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12 November 1988

Dear Marjorie.

Forgive the long delay. I was surprised & delighted to receive The Goddard Association of Europe, newsletter, towards the end of July & may have replied sooner had the "enclosed" form, found its way into the bulky envelope, how the latest newsletter has arrived this morning, not a good idea on one of the rare occasions when this Goddard overslept & it's now round to mid-day. The male members were late risers. I have not only digested every word of the letter, I have

2 Brought out my own family
History + all is spread around me
on my dining table. This all began
when my younger son became
interested + wanted me to list the
family + I can claim to be a real
Goddard.

My grandparents were
George Edward Goddard, born in
1854 at Pewsey, Wiltshire, who
in 1876 married Mary Jane Cook?
(not sure whether without, or with an E)
They had a large family of fifteen
children, of whom fourteen grew up,
married + ten of them had families

My mother Rosa Jane was the
eleventh in the family + on Xmas Day
(~~married~~ sorry) 1915, married a dashing
young part, Scotsman, Eli Dracup,
fortunately known for ever more as
Jack. I grew up with the name + have
never to this day met anyone else, with

3. it, though my record of the direct male line of that family goes back to 1778. My father, far from home, was in the Royal Flying Corps & continued to serve in the R.A.F. until his retirement, so we travelled, & even lived in Egypt 1924/5.

Then in 1937 staying at the family home in Pewsey, I met my cousin, Lionel Charles Gordon Goddard & at the outbreak of the second world war, we were married. He was the younger son of Thomas Goddard, number five in the large family.

We shared forty one wonderful years & after the war he continued in the R.A.F. in many different homes, countries & continents. Egypt again Singapore & last Aden, even that had many happy times. 1961-63.

So you see, I am a Goddard & always felt we were a wonderful crowd, proud of the family & where ever we went there were always Goddards.

4 They travelled far & wide, though we never met any family members.

Our own Goddard family went to India, Australia, East & South Africa where the youngest & last surviving member of George & Mary's large family still, (so far as we know) lives. How a very frail old lady in her mid eighties!

My letters still go to her monthly while mail goes to Australia, America & Canada at regular intervals.

I see in today's news letter you have moved back to Yorkshire & have also passed your driving test. Congratulations & may you settle happily. After twenty years in a beautiful rural "slum" with roses round the door, my family moved me into this dear little town cottage with a large garden, last ~~the~~ December. I am still battling to get the garden into shape, but less able to cope, the heart is willing, but the

5 flesh is weak. Goddards are a tough lot though a not easily defeated. The females of my family were never workshy, some of the males were a little sluggish at times & needed gentle prodding. though all were wonderful people & lived long interesting lives.

This was supposed to be a brief note. So sorry Margie, but I write for hours, its one of my many hobbies, time wasters, call it what you will & I blame it all on a school master way back in the early thirties, who taught us to write letters, which were part of the weekly English lessons. Letters & poetry plus nature study were about all I was ever interested in, in those distant days, still with me in my later years.

I shall hope to attend the Goddard gathering next year, though being a non driver, it will all depend

on one of my family, (a wonderful
bunch of 2 sons, 2 daughters, 1
daughter-in-law, 2 sons-in-law &
seven grandchildren) being able to
get me there & none of them live here.

I will drop a few lines to
our researcher in the not too distant
future.

until then, good luck to you
& Dennis in your new home &
happy motoring.

yours sincerely

Betty & M Goddard.

(M & B Goddard)

Letter dated 1 Nov 1988
No longer a member 1996

Grandparents were **George Edward GODDARD** born 1854 at Pewsey
Married **Mary Jane COOK** in 1876

Large family of 15 children (14 survived, 10 married)

Mother **Rosa Jane** Goddard was 11th in family.

