

The Goddard Association of Europe

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THE ONE HUNDREDTH NEWSLETTER A Minor Milestone Reached

‘Time flies when you are having fun’ so goes the old adage. But I must confess that I was not aware that I was having so much fun compiling the Association’s Newsletters that this is already the one hundredth issue and that I have been responsible for all but the first three of them! This minor milestone appears to have crept up almost unnoticed, but it gives me a chance to reflect on the past twenty-six years, the purpose of the Newsletter, and on some of the themes behind the stories and articles that these issues contain.

But before doing so may I pay tribute to the Association’s main founder, the late Howard Goddard-Jones, and his vision. He called the meeting on 25 May 1985 at the Goddard Arms Hotel in Swindon which led to the launch of the Association, he produced the first three Newsletters particularly setting a high standard with his third and, but for his most untimely death the following year, there is no knowing to what heights he might have led the Association and its publications. It is entirely fitting that each year we present a trophy in his memory to some member of the Association who is adjudged to have made a significant contribution to its work in one form or another.

But what highlights have there been? Obviously each member will have his or her own favourites; and – thanks to the hard work of Malcolm of Brisbane – now that all the Newsletters together with an index can be found on the ‘members only’ section of the website, you can easily select yours; but if you do not possess a computer and would like any back

numbers, please apply to me as I hold several copies of every issue and would only require you to cover the cost of the postage and packaging.

The Newsletter is important, it seems to me, for three main reasons: it is there to inform, to preserve and to entertain, the last two really being accidental but important by-products of the first. The Newsletters abound with interesting articles which relate to family research and, other than the production of the monographs, this is one of the main ways that knowledge of the different branches can be advanced, former research either verified or corrected and new avenues of approach suggested. The Goddards of Brimpton – a small village just east of Newbury – are currently undergoing such scrutiny; but there are plenty of other branches that have been covered over the years, the wartime mayor of Weymouth and his recently deceased granddaughter, Judge Ann Goddard, being another example that immediately springs to mind. I am always especially pleased when a member picks up

on an article in the Newsletter and then sends me something to take the topic a stage further in the next issue; unfortunately this does not happen as often as I would wish, so please consider this in future.

For me it is individuals that give the most pleasure, and the widespread characteristics and exploits of Goddards of many generations are no different to the rest of the human race. Sportsmen, artists, musicians, authors, farmers, pioneers, black sheep – don’t forget the black sheep; they are usually more interesting – soldiers, sailors and airmen, lawyers, shopkeepers; these and many others feature in every issue. Even Goddard ghosts and stories of the paranormal have appeared from time to time and are among some of my favourite articles.

Finally, I offer my very great appreciation and thanks to all those members who have sent me either articles or snippets over the years; in particular to Julie and Brian of Newbury who have written more articles than anyone else (Julie has written an appreciation on the next page). The quality of the Newsletters stands or falls on the material I have available for inclusion. I have long been aware that I cannot please all the people all the time; but I cannot please any of the people any of the time if there is nothing to hand. Unless persuaded to the contrary I aim to continue editing the Newsletter for a few more issues yet – though certainly not for another ninety-seven – so please keep the material coming whether you are a seasoned contributor or have never yet put pen to paper. If the latter please do not be shy! You can judge from the first one hundred issues the sort of material I am after; it should give you plenty of scope, and I am always willing to assist.

ONE HUNDRED NOT OUT!

It seems a long time ago since father-in-law tossed a letter across the room, saying that it was all rubbish, but we might be interested. It was a letter from Howard Goddard-Jones, one of many which he had sent to Goddards all over the country. I had always had an interest in family history and now, living in a small Wiltshire village, with the children at school, I was looking for a new challenge, so I replied to him. However, despite several phone calls from Howard I did not commit to taking up the position of Research Co-ordinator to the newly formed Goddard Association. But when Richard of Malvern phoned with the news that Howard had suddenly died in America on his way to giving a talk to the American Goddards, I finally gave in. Then followed twenty-one years of accumulating material about Goddards, letters, articles, books, answering letters, attending family history meetings and attending Open Days with Brian (who had now joined in) with our stall, leaflets and banner.

