

THOMAS GODDARD
C1763-1790

Thomas Goddard was sentenced to death at the 30 July 1787 Exeter (Devon) Assizes for the robbery of Diana Vickary on 19 February in a field near Shute, Devon, stealing a cloth bag and other goods. He was reprieved in August to transportation for life and on 8 September as sent on board the *Dunkirk* hulk at Plymouth, age given as 23, whence he was embarked on the *Neptune* transport in late November 1789. He died on board before the ship reached Sydney Cove the following June.

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TIVERTON

JAMES GODDARD



APRIL 27th 2002.

Dear Richard,

Hope all is well. Replying to Rachel of Leicester newsletter 61, Feb.02. Enquiring about John of Tiverton. The picture is not complete as they were non conformists for a time. John was a clothier, mill owner, church warden of Tiverton and he was the eldest son of John and Prudence (Cornish). They were married at St. Peters Church, Tiverton on 23/04/1594. John was baptised the same time as his sister Margaret on 11/01/1596. Bernard 1596, George 1598, Jane 1599, Emyn 1601 and Prudence 1602. John married Joanne Blagdon by licence 21/09/1626. there is only one baptism at St Peters Church, Tiverton to a John Elizabeth 1635. There is a reference to a Bernard the son of Joanne, Widow 1672 regarding a property called Goteham, valued at £120.00p divided between Edward Blagdon and Bernard Goddard. This Bernard no 2 is referred to as Mr. Bernard Goddard, Gent Merchant of Tiverton, married twice by licence in Exeter, first one was Elizabeth Pym 1671 and Mrs. Mary Brewen on the licence but on the marriage certificate spelt Brain 1679. He was involved a lot in Exeter as the clothing market had been moved from Crediton to Exeter. Bernard one his will. 1678 he was described as a clothier, ref; to brother John and sister Prudence. his father in law,³⁷ Humphrey Read, Sister in law Mary Prowse and his daughters and reference to a house and gardens at Bolham, which he had purchased from a Mr. Quick of Dartmouth. Daughter Margarites will 1657, ref to her three married sisters, she was unmarried, they were all living at the time at WestMonkton, Taunton, Somerset. Overseers Uncle John Goddard and John Read. Witnesses John and Elizabeth Goddard.

The period I am dealing with is the 16th and 17th century which is quite an interesting period in this countries history. For those of us who are researching have probably wondered why the Goddards have turned up in a Parish. I think the answer to this is family connections. In particular the connection with the Prowse family in both Devon and Somerset. The Prowse family in Tiverton were clothiers. Nicholas of Hemyock, clothier, and I have a Laurence married by licence 1733, described as a clothier. As East Devon was booming with the clothing trade in the 16/17th century. Milling went on up the Exe valley, the Culm valley, Cullompton, Uffculme, Culmstock, Hemyock, Clayhidon and over the hill to Wellington Somerset and Langford Budville. The will of James Goddard, Wellington 1590, Mill owner, I believe originally came from Clayhidon, left most of his wealth to his son in law George Prowse the 5th Son of John of Tiverton. George Prowse then sold up and purchased Kingston Manor House, Yeovil. There are strong connections with Somerset and Devon and several Goddard-Prowse marriages. In Elizabethan times there was a ship the Angel privateering out

of Southampton. The ship was part owned by Richard & Vincent Goddard. William Prowse, London was Ships Captain. According to a Captain Prowse's research into the family they believe William Prowse to be the younger brother of John of Tiverton and Vincent Goddard to be from Clayhidon, Devon. Both William Prowse and Richard Goddard were Mayors of Southampton. The ship was then used as a fire ship for Calais, part of the Armada.

There is a reference in the new Maritime History of Devon to Ship owning. A shipping survey of 1570 reveals the extent of the time of the fleet of no fewer than 13 ships belonging to Hawkins of Plymouth. The only other fleet mentioned is that comprising 3 vessels to John Prowse of Kingswear, otherwise ships in the list were owned singly.

The first place Sir Francis Drake landed after his two year voyage partly funded by Elizabeth the first was Southampton. Elizabeth 1st share came to a years income for her. Sir Francis had two cousins living in East Devon. Bernard Drake of Ash House, Musbury, Devon he is buried in Crediton. His brother John owned Wiscombe Park, Southleigh, Nr. Honiton.

