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Back to school again

~ Kay Waterloo, Editor

What was your favorite subject in school? History? Geography? Health? Science? Language? What do these subjects have to do with genealogy? The obvious subject for those of us researching our families might be History. We all want to learn the history of our ancestors. What was their family life like? How many children did each generation have? Did they live through any significant era? War? Epidemic? The Great Depression? Did they farm? Run a business? Answers to these questions would just touch the surface of the lives of our ancestors.

But think about these subjects – Geography, for instance. Where did your ancestors live? Did they move from one country to another and then maybe to even another? What was their hometown like? Did they live in the city? In the country? Did they own property?

And what about Health? What were the causes of death of our parents? Grandparents? Others? Do you see a pattern that might inspire you to take better care of your own health?

In the Science category, have you considered DNA testing to confirm or refute relationships in your own ancestry? Perhaps a look at our own GFA DNA Program would be of interest to you. Check the website at <http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/goodrich>, or contact Delores at gfagenealogy@yahoo.com for more information.

A Foreign Language could be something that might help your research. What was the country of origin for your family? Are you planning a trip to that homeland? Would it benefit you to learn to speak that language? Or if travel is not in your plan, perhaps learning to read the script seen in foreign documents might be of help.

And finally what does Math have to do with genealogy? Think of it this way – with each generation you discover, the number of your ancestors grows exponentially. You have:

2 parents

4 grandparents

16 great grandparents

32 gg grandparents

64 ggg grandparents

128 gggg grandparents

And so on – and people keep asking you if your family tree is finished yet !!?!?

So as our children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends return to school this fall, just remember that as genealogists we, too, are in “school.”



Conferences and Treasure Chests

~ Kay Waterloo, Editor

What do genealogy conferences and treasure chests have in common? In my opinion, Genealogy Conferences ARE Treasure Chests – Treasure Chests of information.

Last week I was fortunate to attend the Federation of Genealogical Society's annual conference – this year held in Little Rock, AR – where I was educated in numerous areas of genealogy research by many of the most renowned experts on the subject. The topics ranged from A (Archives) to Z (zip drives). I was given tips on the building of an effective society, how to tweak your quarterly, creating an appealing website, privacy issues in genealogy postings, research strategies, writing your family history in Word, the latest electronic gizmos and gadgets, epidemics, diseases and disasters that might have influenced the lives and deaths of ancestors, where and how to find military records, newly released software, updates of websites like Ancestry, RootsWeb, WeRelate and Footnote, DNA testing and its application in genealogy research, Wikis, Twittering, Texting, and many other topics. Is there something on this list that piques your interest? Perhaps you will consider attending one of the hundreds of conferences or workshops held in your area or elsewhere across the country. Try the local level first, maybe a county or regional genealogy or historical society program. What about a state conference such as the Illinois State Genealogy Society conference being held in Peoria, IL this October 24th? Or even try one of the biggies like the National Genealogical Society's conference in Salt Lake City, April 29 through May 1st, 2010.

Believe me, there are treasure chests of genealogy information/help out there just waiting for you to open.



General Arthur Louis Goodrich

Product of Hartford Public High School

~Delores Goodrick Beggs

General Arthur Louis Goodrich, *Goodrich Family in America* #1323, was born 16 May 1849 at Hartford, Conn. and educated at the Hartford Public High School, where the educational program has been called “equal to that of many colleges.” [Herndon, Men of Progress]

It was said that nearly all Hartford youths with college aspirations attended Hartford Public High School [Men of Mark] The High School was founded almost simultaneously with the town of Hartford, Conn.

Arthur Lewis was the son of James Goodrich, LWC589 in the Index on the Goodrich Family Association web site, who died 8 Oct. 1859 when the boy was only ten years old. Arthur L. is shown in the 1860 Hartford Census with his mother, widow Jennette Skinner Goodrich and the sisters still at home, Susan, Mary, Emily, and Georgiana. A young brother, James K. Goodrich, was born in January 1848 and died in May that same year.

Arthur L. continued on with his high school education until he finally left about 1863 when he was fourteen years of age.