A Goddard Association committee was formed. John Goddard of Shrewsbury became treasurer, John and Eileen of Accrington joined, together with others who have come and gone over the years. But Richard of Malvern has been Chairman and editor of the Newsletter since the third issue.

You might think that a Newsletter solely about Goddard would be a dull affair. But Goddards are not run-of-the-mill sort of people and there have been, and are, a lot of them. In history we have had Wadard on the Bayeux tapestry "Hic est Wadard", Dr Jonathan Goddard who sold a truth drug to Charles II, the splits between families in the English Civil War, Wordsworth with an appreciation of a young Goddard drowned in Lake Lucerne, Arabella Goddard the Victorian concert pianist (who visited the gold fields of Australia), the Goddard Jones missionary work in China. More up to date we have Robert Goddard the author, Liza Goddard the actress, Trisha Goddard the TV presenter, and James Goddard the swimmer. There are Goddard architects, Goddard's polishes and the Goddards who have a Pie and Eel Shop in Greenwich to name a few.

All one hundred Newsletters are now available to members on the Goddard Association website by courtesy of Malcolm Goddard's hard work. And they are indexed; always a bonus. So, Goddards, unite in appreciation of the achievement of ONE HUNDRED Newsletters and perhaps make a decision to put something in a future copy and to get your family history on paper and recorded for posterity.

Julie of Newbury

NEW ZEALAND VISITORS

Tony and Carol Goddard, brother and sister-in-law of our New Zealand Co-ordinator Julie, have been on an extended tour of the UK and Paris during September and October. Fortunately they were able to find some time to stop off with us near Malvern (shown here standing on the left of President Richard)



on their excursion down the west of England before heading for a week in London. They too live in Christchurch, but not in an area badly affected by the earthquake, although they lost some of their china collection. They spent some time updating us on the continuing aftershocks, and in re-packaging some more pieces of china to take home safely and, hopefully, without overstepping the luggage weight restrictions! It was a pleasure to meet them.

WILTSHIRE RECORD SOCIETY – 4

No Goddards appear in the third volume of the Wiltshire Record Society published in 1947, but next year the fourth volume contains two. It deals with the Minutes of Proceedings in Sessions for 1563 and from 1574 to 1592. In the Midsummer Sessions at Devizes in 1583 William Hopley of Ramsbury is bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace; he had two sureties in the sum of 50 shillings [£2.50] each, one of whom was 'Anthony Goddard of Cleve [Clyffe Pypard], gentleman'. And in the Easter Sessions of 1592, also at Devizes, Anthony again stood as one of two sureties, this time in the sum of £10, for John Laufer of Wotton Bassett for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace meanwhile towards John Langlye.

In 1592 at the Michaelmas Sessions held at Marlborough 'Thomas Goddard of Burchenwood, esquire' was bound over in the sum of £40 for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace meantime towards John Bannyster and Henry Androws of Bramshawe. Thomas pleaded not guilty to the indictment.

BRIMPTON YET AGAIN!

I make no apologies for telling yet another story about the small village of Brimpton, between Newbury and Reading, where Goddards proliferated two to three hundred years ago.

Googling “William Goddard” on the web, the following story appeared. At the Old Bailey proceedings on 25 November 1839 a John Stevenson, alias George Streatley, was indicted with stealing on the 15th October a mare, priced at £15, the property of William Goddard. William told the court: “I live at Brimpton, Berkshire. I had a mare in my possession on Monday 14th October. At 6 o’clock in the evening I turned her into a meadow. I missed her next morning at 4 o’clock, and found the gate of the field ajar. I had shut it the night before and put a stick through the staple.” Then, surprisingly, he said, “I found her in the possession of Wiggins, the police inspector, on the Saturday following.” Understandable if Wiggins was a Berkshire policeman, but he was in Edgware, Middlesex!

