



The Goddard Association of Europe

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FOLKESTONE GODDARD TRAGEDY

The Houndsditch Atrocity

Joining the Goddard Association of Europe just two weeks before this year's AGM spurred me on to 'do' the family tree. What unexpected tragedies family research can unearth! Legend has always told that one of my ancestors was the only police officer killed at the siege of Sidney Street in 1910. Research drew a blank. No officer was killed in the siege, and of the three that died in the Houndsditch atrocities that led up to it none of them was a Goddard. The library book that I had got this information from lay on the coffee table (fines mounting) while I got on with the family tree; I couldn't bring myself to part with it. A few weeks later an envelope arrived stuffed with documents that had been in the possession of Goddard cousins in Creed, Colorado, USA, and there was the evidence that had eluded me.

The following, I would imagine, was published in the *Folkestone Herald*. The name of the paper doesn't appear on the photostat copy that I have. It is dated 24 December 1910 and is headed: "The Houndsditch Atrocity – The Late Police Sergeant Bentley – Well Known in Folkestone. The shock of horror felt throughout the land by the murder of the three police officers in Houndsditch was accentuated in Folkestone when it was announced that Sergeant Robert Bentley was one of the victims. The deceased was well known locally, particularly in Foord.

Sergeant Bentley was at one time in the 1st Royal Dragoons, being with that regiment when it was stationed at Shorncliffe seven or eight years ago. He formed one of the escort that attended the German Emperor (Hon. Colonel of the 1st Royals) on the occasion of His Majesty's visit of inspection at Shorncliffe in 1902.

The late Sergeant Bentley married Miss Louisa Goddard, the second daughter of Mrs Goddard of Foord Road, at St John's Church on 16 December 1901. On receipt of the telegram on Saturday last, Mrs Goddard at once proceeded to her grief-stricken daughter in London, and still remains with her."

The next paragraph recalls Sergeant Bentley's time in the army, serving in Africa in the Boer War.

The article continues: "By tragic coincidence Sergeant Bentley was murdered on the anniversary of his wedding day. More pathetic still is the fact that his bereaved wife gave birth to a baby boy on Wednesday last. We are pleased to state that both mother and son are doing well.

Whenever he was granted a few days leave, the late Sergeant would run down to visit his wife's relatives in their little cottage at Foord, and many there are in this quarter who will miss a presence that was always welcome. It goes without saying that the heart of the whole town goes out in sympathy to Mrs Bentley in the cruel bereavement which has so suddenly fallen upon her and her family.

Sergt. Bentley, with Sergt. Tucker and Constable Choate, was buried

with the highest honours at Ilford Cemetery on Thursday. First a service was held at St Paul's Cathedral, this being the first time in history that that sacred edifice has been used for a public service of mourning for the loss of public servants holding merely the rank of members of the civil Police. A Representative of the King occupied His Majesty's stall in the choir, and many high dignitaries were present.

Mrs Bentley and family wish to convey to all friends in Folkestone and district who sent flowers to the memory of the late Sergeant Bentley heartfelt thanks. They feel it impossible to separately acknowledge the many tokens of respect, but trust the senders will accept this acknowledgement."

My ancestor, Louisa Jane Goddard, was born on 24 December 1876 and widowed at the age of thirty-three on her ninth wedding anniversary on 16 December 1910 a few days before her baby, Robert Eric, was born, her thirty-fourth birthday and a few days before Christmas. But the tragedy doesn't end there. A year later Baby Bentley's birthday was noted in the papers. Under the *Daily Mirror* headlines "The First Birthday – Baby Who Was Born a Few Days After His Father Was Shot: By next year perhaps Master Robert Eric Bentley may be able to understand something of the great sorrow which the season once again brought to his mother and his sister. At present being just one year old he is in happy ignorance of all....He is a fair haired, chubby faced, brown eyed baby boy now and he wasn't at all shy when the *Daily Mirror* called yesterday to see how he had spent his first birthday...." And then another cutting, another headline: "Widow's Sad Bereavement. Crowds attended the funeral on Saturday at Ilford of little Bobby Bentley, aged three, who was born two days after his father, Police Sergeant Bentley of the City Police,

had been shot dead in the notorious affray with armed burglars in Houndsditch. The little fellow died from diphtheria in Stockwell hospital. A large contingent of the city police attended. Mrs Bentley, the child's mother, was a Folkestone woman, being a daughter of Mrs Goddard of Foord Road." And again: "Police at Grave Side of Hero's Son – Funeral of Boy Born After Father Was Shot Dead in Houndsditch – 'Gone to See His Daddy'.the body was brought on a hearse direct from the hospital yesterday to outside the family home in Aylesbury Road, Villa Street, Walworth where a large crowd had gathered....."

