



The Goddard Association of Europe

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THE VENERABLE DR.

CHARLES GODDARD (1770-1845)

Civil Servant and Chaplain to Queen Victoria

A study of the career of Charles Goddard, for 27 years a civil servant in what would today be described as the Foreign Office and then for 31 years a clergyman, illustrates very well the importance of patronage in 18th and 19th century professional life.

Charles was born in Westminster in 1770, the only son of Charles Goddard, city gent. At the age of 17 he went up to Oxford, matriculating at Christ Church College. Anthony Russell tells us: "The entrance to all professions was through the university, and it has been said of the eighteenth century universities that they had more to do with socialization and lifestyle than with learning". Charles was described as a protégé of the Grenville family, one of the most prestigious political families during the reign of George III and the Regency in the later half of this reign. George Nugent Temple Grenville (1753-1813) was the first Marquis of Buckingham, and himself a graduate of Christ Church, Oxford. He went on to become Secretary of State under Pitt and a member of the King's Privy Council. The family home in London was Buckingham House in Pall Mall, eventually to become Buckingham Palace.

Being a protégé of the Grenvilles, it is not surprising that Charles left Oxford to become collector and transmitter of State papers in the Secretary of State's office (foreign department), a post he held for 27 years. Government departments such as this bore little resemblance to their modern counterparts. In 1745 the total establishment of the Secretary of State's office, including messenger and doorman, was 26. After the Napoleonic Wars the position had changed little. However, despite this small size, the office was involved with many very interesting events concerning the country's links with the Americas,

India, France, Ireland, etc.

In 1814, aged 44, Charles left the civil service and went into the Church. His time in the civil service seems to have provided him with useful contacts for his new profession. Three years after his ordination into the church he was appointed archdeacon of Lincoln. At this time clergy often held more than one post at a time. From 1821 until 1836 Charles was also Rector of St James, Garlick Hythe, in Upper Gower Street, London. St James is today the Head Quarters of the Prayer Book Society, so I think we can assume its churchmanship has not changed too much in the intervening 180 years. In 1829 there is also a record of his being Rector of Bexley in Kent, and from 1836 he was Rector of Ibstock-cum-Hugglescote and Donnington-in-the-Heath near Ashby-de-la-Zouche in Leicestershire. He obvi-

ously felt that 'learning' was more important for his second career than it was for his first. In 1821, 35 years after leaving Oxford, he collected his MA and in the same year the University awarded him his BD and his DD. The archdeacon was no longer simply Venerable, he was now the Venerable Dr Goddard.

Thanks probably to his connections with the Grenvilles, the Venerable Dr. became a Chaplain in Ordinary to George IV, Victoria and, presumably, William IV in between. Similar patronage was also probably involved in acquiring for him the chaplaincy of the Bishop of Rochester, in whose diocese he will have been as Rector of Bexley. When the Bishop of Sodor and Man was translated Bishop of Rochester in 1827, one of his first moves was to appoint Charles his chaplain. He held both the Royal and Episcopal chaplaincies for the rest of his life.

In the same year that Charles entered the Church, 1814, he and his wife Isabella had their first son, George Frederick (see Newsletter 65). George had three elder sisters, so we may surmise that Charles probably got married in his late thirties. As George also had six younger sisters and a younger brother we may also surmise that Isabella was rather younger than Charles! George, like his father, went to Oxford. However, he went straight into the Church from university. Firstly, he served as a curate in one of his father's parishes, Ibstock-cum-Hugglescote. From there he moved to a series of parishes, all in the gift of the Bishop of Rochester. Upon his father's death in 1845 the Bishop appointed him to succeed his father as his chaplain. However, it was obviously not so easy to obtain a senior Royal chaplaincy. George had to be content as chaplain to HRH the Duke of Cambridge, the only son of the seventh son of George III.

Stephen of Buckhurst Hill

SEVENTEENTH AGM

The seventeenth AGM took place at King's Lynn, Norfolk, on Sunday 18 May at Association member David Goddard's outfitters shop in Wellesley Street. The President welcomed the 27 members present including Alice Godard Allen, our USA co-ordinator, and her husband Ed. She in turn brought greetings from Dr Jim Goddard, the President of the Goddard Association of America, and extended an invitation to the biennial convocation of the GAA to be held in St Louis in June 2004. Various apologies for absence were recorded, and the Minutes of the last AGM were approved and signed; copies are available from Secretary Eileen on request. There were no matters arising.

