

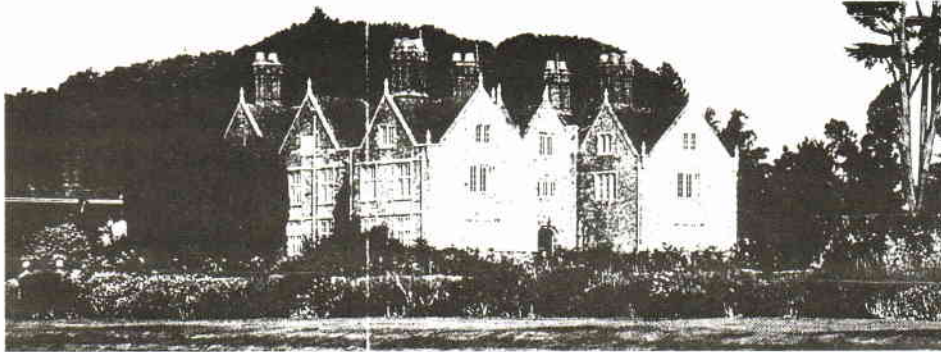


## The Goddard Association of Europe

### NEWSLETTER

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## CHATEAU GODDARD



### BARTON MANOR, ISLE OF WIGHT

It may be galling, for those who favoured the Anglo-Saxons, to realise that we are most probably descended from the Norman French (Vikings) of William the Conqueror. And it may be equally galling, for those who favour French wines, to know that the English can take them on at one of their national industries and score a point or two. But that is just what Anthony and Alix Goddard have been doing at Barton Manor, Whippingham, East Cowes, Isle of Wight, for the past dozen years or so, winning themselves an enviable reputation. At the English Wine of the Year Competition over a recent five year period they have entered fourteen wines and have won outright once, been runner-up once, and have been awarded two Golds, six Silvers, one Bronze and one Commendation. They have supplied Buckingham Palace and the Royal Yacht Britannia, and H.R.H. Princess Margaret has paid a private lunch-time visit.

But then Barton Manor is no stranger to Royalty. It was bought by Queen Victoria in 1845 to form part of the Osborne House Estate and remained in royal ownership until 1922. During this period the Queen used it to house Crown equerries and visiting European Royalty, and King Edward VII was particularly fond of it, retaining it for private use when he gave the hated Osborne to the nation in 1902. Various little reminders of these years - Queen Victoria's colley's grave, Edward VII's sundial, for example - are still to be seen in the grounds; there are also some remains of the Augustinian Oratory that was situated there from 1275 to 1439 before the estate passed to Winchester College for the next four hundred years.

The current owners, Anthony and Alix, have brought the place back to life

and are lovingly improving it. They planted their six-acre vineyard twelve years ago with several varieties of grape, and are now in the process of more than doubling the acreage and adding to the winery buildings. Wine production is an all year round and skillful process, as their most informative and tastefully produced brochure explains. But don't accept my word for it; go and see for yourself. The proprietors are members of this Association and, although the house remains private, both the gardens and winery are open to the public and visitors are very much welcomed to what must be one of England's finest and most attractive vineyards. After a succession of poor summers let's hope that 1989 proves to be a vintage year for Barton Manor and the Goddards.

## THE CONVIVIAL GODDARDS

Various attempts are being made at present to increase the membership of the Association (see elsewhere in this Newsletter), and one such attempt has been by Julie of Newbury who, under the heading above, has produced the following for the "Family Tree" magazine:

"That convivial and gregarious family, the Goddards, have arranged to meet again. The gathering will be at Rendcomb Village Hall, near Cirencester, in the home village of patron Captain John Goddard, on Sunday April 9th, 1989. This will be the fourth modern meeting but, if the invitation card which has been handed down in Captain John's family is to be believed, meetings used to take place very frequently.

The card, inevitably printed by a Goddard, (we like to keep it in the family), is bordered by the shields of various branches of the family and dates from around 1660. [See Newsletter No.2]. It reads: There is a friendly meeting of those whose surnames be GODDARD. Sir your company is lovingly desired only for society and acquaintance. The times of meeting are the 5th day of every month, except it be a Sunday, in which case it will be on the first day following, from Lady Day until Michaelmas at 6pm, and from Michaelmas to Lady Day at 4pm — At the Red Bull behind St. Nicholas Shambles called Mount Goddard Street.

Mount Goddard Street, which was destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666, was one of the mean little streets behind a row of shambles, or butchers' shops, approximately where the forecourt to St. Paul's Cathedral is now. Even allowing for the unsqueamishness of our ancestors, it must have been a very good tavern and very good company for them to want to meet there regularly!....."

## CAN YOU HELP?

Mrs. Alma Bullock of The Pines, Byram Park Road, Byram-cum-Sutton, Knottingly, W. Yorkshire, WF11 9DZ, who has found in Brotherton churchyard a tombstone to a Hedley Goddard, M.R.S.T., 23 June 1878 - 31 October 1933. Does anyone claim Hedley as a relation?