Young as he was, Arthur immediately entered into active business life, [Men of Progress] taking a position with the druggist firm of Lee, Sisson & Company; during his 8 year tenure with the firm he became known for his frankness, whole-heartedness and shrewd discernment, qualities fostered by his mother and his education. On March 13, 1871, he joined the business department of the Hartford Courant, which his older brother William Henry Goodrich was a part owner of; William H. Goodrich of Hartford was also a member of the Executive Committee of the first Goodrich Family Association per the Circular published in April 1886. Arthur L. Goodrich spent almost his whole business life at the Courant, the oldest newspaper by continuous publication in America, [Case] Arthur L. eventually became an owner, a Director, and on 1 January 1892, the Treasurer of the Courant. [Men of Progress]

The Connecticut National Guard was Arthur's one interest outside the Courant. He first enlisted 6 April 1866, and then he served for twenty-one years, beginning with Battery D, Light Artillery, First Infantry. Cheerful, positive, and as ever dedicated to accuracy, Arthur worked his way up to captain and adjutant in 1876. He was chosen major in 1878, which position he held until he resigned Dec. 2 1882. He was called back within two weeks, Dec. 13. Two years later he was appointed lieutenant colonel, then another year later appointed quartermaster general on Connecticut Gov. Henry B. Harrison's staff. At the end of the governor's term in 1887, Arthur retired with the rank of Brigadier-General, He was never inclined to run for public office, but he did continue to be available for advice in military matters. [Men of Progress, Men of Mark]

Gen. Arthur Louis Goodrich married 11 Sept. 1871, [Men of Progress] Emma C. Root, born in Westfield, Mass. Emma was the daughter of Lyman Root and Annak House, granddaughter of Gershom House and Anna Utley, and great-granddaughter of Thomas Knowlton and Anna Keyes. Thomas Knowlton will be remembered as the leader of the hundred men who set the British stores on fire. Thomas Knowlton died at the 1776 Battle of Harlem Heights. [Lineage Book 279]

Gen. Arthur L. Goodrich of Hartford, Conn., died 16 April, 1911 at his home, age 62 years. He had been connected with the Courant for forty years, and was a member of the Connecticut Historical Society since 1905. [N. Y. Times, Connecticut Historical Society]

The Case book lists the ancestry of Gen. Arthur Louis Goodrich as:

Generation 1: Ensign William Goodrich and his wife Sarah Marvin

Generation 2: Ephraim Goodrich, b. June 2, 1663 and his second wife Jerusha Treat,

Generation 3: Gurdon Goodrich b. 12 Jan. 1745 and his wife Abigail Belden

Generation 4: Ichabod Goodrich, b. 10 Sept. 1758 and his second wife Mary Butler

Generation 5: James Goodrich, b. 27 April 1806 and his wife Jennette Skinner

Generation 6: Arthur Louis Goodrich, b. 16 May 1869 and his wife Emma C. Root.

No known children.

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Goodrich Surname DNA Project

The Goodrich Surname DNA Project has 38 Y-DNA members and 6 mtDNA members. We have four matches groups sorted by test results, and four single test results awaiting matches to create a lineage.

We are looking for additional participants for the Y-DNA Project. We want to find matches for those who don't yet show one, in order to create "modals" for those test results. I would like to see us have modals for all of our Goodrich and variant spellings immigrants, of which there are 12 or so.

Additionally, if you are one of the persons lacking proof of your ancestor lineage (We have a very large notebook of those, currently labeled "Isolated," or in the "Miscellaneous" section of the Case book,) joining the DNA Project could point you to the right ancestor group to search for your immigrant connection if your test results show a match.

To order a Y-DNA test, go to: <http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/goodrich> Click on "Order Test" and fill out the order form. We recommend you order the 25 marker test or more. The 12 marker test is not enough to reliably place your results with a specific group. The test is a simple cheek swab done in the privacy of your home.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or for assistance ordering your test.

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Grandpa Goodrich, M. Delos Goodrich, An Educator

~ Rev. Jeanne Goodrich Bleiler

I never knew my grandfather as an educator. I knew him as Grandpa, a man who lived a simple life in a farmhouse with lots of fields and places to play. I knew him as a pipe smoking, thinking man with a neat sense of humor, but a man who commanded respect. He loved watching his

grandchildren play and enjoying his vast outdoors. I knew he had wisdom and it seemed to come naturally; he knew about a lot of things concerning life – values, faith, nature, and family.

Grandpa was born in Naples, NY October 3, 1879, the youngest son of Zeruah Wheeler and Hiram Aaron Goodrich. Though he was named Marsden Delos, he went by the name of M.D. or Delos. Family legend has it that Grandpa disliked his first name because that was a name of a village “drunk.”