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2003, which showed a surplus of £885 and an invested balance of £11,921. They were approved and adopted. Please write to the Treasurer if you would like a copy. In the absence of the Research co-ordinators, the President read their report (see p.7)

Richard, Eileen and John of Shrewsbury were re-elected President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively, and Margaret McAlpin was re-elected to another three year term on the Executive Committee. David of Kew had indicated his wish to retire and the President thanked him for his contribution over the years. Leslie of Stirchley was elected in his place.

There was no other business, but it was agreed to meet on the equivalent Sunday next year at a venue to be determined between now and the Executive Committee meeting in October. Before closing the meeting the President read a most kind message from Patron Peter, who had regretfully been unable to attend, but insisted that this be read out and put in the Minutes: "Before joining the Goddard Association I had no experience of family associations. It will come as no surprise that I claim to be no expert! From a completely partial point of view there seems to be absolutely no doubt that we are blessed with one of the very best. The evidence has been before us since the formation of the Association: genealogical expertise of the highest order displayed throughout the period; impressively produced memoirs and trees published at regular intervals; superbly edited Newsletters published, not only on time, but also full of topical news; an ancestor tracing service with a worldwide dimension. You will add further benefits which, I am sure, you will have enjoyed since becoming members. The ever increasing membership announced in each Newsletter is testimony enough to the continuing demand for the services provided by the Association. And how is this all done? Not by magic! Not by a misty wraith of Wadard! It is done by the hard graft of the 'usual suspects' now sitting before you! Hic est the Committee! Please do not allow the President to close the meeting without a very warm round of applause for all of these stalwarts who have served us so well during the past year, linked with an insistence that they continue to do so in the future!"

The President then presented the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial, this year in the form of an inscribed decanter, to author and Association member Robert of Truro. He felt that Robert had probably done more than anyone to keep the



Photo by John of Accrington

name Goddard in the public eye through his succession of best-selling novels. He had also been a strong supporter of the Association, speaking at two previous AGMs and generously donating copies of his books. In response Robert thanked the Association for the honour and said how pleased he was that he had decided at the start of his writing career to use his own name rather than a pseudonym!

Following the meeting David of King's Lynn spoke about the origin of his business, in particular about his grandfather George who had founded it in 1895. He related humorous anecdotes and told how trading conditions and prices had changed over the century and the effects of political and economic factors on the business. The President thanked David both for his interesting talk and for kindly hosting the meeting, and presented him with a commemorative plate and



Photo by Francis McAlpin

his wife, Sally, with a silver brooch made by Brian of Newbury.

The gathering ended with tea and biscuits, following the drawing of the raffle. Appreciation to all those who kindly donated prizes; the raffle raised the sum of £39.

CHRIST CHURCH, SWINDON

Members will recall that last year the Association agreed to support the Friends of Christ Church, the parish church on part of the old Goddard Lawn estate in Swindon, in their Skyline Appeal. They have now succeeded in raising almost £150,000, but they estimate that the spire and tower require £300,000 to be put right and the nave and roof another £350,000. Should any members wish to contribute individually please contact the Honorary Secretary, Peter J. Ford, at 2 Parklands Road, Swindon, Wiltshire. SN3 1EG.

Previously I have mentioned the history of the church, *The Old Lady on the Hill*, sold to commemorate the sesquicentenary. I have just read my copy and it is full of information on the Swindon Goddard family, including material relating to the old parish church, Holy Rood, which was abandoned in 1851 in favour of the new and larger church. "The Goddards, as Lords of the Manor, had a traditional right to a seat in the North Chapel", and on the abandonment of Holy Rood in 1852 built "the great Goddard Vault" on "the site of the North Chapel" which, over the next century, "became in practice almost exclusively a Goddard preserve."

The land for the new church and for its graveyard was given by the Lord of the Manor of High Swindon, Ambrose Goddard; and his son Ambrose Lethbridge Goddard, the Member of Parliament for the constituency of Cricklade and North Wiltshire (which included Swindon) which he represented for 27 years, opened the subscription list with a donation of £1,000 – an enormous sum, one eighth of the estimated cost of £8,000. Three other Goddards were also subscribers: Mrs Sarah Goddard £100, Mrs Goddard of Moreden £3 and Mrs P. Goddard of the same place £1.

The foundation of the new church, Christ Church, was laid on Friday 7 June 1850. It began with a service at Holy Rood, which also included the baptism of Ambrose Lethbridge and Charlotte Goddard's latest addition to their family, Jessie Henrietta. Afterwards a procession marched to the new site where Mrs Charlotte Goddard laid the foundation stone. Under it was placed a set of Queen Victoria coins and a brass plate which erroneously stated that her husband had laid the stone! The new church eventually had seats for 926 people, 388 of which were for named people. The Goddard family had 12 seats at the front of the south side of the nave and another nine in the south transept for their servants. Even as late as the 1920s the last Lord of the Manor, Ambrose Lethbridge Goddard's son Major Fitzroy Pleydell Goddard, insisted on the servants attending church and wanted to know where they were if he did not see them there!

