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Goodrich Gospel Wins Award

We are happy to announce that Kay Waterloo, Editor of our own Goodrich Gospel was awarded 3rd place in the 2014 International Society of Family History Writers and Editors "Excellence in Writing" Competition in the category of society or family association newsletters published in 2014. Congratulations to Kay and to the many writers who have contributed articles to the quarterly in the past year. Job well done!

Coming Soon - GFA High School Essay Contest

The Goodrich Family Association will soon be having a High School Youth Genealogy Essay Competition with monetary prizes. Details of the competition will be forthcoming in the March, 2015 issue of the Quarterly. The competition is headed by GFA Treasurer/Quarterly Editor, Kay Waterloo and includes GFA Trustee Carole McCarty and one other yet to be named.

The writing competition is named in honor of Amanda Jane White, 10/19/90 - 07/14/14, granddaughter of GFA President Delores Goodrick Beggs. Amanda J. White skipped a year from 4th to 5th grade, graduated Valedictorian from Chaparral High School, CO in 2008 at age 17, and graduated CU Boulder two years later, class of 2010 at age 19 with a Bachelor's Degree in Math. She was employed as a Procurement Business Analyst at the time of her death.

Watch for rules and more information coming in the March, 2015 GFA Quarterly.

Goodrich DNA Project Leader Change

~ Delores Goodrick Beggs

I want to introduce to you Stephen Dean Goodrich who has generously agreed to take over our Goodrich DNA Project effect now. Both our GFA Association and our DNA Project have grown with steady progress over the years. I have enjoyed leading both, but the time has come to separate them. I have in recent times been kept quite busy with the genealogy per se and unable to devote as much time to the DNA project as formerly while Stephen has been very active in DNA. I know he will make an excellent and capable new leader for the project. Any DNA questions, please forward them to Stephen at sdgoodrich@sbcglobal.net. I wish him the best in heading up the Goodrich Surname DNA Project.

Delores

World Explorer

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Planning To Visit a Cemetery?

BillionGraves now claims to have the world's largest collection of GPS tagged headstones. Its competitor, Find-A-Grave, still has more headstones catalogued, but the majority of those do not have GPS locations. In a small cemetery, the GPS location of an individual headstone may not be important, but in larger cemeteries it can be a critical piece of information for anyone seeking to visit the tombstone.

Memories in an Old Tin Box

~ Susan Goodrich Motycka

What should one do with old letters? It isn't unusual to keep handwritten ones for sentimental reasons; there's something special about carefully penned correspondence. What about letters relating to long completed business negotiations? That's not a problem today because many communications come on-line and can easily be filed or deleted. Bills and business records can be scanned, recycled or shredded. These options weren't available for my great grandfather, John Quincy Goodrich (Case #2616- i). Perhaps that's why he decided to keep his papers in an old tin box.

John and his family lived at 2016 Main Street in Glastonbury CT, in the house built for his mother-in-law, Frances Hale, in 1874. I grew up in that house, the fifth generation to live there. My grandparents, Charles (Case #3537-e) and Nellie Goodrich, occupied the first floor and my family lived upstairs. We had separate entrances but usually used the two interior stairways. As a result my brother, Jack, and I spent lots of time downstairs with our grandparents.

My Grandfather's office was one of my favorite rooms. Originally it was the office for his father's tobacco business. It had a large oak roll top desk, a free-standing safe covered with a

tapestry, and an enormous walk-in closet. The closet shelves were filled with at least 20 years of National Geographic magazines, old record books, and numerous items, including the old tin box. Because it had a lock on the front, I assumed the box held money or important treasures. Grandpa said it contained old letters about some property his grandfather had owned in Arkansas. His father put it on the shelf many years ago and since it wasn't in the way, it was still there.

When the house was sold in 1961 my parents, John Quincy and Grace Goodrich, moved family memorabilia to their new home. In 1993, after their deaths, I brought many of those items to my house, including the tin box. Realizing that would be a major "rainy day" project, I put its contents in an acid free container and placed it on a closet shelf. There it remained until a cold dreary day last winter.

The letters dated from 1836, the year my g-great-grandfather, William Goodrich (Case #1455-f), moved his wife, Lucy Gildersleeve, and their two year old daughter, Helen Virginia, from Portland CT to Clarksville AR. He was a tobacco farmer and supposedly went to Arkansas because of his poor health. His younger brother, Charles (Case #1455- k), had moved there several years earlier. Perhaps his reports of the sulphur springs and beautiful countryside convinced William to join him.

