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GFA FORUM Yields Yet Another Cousin

~ Kay Waterloo, Editor

I'm wondering how many of our readers have ever visited the Goodrich Family Association website (www.GoodrichFamilyAssoc.org) and checked out our FORUM. I have to admit that I don't frequently check it, but recently I did and saw, to my surprise, a posting by someone who is descended from the same Elias Jackson Goodrich as I am. I could hardly believe my eyes!

His posting read in part, "I am looking for any records of Elias Goodrich who was married to Lucia Morrill...resided in Marengo, Illinois and died there on the 17 Sep 1908. He was born about 1830 in New York and was also in the 95th Illinois Infantry, Co. A. I am looking for his parents, etc, as I am a descendant of his through his son, Walter S. Goodrich...whose siblings were Edgar E., Estelle, Ella R., Ruth (Daisy), [Ernest], and Bessie..."

Well, can I be frank with you that I was absolutely giddy with excitement because Elias is my great-great-grandfather and Walter S.' sister, Bessie, is MY great-grandmother? Well I was. Good thing my grandchildren weren't around as they might have thought that their Grammie had lost it. Quite the contrary – I had FOUND something, something very exciting – a new cousin!

I responded immediately to this man's posting explaining how I was descended from Elias and telling him that I had quite a bit of information on this family. Then the waiting game began. I can't tell you how many times I climbed the stairs to my upstairs office, signed on to AOL, and checked my email only to find nothing from my new cousin, Wally. Even while I attended my grandson Jackson's fourth birthday party, I frequently pulled my new "fancy" phone out of my purse, just to see if there was perhaps a new email from my new cousin. No such luck. But...tonight, after the lights flickered during a thunderstorm here in Indianapolis, I quickly made my way upstairs again to make sure my computer hadn't fried from the lightning, only to discover there it was – a message from Wally!

My eyeballs haven't moved so fast reading something since I read "Jurassic Park." There, in his email, was the lineage proving that Wally and I are third cousins, once removed, which just means that he is a generation younger than I. He explained that his great-grandfather, Harry, had moved to South Africa, and returned at a later time to Council Bluffs, Iowa where he died at a very young age. After another email or two, I learned that Wally had, just a few short weeks before, actually been in the USA for a month researching his ancestry in Iowa. Timing is everything, and this time, timing had not worked in our favor as Wally was again back home in South Africa. We had missed a golden opportunity to meet face to face.

I anticipate numerous emails will be exchanged in the near future as we get to know each other and share family information and photos of each other and of our Goodrich ancestors.

So, if you haven't checked the GFA website's FORUM, you might want to post a message. Who knows? You may be able to connect with a previously unknown cousin, as I did.

Since I will be sending a copy of this quarterly to Wally, the following articles are especially for him.

The History of Pottawattamie County [Iowa] states in part:

WALTER S. GOODRICH

As long as Walter S. Goodrich continues in the hotel business, Council Bluffs will never lack first class accommodations for the guests who may visit the city. He was born in Chicago, February 22, 1861, and was reared and educated in Evanston, Illinois, until he had reached the age of sixteen. He then came to Council Bluffs [Iowa] to enter the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway and for fifteen years served this road in various capacities, being for three years an engineer. In 1893 he entered the hotel business in Council Bluffs, conducting the Tremont House for three years...In 1906 he erected his present establishment, the finest and most elaborate and complete American and European hotel of Council Bluffs. Its erection was due entirely to the enterprise and public spirit of its proprietor and he has spared neither pains nor expense in its plan and its building. He has installed everything that modern ideas and utility can possibly furnish for the comfort, pleasure and general well-being of its guests. Hotel Goodrich is build of the finest pressed brick, fireproof, with hose, fire escapes and fire extinguishers on every floor. It is steam heated and lighted by electricity, having its own electric plant and electric bells. It has baths in connection with the rooms and an accommodation of sixty well-lighted and ventilated guest chambers. The dining room is forty feet square, with a barbershop and bar in connection. It has an up-to-date café, which serves the best bill of fare for the money in the city.

Mr. Goodrich was married in 1880 in this city to Jennie Jones, a daughter of Daniel and Rachel Jones. The union has been blessed with three children: Harry E., Everett E., and Ferris.

In his political affiliations Mr. Goodrich has given his support to the republican party and has served as delegate to the county conventions several times...It takes unusual ability and tact to conduct successfully a hotel. For this business a man must be a good manager, a social and genial host, must have the rare ability of dealing agreeably with all kinds of people and at all times. In all this, Mr. Goodrich has certainly proved capable. Council Bluffs owes much to the good opinion which the guests of this city have formed, because of the comfortable quarters which have been furnished them by Mr. Goodrich.

Walter's son, Harry Goodrich's obituary states:

Harry Goodrich, son of H. F. Goodrich, died Friday [April 18, 1913] evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Goodrich Hotel. His death was caused by miner's phthisis [tuberculosis of the lungs], contracted in the mines of South Africa in which country Mr. Goodrich spent fourteen years of his young life. While it was known that Mr. Goodrich's health was seriously impaired and it was feared he had not long to live, the end came suddenly. He had returned only a week ago from Arizona whither he went about a year ago in search of better health.

Mr. Goodrich was 32 years of age, having been born here August 1, 1881. He leaves a wife and one son, Walter, and a daughter, Virginia E., also his father and mother and one brother, Everett.

Although Mr. Goodrich had spent a considerable portion of his life in the South African country, he was known here by many people personally and by hundreds of others by reputation. He served in the Boer War against England and was in many of the battles of that war. He came back to America with his family on a pension from the Boer government about a year ago, just a week in advance of the sailing time of the ill-fated Titanic, it having at one time been their purpose to return on the new boat. Goodrich's services in the Boer War covered a period of three years and he had spent some ten or more years in South African mining in which he had interest.

