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TAILORS AND WOOLLEN DRAPERS

A Brief and Inconsequential History of Denman & Goddard

The following article, under the above headings, was written by the late Michael Goddard in June 1990 and has generously been made available to the Association by his widow, Betty of Llanwarne.

"The firm is believed to have been founded in 1852 with the taking of a lease of N° 132 High Street, Eton. As most of the oldest written records had been unthinkingly sent for pulping in two world wars, even this much was not known until the chance discovery of a reference book, more than a century later, under the floorboards of a house in Eton that was undergoing repairs. My own research in family and public records has tended to confirm the date. In those days it was not unusual for tailors to describe themselves also as woollen drapers as they occasionally traded in cloth which they did not themselves make up into garments.

The founder was Edward Denman, a tailor who had married the widow of another tailor who had been in business in Mount Street, London, about 1815. Mr and Mrs Denman had no children of their own, but a young niece occupied the position of a daughter in their household. Finding he needed help with the accounting and administration of an expanding firm, Mr Denman took into his employ my great-grandfather, Henry Goddard, who was born, according to the Family Bible, on 11th April 1844 'at half past 10 o'clock morning' and would by now have been in his twenties. This young man took the wise and no doubt agreeable step of courting the niece. As they would have said in those days, he pressed his suit successfully. They were married and the firm became Denman & Goddard.

In the 1860s Edward Denman retired, making his share of the business over to Henry Goddard 'by reason of his assiduity and diligence', and some ten years later the lease of the house next door, N° 133, was acquired in order to provide more ground-floor ac-

commodation for showing cloth to customers and cutting and fitting the many different types of garment made in those days. At the same time the Goddard family was growing, and more room could now be found for living-space on the upper floors.

With families 'living over' and staircases narrow and winding, it was sometimes necessary to get large items of domestic furniture in through upper windows and this proved to be the case when the Goddards demonstrated their increasing prosperity by acquiring a piano. The instrument was brought to a courtyard behind the building by a gang of removal men with the intention of hoisting it through a first-floor window. To achieve this, a large wooden beam was extended from the window of the room immediately above, on the second floor, and its outer end fitted with a block and tackle. The inner end was held down with a heap of sandbags to compensate for the weight of the piano and a man was left in the room to make sure all went well. The others in the courtyard began hoisting, but had to stop when the man on the second floor informed them, with some urgency, that the beam was shifting. 'Sit on it!'

shouted the foreman and, amazingly, the man did. But it was not enough, and he soon realised that unless he did something about it quickly he would find himself pinned against the ceiling. Uttering a wild yell, which had the unfortunate effect of warning the hoisting party, he leapt off. The group below scattered as the piano fell some twenty feet and burst on the flagstones of the courtyard with an unmelodious clash loud enough, said awed neighbours, to be heard in the next county.

Moving pianos was not the only enterprise embarked upon by my great-grandfather with less than happy results. The other one was gas. This venture took the form of the Eton Gas Company, of which Henry Goddard became a Director. In those days gas lighting was leading-edge technology, and the building of a gasworks at Eton, however small, resulted among other things in College classrooms being lit for the first time in a very long history by means other than candles and oil lamps. However, the company seems to have been short of capital from the outset, and in an effort to reduce the effect of this it decided to sell gas meters to the customers rather than rent them out. Thus, when meters developed faults, or even failed altogether, it became virtually impossible to persuade customers to make repairs which might have led to their receiving larger bills!

One way or another, the Eton Gas Company slowly went downhill, and eventually an engineer was called in to make a report. The word 'report' seems entirely appropriate as his words describing the dangerous lack of maintenance at the production plant give the impression of having been dictated by a man breathless from having run as far and as fast as he could from the scene of an imminent explosion.

Happily, when it came to running Denman & Goddard the first Henry was pretty successful, and it must have been a great day for him when, in the autumn of 1908, at the age of 64, he witnessed the opening of the London establishment in the elegant Georgian house at Number 31 Sackville Street. He died, again according to the Family Bible, on '20 March 1913, at 11.15p.m.'

In this way the firm came into the

hands of my grandfather, also named Henry, but known as 'Mr Harry'. It fell to him to see the firm through the difficulties and upheavals of the Great War of 1914-18, but his failing health led to the business being incorporated in 1921 as Denman & Goddard Limited so as to allow other members of the family to support him with their advice and help. After his death in 1924, the family interest in the newly formed company continued to be represented by his brother, Edward Denman Goddard, who was Chairman, and by his son (my father) Richard Henry Goddard, who took the position of Managing Director.

