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Remembering...our good friend and founder, George William Farrell, who passed from this earth on December 20th last year. George had great dreams for this Goodrich Family Association and we can only hope that our efforts over the past year would have made him proud. Those of you who might have been fortunate enough to have met George know what a vital and interesting man he was. In honor of the upcoming holidays, we are printing here his Grandmother's Holiday Jello recipe.

Grandma Farrell's Holiday Jello

1 pkg. lime jello, 1 pkg. lemon jello, 1 c. hot water, 1 sm. can crushed pineapple, ½ c. milk, ½ c. mayo, 1 c. cottage cheese, 1 tsp. Horseradish, ½ c. chopped nuts.

Dissolve jellos in hot water. Add remaining ingredients. Stir well. Pour into mold or pan. Chill for several hours or overnight.

Membership Update:

Our membership now numbers 49. Those of you who are paid members should have received your membership packets and membership cards. If you have not, please contact Kay Waterloo at kmw328@aol.com. If you would like to become a member, please see the last page of this newsletter for the membership application and more information.

If you are still looking for a great gift for a fellow Goodrich genealogist, consider a membership to the Goodrich Family Association.



WEB SITE NEWS

*by Matt Goodrich, Webmaster
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I am pleased to announce several additions and changes to our Goodrich Family Association web site.

- For numerous reasons we have decided to switch website hosts and therefore our URL (website link or address) has changed. Effective immediately, our new URL is **<http://www.GoodrichFamilyAssoc.org>**. Please update your favorites/bookmarks! The old URL will remain active until March. I have created an automatic redirect so it will temporarily auto-forward you to the new site.
- On our home page, I have added an index to places.
- On the descendants' charts I have added their life spans.
- The most exciting addition to the web site is our new FORUM! The Forum has a link on the GFA home page, or you can use the following URL:

<http://forums.goodrichfamilyassoc.org>

Forum communities can be very powerful tools. I urge all of you to visit and register by creating a screen name and password. Then click on **[Forum and Main Site Related New;](#)** then click on **[First time users please read](#)** where you will learn how to use this Forum, and our rules and regulations. Post your queries and brick walls. There is a board for posts regarding the Goodrich (and variations) surnames, and a general board for posting other surnames or any topic you care to discuss as long as it is genealogy-related. Since this is a new tool for us, it is rather bare at this time. But if you will take time to enter a posting and visit frequently, we can get this forum off to a good start. If you have any suggestions for additional boards, please email me – Matt Goodrich - at gfgenealogy@4dv.net, or private message them to me via the Forum. In time, this Forum will be **THE** place to post all manner of genealogical requests and queries regarding the Goodrich and related surnames. Please use it.

Holiday memories

Often, during the holidays, our thoughts return to earlier days and memories of those we knew and loved, and who have gone before us. Perhaps the following reminiscences by our member, Opal Estelle Goodrick, will spur you to recall one of your loved ones. And perhaps you could share a story about that loved one with your children or grandchildren.

GRANDPA GOODRICK

*By Opal Estelle Goodrick
September 9-12, 1998*

As I sit at the computer, my eyes lift to the trees, waving, framed in the window beyond the modem. I have been requested to share my memories of my Grandpa Goodrick, called 'Charley' by my Grandma Goodrick, his wife. Although my age is now 66 years, and he died in my youth, he is still part of my early memories.

THE ROCKING CHAIR

My thoughts are drawn to my grandpa. I was an infant. He would sit in the old well-worn wooden rocking chair, holding me carefully, gently, against his flannel-shirt covered chest. With his right arm encircling me, I felt protected and secure.

The chair rocked quietly back and forth, with one little squeak. The memory of my grandpa and of the speechless rocking are among my earliest memories.

THE CORN FIELD

I was a young girl looking at the tasseled corn, looming tall overhead. The brilliant sun in the azure, cloudy sky kept shimmering heat waves lifting from the wide expanse of the Kansas field.

Riding next to my grandpa on the tractor, I was in a different world, a world that surrounded me and my grandpa with living plant life. There was wonder at the vast area of the quietly moving stalk. The rows seemed to extend forward for a long, long way. Grandpa and I worked our way up and down the rows throughout the afternoon, as grandpa tended his corn crop.