I sat until the early hours of the morning reading and re-reading the cuttings. They would fill two Newsletters. I felt bereft. How could anybody cope with such tragedy? Sixty-six years later I married a soldier who, like Louisa, I had met at Shorncliffe Barracks. I felt an affinity with my great grandfather, Samuel Goddard's, sister. I'd seen them and their siblings on the 1881 census, living in Foord Road, Folkestone; Louisa was four at the time. Now I feel that I know her.

I turned back to the book on the coffee table. In it is a picture of baby Robert's christening. The woman holding him must be Louisa; at her right must be her young daughter whose name hasn't cropped up anywhere. To Louisa's left is an elderly lady with Goddard features. The cuttings say that her mother rushed from Folkestone to be by her side. Is the woman my great great grandmother, Charlotte Anne Goddard? I'm claiming her as such until I find out different.

Following on from Sergeant Bentley our Goddard branch of the family has gone on to have police officers in every generation up until today.

If any of the above means anything to anyone, please get in touch through the Association. My great great grandparents – Louisa's parents – were Frederick Steed Goddard and Charlotte Anne Goddard, née Page, born 1842. Through the direct line, until my birth in 1944, everyone was born in Folkestone. It is possible that Frederick Steed wasn't, as his birth certificate eludes me.

Reading: *The Houndsditch Murders and the Siege of Sidney Street* by Donald Rumbelow, now out of print.

Joan Dibble of Cardiff

FIRE OFFICER

I am grateful to Margaret McAlpin for giving me at the AGM two cuttings relating to Jeffrey Goddard, the chief fire officer for Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service, mentioned previously in Newsletter N° 47. The one congratulated him on his award of the OBE for services to the fire service, and in the other he was presenting five of his firefighters with commendations for saving a man's life.

SEEING TREBLE

A businessman recently telephoned Ashford Police Station in Kent to report an incident. The call was taken by D.C. David Goddard. The gentleman later went into the police station to make a statement, which was taken by W.D.C. Elizabeth Goddard. The following day he telephoned the station and asked if someone was taking the mickey when the officer taking the call introduced herself as W.P.C. Rebecca Goddard. Rebecca joined the Kent police force last December, joining her parents at Ashford Police Station. She has just announced her engagement to a policeman. *Joan Dibble of Cardiff*

GEORGINA GODDARD

While researching for a project called 'Memory Lane', Frank of Llanelli found this picture in a book called



London at War. The caption reads: "The Queen with four-year-old Georgina Goddard wearing a cotton frock of a type being exported to the United States from Britain to gain dollars for the war effort, February 1941." That would make Georgina in her early sixties now. Does anyone recognise her?

NEW MEMBERS

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

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JOHN FREDERICK GODDARD 1797 - 1866

John Frederick Goddard is immortalised in a series of photographs taken by William Henry Fox Talbot at Lacock Abbey in Wiltshire on 8th and 9th April 1842, perhaps the best known being "The Handshake", in which Nicolaas Henneman (Talbot's valet and photographic assistant) is seen welcoming Goddard to Lacock.

Goddard is more, however, than almost certainly the first Goddard ever to be photographed. He was a distinguished scientist in his own right, winner of the Society of Arts silver medal in 1838 for his work on the polarisation of light. In 1840, he pioneered the use of bromine in daguerrotypy, thus reducing exposure times for daguerrotype portraits from several minutes to a few seconds, and in December of that year his polariscope was demonstrated to the public at an exhibition in Edinburgh. Some of Fox Talbot's early photographs were displayed at the same exhibition.