Another notice on April 21, 1913 states:

The funeral of Harry Goodrich was held Sunday afternoon at the Goodrich Hotel. Rev. Marcus F. McClure [of the First Presbyterian Church] officiating. The funeral was largely attended and the floral tributes from friends were most beautiful. Several songs were sung by Mrs. W. W. Sherman and Mrs. N. O. Ward. Burial was at Walnut Hill cemetery. The pallbearers were William Schlattel, John Buchanan, John McFarland, Walter McCarty, Elmer Lane and Joe Earp.

Why We Should Always Have Family Reunions

~ Donna White

This summer's reunion was the culmination of a year's worth of planning by two dedicated cousins. We come from a large family that started out with our great-grandparents, Oscar Charles and his wife, Julia Powers who had three sons. Oscar Charles is the son of Orin Goodrich who married 1st to Amy Andrus, and 2nd to Alsina Marble. Our grandfather, Chester William, and his twin, Charles Orin, were born in 1866 in St. Charles, Illinois. They were joined six years later by a brother, Bert Oscar in 1872, also born in St. Charles. Chester William had a family of fifteen children, Charles had a family of eleven, and Bert had two families. Bert's first family was of three children and the second family consisted of six children.

While these three young men were just starting their families they were all close and lived either on the same homesteaded property or on adjacent homestead property. At some time their younger brother, Bert, divorced his first wife and disappeared from their lives and the lives of his brothers. He then married his second wife, without telling her that he had already been married and had three children by that first marriage, and proceeded to have six children of that marriage. So for many years the twins knew nothing or very little of their younger brother. As the children of Bert's two separate families grew older they eventually found out that they had half brothers and sisters. The first family was pretty much ignored by the father and never really knew how much of a large extended family they had. The reunion brought a few of those half

brothers and sisters together, some for the first time. There were a lot of feelings exposed and a great thirst for information to be shared by the two families.

At a later time, the twins separated from each other, both moving to different locations and it was difficult to keep in touch with each other. One of Chester's sons got a woman pregnant out of wedlock, married her, and then disappeared, moving to a different state, never seeing his baby son. She divorced him after some time, remarried and had other children. He remarried (don't know how he did that when he didn't know that she had divorced him) and had a family of seven with his second wife. When the children of his second family were all in school, the first wife and her family, including the son that he had never seen, moved to the same area to live. His children actually knew each other in school although they never knew that they were related to each other. It was by chance that the family was located and reunited with each other but it was several years before the first son was found and introduced to his extended family. The son of the first baby attended this reunion with his wife and that was the most amazing thing to watch. This son also had no idea of the size of family that he was connected to. His thirst for knowledge of his parentage was huge. He sat with the book on his father and grandfather for hours, trying to absorb all the information. That one individual happening made all the work of putting on a reunion very worthwhile. It was agreed by all of the attendees that another reunion was needed and this time it would be held in the area where most of the family of Chester William settled and that the two days we had for this reunion was not enough time.

The two cousins who hosted this reunion have been amateur genealogists for years and put together books on each family of the three sons born to Oscar and Julia so that a person who was not familiar with a computer-generated genealogy program could read the book and follow each family individually. The nametags we used each showed the name of one of the three brothers so that anyone reading a nametag knew instantly from which brother they had descended.

Sarah Goodrich - A Lesson in Sources - Part Two

~ William H. Hathaway

In a previous installment a mystery of the parents of two women named Sarah Goodrich, both born in 1747 and later married in Hadley, Massachusetts was presented. Discrepancies found in publications provide us with the opportunity to learn two lessons - Vital Records are necessary but may be insufficient in establishing parentage – and mistakes in secondary sources can persist for many years.

Before suggesting a resolution, here is a summary of Sarahs related to Aaron from which to choose:

Aaron Goodrich (1719-1769) of Hadley had: a daughter Sarah; two sisters Sarah (both died young); his mother Sarah; his father's second wife Sarah; his wife's mother Sarah; a niece Sarah; a half-niece Sarah; a half-cousin Sarah; a half-cousin once removed Sarah; his father's half-sister Sarah; his grandfather David a sister Sarah; and his great-grandmother Sarah, wife of our William Goodrich; plus others of more distant kinship. Each of these (other than his mother-in-law) either at birth or upon marriage, carried the name "Sarah Goodrich."

Sylvester Judd, a name well-known to students of New England history, printed in his Manuscripts, Hadley Series, 3:178, that Aaron Goodrich was the father of the Sarah Goodrich who married Daniel White (1740-1815) in 1772, while his collaborator Lucius M. Boltwood in his genealogy series also assigned Aaron as her father, but further gave Aaron as the father of the Sarah Goodrich who married Nathaniel Montague (1745-1784) in 1773. Both Sarahs were born in October 1747. Certainly they had different mothers and we presume different fathers. The point of these two articles is to clarify this apparent misunderstanding.

Aaron had a brother Josiah (1717-1806) who married 1740 to Grace Grant (1723/34-1756) in Tolland, Connecticut.

The "Grace Grant" key to resolve this comes from her grandchildren. Daniel White had a daughter named Grace Grant White (1782-1864) who married November 20, 1801, Stephen Montague (1779-1851), who incidentally was the son of Nathaniel Montague. Not only does this make quite clear that there could not have been one Sarah Goodrich who married both Daniel and Nathaniel and been the mother of both spouses of this 1801 marriage, but it strongly suggests that Daniel's wife named a daughter after her mother, (1st) wife of Josiah Goodrich. What we do want (there is always a task for the future ...) is a vital record of Josiah and Grace having a daughter named Sarah - quite probably in Tolland where Grace was born, married and died.

A second key that adds weight to this interpretation is a letter written by Hezekiah Goodrich of Norwich, Windsor Co., Vt., dated September 20, 1837 at age 80, received by Henry B. Goodrich and published by Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich, which is here excerpted:

"Dear Sir: On my return from the State of New York, my kinsman Levi showed me a letter received from you last summer, the contents of which were pleasing, that some one of the name should undertake to trace the rise and progress of our family ...