Dr. C.K. Goddard of 712 Port Hacking Road, Caringbah, N.S.W. 2229, Australia, who would like any information on the Goddards of Staple Fitzpaine in Somerset who appear in the records there as early as 1531. William Goddard emigrated from there to Barbados before 1649 - probably 1644/45. His brothers Captain Arthur, Nicholas and Anthony, and sister Elizabeth either went with him or joined him. By 1682 all the family had left Staple Fitzpaine. Please help Keith to find out more about them.

Mrs. Shauna R. McNeill of P.O. Box 296, Bluewater, New Mexico 87005, U.S.A., who wonders if any of our members are related to the Nottingham Goddards who had a succession of Enoch Goddards in the family from the 1700s to 1855 when Henry Goddard and his wife Hannah Astill emigrated aboard a Mormon ship for America - and who blames them, for that was one of the years when the price of bread was beyond the reach of ordinary working people. Henry's father was Enoch Goddard and his mother Charlotte Mayfield. Henry is said to have been the second child of twelve, so somewhere out there are a lot of cousins and second cousins!

Rev. Thomas C.G. Glover of Ashbrook, Hunton, Bedale, North Yorkshire, DL8 1PX, who is actually trying to trace Glover ancestors, but one of whom, Rossannah, married a Richard Goddard at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on 2 October 1821. Can any member throw any light on this couple? Rossannah was the licensee of the Horse and Groom of 21 St. Martin's Street / 11 Whitcomb Street, London, for two or three years before her marriage, and her brother William was also of the same address for a time.

Committee Member Mrs. Julie Goddard of 11 Chandos Road, Newbury, Berks., RG14 7EP, who would like to hear from any descendants of Henry Goddard, the Bow Street Runner, whose Memoirs we hope to feature in a future Newsletter.

Rev. Al Goddard of P.O. Box 189, Lake Helen, Florida 32744, U.S.A., who would like to hear from any Goddards who trace their origins to Gillingham in Dorset. His great grandfather John was born there on 14 February 1836, and married Miriam Honeyfield (b. 18 December 1836) in Gillingham Episcopal Church on 20 July 1858. They had fifteen children (one died young), and emigrated to the United States in 1871, settling first in Floyd County, Iowa, and then in 1886 moving to Chancy where they ran a general store and Post Office.

## AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Warmest greetings to all our New Zealand and Australian members. Of all the Commonwealth countries in which there are members, the Association is now recording some sixteen Goddard families in beautiful New Zealand. How about swelling that number? Australia, I hope, will produce yet more members as Stuart Geddes of 9 Sutherland Road, Upper Beaconsfield, Victoria 3808, has now become the official representative of the Goddard Association.

We are particularly indebted to Frank and Marjory in Rotorua, N.Z. for all their splendid help towards contacting so many Goddards. Frank's letters are a constant joy to read. We look forward to your '89 U.K. visit, Frank. Dennis and I were thrilled to meet up with Helen and Keith Goddard (N.Z.) at the A.G.M. in Swindon in April and to make them welcome at our former home (in Buckinghamshire) just before they left the U.K. for home, after extensive travels in Europe.

George and Wynne (Auckland, N.Z.) also dropped in on us for a meal and a chin-wag, en route for Wales, before taking their motor-van and themselves to southern France for the winter - lucky them! They intend coming back to England just before our next A.G.M. so we hope to renew our friendships.

Many thanks to Doris and Leslie Goddard of Flaxmere, Hastings, N.Z. - your Christmas 'news' letter was a joy to read.



Thanks also to Keith and Helen Goddard for their photo of many Goddards who attended their own A.G.M. of 1988 - what a jolly lot you look! Frank Goddard looking very mysterious and handsome in the back row! Wonderful to know you all made the effort to attend. More of these photos please in 1989, and especially your letters.

May 1989 be more peaceful for us all. Health and happiness to all our Commonwealth members - do keep in touch.

Marjorie of York

P.S. Please note our new address: Tuevais, 101 Main Street, Askham Bryan, York, YO2 3QS.

## GODDARDS - HIGH PEAK (3)

Buxworth, one mile down the Blackbrook valley from Chinley, has a population of about 1,800 and is thought to have derived its original name of Bugsworth from the name of a Nottinghamshire land-owner named Randolphus Bugge. He held mining rights there within the Royal Forest in the early part of the thirteenth century.

The village still shows many signs of the Industrial Revolution with the two canal basins, remains of old lime kilns, tracks of old tramways, disused gritstone quarries, a large cotton mill and the cottages of the workers.

Buxworth Hall was the home of the Carrington family for over 400 years. The present hall was probably built in the fifteenth century, was last extended in 1627 and is now divided into three houses. The Carringtons, like the Goddards, came from a village in Normandy called Carenton in 1066.

