

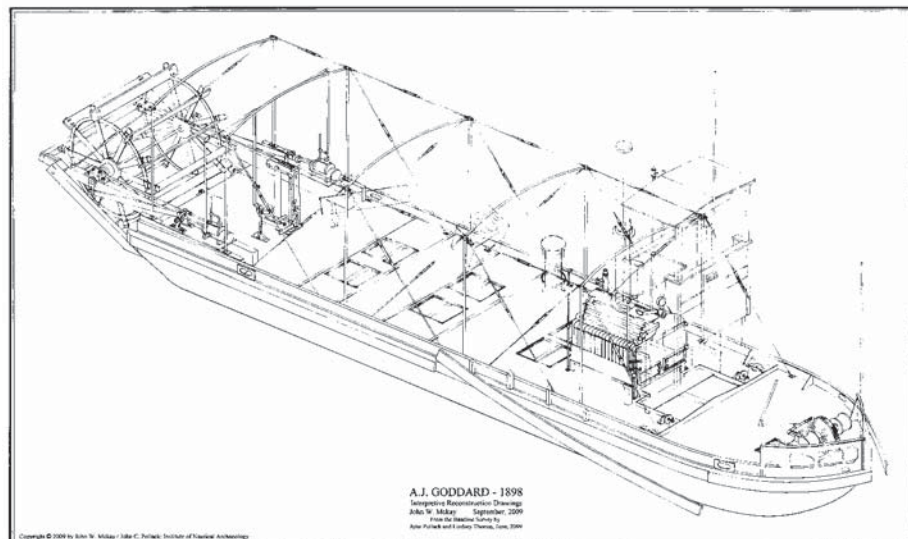
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NEWSLETTER

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PIONEERS OF THE KLONDIKE Captains Albert & Clara Goddard

The last Newsletter featured an article by John of Accrington, under the heading “A Relic of the Klondike”, on the rediscovery of the fifteen metre stern paddle steamer *A.J. Goddard* which had sunk in a storm on Lake Laberge on the Yukon River in October 1901 during the Klondike gold rush. Malcolm of Brisbane followed this up on the internet and has kindly sent me a good deal of further information, both on the finding of the wreck in 2008 and the obituary of Clara Goddard in 1953, together with some pictures.



These pioneering Goddards originally came from Iowa. They were married at Wilson near Clara's birthplace in 1886, at a time when half the population was moving further to the north west. Other relatives went first, and then the Goddards packed their blankets and enough food for the journey and took the train to Tacoma. The steamer *T.J. Potter* brought them to Seattle and another steamer carried them across Lake Union to Edgewater. It was a five minute walk then, on a forest trail, to what is now the heart of Fremont. Here they prospered, Albert becoming a partner in an iron foundry and Clara, amongst many other things, planning for the Edgewater Congregational Church. Statehood came a year to the day after the Goddards landed in Seattle, and many projects were afoot.

When the Klondike gold rush came, Albert and three partners had two small steamers built in San Francisco. They knocked them apart at Skagway in Alaska and hauled them over Chilkoot pass, along with a saw mill, and reassembled them on Lake Bennett in British Columbia. Clara was determined to accompany her husband, and she did, becoming the first female steamboat pilot in the North where they operated for four years. Decades later she recalled that the first round trip in June 1898 between Whitehorse and Dawson made history. “Men went wild when the steamer *A.J. Goddard*, named for the captain, whistled for the pioneer landing in front of the tent town of Dawson. Up and down the river, as the steamer passed, thousands of gold seekers, rowing and paddling to reach the fevered creeks, waved their hats and cheered. At Selkirk, the steamer ran out of oil, but 50 pounds of moose tallow, purchased

from Indians, saved the day.”

Afterwards the Goddards returned to Seattle, living for years in Fremont and then in Woodinville, moving to Auburn fourteen months before Clara died, aged 89, in 1953. In her last years she confided in friends that she was determined to outlive her husband, “because Albert needs me so.” Sadly, this was not to be. Albert, aged 90, told his friends about Clara’s last words. She was reliving the day that she left Seattle for the Yukon and said: “Well, I can go now. I have my suitcase packed and Albert needs me.” Captain Goddard said she smiled then, and it was all over.