My father had 2 sons and 2 daughters by his first wife, Grace Grant of Tolland, to wit,

Eleazer, born Feb. 22d, 1743, died Sept. 13th, 1822.

Sarah, born August 18th, 1746 (still living). - (see below)

David, born May 8th, 1748, died Feb. 16th, 1827.

Elizabeth, born May 19th, 1751, died Oct. 19th, 1803.

Hezekiah, born June 30, 1754, died Aug. 10th, 1756.

First wife died April 7th, 1756. My father married the widow Mary Porter, June 30th, 1756, and had by her, Hezekiah (the writer of this), born May 10th, 1757, now living.

Josiah, born Dec. 22d, now living.

Mary, born May 27th, 1760, died Sept. 1st, 1767.

Ruth, born June 18th, 1765, died April 21st, 1796.

Charles, born Nov. 14th, 1767, died Aug. 14th, 1775.

Mary, born Sept. 18, 1770, died Aug. 7th, 1775."

Apparently, this Hezekiah meant "2 sons surviving infancy" as he did not count the Hezekiah, b 1754 d 1756 as one his father had by his first wife. The date of this letter, Sept. 20, 1837 and "still living" given for his sister, Sarah as of this time, implies Sarah alive 1837.

This Sarah is listed as born August 18, 1746 and elsewhere listed as died 8 Feb 1837. This is seven months earlier than this letter. However, as this Hezekiah was 80 years old and news of his (half-)sister's death might not have reached or registered with him, this Sarah whether 18 Aug 1746 or 10 Oct 1747, is the closest yet match to the Sarah listed as wife of Daniel. There is a third birth date for Sarah, wife of Daniel: 1998 on-line GEDCOM for "Descendants of Matthew Grant": Sarah Goodrich, b August 18, 1745, m _____ White." As this source is of lesser quality than a (half-)brother's writing, I'll leave the 1745 to 1747 range to speak for itself.

One further check: the 1768 visit to "Forty Acres" of Elizabeth Porter (Mrs. Charles Phelps as 1770), by a very pregnant Betty Goodrich accompanied by her sister Sarah, daughters of Josiah, fits a reasonable age for the Elizabeth born May 19th, 1751.

But what about the discrepancy of the 18 Aug 1746 vs. 10 Oct 1747? First, Hezekiah was writing about events a decade before he was born. Minor differences in numbers might be expected. Some are easily rationalized.

A handwritten "18" can be copied as a "10." An 'eighth' month of an Old Style year can be October (if March is counted as first month), while the eighth month of a New Style year is August. And although both August and October are after the increment of the New Year of Old Style and so should not need double-dating, people can easily slip a year when trying to 'convert' in these complicated systems. A personal letter is not vetted the way I would expect for a date in a court document, a will or a Vital Record written by a clerk. "Close enough" might be all we can hope for from such a source. So a slight shift in b date for Sarah is plausible. That Aaron might have had a Sarah born by an unknown mistress on October 10th, 1747 and a Sarah by his wife on October 16th, 1747 is not.

Again - Tolland records should nail this down. A close scrutiny of those childhood diaries of Elizabeth (Porter) Phelps might also help distinguish which Sarah visited Forty Acres and possibly tell us when and why Josiah's daughter permanently moved from Tolland to Hadley. Church 'removals' are another avenue.

For the second lesson - how an entry in a secondary source can live on, I see in my copy of the "Montague Genealogy" book separate entries for each of our Sarahs. On page 617, Nathaniel Montague (number 5559), "married, Oct. 21, 1773, Sarah Goodrich, dau. of Aaron and Dorcas (Cook) Goodrich. She was b. Oct. 16, 1747, and after his death, she m. (2) John Chester Williams, son of Rev. Chester Williams, who was minister at Hadley. She was his second wife. She d. Feb. 5, 1798, ae. 50 years." Yet, on page 619, Stephen Montague (Montague number 5576) "married, Nov. 20, 1801, Grace Grant White, dau. of Capt. Daniel White (and Sarah White, dau. of Aaron Goodrich.)"

Once I analyzed the Hezekiah letter and notified her, Delores Beggs quickly supplied me with the relevant pages from the Boltwood book, (Boltwood, L.M. "Genealogies of Hadley Families", Metcalf & Company, Northampton, 1862.) On page 60, Boltwood has: "GOODRICH, AARON, d. Jan 27 or 28, 1769. ae. 48. He m. Dorcas Cook. Children -- Sarah, b. Oct. 16, 1747, m. Oct. 21, 1773, Nathaniel Montague", while on page 159 is: "DANIEL, s. of William, (11) captain, d. Nov. 17, 1816, ae. 75. He m. June 11, 1772, Sarah, dau. of Aaron Goodrich. She was b. Oct. 10, 1747, and d. 1837, ae. 90."

While the wife of Nathaniel is given both parents, the exact same phrase, "daughter of Aaron Goodrich" (but no mention of mother), is used for the wife of Daniel in both the 1886 Montague book and the 2004 book, "Earthbound and Heavenbent" by Carlisle.

My suspicion is that Aaron was such a well-known figure in Hadley it was easy to assume that any Sarah marrying in that town was his daughter. An analogous situation occurred with another descendant. There is an on-line photograph of a gravestone inscribed thusly:

In Memory of
Mr. Aaron Goodrich
Junr. son of Mr Aaron & Mrs Dorcas
Goodrich who
died by a Bite of
a mad Dog August
28 1789 in the
19 year of his age

Again, "carved in stone." Yet, died 1789 in 19th year implies born 1770 (November 27.) The Aaron, husband of Dorcas, died 28 Jan 1769. They had a son, Aaron b April 20, 1749, d Apr 14 1776, who, with his wife Mary Hamilton, had this third Aaron Goodrich, b 1770. While Dorcas (born 1727) might have still been alive in 1789, she could only have been his grandmother, not his mother, but could have been so well known that the stone carver dug her in to stay.