Luke Middleton of Brimpton told the court that he knew the prisoner and his father well. His name was Robert Streatley and he saw him near Mr Goddard’s meadow on 14 October at 7 in the evening. William Hedges told the court that he lived in Burn Street, Marylebone. On Tuesday 15 October the prisoner came to him about ten in the morning and asked if he had a low priced horse for sale. The explanation was that the horse the prisoner had with him was his father’s. His father had told him to sell her for £16, but he had ‘broken its knees’ since leaving home and now wanted £7. He fetched the horse and showed it to Mr Hedges, who was suspicious of his story. After haggling with the prisoner, he offered to pay £5 10s, but said he could not pay immediately but would have to go out to get the money. The horse was locked up with his other horses.

Mr Hedges and the prisoner went to see John Nathaniel Hempson, a butcher of Chapel Street, Edgware. Mr Hedges said that he had bought a horse for £5.10s; would Mr Hempson, who was well known to him, give him the money and put it on his account. However, while crossing the shop to his desk, Mr Hedges said quietly that he was sure the horse was stolen, so Mr Hempson pretended that he did not have enough cash in the house and would have to go to his bankers. He and Mr Hedges alerted the police and William Wiggins, a police inspector, came and took the prisoner into custody – but not before he had tried to make a run for it. All parties then went to the stable where the horse was being kept and Mr Goddard claimed the mare. George Streatley,

also known as John Stevenson, was found guilty of stealing the mare and was sentenced to transportation for ten years.

Several questions must spring to the reader’s mind: how did William Goddard, presumably the William, son of John and Charlotte, farming at Brimpton when the 1841 census was taken, know where to look for his horse? What brought him to London to look for it? Was it really his horse? There was another William Goddard at that time in Brimpton, an agricultural labourer, who perhaps would not have owned a horse. However, this William had two brothers in the police force, Richard and George (see previous Newsletters) to whom he might have turned for help.

Further investigation of George Streatley, alias John Stevenson, shows that he was baptised at nearby Thatcham on 15 February 1818. He appears to have been set in his bad ways early in life, as at the age of 19 he was tried, but found innocent, of assaulting Eliza Wyatt at Bucklebury, another local village.

Whether he was actually transported to Australia after the 1839 trial is open to question and his name does not appear on the shipping lists for 1839 or 1840. A ‘John Stevenson, alias George Streatley, alias George Gutteridge, alias John Castle’ was convicted at Oxford Quarter Sessions on 13 October 1856 of a crime for which he was sentenced to 14 years transportation to the Western Australia colony. A John Stevenson was transported on the *Lord Raglan* in 1858 and died in 1898 at Mount Eliza, being married with one child. It is possible that he was transported, served his ten years and came back to England. If so, transportation did not deter him from returning to his criminal career!

Julie of Newbury – with thanks for the help of Sue Knight and Gerald Soper, both descendants of unrelated Brimpton Goddards. *Ed.* – Never having been to Brimpton before, I have just been three times as my new son-in-law manages the Wasing estate.

SWINDON SCHOOL

Wiltshire Family History Society Journal October 2011 has an article about the “Admissions to Sanford Boys’ School, Swindon in 1934”. One of the names listed is that of Leonard Goddard, born 15 November 1926, son of Stewart G.W. Goddard, an iron moulder for the Great Western Railways, and his wife Lilian E. Whatley. The article is written by Brian Timbrell, who reports that the full register is in Wiltshire and Swindon Archives for anyone to consult and find out more. Is any member of the GAE descended or related to Leonard?

Julie of Newbury

JAMES STANLEY GODDARD 1730-c1795 – A PIONEER IN CANADA

As mentioned in my article in the last Newsletter, Stanley Goddard died a wealthy man. He left his business to his nephew John who was only 17 years old when he inherited it, but as he had lived with his uncle one can suppose that he had been groomed to take over.