Land was sold around 1800 to the Canal Company when the Peak Forest Canal was built by Benjamin Outram, from Marple in Cheshire, with its flight of 16 locks, to termini at Buxworth and Whaley Bridge. Buxworth's top basin was large enough to take over 20 narrow-boats. From Buxworth a tramway was built to convey limestone from the quarries at Dove Holes six and a half miles away, to be burnt in the brick built, coal fired kilns by the canal, or to the crusher plant, and then loaded on to the narrow-boats. The full wagons on the tramway were moved by gravity down the gentle gradient, 206 feet in three miles, the speed being controlled by a waggoner who rode on the stub of the axle on one of the wagons. He carried a 'lock' which consisted of a three link chain with a hook at each end. When he needed to brake he hooked one end of the lock to the side of the wagon and threw the other hook through the wheel, causing it to lock and thus act as a brake. This method accounted for many broken cast iron wheels and replacements were placed every few yards alongside the track. The original track consisted of L section cast iron rail, each rail being three feet in length and weighing 56lbs. The rails were laid on stone slabs 18 inches square and 12 inches deep, most of which are still there today. The rails were replaced in the 1860s with 9ft and 12 ft steel rails. On the steeper inclines a rope system round a ten foot diameter wheel was used, the full wagons descending pulled up the empty ones. On the other sections horses were used to pull the empty wagons. By the 1880s over 600 tons of limestone per day were being boated out of Buxworth involving 20-30 narrow-boats which, returning, brought in coal, cotton, vegetables and general merchandise. There was always a reserve stock of limestone at Buxworth of over 3,000 tons. Horses were also used to pull the full barges of both limestone and gritstone from the local Crist quarry. Stables were built for about 40 horses and there were several private haulage teams. Pearsons of Buxworth delivered gritstone to Joel Goddard of Chinley, a stone mason. Coal for firing the kilns was also mined at five pits around the village. The tramway finally closed in 1926. If anyone would like further information about the Peak Forest Tramway, David Ripley has published a very good booklet, which he is at present revising. In his conclusion he writes: "Can any railway or tramway expect to span three centuries without changing its mode of operation, born in the 18th century and died in the

20th, yet it never used mechanical power and never changed its track".

When the Midland railway was built in 1866 the line below the station ran in a tunnel under the Buxworth Hall grounds, and later in 1901 when more lines were required, the top of the tunnel was taken off and a wide ravine was excavated. This cut in half the Hall estate and it was never again a viable farm unit.

A cotton spinning mill was built at the lower end of the village, date unknown, and with the coming of the railway the owners decided to build a new road to convey their cotton goods to the railway. This main road through the village is still called New Road. It was later extended to link up with the new tumpike road at Bridgemont, now the A6, and a toll charge was made by the mill owners. The mill was later converted into a wire works producing springs for furniture and later for car seats. This closed in the 1950s and is now occupied by several small companies.

The old road from Chinley was by way of Jinny or Jane Lane, down the valley and then over Silk Hill to Whaley Bridge and on to the silk town of Macclesfield. The only other road shown on old maps is over the hill towards New Mills via Dolly Lane.

For a short time the village was known as Limedale, but in 1929 the local vicar and schoolmaster organised a petition and the name was officially changed to Buxworth. Now, sixty years on, the locals still call it Bugsworth, or affectionately 'Buggy'.

The first day school opened in 1826 at the Congregational Church on Brierley Green at 2d. per week, with teachers to teach the three Rs, and the Church of England school at Gnat Hole on Silk Hill in 1869. This was in the Chapel-en-le-Frith parish and belonged to the church there. The County school opened in 1873 and by that time education was free. The village also had a Methodist church and the Parish church was built near the Hall in 1874.

For over 100 years the village has been well known for its sporting activities especially at the adjoining cricket and football grounds on Barren Clough, now called Western Lane. Two senior and three junior cricket teams play in the Derbyshire and Cheshire League, and one ex-junior who made the grade was Alan Hill who opened the batting for the Derbyshire County side for many years until his retirement in 1987. Barren Clough is also the home of the very active Buxworth Steam Group run by the Marchington family.

The Peak Forest Canal Society was formed and with members of the Inland Waterways Association have been reclaiming the canal basin and its approaches. Volunteers spend most weekends and some holidays on the project and have recently had help from the Manpower Services Commission. This long project is on schedule to receive boats, possibly in 1989, have buildings and bridges rebuilt and a museum opened in the canal basin building by 1997.

Most of the Goddards in the village are descendants of the Chinley branch of the family, but the family who were originally farmers at Ancoats on Dolly Lane were a separate family in the early 1700s i.e. the earliest local records available.

Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith

## DR. JAZZ

Watchers of Esther Rantzen's new programme 'Hearts of Gold' last November may recall that one of the first recipients of the award was a Goddard. Dr. Paul Goddard was being thanked for his leading role in raising a large sum of money for a Scanner for use in Bristol hospitals. His main method was through a highly popular jazz band - hence his nickname "Dr. Jazz" - and he played a piece or two for the programme. For those Association members who might like to contribute to his worthwhile cause the address is: Dr. P.R. Goddard, Bristol M.R.I. Scanner Fund, MRI Centre, Frenchay Hospital, Bristol BS16 1LE. You might also like to try to persuade him to join the Association!

