





known male Goodrich (or variant spelling) ancestor down to yourself, including birth and death dates, and spouse names. You can also check the DNA Project information by clicking the DNA link on our website, <http://www.GoodrichFamAssoc.org>.

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**Interesting Tidbit**

**Goodrich Surname Origin**

Origin: Saxon – Goderick = from God, God or good; and ric = rich

Therefore, Goodrich means rich in God, or in goodness.

*Source: An Etymological Dictionary of Family and Christian Names With an Essay on Their Derivation and Import; Arthur, William, M. A.; New York, NY; Sheldon, Blake, Bleeker & Co., 1857.*

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**Research Tip**

If you've come across a strange name and your Family History program asks you to define the person as male or female, this site may be of help. Thanks to our Goodrich Family Association website compiler, Matt Goodrich, for this tip. <http://www.behindthename.com/>

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**Date Converter Help**

Old-New English Date Converter:

<http://pharmfac.tbzmed.ac.ir/Links/Calendar%20Converter.htm>

This calendar converter additionally indicates leap years and day of week.

The year of 1752 was a special and shortened year when Great Britain, and thus also the American Colonies, switched from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar. Adopting the Gregorian calendar had far-reaching effects, because it resulted in the drop of 11 days, so that Wednesday, September 2, 1752 was followed by Thursday, September 14.

At the same time, a change in the start of years was adopted, so that the year 1753 started on January 1, where under the "Old" Julian system, each year had previously begun on March 25.

Due to confusions over "old" dates versus "new," researchers may wish to check their thinking with a date converter such as the one at the link above.

Another dating issue has to do with the Quaker system, which did not use the names of days of the week or months at all. The Quakers instead listed "mo" and "da."







**How to Save Your Family History Forever**

By Lynne Alber, a descendant of James P. Goodrick, b. 21 Nov 1831 in Clinton OH

A Rev. Lewellen, my ancestor, published a book in 1910 on his ancestors from Wales and up to him. This book was in libraries and on the web and helped me so much in my research.

My mother’s side of the family was Quaker all the way. Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana [[www.earlham.edu](http://www.earlham.edu)] has a genealogy center with all Quaker records available for research. The Quakers documented every birth, death and marriage. A lot of my ancestors wrote their genealogies before they died and placed them in the Quaker college. Stories are written on the date they left North Carolina on foot, how long it took to reach Wayne County, Indiana, and the hardships of that time.

I have placed my own research on [www.Ancestry.com](http://www.Ancestry.com). My purpose is to help all who may be assisted by my family tree. When I started four years ago, there was a person who had researched for years on his family tree. When he learned he was dying, he placed all his information on Ancestry, with a notation later that this was in memory of him. His research helped me with my family and I am sure that he has helped many others.

I have found that back in the late 1800’s it was common for families to research and publish their information in a book, such as The Current Family, The Beall Family, The Mendenhalls, and The Whitneys. Also there are a lot of Helms books for each county in each state with interviews and pictures of our ancestors, published around 1898. These books are being reprinted by a company in Massachusetts where you can purchase them. I just purchased a two-volume set on Wayne County, Indiana. Many from my Quaker family are in this set, including a picture of my great-great grandfather, Peter Wright.

I have made sure that my children know to assure that the information of our descendants is not lost. Each family is in notebooks with pictures and articles in plastic sleeves. I have given copies to other family members. My family information will be placed on the Delaware County, Indiana website. A copy of all my research will be donated to the genealogy library in Muncie, Indiana.

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**Youth and Genealogy**

Are you interested in ways to involve your youngsters in your family’s genealogy? Then visit [www.fgs.org/youthcom](http://www.fgs.org/youthcom), and click on “Links” for some sites to share with your children. *Future Genealogists* was created in 2005 to “promote, mentor and educate youth involved in family history and genealogy; and to help them find a voice in the genealogical community.” At last week’s FGS conference in Boston, two awards were given to youth for their contribution and projects in the field of family history.

## **New Goodrich Family History Comes to Light**

By Delores Goodrick Beggs

Goodrich Jack “Jack” Gevaart found an unexpected surprise in his family’s original copy of the 1889 *The Goodrich Family in America* edited by Case. The grandson of Fred B. Goodrich found in his book thin, yellowed copies of three historical papers, the “Goodrich Family Memorial,” “The Circular,” and the “Goodrich Circular.”