The only detail given in my family tree about his brother, James Stanley, was “Went abroad”. Then I received information from John of Accrington which stated that James Stanley Goddard “went abroad and it is supposed died abroad – was sometime in Canada.” It is tempting to think that, having inherited £1,000 from his uncle Stanley when only around twenty years old, he set out on an adventure. So, with what little information I had, I started investigating on the internet and found information which revealed just how adventurous his life turned out to be.

The earliest dates I found were in extracts from *Metis Culture 1760-1762* which mentioned fur traders James Stanley Goddard and others as being at British Fort Michilimackinac (Michigan) which at that time contained some thirty houses. There were two diary events in 1761: on 16 September a contract by Forrest Oakes, James Stanley Goddard and William Grant of the North West Society hired Ignace Pinsonneau de la Fleur to take a canoe of goods to Michilimackinac. Then on 12 October James Stanley Goddard arrived at British Green Bay (Fort La Baye) (Wisconsin), with the British garrison commanded by Captain Henry Balfour. He remained at this location until 1763.

In Alexander Henry's *Travels and Adventures* he (Henry) is described as among the earliest British traders to reach the upper country and refers to James Stanley Goddard who accompanied Lieutenant Gorrell to Green Bay, being driven from here by the uprising of 1763. Upon the restoration of British authority he (James Stanley) returned to the Northwest, where he was for many years a prominent merchant. About the year 1777 he became government storekeeper at Montreal, and this position he continued to hold as late as 1795.

More information was found on www.collectionscanada.gc.ca This referred to James Stanley Goddard's *Journal of a voyage 1766-67*. The journal is included as an appendix to *The Journals of Jonathan Carver* published by the Minnesota Historical Society Press in 1976 and reprinted in 2004. Some friends of mine who live in Canada ordered this for me and brought it on their last visit. In brief, this book records the expedition led by Jonathan Carver in an attempt to discover the north-west passage. They explored and

mapped up the Mississippi River through what is now Minnesota and Wisconsin, then headed for Grand Portage on Lake Superior.

“Goddard, a Montreal merchant who knew the West, had been at Green Bay in present Wisconsin as early as 1761. In 1768 it was said that he had more influence among the Indians than any other single man trading around Lake Michigan.” He was appointed secretary of the expedition with instructions to keep a record of the journey. This journal, of which one known copy survives, forms the appendix already mentioned.

The introduction to the Journal states: “The only known copy of this journal is in the Rare Book Room of McGill University Library, Montreal. It is entitled ‘Journal of a Voyage under the Command of Captain James Tute, James Stanley Goddard Second, and Secretary to the Detachment; Joseph Reaume, Interpreter, Andrew Stewart Commissary, Augustus Ange, Lorange and Gabriel Loring, Engages’.” The manuscript is an 18th-century copy, but the date and purpose for which it was made are unknown. The only contemporary reference to Goddard's account found by the editor (of the book) is in Sir William Johnson's journal of Indian affairs on 6 November 1767. It is suggested that the copy may have been made for Sir William Johnson's use. It also states: “There are no major differences between Goddard's and Carver's accounts. There is, however, one interesting omission in Goddard's journal: he never mentioned the northwest passage. At Rogers' court-martial (1) Goddard stated that his intention in going west was ‘to bring in the Indians’, to persuade them to trade at Michilimackinac rather than New Orleans, and that is the purpose reflected throughout his journal.”

There are several references to James Stanley Goddard in the various Reports of Indian Meeting, Treaties etc. 1778-1784. One dated 1783/08/04 refers to him as “Inspector of Indian Accounts”. Another dated 1782/11/20 states: “A person with an assistant or clerk should be appointed to take charge of the presents for the Indians; recommends Mr. Goddard for the office”. There is also reference to him being in charge of the stores for Indian presents in another document.

Other references on <www.collectionscanada.gc.ca> were to letters written by James Stanley Goddard dated 17.5.1794 and 25.9.1789 published by Lachine Daniel Claus and family fonds, but they were not accessible.

I also investigated the following: GODDARD,

James Stanley – Lower Canada Land Petitions (1626-1865) Year: 1792; 1794.