By 1842, Goddard was working for the London portrait daguerrotypist, Richard Beard, who planned to add calotypy (as photography was then called) to the services he could offer clients in order to edge out his competitors. He sent Goddard to Lacock to discuss the purchase of a licence for this purpose and the rest, as they say, is history.

Goddard seems to have been an instant hit with Fox Talbot, but this did not have the outcome Beard had hoped for. His negotiations with Fox Talbot came to nought, but a calotypy licence was granted, to Goddard personally, exclusively for Hampshire, at a rate of 25% of income, with the first year free, commencing 1st December 1842.

As a freelance photographer, Goddard proved to be a failure, however. He fell on hard times and eventually, in 1863, a relief fund was established by friends and former colleagues to help him out. It met with generous response from grateful daguerrotypists all over the country and was in healthy surplus when Goddard died on 28th December 1866, aged 69.

A degree of controversy has attached itself to Goddard's memory because of claims by well-intentioned but misinformed contemporaries that he had discovered the use of bromine in photography, the truth being that he was the first to apply it to daguerrotypy, more than a year after Fox Talbot had already used it in calotypy. To controversy has also been added confusion because of the existence of another Goddard in the field of early photography – Dr Paul Beck Goddard, an American, to whom bromine-accelerated daguerrotypy has sometimes been wrongly credited. Find one Goddard, it seems, and, often as not, you find another!

Robert of Truro

Ed.– See Newsletter N^o 8 for first mention of JFG.

CIVIL WAR DOCTORS

Jennifer Walker has sent a note concerning the Civil War. Amongst the Historical Manuscripts Commission documents (Series 29 13th report appendix part 2 Portland vol 2) there is a note that on 2 June 1643 King Charles sent to Bradley a "warrant to retain the pay of any sick soldiers sent to Newnham, Balding and other places, for the recovery of their health, and to give the same to Dr Francis Goddard one of the physicians of the army". We know that Dr Jonathan Goddard was a doctor on the Parliamentary side and went with Cromwell to Ireland among other things, but we had not heard of Dr Francis Goddard before this. Can anyone identify him?

Incidentally, we have recently learnt that Abigail Goddard, Dr Jonathan's sister and executrix of his will, married Solomon Richards who was made Governor of Wexford in 1659, as his second wife. Wexford was in a strategic position, controlling a lot of the trade going to and from Ireland, and the Commonwealth must have been very sure of Mr Richard's allegiance to its cause to appoint him to the position. If anyone knows anything more about Solomon we should be very grateful to hear about him. There is a website for the Richards family if anyone wants to take the subject further: <http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk/cricha/index.htm>

And all you Civil War enthusiasts, remember that we are still awaiting identification of Robert Goddard, who was a scout for the Parliamentarians in south Oxfordshire and north Berkshire in 1642 and 1643. See "The Journal of Sir Samuel Luke" for further details or contact Julie of Newbury. *Julie of Newbury*

SOUTHEAST ASIAN OUTREACH

I am grateful to Dr Jack Goddard-Jones of Rhyl for sending me an article from the April issue of *Evangelism*, relating to changes in the charity Southeast Asian Outreach which has operated in Cambodia since its foundation in 1973 by Major Chhirc Taing. Chhirc served as General Secretary of the Cambodian Evangelical Church until he was brutally killed at the beginning of the Khmer Rouge 'Killing Fields' in 1975. From 1 March 1999 Nigel Goddard became the executive director based in Cambodia. "Nigel has been with SAO since 1993 and for the last two years has undertaken the role of field director in Cambodia. He is married to Milet and they have one son. Coming just one month before his thirtieth birthday, Nigel's appointment brings the energy and enthusiasm of young leadership. His new responsibilities should facilitate more efficient decision-making and sharpen the mission's response to day-to-day issues at the actual point of activity." Does anyone claim this missionary as a relative?

