



The Goddard Association
of Europe

NEWSLETTER

No3 - April 1986



GODARDUS HELPED FINANCE INVASION

Evidence has emerged from France and England which proves that a Goddard helped finance the Norman invasion of Britain in 1066.

It comes from new member, Mrs Betty Metcalf, of 14 Malvern Road, Coventry.

Betty, who is a member of the Society of Genealogists, Cambridge FHS, and Yorks FHS, has supplied us with notes of research work undertaken in 1811 by the Record Commissioners in England.

The Commissioners had employed experts to abstract from Norman records all historical data illustrating the history of England.

Lacking sufficient money to print the findings of their research, the manuscripts lay neglected in the vaults of the Record Office.

But in 1899 they were unearthed and edited.

They reveal that in 1065 - a year before the Battle of Hastings - the Seigneur of Buslei-en-Bray, a man named Rogerius, together with his younger brother Ernulfus and Ernulfus's nephew Goddardus, sold the tithes of their lands at Buslei-en-Bray to help finance the Norman invasion of Britain.

Their land was sold to the lord Abbot Rainarius, of the Holy Trinity at Rouen.

The document of sale was signed by Goddardus in 1065 and witnessed by Prince William the Conqueror "so that it shall not be possible for anyone to dispute or question the sale."

The estate sold by Goddardus and his relatives is the present-day Normandy city of Neufchatel-en-Bray. It is about 25 miles south-east of Dieppe.

In Domesday times, Roger de Buslei was described as being "the third greatest Baron in the Kingdom."

This year marks the 900th anniversary of the Domesday Book - the first ever national census in Britain and the brainchild of William the Conqueror.

It is fitting, therefore, that we Goddards should be making a contribution to the country's Domesday heritage with the dramatic news on this page.



Above: The Conqueror (L) with one of his knights. Taken from a Bayeux Tapestry print.

Significance of French evidence

THE significance of Betty Metcalf's research is dramatic. For it suggests that the Norman knights depicted on the Bayeux Tapestry include a Goddard.

It also supports the view that Goddards were a powerful force in Norman France from the moment the Danish Viking Godr (Priest-King of the sacred race of Odin) first landed in France in 809AD and established a stronghold which has since become the present-day town of Goderville.

Clear evidence that Goddards have had a marked impact on the history of France, as well as England and America.

The Goddard Association of Europe exists to further historical and genealogical research into the names Godard and Goddard, and to promote a spirit of identity among all those with a common interest through their same surname.

Membership is by way of annual donation. Minimum donation is £5. There is no upper limit for donations.

Funds are used for research and the dissemination of information.

The Association is a non-profit organisation for the benefit of its own Members. Its sister association is the Goddard Association of America.

Documents housed by the British Museum prove that a Goddard Association existed in England in 1665 and in America in 1935.

WHO TO CONTACT

Chairman: Howard Goddard-Jones
18 Main Street
Tiddington
Stratford-upon-Avon
CV37 7AZ

Treasurer: John Goddard
Coton Grange
Shrewsbury
SY1 2PD

National Co-ordinators:

Dennis & Marjorie Goddard
107 Chessfield Park
Little Chalfont
Amersham
Bucks HP6 6RX

Several regional co-ordinators exist to promote the Association in various parts of Britain. Details from Dennis & Marjorie Goddard (address above).

Volunteers to act as regional co-ordinators are still needed.

Patrons:

Air Marshal Sir Victor Goddard
Maj.Gen. John Goddard
Captain John Goddard
Actress Liza Goddard

NUDGING 100

Membership of the Association is now nudging the 100 mark. Our thanks to the co-ordinators and everyone else who has made this possible in a year.

A list of members is being sent out with this newsletter. You are encouraged to contact those living near you, to exchange ideas, views and friendship.

Bright idea

National co-ordinators Dennis & Marjorie Goddard have come up with a nice idea. They plan to hold a garden party at their Bucks home, and invite all Goddards in their neighbourhood.

Similar get-togethers in other parts of the country could do much to foster the spirit of this family association.

Why not try the same thing yourselves this Spring or Summer. Use your local telephone directory to find out where the other Goddards live. Then simply phone or write to them.

Other ideas could include barbecues, picnics or outings together.

Extra newsletters

To help you spread the word we have printed extra copies of this newsletter. When contacting other Goddards it may help if you send them an up to date newsletter.

