

1881 CENSUS

PEWSEY

GODDARD

All born Pewsey unless otherwise stated

Ref: 72 12

George Edward	26	Bootmaker	
Mary Jane	24	Wife Assistant	Born Overton
Sarah	3		
William	1		

Ref: 89 10

George	37	Agricultural Labourer	
Mary Ann	32	Wife	
John	11	Ploughboy	
James	8		
Grace	4		
Louisa	1		

Ref: 58 12


George	32	Shoemaker	
Harriet	30		Born London Holloway
Agnes H.	7		
Charles R.	5		
Beatrice L.	3		
Percy G.	6 months		

Ref: 57 9

Charles	46	Labourer	
Sarah	47	Wife	
Oliver	9		
Sarah	7	Daughter	
Charles	1	Son	
Sarah	74	Farm Labourer Widow	

Ref: 61 18

Henry	64		Born Burbage
Hannah	56	Wife	Born Ramsbury



Tuesday, June 3, 1997

Dear Mrs Atherton,

Further to my letter of 14th May, Mrs Joan Gradidge of Pewsey has added to the information which we know about **Jonathan Goddard**.

She says that in the 1841 census **Jonathan** is given as aged 40 (ages were rounded to the nearest 5 or 0 in this census); in the 1851 census he is given as 53; in the 1861 census he is said to be 67! In 1841 he was already married and living (she thinks) in the Dunsden Lane area of Pewsey. All the rest of the family, except Jonathan, were shoemakers.

His daughter **Mary** was baptised at Pewsey on 24 Jan 1830. In the 1841 census she appears aged 11 (childrens ages were given accurately), but does not appear to be in Pewsey in the 1851 and 1861 censuses.

Mrs Gradidge suggests that the name of the family who fostered your father was SPACKMAN rather than SPEAKMAN (though you may know differently). It is a common Wiltshire name.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J.R.Goddard
Research Co-ordinator

25.2.89

Dear Gillian [Gillian Goddard]

Having seen your letter in the *Bromsgrove Advertiser* I was wondering if you would be interested in some information regarding some of my relations named Goddard.

One of my grandmother's sisters married a George Goddard. When I was a child I remember going to visit my Aunt Polly (George's widow), who lived at Pewsey, Wilts., or Avon as it is now called.

I am under the impression that George had something to do with the founding of Bisley Rifle Range. He bought a property in Pewsey High Street which he called Bisley House. When I knew it the front had been converted into two shops. One was a cycle shop – the other a barbers.

George and Polly had numerous children but I only knew some of the daughters, my mother's cousins. Their names were Joyce - Bessie – Lucy – May and Lola. Lucy ran the barber's shop and one of her brothers was in charge of the cycle business.

One of George's sons – Gordon became a Captain in the Army. He went to India. After the 2nd World War he came back to Pewsey where he bought "Virginia House", River Street. He also adopted his Burmese (children), these being the Ruth the wife of his batman who was killed during the war and her young son James. (sic).

I met James the first time when he had to change trains at Birmingham en route to his school. He was about 8 years old. The next time I saw him was at one of the Carnivals. This time he was magnificently robed in Indian attire and was greeting everyone with great ceremony at Virginia House. He was then in his middle twenties and something to do with the Army Intelligence. He died mysteriously a little later. It was quite a number of years afterwards that Ruth was visited by her daughter-in-law and grandson – aged about 5, of whom she had no knowledge- but of course they were Goddards! I am afraid that this sounds odd but it is true.

Another of George's issue went to Australia where he built up a garage business. Again, years later his daughter and himself returned to Pewsey. His daughter returned to her family but he stayed, and, though much Ruth's senior, he married her.

Once more going back to George. He was the founder figure of Pewsey Carnival which was in aid of funds for Savernake Hospital. As you probably know, it is now a well known event – one that I rarely missed when I was a teenager or after I was first married.

Here are some addresses which may be of help to you

Mrs L. Holmes, "The Nook, 63 Styrene Road, Bembridge, I.O.W.

Mrs R. Goddard, "Virginia House", 13 River Street, Pewsey, Avon.

Mrs K. McKenzie, The Moorings, Whitchurch, Hants. RG28 7HE

(last known address)

Both Lola and Kath were George's grandchildren and both were brought up at Bisley House.

Hope you have found some of this of some help. Also please could you tell me if ARD at the end of a name is Norse origin.