Then grandpa broke off several small, soft ears of corn. We ate them raw, after he taught me how to shuck the corn, shedding the husks and tassel. Few things had tasted so good, as did those soft, warm, fresh ears of corn eaten with grandpa that afternoon.

THE FARM TREE

My brother Earl and I were playing around the big farm tree, in front of the house. The tree provided welcome shade from the muggy, beating afternoon Kansas sun. The tree was so large that a child on one side was hidden from a child on the other side.

Grandpa had built a bench that encircled the tree. This bench was a delight to us children, amazed at an out-door bench that twined around a tree. It was a place to play games, look at books, even take a nap. Countless happy hours were spent by my brother and me there.

Underneath the bench were stone crocks. More stone crocks were stored underneath the back porch of the farmhouse, behind the wood-latticed sides. I asked grandma about the crocks.

Grandma smiled, and slid a crock out from under the bench. With Earl and I watching intently, grandma removed the lid. The crock was filled with pale green slices, with a tangy odor. A large bowl was filled with the slices, the crock lid replaced, and the crock replaced under the tree.

In the kitchen, each of us were given a taste. "MY good, home-made sauerkraut," grandma said quietly. "Made from cabbage your grandpa and I grew ourselves!"

Tasting the kraut carefully, we enjoyed the sweet and yet slightly sour food. This sauerkraut was much better than that from the store-bought cans, I thought.

Currently, Opal Estelle helps with the development and application of customer service soft skills and communications for a company that provides out-sourcing of help desks and customer service for major companies in the United States and Canada. She has taught communication and English Literature at colleges in Colorado and Nevada, and was Associate Editor for a Colorado newspaper for several years. For four years, Opal Estelle was responsible for writing the reports and news releases for the contractor that had the first Superfund contract.

Thank you, Opal Estelle, for sharing your remembrances this holiday season.



Goodrich/Pond Connection from the Library of Congress

by Carl J. Hoffstedt

My daughter and her family live in Washington, D.C. and since I'm interested in genealogy, I decided to go to the Library of Congress while visiting from Minnesota the past couple of years. At the first visit, I was looking for two of my mother's families, Thorne and Goodrich. For the second visit this year I was working on the Cochrane genealogy since my Great-Grandmother Jane Cochrane married Eli Goodrich, who was the son of Levi Goodrich found on page 111 of *The Goodrich Family in America*, edited by Lafayette Wallace Case, and published by Fergus Printing Company in 1889.

The Library of Congress is a magnificent building which houses some 28 million cataloged books and other printed materials. A copy of every copyrighted publication is sent to the Library of Congress. It is committed to free dissemination of information and the interlibrary loan system can be used to access materials from the Library without being there through the www.loc.gov Internet access.

The Library of Congress is divided into several sections, one of which is the Local History and Genealogy Room where I spent my time. While not all publications can be on the bookshelves in the room, the shelves do contain books from various countries throughout the world and books organized by states on history and genealogy. On my last visit, since I had some time left, I decided to browse the bookshelves for Goodrich information once again after the Cochrane research was completed. My grandfather, John Addison Goodrich, was born in Westfield, Chautauqua County, New York so I went to the New York state section.

While glancing through a book with census, marriage, and death indices, I came across an Abigail Goodrich (b. 1685) marrying Samuel Pond (b. 1679) on June 8, 1704. This caught my eye since I am familiar with the Gideon Pond Historical site in Bloomington, Minnesota and wondered about a family connection. I then looked for Samuel Pond in the index of Case book, since I knew Abigail was a common Goodrich name (35 entries). I did find Samuel Pond on page 350 marrying Abigail Goodrich and the information matched. Abigail was a descendent of Richard Goodrich (b.

1639) of Guilford, Connecticut. Now the question was to find a connection to Gideon Pond. I first checked Gideon Pond on Google and then accessed RootsWeb for the name. Surprisingly, several people had Pond genealogies connecting Gideon Pond to Samuel Pond. However, there was an ancestral discrepancy to William Goodrich (b. 1545-1555, d. 1631) instead of Richard Goodrich of Guilford.

