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~ Delores Goodrick Beggs

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25-67 Marker	\$148	<b>\$114</b>
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All orders must be placed and paid for by **MIDNIGHT DECEMBER 31, 2011** to receive the sale prices. This promotion is NOT valid in conjunction with any other promotions or coupons.

At this time we will NOT be offering discounts for the **Y-DNA111, NEW KITS OR UPGRADES**. Those may be offered at a later time pending the lab volumes with the tests under promotion.

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## **Grandpa Goodrich Gets a New Grave Stone**

*~ Michelle Hubenschmidt*

Sometimes the fates intervene, or rather, the spirits of those departed wanting their story told come along and provide a helping hand. To a genealogist and historian, we'd like to believe that the spirits of those departed sometimes help us from the beyond when we need them. Sometimes the ancestor spirit might provide us with a little clue to certain missing documents. Maybe whispers in our ears things we may have missed or through serendipity bring people into our lives that help fill in knowledge we were lacking. Or is it all just a fluke of luck? Nahhhhhh..... 😊 I'm going with "the spirits guide me" theory. They want their stories told and through us, the family genealogist, they will not be lost to time nor memory and through them multiple branches of descendents are brought together to meet.

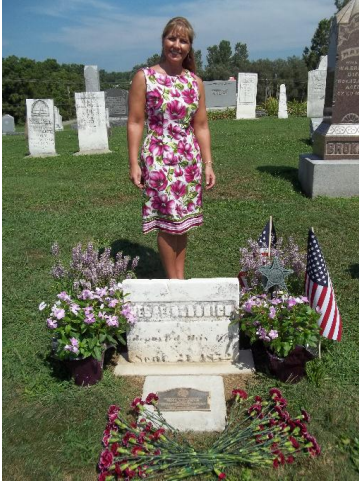
Jesse Goodrich has a fascinating biography, well, at least to me. Whether he is just as fascinating to my students doesn't really matter to me; it is my classroom and my show, and they have to put up with me – and my stories! Born in 1759 during the French and Indian War, Jesse came of age just as the Founding Fathers submitted their names to that treasonous document, the Declaration of Independence, and joined the Massachusetts militia in December of 1776. While he never fought in any battle, he did spend three months fortifying Fort Ticonderoga after Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys captured it months earlier. He lived in the Berkshires of Massachusetts, endured Shay's Rebellion, became an Anti-Federalist during the Constitutional debates, left the Congregational Church during the Second Great Awakening and became Baptist. He moved twice to new frontier lands in southwest Pennsylvania, then central Ohio during America's Westward Expansion phase, ending his final years in Centerburg, Knox County, Ohio, just outside of Columbus in 1852, as the nation itself struggled to survive amid the growing sectional rancor that led to the Civil War. He lived nearly one hundred years – one hundred years' worth of our country's most epochal events; he not only lived through them, but actively participated in those events.

His biography is now my thesis topic for a Master's Degree in History and Government. I am writing his story in a series of four chapters, each focusing on his involvement in the American Revolution, Constitutional Debates, Second Great Awakening and Westward Expansion, and when completed, the book should be about one hundred pages. When, not if, his story becomes the major biopic that I know it will, I have decided that Clint Eastwood is the actor to portray good Grandpa Jesse, just like he did in the movie "Unforgiven." Mr. Eastwood has the panache that I think Jesse would approve of.

Grandpa Jesse's (as he is affectionately known) life story is well known and spoken of in my family and in my classroom. One day in my Honors US History class, as I was regaling my students with another enthralling Grandpa Jesse story, my window flew open. All my students looked at the window, then looked at me, and Miss Maria said, "I guess Grandpa Jesse blew in for a visit." We had a nice laugh and got back on task.