At the time, Arkansas was welcoming new settlers. Land was readily available. Johnson County had recently been established and the new town of Clarksville, where William purchased property, was the county seat. By 1841, William was listed as a Juror in the Circuit Court. In 1846, he was appointed Assistant Adjutant of the General Division of the 1st Division of the Arkansas Militia with the rank of Lt. Colonel of the Cavalry. President Zachary Taylor named him Receiver of Public Moneys for the District of Clarksville in 1849. Millard Fillmore reappointed him the following year. This job was associated with the Land Offices of western Arkansas. In 1851, upset by articles regarding slavery and the government's right to interfere in state affairs, he canceled his newspaper subscription. Three years later, fear of a war between the states brought the family back to Portland.

Some of the earliest correspondence was from family members. Their reaction to William's financial and family difficulties, especially the deaths of four of his seven children brought letters filled with pleas to return to Connecticut. The majority of the letters were from William Floyd, a lawyer and close friend. Although personal in nature, they included business and political concerns. Floyd was trying to sell the coal mining property that William had invested in. Due to the weak economy, money was scarce. Negotiations continued long after William's death in 1870. When an agreement was finally reached, William's son, John, traveled to Clarksville to attend the closing. Uncertain of payment, he had refused to send the deeds in advance.

Floyd's letters described the difficult post-war conditions in Arkansas. He was rather outspoken making his views obvious. The letters included information relevant to Clarksville's history. Other papers included a bill of sale dated January 27, 1852 for a Negro slave named Billy to William's son, John, who at the time was seven years old. The letters indicated that "Uncle Billy" was given his freedom and well cared for. William was obviously influenced by the husband of his sister Dolly (Case #1455-n), the noted abolitionist Samuel G.W. Rankin.

Clearly, these papers did not belong in a closet in Glastonbury. It was time to return them to Clarksville. In late April, I contacted the Johnson County Heritage Center. After receiving an enthusiastic response, my husband and I flew down to Arkansas to deliver them. When we arrived at the Center, to my surprise, they handed me a 17 page document entitled “Letters of William Goodrich from Clarksville, Johnson County, Arkansas to Glastonbury, Connecticut.” It included two letters from William to his sister, Sarah, and her husband, Oswin Welles from Clarksville in the 1840s. They had been auctioned on eBay in 2003, but the price was too high for the Center. Fortunately the seller had been kind enough to provide them with copies. Because of the Civil War, that time period was poorly documented and the letters were of great interest to them. They were transcribed and researched by James McDaniel. Although not related, McDaniel discovered that William was the man who collected money from his ancestor when he paid for his first land grant in Johnson County. For me the transcribed letters filled in more of my family history and provided me with the other side of the story.

The Heritage Center volunteers were thrilled to receive my 54 letters and papers. They recognized familiar names and places. They identified the area where William lived, and directed us to the Illinois Bayou where the mining property was located. Unfortunately no one was familiar with “The Campground” where “Uncle Billy” was buried, but they promised to keep looking.

Clarksville with a population of 9,251 is still the county seat for the 25,000 residents of Johnson County. The history of the area is well preserved at the Heritage Center through numerous exhibits, photographs and research sources. There is a well-equipped office and a small museum shop. It’s a completely volunteer organization with many dedicated people. My letters and documents will take months, or even years to transcribe, but they will fill in many of the details that those at the Center have been seeking.

So, to answer the question that began this article---what do you do with old letters? Don’t throw them away. Share the history and return them to where they came from. For me, it was a wonderful adventure.

