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SOLDIER AND ARTIST

Francis Ambrose D'Oyly Goddard 1868 - 1962

My father, Francis Ambrose D'Oyly Goddard, was born on 29 October 1868 at Milford House, Tudor Hill, Sutton Coldfield in Warwickshire. He was the eldest son of the Reverend Francis Aspinwall Goddard (1841-1888), M.A. of St John's College, Oxford, one time vicar of Sutton Coldfield and also of Little Aston and Caverswall in Staffordshire. His mother was Fanny Pratt, the daughter of Joseph Skinner Lampen of St Budeaux in Devon.

Father was one of a large family - he had two brothers, the Reverend Nigel Ernle Goddard (1870-1950) and Walter Gifford Goddard (1872-1891), who died in his twentieth year; and two sisters, Dorothy Mary May (1873-1957) and Millicent Agnes (1875-1971) who married Lionel Vibert of the Indian Civil Service in 1908.

Father was educated at Repton and was a member of Priory House. Later he studied at home with a private tutor and eventually, after a short time at the University in Geneva, he was gazetted to the North Staffordshire Militia where he trained for three years before joining the Royal Munster Fusiliers in Aldershot in 1888 prior to being posted to India to the headquarters of the regiment at Chambathia in the hills above Rhanikhet.

Apart from two long leaves (1893 and 1895) spent in England and Jersey, father remained with the Munsters in India till 1899. He seems to have much enjoyed this period of his army career if the numerous photographs chronologically mounted in several albums and the detailed entries in the Family Records Book are anything to go by! He was the captain of the regimental polo team, contributed regularly to their magazine, the *Bengal Tiger*, and took a large and very prominent part in all their social



activities! He was promoted Captain in 1893 and in 1896 in Rangoon he married Evelyn Maud, the youngest daughter of Colonel Alfred Le Gallais of the Bengal Staff Corps. They had two sons. The elder, Denis Gerald Ambrose, was born on 18 January 1898 at Barrackpore. Denis served in the Royal Navy and as acting midshipman was employed in the Channel during the passage of British troops to France and later in the Persian Gulf, Suez Canal and

Gallipoli. In 1916 he was posted to *HMS Queen Mary* in which he was serving when he met his death in the great battle of Jutland on 31 May. Brian was born in Tralee, Co. Kerry, in 1901 after the regiment had returned to barracks there. He joined the army and served with the 3rd/6th Dragoon Guards and in the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force. He died of cancer in 1944 in the York Military Hospital. At the time of his death he was Assistant Provost Marshal, Head Quarters 8th Corps, Home Forces. Evelyn Maud died in February 1906 at Portland House, London, and was buried in Hendon Park Cemetery, Mill Hill, the officiating clergyman being her brother-in-law the Reverend Nigel Goddard, Vicar of St Michael's, Folkestone, at that time.

In 1899 the Boer War started. By then the family were back in Tralee. The Second Battalion were still in India until 1901 when they went direct to South Africa. Father joined them a year later at their Head Quarters in Newcastle, Natal, as a member of the Intelligence Staff. He was only there for a while. Back in Tralee he was promoted Major (1907) and commanded the Munster Detachment at the military camp at Spike Island in Cork Harbour. He retired from the army in 1908 after twenty years' service.

The previous year father had married Mary Maud, elder daughter of Mark Stokes O'Callaghan of Cahirnane House, Killarney, Co. Kerry, on 10 October in the Carmelite Church, Dublin, and in 1909 they moved to London - 45 Warwick Road, SW5, which was to be their family home until my father died in 1961. Mother predeceased him, dying in 1948 from pneumonia supervening on disseminated sclerosis from which she had uncomplainingly suffered for many years. They had six children - Peggy, Dermot, Doreen (died in infancy), Rita, Mimi and Veronica. All have died except

Mimi, the writer of this article.

On the declaration of war in 1914 father was recalled from retirement and he reported for duty as Railway Transport Officer at Southampton. He went over to France in the first ship of the Expeditionary Force (*SS Vera*) to land at Le Havre. He was employed as RTO at Etoux detraining units of the First Division. Later that same year he was sent to Abbeville as Assistant Director of Railway Transport at the Head Quarters of the Lines of Communication with the temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. He was to remain there until the end of October 1918. The following year he retired for the second time. He was twice mentioned in Despatches and was awarded the OBE in 1919. During the latter years of his life he came to be affectionately known among his comrades as "The Father of the Regiment".

