

# Goodrich Gospel

Edited by George Farrell

## FRONT PAGE NEWS

### GFA GENEALOGIST/HISTORIAN

#### Delores Goodrick Beggs

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While I have never met Delores face-to-face, we have been emailing and chatting for about 2 months. Early on I became convinced that she would be the ideal genealogist for the GFA. A brief biography is on page 6. Delores lives in Sun City, CA. We are in the process of shipping our files and records to her. She hopes to have them organized and functioning by the end of Feb. 06.

The Genealogist chairs the Genealogy. Committee The complete Position Description is on Page 13

#### **What Delores will do for you:**

- 1) Create descendant Data bases for immigrant Goodrich, Goodridge, Goodrick and other variants.
- 2) Enter the information presently in

#### Why a Family Association

1) Working on the ancestry of a particular branch can be difficult. Having the data available from many researchers in one location may save many hours of research.

GFA files into these data bases.

- 3) Accept member's data, verify, and add to data bases as possible.
- 4) Search GFA files to answer member's email queries. (no individual outside research)
- 5) Answer member's emailed questions regarding research.
- 6) Develop a file of research sources and tips that members can access.
- 7) Work with our graphic designer to develop user friendly web page(s) and blog(s).
- 8) Develop a frequently asked question (FAQ) file for GFA web page.
- 9) Host a GFA private chat room. Hours to be determined.
- 10) Develop a file of Goodrich and collateral name biographies and notes that can be sent to related members, and may become the basis of a book.

- 2) Because many sources are available, hints to other lines are generated.
- 3) Someone is checking your research for errors.
- 4) Connections to many genea-

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#### Special points of interest:

- Association News
- Proposed Constitution
- Money matters
- We have a genealogist
- DNA testing

# OTHER ASSOCIATION NEWS

We are making good progress. We should be up and running very soon. About my involvement: I am results oriented. Feel free to be totally honest. All suggestions are more than welcome. This is your Association and I hope it will continue long after I am just one of the entries. I am seeking no office nor wish to handle money.

Membership: There are more than 150 who have responded positively to the first email. I feel at least 100 will become Charter members. Until then, you are Members of the revived Association. By the time the Constitution is adopted we may have 100 members.

Proposed Constitution : It is difficult to work around the fact that we are widespread, and don't really know each other. Such things as money handling etc. come to mind. On the positive side, we have been experimenting with a private chat room. For the present time, it appears to be a satisfactory way of contacting each other, to hold meetings and to vote on issues. It will become more sophisticated as we progress.

Temporary Trustees I have asked four charter members from 1980's and our new genealogist to serve as temporary trustees to help with the many things that need to be done. All

have a long standing interest in Goodrich genealogy.

Everything I am doing is presented to them. However, we need and want your input. Any ideas or questions you may have are welcomed.

Dave Goodrich, PhD, management psychologist and genealogy buff who resides in Florida. He has been to England at least twice searching for Goodrich connections. Although he and I agree that there is no proven connection of Goodrich to Goodrich Castle, he simply likes castles as do I. Dave has been there twice. The last time when nearby Goodrich village donated and installed a stained glass window in the ancient castle chapel.

If you Google Goodrich Castle there are a number of sites with excellent pictures and interesting history.

Joyce Goodrich, PhD, teaching psychologist and genealogy buff as well. Joyce lives in NYC and often spends time in Northern Wis. She and her sister financed and reprinted Case's Goodrich Family that has been mentioned in my emails. Her ancestor Grant Goodrich was one of those who spearheaded Case's book as was my Great Grandfather.

Carole McCarty, Board member of the Illinois State Genealogy Society. Very active in genealogy and a Goodrich descendant. Carole resides in St. Charles, Ill. Carole spearheaded the Oct. 15 ISGS Conference in Itasca, IL.

Kay Waterloo, our temporary Treasurer. She is Carole McCarty's sister. They have long been active researchers. Kay works with her husband and resides in Greenwood, IN near Indianapolis.

