



## The Goddard Association of Europe

### NEWSLETTER

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## MAJOR TEDDY GODDARD

### Police Officer in Barbados

I am most grateful to Richard of Barbados for sending me the following information :

Research has shown that the first Barbadian to move through the ranks from constable to Acting Commissioner of Police was Theodore Percival Alleyne Goddard, born 1 August 1883, died 5 December 1944. Better known as Major T.A. 'Teddy' Goddard, he was born in Clifton Hall Woods, below Hackleton's Cliff in St John, to Benjamin and Caroline Goddard. His father was a shoemaker, who later became Sexton of St Margaret's Chapel. He married Consuela McNicol, a planter's daughter from St Lucia. Teddy Goddard joined the Barbados Police Force on the 17 December 1906. He was promoted to sergeant on 1 July 1913, and in 1917 promoted to Sergeant Major. 1 July 1922 promoted Inspector of Police. Between 1926 and 1936 he acted Deputy Inspector General of Police. At the time of his death, he had been gazetted acting Commissioner of Police. Major Goddard lived at the Main Guard at Coleridge Street in a flat bordering Coleridge Street at the front of the building.

There were two sons, Eaton and Carlton. Carlton served in the British army, and then became an hotelier in Barbados, Germany and England. Eaton worked in the oilfields in Venezuela, Houston, Texas, and several places around the world, generally in the construction of marine terminals.

Old timers remember Major Teddy Goddard riding his horse around Bridgetown. He joined the Force when there was no motorized transport, or wireless communication, and few telephones. All patrols were by horseback or on foot. The fire brigade also came under the control of the police, with the fire station being opposite the Central Police Station. His obituary appeared in the *Barbados Advocate* of the 6 December 1944 under Major T.A.



Goddard and is reproduced for easy reference:

"We announce with profound regret the death yesterday of Major T.A. Goddard, Deputy

Commissioner of Police. Theodore Allan Goddard was born of humble parentage 61 years ago. Yesterday he died an extremely popular and highly respected member of the community and one of the very few West Indians to hold the King's Police Medal. Never was there a more loyal and patriotic wearer of the King's uniform. In the early years he joined the Lancashire Fusiliers, then stationed in this island, and when the Boer War broke out he served his Regiment in South Africa. After that war, he returned to Barbados and joined the police force. — An excellent physique, a heart that knew not fear, and thorough knowledge of the manly art made him the peril of the tougher sections, and his kind consideration and willingness to help gathered him their respect. An unswerving loyalty to duty brought an advance and in a short time he became a sergeant, and then appointed drill instructor of the Force. In his heyday he was unequalled in the Force besides the 'snap' which he infused in those under his command. He imparted dash in any ceremonial parade. His qualities as a policeman and a drill instructor won him the favour of Lt. Col. M.B. Harrel, the Inspector General of Police who recommended him for the inspectorate. It was an appointment which was unanimously acclaimed.

The officer who had come through the ranks never forgot his humble beginnings and for this he won their deepest affection. His treatment of them and his example of impartial relationship was the general path. It made him a popular and respected figure. He proved that the lot of a policeman although proverbially hard could be maintained with dignity and that, although he was a guardian of the law, he was no less a friend

and protector of the public. For many years when the local establishment was not as elaborate as it is today 'Teddy', as he was familiarly known, was the hub around which all the activities of the Force turned. At one time when the men at Headquarters went on record as staging a strike, but which Col. Harrel characterised as 'a minor incident', it was Teddy alone to whom they would listen. And in a few hours the work of the force resumed its normal course. Each succeeding Inspector General and Commissioner found in him a trustworthy man and a reliable officer. The public found in him a friend. He was trusted by all classes.