From his earliest days father's ambition was to be an artist, but there was parental opposition so he had to join the army. However, on his retirement he took up painting as a hobby. He exhibited his work at the Royal Academy, the Royal Institute of Oil Painters, the Royal Society of British Artists and other galleries, devoting himself exclusively to miniature paintings in oils. He helped to found the Army Art Society and was its chairman for a time. He was President of the Royal Society of Miniature Painters from 1952 to 1957, and from that year he became the Honorary President of the Society until his death. The following quotation from the Art Critic of *The Scotsman* in 1935 gives a true description of his work: "Colonel Goddard is a true craftsman. He does not aim at getting 'quality' by scumbling about with his brush. He must get things painted just as he wants them. More important, he paints what he loves and knows – English fields and trees and cottages and he paints them with tenderness as though enchanted by the beauty of every common object around him. It is an eviable talent. I have had more pleasure from this old soldier's pictures than from anything I have seen for weeks."

My father died very peacefully aged ninety-three years on 20 June 1962. He is buried beside his wife in the Brompton Cemetery, South West London.

Some time after his death all father's collection of army memorabilia, his medals, photograph albums, journals, sketches, etc. were offered to the National Army Museum, Chelsea, where it was all accepted with much interest and gratitude for their archives and exhibitions. His first painting in oils done in 1891 of a camp scene in Chambathia, north west India, is one of the permanent exhibits now displayed in their art gallery among a large number of other paintings all contributing to the gallery's evocation of army life in the past.

My father was a natural "recorder" of events and data. He left a large amount of notebooks, albums, detailed records of his paintings and their ultimate owners, etc. His diaries and memoranda have been drawn on for this brief outline of his life and career. But this is only the outline, and the Goddard archives, Army Museum, etc. provide ample material for more detailed research on his life, army career, and an artist of merit.

Mimi of Woldingham

CAN YOU HELP?

Lisa Slade whose email address is <slade_lisa@hotmail.com> and whose father is researching their family tree. Augustus Frederick Goddard, aged 40, and Rose Mary Ann, née Cox and aged 39, of Grosvenor Park Road, Walthamstow, London emigrated to New Zealand in July 1879 on *SS Bebington* and landed at Nelson with their six children: Rose (aged 11 and Lisa's great grandmother), Augustus F. (10), Mary (9), May (6), Rhoda (5), and William George Haywood (3). Augustus F. Goddard was schoolmaster at the Lower Takaka school. Rose Mary Ann died in 1894 in Takaka, and Augustus F. Goddard died in 1908 in Seddonville. Rhoda died in 1881 aged 6. Any help to extend knowledge of this family would be appreciated. (See Newsletter 19.)

Mr Ronald D. Knight of 339 Dorchester Road, Redlands, Weymouth, Dorset, DT3 5AT, who is seeking any descendants of the following six children of William and Catherine (née Clark) Goddard of Wednesbury, Staffordshire, who both died there in 1896 – siblings of a seventh child, John Thomas Goddard 1879-1947, whom he has previously enquired about preparatory to writing his biography:

1. William, born c.1866, who married Jessica, and had children (at Wednesbury and Tipton) – Fanny, Maud, Edward, Alfred, Catherine.
2. Frances Louisa, born 1870, who married George Coombs, and had children (at Wednesbury and Tipton) – George, Henry, Harold, Louisa, Katie, John.
3. Henry (Harry) born 1873.
4. Moses 1875-1917.
5. Charles 1881-1917.
6. Frederick born c.1884.

TELETEXT

As usual, Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith has kindly sent an item which he has spotted on Teletext, from the Lost Touch section: "Seeking descendants of Charles Henry Goddard & Ellen Matilda Sweetmore who married 1892. Also children Ellen Alice (b. 1893), Charles William (b. 1894), George Alfred (b. 1896), and Annie Emeline (b. 1891), of Stockwell, Lambeth. To complete family research. Tel. 07941 537934.

UNWANTED CERTIFICATES

Association Executive Committee member Denise Goddard of 23 Wherretts Well Lane, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 2SD (tel. 0121 603 2573) has six birth certificates and one marriage certificate which do not belong to her branch and which she will be happy to hand over to their rightful descendants. They are:

Anne Goddard born 14.01.1869 in Lambeth, parents Benjamin and Fanny.

Edward James Goddard born 26.10.1891 at St Saviour, parents James and Alice.

Horace Goddard born 13.10.1873 at Lexden & Winstree, parents John and Ellen.