The “**Goodrich Family Memorial**” is a Contents page, an advertisement flyer for the proposed Volume.

“**The Circular**” is an Executive Committee report on the progress of the manuscript of the Goodrich Memorial Volume, and a call for enlistment and military duty information from all those who served in the late war. The Executive Committee was composed of:

Hon. Grant Goodrich, 40 Rush Street, Chicago  
William H. Goodrich, Hartford, Conn., replacing Hon. L. S. Goodrich  
of Warner, Tenn., deceased  
Horace A Goodrich, 80 Dearborn Street, Chicago

The “**Goodrich Circular**” details that there was a Goodrich Family Association in 1885, and that they had a meeting 11 November at the Grand Pacific Hotel with the result they resolved to produce the most complete Goodrich Family History possible. [Note: This is the earliest “Goodrich Family Association” I have knowledge of. Delores]

The 1885 Goodrich Family Association Officers are listed as:

Aaron Goodrich, *President*, St. Paul, Minn  
Enos Goodrich, *Vice-President*, Fostoria, Mich.  
H. C. Goodrich, *Secretary and Treasurer*, 70 Ogden Place, Chicago

We share Jack’s excitement at the discovery of these historical documents. Jack has kindly provided the Goodrich Family Association with copies of these papers that were not previously in our collection. Thank you, Jack.

Jack’s grandfather, Fred B. Goodrich, is #2919, found on page 334 of the 1889 Case book. His mother, Winifred Goodrich, was born three years after the book was published.

“She named me ‘Goodrich Jack Gevaart’ to prevent the Goodrich name from being lost,” he says. In turn he gave his oldest son “Goodrich” as a middle name. His grandson carries the Goodrich name also.



**Goodrich Family Association Research Resources**

In addition to the new files regularly being added to our website at [www.GoodrichFamAssoc.org](http://www.GoodrichFamAssoc.org), the following resources are available to assist Goodrich and variant spellings researchers:

A limited number of copies of the fine reprint of the 1889, *The Goodrich Family in America* edited by Lafayette Case, are still available at \$45.00 per book. This is a quality book with quality binding. To order your copy, send your check, made out to Dr. Joyce Goodrich, to her at:

Dr. Joyce Goodrich  
315 East 68<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10021

*The Descendants of William Homer Goodrich of Wethersfield, Connecticut through his 6<sup>th</sup> 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: [gfgenealogy@yahoo.com](mailto:gfgenealogy@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: [gfgenealogy@yahoo.com](mailto:gfgenealogy@yahoo.com). For more details, please see the article by Lindy Allen on page 29 of this newsletter.

Look-ups are available for the following:

*George W. Farrell*; indexed collection.

*Victor B. Goodrich, Delaware County, NY*; notes.

*Descendants of William Isaac Goodrich*; manuscript of Carl Hoffstedt.

*Zebulon Goodrich, New York & Pennsylvania Records*; records of V & J Goodrich.

One name only per request; must be accompanied by known facts about the ancestor. Send request to [gfgenealogy@yahoo.com](mailto:gfgenealogy@yahoo.com).

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**Helping each other**

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**In The News**

Carole McCarty and Kay Waterloo teamed up to write a research article, “Not Your Everyday Research,” published in Volume 38, Number 2, the Summer 2006 issue of the Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly. Carole is a Goodrich Family Association Trustee and Kay is Goodrich Family Association Treasurer and Newsletter Editor.

**Surnames**

Just as a reminder, the surnames being researched by the GFA are all variations of Goodrich, Goodrick, Goodricke, Goodridge, Gutteridge, Guttrick, etc. In the will of John Goodrich, the name is spelled three different ways.

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**Email Address Correction**

The correct email address to reach the Goodrich Family Association is now [gfagenealogy@yahoo.com](mailto:gfagenealogy@yahoo.com). If you come upon [Gwfgood@aol.com](mailto:Gwfgood@aol.com), we would appreciate a correction.

