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The Twelve Days of a Genealogy Christmas

On the Twelfth day of Christmas
My true love gave to me
Twelve census searches,
Eleven family bibles,
Ten e-mail contacts,
Nine headstone rubbings,
Eight birth and death dates
Seven town clerks sighing,
Six second cousins,
Five coats of arms,
Four GEDCOM files,
Three old wills,
Two CD-ROMS,
And a branch in my family tree.

~ Author Unknown



Cornelia Griswold Goodrich: “The Night Before Christmas” Controversy

~ Delores Goodrick Beggs

Who wrote “The Night Before Christmas,” the poem that shaped Santa Claus dreams of countless children through the years, Clement Clarke Moore or Major Henry Livingston? The controversy continues.

Conflicting claims of authorship spurred Cornelia Griswold Goodrich, Henry’s great great granddaughter and daughter of American silversmith William McLean Goodrich and Cornelia Platt Griswold, to be the first to search for direct proof of Henry’s authorship of the poem.⁵

The poem “The Night Before Christmas,” first published December 23, 1823 in the New York *Sentinel*, has had considerable influence on shaping the American concept of Santa Claus from historical times through the present. The poem, also called “A Visit From St. Nicholas,” was originally published anonymously, and reprinted often, still without author attribution, until 1837, with the poem’s reputation growing, when Clement Clark Moore’s name was added as author.³

The 1837 publication under Moore’s name came after the death of poet Henry Livingston, Jr. in 1828⁷; reportedly, Livingston’s children had heard the poem while growing up, but didn’t see the publication naming Moore as author until 1860.³ Henry Livingston seldom signed his name to his many poems.

Cornelia Griswold Goodrich, b. about 1853, d. 1927,⁷ began in 1886 to search for proof to correct the public record regarding authorship of the poem.^{4,5} Her quest for direct proof Henry wrote the poem lasted 14 years. In December 1899 she sent a letter to the editor of the Long Island “Sun” and an item was published asking for a solution to the author controversy.⁴

A Livingston cousin, Dr. William Sturges Thomas, responded. Cornelia was at first anxious to meet Thomas. But once they actually met, she panicked over the thought of possible consequences resulting from contradicting American icon Clement Clarke Moore.⁷ Thomas took over the search after 1920,⁷ spending more than twenty years on the effort. Much more information on the issue is now available than was found in 1886, the better part of it deposited in the New York Public Library.⁶

What started the author conflict was that the poem was originally published anonymously, and later an editor simply attributed it to Moore. After that, it was repeatedly published under Moore's name. Because the poem gained popularity under Moore's name, the burden of proof otherwise was on the Livingston family.

Two key pieces of evidence are missing to prove Henry's authorship; descendants have so far been unable to produce a copy of Henry's original publication of the poem before the 1823 publication in the Troy, N. Y. Sentinel, and the original handwritten manuscript was in the hands of Edwin Livingston, who prized it highly, but lost it in one of three house fires in Wisconsin.⁷

Evidence presented for each author, Moore and Livingston, is listed in Wikipedia³ and other articles below. A number of adaptations and parodies are listed. Many researchers have chimed in, including Vassar President Henry Noble McCracken.⁷ But the controversy Cornelia Griswold Goodrich was the first to try to resolve continues to this day.

William McLean Goodrich, b. 9 Jan. 1813, d. 1881, m. Cornelia Platt Griswold on 25 Dec. 1835; a silversmith, he was a partner in the firm Hyde & Goodrich in New Orleans, LA 1858 – 1861. The firm closed in 1861.^{1,2} Cornelia Platt Griswold, daughter of William McLean Goodrich, was b. about 1820 in Utica, NY and d. 28 Jan. 1902. William McLean Goodrich was the son of another silversmith, Charles Whiting Goodrich (1780–1859).^{1,2}

For further reading:

1. Lafayette Wallace Case, editor, *The Goodrich Family in America*, Chicago: Fergus Printing Company, 1889, p. 210, #1359; p. 211, #2493; p. 306, #2493 and #3397
2. American Silversmiths, <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~silversmiths/makers/silversmiths/152627.htm>
3. A Visit From St. Nicolas, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Night_Before_Christmas
4. The Quest for the Mouse in the House <http://iment.com/maida/familytree/henry/xmas/quest.htm>
5. The Quest to Prove Henry's Authorship <http://www.hymnsandcarolsofchristmas.com/Text/livingston.htm>
6. 79 MILE to N. YORK <http://www.iment.com/maida/familytree/henry/sources/cggdar1921.htm>
7. "Sketches of a Few Gentlemen of Ye Old Colonial Days"
<http://www.iment.com/maida/familytree/henry/sources/cggdar1921.htm>



My Genealogy Journey

~ Amy (Goodrich) Hopkins

In 1999 I was asked to write a story for our family reunion about our family. I thought, "I can do this," but when I sat with my fingers on the keyboard, I realized I knew nothing about my

Goodrich family. Since my Grandfather, Jesse Carlton Goodrich, died before I was born, and my grandmother was deceased as well, I started asking my Dad questions. I didn't even know my grandfather's middle name. Dad filled me in on a few things and then I was stuck again. Nobody had ever seen a family bible and the siblings didn't talk much about the past. I was in for a challenge I had never envisioned. Outside of my Dad's siblings and a cousin from New York, I had not met any of the Goodrich family. They were all a mystery to me.

By contacting one person and then another, and having them refer me to even another, eventually I had found a few pieces to my genealogy. After all the years of research and Internet searching, an uncle from Wisconsin put me in touch with a cousin in New York. She is the person who put me in touch with Delores (Delores Beggs). This cousin was a godsend with all the information she was able to provide to me including a copy of her father's book and a copy of the book, "The Goodrich Family in America." And now there is the Goodrich website, the newsletter – and Delores. I finally had names and dates. The more I learned, the more I wanted to learn.

I become so excited with each little bit of information I learn, and each time I see a family name on the Internet, it brings them to life and I want to feel a part of them. Some day I hope to make a trip to New York just to be able to stand in a place where I know my ancestors stood. It wasn't until I was in my 40's when I actually had my first contact with my Grandfather Jesse. I had traveled to Wisconsin to a family reunion. While there, I went to the Kiel Cemetery and stood in front of my grandfather's tombstone and said, "Hello, Grandpa, I am your granddaughter, Amy. I am Delano's daughter. I just wanted to say hello and I love you." I was crying so hard, but it felt so good. This was my first connection with the grandpa I had never met.

After my experience of having such difficulty getting started, I realize how important it is to pass on any information we find to the rest of the family. We are family – and we are all searching for the same things.

Thank you to all who have given me information or visited a cemetery and shared what they have found, thus passing it on. I love being a part of the Goodrich family and am proud and excited for everything you have already done.

You are loved,

Amy (Goodrich) Hopkins
Orlando FL



Success Stories

If you have a Goodrich Genealogy Research Success Story you would like to share, please contact Kay Waterloo, Goodrich Family Association Newsletter Editor at kmw328@aol.com.



Goodrich Family History

~Delores Goodrick Beggs

To all Goodrich family members:
Help Us Save Your Ancestor's Space in Goodrich Family History!

We are launching a new project with this article, and your participation and feedback will assist us in making our Goodrich Family Association files THE standard for Goodrich family information.

We need your assistance to add to our files the missing generations born after the 1889 The Goodrich Family in America book publication – for example, information about the female family members and/or additions and corrections to the book. Your information must be complete with dates, locations and sources to confirm the information you are sending. In your email to me, please show the correct GFA website LWC identification number (found at www.GoodrichFamilyAssoc.org) or identification number from the The Goodrich Family in America, edited by L. W. Case, M. D., 1889, including page number and ancestor identification number that your information connects to, if you know it.

We want to add all Goodrich information whether sourcing is available for the ancestor information or not. If you send your files without sources, they will be compiled in a separate, unsourced file.