## GODDARD'S BEQUEST

At a recent meeting of the Berkshire Family History Society we were approached by another member who had heard that we were Goddards. She said that her grandmother, who had lived at Brimpton near Thatcham, between Newbury and Reading, had for several years before her death benefitted from a local charity called "Goddard's Bequest" and she wondered what the qualifications for receiving it were. Perhaps, she thought, she had a Goddard in her family. At the time we were unable to find any trace of a Goddard marriage to anyone of her name. However, by coincidence - as these things so often happen - we were looking up information on Blue Coat charity schools and on asking at Newbury Library about the one at Thatcham, we were shown a list of charities which benefit this place. Among them we found Goddard's Bequest which reads as follows:

"THOMAS GODDARD by will, dated 23rd November, 1680, devised to John Goddard all those messuages and lands in Crookham, called Great and Little Jacknells, subject to the payment of 20s yearly on Christmas-day; 15s, part thereof, to be given to the poor people inhabiting Goddard's tithing, in the parish of Thatcham, and the remaining 5s to the poor dwelling in that part of the same parish, called The Borough, at the discretion of the Vicar and churchwardens.

The premises subject to this charge are now vested in Joseph Arundel, and the annuity duly paid. It is not known exactly what part of Thatcham is included in Goddard's tithing but the 20s is given to the necessitous poor generally, at the discretion of the vicar." A further note states that preference is given to members of the Goddard family.

The list from which the quotation comes seems to be at least seventy years old. The local charities have been amalgamated and are still distributed if an application is made to the current charity fund organiser.

Brian & Julie of Newbury

## A WARNING TO MEMBERS

A firm called "Halbert's Inc., Family Heritage" may write to you - having found your name in the telephone book or electoral register - claiming that they are producing a book called "Goddard Families Around the World".

This book has nothing to do with the Goddard Associations of either Europe or America. Purchase a copy if you wish (cost £14.95 plus £1 postage), but you could find that it contains little more than the information we can supply or which can be obtained from your local public library.

## GODDARDS OF NORFOLK

John of Accrington has come across a lease relating to Thorpe Hall in Norfolk and would be happy to supply a copy to any descendants of the Goddards named in it.

The lease is dated 20th March 1716 and is to run for 21 years from Michaelmas 1717 (29th Sept). It was granted by Sir Nicholas Garrard, Bt. of Greenstreet House, Eastham, Essex to Thomas Goddard of Snitterton and John Goddard of West Wretham, Norfolk, gents. and relates to an estate known as Thorp Hall, West Wretham. The yearly rent was to be £180 for the 600 acres and one of the terms concerned the erection of a new barn, the dimensions of which are given, and the share of the costs of thatching and carriage of materials to be borne by each of the parties.

## GODDARD ARTIST

With reference to the last Newsletter I thought you might be interested to know that my paternal grandmother, Fanny Goddard, was a considerable painter who may well be the F.C. Goddard mentioned by Julie of Newbury on page 5. She was painting in the 1870s and 1880s before dying in childbirth at the age of 29 in 1888.

Our branch of the family stems from a villager Goddard who, with two other men, left the villages of Donhead St. Andrew and Donhead St. Mary in Wiltshire in the year of the Great Exhibition in 1851 and settled in London. The family of the three villagers (Goddard, Howell and Pinnock) all subsequently intermarried.

One of the family, Geoffrey, is the only Goddard to row in the varsity Boat Race, being in the winning Cambridge crew of 1929.

My sister Ruth amazingly found, on marriage, that her first house was in Goddard Avenue, Swindon.

Our family has, for many years, particularly in the late 1800s, been associated with the Catholic Apostolic Church (earlier known as the Irvingite Church) which had, as its central church, the large church in Gordon Square, Bloomsbury, now the University of London Church of Christ the King.

My cousin, Eileen Dunkley (nee Goddard), now living in Busselton, W. Australia, is a member of this Association.

I myself am a cockney, having been born in the Grays Inn Road within the sound of Bow Bells. In view of my interest in London itself I am now a liveryman and freeman of the City of London - being about 10,000th in line to be Lord Mayor!

I am working on our branch of the family tree and, when I have been able to spend more time on it, hope to send details to the G.A.E.

Jim of Chichester

## TAKES ALL SORTS.....

Newspapers in early November 1988 were regaling readers with the story of the surveyor who murdered his wife, then tried to mummify her body with old newspapers and talcum powder, and drove it round London in a trunk in the back of a van. Robert Goddard, aged 52, of Maidstone, Kent, admitted the charge and was jailed for life. He had strangled Margaret, aged 35, with an elastic belt because she had refused to join him on the run after he faced prosecution for false accounting.

## MALTA WAR MEMORIALS

On holiday in Malta during 1987 I took the opportunity of visiting the military cemetery at Pieta just outside Valetta where my father's brother, Tom Goddard, is buried. Tom served with the Kings Own Lancaster Regiment from 1914 and was wounded in Salonika late in 1918, dying in hospital in Malta two days before the Armistice on Nov. 9th. Since I was the only member of the family to have had the chance to visit the grave for almost 70 years it was a poignant moment. I was able to lay flowers thanks to the kindness of the Maltese caretaker and to take photographs for his only surviving brother, my uncle who is now 85.