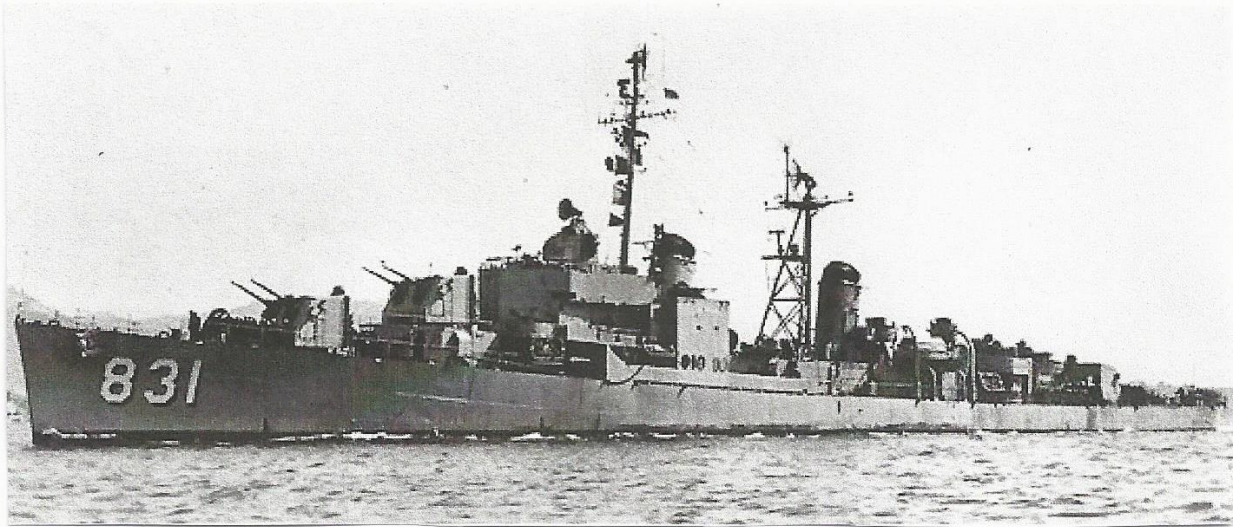


USS *Goodrich* (DD/DDR831) and Caspar F. Goodrich

~ Carl J. Hoffstedt

This article is a short history of the ship, USS *Goodrich*, and an abbreviated biography on Caspar F. Goodrich and his son, Caspar. The last part will provide additional information to [The Goodrich Family in America](#) book regarding William and Sarah Goodrich and their children.

The USS *Goodrich* was awarded in 1942 and launched February 25, 1945, per *navysite* website. It was built by the Bath Iron Works in Bath, Maine. Its propulsion system consisted of four boilers with two propellers. This ship was 391 feet in length, beam width of 41 feet with a draft of 18.7 feet. It could attain a speed of 34 knots. Approximately 275 people were crew members.



DD stands for Destroyer D series. DDR gives it a reserve status with 831 being the number of the ship in class. It was one of the Gearing class of destroyers.

After going through a training period in the Caribbean, the *Goodrich* traveled the Panama Canal on November 12, 1945 to support the occupation of Japan. It also was based at Tsingtao, China and patrolled the coast of Korea. The *Goodrich* went to San Francisco in 1946 and then onto Newport, Rhode Island in 1947 to become a unit of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

The *Goodrich* was deployed fifteen times to the Mediterranean Sea. It patrolled along the Israeli-Egyptian border of the Red Sea in 1956 to stem the Mid-East crises which resulted in the naturalization of the Suez Canal. In between trips to the Mediterranean, the ship was involved in the Project Mercury recovery station as Lieutenant Colonel John H. Glenn, USMC, made his successful orbital space flight in February of 1962. In November 1962, the ship was part of the Navy that responded to President Kennedy's call for a quarantine of Cuba.

On November 30, 1969, the ship was designated DD831 and decommissioned. It was stricken from the Naval Vessel Register in February 1974 and sold for scrap on September 12, 1977 after 32 years of service. During its years of commission, the USS *Goodrich* had earned the American Theater Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Theater Medal, World War II Victory Medal, the Navy Occupation Medal, the China Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. The *Goodrich* also earned Anti-Air-Warfare and three Battle Efficiency "E's".

The USS *Goodrich* was named after two men, father and son – Caspar Frederick Goodrich and Caspar Goodrich. It was one of only two ships named in that way. Caspar F. Goodrich can be found on page 337 (#2789) in The Goodrich Family in America by Lafayette Wallace Case, published in 1889. The book lists his birthplace as New Haven, CT on January 7, 1847.

However, most records give Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA. Caspar F. was the son of William Goodrich (#1927) and Sarah A. Bearden. The Case book lists Sarah's maiden name as Reardon.

Caspar Frederick Goodrich (January 7, 1847 – January 26, 1925) was an admiral of the United State Navy, who served in the Spanish-American War and World War I per *Wikipedia.org*.