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**Private Silas Goodrich – Member of Lewis and Clark Expedition**

<http://www.id.blm.gov/lc/goodrich.htm>

If the Lewis and Clark Expedition was for some members of the Corps of Discovery the best imaginable hunting trip, it was also for **Private Silas Goodrich** of Massachusetts the fishing trip of a lifetime. Most of the Corps’ route followed two great river systems, the Missouri and the Columbia. The salmon and steelhead runs of the Columbia basin supported a numerous and diverse population of Indian tribes from the Pacific Ocean upstream to the headwaters of the Salmon River. The tribes along the Missouri, however, relied more upon hunting and farming. It was primarily upon the relatively unschooled pisces [sic] of the Missouri River basin that the Corps’ Izaak Walton plied his trade.

The small amount of angling gear in Captain Meriwether Lewis’s pre-expedition supply list suggests that he did not foresee fishing as crucial to the Corps’ survival but rather perhaps as an emergency “backup system,” a means of varying the Corps’ diet or the opportunity for a pleasant diversion. Lewis’s supplier was the “Old Experienced Tackle Shop” kept by George Lawson at 18 Dock Street, Philadelphia. At a cost of \$25.37, Lewis acquired 125 hooks, several dozen assorted fish lines, a “Sportsman Flask,” and an 8 stave reel. He also bought hooks and lines as gifts for Indians.

The journals of the Expedition don’t have much to say about fishing methods or the baits that were used. At the Great Falls of the Missouri, Lewis wrote in his journal that [**Silas**] **Goodrich** was using meat and grasshoppers for bait. There’s no mention of a rod. After baiting his hook, **Goodrich** probably pulled as much line as he thought he needed from his reel and threw it out into the river. Perhaps in smaller streams he tied an appropriate length of line to a green willow stick. There is considerable discussion in the journals, particularly Lewis’s, of the different fish species caught by the Corp. On the lower Missouri, **Goodrich** pulled in huge catfish, some of them weighing more than 100 lbs. Further up the river in 1805, species new to euro-Americans began to appear on **Goodrich**’s hooks, including the sauger and goldeye.

In June 1805, **Silas Goodrich** was the sole human witness to one of the supreme moments in Meriwether Lewis's life. Those familiar with the Expedition will recall that there was considerable debate when the Corps reached the mouth of the Marias River about which river was the "true" Missouri. Lewis and Clark were both convinced--correctly, as it turned out--that it was the clear-watered southern branch. Having learned from Indians the previous winter that the Missouri River had a series of thundering waterfalls, Lewis set out on foot with a small advance party to attempt to locate these affirming landmarks.

On the morning of June 13, Lewis sent George Gibson, Joseph Field, and George Drouillard out to hunt. With **Silas Goodrich** Lewis proceeded on up the river, which ran through a canyon two hundred below. They soon saw ahead of them up the river what appeared to be plumes of white smoke swirling out of the canyon of the Missouri. As they drew nearer, they could hear the distinctive bass rumble of a large waterfall. The sound increased as they walked for two hours toward its source, a cauldron of flying spray and incredible roaring that suddenly appeared below them. A cataract eighty feet high spanned the entire three hundred foot width of the mighty Missouri. It was, Lewis thought, "the grandest sight I ever beheld." He scrambled down the canyon wall with **Goodrich** to contemplate from its very foot the first of the Great Falls of the Missouri.

Lewis sat transfixed for hours. Sooner or later, **Goodrich** unpacked his fishing gear. And began to pull in two and three pound trout of a new species characterized, Lewis wrote in his journal, by "a small dash of red on each side of the first ventral fins. . .the flesh is of . . . a rose red." Today we know it as *oncorhynchus clarki lewisi*, the westslope cutthroat.

The trout fishing was so good that Captain Meriwether Lewis decided to try it himself. On June 15 he wrote in his journal: "I amused myself in fishing . . . I caught a number of very fine trout which I made **Goodrich** dry; **Goodrich** also caught about two douzen [sic] . . ." The two men were enjoying a brief vacation from the labors of the Expedition. Their discovery of the Great Falls was the affirmation Lewis had sought that the Corps of Discovery was proceeding up the true Missouri River. And **Silas Goodrich**, the Expedition's angler, had discovered a new species of trout, the westslope cutthroat.