Two of Ambrose Lethbridge Goddard's sons served the church. His youngest son, Charles Frederick, was curate for three years. Ordained deacon in 1889 and priest in 1891 at Southwark, he was curate of St Paul's, Swindon from 1890-91 and then Curate in Charge of Christ Church from 1892-95 when he left to become vicar of Clearwell. His elder brother, Fitzroy Pleydell, was churchwarden in 1891 and again from 1918 until 1926, the year before his death.

Several memorials in the church also have connections with the family. In December 1891 the reredos behind the high altar was erected by Fitzroy Pleydell and Jessie Goddard

in memory of their elder brother, Ambrose Ayshford, who had died in 1885. In July 1905 a new font was presented by another brother, Edward Hesketh, in memory of his wife Dulcie Gwendoline. And on Ascension Day 1906 Fitzroy Pleydell and Jessie presented a new pulpit in memory of their parents, Ambrose Lethbridge and Charlotte. He had also given further land to extend the churchyard, and on 6 June 1913 laid the foundation stone of the new church hall. In 1922 he erected a stained glass window in the north transept in memory of his sister, Jessie Henrietta, who had died in 1920. His own memorial window of 1931 is on the west side of the north transept, following his death on 12 August 1927. Unlike most of the rest of his family, he was buried in the churchyard and not in the family vault at Holy Rood. Two further memorials date from more recent times. After the Second World War a stained glass window was erected in the Lady Chapel in memory of Ambrose Michael Andrew Goddard, the eldest son of Lt. Col. Ambrose William Goddard, who had died on active service on 16 July 1944. And in 1963 the cupboards in the north transept were dedicated to the memory of the Revd. Charles Frederick Goddard, who had died in May 1942.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Mrs Wendy P. Bull, The Rewell, 94 Spring Gardens, Walton, Stone, ST15 0AN
Mrs Mary B. Collishaw, 6 Jefferson Street, Caribou, Maine 04736, USA
Mr Ron Dadd, 4 Highfield Close, Waterlooville, Hampshire, PO7 7PZ
Mr B. F. Goddard, Unit 317, 100 Bowen Ice, New Farm, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
Mr Eric Harry Goddard, 13 Park Street, Como, Western Australia 6152
Ms Anne Goddard-Jones, P.O. Box 688, Dandridge, Tennessee 37725, USA
Mrs Donald (Lorna) Manny, 876 Wolf Creek Street, Clermont, Florida 34711, USA
Mrs M.E. McDonald, 7 Spodden Walk, Hillock Estate, Whitfield, Manchester, M15 8RH
Mrs Anne Offor, 7 Ramsgate Road, Singapore 437454
Mrs Beverley Prater, 50 Willow Drive, Cheswick Green, Solihull, B90 4HW

NEW MEMBERS FAMILIES

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

Mary Collishaw's paternal great grandparents were Mary Ann Goddard and James Tingey who married on 4 June 1869 and in the 1881 census were living in Wreham, Norfolk. Mary's parents, who lived in Ely, Cambridgeshire, were Burgess Goddard born there in about 1815, and Sarah Curson born about 1816 in Brandon, Suffolk. Mary was the third of six children, all born in Ely: Sarah Ann 1837, Henry 1840, Mary Ann 1843, Maria 1845, John 1848 and Burgess 1855.

Ron Dadd is descended from Emma Goddard, daughter of John Goddard and Sarah Delieu of Bow, London.

Marjorie McDonald is the granddaughter of Alfred Samuel Goddard of Sheffield and the great niece of Richard and Olive Goddard and Mabel Goddard and Charles Ward, both couples living in Manchester in later years.

Anne Offor, a re-joining member, is connected to the Goddards of Standen Hussey, Wiltshire, who include the Fettiplace and Berenger families in their tree.

Beverley Prater is connected through her husband with the East Hendred, Berkshire, branch – Richard (no date), John 1747-1851, Joseph born 1786 etc.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The 32nd meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association was held on the morning of the AGM. Apologies were received from Brian and Philip. The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2002 were approved and signed. Under matters arising a discussion took place on the need for earlier advanced information on the date and place of the next AGM. The President undertook to inform Julie of Newbury and Margaret of Worsley as soon as the decision had been taken in October.