An outstanding incident of this confidence was that of the man in St Andrew who had killed his reputed wife and two children, and taken refuge near the top of the oil derrick at Gregg Farm. All efforts to coax him down failed, and he threatened to jump if anyone attempted to climb the derrick. Capt. Goddard drove up from the city, and the man came down to him because, in his own words he was 'all right with him'. To authorities and civilians alike, Major Goddard was what a good policeman should be. To the community in general, he was something more, he was the embodiment of a fine Barbadian. But this was not all to the man. Without the air of academic attainment, he was guided by his own philosophy. He was a devout church man, with a simple faith in God and an earnest endeavour to do the right. He loved his fellow man and this reflected itself in his efforts to help them and his charity to them even to the point of denying himself. No tale of want or woe was too trifling for him to listen and he was always ready to contribute his share of the help.

There are occasions when men born in humble circumstances and who must perforce dwell in the lowlands exhibit a sweetness of mind which earn them the love and esteem of their fellows. Tender and merciful to the wrong-doer, charitable to his fellows, and honest in endeavour. Theodore Allan Goddard was such a man. The community was shocked yesterday, to hear of the death after a few days' illness of an exceptionally strong man. His advice and guidance will be missed; his cheery and kindly personality will be missed, but he has left a fine example for many to follow. Barbados has lost one of her great sons. To his sorrowing widow and two sons the *Advocate* tenders deepest sympathy."

I have found old time members of the Force who took part in the funeral procession of Major Goddard from the Main Guard on Coleridge Street to the Westbury Cemetery, where they slow marched the

entire distance. There are men like Teddy Goddard who set the foundation on which men perform in the face of danger without consideration for their own safety or well-being.

I believe Teddy was first cousin to my grandfather, Joseph Nathaniel Goddard. JN married a Wilamina Hinkson whose mother was a Gibson from Clifton Hall Woods, and sister/first cousin of Teddy Goddard's mother Catherine Gibson. It was a small white community of about 5000 poor whites all with close family ties. I am working to unravel the

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met at the Goddard Arms Hotel in Swindon on Sunday 6 November 2005; Leslie of Starchley sent apologies, but the Committee was delighted to welcome Peter to his first meeting, coming all the way from Toronto. Much of the discussion centered around the best method of making information, particularly the monographs, available to members. They could be purchased in paper form from Richard of Malvern and, more recently, on CD from Brian of Newbury; getting them, and other information, on the website – pass protected to members – was also favoured, and this has begun thanks to the very kind offices of Jim of Egham (formerly Addlestone).

He writes: "Each member can now access the protected area using their membership number as the username, and their initial(s) and surname run together as the password. I've used the number for the username as that is what I was asked, and also the username has to be unique on the database, and this is obviously the case with the membership numbers. The password does not have to be unique, and there are many cases where passwords are the same, especially with so many called Goddard! With names of single users and single surnames the initials and surnames are run together. With hyphenated surnames the initials and both surnames are run together, with the hyphen omitted. With joint memberships, most are Mr. and Mrs. with one set of initials – so this is the same as single users. With joint memberships with different initials, both sets of initials followed by the surname are used – in the order in which they appear on the membership list. In the case of joint memberships with two different initials and surnames (there is only one of these) the password is initials, surname, initials, surname run together as before."

I hope this is clear! It is still in its infancy and there are inevitably some teething problems, so members are asked to be patient while these are sorted out.

## CHILDSWICKHAM GODDARDS

We, members Sue Horton and Alison Partridge (née Goddard), would like to thank Denise of Solihull for the article in the October issue, on the Childswickham Goddards and claim them as our own, being both descended from the Richard Goddard born 1795, mentioned in Denise's research.

William GODDARD, our great x 5 grandfather, possibly born about 1759, married Elizabeth Marshall on 10 June 1785 in Throckmorton Chapelry, Worcestershire. We believe that Elizabeth was the daughter of Thomas Marshall and Sarah (née Woolmer) and born about 1759 in Naunton Beauchamp, Worcestershire. William and Elizabeth had six children all mentioned correctly by Denise. Elizabeth died in May 1798 aged 41, after giving birth to daughter Elizabeth in the April of that year. Daughter Elizabeth also died in August 1798, aged just four months.

The reason that Denise was unable to find any marriages for them is that the family moved. On 24 October 1803, William married his second wife, Jane Robbins at Sedgeberrow in Worcestershire. The family then all appear to have moved to Tewkesbury, where all four surviving children were married.