Interestingly enough, shortly after Jesse's classroom visit in 2010, I met a woman online who is also descended from Grandpa Jesse, Kathryn Lang. Through emails and subsequent phone conversations, Kathryn and I became wonderful friends and shared genealogy research, both of us being directly descended from two of Jesse's children. Ironically, she and I had both traveled Jesse's life trail, but our paths never crossed. As we compared notes, we seemed to be at the same research facilities and/or resident locations barely missing each other perhaps by a few months. In the summer of 2004 I traveled to little Centerburg and met Jesse graveside. His gravestone was toppled and broken into several pieces and worn through time. It was rather plain, nondescript and left no hint to any of his illustrious accomplishments. Come to find out, Kathryn too, had visited shortly thereafter but at that point we had not yet met. Kathryn and I are members of the Daughters of the American Revolution and in 2010 she began the process of acquiring a DAR marker for Jesse, a lengthy process indeed, which took nearly a year to come to fruition. She asked if I would like to join her in the venture to which I happily and excitedly agreed. Finally Jesse would get the recognition he truly earned and deserved. She masterminded the project from beginning to end: navigated the DAR paperwork, chose the company to clean the old headstone, reset it and install the DAR marker. She contacted the Lucy Knox chapter of the DAR who coordinated the re-dedication ceremony replete with members of the Sons of the American Revolution dressed in full regalia. Bless those boys for wearing wool on a 90° day! On August 7, 2011 the graveside re-dedication ceremony was attended by members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, sons of the American Revolution and local media personnel. His broken original headstone was beautifully cleaned, repaired and now stood upright, with a bronze DAR marker at its base commemorating Jesse Goodrich's service in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Berkshire (Massachusetts) Militia. It looked wonderful!





The heat and intense sun made it somewhat unpleasant and we worried about the 70% chance of rain. The ceremony went smoothly as we nervously watched the storm clouds build above us. The cemetery is located in the quaint little town of Centerburg, Ohio, right behind the original Baptist church building that Jesse, a Baptist, would have attended. Once the dedication ceremony concluded, we headed a block to the United Methodist Church to enjoy some newfound friendships, food and refreshments.

As the fates, or Jesse, would have it, the storms waited until the ceremony ended before they opened the skies for a few hours of afternoon thunderstorms.

Just weeks before the service, Sandy McCann, Regent of the Lucy Knox Chapter (DAR) informed us that two more of Jesse's descendents would also attend and lived somewhat locally. Beth Huber and her sister, Marilyn, joined us and we represented lines from three of Jesse's children. How exciting! Only serendipity, fate, or the guiding hand of Grandpa Jesse could have brought all this together. Now, if Grandpa Jesse could just help me write this thesis...I need a "ghost writer" perhaps??? Hey, Jesse, could ya help a girl out please?

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## Heavens To Evans

~ Carl J. Hoffstedt and Betty Goodrich

This little saga is about Evans Goodrich who came from New York to Minnesota during its formative years. It will cover the life of Evans and interaction with the changing governmental jurisdictions with Minnesota going from a territory upon his arrival to a state in 1858 with development of counties and townships.

Evans Goodrich was born July 6, 1828 in Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York to George and Tyrphrena *Parsons* Goodrich. George was the son of Gideon (Ebenezer, Gideon, Ephraim, William) and Eunice Warren *Warner* Goodrich. George's brother was Anson Goodrich, the father of Benjamin Franklin Goodrich of B. F. Goodrich tire fame. Anson, B. Franklin and George Goodrich can be found on page 199 and Evans on page 200 of The Goodrich Family in America book by Lafayette Wallace Case, published in 1889.

George Goodrich was a farmer in Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York in the 1830 and 1840 US Censuses. He was at the same location in the 1850 US Census and the household had Evans as a 22 year old clerk.

Evans must have headed west after the 1850 census. The exact date of Evans' migration and travel mode to Mankato, Minnesota is unknown. With the proximity to Lake Erie, he may have boarded a boat to Milwaukee, Wisconsin where his brother Henry and sister Gertrude were living in Waukesha County. From the book, Mankato – Its First Fifty Years, page 219 states that Evans came to St. Paul, Minnesota in 1850. On February 1, 1852 he became one of the very first settlers of what is now Mankato.