Delores Goodrick Beggs, one of our newer members, and our new genealogist. She has compiled and published "The Goodricks Of Kansas," and two other genealogical books. She has won awards for her genealogical and other writings. She is a member of the Genealogical Club of Sun City, CA. Delores has presented us with many new sources and given us many helpful suggestions. Delores' Goodrick line traces to early Virginia and, as was common at the time, Goodrich became Goodrick.

It is one of the brick walls she hopes to penetrate.

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## Some words about money

I don't know how to put it gently. But just lay it out as best as I can. The biggest start up cost is shipping 30-40 boxes of records to Delores, our genealogist, in Sun City, CA. Estimated cost of packing and shipping is about \$1500. We have been investigating registering a domain name and having it hosted by

Yahoo. Costs of start-up approx. \$50, and monthly charges of about \$12. Some of the original members have indicated they will help a lot, but we will need donations and/or advance registration fees from members.

In order to save time and get the Association started, we would like to proceed as

quickly as possible.

KAY WATERLOO, one of our temporary trustees, has agreed to serve as treasurer until one is elected. She has opened a GFA checking account.

Checks may be mailed to:

Goodrich Family Association  
%Kay Waterloo  
328 Linden Ridge Trail  
Greenwood, IN 46142-9228

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**I am beginning to learn Microsoft Publisher.** Notice I have added Page numbers. We will number pages of every volume from 1 to the end of the year. Thus this begins with 5. The next will begin with 16. Wish me luck.. By Dec. 1 there will be another newsletter with forms for membership, nominations, etc. **Any of you good at creating such forms and want to help, let me know!!!**

## GREAT WEB SITES FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

Continuing my listing of favorite sites that will help with all names not just Goodrich.

[www.rays-place.com](http://www.rays-place.com)

It is one of the best I have found recently. Ray's Place "Explore New England's Past" is, as it says: "3,100 pages and still growing." In addition to sales of books, etc. There are hundreds of free vital statistics on line. Do



SEARCHING THE WEB

surname or full name searches. Browse the site thoroughly to find all the goodies.

Be sure to click on the AHGP button. It will take you to the American History and Genealogy Project. I have not explored that site fully but what I have found is excellent.

[www.nationalatlas.gov](http://www.nationalatlas.gov)

This is a government site that has maps of all the states. You can click on the features you want to show. It is a good way to identify counties. It is not as good as [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com) and similar sites for roads, streets and travel directions.

## LITTLE KNOWN RESEARCH TIPS

### National Union Catalog

The National Union Catalog is a little known guide for locating published books and other material. This occupies 50 feet or so of library shelf space and indexes published material cataloged by the Library of Congress. The complete set indexes from 1500 through at least 1956. It is indexed by author and Library of Congress number. Depending on the individual Library it may consist of two or more sets covering different periods of time. Not all libraries have the Catalog, but those with good reference departments usually do. If your local library doesn't have a set, call your local colleges and universities or any large metro library and ask.

The first time you want to use the catalog, talk to the reference librarian and see if you can get help. Sometimes the catalog is in the stacks and other times

in reserved space. If you get on good terms with the librarians they will often let you browse rather than presenting them with a long list of references to look up.

Publication dates are noted in each entry so you can tell if they have been reprinted. This is important if you are going to try and obtain books through interlibrary loan since many old books won't be loaned while the reprints will.

Each entry may have a coded locator guide identifying libraries known to have copies of the indexed books. In other cases the locator guide is a separate set of volumes. The librarian can advise you. Another way of using the catalog is to see if your family member has published material.

Search by name you may be surprised. I have.

## LOCATING HARD TO FIND BOOKS AND REFERENCE MATERIALS

A good place to find references to family histories is:

"Genealogies in the Library of Congress"

a multi-volume set of books available in most genealogy rooms in local libraries. Sometimes known by "blue books." When I find a reference I usually photocopy the entire reference so I have all the information when I go to the National Union Catalog.