In the same cemetery is buried 13340 Pte. W. Goddard, 2nd Batt. South Wales Borderers who died July 3rd, 1915, and on the R.A.F. Memorial at the entrance to Valetta is named Sgt. S.B. Goddard who died 1944. I also have photographs of these two memorials if any member of their families would like them. Unfortunately I was not able to see a fourth Goddard grave in the Naval cemetery near Kalkara which was locked on the Saturday morning when I got there. This is the grave of 17140L/Cpl. C. Goddard, 6th Batt. Yorks and Lancaster Regt., who died on 29th August 1915.

John of Accrington

## GODDARD PLACE NAMES

Further to the item on Goddard place names in the last Newsletter and supplied by John of Accrington, Julie of Newbury has just discovered that her cousin has moved to Goddard's Lane, Sherfield on Loddon in Hampshire. He does not know how it got its name. Do any of our members? And - unless you are already too late - if you have £270,000 to spare there is "a delightful cottage full of charm and character" for sale at Goddard's Green near Reading, an "idyllic rural location"!

## THE LAWN

Those of us who were lucky enough to be able to be present at the last AGM and remember strolling on that beautiful spring day through the grounds of what used to be The Lawn, the Swindon Goddard estate, towards Holy Rood Church will be horrified to learn that Thamesdown Council are proposing to sell 237 square metres of what is now park land for development. Mrs. Ann Fisher of Swindon has very kindly drawn our attention to this and to the fact that a petition has been started to try to save it. I immediately contacted Captain John, the head of the Swindon branch of the family, and was delighted to learn that he had already sent a letter of protest via his solicitor.

I have also written on our behalf in the following terms: "As President, I am writing on behalf of the Goddard Association of Europe to protest most strongly about the alleged intention to sell part of the Lawn Park, formerly part of the Lawn Estate of the Swindon branch of the Goddard family, to potential developers. Swindon is indeed fortunate to possess an amenity of such natural beauty - as members of this Association discovered when they held their Annual General Meeting at the Goddard Arms last April - and any intention to reduce it, however small, must be deprecated. I would urge the planning officials responsible to think again and to preserve unspoilt this asset to the whole community."

## GODDARD WRITER

In reading the October Newsletter of the GAE, you cannot imagine the surprise and thrill to see my grandfather's name mentioned in Julie of Newbury's article on *Writing Goddards*; namely, Dwight Goddard, who died in 1939 at 77. His photos of an earlier visit to Wiltshire sparked my interest; and a cousin, now deceased, provided the contact, so when I visited in 1957 I was able to tour Upham Manor and the Church at Aldbourne.

I will try to put something together on my grandfather, but it will take me some time as I was only eleven when he died. A friend in Pennsylvania can probably help me as actually he knew him better than I did. You will be hearing from me. Keep up the good work on the Newsletter - I find it very interesting.

Phyllis of Worcester, Massachusetts

## CANADIAN VISITORS

It was a great pleasure during the autumn to welcome to this country Canadian members Bob and Peta (nee Goddard) King. We hope they thoroughly enjoyed their stay - despite a nasty car accident - and will want to return again soon. Peta returned to Canada just in time to be with her mother for the last two days before she passed away, and to tell her of their trip and meeting new cousins. We offer her our deepest sympathy.

## PERSONALISED NUMBERPLATES

Leslie and Margaret Goddard are farmers with their son Leslie in Chinley, Derbyshire. They bought a tractor in 1963 with the Registration No. LG 829. The tractor is still in use, but young Leslie reckons the number-plates are worth more than the tractor. After looking at a recent list of Elite Registrations I think they should be put in a safe every night!

Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith

## TRADE TOKENS

Browsing through some early Newsletters, I was reminded of the "friendly Meeting" in the seventeenth century (Newsletter No.2). I thought your readers might like to know that there were two 17th century Trade Tokens (both farthings) issued by landlords of the Red Bull. They were clearly described as being "behind" on one, and "backside" on the other, of St. Nicholas Shambles (Mount Goddard may have been a figment of the imagination). The owners were "T.E." in one case and "G.S." in the other, and their respective wives were "A" and "E". In each case the symbol on the token was a bull. Those wishing to find St. Nicholas Shambles might like to know that it is now Newgate Street, but I doubt if they will find the Red Bull.

Michael Barefoot

## APPRECIATION AT LAST!

The latest issue of the Journal of One-Name Studies carries the following appreciation of our Newsletter (October issue): "Precognition! Ghosts!! The Bayeux Tapestry! These are just some of the interesting subjects embraced by the collected Goddard family experience and aptly reported in their newsletter. It is a harmonious blend of well thought out editing, layout and content, which gives it a unique appeal and a good read even for non-members of the Association."