Ivy Elizabeth Goddard born 16.09.1894 at Lambeth, parents Edward and Emily Ellen.

Ivy Goddard born 25.07.1894 at Islington, parents William and Emma Susan.

James John Goddard born 08.01.1870 at Lambeth, parents James and Sarah.

And the marriage certificate between Mary Ann Sarah Goddard and Thomas Price on 05.10.1904 at St Saviour Brixton Hill; Mary's father was George Goddard.

Please apply direct to Denise if you recognise any of these certificates as belonging to your family

PIES & EELS

The Goddard Pie and Eel family has surfaced again. Mentioned in Newsletters 17, 19, 21 & 46, I am grateful to Elsie Gibbs for spotting an article on them in the *Financial Times* for 6 February. Originally founded in Deptford in 1890, the two brothers Jeff and Kane who run Goddard's Pie House in Greenwich are the fifth generation to do so. They also pressgang other members of their family to help them, including their mother on a Sunday which is their busiest day of the week. The Pie House can be found on the internet at <www.pieshop.co.uk>.

LETTINGS FRANCHISE

My elder daughter Diana spotted a Mike and Stephanie Goddard as having set up the Belvoir Group in Lincolnshire in 1994. It is said to be the fastest growing lettings franchise in the UK. Does anyone know anything more about this couple?

NEW MEMBERS

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

Ms Gillian H. Edwards, 33 Hudson Road, Hayes, Middlesex, UB3 5EL.
Mr A.J. (Tony) Garton, 4a Bloomfield Road, Bromley, Kent, BR2 9RZ.
Mr Alan & Mrs Pat Goddard, 84 Kenilworth, Southill, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 9SJ.
Mr Charles P. Goddard, 183 Crosby House, Scunthorpe, DN15 6SQ.
Mr David E.G. & Mrs Karen J. Goddard, 7 Hobbs Avenue, Como, Western Australia 6152.
Mr Martin F. Goddard, Red House, 3 Abbotsmead Road, Hereford, GR2 7SH.
Miss Vanessa Jane Goddard, 6 Marian Street, Leederville, Western Australia 6007.
Mr & Mrs Brian Harrison, 1 Ivy Mews, Kingswood, Maidstone, Kent, ME17 3QL.
Mrs Christine Knight, 95 Widdicombe Way, Brighton, BN2 4TH.
Miss Simone Lay, Ashton Cottage, 80 High Street, Pewsey, Wiltshire, SN9 5AQ.
Miss Susan Swaysland, 36 Bramah Green, Myatts Field North, London, SW9 7RG.

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.

Gillian Edwards is descended from Edward Goddard of Manchester who married May Clay in 1669. Their great great grandson Edward went to London before 1800, and their 4 x great granddaughter Anne was in London 1843-1935.

Tony Garton's great grandmother was Sarah Ann Goddard 1839-1922 of Heanor, Derbyshire, who married Henry Watson and died in Nottingham in 1922; but so far he has been unable to find her birth or marriage certificates. His grandmother, Ann A. Watson, was born in Heanor in 1866. The family was later in Greasley and Nottingham.

Alan Goddard's family is from the Shellingford / Longcote area of Berkshire. Robert Goddard was born in Longcote c.1729 (unconfirmed) and married Sybil Allen at Shellingford in 1755. Their son Jacob married Mary Trinder in 1798. He has wills for Robert and Jacob and knows of further children of Robert and Sybil. He also says that there was a Goddard House in Shellingford with plaques of some sort, but that it has been demolished to make way for a new estate; the owner of the new house on the site, however, has a photo of the old house of which he hopes to acquire a copy. If successful, I hope there may be an illustrated article for a future Newsletter in the making!

Charles Goddard's father was a fisherman from Lowestoft, born about 1900, and moved to Grimsby in 1920, but nothing else is known about him.

Martin Goddard is one of the Norfolk Bunwell branch and a cousin of Executive Committee member Denise.

Brian Harrison descends from Adelaide M. Goddard who was born in 1887 and married William T. Harrison from the Isle of Grain. There are connections with Sydney Goddard, born in 1896 the son of Frederick who married Eva Harrison in 1916 at Cooling, Kent.

Christine Knight is also descended from Robert and Sybil Goddard of Shellingford, Berkshire, so she has been put in touch with Alan and four others who are also descended from the same pair.

Simone Lay's great great grandfather was George Edward Goddard, born c.1855 in Pewsey and married Mary Jane Cooke; they had fifteen children. They were originally boot makers and then cycle makers with a shop in Pewsey High Street; later they lived at Bisley House in Pewsey High Street.

