



## The Goddard Association of Europe

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Foundation Photograph, Goddard Arms, 25 May 1985

### BACK TO SWINDON

#### SECOND A.G.M. - 10 APRIL 1988

Sunday, 10 April 1988 should already be in your diaries as the date to keep free for the Association's A.G.M. this year, since we selected it at the same event last year. Now please add The Goddard Arms Hotel, Swindon, as the venue. This was chosen by the Committee at their meeting just before Christmas, mainly for two reasons. This was where the Association was founded, and where the connection with the Goddard family is strongest; and secondly, like it or not, there are still far more members in the southern part of the country than the north. If you feel aggrieved, Northerners, you have a remedy to hand - persuade more of your kith and kin to join us!

We hope that the programme will be sufficiently varied and interesting to entice as many of you as possible; we would certainly like to see a good many more than last time, and if possible even more than our foundation meeting nearly three years ago.

Unfortunately the Goddard Arms Hotel is very busy that week-end and I gather that all available accommodation is already fully booked; so if you were thinking of making a week-end of it you will have to look elsewhere. However, lunch is still a possibility at a cost of £7-95; but be sure to book early, as I am told the Hotel gets very busy on

a Sunday. And if you mention that you are a member of the Goddard Association they will try to seat us all in the same dining-room.

If you are unfamiliar with Swindon, the Hotel (see a separate article on it on page 2) is in the High Street in the Old Town - that is the higher ground to the south east. Next to the Hotel is a park, formerly the grounds of The Lawn, the Swindon Goddard mansion which was pulled down in 1952. In the park is situated the remains of Swindon's former church, the Holy Rood (see this page); normally locked, we have arranged for  
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## HOLY ROOD

On the day of the A.G.M. we have arranged for Holy Rood Church to be open to members of the Association. I am indebted to Patron Captain John for allowing me the use of the following article, written by his great-uncle Toby (Charles Frederick Goddard), younger brother of Fitzroy Pleydell Goddard, the last of the Swindon Goddards to live at The Lawn.

The old Parish Church at Swindon, which was immediately adjacent to the grounds of the Manor, was originally dedicated to the Holy Rood, but at some time before 1300 was rededicated to the Blessed Virgin. It was evidently, before its destruction, a plain and insignificant building. It was pulled down, all except the chancel and the arches of the nave, in 1851, and possessed only one feature of architectural interest, namely a low Norman column with a cap round which ran a dog-tooth moulding indicative of the period of about the middle of the thirteenth century. This pillar was between two arches in the centre of the North chancel wall at the entrance to the Goddard Chapel which occupied the North East corner. The Church consisted of a chancel 31 feet long, a nave 61 feet long and 21 feet wide, two side aisles each 16 feet across and a tower at the West end of the nave 18 feet high above the nave roof.

About the middle of the eighteenth century it appears to have become very delapidated and certain Church lands were then sold, to Ambrose Goddard amongst others, for £487. This money was then spent in restoring the Church, which then served the parish until the middle of the nineteenth century when it again became delapidated, and being too small for the expanding parish, it was pulled down and the present parish Church built to replace it. The tower of the old Church contained five bells, all dated  
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this to be open to members of the Association between 11.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

The A.G.M. will be held in the Lawn Suite (next to the entrance), starting at 2.30 p.m. The Agenda will be as follows:

1. Notice convening the Meeting.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the last Meeting - copies of these will be available to each member on entering the Suite.
4. Matters arising.
5. Submission of the Accounts for 1987-88.
6. The Treasurer to propose that in Rule 3.1 the word 'donation' be altered to 'subscription', that the sum £5 be increased to £7.50, and that the membership of anyone not paying by 30 September in any year shall, after due reminder, be terminated.
7. Election of President.
8. Election of Secretary.
9. Election of Treasurer.
10. Election of two Committee Members - Annica Leach and Janet Goddard-Jones retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election.
11. Date of the 1989 A.G.M.
12. Any other business.

The closure of the A.G.M. will be followed by the presentation of the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial for 1987. This is the first presentation of this annual Memorial. It will be followed by Committee Members Janet Goddard-Jones and Julie Goddard presenting the lecture and slides on the Goddard family and the Civil War, which Howard had prepared for the Third Biennial Convocation of the GAA in 1986 and which he was on his way to deliver when tragically struck down by his fatal heart attack.