Julie of Newbury

## AMERICAN GODDARD BOOK

Volume II of the Goddard Association of America is now nearing completion. In his Christmas letter the Editor, John W. Harms (whom Founder Members of our Association will remember being present at our inaugural meeting at the Goddard Arms in 1985) writes as follows:

"My year has been a repeat of the last several years. A desperate effort to complete what has developed into a two-volume Book recounting the genealogical history of my late wife's family (the Goddards). The first volume (600 pages) was published in 1984; and the second volume will certainly be completed in 1989.

The manuscript (1050 pages) is ready for the printer, and we are now working on the Index. This is a formidable undertaking in itself. It will contain an estimated 150 pages of fine print, including some 25,000 surnames (a rough and probably conservative estimate) requiring at least 100,000 entries of names and page numbers. The problem is to put this together with accuracy which is proving to be a very formidable and time consuming task.

Why spend so much time on past family history? I have asked myself that question from time to time in the past ten years, but being too stubborn to abandon a project undertaken in good faith and as a commitment to nearly a thousand people who are waiting for the Book, I have stayed with it. And I am glad to have done so. After all, my new great-grandson, Christopher Nathan Jewell, will have a record of his ancestry for 32 consecutive generations. This makes it worthwhile, especially when at least a few thousand others across the years ahead will be able to do the same.

After all, having some information about the hard ethical and physical struggle for the human race for at least a small measure of civilized existence is essential to any understanding of what the future holds for our descendants. If you want to get the feel of what I am saying, I recommend a new book about the 10,000 years of history of South Wiltshire in England; its name *Sarum*. It should be in your library or favourite bookstore. Incidentally the Goddards (our family at least) came from North Wiltshire and are mentioned, although briefly, in *Sarum*."

I have just received the latest Newsletter of the American Association, and I am glad to say that it contains up-to-date details. Members of this Association who would like to possess copies of both volumes should write to Kathryn Goddard Meyer (Executive Secretary of the Goddard Association of America), 118 South Volutsia, Wichita, Kansas 67211, U.S.A. The price of both volumes now is \$50 inclusive of delivery charges; after Volume II is in print it will cost \$58, so it is to your advantage to order it within the next three months. Volume I will be sent to you immediately, and Volume II as soon as it is published (which currently looks like being sometime in the summer). 900 of the original limited edition of 1000 have been sold, so there are still 100 copies available. Send a cheque in sterling equivalent made payable to the Goddard Association of America.

## BALEFIRE AND THE ALCHEMIST

I must admit right away that these are not really my kind of books, since I do not enjoy gratuitous bad language nor excessive violence, and both contain both in considerable measure. Having said that, however, there is no denying that they are very exciting and well constructed. Indeed, the cover of the first, *Balefire*, quite justifiably claims that "not since The Day of the Jackal has there been a novel so 'edge-of-the-seat' compelling".

*Balefire*, finished in 1983, is the story of a terrorist attack on the U.S.A. just prior to the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games. As the cover describes it: "A small city on the southern California coast is the scene of a series of brutal, unexplained killings which have angered and frightened local citizens and stymied the police. Stunned and confused by what seem to be senseless murders, the cops are almost helpless to defend the city, their families, or themselves against these meticulously planned 'random' attacks by an unseen predator. Until - with dawning realisation that the havoc might be a cover-up to something even more shocking - a select team of investigators and crime lab specialists begin to fight back."

*The Alchemist* is also justifiably described as "compulsive reading", and was finished two years later; it is also set in southern California, this time dealing with organised crime, particularly the narcotics business. "A beautiful undercover agent and her partner are brutally murdered. A Special Task Force of highly trained policemen and policewomen go underground to find out why. What they discover is a billion-dollar criminal conspiracy - and an elusive mastermind known as The Alchemist. He is a respected chemist who has conjured up a substance worth its weight in gold: a synthetic 'designer' drug as potent as cocaine or Angel Dust, and twice as dangerous - because its unique chemical formula is perfectly legal. Caught in the crossfire between a desperate Mafia chief and two ruthless drug lords, the Task Force must step outside the law to crush the impending crime war, lured so far out from behind the protection of their badges that there is no turning back."

Both these bestsellers are by Kenneth Goddard, a native of California who now resides in Virginia with his wife Gena and teenage daughter Michelle. As a forensic scientist employed in Federal law enforcement, he clearly knows what he is writing about. Before moving to Virginia he was first a criminalist and deputy sheriff with the Riverside and San Bernardino (California) County Sheriffs Departments and then spent eight years as the Chief Criminalist and supervisor of the Huntington Beach Police Department's Scientific Investigation Bureau. He has written and published two text books: *Crime Scene Investigation* and *Weaponless Control* (the latter as a co-author).

Kenneth Goddard is currently said to be at work on his third novel which will doubtless be as compelling as his first two. Violence and bad language or not, I shall certainly await it with a good deal of anticipation.

## NEW MEMBERS

The Association extends a very warm welcome to the eight new members and their families who have joined since the last Newsletter went to print:

Mr. C.K. Goddard, 712 Port Hacking Road, Caringbah, New South Wales 2229, Australia.

Mr. John Goddard, Wills Ayley, Swards End, Saffron Walden, Essex.