Gideon Hollister Pond (b. 1810) was the great-great-grandson of Abigail Goodrich and Samuel Pond, and Gideon came to Minnesota about 1856. He received two Land Patents, 1856 and 1857, in the area of Bloomington, Minnesota. Gideon Pond built a house and established a mission among the Dakota Indians in Minnesota. He was married to Agnes Carson and they had a son, Gideon H. Pond (1858-1933) who first married Jessie Palmer and then Winifred Goodrich. Winifred was born in 1864 in Minnesota and married Gideon in 1886. In the 1880 US census for Bloomington, Hennepin County, Minnesota, Winifred (Winefred) L. Goodrich was listed as the 16-year old daughter of Rebecca Goodrich, age 50, and Rebecca was the head of household. Rebecca was age 51 and born in Vermont. From RootsWeb.com, Winifred's father was Augustine S. Goodrich (b. 1827 in Vermont).

I would be interested in receiving more information on the Augustine Goodrich ancestors for connections to Goodriches in the Case book. Tying ancestral families together with historical events is what makes genealogy so interesting to me. Tidbits from such places as the Library of Congress make these connections possible. Information may be sent to: gfgenealogy@aol.com.



Virginia Records

*by Delores Goodrick Beggs
Genealogist, Goodrich Family Association*

I am seeing an increasing number of requests for Virginia look-ups. The records we have now are not adequate to meet the demand. Effective immediately, I am restarting the Virginia Records project that was put on hold when Marcus Aurelius Goodrich died in 1991 in Richmond, VA and his collection of Goodrich records was lost.

Virginia has always been a difficult state to research. Records were destroyed in courthouse burnings, and lost in the ravages of war. In an e-mail exchange I had with George Farrell last year, Marcus was traveling Virginia and copying Goodrich records everywhere he found them. Many families maintained Bible records and other listings that can be drawn upon to fill in our information gaps.

In the 1980's George W. Farrell, Marcus Aurelius Goodrich, and Victor Burton Goodrich started a project to compile as many Goodrich Virginia records as possible, hoping to fill in the many gaps. The three men were able to fill a notebook with records they located. This notebook is currently part of the George W. Farrell collection. It is a long way from being complete. All three men are gone.

If any of you have Virginia family records, would you please share with the Goodrich Family Association a copy of those ancestor records and listings for our Virginia records file? Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. You can e-mail your listing to me at gfgenealogy@yahoo.com.



DNA Report

by Delores Goodrick Beggs

Note: The regular DNA report will return with the next quarterly newsletter. In this issue I am posting below the reports of two special DNA projects I have been involved with recently that serve to show the range of uses of DNA testing: One, the Goodrich and Bird project, uses Y-DNA tests to explore the past, and the other, uses mtDNA testing to trace maternal lineage when male connections are not available.

Yes, we are still looking for Goodrich Surname Project DNA test participants. If you are interested, please contact us at gfgenealogy@yahoo.com

Special DNA Test Discounts Received: Time Sensitive

by Delores Goodrick Beggs

The Goodrich Surname DNA Project has received 6 special Christmas gift certificates that we can apply to qualified new DNA and mtDNA test kit purchases on a first come, first served basis through December 31, 2006 only.

The certificates available include 2 certificates of \$30 each for Y-DNA37 or 67, 2 certificates of \$20 each for Y-DNA25 and 2 of \$15 each for mtDNA.

Some restrictions apply:

The special certificates are not valid in conjunction with any other promotion or offer.

Each gift certificate is to be used with one new test kit, according to what is marked in the certificate.

Kits must be ordered and paid for by December 31, 2006.

The certificates are not valid for test upgrades, add-ons, or Y-DNA12.

If interested, please contact Delores immediately at gfgenealogy@yahoo.com



Goodrich and Bird Join in Y-DNA Project

by Delores Goodrick Beggs and Steven Bird

Does the Goodrich family share a common distant male ancestor with the Bird family? How did the Goodrich and Bird families come to reach Britain?