## THE GODDARD ARMS HOTEL

The Goddard Arms Hotel, in which our Association was founded and in which our A.G.M. is to be held, was originally known as The Crown. The earliest deed in existence is of 1621 when it was acquired from William West by Thomas Goddard. It was then leased to William Elton for three years together with all the profits of fairs and markets. But in 1627 the Constables of the Hundred of Kingsbridge complained that Swindon had nine alehouses too many for a population of only 300! The Crown survived, however, and in 1633 it was leased to F. Kibblewhite for 41 years. In 1692 Samuel Day was assessed for four shillings Poor Rate for "ye Crowne".

It was still known as the Crown in 1782, but was probably rebuilt and renamed shortly after, and certainly before 1822. The uncertainty is due to the unfortunate loss of the licensing records for the late eighteenth century. At this point it was the most important inn in Swindon and was used for all the major functions; it was also the home of the Magistrates Court. Some time after 1876 it was acquired by Bowly's, the local brewery in the Old Town, from whom it passed to Simmonds and thence to Courage. The separate Vaults Bar in the yard was closed in 1952, and the Market Day licence

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1741, which were rehung in the new Church.

John Aubrey visited the old Church in 1672 and commented on some of the tombs he saw there, including those in the Goddard Chapel, which was pulled down in 1851 with the rest of the building, beneath which was the family vault where the burials date from about the middle of the seventeenth century. The vault is now covered by a large mausoleum erected in 1856 by Ambrose Lethbridge Goddard of Swindon. There were many tablets on the walls of the old building in memory of various members of the family, and these are now on the remaining chancel walls.

The first members of the family to be buried in the vault at Holy Rood Church were probably Thomas Goddard of Swindon in 1641 and his wife Jane in 1639. After this, all the heads of the branch and their wives and several other members appear to have been buried in it, up to the death of Ambrose Goddard in 1854 and his wife and several of their children. By this time the vault was full, since when members of the family have been buried in the mausoleum above it which was erected in 1856. Fitzroy Pleydell Goddard, however, was buried in the new churchyard in 1927. His younger brother Edward Hesketh (died 1921) left in his will a sum of money with which to maintain the vault and its precincts, and the roof was covered with lead to preserve it in 1938. In spite of the old manor house, The Lawn, no longer existing, the remains of Holy Rood Church, the family vault and other graves there are still maintained.

rescinded in 1965. The final change of ownership was to Trust House Forte on 1 August 1986.

Members may be interested in the origin of the names Fitzroy and Pleydell, which were the names of the joint rooms in which our Association was founded. Fitzroy Pleydell Goddard, our Patron Captain John's great-uncle, was the last of the Swindon Goddards to live at The Lawn, the family mansion which was situated in the grounds - now an attractive park - just behind the Hotel. He was born in 1852 and died in 1927. The name Pleydell came into the Swindon Goddard family in the second half of the seventeenth century when Thomas Goddard married Mary Pleydell of Shrivenham. Their third son, Pleydell, succeeded to the manor in 1732 but, dying childless in 1742, bequeathed it to his cousin Ambrose - another unusual and yet common Swindon Goddard name acquired in the same way, by marriage into the Awdry family of Melksham. The Lawn Suite, where we are meeting, takes its name, as indicated above, from the Goddard manor house.

I am indebted to Mr. David W. Backhouse for some of the information used in this article.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Mrs Lois Brown of 254 Warners Bay Road, Mount Hutton 2290, New South Wales, Australia, whose Goddard family came from Buckinghamshire and who would like any Goddards from that area to contact her.

Mrs. Jill Foweraker of 2227 Lincoln Road, Victoria, British Columbia, who has got her tree back to Joseph Goddard who married Ann Bouen at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on 22 September, 1774, and is stuck. (This same marriage, though read as Ann Brown, appears in this column in Newsletter No. 5).

