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RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL GRANDSON

We have been known to dabble in genealogy, but what happened some years ago was both unexpected and interesting. Although the case concerns the other side of the family, ie not Goddard but Kimmich, it could equally well have happened to any family.

Our son Matt arrived home one evening and announced he had been contacted by a family Kimmich in the USA looking for their ancestors in Germany. As this sounded more like a subtle preamble to selling some name book, a practice quite widespread in America, I was wary and decided to take the matter into my own hands. I wrote back to ask how USA Kimmichs had found my son and what information they wanted. What came next was the start of an adventure spanning some 125 years.

Bill and Shirley Kimmich in Nevada were interested in finding the German family connection and had found Matt's e-mail more by chance than anything. On the European map Bern looks very close to the Black Forest, which was where the trail seemed to lead. The name of a village cropped up, which was only a few kilometres from my husband, Hans', home town. All those years ago, Friedrich, the son of a farmer, had had to leave his homeland after a man was killed in a drunken brawl. The fugitive fled to the USA, but was so homesick that he returned secretly to the farm in the Black Forest and, despite his tears, he was sent away again by his family as by this time he was not only wanted in connection with the death, but also as a fugitive from the army. And so Friedrich fled back to the States where he set up home in Pennsylvania, built a brick farmhouse in true Black

Forest style, married and became a father. Bill Kimmich is Friedrich's grandson and has vivid memories of the family home in the USA and his grandfather's weakness for alcohol. At the week-end Friedrich would regularly travel to the nearest town to drink, and this was to be his downfall. Returning drunk from one of his outings, he fell into a ditch and was found the next day already suffering from pneumonia from which he died.

For me the most obvious thing to do was to contact the local newspaper in the Black Forest and ask if they could run an article in the hopes that someone would recognise the German part of the story and contact the editor. They were interested, but asked me to write the article. A few days later it appeared and the same day a phone call was received from a 93 year old lady who said the story sounded familiar and Friedrich could be her uncle. With this news

we set off for Schramberg to visit Grandma Roming, a delightful lady with a clear memory, to hear her story. It was so similar that it could not have been a coincidence. She told of the uncle 'who had done something bad' and had to leave, how he returned in tears and was sent away again and the family in Germany lost touch with him. Grandma was still living in the 500-year old farmhouse and, it seemed, was Bill's second cousin. We returned home excited about the developments and contacted Bill and Shirley, inviting them to come over and 'meet the family'.

In July, USA Kimmichs finally arrived in Bern and next day we were on our way to the old farm. Oma Roming and family had arranged a big homecoming party. After a champagne reception we were invited to a local restaurant where the fatted calf had been slain in Bill's honour, and then back to the farmhouse. Grandma sat in a corner weeping and repeating time after time 'he's come home, he's finally come home'. Going through the family history, Hans' family and Romings are all distant relations. It was an exciting day, but we had yet another obligation – an interview with the local newspaper and photo call, next to a poster of yet another Kimmich, a former local artist of some renown. There was an exhibition of his work in another neighbouring village.

The last proof of the connection could not be made, although everyone is convinced that there is little doubt. One last piece of the puzzle could be found in the church archives, but due to personal data laws nobody may have access. However, two very happy Americans returned to their home to spread the story of Friedrich to their family and have become good friends at least

with the Bern connection. Unfortunately, because of language difficulties, it was not possible to keep regular contact with family Roming, but from time to time we would contact them and give them news of their American relatives. Sadly, Grandma passed away this year.

Our contact resulted in a trip to Florida and the Bahamas, where we experienced many adventures with Bill and Shirley.....But that's another story.

Annette Kimmich-Goddard

CAN YOU HELP?

Marion Murray of *Practical Family History*, 61 Great Whyte, Ramsay, Huntingdon, PE26 1HJ to identify a Billy Goddard. Page 69 of the May edition of the magazine carries a photograph of a group of young school children with their teacher. On the back is written 'Billy Goddard, 33 Haggerston Road, E8' which is, of course, the east end of London. There is no date to the photo, which is too small to reproduce here; but someone may have an East End ancestor and recognize the name and address.