In 2008 a team of Canadian and US marine archaeologists discovered the “perfectly preserved” *A.J. Goddard* and hailed it as “a national treasure” and “a time capsule” from the Klondike. A diver described the scene: “The boiler door is hanging open with the firewood they’d thrown in, There are bags of tools and somebody’s coat lying there on the deck, and the boots that the engineer probably kicked off as he was drowning lie close to his station.....Diving on *A.J. Goddard*, it is as if these events happened yesterday.”

Rev. ELIZABETH GODDARD

I noticed in the *Daily Telegraph* for 22 June under ‘Appointments in the Clergy’ that the Rev. Elizabeth Goddard, currently associate vicar of Stoke St Mary in the diocese of Bristol, was being appointed vicar of St James Less, Westminster, in the diocese of London. Does any member claim relationship with this lady?

NEW MEMBERS

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

Mrs Jill M. Foweraker, 2227 Lincoln Road, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.
Mr Terry W. Goddard, Mabuahy, Southfield, Minchinhampton, Stroud, GL6 9DY.
Mr Colin C. Overton, PO Box 813, Devonport, Tasmania, Australia.
Mr Gerald B. Soper, 19 Chieveley Drive, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN2 5HG.

PROFESSOR PETER GODDARD

Professor Peter Goddard has already appeared in these pages three times: in Newsletters 41, 59 and 71. A distinguished mathematician, he was elected Master of St John’s College, Cambridge, in 1994, a post he held until ten years later when he was appointed Director of the Institute of Advanced Studies at Princeton in the United States. I have just come across him again, having read the fascinating biography by Graham Farmelo of Paul Dirac, this country’s greatest mathematician and theoretical physicist of the middle years of the twentieth century, Nobel Prize winner for Physics in 1933 and reckoned to have been the most distinguished holder of the Lucasian Professorship of Mathematics at Cambridge since Isaac Newton and before Stephen Hawking. Dirac was closely connected to both institutions and Peter knew him. In his acknowledgements Graham Farmelo writes: “I should like to give my special thanks to Peter Goddard.....No one has been more supportive of the project or shown more interest in its progress. I owe him an enormous debt.” One of his many anecdotes concerning Dirac’s notorious reticence in communication related to the proposed admission of women to St John’s College in 1982. During what turned out to be Dirac’s last visit to his old College, Peter asked him if he thought women students should be admitted. After his usual lengthy pause, Dirac replied: “Yes, provided we don’t admit fewer men.”

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:

Jill Foweraker is descended from Joseph Goddard who married Ann Brown in Leicester in 1774.

Terry Goddard is descended from Thomas Goddard, who was born at Oadby in Leicestershire in 1807 and whose son, Edward born in 1842, moved to Hartlebury in Worcestershire. Grandson William was born in 1877 and great grandson Wilfred Edward was born in 1907 and died in 1995.

Colin Overton is descended from Robert Goddard born in December 1853 in Thetford, Norfolk.

Gerald Soper descends from William Goddard, who was born about 1788 and married Frances E. Freake in London in 1805. Their son Charles was born in London in 1820 and married Ann Prior in 1841, and their daughter Louisa Clara was Gerald’s grandmother. William’s birthplace is not known, but there are connections with Brimpton and Kingsclere, Berkshire.

AGRICULTURAL RIOTS: WORDS OF WISDOM

The Newsletter issues of March 1994 no. 31 and May 1996 no. 39 have already given accounts of Goddard involvement in the Agricultural Riots which swept the south of England in the late 1830s. While researching the story of “The Feuding Goddards” for the January 2010 no. 93 issue I came across the following account of the happenings on Friday 19 November 1830. Two days previously Mr Richard Goddard of Kintbury had been attacked by a mob at his farm and in four days time tanner Thomas Goddard of Ramsbury would make his fateful decision to go to Aldbourne to “see what was happening” and be arrested with the rioters.

According to the accounts given at the trial of the mob of angry labourers in Reading in January 1831, on this fateful November Friday the rabble of labourers left Woolhampton (on the A4 outside Reading) and made their way across country, over the fields towards Brimpton. At each farm they passed they would try to bully the labourers into joining them. On the way they armed themselves with iron and wooden stakes.