Susan Swaysland is descended from Arthur J. Goddard, 1877-1936, son of James of St George Hanover Square.

NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND

I am grateful to Julie, our New Zealand co-ordinator, for three pieces of interest from her part of the world.

Association member Arnold Palmer of Upper Hutt has been researching his Goddard ancestors, starting with his great grandfather Edward Goddard who "was born in Chilwell, Nottingham, England in 1850, married Elizabeth and lived in Birmingham. He founded a whip manufacturing business, Edward Goddard Ltd., in Walsall in 1887, moved to Farringdon Street in 1894 where they were for many years and later moved to 57 Lower Forster Street. Over the years the company sold in excess of twelve million whips, of which 60% were exported throughout the world. Notable dignitaries, including royalty, used Goddard whips. The last Goddard descendant in the company sold the business in 1981, and the last owner, Mr Richard Grylls, sold the company in 2001. The new owners, Vale Bros. Ltd., are maintaining the Goddard brand name. Whip manufacturing is now very competitive throughout the world, with China supplying over 50% of demand.

Thanks to Brian of Newbury I have been able to start tracing my family. It appears that my grandfather, Albert George, youngest son of Edward, was the fourth in a family of five. He was born in Aston, Birmingham. There has been some mystery about him and we think he was a remittance man, which may be the reason we are unable to trace him in New Zealand. He came to New Zealand in the late 1890s and married my grandmother, Hannah Bertha Baker, on 14 June 1899. They had seven children – four girls of whom one was my mother, Evelyn Annie Goddard, and three sons who became very successful businessmen in Wellington. But the marriage was annulled in 1921, when he seems to have disappeared off the scene in New Zealand – where to we can't trace at this stage, but we are not giving up. The Goddard family around Birmingham have gone to ground and we cannot find anything on them after pursuing several leads. If anyone knows of the family there I would be very grateful if they could let me have any information on them [Arnold Palmer, 9 Benzie Avenue, Upper Hutt, New Zealand – *Ed.*].

Albert George's sons, and my uncles, were Owen, born 1 July 1900 and died in 1978; Gordon, born 11 November 1904 and died in 1994; and Frederick, born 2 November 1906 and also died in 1994.

Owen learnt the glass trade from working at Reid & Fenwick and Auld & Gleeson. While at Auld & Gleeson he worked on the Napier Post Office and, just about on his way home, it was destroyed in the Napier earthquake of 1931. He started his own business, called Wellington Plate Glass Works, in 1936 at 34 Tory Street, and moved from there to 2 Ebor Street, then on to bigger and last premises at 128-132 Tory Street. They

were the largest company in Wellington in the glass business, employing up to 20 staff and specialising in wind screens, auto glass, lead lights, glazing, etc. The company was involved in a number of major works around the Wellington area including the Defence Department building, Post Office Workshops, St Pat's College at Silverstream and Ford Motors building at Seaview. The company was sold to R. & E. Tingey when Owen retired to Greytown, where he bought the biggest house in the town, fulfilling an ambition he had when living there as a boy. He was interested in deer hunting, world travel and photography among many other things.

Gordon was a farrier in the Wairarapa before the family moved to Wellington in the depression. He then had several jobs, including driving horses and carts for local firm Munt Cottrell. A story is told of when making a delivery to the wharves, he backed the dray over the edge! He worked for the Union Steamship Co's. patent slip where he became the foreman blacksmith. He was a very strong man and his feats of strength were legendary. In 1954 he formed Wellington Welding & Forging Co. in partnership with the boilermaker foreman at the patent slip. Part of their work was testing ships' anchor chains for the Marine Surveyor. One marine job they had involved climbing a mast on the *Pamir*, a sailing ship that had been commandeered by New Zealand from Finland at the start of the war. They designed and built prefabricated steel barns which were sold all over New Zealand. In 1968 he sold his interest in the business to his partner and retired to Thames.

Frederick was Wellington's leading locksmith, starting business in rooms on the first floor of premises in Courtenay Place. From here he moved to a shop in Willis Street which he later leased before retiring. He served in the air force during the 1939-45 war. When he was called up the three services appealed for him, with the Air Force being successful. Typical of the services, they put him in the War Graves Commission. This was the cause of ill health he suffered in later years. He moved to Sydney following his son Robert, a musician. Robert is one of the only two boys from the family to carry on the Goddard name."