Would the more careful Boltwood have done the same with Sarah? The compilers of the Montague book could have simply copied the earlier 'authority', which later writers continued. While I was searching the microfilm of Hadley V.R., I also slogged through the reel of notes between Boltwood and Judd, but did not find where they may have discussed these particular families. A more thorough search might find this.

All in all - for now, I'm proposing that the Sarah who married Daniel White in 1772 was cousin to the Sarah who married Nathaniel Montague in 1773, with their respective fathers Josiah and Aaron being brothers.



Shaker Village Cemeteries

~ Carl J Hoffstedt

The June 15, 2009 *Goodrich Gospel* contained an article on the Goodrich Hollow Cemetery where the Hancock Shaker Village in Massachusetts was mentioned. While driving from Minnesota to Boston this past spring, I had planned to visit the Hancock Shaker Village. It was not officially open when I drove through in mid-April, but I was allowed to walk the grounds. Unfortunately, all of the gravestones were removed from the Hancock Shaker Village Cemetery.

A tour book made reference to a Shaker Village near Albany, New York – Watervliet Shaker Community. Watervliet is a Dutch name which means water flood, and the community was also called Wisdom’s Valley, its Shaker name. Ann Lee and eight Pilgrims came from Manchester, England to America in 1774 and to the Watervliet site in 1776.

The Shakers officially became known as the Society of Believers in Christ’s Second Appearance. Because of their ecstatic dancing during worship, they became known as Shakers or even Shaking Quakers. The Shakers were celibate, did not marry or bear children and practiced social, sexual, economic and spiritual equality for all members. Married people could join the society as many did and brought children with them as well. Given that the society growth depended on new members, it was faced with a long-term problem of survival. The society reached a peak of about 6,000 members in 1840-1850. The number declined from that level until today when only three Shakers remain in a single village in Maine.

The Watervliet Shaker Community is run by the Shaker Heritage Society, established in 1977 to preserve the buildings and history, and Albany County owns the property, which was purchased in 1925. Per the society’s brochure, nine buildings are maintained by the Heritage Society along with an orchard, cemetery and herb garden. The main focus of the community was the Meeting House. The current Meeting House was built in 1848 to accommodate the increasing Shaker population at that time. The building has three doors for the main entrance. The women (Sisters) entered through the left door, the men (Brethren) through the right door and community elders through the center door. The women and men entered a shoe room where they could change their shoes and garments prior to worship. The elders went directly to the second floor stairway for living quarters.



The Meeting House had symmetrical windows and subdued colors which illustrated the simplicity valued by the Shakers. The large room has built-in benches, which provided seating for visitors who attended the weekly worship services as possible converts. In 1867, Hepworth

Dixon described the Shaker activities as follows, “Shakerism is a system which has a distinct genius, a strong organization, a perfect way of life of its own, through which it would appear to be helping shape and guide, in no small measure, the spiritual career of the United States.”

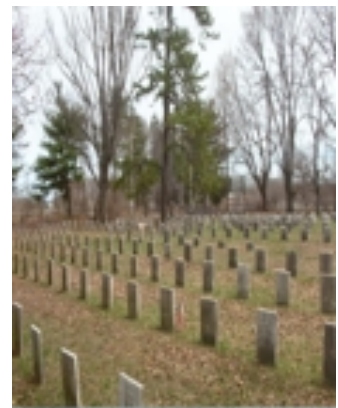
The 2009 *Goodrich Gospel* article listed several Goodriches who had joined the Shakers. I asked if the Shaker Heritage Society had records of any Goodriches with the Watervliet community. I did obtain information on Francis and Elizabeth Goodrich who are buried in the Shaker Cemetery on the property. Francis Goodrich, the husband of Elizabeth, was born October 3, 1774 in Hancock, Massachusetts and died August 10, 1859 at 84 years, 10 months and 8 days. Elizabeth was born February 14, 1775 and died January 18, 1818 at the age of 42 years, 11 months and 4 days.

Francis and Elizabeth came to Watervliet on June 14, 1790 and signed the covenant May 13, 1801. Elizabeth was appointed as an eldress at 2nd Order on May 15, 1815. Francis was appointed a family deacon on September 5, 1832 until February 22, 1842. He was one of those designed “first born” who had actually seen Ann Lee, known as Mother Ann. Ann died in 1784 when Francis was 9 years, 11 months and 5 days old. Ann Lee is buried in Shaker Cemetery at Watervliet along with 444 other Shakers.

The society records also mentioned Roswell Goodrich. In 1880, Roswell went off with Esther Dodge on a Saturday night, and they were married on Sunday. On Monday, Roswell came to the office and lamented his folly, but it was too late. He was removed from the Shaker group.

Now the question was – could these Goodriches be found in [The Goodrich Family in America](#) by Lafayette Wallace Case? Yes, some of them could, starting with Francis, #694 - page 79 in the Case book. He was the son of David, #231, and Ann Robinson. The description said the entire family joined the Shakers in about 1780 as they lived in Hancock, Massachusetts. The 2009 article has David and Ann (Anna) buried at the Hancock Shaker Village. Roswell, #682 – page 78 in the Case book, was the son of Daniel Goodrich, #226, and Anna Baldwin. Daniel and Anna are also buried in the Hancock Shaker Village Cemetery. The Case book does not have Elizabeth listed as the wife of Francis.

After viewing the other buildings at Watervliet from the outside, the cemetery was visited and the gravestones for Francis and Elizabeth Goodrich were found as well as one for Ann Lee. The cemetery gravestones were laid out in a grid pattern and perhaps could be the forerunner to the Arlington National Cemetery and other national cemeteries where the grid pattern exists. This photo shows the cemetery in Watervliet. Francis and Elizabeth have been entered into the Find-A Grave web site. The Shakers invented hundreds of labor-saving devices from the clothespin to the circular saw. Their antique furniture is very valued as they played a role in the history of the United States.