The one made in 1794 was accessible and I was able to download a copy. This petition was made by Goddard and eight others in September 1794 and signed by them all. The application gave details of the land and a diagram showing it as being south of the River Lawrence and west of Lake Champlain, which is partially in the province of Quebec and the American states of New York and Vermont. Also included with the application is the rejection by the Land Committee dated April 1795.

To date I have found no official record of James Stanley Goddard's death, nor of his having married or of any descendants. Perhaps Goddard Association members living in Canada may be able to do so. For now it is sufficient to have discovered a Goddard pioneer and one who is in my tree.

NOTE:

(1) Major Robert Rogers was accused of treason, the allegation being that he was planning to desert to France and this was compounded by his protection of, and employment of, an escaped prisoner named Phineas Atherton. In addition Goddard was accused of embezzlement. *Gillian Edwards*

OWLERTON GINGER ALE

I am most grateful to my printer for spotting and giving me an old bottle label as illustrated here. I can



find little about it, other than the fact that Owlerton is a suburb of Sheffield and that there were Goddards in the area in the 1850s. But I can find no indication as to who the L. Goddard in question is, nor what the age of the label might be. Can any member throw light on the situation?

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the new members who have joined the Association since the last Newsletter:

Ms Dianna L. Goddard, Flat 104, Hermes Gardens Block B, Kato Pervolion St., Paphos 8046, Cyprus.

Mrs Janet E. Newman, 4 Hornbeam Road, Charlton Down, Dorchester, DT2 9FD.

Mrs Sarah J.G. Phelps, 2 Bromley Lane, Hyde Heath, Amersham, Bucks., HP6 5SQ.

Ms Kate Wingrove, 45 Spurwood Road, Turramurra, NSW 2074, Australia.

LUKE GODDARD

The golfer Luke Goddard, who has featured several times in these pages before, recently won his first PGA EuroPro Tour title at the Lingfield Park Championship in Surrey together with the cheque for £10,000 which goes with it. Rounds of 68, 66 and 70, against a par of 71, were sufficient to clinch the title by two shots. Luke represented Great Britain & Ireland in the Walker Cup in 2009, turning professional soon afterwards. He started this season in the Qualifying School, finishing second in the opening phase and twentieth in the final phase, which was enough to confirm his place on the EuroPro Tour. He did not make a very good start, missing the cut in his first events; but he steadily improved, having top twenty finishes at Burhill, Longhirst Hall and Fota Island, and then coming tied second at Formby Hall. This victory the following week puts him third in the Order of Merit on the Tour; should he finish the season in the top five he would automatically secure a place on the Challenge Tour for next year, which is his main ambition – indeed, the ambition of most professional golfers. Our warmest congratulations and good wishes for the future.

NEW MEMBERS FAMILIES

The information below is given to enable existing members to get in touch with new members who appear to belong to the same branch:

Rejoining member **Dianna Goddard's** great grandfather, Frederick Rudolph Goddard, emigrated to South Africa in 1850 on the *S.S. Glentammer*, but his birth date and place are unknown. His third son was named William Charles and his son, Dianna's father, was William Clarence. Dianna would love to know of any connections to that family in the UK or elsewhere.

Janet Newman is descended from the Frome/Westbury branch beginning with Edmund 1746-1835 via Stephen who married Sarah Gunning in 1808 in Frome. His son William A. had a son Albert Edward who married a cousin. Their daughter Florence was born in 1877 in Westbury and died in Kent in 1953.

Sarah Phelps descends from Francis Goddard 1834-1880 of Croydon whose family was one of the Brimpton Goddards.

Kate Wingrove is descended from Isabella Goddard, daughter of Thomas Goddard 1635-1700 and Elizabeth Shalcross. Thomas was a founder Governor of the Bank of England who lived in the London parish of St Stephens Coleman Street and was buried in Digswell, Hertfordshire. Isabella married Richard Willis who became Bishop of Winchester.