In 1900 he married Mabel Lena Wheaton (born October 17, 1884) and with her had four children, Hiram, Zeruah, Irving, and Wilfred. Mabel died May 31, 1911 a day after Wilfred, my father, was born. Her older sister, Ella Maude (born May 27, 1878), herself a teacher, came to Tioga Center to help with the children and in 1913 they married and had three children, Mabel Lena, Margaret, and Harriette. Because Dad (Wilfred) called his Aunt Maude, “Mom,” many years passed before I came to realize she was not my grandmother, but my great aunt. To me, she was still Grandma.

This early 20th century family was ahead of its time in its attitudes and commitment to education. Delos was a pioneer in the field of education in New York State during the first half of the 20th C. He graduated from Cortland Normal School, became a teacher, and later a superintendent of schools when the concept was first initiated in 1911. Significantly, all seven of Grandpa’s children graduated from college. He and Maude considered a college education just as important for his four daughters as for his three sons. His sons, Irving and Hiram, became school superintendents; Wilfred was director of Industrial Arts and Adult Education; and Zeruah, Mabel Lena, Margaret, and Harriette all taught school.

Delos’ education and career background is described in an article written by Roy E. Farman found in the **Syracuse Herald Journal** December 19, 1947:

“Delos Goodrich is a native of Naples, N.Y., Ontario County. He attended the school in that village...He was later graduated from Cortland Normal School, now Cortland State Teachers College, and after graduation, went back to Ontario County to teach in a one-room school. At the turn of the century, it was in no way uncommon to find men teaching in rural schools. He became a member of the faculty of Gorham Union School now also part of centralization; and from that post he went to the principalship of Tioga Center Union School. In 1911, when the school commissioners had just given way to district superintendents, Mr. Goodrich was elected superintendent of the second Tioga County district, and has held that post since, a matter of 36 years.”

Grandpa accomplished all of this and more. When Delos had accepted a teaching job at Tioga Center it was necessary to move his wife and three children from the Naples area to Tioga Center. They lived in a vacant parsonage in the village. In a personal letter written from Tioga Center October 25, 1910 by Delos’s first wife, Mabel Lena, to her sister Alma who lived in Greenport, N.Y, Mabel wrote about the children, Grandpa shooting squirrels to supply the family with meat, and a lot of day-to-day information: *“Delos got a letter from Albany that he is entitled to a Life State Certificate. We were so glad. He is thinking some of trying for a District Superintendency.”*

He did pursue this goal. In August, just three months after Mabel died in childbirth leaving him with four children, one an infant, he was awarded a newly created position in a state experiment in improving rural education, the superintendent of Supervisory District #2 embracing the towns of Barton, Spencer, and Tioga. The family has the official notarized statement that he was awarded the position August 1911 and the letters of recommendation coming from a doctor, several board presidents, a Commissioner of Education, and a dealer in “dry goods, boots, shoes, and groceries.”

In a paper entitled, “Fifty Years in the Schools of Tioga County New York, 1912-1962,” Grandpa realized the necessity of recording the changes in the educational mission:

“So in January 1912, two hundred eight district superintendents fired with a desire to improve educational opportunities in New York State started on their mission. How well they succeeded is a matter of proud record. However, now after a lapse of fifty years, the efforts of these pioneers may be overlooked and forgotten unless someone records them.”

In this important work, he incorporated facts, anecdotes, and his evident love of education and deep respect for teachers. Grandpa was proud to have been a pioneer in seeing one room school houses improved and in some cases absorbed at a central location offering more opportunities for the boys and girls. He writes,

“A varied picture was presented in the one room school districts. Some school buildings were placed on plots of ground scarcely larger than the buildings themselves. Others occupied ample sites in groves of beautiful shade trees. The aspirations of the community were reflected here...Most of these buildings were heated by wood burning stoves. Bidding to furnish the year’s fuel formed a lively part of business at the annual school meetings. Windows on both sides of the schoolroom created undesirable cross lighting. On dark days the pupils crowded near the windows, and on very cold days they moved nearer the stove. A few schools had their own water wells, but in most cases the water for school use brought by pupils was obtained from a neighbor’s well.”

He goes on to tell of the privilege awarded “well behaved students.” They could go collect the water.