To obtain extra copies simply contact Howard Goddard-Jones (Chairman).

But please remember to enclose some postage stamps. For your guidance, a pack of 20 newsletters is likely to cost about 32p to post.

Goblet offer is off

Our special offer for crystal glass goblets bearing the GAE shield, motto, and Goddard family shields - as advertised in the October newsletter resulted in orders for 50 goblets.

These were despatched just before Christmas.

As we haven't heard to the contrary, we assume each order reached its destination intact.

The manufacturers, Galway Irish Crystal, blundered on the size and price. Which meant the goblets were bigger than we specified and in order to honour the advertised price the Association was unable to boost its funds by £1 per goblet as planned.

The same manufacturer has also failed to deliver orders for 50 extra GAA goblets to America.

You will not be surprised to learn, therefore, that our links with Galway have been severed, and the advertised offer is now closed.

WALL PLAQUES

Details have been received about a range of Goddard heraldic wall plaques.

These beautiful hand-painted shields are mounted on solid wood bases.

They measure 8" across x 9" deep and are produced by **Dudley Bateman, Rebonah, Bourne Close, South Wooton, Kings Lynn, Norfolk.**

Mr Bateman will supply prices and list of Goddard shields he has available.

Who's doing what

Congratulations to Marjorie Goddard whose newspaper article entitled, 'What's in a Name' - and which did so much to promote the Association - resulted in her being invited by Yorkshire TV to make a programme on the topic of 'How to become a writer'.

Also to her husband Dennis whose private study is now beginning to look more like the headquarters of a Field Marshal's campaign as he plots the inroads GAE is making across Britain.

Congratulations to Denise Goddard, one of our regional co-ordinators, who recruited two new members just a few days after moving from London to Dorset.

In spite of her move, Denise has written to say that she and her aunt, Mrs Ethel Swift (nee Goddard) are still prepared to handle Goddard interests in the West London area.

That's the spirit!

Congratulations to Howard Goddard-Jones who has been invited by the GAA to address its annual convocation at Knoxville, Tennessee, in June.

Howard will talk on the part played by Goddards during the English Civil War and the effect of that war on the Goddards.

(Any GAE members who have historical data on the topic should contact Howard direct in the next few weeks please).

Joint Euro - USA convocation plan

A far reaching scheme is being discussed to stage a joint American-European Goddard convocation in England next year.

Outline plans at this stage are to take-over an appropriate hotel and to lay-on a programme of activities that will meet both American and British interests.

Efforts would also be made to involve Goddards from Denmark and France.

A draft programme has already been sent to America for the comments of the GAA.

It provides for a week-long convocation for GAA members, with GAE members being involved in all or just some of the time.

Several days would be spent in England, with an opportunity for GAA and GAE members to include a visit to Goderville, France, following the English get-together.

The two issues we have to look at closely are-

* Location *Cost

Our first thought was to take over the Goddard Arms Hotel, Swindon, as the UK convocation centre.

Advantages of this are that they have sufficient space, are not over-expensive, are close to many well-known Goddard sites and the Channel ports, and have the right name.

The major drawback, however, is that it may preclude Goddards from the north or outlying areas getting there.

As to the cost of staging such a convocation, there is no possibility that the GAE has sufficient funds to 'sponsor' the event.

Short of a very rich benefactor emerging, we propose coming up with a 'package deal' price for the Americans, and suggesting that any GAE members who wish to take part do so by financing their own hotel accommodation and paying for any lunches or dinners they attend.

It is a major undertaking and we would welcome any comments or suggestions from you before going any further into the detailed logistics of the idea.

Please send your views to Howard Goddard-Jones (Chairman).

Trips are postponed

Proposals that we organise research trips this summer to Goderville, Normandy, and Hedeby, Denmark, have been postponed pending the outcome of our plans for a joint American-European convocation in 1987.

If the convocation is staged there will be an opportunity for GAE members to join the GAA research trip to Normandy.

SHERIFFS OF ENGLISH COUNTIES

The October '85 issue of the GAE newsletter contained a list of prominent Wiltshire Goddards. Since when, member John Goddard, of Bikerehyd Farm, Pennant, Llanon, Dyfed, has carried out research at the Public Record Office into other prominent Goddards. His findings are reproduced here.