ANOTHER CENTENARIAN

Warmest congratulations to Norman Gerald Carrell of Golders Green, London, who celebrated his one hundredth birthday with family and friends on 4 July. His daughter, Mrs Elisabeth Pynn of 4 Langdale Road, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, LU6 3BP, writes: "I have not yet been able to find out which branch of your family is connected to ours. Robert Carrell, who was born in 1770, married Elizabeth Goddard. I am not sure where they lived, but their descendants lived in the London / Camberwell areas. Their second son, Samuel, born in 1800, retained the name Goddard as a middle name, as did his son, born in 1833. Elsewhere in the family Alfred Goddard Carrell was born in 1891 in Beckenham and his descendants now live in California, USA." If anyone recognises this family and the original Elizabeth, the current Elisabeth would love to hear from them.

YORKSHIRE GODDARDS

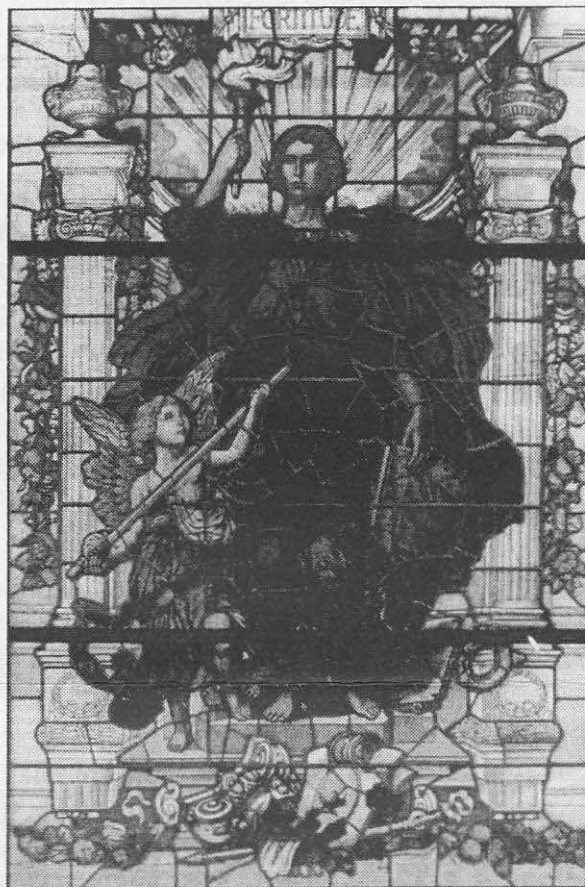
Mr Stuart Goddard has sent an obituary notice of Mr Bernard Goddard, CEng., F.I.M.E., H.M.I.M., who died on 8 April aged 88. Mr Goddard was one of the Thorpe Hesley, Yorkshire Goddards and Mr Stuart Goddard's father, Percy's, cousin. Bernard was one of thirteen children of Matthew and Mary Ellen Goddard, the others being Charles Ernest, Ada Mary, Matthew Henry, Albert, Walter, George Harry, John William, Herbert, Wilfred, Harold, Alice and Gladys. We very seldom have any contact with the Yorkshire Goddards, so it is good to hear from them albeit on a sad occasion.

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GODDARD & GIBBS

The highly respected stained glass firm of Goddard & Gibbs has been in the news again, and I am grateful to Albert of Chapel-en-le-Frith for sending me a cutting from the *Navy News* of July.

In 1922 a half-dome and five stained glass casement windows designed by John Dudley Forsyth were installed in the Baltic Exchange building in London as a memorial to members killed in the First World War. They survived the blitz of the Second World War only to be 80% destroyed by an IRA bomb in 1992, which so badly damaged the building that it had to be demolished in 1998. Sufficient of the glass remained, however, to consider restoration, and a team of conservators from Goddard & Gibbs has spent three years on the project, rebuilding the half-dome and the windows in a special new gallery in the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich. The



five rectangular panels depict the Virtues of Hope, Fortitude (shown here), Justice, Trust and Faith. The Museum's Director, Roy Clare, praised the skill of the conservation team and offered them his warmest congratulations on completing the project.