From the book, History of the Minnesota Valley, published in 1882, pages 557-558, "Evans Goodrich was born July 6, 1823 (1828) in Chautauqua County, New York. From 1850 until 1852, he resided at St. Paul, then came to Mankato; he was the first county surveyor and first justice of peace; was appointed by Governor Ramsey." Evans was justice of peace in Dakota County from which Blue Earth County was formed. Per a newspaper article found at the Blue Earth County Historical Society (BECHS), Evans was in Mankato when he was appointed justice of peace.

From the same book, page 538, "Samuel Leech arrived at Mankato on May 27, 1853...At the same time, he found Evans Goodrich occupying a log house as a trading post on Lot 4 Block 15 which belonged to D. A. Robinson, one of the company; this lot was in the same Lot 1 Section 7. Goodrich had some Indian goods there and had been trading with the Indians."

On July 21, 1855, he married Mary Elizabeth Rathburn in Mankato, Blue Earth County, Minnesota. They were listed in the September 21, 1857 Minnesota Territory census.

Per unpublished manuscript at BECHS, Evans's brother, Henry, came west two years after Evans to Blue Earth County and received a Land Patent out of the Winona, Minnesota Land Office, for 160 acres on June 10, 1858 in Section 28, Township 109 North and Range 26 West. The federal government land survey for the area was begun on November 1, 1854 by Alexander Anderson, Deputy Surveyor out of the Dubuque, Iowa Survey Office per the Bureau of Land Management website.

Evans was listed in the 1860 US Census in Blue Earth County, Minnesota. On December 24, 1861, Evans enlisted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sharp Shooter Company as a sergeant. It later became Company L, First Regiment. On January 1, 1862, he received a Land Patent for 160 acres in Section 29 Township 109 North and Range 26 West out of the Winona, Minnesota Land Office. Part of the property was adjacent to brother Henry's land patent property.

Evans was in the Civil War and fought in various battles, some of which were in the state of Virginia. At the same time, Minnesota soldiers were fighting in the Sioux Indian Uprising in late 1862 along the Minnesota River and on both sides of the river. Evans's wife Mary remained in the Mankato area and per her obituary in the *Blue Earth County Enterprise* dated March 10, 1933, "Mrs. Goodrich's life has been a most interesting one. Coming to Minnesota in the pioneer days, she underwent the privations and perils of the times. Her father carried mail between Mankato (Minnesota) and Sioux City (Iowa) and in the winter of 1857 was frozen to death near Jackson (Minnesota) as he was engaged in making one of his trips. She lived through the Indian outbreak and helped care for the wounded who were brought into Mankato from New Ulm following the Indian massacre. With her two small sons at her side, she witnessed the hanging of the Indians at Mankato, a scene which will go down in history as one of the most memorable in the annals of Minnesota." This took place on December 26, 1862. Evans was discharged from

the Civil War on February 18, 1863 at the Convalescent Camp in Virginia due to medical disability.

Evans returned to the Mankato area and in the 1865 Minnesota State Census, he was listed in Lime Township, Blue Earth County, Minnesota on his land patent property. The 1870 US Census also listed Evans, a 43-year-old farmer born in New York, and his family living in Lime Township, Blue Earth County, Minnesota. He was at the same location in the 1875 Minnesota State Census. Evans and Mary were divorced on June 3, 1876 according to family papers. Per the web site [www.mnccounty.com/Modules/Certificates/Marriage/Default.aspx](http://www.mnccounty.com/Modules/Certificates/Marriage/Default.aspx), they remarried February 14, 1877 and divorced again December 3, 1878 according to disability pension application. The 1880 US Census showed Evans in Mankato, Blue Earth County, Minnesota at the home of Simon W. Ashby as a 51-year-old, divorced bartender. Mary was listed in the 1880 US Census for Lime Township, Blue Earth County, Minnesota with six of their children in the household. Her marital status was given as single.