Mr. David Goddard of 19 Rudland Close, Churchfields, Thatcham, Newbury, Berkshire, who has got back to Samuel Goddard, born 1813, who married Martha Cookson on 31 March 1834 in Manchester Cathedral. He was an iron moulder by trade. Are there any other members with ancestors who were iron moulders or similar?

John and Jean Goddard of 40 Gilletta Road, Lynfield, Mount Roskill, Auckland, New Zealand, who would be grateful for any details of John's family from Yorkshire. John's father, James Henry Goddard, was a shepherd from Bramham in Yorkshire and died aged 85 in 1965. He married Agnes Towend of Aberford, Yorkshire, and they had eight children born in Bramham, now known as South Milford.

Mr. Douglas E. Goddard of 47 Albany Road, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, East Sussex, who had an uncle, Christopher John Goddard, who married an American lady possibly called Ivy. They had a son, Frederick William Goddard, who lived in Boston, Massachusetts, and is probably now in his fifties. If anyone knows of his whereabouts would they please let Douglas know.

Mr. William (Bill) Goddard of The Bungalow, Eve Street, Louth, Lincolnshire, LN11 0JJ, who had an army friend, L/Cpl. F.C. Goddard (14217985) of the Lincolnshire Regiment, who was killed in action in 1944 aged 20 and was buried in Italy. He is believed to have come from the London area. If any of his relatives are members please contact William.

Mr. Mark Bonthron of 29 Henslowe Road, East Dulwich, London SE22 0AP, who is trying to trace his ancestors, and has come across a Nathan Hollingworth who married an Elizabeth Goddard. They had a daughter, Sarah Hollingworth, who was born in Sydney, Australia, on 5 February 1851. It is thought that Nathan married Elizabeth before emigrating to Australia, but Mr. Bonthron is not certain; nor does he know where Elizabeth came from. Does anyone recognise her?

Mr. Thomas C. Goddard of 49 Buckingham Close, Ealing, London W5, to trace his grandfather's half-brother who emigrated to the United States and lived on the East Coast possibly in the Boston or New York areas. Unfortunately he knows neither his name nor the date of emigration, though it could have been in the third quarter of the last century. But he can provide some information on both his grandfather and great-grandfather. The latter, Stephen Goddard, and his (?second) wife Emily lived in the West Lavington, Devizes and Swindon areas of Wiltshire. Their son, William Stephen, born about 1844, drove dray horses for Bodsworth's Brewery in Devizes. His first wife committed suicide, and he married Emily Higgs in about 1890. He died in January 1906 at Whitchurch near Pangbourne in Berkshire, receiving on his deathbed a visit from a black American lawyer, also coincidentally surnamed Goddard, who had come with details of his half-brother's will. Does anyone recognise this background information? Are any of his half-brother's descendants living in America?

Mr. D.B. Goddard of 39 Billington Way, Cold Ash, Newbury, Berkshire, with information on a Samuel Goddard. He was father of Thomas Goddard, who was born in 1836 and married on 14 October 1856 Ann Marsden Holden. They both came from Heaton-Norris, Stockport, Cheshire. He would like to hear from any Cheshire or Lancashire Goddards.

Harry and Margaret Goddard of 29 Harpers Avenue, King Country, Otorohanga, New Zealand, to trace some of Harry's ancestors. The information they provide clearly relates to the same family as George and Wynne Goddard on page 3 of Newsletter No. 6, and to the subject of the Indenture of Newsletters 6 and 7, although some of the information is at variance. Stephen and Hannah Goddard of Silchester had a son, Stephen Goddard, born 30 August 1826 and apprenticed carpenter at 13 to Thomas Goddard. He married Louisa Rouw, born 10 September 1835 at Highbury, Islington, London, on 14 November 1859 at St. Paul's, Deptford. They and their children and Louisa's parents, George and Mary Louw, sailed to New Zealand from Gravesend on board the 'Winchester' on 1 May 1874. The children's names are given as Mary Hannah, George Robert, Henry Joseph, Alfred Frederick, Charles Oldfield, and Eleanor June. Does anyone have any knowledge of any of Stephen and Hannah's other children in the Silchester area, or of Rouw relatives in London?

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Any requests or success stories? Please write to Richard Goddard, 6 The College, Malvern, WR14 3DJ.