GRANDPARENTS AGAIN

Congratulations to Brian and Julie of Newbury on becoming grandparents for the second time. Daughter Sarah produced Gabriel Julian Martinez-Goddard during the AGM, so the news was a nice surprise for Brian when he returned home!

Dr JONATHAN GODDARD

Those members who share my fascination with Dr Jonathan Goddard (1617-1675) might be interested in reading *Robert Hooke and the Rebuilding of London* by Michael Cooper, Sutton Publishing 2005 ISBN 0 7509 2960 X. Robert Hooke was a noted scientific experimentalist and was employed by the Royal Society in its early years to follow up certain ideas suggested by members as well as ones of his own. Also talented as a draughtsman and architect, he was employed to ascertain who owned what land after the disastrous fire of 1666 had destroyed much of the City of London and worked with Christopher Wren on plans for the rebuilding.

Dr Goddard, a member of the Royal Society, was Robert Hooke's medical adviser, many times called upon to minister to his many ills, although as Hooke was well known to be a hypochondriac he may have done more harm than good.

Dr Jonathan also gets a mention in *The Sickly Stewarts: the Medical Downfall of a Dynasty* by Frederick Holmes. In early February 1685 King Charles II fell ill with an illness which his doctors were unable to identify. They tried many unpleasant remedies without success and, when all else appeared to have failed, gave the king Dr Goddard's concoction called King's Drops, described as an extract of human skull. Charles died not long after, probably having unwittingly poisoned himself during his experiments with mercury in his personal laboratory. Long term members of the Association will perhaps recall that we have heard of Dr Goddard's medicines before. Goddard's Drops were supposed to revive sufferers from "fainting, apoplectic seizures and lethargies" and consisted mainly of ammonia. He couldn't have had any of the drops with him when he collapsed with a fit in Wood Street, on the way back from a meeting of the Royal Society, on the evening of 24 March 1675 and died there, ten years before his pills were tried on Charles II. His remedies must have lingered on, to paraphrase a popular song. *Julie of Newbury*

EINSTEIN

Annette Kimmich-Goddard, whom we should congratulate on gaining a recent Bsc Hons in Natural Sciences with Earth Sciences, writes: "Yesterday in our newspaper - *Der Bund* of 22 April 2005 - we read an article on the Einstein exhibition, which will open at the Historical Museum in Bern. The list of patrons is included and mentions one Peter Goddard, Director of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, USA. Einstein worked at the patent office in Bern and lived in the city. Later he became a tutor at Princeton, where he lived until his death in 1955." 3

OBITUARY

The Association is saddened to record the death on 21 April of George Goddard of Oak Flats, New South Wales, Australia, following a fall ten days earlier, and offer our sympathy to his daughter and family. The former, Mrs Fiona Roberts, was kind enough to let our Australian co-ordinator, Ian of Balcatta, know. His death came as all the more of a shock as it was unexpected. He was one of our older members, and she writes: "I know how much he enjoyed his communications from the Goddard Association as he took a great interest in his family history and genealogy in general. Thank you so much for enriching Dad's retirement years and your ongoing efforts regarding the Goddard Association."

NEW MEMBERS

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

Mrs Teresa Buckley, 47 Shaftesbury Avenue, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO53 3BR.
Mrs Norah Garner, 44 St Leonards Drive, Timperley, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA15 7RS.
Rev Andrew & Rev Elizabeth Goddard, c/o Wycliffe Hall, 54 Banbury Road, Oxford, OX2 6PW.
Miss Audrey M. Goddard, 33 Heles Terrace, Plymouth, PL4 9LH.
Ms Grace Margaret (Meg) Hammond, 1/68 North Street, Ulladulla, New South Wales 2539, Australia.
Mrs Maureen McDermott, 26 Amundsen Road, North Heath Lane, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 5GE.
Mrs Sally Palmer, Brambles, 34a Rhind Street, Bodmin, Cornwall, PL31 2EL.
Mr Douglas Williamson, Daisy Cottage, 35 St Mary's Street, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 4DR.