We prefer that your ancestor information be sent as a genealogy report or listing. Sorry, no Gedcoms and/or photographs can be accepted at this time. We do accept attachments of scanned images of vital records and certificates that prove your information. Contact me first about very large files or paper copies. Send your ancestor information to me, Delores Goodrick Beggs, at gfgenealogy@yahoo.com.

Your contributions are greatly appreciated and will assist us in preserving your ancestors' places in Goodrich family history.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Delores Goodrick Beggs
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Goodrich Surname DNA Project: Holiday Gift Certificates Available

*~ Delores Goodrick Beggs
Goodrich Surname DNA Project Group Manager*

Family Tree DNA is bringing back our traditional Holiday Gift Certificates. These certificates are available on a first-come, first-served basis and can be applied to certain DNA tests ordered at our already considerable Goodrich Surname Project discounts.

To be eligible for a gift certificate, the test has to be ordered and paid for between Nov. 6, 2007 and Dec. 31, 2007. These holiday discounts apply only to new **Y-DNA 37, Y-DNA25** and **mtDNA** tests. The order must be approved by me and placed via invoice payment only in order for me to adjust the test price to reflect this special credit; orders placed by credit card will be charged the full amount. We have only 6 gift credits available, for the following:

two \$30 Y-DNA37 2007 Gift Certificate
two \$15 Y-DNA25 2007 Gift Certificate
two \$15 mtDNA 2007 Gift Certificate

If you are thinking about DNA testing, now is the best time to do it, at the lowest price. We are seeking additional DNA test participants in order to establish all of our Goodrich branches.

The Y-DNA25 and Y-DNA37 test participants must be male Goodrich only; females and female descendants can get a Goodrich male relative to test for them.

The mtDNA test is for females only, testing through the maternal line.

For those seeking to find others with whom they may be related, FTDNA advertises it has the largest database in the industry through their exclusive association with the National Geographic Genographic Project. FTDNA's DNA tests include free Haplogroup, Native American Ancestry testing and African Ancestry testing.

Our Goodrich Surname DNA Project has been growing, so I anticipate these credits will go fast. If interested in using one of these gift certificates, please contact me immediately, **before you order a test**, with a brief listing of your oldest known Goodrich ancestor to yourself, at gfagenealogy@yahoo.com.

Update on our Goodrich Surname DNA Project

We have grown to 22 test participants, including one mtDNA group member.

At present we have three Goodrich Y-DNA branches developing, but that could change as more test participants are ordering the 67 marker tests, which are more discriminative than the lower marker tests, and so test results could result in additional sorts in future.

When we started the Project, we used Y-DNA25 tests, with the goal of connecting or separating Goodrich branches. Now we are encouraging test participants to use Y-DNA37 or Y-DNA67 if possible, because these test results also make the group member eligible to participate in special groups that are forming to further study haplogroups. Our main body of Goodrich test participants tested haplo E3b; the haplos can now be refined to E3bxxx. The E3b1a group on our DNA website probably descended from a single population that expanded from the Balkan Peninsula.

E3b's may be interested in tracking the Eb3 special project information. You can read about it at <http://www.haplozone.net/e3b/project>. You may also be interested in the dues-free International Society of Genetic Genealogy information on Haplogroup E and a newbie Q and A section at <http://www.isogg.org>.



Looking into Vermont's Vital Records

~ John Leidy

For perhaps 30 years now I've been digging yearly into various historical records in Vermont. In my family, I've found the old adage to be pretty accurate: families who settled in Vermont on the western side of the Green Mountains tended to come from Connecticut (as did my Goodrich line); those on the eastern side of the mountains from Massachusetts, sometimes via New Hampshire.