Yours sincerely, Mrs O. Ferguson

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED]
Attach: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: George Edward Goddard of Pewsey

Hi, Thanks for that information. I'm still digesting it - but it's certainly very interesting as I had found Sarah Fanny Goddard (who I think is my Ernest Goddard's sister) living with the following in Kings Corner, Pewsey in the 1891 census:

Ashley, Ann Gerry (widow) 61 East Grafton, Wiltshire Head Pewsey Wiltshire
 Fribbance, Annie 22 Pewsey, Wiltshire Niece Pewsey Wiltshire
 Goddard, Sarah Fanny 13 Pewsey, Wiltshire Granddaughter Pewsey Wiltshire

I couldn't understand where a Fribbance or an Ashley might fit in, but looking at the last information you sent, I can see that Ann Gerry Ashley may well be the Ann Cook Ashley who married William Goddard in 1860 - which would of course mean that she was Sarah's grandmother!. (Incidentally I have Ann Crook Ashley's death ref; March qtr 1900. Vol 5a pg 116 (aged 70) which would tie in with the above as well). Also, William's first wife as you said was Ann Fribbance (their marriage ref: March qtr 1851 Vol 8 P643 - her name is spelt Ann Fribance in the listings online); so that would link in the Annie Fribbance as a cousin above!

Seems we may on the right tracks?! I'm trying to find George Edward's correct birth date so I can order his Birth Certificate to see what information that throws up. I could also order William's marriage cert when he married Ann Fribance to see who it states as his father as (if it does?!).

Anyway - I'll carry on digesting and thinking over the weekend, and also attach a copy of George Edward's marriage cert. to Mary Jane Cooke as promised. Sorry its a large file but it has to be so that you can read it okay.

Look forward to hearing what you think about the above.

Simone.

Simone

I have got out the Pewsey file and in it I have a handwritten family tree in a handwriting at the moment I cannot recognise.

It goes thus:

James Goddard a labourer of North Newnton married Catherine (Kitty) Annetts 18 Dec 1823.

They had children: William about 1827

Thomas about 1835 married Catherine Jane Glover

George about 1833 married Sarah Jane Popejoy

Elizabeth 1825 (bap Pewsey)

William married Ann Fribbance in 1851 & secondly ? Crook Astley in 1860

Their children were: Sarah born Wootton Rivers married Young King at Pewsey

Frances Mary born 1858 at Pewsey died 1864

Elizabeth born Pewsey about 1859/60 died 1864

and George Edward


The first James could have been the son of Thomas Goddard and Elizabeth Mead of Milton Lilbourne.

Thomas and Elizabeth had several children out of wedlock and some in.

I will leave you to digest this.

Julie Goddard





29.1.97

Dear Julia

I am sorry that it has taken me longer than I intended to get ready the items that I am sending to you for the Pewsey Valley booklet, but things took more time than I anticipated!

I am really thrilled that the next Goddard booklet is to be on the Goddards of Pewsey Vale, my ancestors' area.

The photographs that I have, have reproduced very well on a colour photocopier, and I have numbered them and enclose a separate sheet of paper saying what I know of the individuals. Also, as well as the article on Wootton Rivers that I mentioned on the phone, I have photocopied a booklet about Pewsey Vale which may be useful to you.

I am enclosing two copies of my Goddard family tree, which also includes brothers and sisters and their families, of my direct line. Just prior to receiving your letter I had been in touch with the editor of the Goddard newsletter, asking if he would put a request from me in the next newsletter for any help with my grandmother's brothers and sisters, and also saying would the society like a little more of my family information than I had given originally when I joined the society. He said that would be most useful and to send it to you! Hence you have two copies, one to be used with the booklet and one for computer information.

I know very little about my Goddards and their lives at Wootton Rivers, sadly, but am enclosing on a separate sheet some notes of what I do know and hope that this may be useful.

I will look forward to seeing and purchasing the booklet in due course and hope that you will be able to use some of my items.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely

Beryl Walker

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PS These are all photocopies and do not need returning. However, the photographs have been photocopied so beautifully, so if you are able to return these that would be lovely - but if it is too much trouble - don't bother
Beryl Walker

A FEW NOTES ON WILLIAM GODDARD bp 31.3.1811 and JANE GODDARD (NEE KINGSTON) Bp 21.5.1815 WHO MARRIED 5.12.1835 AT WOOTTON RIVERS AND THEIR FAMILY

I don't know very much unfortunately, but their address in 1851 census and 1891 (so presumably in the others in between) was 7 The Alley.