The first child, Sarah Goddard born 1786 in Childswickham, married William Jones on 6 February 1810. They had five children between 1811 and 1824. Sarah appears on the 1851 census for Tewkesbury as a seamstress and widow, living with her daughter Apolonia Jones.

We had found very little about William and Elizabeth's second child John Goddard born 1788 in Childswickham, and wonder whether he is the John Godward that Denise found buried in Childswickham in 1815, as his age at death - 26 - tallies with the date of birth for this John.

Their third child, Ann Goddard, married John Minchin on 12 January 1816 and they had four children between 1817 and 1824 and appear to have remained in Tewkesbury.

Richard Goddard, William's fourth child and our great x 4 grandfather, married Mary Hethridge on 10 February 1817. Richard and Mary had three sons all born in Tewkesbury - William Marshall Goddard, from whom Sue is descended, born 1817; John, from whom Alison is descended, born 1823; and Thomas born 1826.

We think that William Goddard born 1759 may have died in Tewkesbury, as there is a burial in the Gloucestershire Burial Index for a William buried in Spring Gardens Tewkesbury, in March 1835. As we have found records in the Waterways Museum

that show that Richard and his eldest son William Marshall Goddard registered boats in 1838 whilst living in Tewkesbury and, then again in Gloucester in 1838, we assume that Richard, Mary and their three sons all moved to Gloucester with their long boats around 1838. William married Louisa Fincher Smith, born 1820 in Worcester, at St Nicholas Church Gloucester on 16 January 1839, and moved into the newly built Sabrina Cottages by the old Westgate Bridge on the banks of the River Severn. John married firstly in 1845, Elizabeth Lee by whom he had three children and, after her death in childbirth in 1850, Fanny Butler. Thomas married Eliza and they had three children. Richard, his three sons and their many descendants continued to work on or around the River Severn in some capacity, and the former family home of Thomas, Eliza and their descendants which stands on the River Severn in Alney Terrace, Gloucester, has recently been renamed Goddard's Wharf by the present owners.

The Goddards of Gloucester were very prolific and mainly all descended from the William, found by Denise. Tom Goddard, the England and Gloucestershire cricketer, was related to Sue's grandmother, Florence Eliza Goddard. They were cousins, their fathers being brothers, both sons of William Marshall Goddard.

*Sue Horton and Alison Partridge*

As a postscript to this, both Julie of Newbury and John of Accrington spotted on the 23 November 2005 TV programme *Cash in the Attic* the sale of several items of cricket memorabilia formerly belonging to Tom Goddard. The collection, consisting of two photographs, a signed bat, a silver tankard and a pair of MCC cufflinks, had been auctioned by his maternal nephew, Mark Houghton, in Essex last August.

## WAR GRAVES

Anne Hockaday has kindly sent me a cutting from the *Yeovil Times* of 28 September last in which it mentions members of the Wincanton branch of the Royal British Legion visiting First World War graves of relatives. Tony Goddard, a town councillor and branch spokesman visited the grave of his great uncle Edward Skeates, who was buried at Kemmel, near Ypres, in 1915. He was able to find where the grave was by consulting the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website. Before the website existed it would have been very difficult to have located it; indeed, Tony's mother did not know where her uncle was buried. Tony said, "I took a cross and a photo of him and put them by his grave. It was nice to pay my respects after all these years."

## MILITARY OFFICERS 1920

I am grateful to Julie of Newbury's sister, Brenda Barnard of Leicester, for sending a transcript of the details of the war services of officers of the army, taken from *Services of Military Officers 1920* published by J.B. Hayward & Son, Suffolk 1986. The following Goddards are listed:

A.W. Goddard. Captain 7th Battalion Royal Fusiliers. 1914-19 War – Military Cross; Clasp to Military Cross.

B.R. Goddard. Captain 4th Battalion Hampshire Regiment. 1914-19 Egyptian Expeditionary Force 15 May 1917 - 31 October 1918. Despatches, London Gazette 14 June 1918.