The following was taken from the [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~blueea/township.html](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~blueea/township.html) web site. "Lime Township is one of the earliest settled townships in Blue Earth County. It was originally a part of the Kasota precinct and in 1855 it became a part of LeSueur County for a period of one year. Lime Township was restored to Blue Earth County in 1856 and it was created into a separate township in April 1858. James Rablin was the first settler in Lime Township. He located with his family on Section 32 in July 1852. Among the early settlers of 1853 were Evans Goodrich, Jared Lewis, Hiram Fuller, O. S. Redfield, Robert Wardlaw, William Wood, Henry Goodrich . . . The first meeting for the purpose of organizing the township was held May 11, 1858. Daniel Chapman was chosen chairman of the town board and Henry Goodrich was elected town clerk. Evans Goodrich was elected chairman of its first Board of Supervisors."

From the book History of the Minnesota Valley, published in 1882, on page 552, "Evans Goodrich, an old settler in Mankato, also carried a good stock of liquors. In 1880, he bought out the business started in 1871 by S. S. Ashby. Besides the above, there are over twenty saloons in town in addition to those connected with hotels."

The June 1, 1885 Minnesota State Census for Lime Township, Blue Earth County, Minnesota showed Evans being in the Franklin Goodrich household at the age of 56. Mary was not listed in the household. Evans was residing in Mankato at the time of the Lafayette Wallace Case book publication in 1889.

On November 8, 1890, Evans married Margaret Ann *Jones* Blake in Blue Earth County, Minnesota per the above mentioned marriage web site. The 1895 Minnesota State Census showed Evans, age 66, in Ward 2, Mankato, Blue Earth County, Minnesota. Margaret A. Goodrich, age 37, and Lillian Blake, age 22, are also in the household.

Evans died on July 2, 1899 at the age of 70 years, 11 months and 26 days.

Mary *Rathburn* Goodrich was born April 3, 1839 in Minersville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. She was found in Mankato for the 1900, 1910 and 1920 US Censuses. She must have moved to Mapleton, Minnesota between 1920 and 1930 as she was in the 1930 US Census for Mapleton. Mary died March 3, 1933 at the home of her son, Franklin Evans Goodrich, in

Mapleton, Blue Earth County, Minnesota. Both Evans and Mary are buried in the Glenwood Cemetery, Mankato, Blue Earth County, Minnesota but in different plots.

Evans had an interesting life that took him from New York to Minnesota, to Virginia in the Civil War and back to Minnesota. Evans and Mary had seven children -- George Henry, Franklin Evans, Gertrude Elizabeth, William Spencer, Ottilia Jane, Harry Rathburn and Mabel Alice. More about them can be found at this website <http://sites.google.com/site/evansgoodrichfamily/>

Margaret Goodrich was in the 1900 US Census for Ward 2, Mankato, Blue Earth County, Minnesota as a 42 year old widow with a birth date of May 1858 being born in Wisconsin having been married for nine years. She was in the 1920 US Census for Wadena, Wadena County, Minnesota as a 60 year old widow in her own home. Her widowed daughter, Lillian Bullard, age 46, was in the household. Lillian's husband, Clarence Eugene Bullard, died April 4, 1916 in Wadena County, Minnesota per Minnesota Historical Society Death Certificate Index.

Margaret Goodrich was in the 1930 US Census for Fergus Falls State Hospital, Fergus Falls, Otter Tail County, Minnesota as a 72-year-old patient born in Wisconsin. Per the Minnesota Historical Society's MN Death Certificate Index, Margaret died July 30, 1935 in Otter Tail County, Minnesota.

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### **Evans Goodrich Descendants Family Reunion, July 3, 2011**

*~ Betty Goodrich*

On Sunday, July 3, 2011, descendants of Evans Goodrich, one of the founders of Mankato, Minnesota, gathered for a family reunion held at the Blue Earth County Fairgrounds, Garden City, Minnesota. This was the first major family reunion since the early 1980's when a reunion was held at the Pemberton School Gym, Pemberton, Minnesota. Smaller family reunions have been held during those intervening years.