John and William Goddard of Langford Budville were married by licence in St. Martins, Cathedral Close, Exeter 1621/35. William married married Agnes Littlejames of Topsham, Nr. Exeter. The port of Topsham was second only to London. I do not know the connections with the Goddards, Prowse and Cornish families turning up there. Two of the Topsham Gddard Girls married seamen.

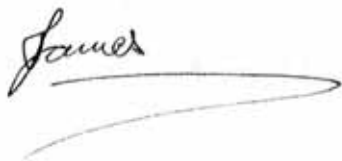
Nicholas Goddard of Hemyock married Mary Dowdney of Uffculme 1604. In the Will of John Dowdney of Uffcumle 1587, he leaves and quarter of all property in Winterbourne Earles in Wiltshire also in New Sarum, Salisbury and Langford Budville, Somerset. What other connections with Wiltshire are yet to be found. The earliest record I have for a Goddard in East Devon is Abbott John first Abbott of Newnham Abbey, Axminster. All the local historians having him being a monk made up to Abbott. There is a reference to him being born in Canterbury a very learned man, appointed from there to Hampshire and then on to Axminster. He was Abbott for 12 months only and then made Abbott of Cleave in Somerset. Cleave in the 16/17th century was Prowse country. There is a reference of a Vincent Goddard giving up the lease on a property there to the Palmer family. Sir Francis Drake was married for the second time a few miles from Old Cleave.

I have gone back to a marriage for 1673, Membury, Devon. I have often wondered where they came from (the Goddards). Looking at family connections the Fry family rented Yarty House off the Crown. Two of the Fry family were High Sherriffs of Devon. Nicholas Fry had some of his children baptised in Colyton. Membury was owned by St. Georges' Chapel, Windsor. Thomas Goddard the Son of John of Kilmington married Elizabeth Fry daughter of William Fry of Salcombe 1590. He is described as being a tailor.

There are a lot more of the pieces of the jig saw to find and I hope to continue next winter with the intention of completing the picture and it is looking more interesting all the time.

Regards.

James



Subject: [REDACTED]
Date: [REDACTED]
From: [REDACTED]@ac.uk>
To: [REDACTED]

Dear Richard,

Long time no see . . .

I understand Jim has sent you some copy about John of Tiverton, but he's asked me to mail you with some additional information (not exactly continuous prose!)

John Goddard was one-time Mayor of the town and was in the cloth trade (Devon was booming as the world's supplier of serge at the time). John had connections with Somerset G's, although these are not yet fixed, and it's worth noting that a Richard of Staple Fitzpaine was also described as a mercer in 1682.

That's it. I hope it makes sense to you!

All the best, Sean

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Register of Stoke Trister searched from 1751 - 1812:

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|----------------|
| Mary Goddard | buried | 10-11-1779 | |
| James & William ⁿ Goddard | buried | 15-11-1779 | |
| Edward Goddard | buried | 4-7-1798 | |
| Thomas Ryall son of | Thomas & Mary Goddard | | Bap. 23-4-1797 |
| William son of | Thomas & Dorothy Goddard | | Bap. 2-5-1802 |
| Sarah Goddard | buried | 11-7-1807 | |
| Ann Goddard | buried | 14-12-1811 | |

Batcombe register searched from 1798:

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|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| James son of | Thomas & Dorothy Goddard | | Bap. 28-8-1809 |
| Louisa daughter of | John & Sarah Ryall | bap. 20-9-1812 | Batcombe. |

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Robert Ryall of Wanstrow, gent. in 1796 makes over land in Upton Noble to Joseph Ryall, senior, of Marston Bigot, yeoman.
In 1876 James Goddard buys land in Upton Noble from Ryall family & James is of Batcombe, farmer.

DORSET

Mrs N. Search

26th Jan 1996

Dear Mrs Search,

John Goddard of Accrington has sent a copy of your letter to us.

We have enquired of our member who does the research for the West Country but at present he has nothing on Sturminster Newton.

