for beginners and not difficult to read. Perhaps you could borrow a copy from the library to see if you like it. Do come back to me for more information and suggestions. I will let you know if Eileen Horne can help.

Yours sincerely,

*Julie Goddard
Research co-ordinator*

Miss Susan Goddard,

Member No.:- 1566

4.11.00
Dear Mrs. Goddard,

On receiving the latest issue of Suffolk Roots, I noticed your interest in the Goddard name. This is my main line of research, especially the Goddards from the Benhall / Elmwell and Badwell Ash areas.

A few years ago I was a member of the Goddard Association, so I was delighted to see you are, too.

I would be delighted to rejoin the Society and would be very grateful if you could send me the appropriate details or maybe put me in touch with members who are researching

in my parts of Suffolk.

I was also in regular contact, before her death, with Miss Kathleen Goddard of Rendham in Suffolk, who I seem to remember was made an honorary member. She had a great deal of knowledge regarding the Goddards and I know it was a passion of hers.

I look forward to hearing from you when you can spare the time. I have enclosed an S.A.E. for your reply.

Kind Regards,

Pam Wise

(nee Goddard).

GODDARD ASSOCIATION OF EUROPE

7 November 2000

Dear Mrs Wise,

Thank you for your letter. I have joined the Suffolk FHS in the hope of finding more people who are interested in the Suffolk Goddards. However, I have been very busy lately and really not done much about it.

We have two members who are descended from Benhall. One is Richard J. Smith, who has done a lot of work on his family tree. His Suffolk branch starts with David Goddard born in Benhall in 1825, who later moved to London and set up a business there. He is a member of the Suffolk FHS and you may have already been in touch with him. In case you have not his new address (he moved recently) is 8 Sheepdown Close, Petworth, West Sussex GU28 0BP. He did explain sometime ago that he had an invalid wife and had had to curtail some of his activities, but I am sure that if you wrote to him he would answer eventually.

The other is Miss Susan Goddard. The last address I have for her is 9 Cylch Aeron, Aberaeron, Ceredigion, SA46 0DN and she is descended from Henry, the brother of David.

In the course of my research I have found that some of the Elmswell Goddard moved to Idle, near Bradford and are there for the 1881 census. I can send you details if you think there may be some connection.

Yes, Miss Kathleen Millicent Goddard did a much research to record her Goddard family and other nonconformist Goddards in her area of Suffolk. We have a rough tree which she left behind, but most of her papers have been inherited by her nieces, who live and work in Coventry.

I enclose a copy of our leaflet. Please pay to John Goddard in Accrington and do make use of the Newsletter to write about your Goddards, or any that you have noted and do get back to me if you want anything more.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Julie Goddard
Research Co-ordinator

17 April 1999

ion of Europe,

Dear Julie,

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

At long last I have put together a bundle of material for your archives, and perhaps something you could use for the Newsletter. Having spent much of the last year researching these GODDARDS, I now need to draw a line under them for the time being, in order to attend to other priorities. There is, as always, more work to be done - in particular I hope at some stage to study the village of Benhall in more detail - but I have reached a point where I can tie things up in a reasonably complete package. I have sent copies of enclosures 1-3 to the three other descendants who have assisted me.

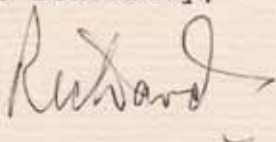
Besides the Benhall family, I have tried to form a complete picture of the GODDARDS within the Registration District of Plomesgate, Suffolk. This has shed more light on the Sweffling and Rendham GODDARDS, who form a quite separate family. The tree you sent me needs to be completely reconstructed, but it doesn't help that some of them wandered into the nearby parish of Badingham, which is outside the Plomesgate district.

One area which I have not explored in the greatest detail is the Romford family of Edward GODDARD. It is possible that some of his descendants are still in that area, although there were a number of unrelated families within the Romford registration district, e.g. Dagenham, Barking.

I hope you find the enclosed useful.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