Meanwhile the vicar of Brimpton, Mr Cove, having had notice of what was happening, had gathered together a large group of local landowners and prepared to confront the labourers. His party spread out across the road to stop the mob. As they approached Mr Cove read the Riot Act which calls upon everyone to depart to their houses in peace. Instead the mob, three abreast, attacked and Mr Richard Tull was hit with four blows by Thomas Hicks. He fell to the ground and Hicks stood over him threateningly. John May next described what then happened: “I am a servant of Mr Goddard at Brimpton. I saw Mr Tull reeling from the effect of a blow and Hicks was about to strike him with an iron weapon. My master had a pistol. I don’t know whether it was loaded. I saw Hicks open his waistcoat and say, “You may shoot me if you please”. I said to my master, “You had better not shoot the man”. Wisely Mr Goddard put away his gun.

The labourers who did not then leave were overcome after a fierce fight with the landowners and their supporters. They were arrested and taken to Reading where they were kept in jail until the trial the next month. The man who hit Mr Tull, Thomas Hicks, was sentenced to fourteen years transportation to Australia.

It has taken me a little time to discover who this “Mr Goddard” was. Further accounts reveal that he was Edward Goddard. I thought at first that he must have belonged to the Goddards who became

innkeepers and policemen in Newbury. Secondly, I thought that he was one of the Goddard family who lived at Blacknest, an estate in Brimpton (see Newsletter January 2009 no.89). However, neither family had an Edward. Of the opinion that “Mr Goddard” must have been young and hot headed I looked in the records for young Goddards born around 1810.

A very possible candidate emerged in Edward Goddard, son of William and Ann, baptised in nearby Kingsclere in 1804. A new GAE member, Gerald Soper, whose ancestors also lived in Brimpton and Kingsclere but were not related to either of the other Goddard families mentioned above, has helped me to fill out the details of the life of this Edward. His mother’s name was Ann Pern and she married William Goddard at Farnborough, Hants, in 1787. Edward married Anne Twynam on 24 January 1828 at Bishopstoke and is described as a landowner. In the 1861 census Edward was living in Cheltenham. In 1871 he was living in retirement with his wife Anne in Weston super Mare; however, she died soon after the census was taken. Edward died in 1884.

Are any of the GAE related to this Edward Goddard? It is not often that you can say categorically what your ancestor was doing on a certain day at a certain time so far back as 19 November 1830, but you can. *Julie of Newbury*

CAN YOU HELP?

Wayne G. Grohn of Florida to trace his ancestors further back than he has already managed? His grandfather, Thomas Charles Goddard, was born in Cardiff, Wales, on 8 May 1878, but subsequently emigrated to the USA where he learned the printing trade and became co-owner of one of the largest printing companies in Chicago. He died in Tucson, Arizona, on 28 November 1964. His father was William, born in Wiltshire c. 1839, and his mother Ellen Durk from Stoke St. Mary, Southampton, born c. 1849. In fact, William was married twice; firstly to Ellen’s sister Elizabeth from 1865 to her death in 1872, and then in the same year to Ellen. He died in the UK in 1915. William’s father was Edmund Goddard, born on 14 July 1811, and his mother Mary Anne Draper who was born about 1810. Edmund’s father was another William, born about 1780 and who died on 18 March 1844; his mother was Sarah Gee, born about 1777 and died on 24 February 1856. If anyone recognises this family and can take it further back, please contact Wayne on <grohnw@verizon.net>

A few loose ends – N. Wilts Goddards No. 1 of an infrequent series of notes

Member Edward Morgan asked me in a short note if I had seen the new book by the explorer and author Sir Ranulf Fiennes, (or, more correctly, Sir Ranulf Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, 3rd Baronet Banbury, OBE), entitled *Mad Dogs and Englishmen: An Expedition Round My Family*, (ISBN 978-0340925027). Ranulf Fiennes, whose family originated from Fiennes, Artois / Pas-de-Calais, France, a farming village located ten miles south of Calais, is one of the very few families who came over with the Norman Conquest and have the documentation to prove it.

I have not yet read the book, but I do have a copy of the Fiennes family tree presented in this book. This tree follows his family in great detail from PEPIN King of the Franks, 752-784, the father of Charlemagne, through to the present day family members. As Edward Morgan noticed, a few members of the Fiennes tree also have close associations with early members of the Goddards detailed in the 'North Wilts' monographs.