These are just two of the intriguing questions Steven Bird, Co-administrator of the BYRD Surname DNA Project and Delores Goodrick Beggs, Group Manager of the Goodrich Surname DNA Project have joined together to explore. The inspiration of the project was Steven's research of Y-DNA results from the Goodrich and Bird family Y-DNA test results, their matching EB3 haplogroup, plus additional family associations. Steven explains our project in detail:

Based upon a comparison of genetic evidence, I am hypothesizing that Bird, Goodrich and Hubbard are all descended from a common male ancestor who lived between 1500-2400 years ago. This line may have descended from a Roman soldier of Balkan origin (Thracian, Dacian or Pannonian). Many such units were attested in Britain up to about 250 A.D. The line may have existed in Britain for quite some time (perhaps as early as 43 A.D.) and then the male lines diverged around the time of the collapse of the Roman empire in 400 A.D., or sometime thereafter. By the era of surnames, the original family connection had been long forgotten.

I have examined a group of seven New England families that have tested as haplogroup E3b, all of whom have proved paper trails to New England ancestry prior to 1642. These DNA profiles were then compared with each other, using McGee's Y-DNA Utility Calculator, to evaluate the Time to Most Recent Common Ancestor (TMRCA). As a control, results for two descendants of each of the two known sons of Thomas Bird of Hartford, the immigrant who died there in 1662, were included and compared. The generational years and the percentage of certainty were adjusted until the descendants of James Bird and of Joseph Bird came out to the correct number of years to the MRCA (approximately 350). (The two men tested were ninth cousins and both are in the same generation, so the actual TMRCA was known in this case.) The results also showed that Goodrich and Bird were related at 1541 years to the MRCA, with a 50% probability, and using SMGF's mutation rates, but with the generation interval set at 23 years. This translated to a MRCA in about 410 A.D. Another TMRCA calculator, known colorfully as "Wimpy's TMRCA Calculator," predicted a common ancestor at around 451 A.D. for Bird and Goodrich. These dates corresponded almost exactly with the collapse and subsequent dispersal of the Romano-British following the withdrawal in 400 of the Roman army from Britain.

When the generation interval was set to 30 years, the calculation of TMRCA increased to 2400 years at a 50% confidence level. At the extreme (95%) confidence level, and with 30 years between generations, the distance between Bird and Goodrich is calculated at 3690 years. This means that there is a 95% probability that the common ancestor lived within the past

3700 years, or after 1700 B.C., but there also is a 50% probability that the MRCA lived in about 410-450 A.D.

A parsimonious phylogenetic tree, generated using the FLUXUS program, and using E3b data collected from YSearch, found that Goodrich was the "ancestor" of Bird genetically speaking; that is, the Bird nodes of the tree were found "downstream" from the Goodrich nodes. This data also supports an assumption that the two families shared a common male ancestor at some point in the distant past. Please note that there are many family associations between Bird, Hubbard and Goodrich in the first three generations found in New England. This may be an artifact of them living more closely to each other; then again, there may be deeper associations at work here.

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Steven having explained the joint project, I'd like to further mention that exploring our most recent common ancestor connection is one object of Y-DNA testing and research. The scope of our combined project is the first three generations of the Goodrich and Bird families in New England and jumps backward in time.

We are conducting an ongoing Goodrich and Bird research project. The Hubbard family information is still to be added to the mix to complete the study of the three closest families by Steven's comparison.

One of our goals is to narrow the timeframe of the MRCA for the Goodrich and Bird ancestor. We are awaiting additional Y-DNA test results which are expected to contribute more information. We'd like to answer the question how the Goodrich and Bird families arrived in Britain and what connections they may have had with great historical events of the past, including archaic Greek and Roman times and the Middle Ages advent of surnames. We are looking into other known associations between Goodrich and Bird families, such as records show both share a preference for clothmaking occupations.

I feel that Steven and I have made a good start on what is certain to be an exciting journey of discovery about Goodrich and Bird families in the past.



Verifying a Goodrich Connection with DNA

by Steve C. Roberts

In 1993, I located a death certificate for my great grandmother, Rosa Belle Geer Hite, who died in 1952. Rosa's daughter, Fern Hite (my grandmother), was the informant and indicated on her mother's death certificate that Rosa's mother's last name was "Goodrich". But Rosa's mother was not a Goodrich; her name was Rebecca Ellen Burton. For more than a decade, this was a baffling mystery. Why did my grandmother, Fern, think that her maternal grandmother was a Goodrich?