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:

Mrs Teresa Buckley descends from Henry Goddard who married Rebecca and was born in 1827 in Kelsale, Suffolk.

Mrs Norah Garner descends from an Altrincham branch of Goddards, Albert c.1870-1940 and Harry 1901-1970.

Rev Andrew Goddard is a nephew of Rachel of Leicester.

Miss Audrey M. Goddard comes from a branch of Goddards at Farnham in Surrey: Daniel born 1770 who married Mary, John born 1810 who married Harriett, and another Daniel who was born in 1841 and died in 1900.

Mrs M. McDermott is descended from James Goddard, born 1801 at Compton near Guildford. Two of her great uncles settled in South Africa after the Boer War and Trevor Goddard, the South African cricket captain in the 1960s is a descendant of one of them.

Mrs Sally Palmer is researching on behalf of her mother-in-law, Lyn who lives in Cyprus but is descended, via Nuneaton, from the Chinley, Derbyshire High Peak branch.

Mr Douglas Williamson is descended from Charles Goddard, born 1802, of the Market 3 Harborough branch.

SAMUEL ASPINWALL GODDARD

A conclusion of the obituary which appeared in the *Birmingham Daily Post* on 27 July 1886 and which was recently transcribed by Malcolm of Brisbane, the subject's great great grandson. The first part appeared in the last Newsletter.

Mr Goddard's uncle, the Hon. John Goddard, was also a remarkable man "of delicate, sensitive organization", says the same writer, "but great powers of mind." When less than nine years old he had committed to memory and had recited to the pastor of the church to which his father belonged the whole book of Proverbs and the 119th Psalm. He attended the Brookline Schools, and entered Harvard College just before the Revolutionary War. He graduated in 1777 as a physician, and obtained the post of surgeon on board an American armed vessel. Twice he was captured by the British, and twice escaped, once by crawling through a foxhole of the prison ship and swimming to a vessel that put him on his way to the United States. His talents every way fitted him for eminent public life, and he was, contrary to his wishes, elected Governor of New Hampshire, which offer he, however, positively declined to accept. He was also chosen Senator to Congress; but being as decided in this as in the former case, the country was deprived of the services of an excellent man. We may trace some of the ability of these men in Mr Goddard, whose political tastes seem to have showed themselves early, as the master who educated him strongly urged his being brought up to a diplomatic career. Such excellent mercantile openings occurred for young Americans after the peace of 1814 that what seemed likely to be the more profitable line of life was adopted, and Mr Goddard came to England to carry on the business of an American merchant.

Nevertheless, his political bias did not fade away, and from the earliest years of his sojourn in England politics engaged his attention, and probably interfered with business duties, since he devoted much time to political writings. Mr Goddard, though a strong Liberal of the early Radical school, had no desire to see England converted to a republic. Though that was the best form of government for his own country, he has always held that England needed no better and no freer Constitution than that which she already possesses.

Mr Goddard was naturalized by Act of Parliament, and whilst true to his own country and her interests, has at the same time been a loyal subject to the Queen. Like many of his countrymen, he entertained a great admiration and respect for the Sovereign, and has often related that, being at a semi-public dinner, where

it was proposed that "God save the Queen" should be sung, he was found to be the only person present who knew the words correctly, and was consequently called upon to lead. But to return, in due time came the political era of Birmingham and by this time the circle of Americans being much narrowed down, and of these only two, Mr Van Wart and Mr Goddard, took any part in town interests or affairs.

Of these, Mr Goddard, the younger man, was the more ardent politician, and he zealously assisted in agitating that brought about the passing of the Reform Bill. He had no fears that lawful agitation would lead to riots and lawlessness, having firm faith that it was not incompatible for "peace, law and order" to be combined with a steadfast determination to win the rights of the people.