In particular there is the Danvers connection: Elizabeth FIENNES, whose father was Richard FIENNES (4th Baron Saye and Sele) and mother was Elizabeth CROFT, married William DANVERS (Baron in about 1495, Culworth, Oxfordshire, England – died 20 June 1544, son of John Danvers and Anne Stradling) in about 1522 at Broughton Castle, Oxfordshire. Their children were John, Thomas, Mary, Dorothy and Anne DANVERS. This Dorothy DANVERS married John PHETIPLACE of Bessels Leigh and it was one of their daughters, (01050) Elizabeth PHETIPLACE, who married (01049) John GODDARD of Clyffe Pypard in about 1540 (see Chapter 4 Sheet L of the N. Wilts series of monographs, the Standen Hussey, Clyffe Pypard & Purton branches).

There is controversy over when (01050) Elizabeth died, after the birth of five children, but it is known that (01049) John later married his cousin (01042) Alice GODDARD and that they had a further three children before he died, being buried on 13 August 1567 at Hungerford, Berkshire. Much of this evidence is based on several of the Heralds Visitations as published by the Harleian Society. However, because of the politics and the method of collection of the Heralds' information during these 'Visitations', each 'fact' has to be interpreted carefully and each version played off against each of the others. The information regarding (01050) Elizabeth that is depicted on the present version on

the memorial in Clyffe Pypard church was taken, it is assumed, from the 1623 Visitation of Wiltshire. But it is known that the plaque has been repainted several times after being described as almost unreadable in the early nineteenth century. However, John Aubrey the antiquary, visited the church in about 1660 and his papers, now in the Bodleian Library in Oxford, quote the inscription as "*Here lieth the body of Elizabeth Goddard, wife of John Goddard Esqr. And daughter to Sir John Fettiplace, Knight. Who deceased 1550*" and not "*Sir Robert*" nor "*1584*" as is now written on the plaque, and Aubrey's description is very similar to the report for the 1565 Heralds Visitation of Wiltshire.

The members of the Goddard Association may wish at some time to arrange to have the Clyffe Pypard plaque repainted with the correct information, and the corrections made to Chapter 4 of the N. Wilts series of monographs as well. But then there is also the memorial in Swinbrook church, Oxfordshire, mentioned in Chapter 3, with a similar error of fact. Does that also need attention? *Brian of Newbury*

COMMUNITY CENTRE

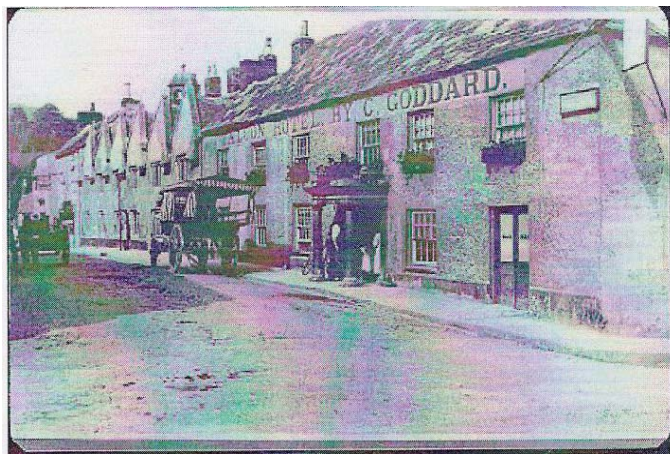
Association member Margaret Turnbull's brother took this view in New York recently, and I am grateful to them both. Research shows that Goddard Riverside Community Center was formed in 1959 by the merger of two historic settlement houses:



Riverside Community House founded in 1887 and Goddard Neighbourhood Center founded in 1892. It is one of the City's leading human service organisations and is situated at 21 sites on the Upper West Side and in West Harlem. Goddard Neighbourhood Center was originally organised by the Unitarian Church on East 34th Street and called the Friendly Aid Society, but during the early 1930s it was renamed in honour of Warren Goddard who was its first board president.

FALCON HOTEL

I am most grateful to my printer who has for some time kept watch for items of Goddard interest. A recent offering is this photograph, which he thinks came from an original postcard and would appear to date from the early 1900s. My wife Helena made a search on the internet and quickly discovered that the hotel in question, now known as the Falcon Inn, was to be found in Church Street, Wotton-under-Edge,



Gloucestershire, and that the landlord from 1902 to 1919 was one Caleb Goddard. He was followed by John Henry Goddard from 1919 to 1933, perhaps his son. From 1903 to 1926 the Falcon was owned by the Pickwick Brewery before being sold on 1 April of that year to Georges Bristol Brewery. Apparently the Pickwick Brewery is something of a mystery, no one seeming to know whether it just supplied the Falcon or was more widely based in the area. But does any member claim Caleb and John Henry as relatives?