On both sides of the Atlantic the depression of the 1930s seriously affected all business activity with, in Europe, the added threat of another major war. My father, as a reserve officer in the Army, was recalled in 1938 and, having survived front-line service in the Great War as a young man, was lost in 1940 when his ship was torpedoed.

As for myself, I had started my apprenticeship in the legal profession in 1939, but found myself unable to concentrate on my work in the atmosphere of the time. Delayed by rejection on account of my eyesight, I managed to join the Army in 1940 as a volunteer, being immediately given the revised medical grade of A1. I served until 1946, mostly overseas, and, after working elsewhere, joined Denman & Goddard in 1948.

I started as Assistant Porter at Eton at a weekly wage of £3, rising by degrees to Chairman and Managing Director. I now play a non-executive role in the company's affairs, but am still a Director. During my time I have been joined on the Board for various periods by my wife, Betty, whose magnificent contribution to the efficient running of the company was mostly made behind the scenes, and my daughter, Rachel, who represented the fifth generation of the Goddard family in Denman & Goddard not merely by working within the firm, but also by serving the trade in general on the London Area committee of the Federation of Merchant Tailors (the trade's employers' organisation) and on various other bodies concerned with business in the West End of London. This gave me particular pleasure as I had myself served on the National Council of the Federation and been Chairman of the London Area.

I also owe a debt of gratitude to the late Mr Frederick Jeffery, who in more than fifty years' service at Eton came to know thousands of Etonians as they went through the school. His opposite number in London – Mr Leslie Thornton – acquired a deservedly high reputation among his contemporaries, and for many years helped to judge entries in tailoring competitions. Perhaps his most public success was achieved in the elegant morning suit which was worn by Lord Snowdon for his marriage to Princess Margaret.

At the time of the founding of the firm, the ready-made clothing industry in this country was, in terms of quantity and above all quality, quite incapable of meeting the requirements of even the moderately well-to-do, so that using the services of a bespoke or custom tailor was the norm rather than the exception for most people of standing. And people of standing were just those whom Edward Denman was confident of making his customers when he set up shop in the

small town of Eton, only a few hundred yards from what must be the most famous school in the world – Eton College. His confidence was, of course, entirely justified, and the firm flourished.

In the 1850s the real impact of the Industrial Revolution was being felt, with the new railways assisting in the rapid expansion of trade of all kinds. Individual fortunes were made, not least by the potential customers of our firm. At the same time, this abundance of money in the hands of a relatively narrow stratum of society allowed for ostentation in personal possessions, including clothes. This was reflected in the large number of different garments – all hand-made – used by a boy at Eton in the course of his school life: a black morning tail coat or, for the smaller boys, a very short jacket irreverently known as a 'bum-freezer', with black waistcoat and striped trousers for Chapel and the classroom, several types of shorts or breeches for games and sports, uniforms based on the Navy of Admiral Nelson's day for celebrating the Fourth of June, Army-style uniforms for military training as well as the numerous officially approved 'changes'. These last were variations in dress allowed during the day for specific purposes and in clearly defined places. The most familiar to Old Etonians would be 'half-change', which substituted a tweed jacket for the black tail coat. Over many years the details of the various changes have altered considerably and there is now a 'jeans change'.

At one time the premises of Denman & Goddard marked the boundary beyond which a boy walking into the town was obliged to wear a top hat and there was one kept on the premises for lending to passing Etonians. This hat survived for some time, but gradually became so battered that its ludicrous appearance must have contributed to the decision by the College authorities to abandon the rule.

In the 1930s the firm was given the opportunity to supply goods to the Royal Household, as a result of which a Royal Warrant was granted by King George V appointing Denman & Goddard Livery Tailors to His Majesty. After his death the warrant was renewed by King George VI, but on the accession of the present Queen a change in the accounting system in the Household meant that, even though we continued to supply goods and services, we could no longer expect to hold a warrant. Nevertheless, the firm still supplies and maintains the green plush uniforms, trimmed with gold lace, worn by the imposing men who tactfully ensure correct dress and good behaviour on the part of all those privileged to enter the Royal Enclosure at Ascot Racecourse.

By the end of the Great War enormous damage had been done to the fortunes of the sort of people whom Denman & Goddard numbered among its customers. Many lives had been lost and heavy taxation was exacting its toll, which led to the College taking steps to reduce the expense of keeping a boy at Eton by reducing what were considered to be non-essential costs. This policy, reinforced by the severe economic depression of the time, had a profound effect on the firm, but skilful management and dogged determination kept it in relatively good shape.