As one of the old New England states, Vermont's records have a lot to offer researchers *if* you approach the endeavor with some background as to how records have been handled over the years. Vermont's vital, land, and tax records are all maintained at the town level; probate and guardianship records are found at the county seat. Since genealogists are often looking first for vital information, and since we may sometimes have a locale without certainty of a specific town, it can be difficult attempting to drive from town to town, and to coordinating with the schedules of the various town clerks' offices. The good news is that in the early nineteenth century town clerks were asked to submit all their vital records to the state. These records are now housed at the Vital Records Division in Middlesex where the records may be searched on microfilm, or the staff can take search requests with a credit card. There are limitations to these centralized vital records, however, that many researchers are not initially aware of.

When town clerks submitted their vital records to the state, they did not send in original records, but rather transcribed their records onto index cards. Apparently not all clerks submitted records, or perhaps only partial records (often vital records are hidden within old town meeting records, for example). Also, it appears that the various clerks approached their task in different ways. For these and other reasons, I always recommend that researchers look at the cards at the Vital Records Division as *clues* from which to then go to the original records at the town level. Fortunately, the Vital Records Division also has microfilm copies of many original Town Vital and Land Records right on site. They also have Probate Records on microfilm, which you may view if the film contains nothing from the last 100 years. It is not uncommon to find information at the local level that could not be found in the centralized records in Middlesex. I have been told, for example, that prior to the old index cards being microfilmed, some of these transcribed vital index cards disappeared, apparently stolen by patrons using the records.

Many of these Vermont vital records can be found on the Internet (including the LDS records), but since, in many cases, these may have come from the transcribed index cards in Middlesex, I urge genealogists to check the original sources. Let me give you one example from my research, an example that illustrates how easy it could be to jump to conclusions based on lack of understanding of what "official" records may in fact represent.

Looking in the centralized Vital Records office in Middlesex, I learned that Reuben Nichols died in 1853, his wife Betsey (who appeared to be about 30 years younger) had died in 1854 at age 40, and another unidentified Betsey Nichols also died in the same town of Barre in 1823. After having this info in my possession for several years, I eventually had the opportunity to go over to Barre and looked at the "original" records that these Vermont Vital Records transcriptions were taken from. I was in for a surprise. These were not official Town Vital Records at all; there were no such

records on file for these individuals. The town clerk's office had submitted to the state, along with other vital records, transcriptions made from headstones in local cemeteries. Next, I was off to Elmwood Cemetery. There I learned that the cemetery transcriptions done in 1919 were... well, not very accurate. The still-readable stones told me that Reuben had died in 1863, not 1853. Reuben Nichol's "wife" was instead identified on the stone as his daughter, and the unidentified Betsey was actually Reuben's wife, the stone clearly indicating she was the "consort of Reuben."

For those genealogists who've been at this pursuit for a while, I don't think I'm telling you anything new; always check the original sources. In various settings, however, we may need a little education as to what the "original" is. Vermont has a wealth of original records, a great state historical society library in Barre, and many county and town resources that await you. In many cases, you will find the local staff interested in local history and genealogy and very willing to assist you in your quest.

--John Leidy teaches elementary school in Ann Arbor, Michigan. His ancestors were early settlers in Addison County, Vermont including the line of Captain Stephen Goodrich of Glastonbury, an early settler of Middlebury.



City Directories as an Additional Research Source

~ -contributed by Peter Hughes

The Goodriches made an impression on Augusta, Georgia. I find LWC590 William H. listed in an 1841 city directory as a carpenter. Luther Goodrich, a tailor, is also listed. An 1859 directory shows him as a grocer and furniture dealer, and further records the Benjamin & Goodrich Furniture Ware Room and the Wm. H. Furniture Factory. There are a dozen different people listed as employees of these concerns. Other adult Goodriches listed are Henry C., Thos. and Edward.

Sources: 1. <http://www.rootsweb.com/~garichm2/augctydir/1859AugCityDir.html>
2. Augusta, Georgia 1841 City Directory



In The News

The 2008 NGS Conference and Family History Fair will be held May 14 –17, 2008 in Kansas City, Missouri. Preliminary information about the conference is now available online at <http://www.eshow2000.com/ngs/2008>.