Treasurer John commented on the audited accounts to be presented to the AGM; they showed a very healthy position. Brian and Julie had presented their research report, and two new monographs were available. Arrangements for the AGM were discussed. It was decided to hold the October Executive Committee meeting on Sunday 19th, either in a hotel with Goddard connections at Purton in Wiltshire or, failing that, at Richard's house.

Under any other business it was agreed that Jim of Adlestone should be asked to keep the web page as up to date as possible, taking items out of the most recent Newsletter.

OBITUARIES

The Association is saddened to record the death of the mother of our New Zealand co-ordinator, Julie of Christchurch, and sends her our deepest sympathy.

MORMON GODDARDS

Last year Jean Cole, Agony Aunt of *Family Tree Magazine*, was in Utah and noted down the following Goddard names while looking through the archives of the Latter Day Saints Chronology.

Stephen H. Goddard was one of the Utah Pioneers of 1847, going as a Mormon convert from Great Britain. He died at San Bernardino, California, on 10 September 1898.

Elder George Goddard was energetic in support of the Mormon cause in Salt Lake City where he lived. He was on the original committee of the Old Folk's Excursion which was begun in 1875. As assistant superintendent of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) Sunday Schools he was given an ovation in appreciation of his long service on 10 April 1898. He died 12 January 1899 in Salt Lake City. He had been unfortunate in losing a son, John Goddard, by drowning in the Jordan River near Salt Lake City on 10 September 1869.

Benjamin Goddard was also active in the Mormon Church in New Zealand and in 1894 went on a special mission to Australia and Tasmania. In 1898 the Maori Association of the Church was reorganised and Benjamin was made Vice-President, subsequently rising to President.

Julie of Newbury

THE PEASENHALL MURDER

There have been several books about the death of the servant girl Rose Harsent in the village of Peasehall one May night in 1902. William Gardiner, a married Methodist worthy, was accused of her murder and twice tried, the jury on both occasions being unable to agree on a verdict and he was subsequently released. The book *The Peasehall Murder* by Martin Fido and Keith Skinner, published by Alan Sutton in 1990, is a carefully researched and documented account of the village of Peasehall and its surroundings, and the people who lived there at the time. Among those to whom the police spoke at the time and who gave evidence at the trial were Abraham Goddard, a farmer and local Methodist preacher, and Samuel Goddard, another prominent Methodist. The late William Goddard, the Peasehall blacksmith and wheelwright (born in Fressingfield) had also known William Gardiner and had his views on who the murderer was, and it was not Gardiner – so his brother-in-law Mr Eric Godward of Felixstowe told the authors. For those Goddards with Suffolk roots this is an informative book on the importance and practices of the Methodist Church in the county at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries.

Julie of Newbury

ROBERT GODDARD

It is about time the government – or more likely the publishers – added a health warning to the dust cover of Robert Goddard's books. As usual his latest, *Days Without Number*, once started is exceedingly difficult to put down, so that much needed beauty sleep is lost thereby. A clever plot, interesting historical background, and superb story telling combine to make it a splendid read. A good present for anyone.....

PRESHUTE CHURCH

I am happy to report the Goddard tomb in Preshute churchyard near Marlborough has now been satisfactorily repaired, paid for by the Association whose Executive Committee had taken the view that the Association should, amongst other things, be helping to preserve Goddard memorials. In return, the P.C.C. have produced a new guide to St George's Church which includes a mention of the tomb and a Goddard hatchment inside the church together with an acknowledgement of our Association; I have also received a charming letter from the Treasurer, who writes: "The kindness of your Association in dealing with this matter so promptly is much appreciated, and I would be most grateful if you could pass on our thanks.....I wish that other families could take as much interest in their ancestors as the Goddards obviously do – it would be of such benefit to parishes. On behalf of the P.C.C. might I extend to you and your Association all best wishes for the future."

SNIPPETS

Association member Jennifer Walker has very kindly sent more newspaper cuttings all featuring Goddards:

The *Gazette & Herald* of 12 December 2002 announced the death on 5 December of Terence Henry Frank Goddard of Chippenham. Born on 12 December 1926, an only child, he worked at Westinghouse and as a postman before training at the London Jewish Hospital to become a State Registered Nurse. Returning to Chippenham, he worked at St Andrew's Hospital.

A January issue of *Farmers Weekly* featured the 450 hectare (1,111 acres) Fair Mile Farm of Jim and Allan Goddard and their mother Joyce around Forston, north west of Dorchester in Dorset. The family has owned most of the downland farm for eighty years and concentrates on crops, mainly winter wheat, oilseed rape, and spring barley and beans plus some linseed.