This was the period during which my father and several other prominent members of the trade interested themselves

in the affairs of the Federation of Merchant Tailors. This was necessary as the Federation, like many of its member firms, was experiencing difficulties. Their work rejuvenated the organisation and allowed it to play an important part in advising the Government on the operation of clothes-rationing during the coming conflict. My father would have become President of the Federation in the year in which he died.

It should be remembered that the family thread running through the story of Denman & Goddard is spun not from one, but from three strands: the Goddards themselves, the customers, and those who work so skilfully to make fine products. Our ledgers show many instances of our having served several generations of a family, and while researching the lives of my own forebears through old parish records I frequently encountered references to the births, marriages and deaths of former members of our staff. Such long-standing mutual confidence and loyalty will be difficult to maintain in today's rapidly changing world, but it will always remain a worthwhile goal.

In a curious way, the Second World War appears to have accelerated some of the processes of social and economic change in the country and at the same time to have delayed others, and national momentum did not begin to pick up until the late 1950s. But by the 1960s it had been regained with a vengeance and was epitomised by such expressions as 'Carnaby Street' and 'swinging London'.

Eton College naturally did not remain unaffected by this and, as on previous occasions, Denman & Goddard had to consider what course to follow. Until this moment, the Eton operation had on the whole been the stronger, but now London was coming to the fore and pointed towards a continuance of the firm's long tradition of making high-quality clothes for a discerning clientele. At Eton, on the other hand, the demand was changing in such a way that the firm would eventually have found itself dealing in the kind of merchandise which would have done nothing to enhance its reputation. After much heart-searching the decision was made, and over a period in the 1970s the firm withdrew from Eton. This has proved to be a fortunate move, as through it I made the acquaintance of Len Logsdail and Brian Burstow, who bid fair to take Denman & Goddard to further success alongside their own business.

While carrying out research for this history, I came across an advertisement by a man who must have been known personally to my great-grandfather, namely Richard Martin, Watchmaker and Silversmith, Eton College:

Mr Martin "...respectfully offers his thanks to the Nobility, Clergy, Gentry and Other Inhabitants of Eton and Neighbourhood, for the encouragement received since his commencement in the above line; and trusts, by unremitting attention to the orders with which he may be honoured, to merit a continuance of the public patronage, which it shall ever be his endeavour to deserve."

Though perhaps high-flown by our standards, these words enshrine the ideal of skill and integrity in the service of the customer. Denman & Goddard was founded on this same ideal and pursues it to this day."

CAN YOU HELP?

Julie Goddard, John Fancy and Leslie Goddard who are working on the enormous tree of the Goddards of Chieveley, Berkshire. It includes such figures as the late Lord Chief Justice Goddard, the Rev. Daniel Ward Goddard of Burford and his brother Charles, the eminent lawyer, and has connections with the Lidderdale family of the Hungerford area and the medical family of Maurice in Marlborough. At the time of writing it is wished to make contact with Mary Lidderdale Goddard of America, who has moved and not left a forwarding address, and Ken Goddard, or his descendants, of Walton on Thames. Help to Julie at Newbury, please.

Membership Secretary **John Goddard of Accrington** (address on back page) who wants information about Millicent Goddard who married Frederick John Serjent at Bridport, Dorset on 22 January 1908. Her father was a soldier named as Arthur and a witness was Alfred Goddard. He also wants information about a Robert Goddard last heard of in Yorkshire in 1969 when he was a sales representative for building materials. It is thought he may have been living in or working on a National Trust property, and he had a daughter Stephanie. He would now be in his late 60s.

Barbara Young of Wokingham, who is looking for information about Ann, the daughter of Richard Goddard, a farmer, and his wife Elizabeth née Traviss, who was baptised in 1802 at Sherfield on Lodden. Ann appears to have married twice, firstly Chamberlain White, a blacksmith at Moulsoford, Berkshire; and then around the 1850s John Allwright, who was a publican in Wokingham. Ann took over the licence on his death in 1860. Can anyone provide additional information – via Julie of Newbury please, who was only able to tell her that her own cousin lives on Goddards Lane in Sherfield on Lodden, presumably named after the family of Richard? Barbara herself has kindly sent some information, necessarily abbreviated here, which she found in the Residuary Accounts files at the Public Record Office at Kew. James Goddard of Kintbury, Berkshire, whiting manufacturer (formerly shoemaker) died 20 March 1885. Details mentioned are that his mother was Caroline Goddard who died in 1888 and that his children were John Knight Goddard, James Goddard (carpenter of Speen), Clara Scott, Kate Johnson, Agnes Cruse and Rhoda Sheppard. He and Caroline are buried in Kintbury churchyard under a headstone. Thomas Goddard, late of Leicester, cordwainer, who died 25 March 1887. Children were William Goddard, Annie Sarah Townsend, Thomas Walter Goddard, Martha Sabina Worthey, Mary Goddard and Frederick George Goddard. And in the Bankruptcy Order Book (PRO B1 62 page 50) 22 January 1774 Thomas Goddard late of Stoke Terry, Norfolk, merchant. Apply to Julie of Newbury for further information.