While he was a strong supporter of centralization and transportation for the students, what may remain his greatest contribution to education was his steadfast referral to education of both boys and girls. At the top of his early official letterhead, along with the words, “University of the State of New York, Second Supervisory District Tioga County, N.Y.,” his name and title, these words appear at the left, “A High School Education for Every Boy and Girl,” and at the right is a challenge, “What is Your Community Doing for its Boys and Girls?”

Interestingly, there was discontent among some of the area farmers because he strongly advocated a high school education for everyone. Nonetheless, Grandpa felt his first year in revamping the district was a success. He writes to his father July 7, 1912, *“This certainly is a hot job. A man in this district needs a lot of nerve and bulldog stick-to-itiveness. Things are coming into shape however, and when school opens this fall will find 52 schools in a lot better shape than one year ago*

Later he was instrumental in getting a course in agriculture added to the school curriculum and was the creator and writer of the state approved "Syllabus in Agriculture." Similarly, he was involved in improving the English program: "Thank you for taking the pains to send me the folder containing your outline for English. Your efforts to improve the teaching in this very important subject...are certainly to be commended."(State University of New York, December 17, 1914)

Grandpa had a deep respect for teachers and in his writings continually complimented their work and dedication. He wrote poems about and for teachers. They were to be character and moral models to the students. I have several of the Christmas letters that he sent to teachers and separate ones that he sent to custodial staff and nursing staff. He always had a Bible quote, then words to the teacher. This is a closing paragraph from one of his Christmas letters. "*Christmas is of peculiar significance to teachers. The wise men brought their most precious gifts to the Child. The Child became the Great Teacher of the ages. Through Him a child was first place in our responsibilities.*" (not dated).

I sense that in his written reflections after retiring he feared for the future of our schools. He saw the good of television and innovations, but feared that the personal touch of the teacher would ultimately be removed. He also saw the loss of religious training as detrimental. In his writing, "Fifty Years in the Schools of Tioga County New York 1912-1962," he writes, "*Now tie this all in with the enforced absence of Bible reading, prayers, and patriotic songs and we shall have as nearly a soulless world as it is possible to imagine.*" His hope was for a Horace Mann, John Dewey, or Mark Hopkins to arrive and "*Then once more the soul of the child will be considered, sacred independence will replace subservience, true patriots will be respected, and religion will assume its rightful place in the education of man.*"

It is my hope that this article gives you an insight into the man who was my grandfather, M. Delos Goodrich. I believe that it is fitting to add that Grandpa had 18 grandchildren, all attending at least one year of college, and 13 following in his footsteps and entering the field of education. He was proud of his grandchildren, every one of them, and no matter their career choice he wanted them to be the best they could be. He would marvel at the variety of careers that his great-grandchildren have pursued. For Grandpa, all children were deserving of the best the schools, family, and society had to offer.

Respectfully submitted by Rev. Jeanne Goodrich Bleiler, retired teacher and ABC minister, granddaughter of M. Delos Goodrich, August, 2009

Un-named poem by M. Delos Goodrich
(read at a new building dedication in Spencer 1936)

How shall I feel when the day is done,
and the children have all gone home?
As I stand out there in the setting sun
there with my thoughts alone.

Have I set an example of truth and right,
that will carry into the morn?
Have I opened their minds and let in the light?
Have I uttered a word of scorn?

How shall I feel when the year is done,
and the lessons are packed away.
And my little charges, one by one,
scamper home for their summer's play?

Have I given them something that makes life good?
Have they learned to be honest and fair?
Have I fed their souls with the proper food?
Is it wages for which I care?

How shall I feel when my work is done,
and the sands in the hourglass lower?
As flitting back to my memory come,
those schoolroom scenes of yore?

Can the children say with one accord,
"He gave us the best he knew."
Can they quote with pride the helpful word
or think what I failed to do?



What's In a Name?

~ Carl J. Hoffstedt

The Goodrich Family in America by Lafayette Wallace Case on page 400 lists 22 Levi Goodriches when it was published in 1889. There were probably Levis not included at the time of publication and many more since then. Which one is yours, mine or ours? This is the question facing many starting genealogy research. The best place to start is with current family information and work backward.

Fortunately for me, my grandfather John Addison Goodrich did know that his father's name was Eli even though he died when John was only 3½ years old. John's mother was Jane Cochrane Goodrich. John had provided a short autobiography in his own handwriting that stated that he had come from Westfield, New York to Reads Landing, Wabasha County, Minnesota.