Fast forward to the year 2005. Over a decade of research, and we know very little about Fern's other grandmother -her father's mother. An 1870 U.S. Census record in Hickory Co., MO tells us she is Celestine V., maiden name unknown, about 21 years old, born in Indiana, married to George

Wm. Hite, with a newborn son, Leonadus. Searching for “Celestine V.” in Indiana in the 1850 U.S. Census, we locate a 2-year-old child, “Celestina V.”, with an older brother “Leonidas” in Randolph County. Celestina’s parents were Alfred K. and Elizabeth GOODRICH. My grandmother, Fern Hite, must have had her grandmothers’ last names mixed up - Goodrich being the last name of her paternal grandmother, not her maternal grandmother.

A search for Alfred and Elizabeth Goodrich in the 1870 census finds them with several children in Hickory Co., MO, only about 6 miles from where George and Celestine Hite lived. There were too many “coincidences” for this not to be a match. Subsequent contacts with descendants of siblings of Celestina V. Goodrich indicate that Alfred Keeling Goodrich (1817-1909) was a son of John Baldwin Goodrich (d. 1828) and Rebecca Pearce (1787-1867) from Virginia, and a great uncle to renowned Indiana Governor, James P. Goodrich (1864-1940).

Months of research followed, but no documentation could be found to substantiate the circumstantial evidence that our Celestine V. Hite, who had three children and died in her twenties, was Celestina V. Goodrich, daughter of Alfred K. and Elizabeth Goodrich.

Modern technology now provides an amazing genealogical research tool that was not available in past eras -DNA testing. In order to verify if Celestine V. Hite was a daughter of Alfred K. Goodrich and Elizabeth Griffis, a maternal DNA test, called “mtDNA”, could be performed if descendants in the direct female lines of both the Goodrich family and the Hite family could be located and tested. Celestina V. Goodrich had several sisters, and a great granddaughter of one of those sisters was located in Hickory Co., MO, and agreed to be a participant in the test. A great granddaughter of Maude Hite, Celestine V. Hite’s only daughter, was located in Emporia, KS, and she also agreed to submit a DNA sample -a simple swab sample from the cheek of the mouth.

The results of the mtDNA tests provided what we were hoping for -a perfect match! Although it is impossible to pinpoint exactly who a common ancestor is with this type of DNA test, the results do support the circumstantial evidence outlined previously.

The odds that the two participants in this test would have matched at random would be about 1 in 2,000, or .05 percent.¹ In other words, based on the DNA results, there is a 99.95% chance that Celestine V. Hite is indeed the daughter of Alfred K. and Elizabeth Griffis Goodrich. A subsequent upgrade to the “mtDNA Plus” test also matched, providing additional evidence, and further elevating the level of confidence in these results.²

DNA testing can be an exciting supplement to genealogy research! While the results of these tests confirm the circumstantial evidence linking Celestine (or Celestina) V. Hite to her Goodrich parents, the search for more information on this line continues. If anyone would like a more detailed report of the Celestine V. Goodrich mtDNA Project, or has information on the family of Alfred K. Goodrich and his daughter, Celestine V., contact Steve Roberts at scroberts@frontiernet.net, 363 Dave Garrett Rd., Crossville, TN 38571.

¹ This calculation is based upon data obtained from FamilyTreeDNA. There are over 35,000 individuals who have taken this mtDNA test, and out of those 35,000 tests, there have only been 17 other matches. If more variables were known about the 35,000 participants (such as race, nationality, etc.) and factored into the equation, it could marginally affect the stated odds.

² Detailed information on mtDNA and mtDNA plus tests are summarized at: www.worldfamilies.net/understand_mtdna.htm



John C. Goodrich: Defender of the Alamo

by Delores Goodrick Beggs

The name of J. C. Goodrich is inscribed among others on the Alamo Monument ^{1,2} on the capital grounds at Austin, TX. They are names on the memorial, but these were real people, who banded together, determined to fight to the end against oppression.

Private John Calvin (or Camp) Goodrich ⁵, 1809-1836, was born in Virginia, the son of John and Rhoda Goodrich. He grew up in Davidson County, TN. In 1834, John and his eldest brother, Dr. Benjamin Briggs Goodrich, migrated from Tennessee to Texas ³. Benjamin Briggs became involved in Texas politics. In November, 1835 John offered his service to the Texas Army and received a commission as cornet in the Texas cavalry ⁴.