The Women Elizur Goodrich, Son of Simeon, DID Marry

~ Delores Goodrick Beggs

The last (June, 2011) GFA Quarterly carried an article about the Elizur Goodrich whom Fanny L. Scranton married, detailing through cemetery records why she could NOT have been the wife of the Elizur Goodrich listed as a son of Simeon Goodrich born 07 Dec 1762 listed on page 95, *The Goodrich Family in America*, by Lafayette Wallace Case, M. D.¹

Here, at last, are the details regarding the real wives and family of Elizur Goodrich, b. 20 Feb. 1798,² son of Simeon Goodrich (Nathaniel, Joseph, William, Ens. William), listed on page 95 of the Goodrich book.

Elizur Goodrich was born 20 Feb. 1798² in Wethersfield, Connecticut, died 10 Feb. 1854,^{2, 4, 10} ae 56 years.² He was the son of Simeon and Hannah Welles Goodrich. Simeon was a private in Col. Webb's regiment of Connecticut troops in 1780.^{2, 9} Elizur married 11 Aug. 1832³ at Hartford, Connecticut, Jerusha W. Stillman³ born 18 Dec. 1803,² the daughter of sea Capt. George and Martha (Deming) Stillman.² Jerusha W. Goodrich died 02 Jan. 1835^{6, 10} when her son was a newborn baby.

The couple had one child:

Elizur Stillman Goodrich, born 28 Dec. 1834⁵ at Wethersfield, CT.²

Elizur Goodrich married second, in Connecticut, Prudence B. Fortune⁷ 04 Dec. 1845.⁷ The 1850 Census shows Elizur and Prudence with his first son, Elizur Stillman Goodrich, now aged 15, and also with two young children:

Henry E. Goodrich,⁸ abt. 4 years, died 16 Dec. 1865,¹⁰ ae 19

Riley J. Goodrich,⁸ abt. one year

Elizur and Jerusha's son, Elizur Stillman Goodrich, grew up to be an exceptional and notable man. His listing in the Political Graveyard⁵ includes that he is President of the Hartford Street Railway Company, was a member of the Connecticut House of Representatives in 1895, and represented the 2nd District in the Connecticut State Senate from 1897 to 1901. He was a Freemason, Knight Templar and a Shriner. In addition, he headed up the Hartford and New York Transportation Company in 1885,² and brought it back from the brink of bankruptcy.²

Elizur Stillman Goodrich married 10 Oct 1859,² Mary Ann Hamner.² The 1870 Census shows them with two children and Elizur Stillman's 79 year old aunt Rhoda Goodrich¹¹ a sister of his father's.

Children:

James Raymond Goodrich, abt. 9 years.¹¹ James later applied for SAR,¹²
Married Elizabeth Judd²

Mabel Edith Goodrich, abt. 3 years,¹¹ applied for DAR,⁹ married George
Hills Gilman²

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Cousins Reunite

~ Nancy Reinhardt and Kay Waterloo

If anyone thinks you need hundreds of relatives to hold a successful family reunion – think again. The second biennial Meehan/Goodrich Cousins’ Reunion took place in the wooded, rolling hills of south-central Indiana where we rented two giant log homes set among the beauty of Brown County. Twenty cousins in our family gathered for a weekend of fun, food and photo sharing. Siblings Kay, Carole, Patty and Barbara met first cousins Margie, Kristine, Rob and Judy, along with second cousins Nancy, Pam, Kathi, Sue and Cindy. Even a first cousin once removed, Gwen, attended with her two toddlers Ethan and Virginia (twice removed) – all of us – cousins of one sort or another. Rounding out the group were three husbands and one wife (unrelated by blood, but now “cousins” by affection). All of us are descended from the three children of **Bessie Goodrich** and her husband, James Adelbert Meehan through their two sons and one daughter. So although we are Meehans by descent through our grandparents, we are also Goodriches through the next ancestral generation by way of our great-grandmother, Bessie.

Even though we knew our first cousins well, we had not spent any time together for many years – decades, in fact. Some of us were meeting for the very first time, others reunited with great joy. We hugged, laughed, cried and told tales on one another and on our parents and grandparents.

Carole and Kay, our genealogy experts, set up one room to hold laptops, a printer, a scanner, and charts, pictures, and history about our family. It was filled to the brim with notebooks, photo albums, boxes of information, and displays. That room and the adjoining great room were where we lived. We passed photos among each other and scanned them for anyone who wanted copies. Fragile letters and papers were displayed and some were read aloud. Magnifying glasses came out as we all examined old, old photos and tried to figure out who was who.



One exciting part of the reunion was the exchange of photographs, including some of a young Bessie that our newly-found cousins had inherited and none of the rest of us had ever seen. Then there was the one Carole had of Elias Goodrich, Bessie’s father, standing in front of his home in Marengo, IL alongside a very large American flag. Elias had been a soldier in the 95th Illinois Infantry during the Civil War. We had interesting stories to share about Elias’ life, which touched our cousins deeply.



Elias Jackson Goodrich



Seated: Lucia Goodrich
 Standing: unk., Edgar Goodrich, Daisy Goodrich Hungerford,
 Bessie Goodrich Meehan, unk., unk., Lynden Meehan, Ruth
 Meehan, George Bates, Estelle Goodrich Bates, unk.



Bessie Goodrich

We spent hours pouring over baby photos, wedding photos (who is that, anyway?), documents, censuses, letters and charts. We learned many fascinating facts about our Meehan and Goodrich ancestors. Each of us received a beautiful personalized binder with a family tree and family history in it. Our only male cousin present, Rob, along with Kay’s sister, Patty, demonstrated their finely-tuned technical skills by scanning photos into Rob’s laptop to create a presentation of labeled photos, documents and filmed interviews of the cousins into a DVD for each of us.