This the Tories of that day could not understand, yet so it was; and Mr Goddard added his share to the efforts of Mr Thomas Attwood, Mr Thomas Clutton Salt, Mr George Edmonds, and others, in the carrying out of the "Political Union"; and, finally, Birmingham, though a great peaceful and moral power and principle, had the honour of being mainly instrumental in the passing of the Reform Bill of 1832. Mr Goddard was present at the great meeting on Newhall Hill, when the "Political Unions" from the neighbouring towns marched into Birmingham, with their banners and badges; when the mighty multitude, taking their places in order, uncovered at the opening prayer that ushered in their proceedings, which proceedings were carried out quietly and peacefully, the multitudes at the termination dispersing in good order, having given proof of their strength and steadfastness, that had due weight with government. Such was the great "Gathering of the Unions" on Newhall Hill, long remembered by the inhabitants at Birmingham and the political world at large, but whose memory is fading away in the whirl and hurry of the present. Monster meetings may take place now, but we doubt whether an earnest meeting of earnest men will ever take place in Birmingham. All through those exciting times Mr Goddard's ardour was not abated. In those days open canvassing was in vogue, party colours were donned, and all influence was brought to bear upon the constituents, insomuch that Mr Van Wart and Mr Goddard, as the two American merchants of influence, were often asked to canvass the manufacturers of the Black Country and its neighbourhood; and the carriage, with its white horses and blue ribbons, would start amidst the cheers and the cry of "Goddard and Van for ever".

Mr Goddard's enthusiasm at the time of the election

of the first members of Parliament for Birmingham, Mr Thomas Attwood and Mr Joshua Scholefield, led him to plan the whole of the triumphal procession, he himself being one of the four gentlemen who rode as escort beside the blue-and-silver car; Mr do Bosco Attwood being another. Then came the Anti-Corn Law League; and here again Mr Goddard's energies were called into action, and his writings upon the subject brought him into notice with the English politicians of the day. The currency question also claimed his attention, and his writings were much read and well thought of by the currency-writers of the day, the late Sir Robert Peel and Lord George Bentinck among others, and were of sufficient authority for him to be applied to in 1857 to answer Lord Overstone's questions on the Decimal Coinage. Ten pages of his opinions in reference to the subject are recorded in one of the Parliamentary Blue Books of that year in which may also be found the names of Airey, de Morgan, Herschell, Arbuthnot, &., &., showing that Mr Goddard was in no mean company.

Mr Goddard was a man of no ambition. He was a politician because he was interested in current politics, and not from any ulterior views for own aggrandisement; otherwise, with the ability that he possessed he might in his earlier days have made a political position for himself, especially as in those days politicians did not grow on blackberry bushes, as they appear to do now. There were fewer of them, and more notice was accorded to those who were in any way prominent, added to which those old reformers believed honestly in what they fought for, and did not fight simply to uphold a party measure, but in all earnestness, having strong faith in the right being on their side. Last of all came the troublous time in Mr Goddard's own country, the struggle that was to make it greater or break it up, a struggle important even as the War of Independence, since it was to cement the Union more firmly and to destroy slavery, or make it a by-word among the nations. Once again the political pen of Mr Goddard was called into action, and with a zeal and enthusiasm that the Birmingham people could scarcely understand, though in the end they appreciated it. He wrote day after day, as events or the comments of the press or of English writers called them forth, the letters which have since been collected and published as "Letters on the American Rebellion".

From the slight sketch of Mr Goddard's political tendencies we may judge that he was not suited to the regular routine of business; and so it proved. He was of too inventive and speculative a nature to make, or perhaps rather to keep, money. Extremely sanguine

and ready to trust anyone who came to him with patent, and ready to embark on any new scheme, his losses were great; and though a man of great financial ability, he was not of a sufficiently plodding practical nature to achieve fortune. Nevertheless, what resulted in ill to him brought good to others. He did much to encourage the inventive genius of Dr Church, assisting him financially to carry on his patents; and when, like great geniuses, Dr Church found himself in straits, Mr Goddard was ever ready to aid him. Mr Sneider's inventions also had a fascination for Mr Goddard, and to him he also furnished money. Mr Goddard was also personally interested in guns himself, and a breech loading cannon of his invention met with a grant from Government, but not by any means adequate to cover the losses he had sustained in the prosecution of his invention.

