

Goodrich Gospel

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New Goodrich Gospel Begins

As you can see, I am beginning to find my way through the electronic publishing world. This Heading is strictly temporary. In fact the entire document format is temporary. More about this on page ?.

This is Vol. 1 No. 1 of the new series. As soon as we can fix on a design I will be scanning text from the old Goodrich Gospels and work it into the new format.

Eventually we will be seeking a member as editor. I certainly am willing to help, contribute articles and data.

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RESEARCH TIPS

www.topozone.com is an excellent free topographical map site that will permit you to view and search all of the United States Geographic and Coastal survey maps. It takes a little practice to get used to it and how to word the searches. For example, if you search only for Goodrich you will get a list of 13 locations. I have found that early settlers to a new area frequently took their place names with them. It can suggest places to search. For example, residents from Wethersfield, CT settled Wethersfield, VT and named it.



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Mailing lists

I am developing mailing lists from replies that indicate you are interested in more information. If this newsletter is the first thing you receive from us. Be sure to send an email reply requesting more info or you will not be added to the list.

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Communicating with GFA

At present We will be using only email to try and avoid problems with filters. If you have a spam blocker disable it for our email address: gwfgood@aol.com Newsletters will be sent as a PDF file attached to an

email for you to download and save.

For the present I ask you to use only email when sending to us We certainly will receive smail and FAX in the future.

What the Newsletters will contain

While the contents of any single issue will vary, in general each issue will address

- 1) GFA business: Officers, Trustees, new projects, etc.
- 2) Membership growth and ways to contact members.
- 3) Bits of history involving Goodriches or closely related collateral lines.



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- 4) Research libraries
- 5) Corrections to errors in research
- 6) Newly discovered family members
- 7) Links to re-search sites
- 8) Photos of locations importance to Goodriches

THE GOODRICH NAME

In researching for Goodriches I have found that the spelling can vary greatly. Goodrich, Goodridge, Goodrick, Gutteridge, Guttrick, etc. search for them all.. In the will of John Goodrich the name is spelled three different ways.

BITS OF GOODRICH HISTORY

Marcus Aurelius Goodrich

B. 1897 in TX; d. 1991 in Richmond, VA; m. Screen actress Olivia DeHaviland. Marcus is descended from early lines of VA Goodriches. We have his lineage which includes Benjamin Briggs Goodrich the Chief Surgeon at the battle of San Jacinto, TX fighting under Sam Houston. Benjamin's brother John died at the Alamo, childless. Marcus wrote one published novel: "Delilah" which won the

Pulitzer Prize and was made into a movie. He spent some years in Hollywood as a screenwriter. He is best known for his work on "It's a Wonderful Life."

We spent 2 days with Marcus in the 80's. A delightful person. Very interested in genealogy and had many pages of research on the VA Goodrich

lines. We have sent emails to his attorney and friend to try and get his files. Excellent bio of Marcus at: <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.net/magoodrich.htm>

Marcus A. Goodrich and Frances Goodrich were noted screenwriters. They worked together on "It's a Wonderful Life." and Frances G. was principle screenwriter for The Diary of Ann Frank. Marcus married Olivia DeHaviland . More on Frances another time.

Membership Fees and Other Such Considerations

This is one of the things where I am going to look to our members for their ideas. Searching other family associations for their dues I find they vary from \$15 to \$25 a year. My first thought is in the middle: \$20 per calendar year. There are many incidental expenses such as membership in

other genealogical societies, postage, office supplies, computer software.



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Research Tips—Ideas that can help you with any names

These ideas may originate with the editors or may come from members. If you have discovered things that may help others get through those brick walls, email us with Research Tips in the Subject box.



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site from Jamie Lee. It is a used book store specializing in family histories. You can search by Surname and in some cases by both names.

names. Many of the books are indexed on line and you can see names in the indexes.

You can then search libraries for the titles and try to get them through inter library exchange:

<http://stores.ebay.com/Tharpes-Rare-Books-and-CDs>

We received the following web

You will get a list of books for sale that have info on those

About the Association

- 1) Join together in researching the history of the Goodrich Family and its impact on the history of the United States of America.
- 2) To disseminate this history through publication one or more books, electronic books, and family CD's
- 3) To promote communication between members.
- 4) To promote national and/or regional family reunions.
- 5) Such other suitable goals as members may suggest.

What are the Goodrich Family Association Goals?

Urgent Needs

First and foremost: charter members willing to devote some time in getting us organized. Those with some experience in organizations are especially needed. It will be up to us to adopt a constitution, in-

vestigate advisability of incorporation, etc. These officers and Trustees will be temporary until constitution is adopted and members may be polled for their vote.



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Second, a librarian willing to accept the documentation and assembled files. This could be someone interested in being the genealogist.

the Goodrich Family Association News letter

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

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Our "Roots" go deep

We will be on the web shortly



Organization

This is where our officers and Board will be listed. In addition we hope to find one or more Chairpersons for each state. It may take more space in the future. Proposed officers to serve until we have adopted a Constitution are:

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| President: | Genealogist |
| First vice president: | Historian: |
| Second Vice President: | Trustee: |
| Secretary: | Trustee: |
| Treasurer: | Trustee: |

WHO AM I?

My name is George W. Farrell. My mother was a Goodrich We are direct descendents of Ens. William Goodrich who arrived in Wethersfield, CT between 1635 and 1637. My Great grandfather was Harry Clinton Goodrich who is on page 78 of Case 's Goodrich Family in America. From what can be determined this is the largest branch the Goodrich family. I am 80 and to this date my mind is very active? Our interest in family history began in early 1980 's. My wife, Ginny, is originally from CT and we spent many years traveling to and from there. towing our travel trailer. We have always been interested in history and have spent hundreds of hours digging out any and all information on the Family. I am most concerned that this research will be wasted.

Queries:

Space in future issues will be reserved for member queries.

At this time, queries must be limited to a single name in caps:

GOODRICH, SAMUEL b. xx/xx/xx; in Sharon, CT;

F: xyzzed, Goodrich; M : Allred Dipsy d. XX/XX/XX in Sharon, CT m.. Betsy Allen

email: Genbuff@firehose.com

Put in as much info as you have and please limit queries to brick walls.

Look-ups will be accepted later.

WEB SITE

We urgently need someone who is willing to develop our web site. This is probably beyond me unless I spend too much time to learn it. Any volunteers or ideas?

APPEARANCE OF THE NEWSLETTER

The formatting of this issue is a stock template from Microsoft Publisher. While it isn't too bad, I would like to have a masthead that is uniquely ours. Using elementary graphics programs of the time I had created one showing a square rigged ship sailing from England to America with suitable old English type. Any artists among you that would like to create a new one?

Mailing lists, continued from page 1

If you have replied to other GFA material before you are already in the list For the time being we have not created any FTP files that will permit you to subscribe and unsubscribe directly from the web site or the newsletters

If you change your email address please notify us and if you send the notice from the new address be sure to include the old address in the text.

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