COUNTY ARCHIVES SCANNING PROJECT

At the 2011 AGM in May I agreed to take on the task of scanning the Association's paper archives, county by county. In June I visited Colin, our research co-ordinator, to pick up the files and after taking a month to familiarise myself with their contents I started the project in July, finishing in early October. So the first part of the project is completed and I have sent everything to Malcolm in Brisbane who is working towards it being available to members on the website early in the New Year.

There has been some very light editing and a few of the documents were far too big for my scanner. To respect members' privacy I have endeavoured to obliterate all addresses and telephone numbers, but inevitably some will have got through. If you see something that interests you and an address is showing please go through the proper channels and initially approach John of Accrington, our membership secretary, who will be able to tell you if the person who offered the information is still a member or even, given the age of some of the paper work, still alive. For something of interest with personal details obliterated contact me and I will be able to refer to the original and then proceed, again through John.

I said that the first part of the project is finished; I am now working on part two. At the moment there are on the website databases of deaths, marriages and baptisms/births for the counties of Dorset, Kent, Wiltshire, Somerset and Sussex, Sussex being the latest county to be added. I found enough information in the Sussex county file to build the database and I was able to expand on what I already had for Wiltshire from the Wiltshire files. I am still working on the Wiltshire expansion and that should be available on the website, again, in the New Year. I am currently building a BMD database for Suffolk and other county files that were found to have worthwhile parish register transcriptions in them. I will spend the next couple of months working on this and hope to complete this part of the project by the spring of 2012 and before the AGM. If you hold any parish register transcriptions for any county please consider sharing them with me to add to the website; my e-mail address is <JDbbl@aol.com>.

The scanning of the county files took me just three months. We should never lose sight of the fact that the files are the product of many, many years of dedicated work by Brian and Julie Goddard of Newbury. I think when you see their work on the website you will agree that they did the most amazing job when they were the Association's research co-ordinators.

Joan Dibble

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee held its 48th meeting at Leigh Sinton on Sunday 23 October. Apologies were received from Joan Dibble and Malcolm of Brisbane; Colin of Brackley was absent due to ill-health. The major discussion of the meeting considered how to encourage more members to take an active participation in the Association's affairs, but no definitive conclusion was reached. The Association would continue to expand the data available on the 'members only' section of the website as time and circumstances permitted but, unless more members sent in family trees or contributed to the survey of parish registers etc. there was a limit to what could be achieved. It was decided to enquire if Ancestry.com offered group as opposed to individual membership which could then be placed on the website. Watch this space! Meanwhile if you can offer an hour or two of your services for research on a regular basis, please contact our acting Research Co-ordinator Joan Dibble on JDbbl@aol.com for direction and support.

ICE HOCKEY

Margaret of Worsley has again kindly sent me an article from the *Manchester Evening News* of 10 October relating to her ice hockey playing great nephew, Declan Ryan, who featured in Newsletters 97 and 98. In what must have been a thrilling match between his side, Telford, and Premier League champions Manchester Phoenix, the nineteen year old British netminder stopped almost everything that came his way, his side winning 2-1 on a penalty shootout. The Manchester Phoenix coach commented: "The team battled well and we had fifty shots on their net, but we came up against a hot goalie". Congratulations to Declan.

FICTIONAL GODDARD

Twice before in these pages (Newsletters 22 & 85) I have mentioned Goddards who have appeared in works of fiction. I have just come across a third, rather less prominent than *Emma* or *Cranford*, but interesting none the less. My wife and I have become devotees of the historical novels of C.J. Sansom, medieval 'who dunnits' set in the latter part of the reign of Henry VIII. The hero of the stories is a hunchback Lincoln's Inn barrister called Matthew Shardlake. In the fourth one, *Revelation*, one of the key figures – though he does not actually appear until nearly the end – is Lancelot Goddard, former infirmarian in the Benedictine abbey of Westminster. Thought at first to be a villain, he eventually turns out to be a victim.....but I won't spoil the story for you!