Of late years Mr Goddard has been living at Little Aston, very rarely coming to the town which has increased so wonderfully and changed so much since the days in which he first knew it. Most of those who knew him in his earlier days are dead, and the younger generation have no associations with the once well-known name in the political circles of the town. Mr Goddard married a Liverpool lady of Irish family. Mrs Goddard died in 1875. They had a large family, consisting of six daughters and four sons, of whom two daughters and four sons are living.

AEROBICS

Malcolm of Brisbane's daughter, Lucy, has just had further success in aerobics, winning two silver medals in the state championships which guarantee her a place in the Nationals at Melbourne. Still only twelve, she was competing against girls from 13 to 18 years old. Last year, her first in the sport, she had won two State golds and came sixth in the National Championships at Adelaide.

TV SHOW

Malcolm of Brisbane has recently appeared on a talk show on Australian TV called 'Enough Rope'. He and Lesley were flown to Sydney, put up in a five star hotel and given \$200 spending money. The first part of the show consists of interviews with famous people. Then there is a section called 'Show and Tell' where someone from the audience (previously arranged) is asked to talk about themselves. Malcolm had been chosen to appear from some 700 other people who had rung in that particular week. The reason he was chosen was so he could talk about an accident he had in 1981 as a nineteen year-old when he was electrocuted and his heart stopped for six minutes.....but that's another story!

GAE PUBLICATIONS 2005 ON CD

As an experiment the Association has now produced a computer CD disc. This disc contains the complete set of 15 Goddard Association monographs which have been available previously only in printed form, in their entirety. All the monographs have been revised for this edition, with hopefully most of the earlier typographical errors corrected. Also on the disc are two collections of Goddard Wills, covering the period 1417 to 1609; some 350 wills in all have been converted to "pdf" format by scanning and "optical character recognition" (OCR). However, the original copies are in such poor condition that, although rigorous effort has been made to remove any errors, some are sure to have crept in amongst the quaint and varied spelling used throughout these abstracts. For these errors and any others the transcriber apologises, hoping that the corrections are reported so that these may be incorporated in later editions of the disc.

Additionally, two other documents have been produced specifically for this disc. The first is a recipe book, written by an as yet unidentified Edward Goddard between 1711 and 1724. This document consists of a photograph of each page in ".jpg" form and has not yet been transferred to text. Thanks are due to Peter Yardley who photographed the document and to Wiltshire Record Office, Trowbridge, for permission to publish it in this form (the original document is their catalogue number 9135/17). The second major document is a "pdf" transcription of *The Falstone Day-Book*, originally by J. Waylen and published about 1875 in the *Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Magazine*. This document relates to the period of the Civil War and covers the years 1645 to 1653 and contains references to the majority of the gentry of North Wiltshire and their activities in this period. Many of those named also appear in the Wiltshire monographs.

A few other recent articles pertinent to the name of Goddard and previously published in the GAE Newsletters have also been transcribed into "pdfs" and included on this CD. This disc also contains a "freeware" copy of the programme "Adobe pdf Reader". This version 6.01, unlike some of the earlier versions, contains excellent search facilities which may be used to good effect on these documents by following the special loading instructions in the introduction notes to each section. If you are going to use this version on your system (requires: Windows 98, 2000, ME, or XP) it is advisable to remove any earlier editions before installation.

This disc could be of interest to all those who have

a computer with a CD drive and at least "Windows 98" or later (ie "2000", "ME", or "XP") and at least 256Kb of memory when it will "auto-run". It should be possible to read this disc on computers with operating systems other than "Windows" if the correct Adobe PDF reader programme had to be installed as all the data files on the disc are either in the Adobe PDF format or are ".jpg" images, but in this case the "auto-run" facility will not work. However, the disc has, as yet, only been tried on "Microsoft Windows" systems. The disc is available directly from Brian Goddard of Newbury, address on the back page of this Newsletter, for £10 sterling; this includes postage and packing.

As was said above, the disc is an experimental form of publication for the Association, with the Committee also presently investigating the possibility of repeating these publications in a "Members Only" section on our web site (www.goddard-association.co.uk <<http://www.goddard-association.co.uk>>) if the current technical system can be expanded to accommodate this idea. It is anticipated that the publications in future will all be available in three versions, that is: the current printed form, on a CD disc, and also available to members on the web. Don't hold your breath! If it goes ahead this facility is unlikely to be available before the summer of 2006 at the earliest.