With that information, my cousin went to Westfield and did further genealogical research on both the Goodriches and Cochranes. The records search led to Eli's father, Levi Goodrich, and his mother, Betsy. Both are buried in the Westfield Cemetery, Westfield, Chautauqua County, New York. Further research by my cousin traced Levi's ancestry back to William "The Elder"

Goodrich. My cousin prepared a document on the ancestry, but I was always curious if I was related to B. F. Goodrich of the tire fame.

I purchased a copy of The Goodrich Family in America and was at first overwhelmed by the magnitude of information. Knowing my Levi Goodrich's birth date, I did find him on page 192, entry 1196: Levi Goodrich (Ashbel, James, Thomas, Ephraim, William), born October 19, 1789 with children William Harvey, Mary Ann, Eli (b. August 4, 1810) and Benjamin. Eli's birth date matched information found in the Westfield area research. B. F. Goodrich can be found on page 291, entry 2400: Benjamin Franklin Goodrich (Anson, Gideon, Ebenezer, Gideon, Ephraim, William) born November 4, 1841 in Ripley, New York. Ripley is located about 5 miles southwest of Westfield, New York.

So what information has been found for Levi? He was born October 19, 1780 in Lanesborough, Berkshire County, Massachusetts and died September 7, 1850 in Westfield, Chautauqua County, New York. Levi's wife, Elizabeth "Betsy" *Smith* Goodrich, was born about 1781 in Lanesborough, Berkshire County, Massachusetts and died June 27, 1848 in Westfield, Chautauqua County, New York.

Levi Goodrich was listed in the 1810 US Census for Onondaga County, New York, but no township was given. He lived in Camillus Township, Onondaga County, New York in the 1830 US Census per the USgenweb.org website. By matching records, Levi's family moved to Chautauqua County, New York about 1834. Levi Goodrich first bought land near Westfield in Chautauqua County, New York from James and Martha McClurg. James McClurg came to Westfield in 1806 and purchased a large tract of land. His house is now the McClurg Museum, where the Chautauqua County Historical Society in Westfield, New York is housed and they operate the museum.

The Westfield, Chautauqua County, New York State Census of 1835 enumerated the Levi Goodrich household, listed as four males, three females, one male subject to militia, two males entitled to vote, two unmarried females 16-45, 30 improved acres, eight cattle, two horses, 30 sheep and 20 yards of fulled cloth manufactured in domestic way. Levi Goodrich then sold that land to John Johnston in 1837. Levi was listed in the 1840 US Census for Westfield Township, Chautauqua County, New York. Eli Goodrich, Levi's son, bought land from James and Martha McClurg in 1845 next to the lot where both Levi Goodrich and Benjamin Goodrich, Levi's son and Eli's brother, had land. Levi died as a 69-year old farmer of "bloody flux" as noted in the vital records for Chautauqua County (1847-1850) found at the Patterson Library in Westfield, New York.

Levi's siblings were Silas, Lucy, Squire Wait, Rhoda, Laura, Polly and Alvah. Silas Goodrich (Ashbel, James, Thomas, Ephraim, William) is listed as entry 1195 on page 192 in The Goodrich Family in America with the birth date of June 3, 1778. His wife, listed as Betsy, is actually Levi's wife. The Elbridge Rural Cemetery transcriptions list Lydia as the wife of Silas Goodrich and she died at the age of 45. Both Silas and Lydia are buried in the Elbridge Rural Cemetery, Elbridge, Onondaga County, New York.

Levi's son, Eli, was on the Board of Trustees in 1832 for the 1st Methodist Episcopal Church in Westfield, Chateau (Chautauqua) County, New York per the church records. The land Eli purchased in 1845 was on the Erie, Pennsylvania to Buffalo, New York road. Eli purchased Plot 132 containing five lots in the Westfield Cemetery on March 21, 1848.

Elie (Eli) was listed as a farmer in the August 3, 1850 US Census for Westfield, Chautauqua County, New York.

Eli also worked in an axe factory like his brother, Benjamin, and inhaling the iron filings into his lungs caused the consumption from which both died. My grandfather, John A. Goodrich, also told about the cause of Eli's death. Thus oral history is important.