# GODDARD GOSSIP

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## UNION AND DISUNION

By a somewhat roundabout route an article from Nigel Dempster's column in the Daily Mail of 22 December 1986, under the above heading, has recently reached me. For those of you who, like myself, missed the original, I quote it in full: "The late Lord Chief Justice, Lord Goddard, would not have been amused by today's proceedings in the High Court, where Sir Jeremiah Harman, 56, is being sued for a 'quickie divorce' by his wife of 26 years, Jane. For named as the 'other woman' is Lord Goddard's grand-daughter Katherine, who was admitted as a barrister in the Inner Temple in 1960 and has two children by her late husband, City journalist George Pulay. A High Court judge since 1982, Old Etonian Harman has two sons and a daughter and plans to marry Katherine - whose late father was a High Court judge who sat in the divorce division. Her elder daughter Jessica, 20, became President of the Oxford Union this month."

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## MISSING GRANDPARENTS

Mrs. E.M.Horsfield has sent a cutting from a 1915 newspaper about the Golden Wedding of her grandparents who lived at 18 Park View, Thorpe Hesley, near Rotherham. Mr. Charles Goddard was the second son of a family of ten (five sons and five daughters) and was born in Chesterfield. He had a family of four sons and one daughter. Does any other member recognise their long lost grandparents? Her address is 5 Exeter Street, Saltburn-by-the-Sea, Cleveland, TS12 1BN.

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## RUPERT'S BLUE BANNER

For those of us who like a little light reading may I recommend the above book by T.P. Concannon. The hero is one Matthew Goddard, yeoman of the Severn Vale. Matthew elects to fight with Prince Rupert's force in the Civil War while his brother Richard joins the Parliamentary side. Almost inevitably tragedy happens, but as the plot has a good mixture of romance and intrigue it makes what used to be called 'a good read'. I asked Mr. Concannon whether the story was based on fact, but he tells me that as far as he knows it is all fiction. He chose the name Goddard because his mother-in-law was a Wiltshire Goddard. I have suggested that he might like to join the Association and find out more about her family!

Julie Goddard.

## SILCHESTER

Following a lead from New Zealand, Committee members Brian and Julie recently went to St. Mary's Church at Silchester, the old Roman centre of Calleva Atrabatum. Historically it is a most interesting place; for instance, the church is built over two Roman temples. They did not find what they were looking for, but they did spot the following entry on the list of rectors: 1452 Sir Robert Woderd or Odard. Coincidence? Or can this in any way be connected to the Wadard of the Bayeux Tapestry? (See Newsletter No. 5). At any rate, there are still Goddards living in the vicinity.

Do we have any members who recognise descent from the Goddards of Brimpton?

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## GODDARD OF GAMBIA

Robin Goddard has a photograph of a plaque to a Goddard in the cathedral at Bathurst, Gambia. His grandfather, Henry Charles Goddard, was a councillor there 'for many years and also vice-consul for the U.S.A.'. Henry and his sister, Norah, went on a world trip in 1902 and she kept an interesting diary. We look forward to the day when Robin retires.

He has promised that he will then sort out his papers and make copies.

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## FAR FLUNG

Keith Goddard of New South Wales was born in Barbados and can trace his family there back to the 1800s, but has no idea from whence they originated. He went to Australia via Scotland where he met and married his wife Liliias. Keith has seven brothers and sisters and they are widely scattered over Barbados, Trinidad, Canada and Australia.

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## THE GODDARDS OF BRIMPTON

Julie has just informed me that the Newbury District Museum was recently presented with a number of deeds, sale catalogues, etc. from 1721 to 1915 relating to the Blacknest Estate at Brimpton near Kingsclere in Berkshire. The donor was a Miss Goddard and Blacknest was her family's ancestral home, which they left in 1839/41. These records have now been deposited in the Berkshire Record Office.

## GODDARD AVENUE

Residents of one of the finest tree-lined avenues in Swindon, Goddard Avenue in Old Town, have just won a battle with their local council to save the trees from being cut down. Of the 38 trees in the road, only two would have escaped unscathed. The reason for their proposed decimation was to prevent further damage to double-decker buses which use the route. But local residents were furious at what they described as 'an act of wanton vandalism'. In the end common sense prevailed and only the offending branches will be cut back.