Caspar Frederick Goodrich



Rear Admiral Caspar F. Goodrich, USN portrait
photograph by Harris & Ewing, Washington, D.C.,
taken c. 1904-1909

“Goodrich was the son of William and Sarah A. Beardon Goodrich. He applied from Connecticut and graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1864. He spent 2 years in *Colorado* and *Frolic*, 3 years in *Portsmouth* and *Lancaster*, and 3 years at the Naval Academy. Between 1874 and 1881 he had duty on board *Tennessee* and USS *Kearsarge* followed by a tour at the Naval Torpedo Station, Newport, Rhode Island. After serving as executive officer of *Lancaster*, the flagship for the European Squadron, and as Inspector of Ordnance at the Washington Navy Yard, Goodrich became Officer in Charge of the Newport Torpedo Station in 1886. From 1891 until 1896, he commanded successively, *Jamestown*, *Constellation*, and *Concord* before he spent a year as President of the Naval War

College at Newport. Originating the Coast Signal Service in 1898, he then served as Director.

During the Spanish-American War in 1898, he commanded *St. Louis* and *Newark* and received the surrender of Manzanillo, Cuba, following that city's bombardment August 12. In the years following, Goodrich commanded *Iowa*, *Richmond*, *Minneapolis* and *Puritan* at sea and served as commandant of the Philadelphia Navy Yard (1900) and the Portsmouth Navy Yard (1903) on land before his promotion to the rank of Rear Admiral February 17, 1904 and his appointment for 3 years as the Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Squadron. After the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, he went with his fleet to San Francisco to help extinguish the fire, especially by spraying water on the flames from ships anchored in the port. After duty as commandant of the New York Navy Yard 1907 to 1909, he retired January 7, 1909.

Recalled to active duty in World War I, Admiral Goodrich served as officer-in-charge of the Pay Officers' Material School at Princeton until November 8, 1919 when he again stepped down from active duty, ending a 50-year naval career.”

On September 4, 1873 he married Eleanor Milnor. They had a large house in Pomfret, CT called “Gladwyn.” He died in January 26, 1924 in Princeton, NJ.

“In 1945, the destroyer USS *Goodrich* (DD-831) was named in honor of R. Adm. Goodrich and his son Lt. Caspar Goodrich.”

Caspar Frederick's father was **William Goodrich (#1927)** – (James, Nathaniel, Nathan, Joseph, William, William) born March 29, 1809 in New Haven, New Haven, CT. The *Connecticut Church Record Abstracts, 1630-1920*, shows William was baptized August 20, 1809 in New Haven, New Haven, CT. He married Sarah Ann Bearden on December 22, 1840 in Knoxville, Knox, TN.

On January 7, 1843 William and Sarah were admitted from the 1st Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, TN. On October 11, 1845 they transferred to Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, PA per *Connecticut Church Record Abstracts, 1630-1920*.

October 14, 1850 US Census for South Ward, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA as follows:

Wm Goodrich	39	CT	Merchant
Sarah Goodrich	25	TN	
James W. Goodrich	9	TN	
Wm B. Goodrich	5	CT	
Casper F. Goodrich	3	PA	(Phil.)
Joseph L. Goodrich	1	PA	(Phil.)

June 14, 1860 US Census for Ward 4, New Haven, New Haven, CT showed:

Goodrich, William	40	CT	Manufacturer
Goodrich, Sarah	30	TN	
Goodrich, James	18	TN	Student
Goodrich, William	15	CT	
Goodrich, Frederic	12	PA	
Goodrich, Joseph	10	PA	
Goodrich, Anna	8	PA	
Goodrich, Harriet	2	CT	

Three servants were in household too.

Per the Case book, William and Sarah had one other child, **Henry W. (#2979)** born November 11, 1848 and died June 22, 1849 for a total of seven children.

June 9, 1880 US Census for Knoxville, Knox, TN has the follows:

Goodrich, James	39	TN	CT	CT	Bookkeeper
Goodrich, Sarah	32	MS	GA	GA	Wife Keeping House
Goodrich, William	71	CT	CT	CT	Father Bookkeeper
Goodrich, Sarah	59	TN	TN	TN	Wife

Per *Find-A-Grave*, William and Sarah are both buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA. Sarah was born April 13, 1822 and died August 2, 1883.

The Case book shows **James (#2976)** born October 15, 1841 and died March 13, 1882 in TN being unmarried. However, James married Sarah Lockett Goodrich who was born November 17, 1846 and died March 14, 1922 in Colorado. Per *Find A Grave*, James and Sarah Goodrich are both buried in Old Gray Cemetery, Knoxville, Knox, TN.