LONDON TO AUSTRALIA

Member Jennifer Goodship-Patience is stuck with her family tree research. She has got as far back as William Goddard, born around 1820 probably in London. He married Susan Smith in 1835 and they had the following children: William Thomas in 1855, Henry Thomas 1859 and Frank in about 1861. The family was in Mile End New Town when William Thomas was born, but were in Bethnall Green when Frank was born. William Thomas Goddard married Ellen/Helen Wiseman in Stepney in 1879 and they had several children: William Thomas in 1882, Sydney c. 1885, Henry Roland (Rol) c. 1889 and probably Lavinia c. 1880.

William Thomas Goddard, born 1882, had an adventurous life. His only son, George, wrote: "My father left London about 1896 at the age of fourteen. He went to sea and spent seven years or so as a seaman. I gather he spent most of his time at sea in ships of the Shire Line eg Shropshire, Fifeshire, Ayrshire etc. The Shire Line sailed mainly between London, Australia, New Zealand and Argentina and was engaged in carrying frozen meat to England. After about seven years at sea he settled in Western Australia where he married his wife Ettie in Gingin in 1907. For the first few years he worked in the farming districts as a general farm hand and teamster, driving horses. After his marriage at Gingin (Ettie's home town) the couple spent some time in the country districts before moving to Perth and Freemantle where William worked as a stone mason. In 1922 they moved to Busselton, a farming town about 150 miles north of Perth, where a community farm was being established. About 1926 they moved back to Perth, where William took a variety of jobs before he established a poultry farm at Jesnells, about 12 miles from Perth, which occupation he kept until he retired and the family moved back to Perth."

William Thomas's brothers Sydney and Henry Roland (Rol) also emigrated to Australia, the latter also living and dying in France. Can anyone help Jennifer fill out her family tree? She has found the family in the 1881 census, but not in others. *Julie of Newbury*

BIRTHDAY HONOURS

This year's Birthday Honours contained the name of William Goddard, who was awarded an MBE for services to the community in Whiteleas, Tyne and Wear. Does any member claim him as a relative?

ONE OF MANY

July newspapers were filled with accounts of the trial of a Newcastle gynaecologist accused of assaulting and temporarily imprisoning two of his many former mistresses, one of whom was a Dr Julie Goddard. He protested his innocence and was acquitted.

THE GODWARDS

Attending the AGM at Tewkesbury was new member Ann Wilkes. She had brought with her the handsome book called *John William Godward* by Vern Grosvenor Swanson, published by the Antique Collectors Club at £40 (I was quoted £47), which is about one of her indirect ancestors. J.W. Godward painted in the style of Sir Edward Burne Jones, if he can be compared to anyone, and it needed expensive reproduction equipment to do justice to the beautiful colours in his paintings. The Godwards were a branch of the Goddards in Derbyshire and Cheshire who retained this spelling of the name when others used Goddard. *Julie of Newbury*

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

My thanks to Margaret Young for this cutting from her *Reading Chronicle* of 18 June. It quotes the *Reading Mercury* of 17 June 1899: "William Goddard, farmer, was charged at the instance of the RSPCA with ill-treating a horse on 20 May. The defendant pleaded not guilty. Charles Halfacre, a porter, said he saw the defendant outside Reading railway station with a bay horse attached to a milk-cart. The animal would not back and the defendant sawed its mouth with the reins, causing blood to flow. He struck the horse on the nose with his fist, and on the side with a whip. The defendant worked the bridle with both hands as violently as he could. He kicked the horse on the shin. Witness told him to stop knocking the horse about. Witness opened the animal's mouth and found it was full of blood. The bench retired and, on returning into court, the Mayor said the defendant lost his temper and treated the horse more harshly than was justified. He was fined 40s[£2] and costs."

AUSTRALIAN CO-ORDINATOR

Sadly owing to ill-health Stuart Geddes, first Australian co-ordinator, has decided to retire after eleven years in the post. This news came after the committee had decided to award him the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial for 1998, but before he knew about it. We are most grateful for all his support and wish him many years to enjoy both his immediate family and the wider Goddard family. In his place we are pleased to welcome Ian Goddard, whose address is on the back page.

CAN YOU HELP?