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## DID WOODEN LEGS RUN IN THE FAMILY?

When I first started on my family tree my first object was to find my grandfather's gravestone in the local parish churchyard. I found what I thought was the correct Goddard gravestone and copied down all the details. Upon showing them to my mother for confirmation, her reply was rather startling - "That is not your grandfather's grave, it's his brother's. Your grandfather's leg is in that grave, but he isn't."

It appears that grandfather as a youth in about 1870 was attacked by two men, and resulted in him having to have his leg amputated below the knee. As the amputation was carried out at home by the local G.P., I suppose the leg had to be disposed of somewhere, and his elder brother owned that grave plot.

As a bizarre coincidence his brother James also had a wooden leg, the result of an accident on a local limestone tramway in 1856, but I never heard what happened to his leg!

Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith.

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## FOLLOW THAT ONE

While searching local church burial grounds I came across several strange verses, and I wondered if any members had interesting ones to relate. In Chirley Independent Chapel there is a long eight line verse; the last two lines were:

God only knows who next must follow we,

Reader prepare, perhaps it may be thee.  
And in Mellor Parish Church:

Mourn not for me my dearest friend,  
My worldly cares are at an end,  
My stone you read, my grave you see,  
Therefore prepare to follow me.

Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith.

## MEMBERSHIP OVERSEAS - ESPECIALLY NEW ZEALAND

New Year greetings (a little belatedly) to all our overseas members. Since that very first U.K. meeting, way back in May 1985, at the Goddard Arms Hotel, Swindon, Wiltshire, the Association has flourished. We now have 210 mailing addresses on the register of which 46 are from America, Canada, South Africa, Chile, New Zealand and Australia. The Goddard Association of Europe is now world wide! This has been achieved with the help of members and various forms of the media.

Alas, we have to report the deaths of three of our former founder members. They will be sadly missed but I'm sure they would be the first to agree that 'the show must go on'!

It is my pleasure to say 'hello' to our South African members - and to Frank Goddard in far away Chile, South America. Can you find us a few more members, Frank?

I would love to hear more from our Australian members. Can you, too, spread the news of our unique Association all over your vast continent? Recently I was told of the success of Trisha Goddard becoming a top T.V. news presenter; I have written to her and hopefully she will swell our numbers.

To date, we number 22 members in the U.S.A. and two from Canada. Our sister Association in the States continues to produce fascinating newsletters and we would welcome any worthy news items from this source for publication in the Goddards of Europe editions.

I am most happy to say that the New Zealand branch is growing and we are always thrilled to receive letters from that part of the world. We are really indebted to Frank and Marjory Goddard of Rotorua for what Richard, our President, calls 'vigorously canvassing support' and for acting as coordinators in their particular area. Much of this is done at their own expense!

Frank and Marjory send most interesting letters about

their daily life style 'down under' - a constant joy to read. Frank's many Goddard contacts are made by letters, 'phone and even by car journeys as he enjoys his retirement in those pleasant islands. We envy their wonderful climate!

Congratulations on their supreme effort and for being such wonderful grandparents to their 12, or is it now 13 grandchildren, with the arrival of Melanie Elizabeth.

Thanks go to Pat Bisset (nee Goddard) and her husband of Te Awamutu, N.Z. Her family tree news reads like some film script. Hopefully, we will be publishing some of these thrilling stories in future newsletters.

Thank you to Doris and Leslie Goddard of Flaxmere, Hastings, N.Z., for all your super letters to me. Keep up the correspondence with Frank in Rotorua - hopefully you will all meet up some day very soon. It would be great to hear of a New Zealand Goddard gathering and maybe a little fund raising for the Association funds for research into our name.

Thanks are also due to Wynne and George Goddard of New Lynne, Auckland, for such wonderful efforts on reaching 54 Goddards in your 'phone area! At least three of those contacted joined. A big welcome to you all.

To think, two and a half years ago I didn't know any of you! The Goddard Association has certainly enhanced my Membership Secretary's task and it is as if I belong to one very large and constantly expanding international pen-friend club!