FIREMAN IN THE SWIM

What a modest family they are! When Membership Secretary John of Accrington sent me the report of Fireman Chris Goddard, who was making a name for himself in the swimming pool, he quite forgot to tell me that Chris is his and Eileen's second son. And even in his last letter he only added the information as a footnote.

CLYFFE PYPARD, WILTSHIRE

Jennifer Walker, who spends a lot of her time browsing in the dustier corners of the archives at Wiltshire Record Office, had a look in the file for Clyffe Pypard (ref. no. WRO 1064), where the senior branch of the North Wiltshire Goddard family lived between 1540 and 1900. They appear to have been a family who threw nothing away and the minutiae of family life is revealed in the letters, deeds and drawings which have survived. At some point they were handed over to the Record Office to delight us now.

A batch of letters are dated 1769, when Edward Goddard was the head of the Goddard family then living at Clyffe Pypard Manor. He had been born in 1722/3, the son of Francis Goddard who had held the manors of both Standen, near Hungerford, and Clyffe Pypard, but sold the former in 1719 when he was financially embarrassed by losing money in the infamous 'South Sea Bubble' enterprise. Edward went to Trinity College, Oxford and matriculated in 1740/1. He married Joanna Read of Crowood in 1754 and by 1769 was the father of nine children and had been appointed High Sheriff of Wiltshire two years earlier.

There being no organised post office in those days, letters were sent by Mail Coach to Marlborough to be collected and are variously directed to Edward Goddard Esq., "To be left at Dr Goddards in Marlborough" or "Mrs Tim Lucas, Draper in Marlborough". In July the Bishop of Salisbury is advised that Clyffe Pypard's vicar has died and on the 31st his secretary sends an official notice to the churchwardens, Edward Goddard Esq. and John Millington, advising them of the usual procedure in such a case. They must have replied, in a letter not preserved, that the late vicar, John Taylor, has been unsatisfactory, and that the vicarage is delapidated and in urgent need of repair. Edward Goddard, as well as being a churchwarden, is also the Patron of the church – that is, he has the right to appoint a new vicar. A letter from the secretary to the Bishop, Thomas Frome, on August 9th regrets that they have not taken action and complained to the Bishop earlier, when an order could have been made for the vicar to repair the vicarage. However, he appears to have died in debt to many people and had made over the vicarage to Mrs Jacobs (a cousin by marriage of the Goddards) in respect of a debt of £60. Very quickly, because the reply is dated August 12th, Edward Goddard decides to take Holy Orders and to become the vicar of Clyffe Pypard himself. This presents some problems to a further secretary to the Bishop, Gregory Sharpe, who advises Edward to follow the form set out in Bourne's Ecclesiastical Law, to get the signatures of three other clergymen to a testimonial to his education and virtues, and submit it. He is a little perplexed as to how the Patron of a church can present

himself as the incumbent, but is sure that the Bishop can find a way around it. Then matters drag on a little and it is not until November 29th that Thomas Frome is able to write to Edward, that the Bishop is satisfied with his "Family, character and education" and will not need to give him a second examination and that the ordination will take place on 24th December next. However, the Bishop then decided to go to Bath and will not be back in Salisbury until after Christmas. Thomas Frome writes a hurried letter to delay Edward until the 29th December when he should present himself for ordination the next Monday January 1st.

Here the correspondence ceases except that "A true and perfect estimate of delapidations inside the Vicarage Dwelling House of Cliff" and a further one for delapidations outside the house have survived, totalling £97 6s 0d, a large amount at that time. The house had a fence outside at the front, a brew house and a bog house, wash house and wood house; it was thatched. In the house there was a parlour, little parlour, study, dining room, school room, a cellar and garrets for the servants to sleep in when they were not in the kitchen, pantry or laundry room, and a great bedchamber and a little one. All these needed repairing, as did the front and back door. I wonder who paid for the repairs in the end; Edward Goddard himself, I expect.