Eli's son, Franklin, died August 7, 1850 and was buried in the Westfield Cemetery. Per "The Chautauqua Genealogist," August of 2005 issue, Eli Goodrich of Westfield purchased one stone on September 19, 1851 for \$8.00 from Nixon Brothers Monument Company.

When I visited the Westfield Cemetery in 2003, Levi, Betsy and Franklin had grave monuments, but Eli did not have any gravestone. In 2007, I made arrangements with a monument company to have a grave monument provided for Eli. Ideally, every grave of our dead ancestors should be known and marked. Marking a grave is a tradition that dates thousands of years and, hopefully, will continue for thousands more.

Cemetery grave monuments, markers and memorials all tell a story to those who visit a cemetery. Names can be found there as well as in records. Matching names in various records can be a challenge since spelling may vary from record to record and gravestone. But having a name to begin the genealogy research is the key.



Pvt. John Goodrich, Jr.

~ Bob Bashford



John Goodrich, Jr. was born in 1836 and lived until 1928. His 92-year life spanned the terms of twenty-five American presidents from John Quincy Adams to Calvin Coolidge. He grew up in Naples, a small town in western New York, served in the Union Army during the Civil War, and was badly wounded at Gettysburg while helping to defend Cemetery Ridge against a Confederate infantry assault.

John was the son of John Goodrich and Cornelia Cash, both born in Connecticut in 1799. John Sr. lived until 1893 and Cornelia lived until 1888.

John was one of three Goodrich brothers to serve in The Civil War. James was mortally wounded while destroying a Confederate railroad and died at Fort Hampton, VA in 1864. Peter was wounded in action

at Drury's Bluff and Petersburg, and was a prisoner of war at Fort Hampton, VA. He moved to Michigan after the war and has many descendants there.

John enlisted in the Union Army on August 6, 1862 and was assigned to Company D of the 126th N.Y. Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Troops were scarce and less than a month later, his regiment was deployed against General James Barksdale's battle-hardened *Mississippians* at Harpers Ferry, WV.

Minimally trained, poorly equipped and poorly led, they broke and ran before the enemy. They were then unfairly dubbed "The Harper's Ferry Cowards." The regiment, which lost 16 killed and 42 wounded during the fighting, surrendered with the rest of the garrison on September 15th. The men were then paroled at Camp Douglas, near Chicago, for several months, and exchanged in December 1862 for an equal number of Confederate troops.

In one of those oddities of war, the 126th New York faced Barksdale's men again less than a year later at Gettysburg in the most important battle of the Civil War...or as John wrote on the back of his picture..."the woare of the Rebellion"... and fully regained their reputation as a result of the dogged fight they waged.

John was shot in the left arm while his regiment was attacking from their positions on Cemetery Ridge westward down into Plum Run late in the day on July 2, 1863. He spent the next four months in a Union hospital and was transferred to the Veteran's Reserve Corps for the remainder of the war.

He returned to Naples for a few years after the cessation of hostilities and then went "out west." He moved often and lived in Kansas, Oklahoma, Oregon, and Texas. I believe that his war wound troubled him for many years.

John, Jr. and his wife, Margaret Mary Hewitt, who was born in Ohio, married in Kansas in 1883 and had four children. Two sons died within a year of their birth. A third son, John Earle Goodrich, died at 21 in Dodge City, Kansas under unclear circumstances. The only girl born to John and Maggie, Leanna Iris Goodrich Frazee, was born in 1885 in Miltonvale, Kansas, and died at age 90 in 1976 in Oregon.

John's wife, "Maggie", died in 1892, less than 10 years after their marriage. For a short time, John and his son, John Earle, lived on the grounds of the Kansas State Soldiers' Home in Dodge City, Kansas. After his remaining son's death, John lived much of the rest of his life with his daughter's family, moving with them a number of times.

John died on December 12th, 1928 in Cottage Grove, Oregon and is buried nearby in Brownsville. He led a long and useful life, working as a farmer and laborer. He received a government pension in his later years. John is my 2nd great-granduncle and I have enjoyed researching his life and getting to know him.

These three generations of Goodriches spanned 177 years of American history. When John, Sr. was born, John Adams was our 2nd president. When Leanna died, Gerald Ford was our 38th president.