Keep the information flowing in those very interesting letters and may 1988 be a peaceful, happy and healthy New Year for all of you.

Marjorie Goddard,  
Membership Secretary,  
107, Chessfield Park,  
Amersham, HP6 6RX.

## NEW MEMBERS PASS TWO HUNDRED

The Association offers a warm welcome to the 26 new members who have joined since the last Newsletter went to print. This now brings the number of addresses to over 200:

- Miss M. Anthony, Deepdene, Amacre Drive, Hooe, Plymouth, PL9 9RJ.
- Mrs. Pat Burden, Sylvanus, Sutton, Stanton Harcourt, Oxford, Oxfordshire.
- Mr. William M. Broughton, 146 Point Chevalier Road, Auckland 2, New Zealand.
- Mrs. P. Bisset, 17 Bond Road, Te Awamutu, New Zealand.
- Mr. Anthony Goddard, Calder, Grove Road, Wantage, Berkshire.
- Mr. R.W. Goddard, Cayton Grange, South Stanley, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG3 3AB.
- Mr. & Mrs. R.C. Goddard, 14 Mytchett Road, Mytchett, Camberley, Surrey, GU16 6EZ.
- Mr. J. Goddard, 6 Belmont Rise, Baildon, Shipley, West Yorkshire, BD17 5AN.
- Mr. & Mrs. H.F. Goddard, 2/54 Gills Avenue, Papakura, New Zealand.
- Mr. & Mrs. F.F.J. Goddard, St. Claire, Spurlands End Road, Great Kingshill, High Wycombe, Bucks.
- Mr. & Mrs. F.M. Goddard, 25A South Street, Cuckfield, West Sussex, RH17 5LB.
- Mr. & Mrs. Bill Goddard, The Bungalow, Eve Street, Louth, Lincolnshire, LN11 0JJ.
- Mr. & Mrs. John Goddard, 40 Gilletta Road, Lynfield, Mount Roskill, Auckland, New Zealand.
- Mr. & Mrs. L. Goddard, Norfolk House, 299 Brentwood Road, Romford, Essex, RM2 5SX.
- Mr. Christopher Goddard, 1A Drayton Road, Ealing, London, W13 0LD.
- Mr. Tom Goddard, 48 Buckingham Close, Ealing, London, W13.
- Mr. G.W.J. Goddard, 11 Highcliff Road, Lyme Regis, Dorset, DT7 3EW.
- Mr. & Mrs. R.C. Goddard, Warren Lodge, 1 Plainwood Close, Chichester, West Sussex, PO1 4YB.
- Mr. & Mrs. D. Goddard, 47 Albany Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex, TN38 0LJ.
- Mr. K. Goddard, c/o P.T.B. H.Q., Department of Works, P.O. Box 1108, Boroko, NCD, Papua New Guinea.
- Mr. H. & Mrs. M. Goddard, 4 Rose Grove, Upton, Pontefract, West Yorkshire, WF9 1DU.
- Mr. M.H. Goddard, Stackley House, Great Glen, Leicestershire, LE8 0GP.
- Mr. & Mrs. Ray P. Goddard, 8 Carisbrooke Drive, Bitterne, Southampton, Hampshire, SO2 7EB.
- Mrs. Dorothy Hemmings, Four Winds, Maynstone Road, Chinley, Stockport, Cheshire, SK12 6AQ.
- Miss E.L. Sawyer, The Nurses Home, The Radcliffe Infirmary, Woodstock Road, Oxford.
- Mr. & Mrs. F.L. Stafford, 54 Five Acres, Bovey Tracey, Devon.

# NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE GODDARDS



New Mexico State University has been celebrating its centenary, one that in many ways is linked to the Goddard family. Indeed, the tower of Goddard Hall (shown here) was chosen as the symbol of the centennial. Built in 1913 as the engineering building - and, incidentally, one of the earliest buildings on the campus - it was renamed God-

dard Hall in 1934 in memory of Ralph Willis Goddard, the engineering dean whose pioneering radio work first brought national recognition to this university at Las Cruces.