They must have been quite poor. William was described as a Servant 1851 C, and AG Lab 1861 C onwards. In 1851C Hester, age 13, was a servant, and in 1861C Martha was a shepherdess, age 12, and William a ploughboy, age 10.

All the daughters of William and Jane were married away from Wootton Rivers. I know most, if not all of them, went into service and left home in their teens, so presumably married from or near their service address, but apart from my grandmother, Elizabeth, I do not know where.

Esther (known as Hetty, and spelled Hester on the censuses) had a son James George bp 31.5.1857. He was shown as 'George' on 1861 census, and on the photo that my Aunt gave to me it says 'Uncle George'.

I can continue the line of Ellen Goddard bp 29.3.1846, who married George Pettit, until the present day, with a few gaps.

My grandmother, Elizabeth Goddard, born 7.12.1854 (birth certificate enclosed) was in service at Keddlestone Hall, Derbys, and then at Stoke Rochford Hall, Lincs, where she met my Grandfather, Josiah Howitt, and married him 21.4.1880. Josiah was kicked by a horse and died two days later in November 1909. As the house they were living in was tied to a farm very shortly after his death my Grandmother and her daughter, Deborah Jane were obliged to move to Grantham, a town nearby. My grandmother took in washing to provide a little money, and my Aunt Jennie (Deborah Jane) who was 12, took an exam at school, passed it, and then left to go into service to help out with food etc.

When my Aunt Jennie married she went to live at Lincoln and her mother went to live with them, where she died in June 1927. She was buried at Stoke Rochford, Lincs, in the same grave as Josiah Howitt, her husband.

Emma Jane, born 23.11.1856, married quite late in life (late 40's or early 50's) to a Walter ?? When she was quite old (in her 80's) and very deaf, and widowed but I don't know for how long, she went to live with my Aunt (Elizabeth's daughter) at Lincoln. She died there 1943/4. She had no children.

My Aunt (Deborah Jane) told me before she died that there were two more sisters of her mother, a Pat and a Jane, but I have found no trace of them, nor did I get photos given to me of a Pat and a Jane. She wasn't usually wrong though, and it was her information

Jane d/o James & Susannah Cole
21 May 1815 W.R.

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that started me out on my family research - unfortunately I didn't ask enough questions!

Whilst I have been writing my family tree neatly for you, I realise that it looks as though George bp 21.4.1833, son to Jane Kingston before she married William Goddard, married Frances bp 18.3.1848, daughter of Charles and Kizia Goddard, Charles being William's brother.

My family tree ties in with Daphne Howard's, also a member of the Goddard Society. She descends from the youngest sister of my great grandfather William, bp 31.3.1811, Elizabeth, bp 1.1.1826, and Edward Smart. And Ian Goddard of New Zealand also descends from Wilder bp 11.1.1712.

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16 July 1996

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Dear Mr & Mrs Goddard

I understand that you have organised a Goddard Society, a one-name study, and I wondered if you could help me in my quest for Goddards, being my grandmother's maiden name.

I enclose details of what I know already about the Goddard family (I went to Devizes, Wilts. Archives a few years ago and did a lot of research in the parish registers and censuses).

My grandmother's name is **Elizabeth Goddard** date of birth 7 February 1854 and she married my grandfather **Josiah Howitt 21.4.1880** at Stoke Rochford, Lincs., She is the daughter of **William and Jane Goddard (nee Kingston)** who married 5.12.1835 at Wootton Rivers, Wilts.

My problems are :

- a) Are my suppositions correct re the earlier Goddards?
- b) I have no knowledge of what has happened to Elizabeths brothers and sisters apart from **Ellen b.1845** who married **George Pettit 1870**.

I met **Emma** at the end of her life when she went to live with my Auntie, daughter of Elizabeth b.1854, at Lincoln, but I cannot remember her surname at that time. She married in her 40s and I think her husband was Walter ???

I have other Goddard information both relating to my family and not relating, if you would like this for your records (census, parish records).

Any help you can give me will be greatly appreciated. I enclose a s.a.e. for your reply and will gladly send a donation by return of post if you let me know what this will be.

Many thanks in anticipation

Yours sincerely,

Beryl Walker (Mrs.)