A story in the *Gazette & Herald* of 13 March concerned RSPCA certificates awarded to Chippenham firefighters and a vet. They had assisted in saving many animals following the crash on the A4 near Chippenham of a sheep truck last November. The RSPCA Superintendent who made the presentations was Alan Goddard.

The *Gazette & Herald* for the following day carried an announcement of a concert to be held at the Assembly Rooms in Bath where one of the soloists was to be clarinetist Wilfred Goddard.

And Margaret Young has also been scanning the newspapers as usual and has come up with more:

The *Reading Chronicle* of 3 April wrote on the local Table Tennis league, Division Two stating: "Reading & District stalwart Charlie Goddard played his final match in the league before moving to Norfolk.....Goddard won both singles, a fitting end for a great sportsman."

On 10 May the *Daily Telegraph* ran an article on a stabbing incident at the Stradbroke High School near Eye in Suffolk. The fifteen year old victim was Benjamin Goddard, who lives with his widowed grandmother Sylvia in Redlingfield as his parents are separated. He also has an older brother and sister. Another pupil was arrested for attempted murder.

Also on 10 May Jacinta "Jaz" Goddard, née Gleeson, of Fulmer and Limerick died in London. She is survived by her husband Tom, daughter Oria, sons Keith and Christopher, sister Mary and brother Michael. She was buried at the Chalfont St Peter Garden of Rest.

Under a *Reading Chronicle* headline of 22 May "Goddard's injury mars Englefield win" was the story of Stuart Goddard suffering a broken leg following a bad tackle in the first 22 seconds of his team Palmer's 3-1 loss to Englefield in the Reading & District Sunday League football final. An ambulance had to be sent for and the game could not be restarted for half an hour.

CAN YOU HELP?

Mrs S. Smallwood of 54 Sandiway Road, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 3QR in her researches into her great grandfather's skirt mill? She writes: "I am desperately seeking help in the Lancashire area to research my great grandfather's mill.....my great grandfather is Robert Jasper Goddard born in Chapel-en-le-Frith in 1846, parents Jasper Goddard and Mary Ann (Arnfield) Goddard. With the help of my friend Albert in Chapel I have managed to bring the Chapel part up to date. Robert married a Maria Dixon at Manchester Cathedral on 17 October 1866 and moved to Manchester with his mother and sister around 1861 or before. The mill my great grandparents had was in production for over thirty years. I have managed to trace the family around the Ardwick Rushulme and Chorlton on Medlock area.....The trade directories show the mill in production in 1871, 1881, 1891 and 1901. The 1871 and 1881 directories show a Turner and Goddard (Robert) as skirt manufacturers, the 1891 and 1901 ones show them as Thornhill and Goddard again (Robert) at 43 Temple Street, Chorlton on Medlock. In 1901 they were living at 361 Dickinson Road and the census shows their occupation as skirt manufacturer.....What I am looking for is records of the mill: how many worked there, when did it close down, are there any Goddards in the Lancashire area that are related to Robert and Maria Goddard. I have found on the old maps of Chorlton (around 1925) a gap in Temple Street where the mill used to be. I have lots of information on the family in Manchester but very little on the mill and would be grateful for any help."

Rawiri McKinney to find her relation Raymond Goddard who emigrated to New Zealand in about 1963, though whether he stayed she does not know. He was a motor fitter and would be about 68 if still alive. Answers, if any, to Richard of Malvern, please.

LOST AND FOUND

On 28 June Roy Goddard of 2 Harefield Road, Bognor Regis, Sussex, PO22 6EB, put the following letter in the 'In Touch' column of the *Manchester Evening News*: "I am trying to trace relatives who lived in Heaton Norris. Our family lived in Oxford Street, and my father's brother, Frank Goddard, ran a coal yard opposite. My father, Fred, died of measles aged about 30 around 1934, and my mother (maiden name Lily Pilkington) remarried in 1938. My sister, Elsie, and myself were later brought up in Holyhead, Anglesea." On 19 July he wrote again: "As a result of my letter appearing in 'In Touch' you will be delighted to learn that I have 'struck gold' and have received a letter from my cousin, aged 75. I haven't seen her for more than 60 years so this is wonderful news." I am grateful to Margaret of Worsley for these two letters.

EMIGRATION

Our New Zealand co-ordinator, Julie of Christchurch, has kindly sent Julie of Newbury the following information: "Mary Goddard, daughter of John and Mary Goddard of Templecombe, Somerset, dairymaid, born 1831, married James Lamb at Sherborne, Dorset, on 18 January 1849. They left for New Zealand, travelling via Australia, and arrived there later in 1849. Mary died in Christchurch, New Zealand, in 1898." If this information can be added to by any member, would they like to tell Julie of Newbury (address back page).