Secondly, member Pat Bisset, who is descended from the Silchester Goddards, has sent some additional material to her family tree. Nearly a year ago she "received a letter from a Peter Beck enquiring of a Charles Allen Goddard born in 1820. He had one family tree which gave Charles Allen as dieing in 1836. I was able to write and tell him that there had been two Charles Allens. One, born in 1767 and died on 10 January 1836, was my great x 3 grandmother Hannah Goddard's father. The other, baptised at Silchester on 4 May 1820

was elder brother of my great great grandfather, Stephen and Hannah's second son. Charles Allen Goddard had left Silchester as a journeyman carpenter, married Fanny Harding of Bradford, Peverell, Dorchester, and had eight children. His second son, Joel Goddard, married Ellen Whitburn and had a family of ten children, the youngest - Nellie Kate - being Peter Beck's mother. Of Stephen and Hannah's family the only one we have no information on is Mary Ann, baptised in 1827 at Silchester. It was very nice to welcome Peter and his wife Marion to our 'clan', but the other wonderful news was that Peter had done research and was able to tell me where a missing relation was. When my great great grandfather, James Robert and his second wife Louisa and their eight children came over in 1874, they presumably left behind his three elder children from his first marriage [see Newsletter 11]. Well, Peter found the eldest, William R. aged 30, along with a wife Ann aged 29 and two children, William R. aged 3 and John H. only three months old living at 6 Cadogan Street, London. William was listed as having been born in Marylebone and his occupation as a farrier; his wife and both children had been born in Chelsea." [Pat does not say which census, but presumably it was that for 1891 - Ed.]

The third item comes from a Christchurch newspaper cutting which Julie has sent. Headed "Goddard on the move", it reads: "Prominent rugby administrator Warren Goddard is leaving the Canterbury union after nearly ten years on the staff. He has resigned as the commercial and marketing manager to pursue new work opportunities in Christchurch. He will leave at the end of March." Julie writes: "This is Malcolm of Brisbane's brother; he has often been on the radio here in Christchurch".

HIGH SHERIFF

I am indebted to Margaret Carr-Bowey of the Isle of Wight, who spotted an item in her husband's copy of *Wightwash*, which is the newsletter of the Isle's branch of the Campaign for Real Ales. It announced that Anthony Goddard, the boss of Goddard's Brewery, Bullen Road, Ryde, has been appointed the new High Sheriff for the Isle of Wight. The brewery has been mentioned before in Newsletters 37 and 42.

VETERINARY PRACTICE

An article in the *Daily Telegraph* property section for 31 January showed a picture of a block of flats in Grosvenor Avenue, Highbury, north London. It included two thirds of the fascia board of one of the premises on the ground floor underneath. This reads: "Goddard Veterinary....."; but the last part is hidden, as is part of the accompanying telephone number. Does anyone living in that direction know of this practice?

FROME GODDARDS

Mrs Margaret Martin of Portslade is wrestling with her Goddard relations in Frome. She writes: "Due to the usual problems with children inheriting their parents names, I am stuck with two, or possibly three men called Arthur Goddard in Frome, Somerset. The first was possibly headmaster of Frome Grammar School in the 1880s. His (or his son's second?) wife, Eva, died in Scotland in the 1920s. She was a head teacher.

This Arthur may be the father of another who was a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Indian Army for 40 years and who was possibly awarded the OBE. He may have been in the trenches in France in WWI. His first wife (an Australian?) died in the bath in the Indian hill district where she had gone for the cool air; it was presumed she slipped and fell. He was away with his regiment elsewhere and received a phone call. He lived at 3 Wesley Villas, Welshmill Lodge, Frome, Somerset, BA11 2LA. His niece, my mother Marie Freeman (née Goddard), remembers visiting him as a child in the 1920s. He may have lived there before and after going to India.

On 28 November 1945 Colonel Arthur Goddard was at 15 Punjab Regiment Centre, Ambala, India until about August or September 1946. (It may be this one who died in 1983 and was in the Dorset's.) He remarried in 1945 and was very happy. He went to Australia with his second (or 3rd?) wife and two children for the winter, then home in spring 1947 to England. (This Arthur was a cousin of Kathleen Goddard of Teddington. They were 'sweet' on each other, but it was frowned upon by their families because of the relationship. She never married but, as the only daughter, stayed at home looking after her parents, then her unmarried brothers.)