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On 16 May 2010 the Executive Committee held its 46th meeting at Aldbourne prior to the AGM. Apologies had been received from John of Shrewsbury and Joan Dibble. The Minutes of the last meeting held at Shrewsbury on 25 October 2009 were approved and signed. Matters arising not covered subsequently included the possible production of another piece of commemorative glassware for members to purchase; a decision was deferred. In the absence of John, President Richard read the Treasurer's report which indicated a satisfactory overall position. Colin of Brackley reported that research queries had been few over the past year. As far as the publication of further monographs was concerned, no one had as yet come forward to offer their services as editor in succession to Brian of Newbury. Matters relating to the afternoon's AGM were finalised, and it was agreed that the next meeting would be held by kind invitation of Colin of Brackley at Silverstone Golf Club on Sunday 24 October.

WEBSITE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The website continues to be used by more members to receive their newsletter, with the added advantage of getting it in colour and a couple of weeks before the paper version. Most new joining members take the option to get it via the internet. Forty-two back copies of the newsletter are now available via the website back to the year 2000.

A small number of members are regularly using the website for research, mainly the Goddard Probate Index and War Service Records databases, and this is backed up by the availability of verifying and cross-checking data via the GAE membership of that growing family history resource Ancestry.co.uk.

The Goddard Association of America has also recently consulted me on the setup of our website and the process by which we make newsletters available and distribute them to members, as a number of their executive team are also members of the GAE and saw it as a distinct advantage to deliver their own newsletter this way. I would still like to encourage members who have access to the internet, and are not getting their newsletter this way, to take their newsletter via the web; not only do they get a time saving by getting it early, but by visiting the website regularly they can see what additions have been made to the growing store of information available for Goddard research on our site.

I would also continue to encourage members who have the time please to consider a small research task for the Association. Please choose a local Parish (or one you have access to via a local record office) and record the Goddard Births/Deaths/Marriages therein and then send me the file via email or in the post (plain text or Excel spreadsheet). If everyone was able to do the records of just one parish, then the information available to all members to assist their research would grow very quickly.

When the present website was set up, previous Research Coordinator the late Peter Goddard from Toronto encouraged members to send in their own Births/Deaths/Marriages certificates so they could be added to our index and made available to all members; he hoped to get 500 records and we now have well over 600 in the index, so this is also another way you could help as well.

If you have any other information or different ideas about what you would like to see on the GAE website, please email me and let me know; in the end the website is only as good as the information available on it.

Malcolm of Brisbane, Website Co-ordinator
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WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

I'm not who I thought I was! I know I'm a sixth generation Lancastrian, descended from Christopher Goddard who married and settled in what was then a fairly remote Pennine valley of north east Lancashire in 1788. My tree is complete and proven over the intervening 220 years. Fortunately ours was not a family that ventured far from home during that time and wasn't complicated by there being other families of the same name in the immediate area.

But, like many of us, I've come to a point that I can't get beyond. When Christopher married in 1788 there weren't any other Goddards in the parish register. So he must have arrived in this Pennine valley from elsewhere, probably as a 'teenager', since he married aged about twenty. The barrier is to find his origin. Christopher is not one of the most common Christian names and I have only found two uses of the name in northern records of the mid 18th century. Only one of these fits the dates I have and, horror of horrors, is in Yorkshire. We joke in Lancashire that the best thing in Yorkshire is the road out of it, so perhaps Christopher crossed into the promised land! A family anecdote tends to confirm this. I have no proof, but had come to accept that maybe my origins were in darkest Yorkshire, where there have been Goddards since the Middle Ages at least.