The 1881 census has several Goddards living in **Sturminster** (not defined as to whichvillage)

Charles 34 farm labourer born Sturminster
Charles 7 son of Charles above born Sturminster
Ellen 35 wife of Philip born Sturminster
Emily 17 a glove maker daughter of Levi Goddard born Sturminster
Emma 40 wife of James a glover born Sturminster
Fanny 3 daughter of Charles born Sturminster
Harriet 46 wife of Thomas born Gillingham
James 70 farm labourer born Sturminster
Jane 11 daughter of Charles born Sturminster
Joseph 34 Farm labourer born Sturminster
Kate 9 daughter of Thomas born Sturminster
Levi 57 Agricultural lbouer born Sturminster
Levi 13 son of Levi bakers apprentice born Sturminster
Lucy A. widow own household needlewoman born Hamoon, Dorset
Martha 12 daughter of Thomas born Sturminster
Martha 4 daughter of Charles born Sturminster
Mary B. 13 daughter of Philip Glover born Sturminster
Philip 37 farm labourer born **Sturminster Newton**
Philip 10 son of Philip farm labourer born **Sturminster Newton**
Sarah 3 daughter of Philip born **Sturminster Newton**
Thomas 41 farm labourer born Sturminster
Tom 6 son of Philip born **Sturminster Newton**

In **Winterborne Stickland** (census says "Winterborne Ho..")

Archibald G 2 son of John born Stickland
Beatrice 1 daughter of John born Houghton
Eliza 23 wife of John glover born Houghton, Dorset
John 25 farm carter born Chesilborne

I see that you have much of the above, but you may be able to tie your family into some of the others in Sturminster, details of which I have given.

We will keep a copy of your tree in case we get an enquiry from someone with a similar tree, and will pass a copy on to our member, Jim Goddard, in Taunton.

Best wishes with your researching,

Yours Sincerely

Julie Goddard
Research Co-ordinator

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to Jim
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* copy to Julie.

Mr J C Goddard
The Goddard Association
of Europe

15 January 1996

Dear Mr Goddard

The Goddard Association of Europe

Thank you for your letter of 8 January together with membership details. I should very much like to join your Association and enclose completed form and cheque which I trust are in order.

I also enclose photocopies of the information I have acquired so far on my decedents, which as I mentioned previously has mainly come from the St Catherine's House civil records. Obviously any further information you can give me would be very helpful.

I look forward to hearing from you and enclose a SAE for your reply.

Yours sincerely

Naomi D Search

FAMILY QUESTIONNAIRE FORM

Your Name

Your Spouse

Please give full names .James.Goddard.....
 Previous surname(s)
 where appropriate
 Date & place birth
 Date & place marriage
 Date & place death/burial.....
 Occupation .Labourer.....
 Religion

Your children's names* 1.John.Goddard.. 2..... 3.....
 Date & place birth
 Date & place marriage .28.3.1839.....
 Sturminster Newton
 Name of wife/husband .Hannah.Savory.....
 Their children* 1.John.Goddard..
 *(if more than three 2.....
 use additional sheet) 3.....

Your Father

Your Mother (maiden)

Please give full names
 Date & place birth/bapt
 Date & place marriage
 Date & place death/burial.....
 Occupation
 Religion

Your brothers/sisters* 1..... 2..... 3.....
 Date & place birth/bapt
 Date & place marriage
 Name of wife/husband
 Occupation
 Their children* 1.....
 2.....
 3.....

Paternal Grandparents

Maternal Grandparents

Please give full names
 Date & place birth/bapt
 Date & place marriage
 Date & place death/burial.....
 Occupation
 Religion
 Any other information

FAMILY QUESTIONNAIRE FORM

Your Name

Your Spouse

Please give full names .John.Goddard..... .Hannah.Goddard.....
 Previous surname(s) where appropriateSavory.....
 Date & place birth
 Date & place marriage .28.3.1839.Sturminster.Newton.....
 Date & place death/burial.....
 Occupation .Agricultural.Labourer
 Religion

Your children's names* 1.John..... 2..... 3.....
 Date & place birth .27.12.1855....
 Cheselborne
 Date & place marriage .29.11.1877....
 Winterborne Stickland
 Name of wife/husband .Eliza.(Robbins)
 Their children* 1.Archibald.George.....
 *(if more than three 2.Beatrice.....
 use additional sheet) 3.....

Your Father

Your Mother (maiden)

Please give full names .James.Goddard.....
 Date & place birth/bapt
 Date & place marriage
 Date & place death/burial.....
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 Occupation
 Religion
 Any other information .Address.as.at.1855.-.Higher.Farm,.Cheselborne.....