# The Goodriches sail to Hawaii

Many of you have probably read Michener's book Hawaii. It is the story of the first missionaries, and the conversion of many to Christianity. It traces the founding of pineapple and sugar plantations. While Michener's tale is fictional, it is based on fact and the combining of several historical figures into one.

In researching the records of the American Board of Foreign Missionaries I discovered that a John Goodrich volunteered to be on the first expedition to convert Hawaii. Since he was single, the board would not send him. So they selected a wife for him from the female volunteers. They were married



## UNLOCKING HISTORY

and set sail the next day. Theirs was the first white child born in Hawaii, and John converted the Hawaiian queen to Christianity after ascending the volcano Pele and "calming its eruption" through prayer. In Michener's book the main character stays in Hawaii to found plantations. John and his family returned to the

states, immigrating to Illinois near Galesburg. After farming for several years he founded a community called "Utopia." It has disappeared. What became of John is not known, YET!

## THIS SITE MAY SAVE YOU SOME GRIEF

<http://blacksheep.rootsweb.com/>

While this is a fun site of family black sheep and has some interesting stories, it also contains an excellent list of internet scams especially aimed at genealogists

When you call it up there will be a line-up of black sheep on the right.

Scroll down to **Genealogy Hall of Shame**. Enter and read up on the scams. It may save you some grief.

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## SAVING YOUR VALUABLE WORK

It is not enough to do your research and print it out or store it on disk. There are steps that you should take to insure that your work will last for many years to come. After all most of us do not do the research just for our selves but for future generations as well.

This is actually a very complex subject and each of us needs to understand the basics. Consider that we are concerned with preservation of history.

Items that we wish to preserve include old documents, computer printed pages, digital photos, CD's and DVD's, digital data on computers, newspaper clippings, microfilms, photocopies, laser or ink jet copies of originals, etc.

This is just the first of many columns on Archival and pres-

ervation methods.

As a beginning, study the web site listed on Page 15.

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Tips to help you protect your documents and printed works.

## DICTIONARIES

A good dictionary can help you greatly. Most libraries have Webster's Unabridged and it is good but many obsolete words are not included.

Oxford Dictionary of the English language (13 volumes) is better. Some better libraries have it. It contains many of the obsolete words found in

old wills and other documents; Sarah Marvin left her greater Stihlyard to one heir and the lesser to another.

I searched for years to discover what they were. Finally in the Oxford Dictionary I found the item. A Stihlyard is simply an ancient balance



scale like they used in farms and markets. Stihl is the German word for steel. ###

The word y<sup>e</sup> is not pronounced YE. The Y in old English is called a thorn or another th word. y<sup>e</sup> is pronounced "the"

## SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP

### HELP US NOTIFY HISTORICAL AND/OR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES

In every state, most counties, major cities, etc. there are organizations that are willing to list us in their card files and perhaps post a notice on their bulletin boards. Some might even include our flyer or information in their mailings. All I have seen have an email address.

We will prepare an email containing a 3 x 5 file card that could be printed on card stock and cut out. They could also print it on paper and past it to a file card. We will attach an 8-1/2 x 11 flyer suitable for a bulletin board. We would like it to be forwarded by email to every such organization we can find.

We will email a copy of the promotional letter with attachment to those interested in helping. Detailed suggestions for locating addressees will be provided

We need a number of members to volunteer for this task. Each member may select two or more states on a first come, first serve basis. There are about 50-75 counties per state. I have tested it, and it averages about ten minutes per organization. The only typing involved will be the email address. At the same time we can build a data base of these organizations that can be linked to our web site.

**Email me and let us know.**

### SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATIONS TO GOODRICHES

Many of you were located and invited to become a member by the following method:

I did a Google search for Goodrich. It produced 4.6 **million** hits (Goodriches mentioned in some link on the web). About half of these refer to the Goodrich Corporation ( B.F. Goodrich). The other hits produced lawyers, professors, artists, memorials, actors, teachers, farmers, athletes, store owners, garage owners, car dealers, old and young students, obits and almost every other possibility.