So enthralled were we all with one another’s company that we didn’t even leave the house, except to make an ice run or go out to enjoy the evening breeze on the wide veranda that overlooked the hills and valleys. There was simply too much to share, too much to see, and too much to do. Two of our cousins, Kristine and Judy had met their husbands dancing ballroom and West Coast swing, and to the delight of everyone, the four of them demonstrated their talents on the improvised dance floor of our large cabin. Margie shared her talent as a chef by unveiling three of the most tempting cheesecakes ever created! We played games that related to our ancestry, had prizes, and laughed until our sides ached. The sense of humor inherited from Bessie (who, we have been told, was “the life of the party”) prevailed all weekend with gentle teasing and even outright silliness. One highlight for us was creeping up the stairs late Saturday night for a spontaneous gathering on cousins Carole and Barbara’s king-sized bed where we shared leftover cheesecake and giggles with five other cousins. It was a girly jaunt back to our teenaged years.

Mostly though, we talked...and talked...and talked. We learned to know one another, came to love one another more, and grew close – just like family. What amazed us most was how we all seemed to connect almost immediately. Uncertain and shy moments lasted only as long as it took to hug and say hello – it was truly a spiritual experience.

One of our darling cousins, Barbara, sent everyone a note a couple of days before the reunion that says it all:

I am almost overwhelmed by what I am about to experience. Can you feel the excitement and the love in each email we have been sending back and forth to each other? We are quite a group. Yes, we are. And I can't wait to reunite and meet and hug each and every one of you! 'Til then, my family...

The reunion was a glorious experience that we hope to share again with as many of our cousins as can attend in two years. Family – cousins – kindred spirits. We can't wait for next time! Maybe Wally [see article on page 45] will be able to join us then.

Honoring My Patriot and Contemporary Heroes

~ Jennifer M. Schultz

On July 7, 2011 in a small cemetery in Homesville, NY (South New Berlin, Chenango County) during a short ceremony, a bronze grave marker with an American flag was placed in honor of **David Goodrich**, Revolutionary Soldier. Present at this gathering were Victor and Norma Sibley, responsible for a decade plus of cemetery restoration and caretaking, James P. Byrnes (5th GG Son of David Goodrich), his wife Lynn Whitehead, his daughter Jennifer M. Schultz (6th GG Daughter) and her two daughters, Aleah M. and Cora N. Schultz (7th GG Daughters).



From Left to Right: Cora Schultz, Aleah Schultz (in front), Jennifer Schultz, James Byrnes, Victor and Norma Sibley. Picture taken by Lynn Whitehead (wife of James Byrnes).



Placement of the Marker by James and Victor

The Ceremony included a brief prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, and reading of The American's Creed. The marker was placed with the help of Victor and James.

Prayer shared at gravesite of David Goodrich (adapted from a NSDAR Opening Ceremony):

“Heavenly Father, we give You thanks for our patriot ancestors who had the courage to settle this great land and the vision to build a strong nation. We are ever grateful for the commitment of various patriotic organizations and volunteers, like Victor and Norma Sibley, who work to commemorate and perpetuate the spirit and purpose of those extraordinary men and women. Grant us wisdom and understanding as we strive to protect and preserve our American heritage so that future generations might continue to live in freedom and peace.”

The American's Creed by William Tyler Page:

“I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.”



Victor and Norma Sibley – My Heroes and Inspiration!

When Victor discovered this cemetery over a decade ago, he found it in shambles. The area was overgrown with weeds, shrubs, pricker-bushes, and more of the same. There was an ineffective barbed wire fence that was knocked down in most places. Most of the stones were either knocked over or later discovered buried in the topsoil. He located a couple of the stones within the neighboring cow pasture. Several of the stones required skills to puzzle the pieces together and cement them with the quick setting cement (at \$45 per quart). Victor has broken several shovel handles, needed the use of a chain saw to cut through some of the brush, and engineered frameworks to secure several of the fragile stones. Victor and Norma have dedicated hours and hours of volunteer work, over years, to re-establish this as a functional and now maintained cemetery.

With the exception of two stones, all of the markers are dated prior to 1914. Without the hard labor, dedication, and out of pocket investments of Victor and the love, patience and unending support of his wife Norma, I truly believe that I would not have ever been able to locate the final resting place of this ancestor. I owe them more thanks than I can ever express in words or deeds. Victor has recently had to retire from his volunteer duties due to health reasons and he continues to worry and express apprehension of its future care. It is up to us – the next generation – to assure him that we will do the right thing and maintain our local cemeteries.



Jennifer M. Schultz, LMSW
DAR National #: 851871

Later this summer it is my intention to file a National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) supplemental application as a descendant of David Goodrich and Adah Holden. At the time of this writing he has yet to have a descendant identified within the NSDAR's database. I'm thrilled to be his first documented descendant with such a respected organization. I currently serve as the Vice-Regent of the Schoharie Chapter, NSDAR in Schoharie, NY

The following outline of data and resources will be submitted in support of the above mentioned application:

I, Jennifer M. (Byrnes) Schultz [dates and sources deleted for privacy] married to Anthony J. Schultz, am the daughter of ...

James P. Byrnes [dates and sources deleted for privacy] married to his 1st wife Diane L. Becker
... was the child of ...

Paul A. Byrnes born September 3, 1912 at Sherburne, NY, died at Rochester, NY October 17, 1999 and married on February 15, 1935 to his 1st wife Ethel M. Miller who was born January 7, 1913 at Albany, NY, and died at Nunda, NY on November 21, 1978

Sources for Paul A. Byrnes: Birth Announcement and Certificate; US Federal Census Records for years 1920 and 1930; Marriage License and Certificate; and Death Announcement and Certificate.

... was the child of ...

John J. Byrnes born September 13, 1863 at Brookfield, NY, died at Sherburne, NY October 15, 1937 and married on October 11, 1911 to his 1st wife Mary A. Goodrich who was born March 31, 1876 at Sherburne, NY, and died at Sherburne, NY on February 7, 1967.

Sources for Mary A. Goodrich: The GOODRICH FAMILY BIBLE documents birth; US Federal Census Records for years 1880, 1900, 1910 (widowed), 1920, and 1930; Marriage Certificate; and Death Certificate.