The second batch of letters, dated 1904 to 1906, are from George Dartnell to his cousins Frances (Fanny) Wilson, later Mrs Briggs, and James Bradford, the son of George's great aunt Annica. George describes and draws the water colour of the Manor House at Clyffe



Pypard which he has in his possession. He comes to the conclusion that it was painted about 1754 and probably shows Edward Goddard showing his fiancée, Joanna Read, around his house and garden, accompanied by her father, Mr Read. To the left at the front is the pond with two swans and Mr Dartnell recalls the story that a new servant killed one of them having never seen a swan before and thinking it was a fierce beast coming to injure him, rather than a tame bird coming for food.

Mrs Dartnell, his mother, a grand daughter of Arabella Thring Goddard, has recently died and he has been looking through her possessions. As well as the water colour he has found many paper cuttings, like silhouettes, and models of scenes at Clyffe and one of the procession when Edward Goddard was made High

colour was reportedly last seen at Clyffe Pypard in the 1960s in the possession of the Wilson family, the descendants of Fanny Wilson. I wonder where it is now.

What a wealth of information has been retained about this branch of the Goddard family because they were hoarders. Perhaps we, too, should think twice before we



Sheriff of Wiltshire in 1767. He thinks that they are contemporary with the scenes which they depict and he notes the alterations to the houses and the gardens since. Later he has a photograph taken of the water colour and circulates copies to some of his relatives. The water

throw away letters, documents and keepsakes. I recall with horror now the six weeks of bonfires which we had when our family moved from the house handed on to us by our great grandfather to a smaller modern one.

Julie of Newbury

JOINT RELATIONS IN OZ

We have had the coincidence of two people writing to us within a fortnight, both seeking the same ancestor, but unknown to each other. Member George Goddard of Oak Flats, New South Wales, wrote and asked if he could borrow the Huguenot file which I had offered for people to consult, or to lend it to them – not envisaging having to send it to the antipodes. He mentioned that he had traced his great grandfather William back to London and a baptism in St Leonards, Shoreditch, where his parents were given as Benjamin and Susanna.

Then a few days later came a letter from Zillah Jackson of Queensland, asking if we had any information on her ancestors who had been transported to Australia. Her great grandmother Catherine Goddard was transported and her husband Benjamin followed later with the children. Benjamin, she wrote, was the son of Benjamin and Susanna. The combination of the two names rang a bell and I looked through our London file and found a Bronwyn Skinner of New South Wales who had a similar story to tell. And glancing at the other letters in the file I realised that George must have been seeking the same ancestors! I hope that the phone lines in Oz start ringing soon as they all pool their resources.

We think that Benjamin senior might have been the one who was baptised on 22 February 1732 at St Michael Bassishaw, London. Can anyone confirm this? Or was he yet another Benjamin? *Julie of Newbury*

TELETEXT

Only one item this time – Lost Touch, 15 February: “Seeking Doris Goddard, ex-wife of Fred. Ex 16/5 Qrl. Band early 60s. Children – Tony, Roger, Julie. Believed returned to Barbados. Any news to:– Rosemary Mapstead 01881 241 0176.”

THE EARLY BIRD CATCHES THE WORM

The postman had just delivered the mail and I was collecting it from the mat in the hall before the cats got at it, when the phone rang. It was one of our members, Patron Liza Goddard the actress, asking where she could obtain the “Louisa Goddard” mug advertised on page 7 of the Newsletter. As it was several months since I saw the advert about the mug and asked the lady who was advertising it to hang on to it until I contacted her again, and it was yet early morning, I had to think for a few moments and say I would have to find the letter and get back to her. I did and hopefully the mug and Liza, who says her original name is Louisa, are now enjoying each others company.

Liza also told me that when she was in Australia she was shown a book about accidents at sea and read about the *Liza Goddard* or *Eliza Goddard*, a merchantship or cargo ship, which sank off the coasts of Australia. She did not make a note at the time and wonders if anyone else has any details of the sinking, or the ship. Perhaps Malcolm of Brisbane with his Australian and Internet connections can help.

Julie of Newbury

WILL TO SURVIVE

I am grateful to Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith for sending me an article from the *Daily Mail* of 16 February under the heading “Where there’s a Will, there’s a way to survive”. This concerned baby Will Goddard who was celebrating his first birthday, a day his 29 year old mother Liz thought neither of them would see, since Will had been born four months prematurely weighing only 1lb 4oz. At first doctors said he had no chance, but he has proved them all wrong and will feature in the next edition of the Guinness Book of Records as the most premature baby to survive in this country.