Another contender is called William (and Jean his wife?), who was possibly headmaster at Frome. A note dated 15 August 1946 mentions William or Arthur living at Welshmill. His wife and three children were living at the time, of whom the eldest, who was clever, was going to the Grammar School in the autumn term.

Arthur had twin daughters, Valerie and Glad. Valerie was abroad a good deal. Mrs Glad Horne was nicknamed Cis and lived at North End House, Frome. Possibly on 28 November 1945 her address was Red House, Frindsbury, near Rochester, Kent. Val was 'home for good' and mentioned the 'Frome crowd'. She said Jeanne (niece to Arthur?) had married a Canadian; sister Jennifer married a cousin; and George returned to India. Glad and her sister Valerie were known as the RAF girls. Glad's daughter may also have been in the RAF. They all lived at Welshmill Lodge, and all were possibly teachers." If any member recognises this family or can help Margaret in any way, please get in touch at 6 Stanley Avenue (South), Portslade, East Sussex, BN41 2WG.

THE GODERVILLE CONNECTION

I have recently received an interesting email from Association member Anne Offor. She writes: "As a now long-term addict to family research, my habit has come in useful these last few years. You see, at the grand old age of fifty my husband was made redundant, and found employment here in Asia. We are now established here in the beautiful city of Singapore until August this year when we go to live in Australia permanently. But all this upheaval came as a real shock and upset to me. If I had been younger I might have been able to adapt more easily to the ex-pat life style. I am used to working, bringing up a family of four, and at the time we left the UK our son and his wife and three children also lived with us on our horse livery establishment in Scotland. So time has weighed like a lead balloon. Alone with nothing to do, not allowed to work, arghhh! But thank God for genealogy.

So I spent a lot of time trawling all the known places on the net, trying to find long lost family. I have found an abundance of information, found relatives in Australia, found a wonderful artist born in 1864 on my husband's side who has paintings in a museum in London, have even been able to buy two of her paintings at auction, not in wonderful condition, all thanks to some kind soul on the net who saw my messages.

Then one day I put on the Google search 'Goderville'. What came up was interesting. Maybe nothing, but maybe that long lost connection with William the Conqueror. This is how it goes. A certain Robertus de Vilapari Sancto Leodegario, born in France about 1010, was listed as a baron who fought along with William. He owned lands near Avranches and was already a landowner in Sussex before the Conquest, and is thought to be of the family of Robert, Count of Eu. What connection, I thought, to Goderville? I read on.

He had a son named William St Leger, Lord of Fairligh, married to a Caecelia de Lamport de Romenal. This William was born about 1070. He was Lord of St Leger in Eu in Normandy, and Fairligh and Wertlignes in Sussex, and Ulcombe in Kent. His son was named Geoffrey de St Leger, Lord of Fairligh, born about 1086 and married to Agnes. He was Lord of Socknesh or Sworkness, a manor situated in the extreme north of the parish of Brithling, Sussex, close to Battle Abbey. Now, you say, still no connection to Goddard or Goderville.

Well, now, here is the important information. Geoffrey and Agnes had four children: Thomas de St Leger, Lord of Fairligh; Reginald de St Leger; William de St Leger, Master of the Knights Templar; and, finally, Godard de St Leger, Lord of Goderville! Who was this man, with not just one name we research but

two? The information on the website finishes there. I have for months been trying to get a little further, but nothing. As I am overseas I don't even have the knowledge that I could pop to a record office, a museum etc. to see if there is any further help with this project. Does any member know anything further about this man? Is it the connection we have been researching to find?"

Anne's email address is <anneoffor@hotmail.com>, but please also let me know for a subsequent Newsletter.

WINNING WAYS

I am grateful to Margaret Young whose eagle eye has spotted three Goddard 'winners' recently. On 25 September last year Kendall Goddard, a nine year old pupil at the Holy Brook School in Southcote, Reading, won the competition for designing the school's logo. Her motif of two swans facing each other beat quite stiff competition. Her reward is to see her emblem adorning school jumpers, letterheads and trophies in future. Two days later a Tony Goddard of Stroud, Gloucestershire, was one of the runners-up, as announced by the *Daily Telegraph*, in a crossword competition sponsored by A & C Black, the publisher of *Whitaker's Almanack*, and received a copy of *Whitaker's Pocket Reference Almanack* for his pains. Two months later, on 17 November, a Mrs M.J. Goddard of Trispen, Cornwall, was also a runner-up in a *Daily Telegraph* prize crossword competition and won a book token.