Then, last year, I got my DNA results and all is

ADAM ANT IS BACK

Stuart Goddard – aka Adam Ant and now aged 55 – appears to have recovered from his mental depression and is staging a come-back, according to the 9 May *Mail on Sunday* kindly sent me by Margaret of Worsley. The self-proclaimed Dandy Highwayman who, with The Ants, was seldom out of the charts in the early 1980s, says he has fought a mental condition all his life, but that his problems really began when he got married too young aged 21. After he broke up the band he went to America, but a crazy woman started stalking him, tipping him over the edge again so that he did time in a Miami psychiatric clinic. In 1997 he remarried and settled in Tennessee, but split up again soon after his daughter Lily was born the following year. After further mental troubles – including a notorious pub incident in 2002 mentioned in Newsletter 64 – he was hospitalised again. But now he says he has “never felt better. I won't ever let myself get depressed again, because I've got to be around to bring Lily up. It is no exaggeration to say she has saved my life. I want to show her what her dad the musician is all about.”

thrown into confusion. They show an identical match to four other members and a close match to another seven. Correspondence with the four shows them all to have a Hampshire/Berkshire/Wiltshire background and the same applies to six out of the seven close matches, making it likely that our common ancestor in the distant past was from this Goddard heartland. Now I have to face up to not even being a northerner! Is it just a coincidence that five of the eleven have served on the committee, or are genes at work? Research is ongoing, but if any of the southern branches used Christopher as a family name before the mid 18th century or earlier please contact me.

Included with the results was a map showing samples matching mine from a worldwide DNA database. Thirty-nine matches are plotted, mostly in Europe but with a scattering in the Americas, which are almost certainly the result of emigration. It isn't possible to draw conclusions from the European distribution without much more information, but what I find striking, in view of the Association's assumption of Norman/Viking origins, is that there are no matches shown for me in Normandy or Scandinavia.

John of Accrington

And a reminder that the DNA project is still active. If any further male members are interested in taking part please look at Newsletter 87, August 2008, for details.

Dr. JONATHAN GODDARD

I have just read Jenny Uglow's recent superbly researched work *The Gambling Man*, a history of King Charles II and the Restoration. It contains a chapter on the Royal Society one of whose founders, Dr Jonathan Goddard, gets three mentions. At their first gathering in late 1660 a list of speakers and experiments was drawn up with the objective of winning the goodwill of the king. Amongst others, Dr Goddard was to show his experiments “on producing colours by mixing chemicals”. Sometimes Charles himself suggested the topics, as on 13 July 1661 when he “desired to have a reason assigned why the sensitive plants stir and contract themselves upon being touched”. Goddard was one of a sub-committee appointed to examine the nature of this little plant *mimosa pudica*. Charles had a genuine scientific interest and often did experiments himself. On another occasion Sir Robert Moray, also a founder and the chief link with the royal court, took to the king “a discourse on coffee written by Dr Goddard at the king's command”. For previous articles on Dr Goddard see Newsletters 11 and 75.

HENRY GODDARD

Henry Goddard, shipbuilder, was indeed an eminent person and appears many times in the historic documents of State papers, Trinity House of Deptford, and histories of the Hundred of Blackheath. He has been written about in Newsletters 13 & 92 and a GAE member Christopher Richards, is a descendant of his daughter Abigail. Henry's will dated 1647 makes clear the name of his wife:

“Item: I give and bequeath unto Rose Goddard my beloved wife two hundred and fifty pounds.

Item: I bequeath unto her all such monies as are due unto me out of the annuities of Frindsbury Parsonage in Kent from Robert Watson gent excepting ten pounds of the same money hereafter disposed of.

Item I bequeath unto my said wife one moiety or half my goods besides all that was her own before I married her.”

A monument in Frindsbury Church has the following inscription on the north wall of the chancel: “For William Watson, gent and Rose his wife, the parents of Robert Watson esq.,” and dated “1873”. I think that it is not a leap too far to conclude that Henry's wife was the daughter of William and Rose Watson, and sister to Robert. Unfortunately I have yet to discover any records of the marriage, which must have taken place around 1611. A son John was baptised in St Mary's Church, Chatham on 7 February 1612. [I am working on an account of this John, who died as a young man].

Would the GAE member who contacted Richard about Henry Goddard like to get in touch with me for further information.

Julie of Newbury
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HONOURS DEGREE

Alison, younger daughter of John and Eileen of Accrington, has been awarded an upper second class honours degree from Liverpool University in Early Childhood Studies and Psychology. Long standing members may recall that a photograph of Alison's wedding won a national award and appeared in Newsletter 10, 1986.

GODDARD'S FINE FOOD

I am grateful to Treasurer John of Shrewsbury for sending me a four page 'menu' from “Goddard's Fine Food and Catering”, of Station Road, Ketley, Telford, TF1 5AQ. They seem to cater for all tastes at very reasonable prices, mostly bread 'battons' of various lengths (Missile 6ins, Rocket 13ins, Godzilla 20ins) stuffed with different fillings, breakfasts served at any time, and baked potatoes with similar fillings.