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## LIFE IN THE TRENCHES

I am indebted to Mr. Peterson Cobbett for sending me a copy of the following letter. It was written on 21 March 1917 whilst home on leave by his great uncle, Lieutenant Len Goddard of the 1st/7th Royal Warwickshire Regiment to his brother Alick Goddard, who was in hospital having lost part of his hand when serving with the Royal Artillery, and describes the opening hours of the Battle of the Somme:

"We have just received your last letter, so I thought I would write and let you know a few of my experiences in France; but I have had such a lot, and such damned narrow escapes, I could almost write a book on them.

But the one that stands out in my memory was the preliminary bombardment and the start of the offensive on July 1st last year.

We were in front of Gommercourt and Serre then and our Battalion had to hold the front line trenches, while our people bombarded. It was days and days of agony, the Germans replied and blew our trenches to hell and we had to evacuate our front line and hold the support line. We kept having our chaps knocked out a few at a time and one man had to do the work of six, very little sleep into the bargain, for sleep was out of the question and by way of a change we had to make raids into the German trenches at night, to try and snaffle a few prisoners and almost get snaffled ourselves. As we were coming back one night after a stunt we were clambering over our parapet when a German 5.9 suddenly hit the parapet about twenty yards from my right under one of our chaps and blew him right into the air and dropped him 50 yards away breaking his arm.

Well the time came for the attack, 7.00 am on July 1st and I was selected for one of the most dangerous jobs I have ever tackled.

I had to take twenty picked men into our front line at 6.30 am for the purpose of throwing smoke bombs. These bombs are like big Roman Candles and we had to light them and throw them over the parapet, and they give off huge clouds of thick white smoke. The main object of the bombs was to draw the German fire, to find what strength his guns were, for immediately Fritz sees the smoke he thinks it is gas, puts on his gas helmet and immediately opens fire on our front line trench with every rifle, trench mortar, machine gun and field and big guns that he has got. Well every watch had been checked ten minutes before, to the second, and I started the ball rolling at 6.55 am with my bombs, and kept them going for five

minutes, and made a devil of a smoke; at seven the final bombardment started; every gun we had, 7.5", 18 pounders and every size up to 15" opened fire, about 150 machine guns started, stokes guns, light and heavy trench mortars as well; they let the lid off hell and the trench shook and swayed, rocked like a ship on a stormy sea. The Germans also put up a terrible fire, a triple barrage of nothing under 6"; one barrage in our barbed wire, another half way across no-mans land, and the third in front of their own front trench; at 7.20 am our guns lifted and the lads went over the top, not our battalion though, we stayed in the trench, we had done our bit for a time.

The London Scottish went over on our left into Gommercourt; I saw them march through the triple barrage as though on parade, and saw them blown to bits; about 800 of them went over and about 150 came back and brought a lot of prisoners with them, Prussian Guards.

The 31st Div., on our right, attacked Serre and practically disappeared.

I could not get out of the trench for four hours, and chaps kept running past me with hands and arms off, and wounds of all sorts. When I did manage to get out, I had to crawl over dead men the whole of the way and I was smothered in blood when I got back to Head Quarters. All day we were helping to bandage the wounded, fetching them water and making them as comfy as we could. I saw some terrible sights that day.

If you like, I will write again and carry on the story, tales of the tanks, adventures at Ceriller, Le Boisselle, the taking of Poziers, in which we played a big part; High Wood, Mametz, Contalmaison, Martinpuich, Le Sans, etc.; I have also been very close to Bapaume, and even closer still to Veronne; in fact we have been on the Somme ever since July 1st last year, and we were still there, when I came away.

I am sending another 2/6 P.O. for a drink. Cheero, let me know what you think of this letter and if you would like some more of the same sort."

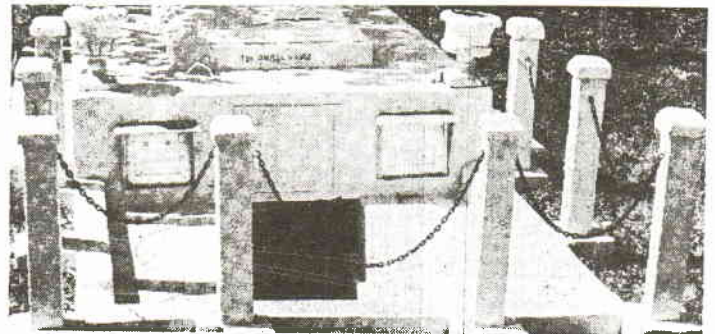
Incidentally, Mr. Cobbett has kindly indicated his willingness to offer help to any members interested in the Goddards in the Coventry area. His address is: 13 St. Andrew's Road, Earlsdon, Coventry, CV5 6FP.