POLICE SUPERINTENDENT

Once again, publicising a snippet of information in a Newsletter has brought an interesting letter. Member Malcolm Simpson of Didcot writes: "Regarding the article on Agatha Christie in the January 1999 Goddard Newsletter, I can certainly claim police superintendent Charles Goddard as a relative (a great uncle). I acquired a well compiled family tree (possibly professionally researched) which, by pure chance, included my paternal grandmother. The details given were:

Charles born 1861, baptised on 8 February 1861 at Eaton Hastings near Faringdon, Berkshire (now Oxfordshire). At the age of 20 he entered the police force at Maidenhead. In 1885 he moved to Sandhurst and ten years later was promoted to sergeant. He became an inspector in 1901 and moved to Wokingham on 1 April 1903, retiring there as a superintendent in 1932. He died around 1942, having built a house in Rectory Road opposite the Police Station. He owned a Model T Ford.

I have traced the line of descent as:

i). Robert Goddard married Sibyl Allen at Longcot on 30 October 1755.

ii). Joseph Goddard, baptised on 15 October 1769, married Ann Webb at Shellingford on 14 July 1789.

iii). Henry Goddard, baptised on 1 April 1798 at Shellingford, a brick kiln labourer, married Elizabeth Akers on 8 May 1832. She was born at Black Bourton in 1796 and died at Faringdon in 1847.

iv). Charles Goddard, baptised 18 November 1832 and died 23 January 1914, a groom / gardener, married Eleanor Snuggs of Charlton near Wantage at Stanford-in-the-Vale on 9 January 1854. She was born in 1829 and died in 1909.

Charles and Eleanor had eight children:

1. Boaz, born 1855 died 1942.
2. Ruth Ann, born 1856.
3. Francis, born 1857.
4. Lucy, born 1858.
5. Charles, born 1861 – the police superintendent.
6. Jesse, born 1862 – a police constable.
7. Fanny, born 1864.
8. Sophia, born 1867 – my father's mother.

All the children appear to have been born in Eaton Hastings. My father's christian name was Boaz, the same as Charles of Wokingham's oldest brother. This is odd, because Sophia has been listed as having a son Boaz who died young. My father died when he was 77. Maybe she lost a child before marriage."

It is nice to be able to place the superintendent. If any other Association members recognise forebears in this family, I am sure Malcolm would be pleased to hear from them. His address is: Malrose, 82 Loyd Road, Didcot, Oxon, OX11 8JS.

1891 CENSUS

Peter of Toronto will be attending the 1999 AGM, bringing with him the latest edition of his 1891 Census index with some 5,000 Goddards. He has finished London, Middlesex, Surrey and Wiltshire, and hopes to have completed Kent, Norfolk and Hampshire. Last year there was considerable interest, but his index is now more than twice the size.

ARTIST FRANK

Frank of Llanelli has had another exhibition. Margaret of Worsley heard Roy Noble of Radio Wales, a staunch friend of our Association, mention his exhibition in the Environment Centre, Swansea, and contacted him. As a result Frank has kindly written, sending me a copy of the brochure and explaining that the exhibition was previously shown in Bath Victoria Gallery and Turner House, Penarth. Called 'An Industrial Legacy', Frank describes it as "mainly about the steel industry and its effects on the community". It includes paintings and sculptures made from an interesting mix of materials such as watercolours, acrylics, found objects and even dental cement and pasta – the latter being "the head of a man made from lasagne and spaghetti and is called 'The Edible Man'". Unfortunately, by the time this Newsletter reaches you the exhibition will have ended.

CONSTANCE FELICITY GODDARD

I am grateful to Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith who has reminded me of his article on Constance Felicity Goddard, the authoress of *Silver Woods*, in Newsletter N° 15 of February 1990, suggesting that the book was too lifelike not to have been based on personal experience. My memory is clearly failing! Albert also says that the 1881 Census for Edale shows the family of James (born in Glossop) and Mary Ann (born in Hayfield) farming 56 acres at Ollerbrook across the fields from Edale village in the Hope Valley. Constance is listed as Mary Constance E., one month old. Albert thinks she must have invented the Felicity for her writing. After Hayfield the family moved to Chinley and her parents and six children are all shown on a gravestone in Hayfield at a church now demolished. Someone who lived near them said that they were frequently chasing after her father in his old age, who was heading up the hill that led on to Kinder Scout and down Jacobs Ladder into Edale.