San Antonio in the spring of 1836 is described in an 1860 article by Captain R. M. Potter as a town of about 7,000 inhabitants. The San Antonio River wended its way between the town and the Alamo. The Alamo originally was built as a shelter for colonists and their property ⁶, such as cattle, to retreat to in the event of a hostile Indian attack, not for use as a fort. The whole area, including the Alamo Chapel, involved two to three acres, upon which there were a number of buildings, not just the Chapel itself. It was poorly fortified for defense against an army.

The battle at the Alamo was the culmination of 11 days siege by Santa Ana's forces which numbers were estimated between 1,500 and 6,000 men ⁶. Despite the extended siege, Potter's report indicates that likely no defenders were killed until the fort was stormed by Santa Ana's forces on March 6.

The battle began at the outbuildings, and moved inward as the defenders fell, or retreated to the next building. Alamo Chapel was the last taken after the attackers silenced the fire from the other buildings. The courageous defenders, including John C. Goodrich, never knew that Texas Independence from Mexico had been declared four days before ⁶.

There were no survivors, although the 180 defenders of the Alamo are said to have felled 500 attackers before the last man perished ⁷.

Dr. Benjamin Briggs Goodrich wrote a letter to inform his brother Edmund in Nashville, TN of their brother's death. In it, he detailed how at the end John C. Goodrich was one of the last seven brave men, all that remained alive of the defenders that called for quarter and to see Santa Ana. Santa Ana instantly had them all shot, determined to annihilate those who had united to stand against his tyranny ⁷.

While John was under siege in the Alamo, his brother Benjamin Briggs Goodrich signed the Texas Declaration of Independence on March 2, 1836 ³. John C. Goodrich died at the Alamo on March 6, 1836, a true American patriot.

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Genealogy Library News

Compiled by Delores Goodrick Beggs

There are changes going on at a number of Genealogy Libraries. We urge you to check out current information about days and times open before planning any research trips.

NARA now has curtailed hours in effect due to budget restraints, and extended hours once a month. Additionally, there are fewer pull times, 2 in the morning (there used to be 3) and the 3:30 p.m. pull time will be eliminated on days NARA closes at 5 p.m.. These changes affect the Archives Building in Washington, D. C. and Archives in College Park, Maryland, and were announced in the Federal Register at http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getpage.cgi?dbname=2006_register&position=all&page=56357. Researchers can consult the NARA web site for the future schedule.

Portland, Oregon is gaining a new major genealogy library. This will be a boon for researchers on the West Coast. The Conner-Bishop Historical Resource Center, has acquired the former circulating library of the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), more than 70,000 family history books and more than 10,000 CD-ROM disks. The library was named in honor of Eloise Conner Bishop and Charles Kay Bishop. This new library is “in process” and is expected to open in the near future according to an announcement in Eastman’s Online Genealogical Newsletter.

Another major library announcement from the same source: The Mid-Continent Public Library of Independence, MO plans to construct a new world-class genealogy center, to serve the mid-America region. It is hoped to become similar in stature to the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center in Ft. Wayne, IN. Construction is expected to be completed in spring, 2008.

A number of changes are planned for the LDS Church site, FamilySearch.org with the goal of making the site more user-friendly for those with little or no research experience. The church is also working on their digitizing project, according to a Desert Morning News article (Salt Lake City).



Historical Note

We hear the name Samuel Griswold Goodrich, and the many Peter Parley books he authored for children in the 1800's jump to mind. What about his sister, Abigail Goodrich Whittelsey?

At a period of time when women seldom made the news, Abigail published and edited the first magazine for mothers in January, 1833, "Mother's Magazine." Abigail's magazine was educational, informative, and filled with advice for young mothers; it quickly became a success. In a National First Ladies' Library Educational Time Line for 1833, Abigail's name and magazine are listed under the "Daily Life" column, and on the same Time Line page, her brother's Peter Parley book with the copperplate title page, "Winter Evening Tales" is listed in the "Education" column. Abigail Goodrich Whittelsey and her magazines – she later edited others of similar name - are listed also in such places as Encyclopedia Britannica's "300 Women Who Changed the World", "Today in Women's History," and others. A Google search brings up a listing.