An hour after I had typed this, Margaret of Worsley telephoned me to tell me to watch BBC2 at 8.00pm (13 May), when the family on *Get a New Life* was a family of Goddards from Coventry emigrating to Tauranga in the north of New Zealand's North Island. They were Paul and Julie aged 34 and 31 respectively, and their children Zöe 10 and Sam 3. Paul worked with his father John in a car factory and Julie had been an aerobics instructor; they also ran band rehearsal rooms between them. The programme followed their upheaval from England and settling in to a new life in New Zealand where Paul was running a car valeting service.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Warmest congratulations to Association member Frank of Llanelli, whose artistic skills I often feature, and his wife Megan who celebrated their golden wedding on 11 July.

TWINS

I am grateful to Margaret Young for spotting in the *Daily Telegraph* of 19 February the birth of twin girls, Eloise Ferrie and Jemima Nell, on 7 February to Mary (née Scott) and Jonathan Goddard, sisters for Freddie. Our congratulations on the addition of two more twigs to some Goddard family tree.

GODDARD DOCUMENTS

The following Goddard documents are available for direct purchase from Chapel Books, Chapel Cottage, Llanishen, Chepstow, NP16 6QT, tel. 01600 - 860100, e-mail: info@chapelbooks.co.uk

Nottingham 1876. Frederick & William Goddard – Bond, bridge rebuild Ref. 5882, £6. Also, Frederick Goddard – ironwork contract Ref. 5871, £8.

Gillingham, Dorset 1879. William Goddard – Bond [to] Ref. 21/42, £6.

Battersea, Surrey 1899. James Goddard – Assignment [to] Ref. 683/16, £6.

East Sheen, Surrey 1913. Mary Ann Goddard – Will (mentions Rendle & others) Ref. 22/428, £3.

The following mention Goddards:

Bradbury, Cheshire 1721. William Sidebottom – Will – mentions Slack & Goddard Ref. M117, £28.

Kingsclere, Hampshire 1782. John Cane – Probated Will – mentions Goddard Ref. 99/103 (foxed), £12.

Swindon, Wiltshire 1802. Margaret Joans – Probated Will – mentions Goddard/Morgan Ref. 000 (foxed), £10.

Leek, Staffordshire 1817. John Goddard – Lease Ref. K280/168, £10.

Chippenham, Wiltshire 1848. Benjamin Lively – Probated Will – mentions Goddards Ref. E315, £10.

GODDARD'S DROPS

I have occasionally wondered whether the path of Dr Jonathan Goddard [see Newsletter 11] of the Royal Society crossed with those of Samuel Pepys and John Evelyn in seventeenth century London society. Reading Claire Tomalin's recent Whitbread Prize winning book on Samuel Pepys *The Unequalled Self* I came across such an event: ".....it was again Povey who put up Pepys name [for membership of the Royal Society] in 1665. He was elected unanimously on 15 February and joined in a supper club afterwards with such worthies as Dr Goddard who had been Cromwell's chief physician and now sold his famous 'Goddard's Drops' to the king: they contained crushed human bones and the flesh of vipers, and were good for lethargy."

A note to the book gives fuller details of the recipe, quoted from a paper by Douglas McKie on the 'Origins and Foundations of the Royal Society', published in 1960: "Goddard's Drops were made of spirits of hartshorn rectified with human bones well dried and broken into bits, together with two pounds of viper's flesh. All this was distilled into spirit, oil and volatile salt, set in earth for three months, then the oil separated off and kept for use. The drops were used for fainting, apoplexies, sudden and alarming onsets and lethargies, 20-60 drops in a glass of canary. They continued to be used long after Dr Goddard's death."

This raises some interesting questions. What was the drained-off oil used for? Where did he get the human bones (1665 was the year of the great plague in London)? Did they bring on apoplexy and sudden and alarming onsets rather than cure them? Was there any connection between a cure for lethargy and Charles II's many illegitimate offspring?!

John of Accrington

Ed – As additional corroboration I have recently read, *The Invisible College*, a book on the origins of the Royal Society, one of the earliest aims of which had been the improvement of the ailing Royal Navy. Indeed, it mentions the fact that Dr Jonathan Goddard was one of several members of the fledgling Society sitting on a committee which, in 1666, published its findings on this topic. With Samuel Pepys at that period working in the Admiralty it is inconceivable that their paths did not often cross.

UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE

Of course the only episode of the new 'professional' University Challenge I have missed featured a Goddard! Apparently, as one or two members have told me, a David Goddard represented the Royal Naval College Dartmouth.