NEW MEMBERS

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

- Mr A. Goddard, 44 Hollybrook Gardens, Locks Heath, Hampshire, SO31 6WJ
- Mr Colin L. Goddard, 5 Gray Court, Beaumaris, Melbourne, Victoria 3193, Australia
- Mr R. Goddard, 1806-1810 Haro Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6G 2Y7, Canada
- Mr E.W.N. Lewis, 184 Margate Drive, Sheffield, S4 8FH
- Mrs Pamela Mollatt, 145 Eastern Road, Lynton, Hampshire, SO41 9JG
- Mrs Linda Newell, 2 Eastcott Way, Churchdown, Gloucester, GL3 2EB
- Mrs Karen Nichols, 96 Fairway Drive, Whau Valley, Whangarei, New Zealand
- Mr David Sawyer, 88 Hateli Lane, Harmondsworth, Middlesex, UB7 0BA
- Ms Ann Catherine Wilkie, 27 Crompton Court, Brompton Road, London, SW3 2AP

GODDARD REUNION

John of Accrington has sent me this notice of a forthcoming Goddard reunion in Goddard Canyon, Birch Creek, Idaho:

“Welcome to the

Goddard Family Reunion

In memory of Samuel Albert & Sarah Ann Goddard and their beloved children you are invited to the last reunion of the millennium

All descendants are invited

Samuel and Sarah Goddard were married in Cubbington, Warwickshire, England on 18 June 1872. Their children were:

William Robert Goddard 1872 - 1943

Anne Francis Goddard 1876 - 1937

Edith May Goddard 1878 -

Samuel Albert Goddard 1882 - 1890

George Goddard 1884 - 1950

John Henry (Jack) Goddard 1886 - 1967

Lee Albert Goddard 1892 - 1978

Rose Etta Goddard 1893 - 1904

Frederick Alfred Goddard 1895 - 1966

On Saturday 17 July 1999. Bring all your family.

See where your grandparents homesteaded at Birch Creek, Idaho.

See where they were pioneers of Idaho.

See the paintings on the rocks with their names.

Enjoy some music and food.

See some old photographs.

Enjoy the stories about their bakery and brewery in England.

Also a rare photograph of the building where Sarah was born in Cubbington.

Too many exciting details to mention in this invitation.

A rare and rewarding chance to meet all your family.

Come and get to know all your family.

We will be having a potluck so bring your favorite dish.

Some of us will be putting our tents up if you would like to join us.

If you have any comments, suggestions or otherwise please contact me.

Scott R. Goddard

1206 6th Ave N

Great Falls, Montana 59401

(406)771-3967”

Samuel Goddard came from Stretton-on-Dunsmore, near Coventry also in Warwickshire. Scott is a member of this Association and we wish his reunion great success and enjoyment. Are there any Goddards in this country who are related and are thinking of going?

Some time later there followed an addendum:

“This is an addendum to the recent invitation that you received.

The plans have been fine tuned for your convenience.

You are invited to meet at the Wagner Ranch (formerly the Goddard homestead) off of HWY 28 watch for the name Goddard on the side of the road at 10:00am on Saturday July 17 1999.

We will stay a short period of time (3 to 4 hours) and then travel up to

Salmon for dinner, conversation and recreation.

There is a park there and a Grange hall which Alan Goddard is arranging for all of us to meet at.

We will have a potluck so bring anything that you would like to.

If you want to stay the night and visit more on Sunday July 18 1999 here are a listing of motels to stay at.

If you would like to stay in a tent, Alan and David Goddard have room on their properties for you to put up a tent or set up campers.”

FINDON, SUSSEX

I am grateful to Joan of Hove for telling me that there is a web-site on the internet on Findon, a village near Worthing in Sussex, which is very interesting for anyone connected to the village. One of the pages is ‘Three Generations at the Forge’ and is all about some Goddard blacksmiths. The address of the site is:

<http://www.findon.force9.co.uk>

SUFFOLK CHAPLAIN

I am grateful to Jack Goddard Jones for sending me an article from the March issue of *Evangelism* in which an Alan Goddard and his wife Irene are featured. He is a chaplain in and around the Bury St Edmunds area of Suffolk and makes presentations to management and staff alike of such bodies as Marks & Spencer, the Mid Anglian Health Authority and similar large concerns. His aim is to serve people in the community and to act as a catalyst to those in need. Does anyone claim him as a relative?

UNWANTED CERTIFICATE

I obtained, when I was looking for another person altogether, the Death certificate of George Goddard, a gentleman aged 71, who died of a bilious fever on 4 March 1838 at Greenham, near Newbury, Berkshire. I have found that he was the son of George and Mary, baptised on 23 March 1767 at Brimpton, Berkshire, and I think he lived at Pyle House, Greenham, dying just before the 1841 census in which I had been looking for him, but appearing in some Berkshire directories in the 1820s – in the Local Gentry section. Can anyone fit him into the immense Bucklebury / Thatcham / Brimpton tree for us? Write to Julie. *Julie of Newbury*

ANGLER

The *Malvern Gazette* of 2 April informed its readers that Ian Goddard, of the Malvern United Angling Association, had won the Association’s Spring League the previous Sunday, possibly because he drew Peg 13 in the deepest part of the pool at Mathon. He caught eight carp in all and was a runaway winner. I have not come across him yet.