One Branch of James Goodrich b 1721 CT Documented

~Compiled by Jeanne (Monser) Bednorz

An attempt to document my Goodrich branch from **William Jerome Goodrich b 1837 NY** back to **James Goodrich b 1721 CT** over the past thirty years was directed by several of the grandchildren of WJ [William Jerome Goodrich] who were still living between 1976-1990. To them is also given this byline and much gratitude: [Francis J. Browning, Ralph W. Baker, Mary Norris (Wescott) Jackson, and Louise Stuart, a great granddaughter of WJ.] With Lafayette Case's, [The Goodrich Family in America](#), 1889, as a guide, my research finally became concrete with the use of the National Archives military records, the censuses, deeds, probates, county histories, and the Internet.

W J Goodrich was born in Elbridge, Onondaga Co., NY 18 Jun 1837, the only child of Silas Curtis and Sarah Caroline (North) Goodrich. Between his mother's death on 18 Mar 1856 and his father's death on 14 Apr 1858, his father married a Ruth ---, as she receives one-third of Silas Curtis Goodrich's estate, while WJ receives two-thirds. WJ left for Marshall Co., Illinois where on 18 Jun 1859 he m1 Margaret Scoon, born 1837 in Hawaik, Roxburghshire, Scotland. To them were born eight children [6 girls and 2 boys]. The first four were born in Marshall Co. and the last four were born in Cook Co., IL where they resided at the time of the Chicago fire of 8 Oct 1871. WJ enlisted as a private on 2 Sep 1862 in Lacon, Marshall Co., IL. When he was discharged 9 Jun 1864 in Baton Rouge, LA, he was a 1st Lieutenant Co. D 77th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He received a bullet wound in his left big toe while on duty 17 May 1863 at Vicksburg, MS. Margaret (Scoon) Goodrich died 27 Feb 1881 and WJ m2 Jennie Hastings. They had no children. WJ's youngest two remained with the newlyweds and the other six children were sent to Marshall Co., IL to live with relatives of their mother.

After the death of Jennie, WJ lived with some of his children's families. He resided for the last years of his life with his son Charles Curtis "Chase" Goodrich in both Zillah, WA and Santa Ana, CA. He died in Orange Co., CA and is buried there in Fairhaven Cemetery, Santa Ana, Orange Co., CA.

WJ's parents, **Silas Curtis Goodrich**, called "Curtis", and **Sarah Caroline North** were married in about 1836 Onondaga Co., NY where they were both born. They were both deceased by the time their son was 21 [1858]. Silas Curtis had received a piece of lot 84 in a deed 25 Nov 1844 from Silas and Betsey, his wife, for "right of heirship." Silas Curtis Goodrich purchased another part of lot 84 [his father's land] from his half-brother Samuel Goodrich and his wife Harriet of Kane Co., IL and Betsey his stepmother of Elbridge on 11 Jan 1853.

Silas Curtis and Sarah Caroline (North) Goodrich parents were **Silas and Lydia (Curtis) Goodrich** and **Daniel Hoyt and Susan (Fulton) North**, respectively. The two Silas Goodriches and their first wives are buried in the Elbridge Rural Cemetery, Elbridge, Onondaga Co., NY. Silas Goodrich was born 3 Jun 1778, Berkshire Co., MA and lived there until at least 1809 as their first four children list MA on the censuses as their place of birth. Silas b. 1778 was listed on the Camillus Twp.,

Onondaga Co., NY census for 1810 and 1820. Elbridge separated from Camillus in 1825. On the 1825 Assessment Roll of property owners in Elbridge, Silas is listed with a 100-acre farm on lot 84. In Silas's probate there is concern about who would receive the "pew" in meetinghouse. There is also concern about undue influence upon Silas while writing his will. There is a trial about his will.

Silas was the son of **Ashbel & Rachel (---) Goodrich**. Rachel died Apr 1809 in Lanesborough, Berkshire Co., MA and is buried there in Center Cemetery. Ashbel was in Camillus, NY when he signed a deed on 20 Jan 1816 for the sale of land his father had given him in Lanesborough to Jonathan Lincoln of MA. No death date or burial location was found for Ashbel after the 1816 deed. Ashbel and Rachel's children, Silas, Levi, Wait Squire, Rhoda, Laura, and Polly all lived in Camillus Twp., in 1816. Those children and their spouses can be found in Camillus and Elbridge, NY on the census. I found no further record of their other two children, Lucy and Alvah.