One hundred twenty five relatives who came from eight states attended this years' reunion. All those in attendance were descendants of Evans's second son, Franklin Evans Goodrich. The eldest son, George Henry Goodrich, died unmarried.

Sons Harry Rathburn Goodrich and William Spencer Goodrich remained in Minnesota; both married. Gertrude Goodrich married Peter Purrier and moved to California as did her sisters, Ottilia Goodrich who married George Risinger, and Mabel Goodrich who married Ed Williams.

A committee of eight people spent nearly two years in planning the reunion and tracking down far-flung descendants. A family booklet printed in 1984 provided many names, but locating the various families proved to be difficult. We were able to make contact with descendants of Mabel (Goodrich) Williams, who died in California. None of those descendants were able to attend but did provide family information and their regrets for not being able to join us. Letters, e-mails and phone calls were made to others who we believed to be descendants of those families moving to California, but received no response. We were also able to get in contact with some of the descendants of Henry Goodrich (younger brother of Evans), who also came to Minnesota in the early 1850's. None of Henry's family was able to attend.



Several displays were set up in the reunion building. One large four foot by eight-foot display featured a descendant chart showing five generations of the Evans Goodrich family. Smaller displays were made for the Henry Goodrich family, and our relationship to the B. F. Goodrich of tire fame.

During the day a continuous slide show was available for all to view. It was made up of old family pictures, maps, and other related items. Several copies of that slide presentation were made available for families to take home with them.

Copies of the 1984 booklet of family information had been placed on the tables to allow the attendees to view and to add and/or correct the information that had been collected over several years by our two family historians.

Following a potluck lunch, with smoked pulled pork sandwiches provided by the reunion committee, there was plenty of time for picture-taking, reminiscing, and just visiting.

For those wishing to stay a little longer, a bus tour of various places that relate to Evans and other descendants was given. During the bus tour a running commentary about Evans' life in the Mankato area was presented. It was interspersed with the many stops that were made. Places visited included the home where Evans Goodrich died, the general location of his first cabin in Mankato, the farm he later lived on, Glenwood Cemetery where Evans, his first wife, Mary (Rathburn) Goodrich, and their eldest son, George Henry Goodrich are buried. Glenwood Cemetery is also the final resting place of Henry Goodrich and several of his descendants, as well as the mother of Mary Goodrich, Catherine Cole. Other stops included the Pilgrims Rest Cemetery, the home of Marvin S. Goodrich, the home of Ray and Neva Goodrich at the time of their death, farm location of Ray Goodrich, the village of Pemberton, Minnesota, and Medo Central Cemetery which is the final resting place for Franklin Evans Goodrich and many of his children and their families.

Following the reunion, the committee has continued to meet. We are in the process of making all the corrections and additions provided by the reunion and getting that into a booklet form for those who showed interest in purchasing copies of it. It has also been recommended that someone should host a descendant's reunion every five years with the next one to be held on July 3, 2016.

Also, as a result of the reunion, a website has been created for the Evans Goodrich Family: (<http://sites.google.com/site/evansgoodrichfamily/>). An e-mail account has also set up through the site so other family members can make contact with the current reunion committee: ([evansgoodrichfamily@gmail.com](mailto:evansgoodrichfamily@gmail.com)). It is hoped that we would be able to make contact with other descendants of Evans Goodrich so the family history can continue to be updated and have more of the descendants at the next reunion.



## **The Beautification of Poverty Lane, Project of Mary Hopkins Goodrich**

*~ Delores Goodrick Beggs*

Mary Hopkins Goodrich was born in Stockbridge, Massachusetts in 1814<sup>2</sup> and died 12 Feb. 1895.<sup>3</sup> She married, as his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife,<sup>9</sup> Hon. John Zacheus Goodrich,<sup>6</sup> born in Sheffield Massachusetts, 27 Sep. 1894<sup>9</sup>, a former Lt. Governor of Massachusetts.<sup>10</sup>

Mary was left an orphan at the tender age of 2 years, and was brought up by her older sister. She was born with a love of nature, and at the young age of five years<sup>2</sup> planted the first of many trees she would plant.