YOURS

I am grateful to Margaret of Worsley for alerting me to two articles in the Spring edition of *Yours*. The first concerns Fred Goddard of Nottingham. Over the past four years Fred, aged 63 and a caretaker at the People’s College, has been collecting sticks of seaside rock to hand out to young patients in the City Hospital. So far he has collected and distributed almost 1,500. Congratulations to Julie of Newbury who wrote the second article. Entitled ‘A Lifetime of Going Straight’, it concerns the difficulties she has experienced from the 1930s onwards in putting curls into straight hair, and it contains a delightful photograph of Julie as a young girl. But don’t let me spoil your enjoyment by saying any more; buy the magazine for yourself!

WAR MEMORIAL

A friend has told me that there is one Goddard recorded on the First World War Memorial at Rugby: C. Goddard. Does anyone know of this Goddard?

1999 AGM

The 1999 AGM will take place on Saturday 22nd May at The Fleet Inn, Tywning, which is about two miles north of Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire; it is owned by Association members Peter and Ann Goddard and we are grateful to them for hosting us in their beautiful setting on this occasion. Tywning can be reached off the A38 or, if coming by motorway, directly from the slip road off junction 1 of the M50 when travelling westwards, where The Fleet Inn is actually signed. Drive through the village (not the part with the church in it as that is separate); keep the village green and pub on your left, and continue towards the river Avon when The Fleet Inn will appear on your left; it is right down by the river.

The Goddard Association is occupying the skittle alley for the day (minus the skittles!). It stands on its own to the left of the pub as you face the river, and can be reached either through the pub or from the terrace on the river side. As usual there will be a buffet lunch available from 12.30 at a cost of about £6. Please phone The Fleet to say that you would like lunch, just quoting the Goddard Association, so that they have some idea how many to cater for: 01684 - 274310.

The AGM will start at about 2.15pm once lunch has been cleared away. It will follow the usual Agenda:

1. Welcome.
2. Apologies.
3. Minutes of the last Meeting.
4. Matters Arising.
5. Treasurer's Report.
6. Research Co-ordinator's Report.
7. Elections:
 - a). President.
 - b). Secretary.
 - c). Treasurer.

d). Two Committee members. John of Accrington retires by rotation, and is willing to serve again if re-elected. The other place was filled by John of Deddington until his untimely death last year. The Committee co-opted Denise of Solihull to fill the remainder of his term, and now proposes her for election to the vacancy.

8. Date and place of next Meeting.
9. Any other business.

This will be followed by the presentation of the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial for 1998. We are then delighted to welcome back to speak to us again author and Association member Robert Goddard, whose tally of successful books has mounted steadily since the last occasion he spoke.

Tea and biscuits will be available somewhere around 4.00pm and, as usual, there will be a raffle, so any donations of prizes will be gratefully received.

NEW BOOKS

We have recently purchased the following books for the Research Department: *Marriage and Census Indexes for Family Historians* and *Specialist Indexes for Family Historians* both by Jeremy Gibson and Elizabeth Hampson, and *How heavy, how much and how long? Weights, money and other measures used by our ancestors* by Colin R. Chapman. As well as helping us solve your family history queries and write the Goddard monographs, these books are available for members to borrow on short loans. Please ask. *Julie of Newbury*

RIDING ACCIDENT

In the *Malvern Gazette* of 19 February my wife spotted a Goddard in the 'Echoes From the Past' column. An article from the *Ledbury Free Press* of 21 February 1899 reported: "On Saturday last, whilst in charge of the Ledbury Hounds, Mr Harry Goddard, huntsman, met with a rather serious accident. The hounds met at Long Green and had found a fox. Whilst going at a stiff pace towards a fence of posts and rails, Goddard's horse cleared the jump but slipped and fell on the other side, rendering him unconscious. In falling the horse must have placed its foot on Goddard's neck, which was severely injured. Goddard mounted again and still followed, but was too ill to keep up, so had to ride home, where he was attended by Dr Wood."

A tough lot, the Goddards! Does anyone claim this one as a relative?

NEW MONOGRAPH

The next in the series of monographs published by the Association will be available at the AGM on 22 May. It is Chapter 3 of the Goddards of North Wilts. If you are not able to attend the AGM, it will be available by post from Richard of Malvern after 22 May; the cost, inclusive of postage, is £3.00 by cheque payable to the Goddard Association of Europe. Copies of the earlier monographs are similarly available.

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