Lewis next recorded **Goodrich's** fishing at Camp Fortunate on the forks of the Beaverhead. By this point, game was scarce. The trout **Goodrich** caught were more than welcome additions to the detachment's larder. The demand for food was so great that Lewis had the men build a "bush drag" that scoured a section of river and yielded over five hundred fish...On the return trip in 1806 **Goodrich** again was happily connected with fish. During the Corps' long wait on the Clearwater River, **Goodrich** was sent to buy camas from the Nez Perce. When he returned, he told the captains that the Nez Perce were catching salmon on Lewis's [Salmon] River. The spring run hadn't reached the Clearwater yet, so Lewis and Clark sent Sgt. Ordway with a small detachment to buy salmon. But by the time they returned to the Clearwater, the fish had spoiled...When the Corps split into two detachments to explore the Marias and Yellowstone River, **Goodrich** was assigned to the party detailed to raise the cache at the Great Falls. Once again **Goodrich** took



It was extremely difficult to select which session to attend since they were all so enticing. The topics covered nearly every aspect of research from “Organizing Your Data” to “Newsletter or Snoozeletter” (I particularly liked that one) to “Sources in the National Library of Ireland” to “Extreme Googling for Genealogists” to “Excel and Genealogy” to “Colonial New York Research,” to name just a few. If you are interested in the complete listing of lectures, go to [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org) and click on “2006 Conference” then on “download grid brochure” which will open in Adobe Acrobat. Most of the lectures were recorded and FGS is making those recordings available online, downloadable to your computer for a mere \$1.99 each. To order, go to <http://www.lulu.com/FGS2006>. Not all of the sessions are listed yet, but keep checking.

In addition to the outstanding educational opportunities available, the Vendor Hall was filled with 132 suppliers of everything from charts and forms to research books to CDs and software to archival supplies. There was even a large section entirely devoted to Irish research with many of their booths manned by experts from Ireland. A number of displays focused on travel to countries and research facilities throughout the world.

FGS offered the Family History Road Show during which we could confer with professional genealogists with expertise in various areas of the country. Carole and I each signed up for a free 20-minute session and learned some avenues we can search to help us break through two of our brick walls, one of them being our Moses Goodrich.

We came to Boston thinking we’d have time to visit the Massachusetts State Archives, New England Historic Genealogical Society and the Boston Library, but were so busy with the conference, vendors and networking with other genealogists, we never even left the hotel and conference center!

The formal banquet was held Friday evening and following our dinner, many service awards were announced – two of these recognitions were first to a 10-year old girl and the second to a 16-year-old boy for their contributions by way of genealogical projects. \$1000 gift packages were awarded.

FGS will hold their 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference, *Meeting at the Crossroads of America*, at the Grand Wayne Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana, August 15-18, 2007. For more information, you can check their website [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org). Although there isn’t much information there now, there will be over the coming months. And for your information, the 2008 FGS conference will be in Philadelphia, Sept 3-6, 2008.

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**The Goodrich Family Association  
Membership Application**

Membership is open to all variant spellings of the Goodrich name and other interested persons for the purpose of furthering research of the Goodrich families and working together as a community to determine the national and worldwide connections therein.

Check desired type of membership:

**Individual Membership:** First year @ \$30.00 Subsequent years @ \$20.00/year

**Individual Membership:** Three years @ \$60.00

**Family Membership:** First year @ \$35.00 Subsequent years @ \$25.00/year

**Family Membership:** Three years @ \$75.00

**Voluntary donation** for start up expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Family membership includes spouse at same email address. Each shall have one vote. Student family members away at school will receive newsletters if email address is furnished. Dues are calculated from first day of month enrolled. Reminders will be sent prior to expiration. Data may be submitted at any time.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle (include spouse's name for family memberships)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ e-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Student e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I wish to receive the free quarterly Goodrich Family Association newsletter at my e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_. (The newsletter is by email only.)

Returning member from the original Goodrich Family Association?

I am an active researcher.  I am an occasional researcher.

I will consider serving as an officer, trustee, committee member, or chairperson.

Am willing to do look-ups? What areas? \_\_\_\_\_

Please do not list name and address in membership list. (list e-mail address only)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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