New member Bonnie MacKenzie of Twilight Park, Haines Falls, NY 12436, USA, who is descended from Lot Charles Goddard born at Holmfirth, Yorkshire in 1866 and married Louise Shuttleworth at Hadfield in 1888. The family emigrated to the USA in 1903, but was in Glossop Dale, Derbyshire (just over the Yorks border) in the 1881 census. Was the family returning to Glossop Dale where there were many Goddard families? Email address: blmackenzie@worldnet.att.net

GLOUCESTER CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

Anne Hockaday writes that in *Family History Monthly* there is an article about the Gloucester Co-operative and Industrial Society Ltd which was established in 1860. Among the founder members, who are referred to as 'The Early Pioneers' was William Goddard who was a fitter – possibly on the railways. Does anyone recognise him? Was he the William Goddard from Ashton Keynes, who certainly worked on the railways, or was he from the Goddards of Stroud? *Julie of Newbury*

SOMERSET GODDARDS

Jennifer Walker has been delving into the archives again in an effort to discover where her Wiltshire Goddards came from. This time she has organised someone to look in the Somerset Record Office for her and the following deed has emerged which, roughly précised, says that in 1826 Sir Richard Colt Hoare sold the lease of an inn called 'The Jolly Drover' at Kilmington to Thomas Ryall. In 1847 the inn had been converted into two houses housing George Trimby and Charles Smith. The lease is now sold to William Goddard of Westbury, yeoman, for £75. The three-life lease is to someone indecipherable, then William Goddard aged 46 and Thomas Ryall Goddard, son of Thomas Ryall Goddard, aged 15 years. Does anyone else recognise this family? Or has anyone connections with the Goddards of Batcombe, Somerset? *Julie of Newbury*

PASSIONATE PEACOCKS

Shortly after the AGM at the Fleet Inn, Twyning, landlord Peter Goddard was in trouble with his neighbours, as Margaret Young spotted in an article in the *Daily Telegraph*: "A pub landlord has been given seven days to end night-long cries of passion from his garden after complaints. Neighbours of Peter Goddard say that they were driven to call time on the nocturnal antics of his collection of exotic birds after years of sleepless nights. They complained to the local council, which investigated and concluded that the screeching of his mating peacocks was unacceptable. It served a noise abatement order on him. Mr Goddard has retaliated by banning the complainants from his pub."

OPEN-TOP BUS

Margaret Young has kindly sent a snippet from the *Daily Telegraph* of 5 July. Lynne Goddard, 39, was in her sitting room in Southend Lane, Lewisham, when she heard a crash. A double-decker bus had driven into a low bridge and sliced its top off, slightly injuring two pedestrians and badly shaking the driver; luckily there were no passengers on board. Lynne had seen the same thing happen four years previously. Since then the bridge had been reinforced with concrete which made it an even better can-opener!

EARL GODDARD

A familiar visitor to previous Association AGMs and a very generous benefactor of the Association, Earl from California was not with us again this year as he has been recovering from major hip surgery. I am glad to say that a recent communication indicated that he was well on the road to recovery and was beginning to be more mobile again. We wish him continued good progress.

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

A recent announcement about the Women of the Year luncheon to be held at the Savoy on 11 October indicated that one of the Vice-Presidents of NCH Action for Children is Ms Renée Goddard. Has any member come across this lady before?

GOLDEN WEDDING

On 2 July Albert and Gwen of Chapel-en-le-Frith celebrated their golden wedding and two days later had



a large family party at the Portland Hotel in Buxton, where the Association has held two AGMs. Our warmest congratulations to them.

UNWANTED CERTIFICATES

I am grateful to members Gill Hislop of Ilford and Carol Sergeant of Larbert for sending unwanted certificates. Please apply to Richard of Malvern if you claim any of them as your forebears. Here are the details. One is a birth certificate from Ardwick in the Chorlton District of Manchester and is of James Leonard Goddard, born 22 October 1889, whose parents were Robert Henry and Elizabeth (née Fasana) Goddard. The other birth certificate is a copy from Pewsey, Wiltshire, and is of Mary Ann Goddard, born 30 August 1839, whose parents were Thomas and Margaret (née Bond) Goddard. The marriage certificate is a copy from Chailey, Sussex, dated 5 October 1840, and is between Abraham Goddard, a labourer aged 20, and Mary Ann Cornford, described as a 'servant at home' and also aged 20. The copy death certificate comes from Brighton and is of Abraham Goddard, a retired jobbing gardener aged 86; the date is somewhat indistinct but is in November 1904.