It is with this expansion in mind, for both the CD and the web site, that we are now appealing for ideas for future articles and information to be included on the next CD and possibly later on the web site. Both the future web and disc editions will be accumulative until we run out of space, a long time yet before that panic state is reached. We do not want to repeat anything that is already available from other electronic sources. The most important criteria for all new work is that the Association must be able to show that it owns the copyright.

Please send any ideas you may have to Brian Goddard by letter or via e-mail to bpgoddard@freeuk.com for later presentation to the GAE Committee. Brian of Newbury

ROBERT GODDARD

As intimated in the last Newsletter, Robert's new thriller *Sight Unseen* came out in May. Set initially at Avebury in the Marlborough area, then Prague, London and the Channel Islands before going back to Marlborough, it lives up to his usual standard of suspense, with twists and turns in the plot, and has an interesting historical conundrum running through it as well. Buy it and enjoy it!

RESEARCH CO-ORDINATORS REPORT FOR 2004-05

Those interested in memorial dates, or in auspicious events, will already have noted that 25 May 2005 marks the twentieth anniversary of the inaugural meeting of the Goddard Association; for the rest of us it is just the time of year to get excited in anticipation of receiving the Research Co-ordinator's report. Your patience is rewarded.

In preparation to possibly handing over the research co-ordination function, in the foreseeable future, the main writing and database function this past year has been to prepare much of our previously published information, including all the monographs, into a computer orientated format. These monographs are still available as the single printed documents, or now on a CD as a collection, together with other Goddard related material previously published in the GAE Newsletter, in the "pdf" format. All of the monographs have had their trees redrawn to fit in with the computer programme requirements and, in addition, the opportunity has been taken on many of the monographs to revise and to correct errors; most of these were typographical and insignificant and will not change the factual content of the printed versions still available.

This first CD venture for the GAE contains a late edition of the Adobe Reader software, which means these and other "pdf" format documents one may come across are now searchable for those computer owners who had previously no reader programme, or only an early version of the programme. In addition to the monographs and particularly for those who are interested in a good read or even further research, the contents of the early eighteenth century Goddard Recipe book (written by Edward Goddard of Savernake, outside Marlborough: Wiltshire Record Office ref. 9/35/17), together with all the Goddard wills collected in the early twentieth century by Rainald W.K. Goddard (over 350 between 1417 and 1609 published in précis form), and a transcription of the *Falstone Day-Book* have been included. This latter document is an account, or minute book, of a Royalist committee written during the Civil War c.1645-53 describing the attachment of money and fines levied by a committee of the major Wiltshire landowners on those who did not support the cause of King Charles I. Not only were Goddards, or close relatives by marriage, members of this committee, but many of their victims were members of the same families!

The new monograph edited and published at this year's AGM is *Some Tradesmen Goddards of the Midlands and the Home Counties* from research

done over many years by Herald Goddard, Michael Goddard, and Thelma McMurchy of New Zealand. It includes details of the Goddard Silver Polish Co. and the Imperial Typewriter Co. amongst others. [Obtainable from Richard of Malvern for £3.]

We, the research co-ordinators, have also written several articles for and about the GAE during the year, including one by Julie published in *Practical Family History* about the Goddards as a "One Name Study" and the work of the Association. Another of hers, published in *Family Tree Magazine*, retelling the tale of the Campden Wonder featured photographs taken by Committee member Leslie Goddard.

Much has been said regarding the computer input and requests for help with Goddard research coming to us by this newfangled e-mail, and it is exceptional when there is a day without at least one message relating to past Goddards; but over £100 has been spent just on postage during this financial year by this department alone, where a quick bash on the computer would not suffice.

The question last year remains unanswered and must be repeated, with considerably greater emphasis, this year is: **What is to be done with all the papers and documents that we, and other members, have when these can no longer be kept by the present owner?**

Brian & Julie of Newbury

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met, as always, on the morning of the AGM. Richard opened the meeting by mentioning the sad deaths of Committee member Philip of Swindon and, more recently, former Committee member David of Kew's wife, Isobel. We particularly offer our condolences to David. It was decided to suggest Peter of Toronto as a possible replacement for Philip.