E.N. Goddard. Captain Indian Army. 1914-19 War. Despatches, London Gazette 27 August 1918 and 4 January 1919. Order of the British Empire. Military Cross.

Francis Ambrose D'Oyley Goddard. Lieutenant-Colonel retired pay. North West Frontier of India 1897-8. Operations on the Kurrum Valley during August and September 1897. Relief of Gulistan. Medal with two clasps. South African War 1902. Operations in the Transvaal, April 1902. Queen's Medal with two clasps. 1914-19 War. On Staff as (1) Royal Transport Officer (graded Cl. FF) 9 August to 19 November 1915; (2) Deputy Assistant Director of Railway Transport (graded Cl. BB) 20 November 1915 to 22 November 1916; and (3) Assistant Director of Railway Transport (graded Cl. X) from 23 November 1916. France and Belgium 9 August 1914 to 11 November 1918. Despatches, London Gazette 4 January 1917 and 28 December 1918. Order of the British Empire. *Ed. – This is the father of Mimi of Woldingham; he was featured extensively in Newsletter 70.*

F. FitzClarence Goddard. Colonel retired pay. Indian Mutiny Medal. *Ed. – This was the youngest son of Ambrose Goddard of Swindon. He was born on 4 April 1836 and died on 28 October 1924. He had been a Colonel in the 80<sup>th</sup> Foot. He married on 22 March 1899 Hannah Lucy, third daughter of James Chisholm Gooden-Chisholm and widow of Shirley Baker; they had no children.*

F.G. Goddard. Temporary Captain Royal Artillery. 1914-19 War. France and Belgium 15 April 1916 to 11 November 1918. Gallipoli 29 April 1915 to 9 January 1916. Egypt 12 January 1916 to 18 March 1916. Egyptian Expeditionary Force 19 March 1916 to 9 April 1916. Despatches, London Gazette 21 May 1918. Military Cross.

F.W. Goddard. Temporary Captain Essex

Regiment. 1914-19 War. Military Cross.

G. Goddard. Royal Army Service Corps. 1914-19 War. Despatches, London Gazette 24 December 1917 and 10 July 1919.

Gerald Hamilton Goddard. Lieutenant-Colonel Royal Army Medical Corps. South African War 1899-1902. Advance on Kimberley, including action at Magersfontein. Operations in the Orange Free State February to May 1900, including operations at Paardeberg (severely wounded), and action on Vet River. Operations in Orange River Colony, including actions at Rhenester River, Wettenberg and Witpoort. Operations in the Orange River Colony 1901-2. Queen's Medal with three clasps. King's medal with two clasps. 1914-19 War. Despatches, London Gazette 1 January 1916, 4 January 1917, 29 May 1917 and 23 July 1917. *Ed. – This is my father. For some reason his First World War actions and medals are not mentioned, including the Distinguished Service Order.*

H.C. Goddard. Major Royal Army Medical Corps. 1914-19 War. Despatches, London Gazette 22 June 1915.

J.W. Goddard. Captain retired pay. South African War, 1900-02 Served in ranks. Relief of Ladysmith, including operations at Tugela Heights. Operations in the Transvaal east of Pretoria, including action at Belfast. Operations in Cape Colony and Orange River Colony. Queen's medal with five clasps. King's medal with two clasps. 1914-19 War. Adj. 4<sup>th</sup> Divisional Amn. Colonel 13 January 1916 to 20 October 1916. France and Belgium 23 August 1914 to 11 November 1918. Despatches, London Gazette 17 February 1915. Promoted 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. Military Cross. Clasp to Military Cross.

R.C. Goddard. Lieutenant Royal Fleet Auxiliary. 1914-19 War. Military Cross.

S.G. Goddard. Second Lieutenant Royal Sussex Regiment. 1914-19 War. Promoted Second Lieutenant.

W.B. Goddard. Captain Suffolk Yeomanry. South African War 1900-02. Operations in Cape Colony south of Orange River 1900. Operations in the Transvaal in May 1902. Operations in Cape Colony 30 November 1900 to September 1901. Queen's medal with clasp. King's medal with two clasps.