PAULETTE GODDARD

The film star Paulette Goddard has been mentioned in these pages on several occasions, most recently in Newsletter 90. My kind printer has just come across and given me this 'Turf' cigarette card of famous film stars, No. 32 of a series of 50, featuring Paulette in Paramount's *Bride of Vengeance*. This doubles the



number of Goddards known to feature on cigarette cards, the other being the great Gloucestershire and England cricketer Tom Goddard who appeared in Newsletter 35. But there may well be others. Should any member come across further examples, please let me know.

WILTSHIRE RECORD SOCIETY – 1

The Wiltshire Record Society has been in operation for over seventy years, its aim being to preserve and publish ancient documents relating to the county. As a result it produces, on a membership subscription basis, one volume every year on a variety of topics covering a range of dates from approximately 1250 to 1850. Sixty-two volumes have been published so far – none were produced 1941-46 nor 2002-05 – and I possess a full set of them; in subsequent Newsletters I aim to write brief articles on Goddards who appear in the majority of them.

AGM

The twenty-fourth AGM was held on Sunday 16 May 2010 at Aldbourne in North Wiltshire. After a welcome by the President to the twenty members present, apologies for absence were given and the Minutes of the Last Meeting were approved. There were no Matters Arising. In the unavoidable absence of the Treasurer, John of Shrewsbury, his Report was read by the President. Alan of Northampton recommended that some of the surplus funds be used to establish a memorial to Goddards at the National Arboretum near Lichfield; this idea would be followed up. The Accounts were then approved, with grateful thanks to the Treasurer and Examiner. If any Association member would like a copy, please contact John direct. Colin of Brackley then gave a very brief report on his activities over the year – brief because he had had very few requests for assistance during the previous twelve months.

The election of the Officers of the Association then took place. Richard of Malvern, Eileen of Accrington and John of Shrewsbury were re-elected President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively. And Colin of Brackley and Stephen of Buckhurst Hill were re-elected for a further three year term as members of the Executive Committee. There was no Other Business of any significance. Sunday 15 May 2011 was chosen as the date of the next AGM at a venue to be decided, with the likelihood that it might be in the vicinity of the National Arboretum in Staffordshire, with a fall-back suggestion of the Goddard Arms at Clyffe Pypard.

The President then announced the winner of the Howard Goddard-Jones Memorial for 2010, who was Alice Godard Allen, the Association's Co-ordinator for the USA, and ex-President of the Goddard Association of America; she had given tireless support to both Associations over many years. A suitably engraved glass paperweight was soon to be on its way to her. When she received this, Alice wrote a charming letter of thanks: "Please extend my thanks to the Goddard Association of Europe's Executive Committee for the great honour of being selected for the Howard Goddard-Jones award of 2010. It is humbling to receive such an honour, knowing that so many others of distinguished accomplishments, far greater than mine, have been selected in the past. This tribute is one of great pride because I cherish my Godard/Goddard heritage. And be assured, my progenitors were Goddards but someone misspelled the name somewhere along the way. The honour is, in itself, award enough. However, the actual item that arrived is absolutely beautiful and will be proudly

displayed in my home for everyone to view. It is a stunning and lovely objet d'art that will be treasured. I accept this honour with a grateful and humble heart. Thank you very much."

There followed a discussion on the future of the Association. It was felt that much had been achieved in the first twenty-five years, but that even more remained to be done. At present no more monographs were being produced – for two reasons: insufficient research had been done and there was no successor to Brian of Newbury as general editor. There was a distinct need to get more of what research had been done on to the website, and this issue would be further examined, even to the extent of using some of the Association's funds for the purpose.

Brian of Newbury kindly followed this with an anecdote concerning Tudor court records where the name Goddard occurs but used as a Christian name. Specifically he noted Goddard Oxenbridge of Brede, knighted by Henry VIII and three times High Sheriff of Sussex. His daughter Elizabeth married Sir Robert Tyrwhitt, which might be pronounced 'Twit' and might also account for the numbers of twits associated with Goddards! A full version of this research will appear in a subsequent Newsletter.

Tea and biscuits followed and the raffle was drawn; grateful thanks to all those who produced prizes and contributed £32 to help defray the cost of the meeting.

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