After business for the afternoon had been covered, the main discussion centered around the possibility of putting the monographs on the web site, password protected. Jim of Addlestone would be approached for his views – and also for his expenses, since none had been paid to him as yet. It was agreed to hold the next Committee meeting in Swindon.

KENT GODDARDS

Association member Mrs Joan Dibble has a large amount of information on Goddards in Kent, and I have suggested to her that she answers any queries which come in about the Goddards in this area. Joan's address is 17 New Street, Kidwelly, Carmarthenshire, SA17 5DQ and her e-mail address is Jdbbl@aol.com.

Julie of Newbury

AGM

The nineteenth Association AGM was held at the Portland Hotel, Buxton, on 22 May. The President welcomed the 29 members present and mentioned several apologies for absence. The Minutes of the last AGM were approved and signed. The Treasurer reported a satisfactory year with a surplus of £924, leaving a healthy bank balance of £13,082. There was thus no need to increase the subscriptions for the immediate future. Brian then gave the Research Co-ordinator's report, which can be found on page 7.

The election of the Association's Officers then followed, with Richard of Malvern being re-elected President, Eileen of Accrington Secretary, and John of Shrewsbury Treasurer. John of Accrington and Denise of Solihull were re-elected members of the Executive Committee, and Peter of Toronto (subject to his agreement, which was later given) was elected to fill the remainder of Philip of Swindon's term.

There was no other business, and it was agreed to hold the 2006 AGM somewhere in the south west Midlands area. The President then announced the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial winner for 2005, who was Peter of Toronto in recognition of his work extracting births, marriages and deaths from the various census returns and for his readiness and expertise in following up and resolving conundrums posed in previous Newsletters.

The raffle was then drawn, with almost as many prizes as there were participants! Grateful thanks to all those who donated them; it raised £70 to put towards the day's expenses. Afterwards everyone settled down to hear John of Accrington update his 1989 talk on northern Goddards. Finally there was tea and biscuits and a chance to chat before the proceedings ended for another year.

GODDARD IN PAIN

Ronald Knight of Weymouth has kindly sent a front page article from the *Dorset Echo* of 21 April under the headline 'Somebody Help My Husband'. Alan Goddard, aged 68, injured his spine in a work accident in 1976 when an electricity cable blew up in his face; he has been reliant on painkillers ever since, particularly needing an injection every three months. But recently the lapse between injections has lengthened to five months through under funding. Alan is in terrible pain and his wife Pat, aged 59, is desperate to speed things up – hence going public; she felt that there must be many other people in a similar situation. One of their three children, Philip aged 39, reckoned that if an animal was left in such pain the owners would be prosecuted for cruelty.

SWIMMER AGAIN

Warmest congratulations to Chris Goddard, son of Association secretaries Eileen and John of Accrington, who on 9 May received a 'Pride of Lancashire' award at a civic reception and dinner in Preston. Present were the High Sheriff of Lancashire and other dignitaries including Lisa Potts G.M. These awards are given to members of the Lancashire emergency services for bravery or work in the community. Chris's award was to recognise his sporting achievements in swimming. These include representing Lancashire and England in the World Firefighter Games, the National Firefighter Championships and the Northern Counties, National and European Masters Championships where he has won numerous Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

YET ANOTHER SWIMMER

Malcolm of Brisbane's brother Fred's daughter, Alexandra aged 13, was in May a member of the Queensland Youth (13-15 yrs) Swim team competing with 14 other countries at championships at Nagoya in Japan, having qualified in six events. She came third in the State 2500m Open Ocean swim both under 18 and open age groups, and sixth in Australia in the 5000m Open Ocean swim for under 18s, eleventh in the open age group. In Japan she won Bronze for the individual 400m freestyle, and then Gold for the 4x100m medley relay; the Queensland girls were lying fourth at the end of the third leg, but Alex swam the race of her life and passed all the others. Bravo!

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