W.J. Goddard. Temporary Second Lieutenant Service Battalions. R.W. Kent Regiment. 1914-19 War. Military Cross.

W.J. Goddard. Temporary Lieutenant Machine Gun Corps. 1914-19 War. Military Cross.

## ITEMS SENT TO THE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

The Association is lucky in that non-Goddards, as well as Goddards, take an interest in our family history and occasionally send us items which they have come across in their own researches.

Dr David Peacock was kind enough to send a deed which he had acquired and asked if we could give any information about the family concerned. In the deed, dated 31 October 1867, Eliza Goddard, wife of Robert Henry Goddard of Hungerford in the county of Berkshire, relinquishes her right to a certain unnamed property in Hungerford. Dr Peacock asked if we knew anything more about the property. Unfortunately we do not. Robert Henry Goddard, born 1831, was the son of Robert Goddard and his wife Dinah Goddard née Fox. At his daughter Kezia's baptism Robert is described as the "Postboy of Charnham Street", an area of Hungerford. And that is where the matter rests at present. Hungerford has an active historical association and a good collection of deeds and artefacts and it is hoped that they might be able to shed some light on the subject.

Another document was sent by my sister, Brenda Barnard, who spends some of her time searching through the dustier archives in Leicester City Libraries. She quotes from *The Times* of 15 September 1900, the legal notices section, concerning Horace Mann deceased. Anyone being owed money by Captain Mann is requested to send particulars to the named executors. The lawyer acting for the executors is named as Eugene H. Goddard of 6 Chancery Lane, London W.C. Can anyone identify which branch of the Goddards Eugene H. Goddard comes from?

Member Dawn Smalley was in Dorset recently and visited the Tolpuddle Martyrs Inn. With a facsimile of the court orders concerning the Martyrs (who were transported to Australia for trying to form a trade union) there was also the following: Dorchester 14 March 1834 before the Right Honourable Sir John Barnard Bosanquet, Knight, Sophia Goddard (24) committed by the Rev, George Pickard Jnr charged on the oaths of Ann Mitchell, John Buxton and others, of attempting to suffocate her newly-born male bastard child at Bloxworth. The baby survived and she was acquitted.

*Julie of Newbury*

## UNDERTAKERS

I am grateful to Elsie Gibbs who spotted in an obituary undertakers by the name of Goddards who operate from Kent Road in Fleet, which is near Farnham. If anyone knows anything about them, please let us know.

## BOX TOMB

Julie of Newbury has supplied this photograph of a box tomb in Bishopstone churchyard, about five miles due east of Swindon. The inscription reads:



"In Memory of Thomas Goddard who died the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 1796 Aged 62 years". This Thomas was possibly the son of Edward and Sarah Goddard and was baptised on 29 July 1733. But can anyone tell us anything more about him?

## NEW MEMBERS

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

Mrs Cynthia A. Goddard, Cranmere Cottage, 17 Carlton Road, Turvey, Bedford, MK43 8EG  
Mr John & Mrs Marjorie Goddard, 1 Monks Way, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, NN8 2JZ  
Mrs Jean E. Soulsay, 196 St Saviours Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 6EU  
Ms Pauline A. Strasser, 1 Foster Street, Goulburn, New South Wales 2580, Australia

## 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:

**Cynthia Goddard's** interest is in James Goddard, a brewer of London in the 1800s, and James P. Goddard who was born in south east London in 1869. Julie of Newbury writes: "It is now thought that Cynthia's husband's ancestor James Goddard, born 1846, came from Bunwell in Norfolk and so this joins him to Denise's big family tree. Cynthia is not sure, as she could not find James' baptism in Bunwell."

**John (& Marjorie) Goddard** probably comes from south west London in the 1800s from a Herbert John Goddard of 1874.

**Jean Soulsay** is descended from Samuel and Elizabeth Goddard 1800-1876, and Joseph 1833-1924 from the Brentford area of London. Julie of Newbury writes: "I was delighted to be able to tell her that her Brentford Goddard family has already been written into a book by Fred Wright, complete with photographs of the family and the shops they had. Sadly Fred hasn't been able to get the family tree back further than Samuel Goddard born St Marylebone around 1800 either, but he makes several suggestions for her to pursue."