GODDARD ANCESTORS

Towards the end of 1997 an article entitled 'The Bengers of Alton Barnes' by Sonia Hawkes appeared in the Wiltshire Family History Society, tracing the Bengers back to the time of the Norman conquest. From the text it seemed that Benger was a diminutive of Berrenger, a name which occurs in the Goddard pedigree. Further, Sonia Hawkes confirmed that Elizabeth Berrenger, who married John Goddard, was her 12 x gt. grandmother.

This John and Elizabeth were the parents of John Goddard who married Elizabeth Fettiplace whose family we were researching. The earliest known Fettiplace in this country was Almericus who was gentleman usher to William the Conqueror. An Adam Fettiplace was mayor of Oxford in 1245; he was a moneyer and had a licence to stamp out money. He held the manor of Wantage and subsequently bought the manor of Denchworth where his descendants lived until the male line died out in 1743 leaving a fortune of £100,000.

Elisabeth's gt. gt. grandparents were Sir Thomas and Lady Beatrice who lived at East Shefford. Although Sir Thomas' parents are not known, he is almost certainly descended from Almericus and probably from Adam Fettiplace. Lady Beatrice had been previously married to Lord Gilbert Talbot and again, although she was acknowledged to be of the royal house of Portugal, her parents have not been traced; she was thought to be a descendant of Alphonso III through an illegitimate son, Alphonso Denis, whose ancestry is traceable back through the kings of Portugal and to St Arnulf, Bishop of Metz, who died circa 645.

John, the son of Sir Thomas and Lady Beatrice, married Joan Fabian, the widow of Alderman John Horne of London. He was a member of the Haberdashers Company and is reputed to have received £40 for taking a gilt Garter ornamented with pearls together with the robes of the Order to the King of Portugal.

The grandson of John and Joan, another John Fettiplace, married Dorothy Danvers and Elizabeth, their youngest daughter, married John Goddard. Dorothy Danvers' parents were Sir John Danvers (1455-1515) of Dauntsey and Anne Stradling (1469-1540). Anne was the granddaughter of Edmund Stradling and Elizabeth de Arundel, the daughter of Sir Renfrew de Arundel and Joan Coleshill.

So, of these ancestors the Fettiplaces came to England in 1066 but their line is not traceable; Beatrice was acknowledged to be of the royal house of Portugal; the Danvers came in 1066; the Stradlings, about 1270, were probably Swiss from Stratlingen, and the Arundels have the longest recorded ancestry of them all going back through William Albini who died in 1139, Richard I, Duke of Normandy 942-996 and his grandfather Rollo

the Great, to Ivar the Earl of the Uplanders of Norway circa 800.

Edward Morgan of Malpas & May Bush of Southsea

TELETEXT

Four items spotted by Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith from the Teletext columns.

Two from Lost Touch: "Seeking Louise Sullivan (Goddard-Merry) sister to Clare Jeffries who desperately wants a reunion. Please call my son Raymond, 01922 448253 or my son Michael 01922 647822." And: "Blake Goddard aged 23/24 moved from the Robert Manning School, Bourne, Lincolnshire to Newark, Derby in 1994. Danni Pakey would like reunion and says sorry. 01481 727540 (Guernsey)."

And two from Service Pals: "RAF Stoney Cross. Seeking news of Ken Goddard, Ron Steinbeg, Lilian Front, Hilary Bending or anyone who remembers Joyce Brown W/OP Signals Sec. Phone 01392 851760." And: "Calling John Goddard, David Shorter (ex reg) Royal Signals, Egypt, and Japan 1946-48. Or anyone else who remembers me. John Fryett, Ipswich. Phone 01473 463563."

