



05 April 1998

Dear Julie,

Thank you for your letter concerning the Goddard family.

Since we last corresponded I haven't done much research on this family, although I have visited the Trowbridge Record Office but that was for my wife's family who come from Wotton Rivers which I understand is next to Great Bedwyn so I might be related to her.

Anyway I enclose a family group sheet showing my Goddard family and although I have Thomas as born in Blaby, Leics. I haven't confirmed that.

Should you have any info on any of my Goddards I would be very interested to see it.

Yours sincerely,

Paul

Family Group Sheet

Husband: Thomas Goddard

Married: 8 March 1802

in: Blaby, Leicestershire
in: Great Bedwyn, Wiltshire

Wife: Elizabeth Gittins

CHILDREN

1 M	Name: Thomas Goddard Born: 30 September 1804	in: Great Bedwyn, Wiltshire
2 F	Name: Mary Ann Goddard Born: 6 September 1807	in: Great Bedwyn, Wiltshire
3 F	Name: Elizabeth Goddard Born: 11 February 1810 Married: 20 October 1833 Died: 11 February 1890 Spouse: Richard Hunt	in: Great Bedwyn, Wiltshire in: Blaby, Leicestershire in: Leicester
4 F	Name: Jane Goddard Born: 2 February 1813	in: Great Bedwyn, Wiltshire
5 F	Name: Maria Goddard (Marie) Born: 24 July 1814	m John Randall Blaby in: Great Bedwyn, Wiltshire 24 Aug 1834
6 M	Name: William Goddard Born: 27 January 1817	in: Great Bedwyn, Wiltshire
7 F	Name: Sarah Goddard Born: 3 January 1819	in: Great Bedwyn, Wiltshire ?

Great Bedwyn

28th April 1987

Ancestor was **Richard Goddard** a Frame Work Knitter of Blaby, Leics.
Later a glove seamer in Leicester. Wife? **Elizabeth** was also a glove seamer & seamstress.
(From 1851 & 71 census)

Great Bedwyn registers 1802-20

Baptisms

1804 Sept 30 Thomas s/o Thomas & Elizabeth Goddard
1807 Sept Mary Ann d/o ditto
1810 Feb 11 Elizabeth d/o ditto
1813 Feb 2? Jane d/o ditto
1814 Jul 24 Maria d/o ditto
1817 Jan 27 William s/o ditto
1819 Jan 3 Sarah d/o ditto

Marriages

1802 Mar 8 **Thomas Goddard** of parish of Blaby, Leics bachelor
Elizabeth Gittin spinster by licence

Great Bedwyn

Bap 1622-1837
Mar 1716-48

Index: Bap 1553-1841
Marr 1539-1837
Bur 1538-1837

Marriages early 1559 Goddard
Burials early 1537 Goddon
Baps early 1572 Goddard
1574 Goddard

None 1637-53

Marriages 1637-53 Godward 1661
1716-48 no Goddards

Baptisms 1653-81 Goddard 1631
1682-1716 No Goddards
1716-48 No Goddards

Burials 1653-81 No Goddards
1682-1716 Goddard 1683
1716-48 No Goddards

Baps, Marr & Bur 1749-1812

Baptisms Goddards 1788, 1789, 1802, 1805, 1807, 1810

Marriages 1754-1770 No Goddards
1771-85 Goddard 1777
1785-1806 Goddard 1788
1806-1812 No Goddards
1813-37 Goddards 1821, 1830, 1830, 1832, 1836

should be 1802 check

Burials 1813-37 Goddards 1813, 1819, 1826

Baptisms 1813-1840 Goddard as follows ?

Charles s/o James & Elizabeth 1814

Maria ditto 1814

Ann ditto 1815

Charles s/o Harriott of Brail Base born

Britannia d/o/ John & Janetta of Wootton Rivers 1834

Sarah Elizabeth d/o George & Maria 1836 [not Gt Bed]

Fraunt d/o/ John ? Geo ? & Janetta of Wootton Rivers 1839

GODDARD ASSOCIATION OF EUROPE



9th April 1998

Dear Paul,

Thanks for your letter in prompt reply to mine.

We are hoping to make the Goddards of the Pewsey Vale (stretching it a bit to include the villages along the Kennet too) the subject of a monograph in the series which has already produced five books on Goddards in various parts of the country. So far we do not have anyone else with similar ancestry to yours, though we do have some Goddards from East Grafton one of the nearby villages which is grouped with it in the censuses.

I had a look at the I.G.I. and I think that Maria Goddard married Paul Randall at Blaby on 24 August 1834 as "Marie Goddard". And I see that your ancestor Elizabeth had a child named Sarah baptised 21 March 1833 before her marriage to Richard Hunt. Do you know anything about the other siblings?