A direct descendant of William Goddard and his wife Elizabeth Miles, a member of the Swindon branch of the Wiltshire Goddards who had emigrated to America in 1665, Ralph W. Goddard was born on 20 April 1887 and showed his aptitude for electrical engineering at an early age, building a complete electric power plant and a practical working model of an electric railway line while still a teenager. He graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1911 with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. He then joined the faculty of the University of Nebraska before going in the autumn of 1914 to New Mexico State University as the head of the electrical engineering department. He was made the Dean of the School of Engineering on 1 June 1920 and spent much of his time working with his students to erect an antenna on top of the engineering building in order to bring 10,000 watts of radio programmes to New Mexico over station KOB. Tragically he was electrocuted on 31 December 1929 while working on KOB equipment.

On 14 August 1911 Ralph had married Frances M. Gascoigne and they had four sons, Kenneth (who died in a plane crash in 1979), Raymond, Earl and Roy. The third son, Earl, is a member of this Association and has greatly assisted the task of compiling this Newsletter by loaning the Association a computer, an act of generosity duly acknowledged in an earlier edition; he was also present at our 1987 A.G.M. Earl's connection with New Mexico State University spans a lifetime. Born and educated there, he has in recent years become a munificent benefactor, and has just been honoured as

part of the centennial celebrations by being chosen as one of the hundred Outstanding Living Alumni of the College of Engineering.

Graduating with a degree in electrical engineering in 1939, Earl (shown here) continued his studies at Stanford University where he earned a Master's and Professional



Earl Goddard

Engineer's degrees in 1947. His studies, however, had been interrupted by the war years when he had first become an instructor in electrical engineering and electronics at Rice University in Houston and then a U.S. Navy mine warfare officer in the Pacific and instructor in communications engineering at branches of the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School at Harvard and Annapolis.

After completing his degrees, he taught a year at Duke University and then, between 1948 and 1955, returned as a civilian faculty member to the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Annapolis, Maryland, and Monterey, California, teaching advanced communication, navigation and electronic counter-measures systems. From 1955 to 1960 he was a senior research engineer at the Stanford Research Institute in Menlo Park. Then he took on various assignments with different private corporations until his retirement in 1978. Over the years he wrote and published frequently in his field, and in 1984 his work was recognised by the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers' Centennial Award.

Earl Goddard's benefactions to New Mexico State University have included support to the College of Engineering computer laboratory, a memorial scholarship in the name of his eldest brother Kenneth, and the donation of his father's books and pioneering radio equipment to the University's Archives. Now, in its centenary year, he has established the Goddard Centennial Memorial Scholarship, a permanent endowment whose earnings provide an annual scholarship to an undergraduate studying engineering. In congratulating the University on reaching its centenary, the Association salutes those Goddards who have been so intimately connected with it over the years.

## AUSTRALIA TWO HUNDRED NOT OUT !

Not the sort of score one likes reading about too frequently when the Ashes are at stake! But this edition of the Newsletter could not possibly pass without special greetings and warm congratulations to all our Australian members on your bicentenary. We now have 8 members in Australia - two each in New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia - and more and more information is coming to light of ships of emigrants from Great Britain to the far side of the globe,

carrying Goddards amongst their passengers. What a boost to the Association it would be if each of our current members could recruit at least two other new members in Australia during the course of the year.

We greet you all and hope that you have a most festive year. Do any of you feel like writing an article for a future Newsletter? I am on the lookout for new material, and it would be nice to include Australian Goddard activities during the year.

## INFORMATION FOR FAMILY TREES

In order to be able to assist the members of the GODDARD ASSOCIATION in researches into their own branches of the family tree, it has been decided that as much information as possible about our predecessors bearing the name GODDARD will be collected by the ASSOCIATION. This information will be stored on a computer in the same manner as one could store the information on a card index system. However, the computer system has the real advantage that the information is more easily retrieved in the form it is required than any other data storage system.

The form accompanying this Newsletter shows the type of information we would like the computer to contain. As we are living in the real world this amount of detail on each entry is unlikely to be attainable. We do not mind if the only information you can give is a name and a little other information, preferably dates, places or even trivial detail. It is all useful, and other information coming in later from other sources could gradually fill in the gaps.