Each page lists about 20 links. I clicked on every one that appeared to link to a Goodrich person, and I sent them an email. The bottom of every Google page listed the page numbers. I worked through 50 pages and received about 80 answers, so we are on the way. I also bookmarked about 60 biographies of noted Goodriches

We need volunteers to assist in this project. All materials and instructions will be furnished. Initially each volunteer will have a block of pages so that your work won't be duplicated. By clicking on "next" at the bottom of the first Google page you can move to your pages. If you just minimize it you will not lose your place.

**Any helpers out there?**

## WHY AN ENROLLMENT FEE AND HOW IT WILL BE USED?

While being a web based organization saves postage, paper, copies, etc.; there are other costs of operating an efficient and successful organization.

Part of the enrollment fees will be used immediately to defray the expense of our web site and blog pages. We also want to register a domain name so email addresses can be transferred as officers change, etc.

There will be software purchases, and possibly additional hard drive space. Minimal postage, and other office expense. Membership in genealogical organi-

zations, etc. Purchase of archival supplies will come up.

One major expense will be shipping all of my material to our genealogist.

There will also be the costs connected with sending some of my handwritten family group sheets to members for entry in PC.

A full and complete accounting will be furnished to every member.

# PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GOODRICH FAMILY ASSOCIATION .....10/28/05

## Article I: NAME

The name of the Association is: **THE GOODRICH FAMILY ASSOCIATION**

This is a reactivation of The Goodrich Family Association formed in 1981 by George W. Farrell.

## Article II: MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to preserve and disseminate the history of the Goodrich Family; and to help in the genealogical study of the family In particular to study the impact that one early family has had on the U.S.This includes but is not limited to Goodrich, Goodridge, Goodrick, Gutridge, Godric and similar variants. Members are encouraged to form groups within the association to concentrate on one or more branches. Collateral names are welcome.

## Article III: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Voting membership is open to all direct or collateral descendants of the Goodrich name, along with their husbands, wives, children, and widows or widowers. Non-voting membership is open to all interested persons.

The Association has three voting Membership classifications: **Member, Family, and Contributing.** Each is entitled to one vote. Family membership includes all persons living at the same email address. Each member shall receive a free emailed newsletter sent quarterly, or oftener as the occasion demands.

A **one time enrollment fee** equal to the annual dues is payable upon enrollment.

**Annual dues from June 1 through May 30:  
prorated annually**

<u>Member</u>	<u>Family</u>
one year = \$20.00	one year = \$25.00
three years = \$50.00	three years = \$60.00

Non-voting **Associate membership** shall be granted to all family members and to students away from home. Associate members pay no dues.

**Contributing Membership.** Any person who shall pay or pledge not less than \$50 in addition to membership dues shall be recognized as a contributing member.

**Unpaid, non-voting membership** may be granted to historical and/or genealogical societies and other such organizations or persons as may be approved by the President.

**Honorary memberships** may be granted by the Executive Board to persons who are deserving of such honor because of outstanding contributions to the Association.

## Article IV: MEETINGS

There shall be a general meeting of all members each year to be held during the month of May. Other meetings as deemed necessary by the Executive Board may be called on 60 days notice. All meetings may be conducted in private chat rooms created by the executive board, by conference call, or by email. The Presiding officer and secretary of each meeting shall save the entire meeting. It shall be made accessible to members on the GFA web site when operable.

The Executive Board shall determine the time and place of the general meetings. The agenda of the annual and biennial meetings shall include the election of officers, the presentation of reports of the Executive Board, and any other business deemed necessary.

## **Article V: QUORUMS AND VOTING**

Decisions of all matters that may come before the membership shall be determined by simple majority vote of those attending and voting providing that a quorum is in attendance. The President or presiding officer of any meeting shall only vote to break a tie. Quorums for Executive Board meetings shall consist of not less than 50% of the Board members. Forums for general or special meetings shall consist of 25% of all members including the Executive Board. Should it prove impossible to assemble a quorum for two consecutive scheduled meetings a third meeting shall be scheduled, and a quorum shall consist of those present.