... was the child of ...

Deloss N. Goodrich born November 10, 1852 at Sherburne, NY, died at Sherburne, NY November 1, 1924 and married on December 25, 1871 to his 1st wife Huldah L. Matteson who was born June 10, 1842 at unknown, and died at Sherburne, NY on August 4, 1905.

Sources for Deloss N. Goodrich: The GOODRICH FAMILY BIBLE documents birth, marriage and death; US Federal Census Records for years 1860, 1880, and 1900; and THE GOODRICH FAMILY IN AMERICA, by Lafayette Wallace Case, M.D., 1889, page 308.

... was the child of ...

Charles W. Goodrich born August 20, 1817 at unknown, died at unknown December 14, 1884 and married on September 12, 1841 to his 1st wife Fannie A. Nichols who was born May 23, 1821 at Halifax, Vermont, and died at unknown on January 7, 1897.

Sources for Charles W. Goodrich: The GOODRICH FAMILY BIBLE documents birth, marriage and death; US Federal Census Records for years 1850, 1860, and 1880; and THE GOODRICH FAMILY IN AMERICA, by Lafayette Wallace Case, M.D., 1889, pages 212 and 308.

... was the child of ...

Solomon Goodrich born March 5, 1790 at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, died at South New Berlin, NY December 14, 1880 and married on March 27, 1815 to his 1st wife Roxy B. Woodward who was born May 16, 1781 at Hartford, Connecticut, and died at South New Berlin, NY on November 24, 1856.

Sources for Solomon Goodrich: The GOODRICH FAMILY BIBLE documents birth, marriage and death; Gravestone Images from Homesville Cemetery in South New Berlin, NY; and THE GOODRICH FAMILY IN AMERICA, by Lafayette Wallace Case, M.D., 1889, pages 122 and 212.

... was the child of ...

David Goodrich born December 12, 1754 at Weathersfield, Connecticut, died at South New Berlin, NY April 13, 1850 and married on September 25, 1783 to his 1st wife Adah Holden who was born about 1768 at unknown, and died at South New Berlin, NY on April 12, 1848.

Sources for David Goodrich: Gravestone Images from Homesville Cemetery in South New Berlin, NY; and THE GOODRICH FAMILY IN AMERICA, by Lafayette Wallace Case, M.D., 1889, pages 74 and 122; and The Pension Application Papers (1832) filed by David Goodrich and Correspondence from the War Department (1924).

Some Connecticut Goodrich Marriages

Sources Family History Library Records

~ Compiled by Delores G. Beggs

Gershom Goodrich m. 12 Feb 1746, Elizabeth Savage, Film #1513707, It 3, p. 69

Gershom Goodrich m. 09 Dec 1761, Submit Leet, Film #1513707

Arabella Upson Goodrich m. 22 May 1850, Benjamin Callender, at Hartford, Hartford, CT,
Film #1313828

- Ozias Goodrich m. 12 Oct 1820, Mary Darrow, at Hartford, Hartford, CT, Film #1313828
Ethel Goodrich, b. 1885, m. 26 Jul 1906, Cassius Miles Woodsworth, b. 1882, at East Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut, Film #1312791
Orrin H. Goodrich, b. 1828, m. 03 Nov 1886 Martha L. Holmes Low, b. 1831, at East Hartford, Hartford, CT, Film # 1312793
Ida M. Goodrich, b. 1873, m. 18 Feb 1891, Arthur H. Blythe, b. 1862, at East Hartford, Hartford, CT, Film #1312793
Ida M. Goodrich Blythe, b. 1873, m. 09 Apr 1896 James F. O'Leary, b. 1868, at East Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut, Film #1312793
Orren A. Goodrich, Rocky Hill, m. 07 June 1846 Celia A. Ames, of Marlboro, by Jeremiah E. Stocking, Elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Glastonbury, CT Film # 1316154, It 4
Jabez Goodrich m. 30 Aug 1835 Elizabeth Walker, by Mr. James Sheppard, Preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Glastonbury Film #1316154, It 4
Henry C. Goodrich, Wethersfield, m. 25 Nov 1841 Louisa Taylor, by William B. Ashley, Rector, St. Luke's Church, Glastonbury, Glastonbury, CT Film #1316154, It 4
Arthur B. Goodrich, 32 yrs., Glastonbury, m. 12 Oct 1905 Agnes Black, 29 yrs., New York City, George F. Waters, Minister, Film #1316154, It 2, V6
Rev. Edward Goodridge, 30 yrs., Hartford, CT, m. 09 Jun 1868 Helen E. Welles, 31 yrs., Glastonbury, by George G. Carter, Clergyman, Film #1316154, It 2, V.6
Loren H. Goodrich, 21 yrs., Wethersfield, m. 16 Aug 1862 Adeline Covell, 17 yrs., by Joseph, B. Robinson, Rector of St. Luke's, Film # 1316154, It. 2, V6
John Q. Goodrich, 24 yrs., Portland, CT, m. 17 Nov 1869 Deborah H. Edwards, 22 yrs., Bridgehampton, by J. E. Kittredge, Pastor, 1st Congregational Church, Film 1316154, It 2, V6
Alvira Goodrich, Glastonbury, m. 15 Jan 1838 John Hollister, Glastonbury, by Deacon Jeremiah Stocking, Film # 1316154, It 4
Frederick Goodrich, Rocky Hill, m. 15 Mar 1813 Philicia Welles, Glastonbury, by Rev. George A. Nichols, Film # 1316154, It 4
Sarah Goodrich, 38 yrs., Glastonbury, m. 28 Nov 1861 Horace B. Hill, 36 yrs., East Hartford, by Nelson Goodrich, Pastor, M. E. Church, Film 1316154, It 2, V6

Searching for Mary Hamilton Goodrich

~ Lois Kamoi

I am looking for information about Mary Hamilton (bet. 1739 and 1753 to Sep 1803), who married Aaron Goodrich (1749-1776) in Hadley, Hampshire, Massachusetts. I would like to find the identity of Mary Hamilton's parents. Aaron and Mary had three sons: Aaron, Moses, and Levi Hamilton Goodrich. Aaron was lost at sea, Moses died at 19 from a dog bite, and only Levi H. lived to have descendants. Levi H. married Eunice Skinner and moved to Sempronius, New York, where their children were born. Levi's sons, and eventually Levi, moved to Michigan and founded the town of Goodrich. If anyone is interested in tracing Mary Hamilton Goodrich, please email Lois Kamoi at maaisha@aol.com. Mary is a longstanding brick wall.