William Goodrich (#2977) was born January 12, 1845 in CT. Per *Find A Grave*, he was commissioned as 1st Lieutenant in the 15th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry and mustered into Company G on August 25, 1862 during the Civil War. He was honorably mustered out on June 27, 1865. William married Helen Groves in 1876. She was born about 1855 in PA. The June 3, 1880 US Census for Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA lists William Goodrich age 35 born in CT and Helen age 28 born in PA. William was a bookkeeper.

The June 9, 1900 US Census for Ward 27, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA has William, 53, born in January 1847 in CT. Helen, 48, was born October 1851 in PA and the mother of no children. William was a lumber dealer.

On January 17, 1907, William filed for a United States Army Veterans Pension (Application #1356731, Certificate #1130126).

In the January 28, 1920 US Census for Ward 23, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA, William's age was 74 and Helen was 68. He was in the lumber business. The April 15, 1930 US Census has them living in Philadelphia at ages 85 and 75. William was selling lumber. The ages and birth dates varied for them in census records.

On June 10, 1930, Helen G. Goodrich filed for a United States Army Widow's Pension (Application #1669419, Certificate #A-9-24-30). Per *Find A Grave*, both William and Helen are buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA with Helen being born in 1857 with death in 1934. There are no descendants.

Caspar Frederick Goodrich (#2978) was born January 7, 1847 at Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA and died December 26, 1925 in Princeton, Mercer, NJ. On September 4, 1873 he married Eleanor Milnor. Per *US Passport Applications, 1795-1925*, he applied for a passport on August

24, 1874 at the age of 27. He was born in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA on January 7, 1847. He was listed as 6 feet, 7 inches tall, blue eyes, brown hair with a light and ruddy complexion.

June 14, 1880 US Census for Newport, Newport, RI as follows:

Goodrich, Caspar F.	33	Naval Officer	PA CT TN
Goodrich, Eleanor M.	30	Wife Housekeeping	NY NY NY
Goodrich, Eleanor	3	Daughter	Japan PA NY
Goodrich, Milnor	1	Son	RI PA NY

Two servants were also in the household.

On February 3, 1890, Caspar applied for a passport at New Haven, CT. He was 43 years old and stood 5 feet 6 inches tall with blue eyes, brown hair, bearded with fair complexion. He was going to travel in Europe. His brother, Joseph, applied for a passport on February 26, 1910 and he was listed at 5 feet 9½ inches tall. It seems that 5 feet 6 inches tall for Caspar was more correct than 6 feet 7 inches.

June 2, 1900 US Census for *Flagship Iowa*, Washington, DC as follows:

Goodrich, Caspar F.	Captain	Pomfret CT	Jan 1847	26	PA CT TN
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Eleanor Milnor Goodrich died May 23, 1908 and was buried in All Saints Memorial Church Cemetery, Navesink, Monmouth, NJ.

May 10, 1910 US Census for Pomfret, Windham, CT as follows:

Goodrich, C. F.	Admiral	Head	63	PA CT TN	Retired Mariner
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January 16, 1920 US Census for Princeton Twp., Mercer, NJ as follows:

Goodrich, Caspar F.	Head	73	PA CT TN	Rear Admiral US Navy
Goodrich, Sarah M.	Wife	42	PA PA PA	

Caspar had remarried and Sarah Minis Hayes Goodrich (1877-1970) was the sponsor for the USS *Goodrich* in 1945.

Caspar and Eleanor had five children: Eleanor, Milnor, Caspar, Garnet and Gladys. Two died at a young age. The Case book has Milnor (#3694) being born December 16, 1878 with death on November 19, 1880. The *Rhode Island Births and Christenings, 1600 -1914* shows his birth location as Newport, Providence, RI and death on October 29, 1880. Milnor was buried at All Saints Memorial Church Cemetery, Navesink, Monmouth, NJ per *Find A Grave*. Garnet Wolseley (#3696) was born October 22, 1882 and died July 5, 1883.

Daughter Eleanor (#3693) was born Oct. 16, 1876 in NJ and married Mulford E Davis in 1897 per the US Census 1900. She died in 1955 was buried in All Saints Memorial Cemetery, Navesink, Monmouth, NJ per *Find A Grave*.