PEWSEY ANCESTRY

Members who have ancestors who came from the small picturesque town of Pewsey in Wiltshire might like to buy or borrow Roger Pope's latest book *A Number of Good Years for Wire*, another look at his immense collection of photographs of Pewsey and its inhabitants. Just flicking through I found that page 48 has a picture of the wedding of Percy Goddard and Florence Dickman Styles around 1912. It is published by Tempus (whose address is Tempus, Unit 1 Plot 1A, Hopton Industrial Estate, London Road, Devizes, SN10 2EU) and priced at £10. *Julie of Newbury*

FATAL RIDING ACCIDENT

Yesterday afternoon I visited the delightful twelfth century church of All Saints at Chilton, lying between Oxford and Newbury. I picked up a history of the church, which included this article concerning George Goddard: "In the churchyard is a wealth of history. Close to the north wall of the chancel is a flat slab inscribed to the memory of George Goddard 1794:

'In health I went away from home,

But did with life no more return.

My horse he stumbled and fell down,

And threw me lifeless to the ground.

Short was my life, my pain the less.

God took me Home as He thought best.'

The earliest record of the Goddard family, who must have lived in the house of that name half way down Church Hill, was in the baptism record for 1616."

Stephen of Silchester

RESEARCH CO-ORDINATORS REPORT FOR 1998-99

The publication for this year is part of the North Wiltshire Goddard Family Tree, this time for the branch who lived at Castle Eaton and East Woodhay for the period between 1500 and 1880. The original research for this and the other N. Wilts trees was done by Charles Frederick Goddard in the first third of this century and is a monumental work, which was heavily relied upon in the Goddard of America Association book. Today's researcher does not have the spare time to attempt such undertakings, but greater ease of transport and the many more research facilities now available mean that many more records are available to him. The use of these new facilities has improved our knowledge of the history of this branch significantly, but in rewriting this chapter it has probably raised many more questions than it has answered.

Talking of increased facilities, all the areas for the 1881 census have been transcribed and published and copies are available in most genealogical research establishments and many local libraries. That is not to say that by using the census records you can instantly trace your family back to the middle of the last century, but it does give a significant help as long as you have an idea of the area they were living in at the time. So now is a good time to renew efforts to trace your own family's history; don't leave it to the others. You know how they always get it wrong!

Additionally, we have bought for the Association the *Vital Records Index for the British Isles*. This is a Mormon Church publication of some five CDs of records of baptisms and marriages which have not been included in the International Genealogical Index, a worldwide record to which we have access. Other purchases have included part of the 1851 census on CD and paper copies of all the Goddard names from all the countries of England, Wales and Scotland in the 1881 census.

Work has started on a further chapter of Albert's work on the Derbyshire border Goddards; hopefully it

will be ready for publication at the end of the year. I also have an embryo of a monograph for one of the Sussex Goddard families to be worked on with the originator for possible publication next spring. The skeletons of one covering the Goddards of Chieveley in Berkshire and another of the Pewsey Vale in Wiltshire have been laid down and hopefully will emerge one day in the not too distant future.

I hope that this coming year not only will new family trees come flooding in but also one or two new scripts for future monographs. That comment is particularly aimed at those who loudly complain that the monographs we have published so far have not been about the families that interest them. Offerings from Australia, New Zealand and Canada would be especially welcome. We can only publish those that are sent to us.

On the research co-ordination front the year has proceeded quietly. Some loose ends have been tidied up and distant cousins put in touch with each other.

Output of course depends on input; if we have not been given the information about your family tree we cannot know whether you are related to another Goddard who would be interested in what you know about your family and could perhaps supply information about your branch which you did not know. For example, one success story lately has been the approach to us by someone whose great grandfather, as a small child from the end of a large family, was adopted by a friend and taken with his family to America. Two people had notified us that they were wondering what had happened to this small boy so that, when his descendant contacted us, we were able to put all three in touch. If everyone had kept quiet about their interest in this small boy, we should not have been able to make three people happy – we hope.