You should pay a visit to Great Bedwyn sometime. There is a fascinating stone mason's yard with a big collection of gravestones and monuments, as well as a being a tying up place for any number of canal boats, something like Barrow on Soar. And Wootton Rivers is a very attractive village with thatched cottages and a well patronised pub. Above the village is Clench Hill from where one can see for miles. If you give me your wife's family tree I will have a look at any queries you want solving while I am looking for Goddards in Wilts Record Office.

You might find that the Elizabeth Gittings daughter of Richard and Jane Giddings is the Elizabeth Gittin who married Thomas Goddard. The I.G.I. treat Giddings and Gittings as separate surnames but I think one is a variant of the other. There are a lot of people researching Giddings and, although I cannot see a one-name study for it in my old GOONS book, I know that the Giddings had a family get together a few years ago, in Devizes I think.

Yours sincerely,

*Julie Goddard
Research Co-ordinator*



LITTLE BEDWYN
Inhabitants who emigrated in 1851
under Wiltshire Emigration Association scheme

CHANDLER, Charles 23

FRENCH, Robert 32 married before he went & took wife

PITHOUSE, Charles 19 & Louisa 17
Decided not to go

WILD, James 21

All went on the "Omega" sailing 15 April for Adelaide, except for Charles Chandler who went to Port Philip.

Dear Mrs Goddard,

How kind of you to contact me regarding my Gt Bedwyn Goddards and your offer of possible information. I have only just recently found this branch of my family after a very lengthy search. If you have any about this branch of the Goddards, I would be most appreciative of receiving it.

Here is a brief outline of my early Goddards:

STEPHEN GODDARD

b ~ 1765 ?

SARAH _____ ?

b ~ 1770

d 1826 Gt Bedwyn

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ISAAC GODDARD

bap: 20 Dec 1807 Gt Bedwyn

m: 26 Nov 1836 Gt Bedwyn

ROSANNA KINGSTON

bap: 6 Dec 1812 Gt Bedwyn

d: 1855 Burbage

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ELLEN GODDARD

b: 20 Feb 1851, Durley, Wilts

d: 1 May 1913 Toronto, Ont, Canada

m: 23 Apr 1878 Toronto, Ont, Canada

CHARLES AYMER

b: 23 Dec 1852, Cadley, Wilts

Stephen & Sarah had at least 2 other children, Charlotte & Harriet born in Gt Bedwyn

Isaac & Rosanna had 6 other children: Lucy, Mary, David, Thomas, James, & Emma. Of these, Ellen, David & Emma went to Canada...I don't know about the others. All except Ellen were born in Burbage

Ellen Goddard was my great-grandmother. She had an inherited form of deafness that has been passed down through the generations. I hope to find out whether it came from Isaac Goddard or from Rosanna Kingston, and whether it has been passed down through any other children of theirs.

Thank-you for the leaflet about the Goddard Association. After reading it, I think that joining would be a great help in my quest. I shall be writing to Mr John Goddard whose name was listed on the leaflet.

Yours sincerely,



Donna Brown (Mrs)

Isaac Goddard
& Kentucky
m. Rebecca Willis
1803

Dear Mrs Goddard,

Thank-you for your letter last week. And yes I wrote to John Goddard, and received back a welcoming letter from him along with the October newsletter.

I enclose a more complete set of group sheets for you, for your files on my Stephen Goddard and his son Isaac. Please feel free to pass on any information to other interested members. I can only receive & reply by "snail mail", fax, or e-mail.

As regards to Isaac Goddard....there is no record of his baptism in the parish records of Gt Bedwyn.....the information I received about him and his sisters came from the Bishop's Transcripts.

Stephen Goddard may have first married Sarah Batt 29 Sep 1796 in Milton Lilbourne. I was interested to read that a Stephen Goddard married Sarah Highlett a widow in Burbage 1837this might be my Stephen who was widowed in 1826 in Gt Bedwyn and may have gone to Burbage where his son Isaac was. Eventually I hope some answers will be forthcoming! I'm sure that Stephen and Sarah must have had other children....but haven't got around to finding them yet.

x back.

It was certainly interesting to read about your husband's hearing loss. Even though his Goddard ancestors came from around Southampton, there might be some sort of link there. Has he traced this deafness back? My ancestors' deafness is of a similar type...starting about age 20 with gradual loss until total deafness about age 50 or 60. I myself wore 2 hearing aids until recently.

Has there been any census transcripts of Goddards in Wiltshire by members? Or any other general Goddard collations of births, marriages & deaths? If someone has done the 1841 census Burbage, Gt Bedwyn or surrounding villages for Goddards, I would appreciate a copy.

Thanks again for writing. It was much appreciated and has spurred me on to more investigations!

Yours sincerely,



Donna Brown