ROGUES AND VILLAINS

There has been one response to my article in the last Newsletter on George Goddard, the Vine Street police sergeant convicted in 1929 of taking bribes from London vice establishments. I am grateful to Clyde of Subiaco, Western Australia, for sending me an extract from the book *Crime in London* by Gilbert Kelland 1986. This confirms details of the story, but adds two additional pieces of information. Seven years previously, in 1922, a fellow police sergeant, Horace Joslin, had reported George's activities to the Commissioner but, despite an enquiry, had been disbelieved and dismissed the force. On George's conviction it became clear that Joslin had been unfairly treated; offered reinstatement, he declined but received £1,500 – a large sum in those days – in compensation instead. Secondly, on his release and after successfully suing for the return of his ill-gotten gains, George retired to live in Surrey and founded Chessington Zoo.

NEW YEAR'S HONOUR

John of Accrington's eagle eye spotted another Goddard in this New Year's Honours, which I had missed. So equally warm congratulations to Lt Cdr. David Jonathan Sinclair Goddard R.N., who has been awarded a Military MBE. Does any member know him?

LETTER TO AMERICA

I am grateful to Association member Joan Dibble for writing: "In the summer of 2001 my cousin Janis Jacobs came over from Colorado to spend a holiday with us and brought with her an absolute treasure trove of photographs, documents and letters that her family had kept for nearly a century. Among them were five letters that my great, great grandmother, Charlotte Goddard, had written to her son (Jan's grandfather), Bertram Charles Goddard. Bertram had emigrated to the USA some time after 1908 and had settled in Olathe, Colorado, becoming a very highly respected member of the community.

The letters span a very short time from 1919 until a few months before Charlotte's death in 1921, and end with two written by Bert's sisters Louisa and Nell following their mother's death. Nell, who remained a spinster after her fiancé was killed in the First World War, was still alive and living in Folkestone in 1966. Louisa was very famous in Folkestone, and the whole country, following the tragic shooting of her police sergeant husband and two of his colleagues at Houndsditch (see Newsletter 51). Each of the letters from Charlotte has the address 65 Foord Road, Folkestone, which was our family home for many years. I have copied the letters as they were written, leaving in the spelling mistakes and the lack of punctuation. I hope our members enjoy them, and maybe recognise family in them and make contact with me." Joan's email address is <JDbbl@aol.com>.

The first was written in March 1919 to Bert and his wife Alta: "My Dear Son and Daughter. It is some time since I heard from you so I thought I would write a few lines and trust you are all keeping well and that your finger is not troublin you you will be sorrie to hear that poor Emelly passed away on th 1 of March she was 26 years of age and Died just 3 months after poor little Mack She ad been married 1 year and 5 days and was ill nearly all the time she was Berried on the 10 of march she ad a Lovily lot of flours about 25 Butifull reefs Loue came down to the funeral. She was a great sufferer but know them all to the last she sung a verse of a him not long before she died it is a great Blow to Fred and emelly and her husband is Deapley greaved at her loss I am truely sorry for him.

I am very poorly myself and have been for some time. I do hope it will please God to spare me until thay get over it a little as it is so sad to go throu it again so soon it bringing it all back. All the rest are well I am glad to say how is the weather here it is fine and bright but rather cold I do hope ure all keeping well and that you have work there are regments of unimplid hear. Now with much love to you all your loving mother C. Goddard."

Another letter and photographs will follow next time.

MORE TREES

Beth Leach of Farnborough has recently sent the Research Department a detailed family tree of her Goddards from Benjamin who was born in Sweffling, Suffolk in 1807 up to the present day. This tree supplements the large tree compiled by Kathleen Millicent Goddard of her non-conformist family of Goddards based on Rendham and Sweffling.

Simone Lay of Pewsey, Wiltshire, has recently joined the Association. Her great great grandfather was George Edward Goddard, the shoemaker of Pewsey. Trying to discover where he might fit in the very large tree of the Pewsey Valley Goddards has brought a renewed look at the files. The Goddards in this spectacular valley were mainly agricultural labourers who changed farms frequently, and who also named their offspring after their brothers and sisters, which makes tracking them down rather difficult.

And some more new members, Alan and Pat Goddard of Weymouth, have been surprised at the numbers of distant cousins they have! Alan's family are from the large Goddard family which lived along the Berkshire / Oxfordshire borders and use the first name Boaz for their sons. Chief Superintendent Charles Goddard of Wokingham, who led the search for Agatha Christie when she went missing, is one of this family (see Newsletter 50).