Goodrich Surname DNA Project

~ Delores Goodrick Beggs

The active Goodrich Surname DNA Project now includes 55 members. All of our basic test offerings – Y-DNA, mtDNA, Family Finder, upgrades – have been popular.

Many thanks to Trustee Matt Goodrich for posting updates to our pages – the updated Y-DNA chart that goes to the new -111 markers (the old test only compiled 67 marker results). Another change in this chart to be noted is in the haplos shown – because the ISOGG identifications were about 9 letters and digits, we switched to the new, shorthand versions, such as “E-V13” (which is a Deep Clade tested result), etc. The shorthand versions make it easier to see exactly where the test participant matches are in the large Y-DNA chart.

The Goodrich Surname Y-DNA chart now includes, besides Goodrich, 2 Goodridge, 3 Gutridge, and 4 Goodrick test participants. We welcome all variant spellings of the name.

The updated pages can be viewed on the Goodrich Surname DNA Project site by clicking the tabs at the top: <http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/goodrich>

We are looking for new Y-DNA project members. It is our goal to have a Y-DNA test representative(s) of each Goodrich/Goodrick/Goodridge/Gutridge branch.

NEW!! Now you can join our FTDNA Y-DNA Goodrich Surname Project even if you tested with another lab! FTDNA now has the tools to import 33 and 46-marker Y-DNA test results from Ancestry, GeneTree and Sorensen's SMGF! A nominal fee of \$19 per person applies to import third party results into Family Tree DNA. This \$19 fee will be credited to customers who order upgrades or add-ons.

For an additional \$39, customers who transfer their third party results will also have additional markers tested so that they can receive matches to Family Tree DNA's 25 or 37-marker level, ancestral origins, and other features of the personal page.

Contact me for additional information at [gfadelores@verizon.net](mailto:gfadeloires@verizon.net).

News Notes:

Coming soon in the Quarterly:

Evans Goodrich, Minnesota, Genealogy

Goodrich Connections to Sir John Wright, Kelvedon Hall, Essex, England

Many thanks again to GFA Trustee Steve Goodrich for finding our new logo, which appears on the Quarterly masthead, so that the Goodrich Family Association could be represented in the NGS video of genealogy group logos that is currently in production. - Delores G. Beggs

Salina Journal (Salina Kansas) June 6 – 8, 1973

Mrs. Charles (Dora) Goodrick celebrated her 100th birthday with a family party in Hartford, Kansas. Mrs. Goodrick's parents' log cabin was attacked by Indians in the 1870's when she was a baby. She is the oldest of eight children, and was born June 2, 1873 in Douglas, Kansas

NY Times, Thursday Jan. 19, 1871

Amusements Column:

The Lydia Thompson Troupe (by kind persuasion of A. Henderson, Esq.) will play the first act of St. George and the Dragon, or the Seven Champions of Christendom. Mr. Johnny Thompson will appear in the second act. ON HAND: The Champion Skaters Moe and Goodrich (by permission of Messrs. Jarrett & Palmer)

Goodrich Family Association Research Resources – A NEW One!

A limited number of the fine reprint copies of the 1889, *The Goodrich Family in America* edited by Lafayette Case, have been located and are now available at \$45.00 per book, shipping included. To order a copy, send your check, made out to Peter L. Goodrich, and your name and mailing address, to:

Goodrich Book
Peter L. Goodrich
391 Mt. Sequoia Place
Clayton, CA 94517

The book may also be downloaded free from Google books.

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

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 Quarterly

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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- 1850 – 1880 Federal Census Mortality Schedules***, these records may include the individual’s year of death, month, state, county, age, occupation and cause of death.
- Goodrich, Goodridg and Goodridge, Vital Records of Newbury Massachusetts***, 1:184, 185, 2:196-7
- Nebraska WWI Draft Cards Goodrich Index***: Name, Birthdate, Birthplace, City/County
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- NEW!** ***Genealogical and Biographical Notices of Sir John Wright of Kelvedon Hall, Essex, England: In America***, Thomas Wright of..., Curtis Wright, Goodrich connections

*One name only per lookup request; must be accompanied by known facts about the ancestor. Send request titled "LOOKUP" to gfadelores@verizon.net.

Benefits of Membership in the Goodrich Family Association

Members make possible the Goodrich Family Association community. Your membership defrays the costs of maintaining our website, scanning new records received into our huge database, and compiling the new Goodrich genealogy as well as other information which is projected to appear on our future Members Only site.

With the support of our members, we are able to provide additional services such as access to our genealogist and our DNA Goodrich Surname project. The Goodrich Family Association maintains a presence on a number of subscription databases. We continually search for new Goodrich information, and records to prove it, such as NEHGS, Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Virginia Genealogical Society, Illinois State Genealogical Society, and others enabling us access to new and verified information to assist our members.

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.

We have, as a community, built an organization to provide excellent support to those who research Goodrich and variant spellings of the name. But we can't do it alone. We need every member, all our volunteers, fresh ideas, and new visions to pursue. We need YOU!

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

~Author unknown

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:

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

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___ Voluntary donation \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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___ Yes, I wish to receive the quarterly Goodrich Family Association newsletter by email.

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Areas of talents, experience or interest _____

___ I am willing to do look-ups. What areas? _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print this form and mail the completed form, together with your check made out to "Goodrich Family Association" to:

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Please, no cash.

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