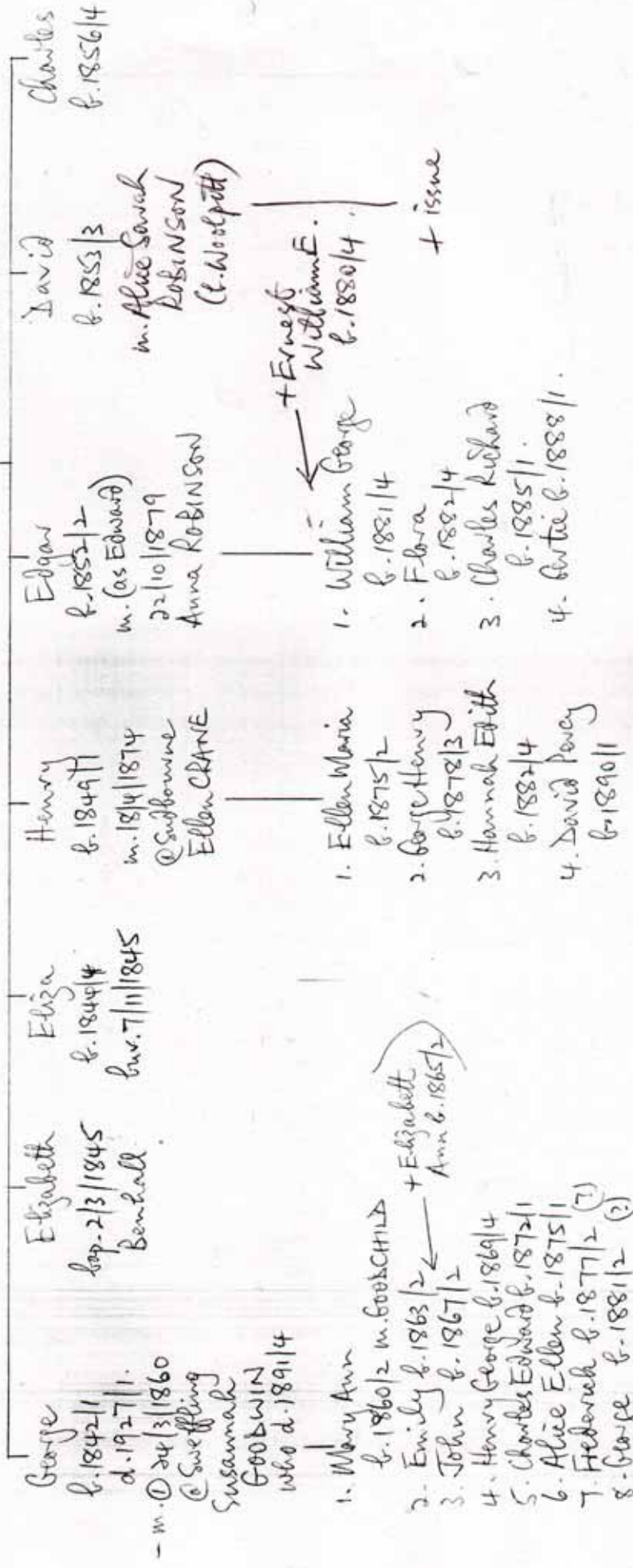


Richard J. Smith

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James GOBARD = [for second marriage, see sheet 1B]
b. 9/2/1817
Benhall
d. 1880
Benhall.

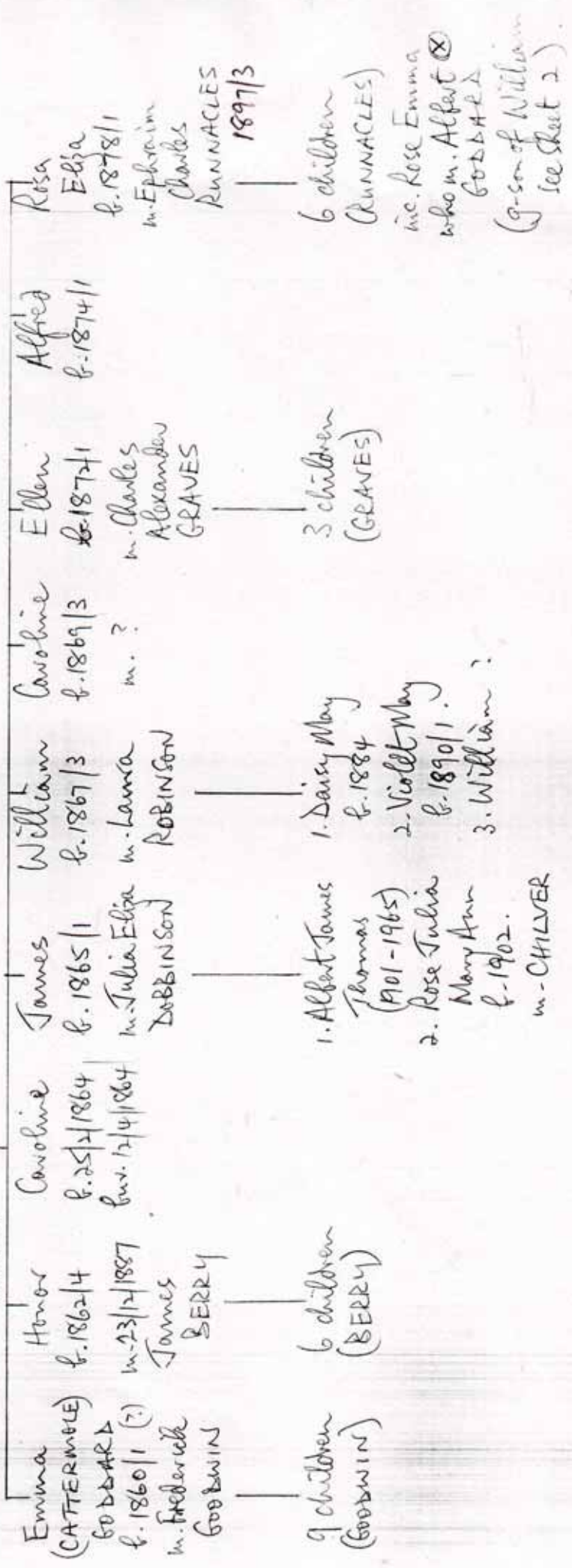
Elizabeth REED = 3/10/1840
Snape
b. c. 1816
d. 1857/1



NB Simplified Version.

[For first marriage, see sheet 1A]

James = Emma
GODDARD 20/6/1861 CATTERMORE
Benhall
d. 1880/11
Benhall



⊗ grand father of Valeria Forthing.

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