## **Article VI: OFFICERS, and BOARD MEMBERS**

Elected officers of the Goodrich Family Association shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a second Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer, and no less than four trustees at large. Elections may be held at a general meeting or by email voting. Such elections shall be determined by the person receiving 50% of all votes cast. If the initial elected officers and trustees are elected before May 30, 2006 they shall serve until May 30, 2007.

The Executive Board shall consist of all elected officers and trustees.

The term of each trustee shall be for four years and so arranged that at least two Trustees shall be elected at each general meeting. All officers shall serve for a two-year term and are eligible to succeed themselves. Vacancies shall be filled by majority vote of the Executive Board.

Until such time as this Constitution shall be adopted by the membership and regular elections be held, temporary trustees shall be appointed by George Farrell with concurrence of the temporary trustees. They shall serve until the membership can be polled for approval of the Constitution which shall not be later than February 28, 2006 with regular elections scheduled for April 30, 2006.

60 days prior to a general meeting the President shall appoint a three member Nominating Committee from the membership of the Association and shall designate its Chairman. The Nominating Committee shall nominate persons for each office of the Association and for each Trustee position needing to be filled at the next general meeting of the Association, and shall report all such nominations in writing, emailed to every member at least one month in advance of said meeting. Individual members may run for office by requesting to be placed on the ballot not less than 60 days prior to the election.

All outgoing officers and committee chairs shall make all records and correspondence pertaining to their respective offices available to their successors no later than 15 days after their terms of office expire. During his/her term of office copies of all pertinent documents shall be retained by the archivist who shall be the President. Whenever possible all such information shall be stored on disk in .PDF format.

## **Article VI COMMITTEES AND FILLING VACANT OFFICES**

**STANDING COMMITTEES:** The Executive Board shall create the following standing committees consisting of one or more persons: Membership, Genealogy/History, Newsletter, Finance, and Reunions.

The Executive Board has the authority to create other committees, appoint all committee chairpersons, and make such appointments as deemed necessary to the well being of the Association, including the appointment of a person to fill any office that may become vacant. Any special appointments shall be considered ended with the election of new officers.

## **Article VII AMMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

The Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the members present and voting at a general meeting. The Executive Board or any member of the Association may propose an amendment by notifying the President in writing of the substance of the amendment at least sixty days prior to the next general meeting. Before an amendment can be voted upon, every member will be emailed a copy of the proposed amendment at least one month in advance of said meeting.

### **Bylaws**

**Article I –DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD** It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to meet at least semi-annually to administer the family association during the interval between the general meetings; to determine the order of business and approve the program for the general meetings; to fill executive vacancies until the next election of officers; to provide communication channels for the members of the Association; and to perform such other duties as may necessary for the good of the Association.

The Board shall also meet to administer the affairs of the Association at such other times as are deemed necessary by, and at the call of, the President. Times and places for all meetings shall be as directed by the President. Official meetings of the Executive Board may be conducted by private chat rooms or other alternative methods. Special meetings may be called by any three members of the Executive Board upon 60 days notice. Purpose of the special meeting shall be provided members of the board at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

**Article II DUTIES OF PRESIDENT** It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all general meetings of the Association; to preside at the meetings of the Executive Board; to exercise a general supervision over the Association; to call special meetings of the Executive Board as deemed necessary; to submit to the membership a report of all official acts of the Executive Board; and to keep the general membership informed of all actions carried out in the name of the Association.

**Article III DUTIES OF VICE PRESIDENT** It shall be the duty of the Vice President to carry out policies of the Association by developing and administering specific programs as approved by the Executive Board within the assigned areas of activity; to assist the President in all matters pertaining to the activities of the Association; to act on behalf of the President in his/her absence.

On the demise or resignation of the President, the Vice President shall serve as President until the next general meeting and election.