Abigail Goodrich, b. 29 Nov. 1788, daughter of Samuel Goodrich and Elizabeth Ely, was one of Samuel Griswold Goodrich's older sisters. She married Rev. Samuel Whittelsey. She is #1448 on page 129 of *The Goodrich Family in America*, edited by Lafayette Wallace Case, Chicago, and published by the Fergus Printing Company in 1889.



In the News

Delores Goodrick Beggs, Goodrich Family Association Genealogist, presented the program at the October 9, 2006 meeting of the Sun City Genealogy Club of Sun City, CA. The program was titled "After the Thank You, What's Next?" and covered seven questions:

- Where did these come from?
- What do I have here?
- What sorts of materials are involved?
- How much is there to deal with?
- How do I organize it?
- How do I protect it?
- What surprises and discoveries were in store for me?



Harold P. Goodrich

by Delores Goodrick Beggs

Harold Peter Goodrich, b. 27 Oct. 1918 in Hillsdale, N. Y., d. 4 Dec. 1995, wandered as a youth among the gravestones in Red Rock Cemetery, Fog Hill Cemetery, and others in the Canaan-Chatham areas of Columbia County, N. Y., wondering where his ancestors buried there came from, and how they lived.

It wasn't until he retired in 1981 that he finally started an intense search for answers by sending letters "by the dozens" to all the Goodrich relatives he could find addresses for. He traveled down the East Coast to Florida and back, gathering Goodrich information along the way. He bought a reprint of the 1889 *The Goodrich Family in America*, edited by Case.

He found answers, and like most researchers, he also found confusions.

The confusions spurred a trip by Harold's cousin Lucille to Sharon, CT where she discovered there were records available in the Town Hall. Intrigued by Lucille's discoveries, Harold and his wife made a whirlwind trip to Sharon the very next day, and also to Litchfield, Wethersfield, Glastonbury and Rocky Hill, CT, obtaining records that satisfied him that his ancestors Jesse and William Goodrich of Sharon were the same brothers who left Sharon and traveled with their families to settle in Red Rock in the 1790's.

Harold P. Goodrich continued to be an avid Goodrich researcher until his death in 1995, compiling an impressive family genealogy that also includes a collection of letters, records, copies of family Bible pages, obituaries, grave stone photos, and much more. He filled his well-thumbed copy of the *Goodrich Family in America* book with penciled notations and source copies of his genealogy finds.

Harold's wife asked their daughter, Susan Goodrich Baldwin, to take over his Family History collection after his death. Susan has generously shared the notated book and her father's compilation with the Goodrich Family Association. We want to take this opportunity to thank her and her family for this wonderful addition to our files.

Recently, she was thrilled to receive some of the old "tin foil" pictures of ancestors. When she made a trip to visit the cemeteries, she and her party stopped at a house to inquire if the people there knew where one was. When she told the people what they were doing, it turned out the woman was a Goodrich; she brought them to the cemetery they were looking for and told them a lot of news.

Her challenges, Susan says, have been trying to continue with the generations in her father's work. She is currently revising and updating her father's 1985 compilation of *The Ancestors and Descendants of Frederick Carlton Goodrich, 1858 – 1927 Town of Chatham, Columbia County, New York*, and has re-dedicated it to his memory.

Susan Goodrich Baldwin can be contacted at October1949@aol.com



GFA Website

If you have not visited our website, www.GoodrichFamilyAssoc.org, please do (and note the new URL). Our Webmaster, Matt Goodrich, reports that the descendant data for the John and William Goodrich line from the Case book is complete. That is 5795 people! This has been a tremendous, labor-intensive undertaking and we thank Matt for his dedication to detail in accomplishing this task. Thank you, Matt.



Goodrich Family Association Research Resources

In addition to the new files regularly being added to our website at www.GoodrichFamilyAssoc.org, the following resources are available to assist Goodrich and variant spellings researchers:

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

Dr. Joyce Goodrich
315 East 68th Street
New York, NY 10021

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.

Look-ups are available for the following:

George W. Farrell; indexed collection.