## WHERE IN THE WORLD?

What country, not much larger than Great Britain, has scenery ranging from primeval forest to alpine mountains, where palms and pines grow side by side? A country with seemingly endless beaches, gorse covered hillsides (courtesy of Mr Burt), fjords and lakes, cosmopolitan and sophisticated cities but 19th century gold rush towns. Where the bird life is unique, but an imported farm animal outnumbers the people by fifty to one. Where English is the first language, but spoken with distinctive vowel sounds and where they drive on the left side of the road.

Do you know where it is yet? Eileen and John, Association secretaries, found out when they toured New Zealand last autumn/spring, to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. No wonder it's the 'in' place to visit. Everything you hear about this fabulous country is true and we brought back many wonderful memories. Among the many highlights were sand surfing at Ninety Mile beach, jet boating at Queenstown and the near vertical cable car at Bob's Peak, cruising on Milford Sound and in the Bay of Islands, the bad eggs smell of Rotorua, flying round Mount Cook in a light aircraft and the spring flowers and blossom everywhere. A real bonus was the friendliness of the Kiwis, who had a real interest and curiosity about their visitors, and we were able to spend some time with the Association's New Zealand co-ordinator, Julie, who proudly showed us her beautiful city of Christchurch and told us about the pioneer settlers and their struggles. It had been one of her ancestors, Mr Burt, who introduced gorse to New Zealand where it's known as Burt's Pest, being impossible to eradicate! An unforgettable evening was provided by the Maori guide who took us to a Maori evening and meal, but whose commentary was delivered in a broad Lancashire accent which he claimed to have acquired from watching Coronation Street.

Regrets? There are a few. Not having emigrated fifty years ago; not having had time to contact some of the other NZ members; and the fact that, as the T-shirt says, "It's a hell of a long way".

## CHARITY BALL

Margaret McAlpin has kindly provided me with a cutting from a free paper in her area of 28 October last, in which families who had recently lost children to the cancer neuroblastoma organised an Angel Ball in Beaconsfield, partly to honour the children and partly to raise much needed funds to further research. One of the parents organising items for an auction to be held during the Ball was a Dave Goddard.

## SILCHESTER GODDARDS

Mrs Doreen Wizner was interested to read in the last Newsletter of the meeting of Stephen Goddard's descendants "as Stephen was also my great great grandfather. My cousin Peter Beck of New Milton (also a member) has done the research. We are descended through Stephen and Hannah's son Charles Allen Goddard, who was born 4 May 1820, and married Fanny Harding of Bradford Peveril in Dorset on 20 August 1860. Their second child, Joel Goddard, was born on 20 March 1868 at Sulhampstead Abbots in Berkshire. My father, Victor Harold Goddard, was born on 10 June 1897 at Burghfield Common in Berkshire, and I was born on 16 January 1927 at the same place. The Goddard name finishes in our family as my only brother, Victor Leslie Goddard, RAF, was killed on 14 January 1945 in an air crash; he is buried in the RAF cemetery at Upavon in Wiltshire. There are Goddards at Bucklebury in Berkshire who are our cousins, so the name carries on through them.

My family moved to Cornwall from Burghfield in 1938 as my father, a naval man, joined the Customs and Excise on leaving the Royal Navy, and Cornwall was his first posting. He intended moving on, but was recalled for war service. Circumstances changed and in this branch of the family my sisters have married Cornishmen (although my husband was Polish)." I am grateful to Doreen for this information. The Association is thinking of holding the 2007 AGM at Silchester, so maybe we can have a good reunion of this particular Goddard branch.

## ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL

Frank of Llanelli's sister recently came back from America, bringing a copy of the *New York Times* of 25 October last with her. In it he read an article about the Mormons of Colorado City, Arizona. Unlike the mainstream Mormons of Utah, who gave up polygamy in 1890 in return for the recognition of Utah as a state of the Union, this particular sect still practice it, believing themselves to be the true followers of Joseph Smith who founded Mormonism – or the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints – in 1830. But their leaders are wanted on several charges, particularly of sexual abuse; and the law enforcement officer for Arizona is Terry Goddard. He is having considerable difficulty in bringing the leaders to book, as many of the police and other senior officials in the area are also members of the sect. He is currently seeking back-up support from the federal government, while freezing the sect's assets at local level. Perhaps one of our American members can keep an eye on his progress.

## BOOKSELLER DOCUMENTS

The following list of documents containing Goddard names is available from Chapel Books of Monmouthshire as follows:

Will of William Sidebottom of Bradbury Cheshire 1721 – Slack & Goddard are beneficiaries. £28.

Will of John Cane of Kingsclere, Hampshire, 1782 – mentions Goddard relatives. £12.

Will of Margaret Jones of Swindon 1802 – mentions Goddard/Morgan. £15.

Lease by John Goddard of Leek, Staffordshire, 1817. £10.

Will of Benjamin Lifely of Chippenham, Wiltshire, 1848 – mentions Goddards. £10.

Bond for a bridge rebuild Frederick & William Goddard of Nottingham, 1876. £6.

Ironwork contract of Frederick Goddard of Nottingham, 1876. £8.

A bond to William Goddard of Gillingham, Dorset, 1879. £6.

Assignment to James Goddard of Battersea, Surrey, 1899. £6.

Let me know if you are interested in any item.

*Julie of Newbury*

## CLIMBER'S TRIBUTE

Readers of Newsletter 72 will recall the tragic accident in early August 2004 in which James (Jimmy) Goddard, now aged 28, of Bracknell in Berkshire broke his spine and his girlfriend was killed when they fell while climbing the cliffs at Rhossili in the Gower. He was rescued by the volunteer coastguards and spent ten months in hospital in both Swansea and Stoke Mandeville, and is currently awaiting medical discharge from the army. Only two weeks after leaving hospital he took part in the London triathlon, much to the disbelief of his younger brother Paul, completed it and raised more than £3,000 which he has just presented to the coastguards. Now in his first year as a sports science student at Loughborough University, he plans to climb Mount Kilimanjaro this summer, as part of a ten man team led by his father Mike, a trained mountaineer.

## PIE SHOP

The Goddards' pie shop from Greenwich, which has featured several times in these Newsletters, appears to be branching out. I am grateful to Doreen Wizner from Newquay in Cornwall, who has sent me an advertisement from the *Newquay News* promoting an establishment opened last year at 15 East Street recommending "Traditional London Pies & Liquor supplied by Goddards of Greenwich Est. 1890".

## GODDARDS ASPARAGUS

I am grateful to Elsie Gibbs, formerly of Sheldon Manor, for sending me a calling-card sized advertisement for Goddards Asparagus, which is to be obtained from Pine Tree Farm, Fen Street, Redgrave, Near Diss, IP22 1SG; Tel: 01379 898417. She called there when last in Suffolk, visiting her first great granddaughter, but unfortunately the 'delightful old asparagus grower' as she describes him was far too busy at that particular time to be cross-examined as to his origins. However, Elsie hopes to be returning to the area soon and will then pursue the enquiry.

## DOUGLAS BADER

Most people are familiar with *Reach for the Sky*, the story of Douglas Bader, the intrepid air ace of the Second World War, who had previously lost both legs in a daredevil stunt which went horribly wrong. What people do not know is that one of his rescuers was a Goddard. Margaret Young has kindly sent me a cutting from the *Reading Evening Post* of 7 September in which a Mr W. Pattinson, reminiscing about older aircraft, writes: "My brother-in-law Jim Goddard was one of the men who helped pull Douglas Bader from his plane when it crashed. He was working at the aerodrome helping on the building of the clubhouse at the time."