James Goodrich's will mentions his two sons Ashbel and Thomas, naming Thomas as executor. "Son Ashbel Goodrich" received wearing apparel in his father's will dated 1812. He had received land in 18 Jan 1787, Book 19, page 263, from his father. James died in Lanesborough, Berkshire Co., MA and is buried there in Center Cemetery. James and his two sons Ashbel and Thomas are listed on the 1790 and 1800 census for Lanesborough, Berkshire Co., MA. James Goodrich's service in the American Revolution has been documented through his daughter Jerusha (Goodrich) Hollis. James' NSDAR Ancestor Number is A045583. He was a private in Massachusetts and is listed in Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors, Vol. 6 page 591. James' first wife was Susannah Hale b 21 Mar 1722/23 Glastonbury, CT. His second wife was Lydia (Remington) Curtis, wife of Abner Curtis, and who was the mother of Lydia Curtis, first wife of Silas Goodrich. Lydia Remington Curtis Goodrich is buried in Elbridge Rural Cemetery.

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Note: Jeanne Bednorz offers the documentation of this research (see above source list) to any interested researchers. Check the Research Resources column for further information.



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

The fine reprint copies of the 1889, *The Goodrich Family in America* edited by Lafayette Case, are no longer available. Persons who wish a copy may download it 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

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. For more details, please see the article by Lindy Allen on page 29 of Volume 2, Issue 4, September 6, 2006 of the GFA Newsletter.

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

Look-ups are available for the following:

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NEW! *Wilson Families in Colonial Virginia and Related Mason, Seawell, Goodrich, Boush Families*, Patti Sue McCrary, Heritage Books, 2007(Goodrich Families of Old Rappahannock, VA, includes transcript of Thomas Goodrich will.)

NEW! 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 gfgenealogy@yahoo.com

*One name only per lookup request; must be accompanied by known facts about the ancestor. Send request to gfgenealogy@yahoo.com.



The Goodrich Genealogy – Progress Report I

~ Delores Goodrick Beggs and Matthew Goodrich, Compilers

We have made a good beginning, and are making steady progress in compiling the new Goodrich Genealogy. At the present time our efforts are focused on Ens. William Goodrich of Wethersfield, Conn., Generations 1 – 3, testing the theory we can do better – and faster – work, by concentrating on a section at a time. One of my father’s old adages comes to mind: if anything is worth doing, it is worth doing right.

The goals we set ourselves are three-fold. Make the new genealogy as accurate as possible, add in the female lines, and source the compilation. Each of these turned out to be demanding tasks.

In support of these goals we have viewed several thousand Family History Library records, reviewed issues we and others noticed in the 1889 Goodrich Family in America book, researched female lines and checked our huge GFA Private Record Collection for additional information. Delores at this writing has 2 more new films waiting at her local FHL for viewing the records; several hours of time, or more, per film is the norm.

The rewards come with each verification and/or correction, each missing fact filled in, particularly in adding new family information and death dates, of which so many are missing in the Case book.

One example of new information found and added is in the case of LWC133 Abner Goodrich, b. 10 Nov. 1731, a son of Ephraim Goodrich and Hannah Steele; he is listed with a family, but no wife’s name. We found Abner’s marriage to Ruth Delano listed in Amenia, New York, 1760, “Apl. 30, Abner Goodrich and Ruth Delano” in the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, Vol. 33, page 46, Marriage Records.

An additional advantage of finding this record is that Abner’s brother Ashbel Goodrich, b. 13 Dec. 1729 is also listed in the Case book, page 42, without his wife’s information; Ashbel was listed in the same set of page 46 marriage records as Abner, also in Amenia, New York, 1760. LWC 132 Ashbel Goodrich married 11 March 1760 Mercy Brockway.

Thank you all for the encouragement sent. If your family’s Goodrich history is incomplete or missing in our posted web site files or the *Goodrich Family in America* book, please contact us at gfagenealogy@yahoo.com with your information.



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compiling the new Goodrich genealogy as well as other information which is projected to appear on our future Members Only site.

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Goodrich Family Association members can request the Association number to take advantage of special discounted pricing for the acclaimed FGS (Federation of Genealogical Societies) Forum magazine, which includes research information, news in brief, state and historical society news, book reviews, and advertises the most complete calendar of genealogical events published anywhere.

Our NGS organizational membership (National Genealogical Society) serves to widen the bases we touch in our search for Goodrich information; the more we obtain, the more Goodrich researchers we are able to assist.

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