It shall be the duty of the Second Vice President to perform any of the duties of the Vice President in the absence or incapacity of that officer, or, upon the call of the President.

**Article IV DUTIES OF TREASURER** The Treasurer shall:

- Open a checking account in the name of the Goodrich Family Association. Authorized signatures shall be the Treasurer **or** the President
- Deposit all monies received in said account.
- Disburse budgeted or authorized association funds from said account.
- In consort with the executive Committee and committee chairpersons prepare an annual budget to be submitted to the executive committee for approval or revision. The budget approved by the executive committee shall be emailed to the membership at least 30 days before the annual meeting at which time the budget shall be submitted for approval.



## Article V DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHAIRS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

To develop a position description for the committee they chair to be approved by the executive board. Seek volunteers for their committee from the membership as may be necessary to fulfill the mission statement.

Prepare a quarterly summary of activities for publication in the newsletter.

## Article VI DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF GENEALOGIST/HISTORIAN

### Mission Statement:

To create and maintain accurate Goodrich Family online Files that will set the standard for Goodriches (and alternate spellings) everywhere. To verify new member records and merge into existing database(s). To perform or support Goodrich Family Association projects that involve the use of the database and files. To disseminate database information as requested by Members and Executive board.

### Genealogist Responsibilities:

1. Create Family files of existing and future data.
2. Collect and receive biographical information on Goodriches and collateral lines. Place in PC files that may be searched by members.
3. Using data files or GFA books and documents Respond to simple queries from members (No research.)
3. Respond to email questions from members.
4. Support continual development and update of a FAQ file for GFA web page.
5. Miscellaneous (respond to Executive and trustee questions, provide bio data for newsletter as requested.
6. Chair the Genealogical/.Historical Committee

### The Association will provide:

1. Necessary additional software, Ancestry. COM and other memberships as approved by the Board,
2. Repair/replacement of computer and/or printer repair or replacement if necessary due to Association related damage/crash. Receipts & report copy required for reimbursement.
3. All expenses of Association business including shipping, disks, postage, printer paper, ink. Any printing/copying expenses for executive-preapproved books or booklets. Receipts copy required for reimbursement.
4. Free Goodrich Family Association membership for the tenure of holding position.

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## LEGAL HELP REQUESTED

If there are any members that are lawyers or with legal experience who have read the proposed constitution, we would really appreciate any comments or suggestions. Especially if you see us getting into trouble.

Once the association is running, it should incorporate and register as a not-for-profit corporation.

Whether GFA can qualify for status so membership fees or donations are deductible is questionable.

Ultimately I think GFA should start a trust fund.

In the long run, it would help insure that the Association would continue.

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logical societies willing to do look ups from data not on line. Such things as local histories, obits, etc.

4) Association members to help with questions and queries.

5) If not an active researcher, learn about your greater family history from newsletters and references

6) Just being part of a family and discover close family members that you didn't know existed..

7) As the Association files grow, have access to vital records collected by other members. It can reduce cost and time sending for records from govt. agencies

8) Having people familiar with the family to help with suggestions. It can avoid duplicate research.

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### **What We Cannot Do**

1) Although we may be able to provide information on an individual including our sources and biographical data, GFA is not obligated to send for vital records or to purchase or do interlibrary exchanges.

2) There will be no charges for on-line data, Those re-

questing paper copies of vital records or pages of biographical data will be charged a modest fee for copying and mailings. Members may request a quote until such time as costs can be determined and a price list published.