## HULL FERRY DISASTER

I came across an article in the current *Practical Family History* called 'Race to the Death'. This was about a steam ferry in Hull called the *Union* whose journey down the Humber on Wednesday 7 June 1837 led to disaster. Apparently an engineer had been heard to say that he was intending to beat another ferry. Needless to say, the boiler overheated, exploded and the vessel sank. Out of over two hundred people nineteen were killed. A list was given of the deaths; James Goddard, the *Union's* engine boy, died and was buried at Holy Trinity in Hull. There was an inquest over two days, which included James on the second day, although no details were given in the article. If this is your ancestor and you would like to research this further, the sources of information were the *Leeds Mercury* June 1837, *Hull Advertiser* June 1837, and *Hull Post: The Journal for Humberside and the East Riding* No.7 1993. *Denise of Solihull*

## GODDARD REPORTERS

Andrea Goddard in the *Financial Times*, Alison Goddard in the *Times Educational Supplement*, and now Jacqui Goddard in the *Times* reporting from flooded New Orleans. Does anyone claim these reporting Goddards as relatives?

## AGM

The next AGM will be held at Holland House, which is in the delightful little village of Cropthorne, just north of the old A44 (now B4084) Evesham to Pershore road and almost halfway between the two, on Sunday 21 May 2006. The turning to Cropthorne Village is on your right as you come from Evesham (left from Pershore), and Holland House is on your left after you have gone down into a dip, rounded a righthand bend at the bottom and started to climb up the other side. There is a long stone wall on your left, followed by a cul-de-sac where a sign points to the Holland House car park. The car park is on the right at the top of the cul-de-sac, and you reach the building by a path from the car park through the attractive garden.

## WILTSHIRE WILLS PROJECT

Some time ago the GAE Committee agreed to send a donation to the Wiltshire County Council's 'Wiltshire Wills Project' as all the wills in the care of the Archive Department are being catalogued and also examined and repaired and restored when necessary. In consequence of the donation we have been sent a progress report, a copy of which is held by the Research Co-ordination team.

Some interesting wills are mentioned, including that of Mary Goddard of Swindon written in 1789. In it she leaves her servant £2. 10s. "to take care of my cats and dogs which I desire she will do with tenderness".

*Julie of Newbury*

## OBITUARIES

Members who have attended past AGMs at Swindon, when the meeting has been followed by a 'Brainstrust' where they have been able to ask a panel for advice on tracing their family tree, will be sad to learn of the death of Jean Cole on 28 October 2005. For many years an Agony Aunt on *Family Tree Magazine*, Jean was always welcomed for her clear and concise advice. On her last visit she was delighted to find a West Country Goddard on her family tree and a member at the meeting who was distantly related to her. She did a lot of research for the Wiltshire FHS, transcribing records and preparing them for publication, and every time she found a Goddard she would make a note of it and pass it on to me for the records. She will be sadly missed. Our condolences to her husband Reg.

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We are also sorry to record the death of Executive Committee member Margaret McAlpin's mother who died on 12 January 2006. She occasionally accompanied Margaret to meetings, and we offer the latter our sympathy.

## WAR DIARIES

A few years ago I gave my sister Nicky's *War Diary* and its copyright to the Imperial War Museum. They were very pleased to have it for their Archives and to be able to offer it for research. Richard Aldrich, the author of *Witness to War* (published last year by Doubledays, London) – a re-telling of their war experiences through the private diaries kept by people from all walks of life – was particularly struck by it and he used it. On the inside cover of his book he included an extract from Nicky's diary in the montage, and also in the script he quoted in full her diary entry for one of the worst night blitzes of the early years of the London blitz, with a delightful photograph of Nicky and a reproduction of her map showing the buildings and roads in our locality [Earls Court SW5] where the bombs fell. Aldrich called it "Veronica Goddard's beautiful diary". The Museum sent me a copy of his book – a real surprise and a real gift! Apart from Nicky's contribution, the book is most interesting and a great achievement – the result of months of intensive research not only in England but also in Europe, friend and foe alike.

*Mimi of Woldingham*

## NOTA BENE

I am hoping to retire from full time employment at Malvern College around Easter time, and therefore my current e-mail address printed below will no longer be received. However, I have already set up a new one which is: richardghg@yahoo.co.uk

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