Victor B. Goodrich, Delaware County, NY; notes

Descendants of William Isaac Goodrich; manuscript of Carl Hoffstedt

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

The Descendants of William Goodridge who Settled in Watertown, MA in 1634, Traced Through His Son Jeremiah

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



Goodrich Bible - A Big Thank You

Recently, Cindy Perkins purchased a Goodrich Family Bible through eBay. Cindy has graciously offered to share the genealogical information therein with our Goodrich Family Association. It has not yet been determined how this information will be made available, but you can be certain, we are extremely grateful to Cindy for her generous offer.



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Surnames

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



Email Address Correction

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



Goodrich Links

We have a new member of our Newsletter staff – Bob Goodrich. Bob has agreed to research and share with all of us useful and interesting websites that are of particular interest to persons researching the Goodrich (and variations) surname or who are interested in genealogical research in general. Bob has provided the following article as an introduction to his new position. Thank you, Bob.

~oo~oo~oo~ Helpful Sites – Better Known as Links ~oo~oo~oo~

Are you interested in expanding your family searches or are you looking into the backgrounds of where and how your ancestors lived? Then the use of LINKS can better solve where they came from. Many of our Goodrich Family Association members are frequent users of friendly LINKS.

Would you help us build a GOODRICH LINK system? Please send me your favorite link sites, describing the location, and their time frame. I am looking forward to receiving your GOODRICH LINKS.

Send to Bob Goodrich at rjg5tc@aol.com. I will summarize and have them available in our next publication.

Until Bob starts receiving suggested links from you, here are a couple you might want to check out for yourself.

Massachusetts Archives <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcsrch/searchwelcome.html>

Massachusetts Archives Collection 1629-1799

Passenger Manifests, Port of Boston 1848-1891

Massachusetts Vital Records 1841-1915

Three indices are accessible; more being added periodically. In searching the death index, I found 6 pages of Goodriches listed.

Newberry Library, Chicago Illinois www.newberry.org

This site has links to several searchable indices. Particularly helpful if you are planning a research trip to Chicago.

Ancestry www.ancestry.com

I recently learned that this Internet genealogy service has put more than 100 million passenger arrival records between 1820 and 1960 online in a searchable database on its web site. Ancestry plans to allow free access to the database through the end of the year. Be aware, however, that Ancestry is a subscription service. In order to continue to search their databases, you may be required to pay for a subscription.



A Final Thought – Why Do We Do Genealogy?

With what might be a suitable closing for our holiday issue, I will share with you a story that GFA Trustee, Carole McCarty, read at the opening session of the Illinois State Genealogical Society's Fall Conference held in Itasca, Illinois, October 14th of this year. Actually, Carole has read this at the past two ISGS Fall conferences with warm reception. The author is unknown, but the sentiment is likely felt by all who participate in researching the history of their family. I hope you enjoy it.

Genealogy – The Storyteller

We are the chosen. My feelings are in each family there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve. To me, doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but, instead, breathing life into all who have gone before. We are the storytellers of the tribe. All tribes have one. We have been called, as it were, by our genes. Those who have gone before cry out to us, "Tell our story." So we do.

In finding them, we somehow find ourselves. How many graves have I stood before now and cried? I have lost count. How many times have I told the ancestors, "You have a wonderful family; you would be proud of us?" How many times have I walked up to a grave and felt somehow there was love there for me? I cannot say.

It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to who am I and why do I do the things I do? It goes to seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to weeds and indifference and saying, "I cannot let this happen. The bones here are bones of my bone and flesh of my flesh." It goes to doing something about it. It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish - how they contributed to what we are today. It goes to respecting their hardships and losses, their never giving in or giving up, their resoluteness to go on and build a life for their family. It goes to deep pride that they fought to make and keep us a Nation. It goes to a deep and immense understanding that they were doing it for us. That we might be born who we are. That we might remember them. So we do.

With love and caring and scribing each fact of their existence, because we are them and they are us. So, as a scribe called, I tell the story of my family. It is up to that one called in the next generation to answer the call and take their place in the long line of family storytellers.

That is why I do my family genealogy, and that is what calls those young and old to step up and put flesh on the bones. (Author unknown)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

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Check desired type of membership:

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

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