Married **Eli (Jock) DRACUP** on 25 Dec 1915

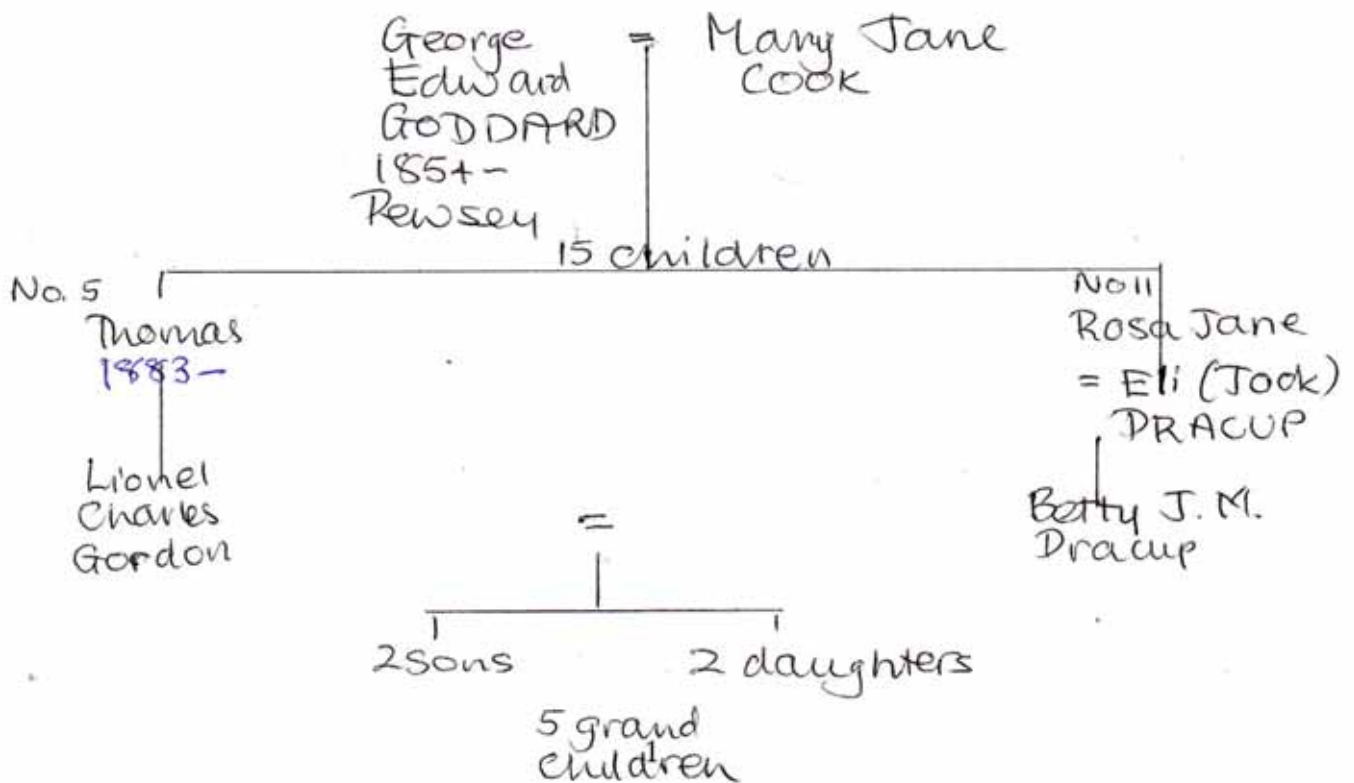
Mrs Goddard said she had a tree for the Dracups going back to 1778.

"Jock" was a Scot in the Royal Flying Corps and continued to serve in RAF until his retirement. They lived Egypt 1924/5

They returned to Pewsey where **Betty** met her cousin **Lionel Charles Gordon Goddard**, the son of **Thomas Goddard** the 5th child in the family of George Edward & Mary Jane Goddard. They married in 1939? and travelled to Egypt, Singapore, Aden, Egypt again, with the RAF until he died 40 years later.

Other children of George Edward and Mary Ann went to India, Australia, Canada and East & South Africa.

Betty wrote that she had 2 sons, 2 daughters and seven grand children - but none living in Tetbury.



PEWSEY

First Goddard in Pewsey appears to be **Jonathan Goddard** who married **Sarah Ward** July 1829.

Jonathan born in Milton Lilbourne in 1797, the son of **William and Sarah Goddard**

Living in Everly at time of marriage.

In 1823 another Goddard

James Goddard of North Newnton married **Catherin (Kitty) Annetts** in Pewsey. They lived at Shercot.

Charles Goddard, who could have been related to either, married **Susan King** at Pewsey in 1840.

He had a son **George** who married **Harriett Curtis** (the daughter of a traveller who was born in London).

Both **George** and **Charles** were shoemakers, but **George** was a railway porter in 1900.

George Edward Goddard was a shoemaker. *Cycle maker in 1897*

He married **Mary Jane [Cook]** and they had twelve children between 1880 and 1902 [see Betty Goddard's letter which says there were 15 in total]

They lived at Verandah Cottages, Pewsey.

Children identified are

Edward George 1882-1915

James Gordon born 1885

William born 1880

Thomas born 1883 [see Betty Goddard's letter which says he was the father of **Lionel Charles Gordon Goddard**]

Ernest born 1888

Bertrand Decimus born 1891

Daughters were **Lucy Ann**, **Rosa Ann** [married Eli [Jock] Dracup, mother of Betty M.J. Goddard], **Eveline Mary**, **Victora**, **Lilian Helena** and **Winnie Elsa**.

Victoria

Lucy Ann 1890

Rosa ~~Ann~~ Jane 1893

Eveline Mary 1895

Victoria 1897

Lilian Helena 1898

Minnie (Winnie) Elsa 1902

*GE Goddard 1897 Cycle maker
 1898 Tradesman
 1902 Cycle maker*