MORON

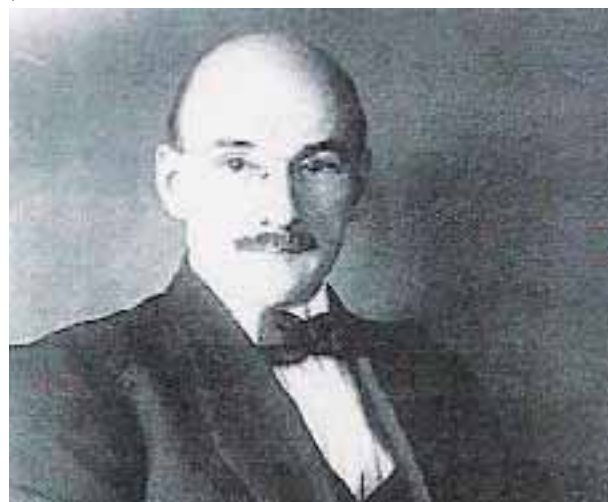
In the last Newsletter there was a brief article under the above heading which indicated the first use of the word 'moron' in 1912 to designate a particular category of the feeble minded. Now generally a term of abuse, it was originally coined from the Greek 'moros' meaning foolish and dull by the American psychologist and eugenicist Henry Goddard, a member of the American Association for the Study of the Feeble-Minded. I decided to find out more.

Henry Herbert Goddard was born on 14 August 1866 in East Vassalboro, Maine, the fifth and youngest child – and only son – of farmer Henry Clay Goddard and his wife Sarah Winslow Goddard, who were devout Quakers. Two of his sisters died in infancy, and his father was gored by a bull when Henry was a small child, eventually losing his farm; he subsequently died of his injuries when the boy was nine. Henry went to live with his married sister for a time, while his mother became an itinerant preacher, marrying the missionary John Newlin in 1884.

In 1877 Henry was enrolled at the Oak Grove Seminary, a boarding school in Vassalboro, and the following year at the Friends School in Providence, Rhode Island. In 1883 he entered Haverford College, where he played in the football team. He took a year off from his studies in 1885-6 to teach in Winthrop, Maine, finally graduating in 1887. He then went to California to visit one of his sisters, stopping at Los Angeles to present letters of introduction at the newly founded University of Southern California where he was surprised to receive an offer of a temporary position teaching Latin, History and Botany; he also served as co-coach of the first USC football team. But he did not stay there long, returning to Haverford to earn his Master's degree in Mathematics in 1889.

On 7 August 1889 Henry married Emma Florence Robbins; she died childless in October 1936. In 1889 also Henry became Principal of Damascus Academy, a Quaker school in Ohio; but in 1891 he returned to teach at his old school in Vassalboro, becoming Principal in 1893. Three years later he enrolled at Clark University, intending brief study, but he stayed three years and received a Doctorate in Psychology in 1899. He then taught at the State Normal School in West Chester, Pennsylvania until 1906.

From 1906 to 1918 Henry was Director of Research at the Vineland Training School for Feeble-Minded Girls and Boys in New Jersey, and it was here that he did the work for which he is best remembered, particularly in proposing a system based on intelligence quotient for the classification of individuals with mental retardation. He used the



term moron for those with an IQ of 70-51, imbecile for those between 50 and 26, and idiot for those of 25 and below, nomenclature which was to remain the standard for decades. A moron, by his definition, was anyone with a mental age between twelve and eight, and he regarded them as unfit for society from which they should be removed either by institutionalisation or sterilisation or both – although he never went so far as to advocate that these measures should be compulsory. He supported his theories in his best-known work *The Kallikak Family* in 1912, and by research projects on immigrants arriving at Ellis Island between 1913 and 1917 and on the American armed forces in the First World War. He was the leading advocate for the use of intelligence testing in institutions such as schools, hospitals, the armed forces and the legal system, and he played a major role in the emerging field of clinical psychology. In 1911 he helped to write the first US law requiring that blind, deaf and mentally retarded children be provided special education within the public school system, and in 1914 he became the first American psychologist to testify in court that subnormal intelligence should limit the criminal responsibility of defendants. His conclusions were often challenged and, it is fair to say, he himself began to doubt them before he retired, regarding much of his work as obsolete by the 1920s.