Julie of Newbury

LEICESTERSHIRE GODDARDS

Julie of Newbury tells me that Patrick Goddard of Plymouth has recently sent his immense family tree of Leicestershire Goddards to the Research Department. It starts with William Goddard of Beeby, first documented there in c.1480 and described as 'out of Berkshire', and goes up to Mark John Goddard who was born in Shropshire in 1967. Links to the Beeson, Marriott, Hemingway and Sharpe families are also shown. As it is in the form of a large plan it cannot be lent out to interested parties, but Julie is sure that Patrick would be keen to answer any enquiries. Either email him at <Sphinxemblems@btinternet.com> or write to Rowland House, Elfordleigh, Plympton, Plymouth, PL7 5EB.

PAUL GODDARD

In January my son Edward sent me a news release from West Ham FC in which new boss, Alan Pardew, had relieved coach Paul Goddard – a former Hammers striker – of his duties. Paul had been brought in when Glenn Roeder became manager in May 2001, but Pardew believed the chemistry was not right. He said: "Paul is a real gentleman and he has helped me settle in here. He has been totally professional." Paul has been mentioned in seven previous Newsletters – see Nos 5, 6, 15, 19, 29 including his autographed photograph, 35 and 60.

AGM

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, this year's AGM will be held in The John Veysey Suite at The Pear Tree, Church End, Purton near Swindon on Sunday 16 May at 2.00pm. The Agenda will be pretty much as usual:

1. Welcome by the President.
2. Apologies.
3. Minutes of the last Meeting.
4. Matters Arising.
5. Treasurer's Report.
6. Research Co-ordinator's Report.
7. Election of Officers:
 - a). President.
 - b). Secretary.
 - c). Treasurer.
 - d). Two Committee Members. Brian of Newbury and Philip of Swindon are due to retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election.
8. Any other business.
9. Date and place of the next AGM.

This will be followed by the announcement of the winner of the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial for 2004, and then there will be a question and answer session on any aspect of genealogical research. After this tea and biscuits will be served and there will be the opportunity to chat to other members old or new – often the most interesting part of the proceedings, as many members have told me in the past! There will also be a raffle, so if you feel like producing an item for this event it will be gratefully received.

WESTLECOT MANOR

Newsletter 61 carried an article on Westlecot Manor, Swindon, which had just been put up for sale. Now it has been sold and, having for some thirty years been a rest home for elderly people, it may well be turned back into the family home it once was. Described as “the Tudor gem in our Old Town”, it is believed to be the oldest house in Swindon, though few of the inhabitants of Swindon could actually tell you where it is, tucked away down the end of a lane on the west side of the hill on which Old Town is built. It was the first part of the eventually large Swindon Goddard estate, being acquired from King Henry VIII in 1541 after the dissolution of the larger monasteries, including Laycock Abbey which originally owned it, by sheep farmer John Goddard of Upham, Aldbourne, probably in recognition of services he had given to the Crown. He gave it to his second son Thomas who built the current manor house in 1589 – his initials and the date still being visible on the side of the building. Although the family moved to the Lawn on the other side of the hill in the eighteenth century, they retained Westlecote until the 1960s.

GOTTARDI

Two weeks ago, out of the blue, an email awaited my arrival at work. It read: “I would like to know if you treat the last name ‘Gottardi’ as part of the Goddard family”. The writer went on to explain that his name was Anthony Harry Gottardi, Australian born of Italian parents but living in France! His oldest known ancestor was Ermenegildo Gottardi born in the mid 1800s in a small village in southern Italy called Pescopagano.

My answer was “not so far” – but only because until then no one had asked the question! We know of several different spellings, as Brian of Newbury has indicated in his excellent articles; and it seems logical to suppose that Gottardi might be an Italian version.

Anthony responded with the German, Italian and French spellings of the pass between Switzerland and Italy – Gotthard, Gottard and Gothard respectively – which we know to have been named after St Godehard of Hildesheim 961-1038 (see Newsletters 29 and 52). He also indicated that an Italian surname ending in ‘o’ is typically singular while one ending in ‘i’ is plural – “so you can refer to one Gottardo or a tribe of Gottardi”. Apparently there are plenty of them scattered about in different countries of the world, and we may just have come across a whole new avenue of research!

ADDLESHAW GODDARD

Alan and Margaret of Worsley recently spotted an advertisement in one of their Manchester papers for a company called Addleshaw Goddard, which appears to broker business deals. Does anyone know their origin?

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