After an extended stay in the South, she returned to Massachusetts to find the village cemetery in a neglected state and children living on a wretched street known as "Poverty Lane." With the assistance of the children, she was able to plant a tree for every child, for the children to care for themselves, and together they transformed Poverty Lane into one of the prettiest streets in the village.<sup>2,3</sup> She didn't stop there. Her tireless work with her Village Improvement Association led Stockbridge, Massachusetts, to be termed the "most perfectly kept village in the United States" and Mary Hopkins Goodrich became known as the mother of village improvement societies in the United States.

Mary Hopkins married Hon. John Z. Goodrich,<sup>9</sup> who was of a like mind with her village beautification work, and who contributed a handsome new stone library on Main Street.<sup>4</sup>

John Z. Goodrich and his first wife, Sarah Worthington, married 19 Apr. 1831<sup>9</sup> (she died 22 Dec. 1856.<sup>11</sup>) They had daughters:

- a. Mary W.<sup>7</sup> Goodrich, daughter of John Z. and Sarah W. Goodrich, b. 1836,<sup>12</sup> married 17 Sep 1861 Joseph R. French, son of Joseph J. and Julia A. French.<sup>12</sup>
- b. Sarah W.<sup>7</sup> b. abt. 1835
- c. Isabella Landon Goodrich.<sup>7</sup> b. abt. 1845,<sup>7</sup> married 01 June 1864 Mr. John Minot Fiske, who was deputy collector of the port,<sup>5</sup> under John Z. Goodrich.

No children are shown for the marriage of Mary G. Hopkins and John Z. Goodrich. John Z. Goodrich died 19 Apr. 1885.<sup>10</sup>

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## Michigan Goodrich Research Opportunity

If you believe you have a Goodrich ancestor who died in Michigan between 1867 and 1897, check the Michigan Department of Community Health Genealogical Death Indexing System website at <http://www.mdch.state.mi.us/pha/osr/gendisx/search2.htm>

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## Some Goodrich Books

A Goodrich Family Tree; The American Ancestors of Many Children in an American Ancestor Album, by Merton T. Goodrich, Keene, NH, 1932.

Mayflower Ancestry of Elizabeth Ely Goodrich and Her Descendants, by Inglis Stuart, Rhinebeck, NY. 1932.

Samuel Goodrich of Chesterfield, NH; His ancestors and His Descendants, by Samuel Atherton, Muskegon MI 1942.

The Goodrich Family, by S. V. Talcott, New York NY, 1912

The Goodrich Family in America; A Genealogy of the Descendants of John and William Goodrich, by Lafayette W. Case, Chicago, IL, 1889

The Goodrich Family Memorial: Part One. Containing the English History of the Family, as Collected by the Late Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich, by Hiram Goodrich, Chicago, IL 1883

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## New Research Records Available

*~from Delores' e-mailbox*

Were you thinking there was nothing new to discover in research records lately? There is!  
[www.ancestry.com/vitals](http://www.ancestry.com/vitals) (paid subscription)

Vital Records databases include these updated ones.

Town clerks began recording births by 1650

Connecticut, Deaths and Burials, 1650-1934

Maryland, Births and Christenings, 1662-1911

New Hampshire, Death and Burial Records, 1654-1949

New Hampshire, Marriage Records, 1637-1947

New Jersey, Births and Christenings, 1660-1931

This is just a partial listing; for example, I also found needed Wisconsin vital records. You can select to search the vital records by state.

Birth records can include information about baptisms and christenings, as well as birth certificates and registers. Marriage records tend to be the oldest vital records and can include consent affidavits - typically for individuals under legal age, declarations of intent, banns, bonds, contracts, licenses, certificates, registers and returns. Death records may include death certificates, burial records, cemetery records, and other documents such as probate records, court minutes, and coroner's records.