THE HAMPSHIRE GOTHARDS

Stephen of Buckhurst Hill recently got into conversation with the Rev. Anne Marie and Alan Gothard. They were interested to hear about their 'cousins' in the Goddard Association, and said that they did not know of any other Gothards in England – they knew all about St Gothard and the Gothard Pass in the Alps of course. Does any member know of any other Gothards? If so, please would they contact the Gothards at 27 Green Lane, Clanfield, Hampshire, PO8 0JU or telephone 02392 596315 or e-mail them at anne@gothard.freemove.co.uk

RESEARCH CO-ORDINATORS REPORT FOR 2002-03

Again, this year, much of the work of the Research Co-ordinators has been on the production of new monographs; usually these are the culmination of the research work into the family of a GAE member. This year there are two new monographs; firstly, a third part to the "Derbyshire High Peak" Goddards has been researched and written by Albert Goddard of Chapel-en-le-Frith, as were the earlier parts for this area. This, the latest part, details families who lived in Buxton, Chapel-en-le-Frith and Dove Holes and extends trees published in earlier parts up to the present time. As with other publications in this series, the details of individual's family history has been terminated at about 1900 to preserve the niceties of the "Data Protection Act". This point is particularly important since copies of all our monographs have been lodged in the libraries of the Society of Genealogists in London and with the Wiltshire Archaeological & Natural History Society, in the Goddard archive room at Devizes Museum, and they are, therefore, available to all, not just Association members.

The second monograph combines the research of three people and three trees which all stem from one family, thus showing that the "co-ordination" side appears to be working. Three separate branches: the late Lord Chief Justice Rayner Goddard's tree has been joined with those of the trees of two GAE members, the Rev. R.J. Fancy of Hertfordshire, and that of the family of Mary Livingstone of Colorado, USA. This monograph traces these three branches of their families back to a John and Alice Goddard at Chieveley in Berkshire in the mid-sixteenth century, this being probably the earliest date one could hope to prove a family back in continuous line via parish records.

Copies of the earlier monographs, which have been published at the rate of nearly two a year, are still available and describe a few of the Goddard families in the following areas:

Four monographs relate to the area of North Wiltshire and are part of the series originally researched by Charles Frederick Goddard (1863-1942), but brought more up to date by recent research and information from present day members of the family. Chapter 1:- Early History 1200-1600, trees of Aldbourne, Enfield (Middlesex) & Mere branches, with Chapter 2:- Berwick Bassett, Clatford & Hidden branches, Chapter 3:- East Woodhay & Castle Eaton branches, and Chapter 4:- Clyffe Pypard, Standen Hussey & Purton, cover part of one of the families of Goddards, of which over 1200 members have been identified so far, with several chapters still to do. These trees cover parts of the family from 1230 to current members of the Association; mind you, some of those appear ancient!

Three monographs have been researched and written by Leslie Goddard of Birmingham on the families forming his relatives in the North Gloucestershire area: Chapter 1 covers the Chipping Campden & Quinton branches, Chapter 2 Stanway & the Vale of Evesham branches, while Chapter 3 has the part of the family based on Snowhill and Eckington. These branches cover the period from the mid-sixteenth to the early twentieth century.

In addition to the new monograph on families from the

Derbyshire High Peak district detailed above, Albert has written two earlier chapters, discussing some of his relatives and other Goddard families of the area. In Chapter 1 are the Chinley & Buxworth branches, while in Chapter 2 are those from the New Mills, Kettlethume & Whaley Bridge branches. The period covered is from about 1600 through to the present generation.

A small start has been made on documenting the several large Goddard families in the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk with the monograph researched and written by Denise Goddard "South East Norfolk:- Bunwell, Aslacton, Carleton Rode & Southwark (Surrey) branches". The surface has just been scratched for Hampshire Goddards, with the monograph researched by May Bush and Edward Morgan, tracing their family branch who broke away from the North Wiltshire family covered above, and who migrated to Wellow, Romsey & St. Pancras (London). This is the part of the Goddard family who have the association with the royal house of Portugal.

We do not see your family listed in the above, so why not put pen to paper and send the tree with some details to the Research Co-ordinators? It is a pity to waste all your research on just a few members of your family when we could possibly involve many more.

On the normal "office" routine side, letters and trees which we have received over the years have recently been revisited and are now filed by county or subject. This is in addition to the main database and name index, which has been growing only slowly lately because of lack of trees being sent in to us, but now contains information on about 7600 people. This information is only entered from family trees and means that it will probably not be available from any other source, and that if we have information on a particular person then we will have information on one or more of the relatives. Only information relating to people who died prior to about 1920 will be forwarded relating to people making enquiries directly from the database. Enquiries for more recent information would be directed to the person who sent us the original information – this is the co-ordination bit.