Library News: Denver Public Library has an extensive online digital Christmas tree and Christmas ornament collection. Subjects included in these historical photos include antique Christmas trees, church scenes, toys and ornaments, mostly from 1860 on. Brief explanations are included. Click on a photo to enlarge the detail at:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award97/codhtml/hawpSubjects63.html>

Are You Blessed or Stressed?

~ Peggy Goodrich

Do you feel more stressed than blessed at Christmastime? Think about it.

This is the most glorious time of year. Everywhere we look there are beautiful lights, decorations and symbols of Christmas. The stores are filled with happy shoppers and Christmas music. Bells are ringing outside stores to remind us to think of others.

Yet for some, the feeling is stress and despair. Some people feel no joy at this time of year. Maybe it is all in the attitude. A friend sent us this little story concerning joy at this time of year. It is worth repeating and thinking about.

One Christmas Eve, as late shoppers hurried along the street, a crippled newsboy stood on his crutches offering papers to passersby. He looked happy, and his crutches were decorated with evergreens. One man greeted him with a cheerful smile. "My boy, you surely have the Christmas spirit," to which the child replied, "What's the use of putting on a sour face? Sure, I am poor and lame, but that's no reason for looking glum. I won't get presents like some boys at Christmas, but I can have fun, too. So I decorated my crutches just to make them seem special for Christmas."

If we go out to seek joy, it will elude us. If we go out to impart joy, we will find it. At Christmas, whether we have little or much, it is the attitude that counts. We are the ones who decide if we want to be blessed or stressed during this busy holiday season. It depends on our attitude.

The real secret to having a stress-free holiday season is to plan ahead. Simplify in every way you can. As I mentioned in an earlier column, we decided to forgo our annual Christmas open house this year. We just have too much on our plate right now. However, that does not mean that we are "bah humbug." The spirit of Christmas is alive and well at our house.

It does seem to me this season of peace and goodwill has taken a back seat to commercialization and good manners. Stores are rushed, people are impatient and traffic is snarled. We are missing the quiet and peace of this wonderful time of year by choosing to be a part of the hustle and bustle of shopping. We dither over the littlest things.

Put on some quiet Christmas music and shut your eyes and drink in the peace and joy. Pray for others – and while you are at it, pray for peace within yourself.

Choose which activities you will attend that will truly be a Christmas blessing. Make them meaningful and memorable and full of joy. Create goodie baskets for friends and deliver them and stay long enough to visit and show you care. Sing carols while you work around your house and do chores like wrapping and sending cards. Take all the time you need to really count your blessings. They are many!

Back in the olden days we didn't start so early on Christmas activities but managed to get everything done on time. But we didn't do such big undertakings at Christmas. We made candy, cookies and popcorn and enjoyed the rituals of singing, wrapping and decorating. We seized the

moments and made them part of our memories forever. We thought more about giving than getting. We read the Christmas story over and over and almost memorized it. We felt the peace of Christmas and showed goodwill to our neighbors and friends.

It seems to me if we take time to count our blessings, we don't have time to lament our "stressings." We find time to do the important things that really matter and ignore the petty activities that really don't matter that much. Those stressful times don't make very happy Christmas memories. A reader has asked if I would share this easy microwave recipe again. It saves hours and hours of beating and stirring and cooking. Yet it tastes just the same as the old way.

Aunt Bill's Microwave Candy

2 cups sugar
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup buttermilk
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups chopped pecans

Combine sugar, soda, buttermilk and butter in a large microwave-safe bowl. Cover with plastic wrap with holes punched in it. Microwave on high for two and one half minutes. Stir. Continue cooking for 15 minutes, stirring every five minutes. Return to oven for two more minutes or until softball forms in cold water or candy thermometer reaches 236 degrees. Note: Do not put thermometer in over. Add vanilla and beat (by hand or using a mixer) until soft peaks form. Stir in pecans and spread in buttered 9-inch by 9-inch dish. Cool and cut into pieces. Another note: ovens are different; adjust as needed.