One essential with any information system is knowledge of its accuracy, therefore much emphasis is being put on the indicated quality of the information. A user of the system will be able to save a great deal of time and money if he can be told that certain information is backed by contemporary documents, or if it is only what has been remembered or estimated many years later. This is particularly important with birth dates. It has been noted that the same christian name has been used in the same generation of one family several times, successive children having been named after their dead predecessors. This can lead to serious confusion.

Please use the accompanying form as a **guide only** and send in your family tree with as much information as you have relating to each person, including trivial detail.

Information will only be put onto the computer for those people born **before 1900** in order to protect the privacy of living persons.

Although there is, as yet, very little information on the computer, if you have a requirement for information please ask. We just might be able to help **from this or other sources to hand**, but we cannot undertake other types of research. We may, however, be able to point people in the right direction to do their own research, if asked.

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Ed. There is also the **Can You Help?** column in each Newsletter, which will bring your query to the attention of other members of the Association.

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Back copies of all Newsletters (price 50p. each) are still available, as are stocks of the recent reprint of Richard Jefferies' "The Goddards of North Wilts" (£5), and the Association's brass-rubbing postcards (multiples of 10 at £1 for 10). Send your request and cheque - payable to the Goddard Association of Europe - to Richard Goddard at 6 The College, Malvern, WR14 3DJ.

## ASSOCIATION'S FINANCE

I much regret having to write some strong words about the state of the Association's finances, but the plain fact of the matter is that our efforts are currently only being kept afloat by the influx and contributions of new members, plus the renewed support of half the old membership. On an annual budget of under £1000 we have a current shortfall of nearly £500. In other words, at the time of the Committee meeting just before Christmas - that is to say, two thirds of the way through the current financial year of April 1987 to March 1988 - half the existing members had failed to renew their minimum donation of £5. So if your conscience has already started to prick, please reach for pen and cheque book and address an envelope to Treasurer John at Coton Grange, Shrewsbury, SY1 2PD as soon as possible. The situation has forced the Committee to take three reluctant decisions.

In the first place we have had to shelve any ideas of embarking on research for the time being. This still remains a major aim of the Association, but we are not yet financially in a strong enough position to justify any expenditure on professional assistance in this field.

Secondly, and with considerable regret, we feel we must recommend to the next A.G.M. that we abandon the original principle of an annual **donation** and turn to that of a fixed **subscription**, but still on an address rather than on an individual basis. We are still most reluctant to strike anyone off our membership list, but we have to lay sentiment aside and face the reality that those who contribute financially cannot be expected to carry those who do not. As in the past, subscriptions will be due on 1st April each year, but in future those who have not paid by 30th September will receive a reminder with their next Newsletter; if that still fails to elicit a response, they will not receive any subsequent Newsletters.

Thirdly, and also with much regret, the Committee will recommend to the next A.G.M. that such subscription be raised to **£7-50**. We sincerely hope that this will not cause difficulty, but again reality must be faced. The minimum level of donation of £5 has remained the same since our inception. If we wish to do more than produce three or four newsletters a year, particularly if we wish to fund research, then we must secure the means with which to do so. If we are wrong in this assumption no doubt the A.G.M. will tell us! I have done my best to cut the cost of producing the Newsletter to the minimum by making use of the new technology at Malvern College and doing the typesetting myself, coupled with the aid of a laser printer; but, with our small circulation, it still remains a relatively expensive item. But I believe it is right to try to increase rather than reduce the number of issues a year, and I have every intention of trying to do so in the future; after all it is, apart from the A.G.M. (which can not easily apply to our many overseas members) and letters, the only means of contact between the members.

To be candid, in addition to the above, what a new Association really needs are one or two generous members who are prepared to be benefactors. But we should also be more than grateful to hear from any members who have ideas about raising money. As a start, I propose to hold a raffle at the A.G.M.; and Anthony Osborn has already most generously indicated his wish to donate an engraved glass as first prize. He also hopes to be present at the A.G.M. with some of the glassware we indicated in the last Newsletter would soon be available to members of the Association.

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If you have any items or articles which you think would be of interest to members, please send them to the Newsletter editor, Richard Goddard at 6 The College, Malvern, WR14 3DJ.