In 1918 he became Director of the Ohio Bureau of Juvenile Research, and four years later Professor of Abnormal and Clinical Psychology at the Ohio State University, a position he held until his retirement in 1938. He devoted the later part of his career to seeking improvements in education, reforming environmental influences in childhood, and working towards better child-rearing practices. He received an honorary Law degree from Ohio State in 1943, and an honorary degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1946. He moved to Santa Barbara, California in 1947 and died at his home there aged ninety on 18 June 1957.

AGM

Advance warning that the 26th AGM will be held at 2.00pm on Sunday 20 May at The Swan, Wittington near Worcester, right by Junction 7 on the M5. The guest speaker will be Camilla Goddard, the London bee-keeper featured in the last Newsletter. I will give full details and directions as usual in next April's Newsletter.

EARTHQUAKE

Either from Julie or from her brother Tony I have continued to get eye-witness accounts of the aftermath of the New Zealand earthquake in Christchurch. In her last letter Julie wrote: "The Newsletters arrived while school was closed with our second dumping of snow, the worst in fifty years. In July we had three days of snow and being housebound; a grader eventually dug my neighbour and me out. Fortunately it was school holiday time so no school anyway, then last week even worse, and we are now told there is a possibility of more snow in two weeks time. Roll on spring!

"This has been an unbelievable year – aftershocks still interrupt our lives, five in the last twenty-four hours from 3.3 to 4.8, and one centred across the road from my house which felt like a five.....The 'Future City Plan' is now out for discussion. I think it is innovative and very interesting – about 80% seem to agree. It will cost around \$2billion and take around twenty years to achieve. It has no buildings over seven storeys, green areas everywhere along the river bank, a much smaller central business district, a light rail linking the University to the centre (it is about 5k out), openair concert areas, broadwalks, cycleways, walking routes to areas such as the sporting section, office and business section, and entertainment section.....In the 'red zone', where it is impossible to rebuild, the government is buying your land and the insurance your house. Thousands of houses are affected. I'm in the 'green zone' – minor repairs. When you see the suburban 'red zone' it's heartbreaking – houses have sunk up to their window sills, others are tilted and large parts broken off.....Tony was able to go into the 'red zone' to collect his firm's office equipment. He took lots of photos over the hour he was in there. He said it is so eerily quiet and the demolition already done has created huge spaces. Our city walking mall will have only three buildings left. In mid-November, our Show Week, shipping containers are going to be set up as shops to allow people back in to experience a little bit of 'city' again. I think every crane in NZ must be on our skyline; it's all you can see from here!" Let's hope the damage is over and the rebuilding can begin.

OBITUARIES

The Association is saddened to record the death of Margaret Young on 7 August after a very short illness. Margaret was a long-standing member of the Association and regularly sent me snippets for the Newsletter whenever she came across a Goddard. We offer our sympathy to her husband and son. And we offer similar condolences to Executive Committee member Joan Dibble and her family on the recent loss of her mother. Also to Frank Goddard of Llanelli on the death of his wife Megan on 8 September.

ALSO 100 NOT OUT

I am grateful to John of Accrington for sending me a cutting from the *Nottingham Post* relating to a Goddard centenarian (or centurion as they put it!). Len Goddard of South Normanton, Derbyshire, celebrated his one hundredth birthday with a surprise military themed party arranged by his grandchildren. Len was born in Sutton-in-Ashfield on 15 July 1911 and worked as a builder, moving to Skegby after his marriage to Lilian. After army service in World War Two he set up his own business. He retired in 1969 and Lilian died in 1979. A great fan of the Army, he was driven to his party in a jeep escorted by outriders in WW2 uniform. A passing Apache helicopter bowed to him and he had a flight in a two-seater light plane. His daughter Chrissie and her husband live in Suffolk with his two grandchildren and a great grandson.

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