We look forward to being inundated with enquiries from the membership in the next few months, or is that only a pipe dream? *Brian and Julie of Newbury.*

SWINDON STREETS

My thanks, as so often, to Jennifer Walker for sending me an extract from the *Swindon Evening Advertiser* of 22 February this year, which carried an article on influential Swindonians who have given their names to features of the town. In the case of the Goddard family, who were lords of the manor from 1563 to 1927, five streets were named after them in the nineteenth century: Lethbridge Road, Goddard Avenue, Fitzroy Road, Pleydell Road and Hesketh Crescent. Ambrose Lethbridge Goddard (1819-98) was Member of Parliament for Cricklade for 27 years; Fitzroy Pleydell Goddard (1852-1927) and Edward Hesketh Goddard (1855-1921) were two of his sons.

OBITUARIES

The Association is sad to record the death on 1 April 1999 of Stanley Edward Goddard of Farnborough after a short illness, and on 9 May 1999 of Lily Valentine Goddard, aged 94, the mother of former Association Secretary Dennis Goddard of York. We offer our sympathy to both families.

UNDERWATER WEDDING

Jennifer Walker spotted a tiny article in the Daily Mirror of 15 April under the heading of 'You Shell Be Mine': "Mum Kim Edwards, 40, from Norfolk, learnt to dive so she could marry David Goddard, 33, 25ft below the sea in Florida".

1999 AGM

The 1999 AGM took place on Saturday 22nd May at The Fleet Inn, Tywning, near Tewkesbury. Thanks are particularly due to Peter and Anne Goddard, the proprietors, who made it all possible. It was a glorious day, an idyllic setting and there was a larger attendance than usual (61 signed the register, though many others are known to have been there). There have been several requests to hold it there again one day. Unfortunately Peter was called away before he could be presented with a Goddard plate as a token of appreciation; however, the President returned a couple of days later to give it to him.

After an excellent lunch, the AGM followed the usual format with a welcome, apologies, and agreement to the Minutes of the last AGM; there were no matters arising. The Treasurer gave a very satisfactory report on the finances, and it is clear there need be no increase in subscriptions yet. He also reported that the appeal to preserve the Goddard memorial in East Woodhay church had reached halfway, and it was agreed that the Association would meet any shortfall; grateful thanks to all those who have contributed. As usual, any member not able to attend the AGM and wishing to see the annual accounts should send a stamped addressed envelope to Treasurer John at Shrewsbury. The Research Co-ordinators then gave their report (see page 7).

There followed the annual elections: Richard of Malvern was returned as President, Eileen of Accrington as Secretary, John of Shrewsbury as Treasurer, and John of Accrington for another three year term as a Committee member. Denise of Solihull was elected to the

ingly he was sent one of the Goddard plates. In thanking for the honour Stuart writes: "The plate will take pride of place in the Geddes household as I feel proud to receive the award".

Then author Robert Goddard was welcomed back, having last spoken at the 1991 AGM in Malvern. He gave an amusing talk on his progress as an author since that date, and told how his research for his last book had thrown up the name of another Goddard, briefly mentioned in Newsletter N° 8 and now given in detail by Robert on page 3. After appreciation to Robert and the presentation to him of a Goddard plate, the raffle was drawn; grateful thanks to all those who most generously donated some excellent prizes.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

The Association has had several requests to produce an updated membership list, including telephone and fax numbers, and email details where appropriate, and at its last meeting on the day of the AGM the executive committee agreed to go ahead. This, therefore, is a twofold appeal. If you have not done so already, please pay your subscription for 1999 to Treasurer John at Shrewsbury as soon as possible; only those who have paid up will be included in the list. (Members in Australia, New Zealand and the USA please pay through your co-ordinators as usual). And, secondly, if you have any address changes and/or would like your telephone, fax and email details included, please send these to Membership Secretary John at Accrington by 30 September 1999. Both addresses are below.

In addition, Malcolm of Brisbane would be happy to include members with email addresses on the Association's web pages on the internet, where they can advertise which areas of family research they are interested in. His email address is: m.goddard@qut.edu.au

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vacancy on the Committee, thus lowering the average age considerably! The next AGM was scheduled for Sunday 21 May 2000 at the Goddard Arms in Swindon. Any other business raised the question of a new register (see this page), and there was also a kind suggestion that the Newsletters be mailed in A5 sized envelopes to save the editor having to fold them more than once.

It was announced that the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial for 1998 was to go to Stuart Geddes for his many years' work as Australian Co-ordinator; accord-