Most of the requests for information have come by e-mail recently and are dealt with as promptly as we can – usually within twenty four hours, even if we just acknowledge the receipt and say that we are looking into the request. Notably we have been a help in putting in touch with each other three ladies who are descendants of three sons of a Goddard who was a canal barge owner on the Gloucester canal.

We must also thank Peter of Toronto and acknowledge the help given when we point people in his direction if they can only trace their family tree back as far as the 1900s. His database of more recent records is of great value and support in this respect.

Brian & Julie of Newbury

Ed: In their absence this Report was read at the AGM by the President, who expressed gratitude for all their hard work. All monographs are available from Richard of Malvern (address on back page) for £3 each which includes postage. Cheques payable to 'Goddard Association of Europe' please.

HUNTING GODDARDS

Sue Taylor, the author of the article *Hunting Goddards* that was featured in the April edition of the Newsletter, contacted our Canadian co-ordinator Peter for help in discovering what had happened to Violet Goddard, a sister of her grandfather Benjamin. Sue knew that Violet had married George Alfred Hillier and emigrated to Canada in the early 1900s.

In Canada, unlike England, access to indexes of births, marriages and deaths are not possible due to privacy laws, so tracing these events becomes far more difficult. Fortunately Sue had a cutting from a newspaper that she figured must have appeared around 1957, referring to a visit George and Violet were proposing to make to England from their home in Lindsay, Ontario. Lindsay is a town of about 17,000 people about seventy miles north east of Toronto.

Mary Callaghan of the Lindsay Library was able to turn up a notice of the death and subsequent cremation in 1980 of Violet Hillier. She was described as the wife of the late George Hillier and the mother of George of Toronto and Vi, Mrs Herb Simpsn, of Lindsay. Although there were three G. Hilliers listed in the Toronto phone directory none of them proved to have any connection and there were no Simpsons living in Lindsay.

As a result of contacting the various cemeteries and crematoria in the area Peter discovered that George Alfred Hillier had died in 1974 and, armed with this information, Mary Callaghan was able to uncover his death notice and, even better, the death notice of his daughter Violet in 1981 and that of her husband Herbert Simpson in 2001. Herbert Simpson's death notice referred to their sons Scott and Jeffery and gave the name of the funeral home responsible for the funeral arrangements. The funeral home agreed to pass on Peter's phone number and email address to Scott Simpson and the very next day Peter received an email from Janice, Scott's wife.

Janice and Scott were absolutely thrilled to make contact with their long lost cousin, Sue Taylor. It turns out that Scott's mother, Violet Iverna, was born in The Black Horse at Malmesbury, the pub mentioned in Sue's article and they own an oil painting of it. They also have, hanging in their front hall a picture of Scott and Sue's common ancestor, Harry Edwin Goddard, in full hunting regalia. A very successful ending to a different kind of hunt!

Peter of Toronto

FINANCIAL TIMES

My son Edward, who works in the City for an American finance company and reads the *Financial Times* on a regular basis as part of his work, recently spotted that one of its reporters is an Andrea Goddard. Does any member know anything about her?

UNCLE WILLIE

The "Angel on a Bicycle", otherwise affectionately known as "Uncle Willie" and about whom Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith wrote in Newsletter 37, has died just short of his one hundred and fifth birthday and, once again, I am grateful to Albert for this information. Though not a Goddard himself, the Reverend Dr. William Arthur Simpson – to give him his full name – had a Goddard grandmother and Goddards for both brother-in-law and sister-in-law. He preached his last sermon at the age of 98, eighty years after he had preached his first. Born in 1898 Willie was initially a lay preacher, but trained for the Congregational Ministry at Paton College, Nottingham, and was ordained at the age of 27 at Mexbrough Congregational Church, Yorkshire, on 9 July 1925. It was while he was a student pastor there for ten years that he met and married Ida, one of his 'flock', on 2 January 1935 in Chinley Chapel. Six months later they moved to Enderby near Leicester, remaining there until 1947 and then moving to Blakenall near Walsall until retirement in 1965. He then returned to Chinley, giving his services there without stipend for twelve years and putting Chinley Chapel back on its feet again after a low period. In 1977 he and Ida went to live in New Road, Buxworth, where she died in January 1983. Willie served his last and longest ministry at Brierley Green, starting at the age of 79 and continuing until his death on 27 April. In 1985 the Central School of Religion conferred an honorary doctorate of divinity on him in recognition of his life's work. Clearly much loved in the area, his death marks the end of an era.

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