Have a Blessed Christmas season.

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Useful Links

ChicagoAncestors.org – This is a free website, a project of the Department of Local and Family History of the Newberry Library, an independent research library in Chicago, Illinois. The project is intended to help genealogists and local historians discover and share historical information about Chicago.

<http://forums.goodrichfamilyassoc.org> – Take a minute to visit our Goodrich Family Association Forum. Once you register as a visitor, you can post a query, answer some one else's query, learn about our DNA Program, or discuss anything having to do with genealogy. It is a great tool to advance your research and share information with others researching Goodrich ancestors. Give it a try!

www.ancestry.com If you are a subscriber to Ancestry.com, and have ancestors who might have obtained a passport between the years of 1795 and 1925, you should check out their new database of Passport Applications. This database contains U.S. passport applications from 1795-1925,

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including emergency passport applications (passports issued abroad) from 1877-1907. It also contains passport application registers for 1810-1817, 1830-1831, and 1834-1906. Passport applications often include information regarding an applicant's family status, date and place of birth, residence, naturalization (if foreign-born), and other biographical information. Twentieth-century applications often include marriage and family information as well as dates, places, and names of ships used for travel. I searched this site for my husband's grandmother and found her application, along with her photo at the age of 40 (earliest photo I now have of her), a written physical description of her, the reason for her wanting to travel (to settle the estate of her deceased parents in Luxembourg and to bring her sister back with her) and much more information that will be useful to my research of this family.



Goodrich Family Association Research Resources

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

***NEW!** Lookups are now available in the DAR archives list, which includes 133 Goodrich women. Send request to gfagenealogy@yahoo.com and include first name and surname (if spouse is not Goodrich).

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.

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

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
Descendants of Thomas Goodrich born 1614 in York, England and died 1679 in
Rappahanock, Virginia. His daughter Anne Goodrich married Colonel John
Lightfoot of Culpeper Co., Virginia
Isle of Wight County Virginia Deeds 1750-1782 by William Lindsay Hopkins, Iberian
Publishing Company, Athens, Georgia, 1995
Goodrich Family in Oregon, Ancestors and Descendants of Carmi Goodrich Who
Crossed the Plains by Covered Wagon to Oregon Territory in 1845 with Short
Records of Allied Families, Van Valin, Minnie D., compiler, 123 pages.

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



Research Tip

When traveling with your genealogical notebooks or other research items, be certain to put your name, address and phone number on the front or just inside so if you inadvertently leave anything behind, whoever finds it knows how to contact you to return your precious research.



Seeking Information

We continue to seek Goodrich ancestry information to add to our special Virginia database. Please include your sources. Thanks again to those who have previously contributed information to help replace that lost in the Civil War and courthouse fires. Send your information to Delores at gfagenealogy@yahoo.com

We are also seeking Goodrich ancestor information, complete with sources, that is not included, and/or carries the families to newer generations than the eight compiled in *The Goodrich Family in America*, edited by Lafayette Wallace Case, M. D., Chicago: Fergus Printing Company, 1889. Send to gfagenealogy@yahoo.com.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Please note: It is our policy not to publish the addresses of our authors. If you wish to correspond with one of them, please send your letter and a stamped, addressed (name only) envelope to Kay Waterloo, 328 Linden Ridge Trail, Greenwood IN 46142 and we will address and forward your letter. Thank 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

The Goodrich Family Association Membership Application

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

Check desired type of membership:

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

___ Individual Membership: Three years @ \$60.00

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

___ Family Membership: Three years @ \$75.00

___ Voluntary donation \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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

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

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number: _____ e-Mail: _____ Student e-mail: _____

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

___ I am a returning member from the original Goodrich Family Association.

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

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

___ Check here if ok to publish only my name and email address in newsletter.

___ Check here if you do not want name, address or email address in newsletter.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

Goodrich Family Association
c/o Kay Waterloo
328 Linden Ridge Trail
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Please, no cash.

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