## GODDARD GATE



Members will recall the obituary to the former West Indies Cricket Captain, J.D.C. Goddard, in Newsletter No.8. A member of Whaley Bridge Cricket Club spent a holiday in Barbados recently and thought we Goddards would be interested in his photograph of the commemorative gate at Bridgetown Cricket Ground. Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith

## GODDARD GHOSTS



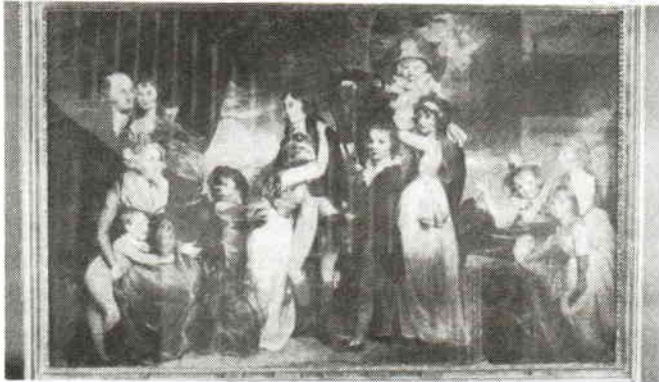
The Chase Vault in Barbados. After 167 years, the mystery of "the dancing coffins" remains unsolved.

My article in the last Newsletter has found an echo in Australia. Malcolm of Bulimba very kindly sent me a copy of a much longer account that had not long before appeared in one of his newspapers concerning Mrs. Thomasina Goddard and the disturbed grave in Barbados. It also contained this photograph, which I had not previously seen.

## A.G.M., 1989

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 9 April in the Village Hall at Rendcomb in Gloucestershire, the home village of Patron Captain John Goddard. (Our apologies to those who favour a Saturday, but the majority still appear to prefer the Sunday). The village is just off the Cheltenham to Cirencester A435 road, on the right hand side when travelling towards Cheltenham.

Arrangements for the day are as follows. The Executive Committee will hold a meeting in Captain John's house at 11.00am. Then, from 12.15 to 1.00pm John and his wife Carol have generously invited to drinks in their house all who would like to come. This is Landage House and is situated on the right hand side immediately past the stable block of what is now Rendcomb College. (Off the main road where signposted to Rendcomb, down the dip, up the other side under the bridge, round the right hand bend at the top, and the stable block is immediately on your right). Amongst other things it contains this colour portrait of the Swindon Goddards of



about 1793, which you can see to much better effect than a black and white reproduction can convey. Then there is lunch in the Village Hall at 1.00pm for those who have booked it on the form enclosed. Alternatively you may prefer to bring a picnic, and hope that the weather will be such as to allow you to eat it in John and Carol's garden.

The A.G.M. will begin in the Village Hall at 2.30pm, with the Agenda as follows:

1. Welcome by the President.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the last Meeting.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Research Co-ordinator's Report.
6. Election of Officers:
  - a). President
  - b). Secretary
  - c). Treasurer
7. Election of two Committee Members: Brian and Philip retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election. Any other nominations should reach the President before the day of the Meeting.

8. Any Other Business.

9. Date and Place of the next Meeting.

The A.G.M. will be followed by the presentation of the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial for 1988.

This, in turn, will be followed by a talk with slides entitled "King Orry, King Arthur and King William", which will be presented by John Goddard of Accrington.

Finally, tea and biscuits will be served.

As last year a raffle will be held to help raise funds for the Association's projected programme of research; the prizes, however, will be different!

And may I remind you that it was decided at the last A.G.M. that all those present would come sporting lapel badges so that we can identify and get to know each other more quickly.

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## RECRUITMENT DRIVE

At its last meeting the Association's Executive Committee was keen that 1989 should see a drive to recruit new members, the better to further our overall aims. It was suggested that each member should try to recruit one other during the course of the year. Why not give membership as an unusual present to a relation? For the modest cost of £7-50 annual subscription covers all at one address, provides a copy of the current Newsletter, and three or four subsequent Newsletters and the annual gathering to look forward to. Or write to that distant cousin you have forgotten about for ages - I have just done so! Or, through your local telephone directory, approach another Goddard in your area. Our tireless Membership Secretary, Marjorie Goddard, is always ready to help and can be contacted at her new address of Tuevais, 101 Main Street, Askham Bryan, York, YO2 3QS; telephone no. 0904-707879.

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## PHOTOGRAPHIC APPEAL

Family trees - names and dates on paper - can be interesting records in themselves and provide most useful information for the researcher. How much more fascinating and alive would they become if one was able to put faces to the names; but all too seldom can this be done. At our Executive Committee meeting last October we took the unanimous decision to launch an appeal for photographs with a view to starting a collection, both for its intrinsic historical worth as well as to preserve a valuable part of our family heritage before too much is lost for ever.

What photographs would we like? Originals or copies of anyone or anything that has a Goddard connection - family groups, couples, individuals, houses etc., etc. of any size, shape or condition. Most important, however, they must be labelled, containing (either on the back or attached) as much relevant information as is possible e.g. names, dates of birth, when and where taken, and who has supplied them.

Committee member Mrs. Annica Leach of Glenton House, Vownog Hill, Pennyffordd, Clwyd, has very kindly undertaken to act as repository for the time being, so please send any contributions to her.