<u>County</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Name</u>
Beds & Bucks	Domesday (Page 213)	Godric
Berks	Domesday (Page 57B)	Godric
Cambs/Hunts	Domesday (Page 144)	Godric
	149)	
	152)	
	Domesday (189 -197)	Aluric Godricson
	17 Feb 1766	John Goddard of Elm
Hants	24 Nov 1589	Edward Goddard
	21 Jan 1698	Henry Goddard
	6 Feb 1771	Edward Goddard, of East Woodlev.
Herts	6 Nov 1615	Sir Goddard Pemberton
Surrey/Sussex	1 Dec 1505	Godard Oxenbrigge
	7 Nov 1512	Sir Godard Oxenbrigge
	8 Nov 1519	Sir Godard Oxenbrigge
Yorks	1 Dec 1388	Sir John Godard
London/Middx	1195	Godard de Antioch
	1596	Richard Goddard
Notts City	1452	John Godard
Poole (Dorset?-Ed)	1581	John Goddarde
Southampton	1548	Thomas Goddard
	1580	Richard Goddard
	1588	Thomas Goddarde
Wilts	12 Nov 1608	Richard Goddard
	15 Nov 1634	Francis Goddard
	5 Nov 1674	Thomas Goddard
	30 Nov 1713	Richard Goddard
	13 Feb 1767	Edward Goddard
	12 Feb 1820	Ambrose Goddard

CANNON MAN

HERE IS a classic example of how the Association relies on its members to trigger-off research.

Recently-joined member, Mr James Goddard, of Quinton, Birmingham, was keen to find out about the Goddards of that city.

In the course of his investigations he dug-up some old copies of 'The Birmingham Post' newspaper.

They revealed that a Mr Samuel Aspinwall Goddard had been a leading figure in the city in the late 1800's.

What's more - and this will please our American cousins - Aspinwall Goddard was one of the few emigres ever to return to Britain.

Soon after his arrival in Britain he was appointed American Ambassador in Birmingham, a city "noted for its toy making."

More importantly, Aspinwall Goddard made a substantial impact on the city. Described as an "ardent politician" he "zealously assisted in the agitation that brought about the passing of the Reform Bill."

Leading the 'masses' in street processions, the crowds of Birmingham cheered: "Goddard and Van for ever."

The 'Birmingham Post' of the day reported 'We doubt whether a more solemn, impressive meeting of earnest men will ever again take place in Birmingham.'

He was an authority on currency. Ten pages of his comments on decimal coinage are recorded in the Parliamentary Blue Book of 1857.

His invention for a breech loading cannon won a Government grant, and he did much to encourage other inventors in the city.

It is with sadness we report the death of two inaugural members:

Rhoda Winifred Goddard aged 101 who lived in Devon.

Eve Goddard-Ferwick, who died Dec 26 in London.

ITEMS for inclusion in the newsletter should be sent to:
Howard Goddard-Jones, 18 Main Street, Tiddington, Stratford-on-Avon.

Please find my Dad's family

This very touching letter has just been received from a new member. We reprint it here with the permission of Dorothy Woodhouse and in the hope that someone may be able to help.

From: Dorothy Woodhouse
63 Bourne Avenue
Hayes
Middlesex UB3 1QN
Tel: 01 - 573 1969

Dad is not too well and is increasingly talking about his family. When he was very small he lived with a family called HICKS, in Hounslow, Middlesex. They kept him as one of their own and all contact with his mother was lost.

My Aunt Ella Bendy - nee Hicks - who is now 93 years-old can only tell that Dad was the youngest of several children. She thinks some of his brothers and sisters also went to live with a family called LOVELOCK, of Westminster Road, Hanwell, Middlesex.

And it is possible some also went to live with a family called SHEAN, of SHEARN, in Southall, Middlesex.

I know this isn't much to go on but it's all I have been able to find out.

If anyone has a record of a William Goddard, or Rose Churchman Goddard from the Middlesex area or London I would appreciate the information so that I can find someone for Dad before he passes on.

IN THE NEXT ISSUE

October 1986

AROUND & ABOUT

Please drop us a line and tell us about which Goddards you've met and what you've been up to. We'll print your stories in the October issue.

PROFILES FROM THE PAST

We take a look at some of the famous Goddards from the past.

CONVOCATION

USA - STYLE

A report on the GAA Convocation at Knoxville, Tennessee.