[www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org) (free)

The following U.S.A. vital-records oriented databases have been added or updated since October 2, 2011.

[California County Marriages, 1850-1952](#)

[Illinois Probate Records 1819-1970 – Browsable Imaged Records](#)

[Iowa County Births 1880-1935](#)

- [United States Birth & Christening Records Found at FamilySearch.org](#)
- [United States Marriage Documents & Indexes Found at FamilySearch.org](#)
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## Women's Words: A Glossary

*~ compiled by Carole McCarty*

In legal documents, many terms can be used to refer to women. Here are just a few. Do you know these definitions?

**Administratrix:** a woman assigned by the court to administer an estate where there is no valid will.

**Concubine:** a woman who lives with a man to whom she is not married.

**Consort:** companion; term for when the woman predeceased her husband.

**Dower:** a legal provision for a woman's support and that of her children after her husband's death; typically one-third of the husband's property; also known as "widow's thirds."

**Dowry:** property the bride brings to her marriage.

**Et ux:** and wife; often used in deeds.

**Executrix:** the woman named in a will to distribute the estate.

**Grass widow:** a woman whose husband had deserted her; also used to refer to a woman who has illegitimate children or to a discarded common-law wife.

**Relict:** a widow.

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## Goodrich Family Association Research Resources – **Some NEW Ones!**

A limited number of the fine reprint copies of the 1889, *The Goodrich Family in America* edited by Lafayette Case, have been located and are now available at \$45.00 per book, shipping

included. To order a copy, send your check, made out to Peter L. Goodrich, and your name and mailing address, to:

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The book may also be downloaded free from Google books.

***The Descendants of William Homer Goodrich of Wethersfield, Connecticut through his 6th Great Grandson William Homer Goodrich of Beerston, New York***, compiled by Victor Burton Goodrich, complete with four appendices is available by request, paper copies only. Contact: [gfagenealogy@yahoo.com](mailto:gfagenealogy@yahoo.com).

***Genealogy of Goodriches of Sharon, CT***, compiled by Lindy Allen from the Goodrich deeds and probate of Sharon, CT from the beginning of the records until about 1840. Available by request. Contact: [gfagenealogy@yahoo.com](mailto:gfagenealogy@yahoo.com). For more details, please see the article by Lindy Allen on page 29 of Volume 2, Issue 4, September 6, 2006 of the GFA Quarterly

***Still Hill Cemetery, So. Glastonbury, CT*** Goodrich gravestone transcriptions and GPS taken 02 July 2007.

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- One Branch of James Goodrich b. 1721 CT Research Documentation***: send email request for a copy of the documentation, together with your name and postal address, to Delores at [gfaelores@verizon.net](mailto:gfaelores@verizon.net)
- Pittsfield, Massachusetts Vital Records***, births, marriages, includes many marriage “intentions” transcribed by Michael Phelps from FHL film #1902437
- 1850 – 1880 Federal Census Mortality Schedules***, these records may include the individual’s year of death, month, state, county, age, occupation and cause of death.
- Goodrich, Goodridg and Goodridge, Vital Records of Newbury Massachusetts***, 1:184, 185, 2:196-7
- Nebraska WWI Draft Cards Goodrich Index***: Name, Birthdate, Birthplace, City/County
- Gravestone Symbols/Emblems, and Their Meanings*** found in 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century cemeteries, found in 19<sup>th</sup> century cemeteries, current.
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- History of Wayne County, PA***, Phineas G. Goodrich, Honesdale, Penn.
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- NEW! Confederate and Union listing of Goodrich Civil War Service records** (total 3,263,363 combined records)

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It may be the love of noble deeds,  
Perchance 'tis pride, but he who reads  
Of these who did and dared and died –  
Then be it love or be it pride,  
There is a link that seems to hold  
Us bound to ancestors of old.

*~Author unknown*

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