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## **WHAT'S THIS ABOUT DNA TESTING?**

There have been many attempts to prove the ancestry of Ens. William Goodrich of Wethersfield, William Goodridge/Goodrich of Watertown, William Goodrich that came to Virginia as well as other immigrants. Some pedigrees show connections to people with varying spellings. Most common is Goodrick(e). Matthew Goodrich in UK and others have done extensive research from earliest days on a well-established Godrick lineage. All early records have been Goodrick(e). Knowing how early records were kept, it was often at the whim of the record keeper. Most people were illiterate. John Goodrich dictated his will and the name is spelled three ways in the same document. Another problem is the condition of the records and the gradual change in the way letters were formed. Can any of us read Chaucer in the original? It is entirely possible that Goodrich/ Goodridge/ Goodricke in U.S. as well as Goodrich/Goodridge in UK and other parts of the world have a common ancestor. The connection may or may not be tenuous. DNA testing can determine this. The starting point would be an all male 5 generation pedigree from each branch to be tested. Dave Good-

rich has stated he will be tested. That will start the Ens William Goodrich line. Matthew Goodrich in UK is another line. This is probably where we would start along with Delores' Goodrick line through her brother. At present no GFA funds are committed..

There is a site that explains the process. GFA has been selected as administrator for the Goodrich project and it covers all variations. Non-GFA members who wish to use this method will be able to compare the results with others in the project. Delores has been following this more closely than I. She will be writing a column about DNA testing in a future newsletter.

Those that wish to get more information can go to:

<http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/g/goodrich/>

Delores has already contacted her brother and he has submitted his sample. Matthew Goodrich in UK has said he is interested. If you wish to get the forms, email Delores at:

[gfagenealogy@yahoo.com](mailto:gfagenealogy@yahoo.com)

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Goodrich Family Association  
email only at this time unless you  
wish to talk about the Association.  
No phone queries or look-ups at  
this time.

Phone: 815-788-8781  
Fax: 815-788-8791  
Email: gwfgood@aol.com

Our roots go deep

OUR WEB SITE IS COMING

### WHAT IS COMING

**Membership Application**

**Domain name**

**More on submitting your data**

**More on protecting your files.**

**And much more.**

## Samuel Griswold Goodrich website

<http://www.library.pitt.edu/libraries/is/enroom/goodrich/goodrich.htm>

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### MONEY MATTERS, CONT.

Once I know money is coming  
in I will advance the packing and  
shipping charges.

If you prefer to wait I can under-  
stand that, but some of you of-  
fered to help with your first re-  
ply. That is why I am somewhat  
comfortable with making this re-  
quest. Mark the checks as dona-  
tion or advance enrollment fee  
so we can credit you properly.

A full accounting will be given  
and any surplus will be depos-  
ited in the new Treasurer's Ac-  
count. By then we should have  
an Association ID number.

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The web address above is totally  
about Samuel Griswold Goodrich  
better known by his pen name of  
"Peter Parley." Samuel was the  
most prolific author in early US  
history. He has been called the  
founder of US publishing. Sam-  
uel also wrote an autobiography  
that has been reprinted. You  
should be able to find it through  
interlibrary loan. It is fascinating.  
Go to the web site first, and if you  
find him interesting do a Google  
search for that name. There is  
much information out there.

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Preservation of Research [http://www.washingtontechnology.com/news/17\\_23/federal/20235-1.html](http://www.washingtontechnology.com/news/17_23/federal/20235-1.html)

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### Digital records

I am just beginning to understand  
the problem. It was discussed in a  
IEEE Journal, and it gave me a jolt.  
How many of us that have been us-  
ing computers for some time have  
old floppy disks with data that can't  
be recovered. The protocol has  
changed. Picture your great, great  
grandchild trying to read one of  
your carefully prepared CD's. Will  
he or she be able to do it.? Under  
present standards and regulations,  
possibly not.. However, there is a  
light on the horizon.

The long web address above will  
take you to an article that is titled:  
e-documents need E-preservation. It  
points out that the Fed government  
presently uses some 4800 different  
records formats.

An International committee is de-  
veloping a standard based on Adobe  
Acrobat (PDF) format. It is referred  
to as PDF/A. At present it is my  
recommendation to try and preserve  
completed records in .PDF format.  
To do this you will need a .PDF  
writer. There are several free share-  
ware programs on the web that  
have worked quite well for me. In

fact, these newsletters are in that for-  
mat. You also may buy the writer  
from Adobe at their website.  
More later.

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