Caspar (#3695), son of the Admiral, was born May 4, 1881 in Florence, Italy per *Massachusetts Deaths, 1841-1915*. He was appointed a midshipman from CT on September 7, 1897 and later designated a Naval Cadet on June 10, 1901. He reported to the *Lancaster* for duty. He also served on the *Maine, Cleveland, Chicago, and Georgia*. While on the *Georgia*, Lieutenant Caspar Goodrich was killed July 15, 1907 as the result of a turret explosion. He was buried at All Saints Memorial Church Cemetery, Navesink, Monmouth, NJ per *Find A Grave*.

Gladys Goodrich (#3697), the youngest child of Caspar F. and Eleanor, was born June 14, 1886 in Washington, DC and died January 26, 1933 at Manhattan, New York, NY per *New York, New York Death Index, 1862-1948*. Per the *Honolulu, Hawaii Passenger and Crew Lists, 1900-1959*, Miss Gladys Goodrich, age 19, left Hong Kong on June 5, 1906 and arrived in Honolulu, HI on June 25, 1906. Per the *California Passenger and Crew Lists, 1887-1959*, Gladys Goodrich arrived in San Francisco on July 3, 1906 aboard the *Mongolia* which originally had departed Hong Kong, China. Gladys married John Clark Brennon.

April 5, 1930 US Census for Manhattan, New York, NY as follows:

Brennon, John C. Head 53 married at 38 Wash. DC Wash. DC Wash. DC Mining Eng.
 Brennon, Gladys Wife 43 married at 29 Wash. DC US US
 Brennon, Eleanor Daughter 11 NY Wash. DC Wash, DC
 Maid from Italy was in household also.

Gladys and John were also buried in All Saints Memorial Church Cemetery per *Find A Grave*.

Gladys and John had one child, Eleanor Elizabeth Brennon, born February 23, 1919 in New York. Eleanor married A. Ross Jones, a lawyer from Kentucky. In the 1840 US Census, they were in White Plains, Westchester, NY. Ross was 28 and Eleanor 21. A. Ross was born in 1911 and died in 1972. He was buried in Hillside Cemetery, Osterville, Barnstable, MA per *Find a Grave*. Eleanor died May 2, 2001 per *Massachusetts Death Index, 1920-2003* and was also buried in Hillside Cemetery, per *Find A Grave*.

Joseph King Goodrich (#2980), son of William and Sarah, was born January 13, 1850 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA. He married Mrs. Harriet Wingate Lovejoy on April 17, 1882 in Boston, Suffolk, MA. She was born in 1852. They may have had one child. On May 12, 1896, Joseph married Mary Kremer in Carlisle, Cumberland, PA. She was born in 1851. Joseph was married a third time to Jennie Turner Sponsler on October 25, 1897 in Carlisle, Cumberland, PA. She was born in 1866.

June 20, 1920 US Census listed them in Brooklyn Assembly, District 1, King, NY as follows:

Goodrich, Joseph K. 69 PA CT TN Clerk in Rubber Company
 Goodrich, Jennie S. 53 PA PA PA
 Goodrich, William 20 Japan PA PA (Am. citizen)

Goodrich, Chauncey	19	Japan	PA	PA	(Am. citizen)
Goodrich, James	16	Japan	PA	PA	(Am. citizen)

Chauncey was born May 24, 1900/1 and died March 24, 1978 in San Mateo, Imperial, CA.

Sarah Anna Goodrich (#2981), daughter of William and Sarah, was born June 8, 1852 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA. Nothing more could be found.

Harriet Whitney Goodrich (#2982), daughter of William and Sarah, was born February 27, 1858 in New Haven, New Haven, CT. She died December 8, 1935 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA. She married William T. Kirk.

June 4, 1900 US Census for Beverly City, Burlington, NJ as follows:

Kirk, William T.	39	Head	July 1860	PA	MD	PA	Wholesale Grocer	
Kirk, Harriet G.	40	Wife	Feb. 1860	m: 11 years	3,3	CT	CT	TN
Kirk, Alan G.	11	Son	Oct. 1888	PA	PA	CT	At School	
Kirk, Dorothy	9	Daughter	Feb. 1891	PA	PA	CT	At School	
Kirk, William T	5	Son	May 1895	NJ	PA	CT		

Two servants were in the household.

April 28, 1910 US Census for Beverly, Burlington, NJ as follows:

Kirk, William T.	Head	49	m: 22	PA	PA	PA	PA	Wholesale Grocer
Kirk, Harriet	Wife	49	m: 22	3,3	CT	CT	TN	
Kirk, Dorothy	Daughter	19	S	PA	PA	CT		
Kirk, William T.	Son	15	S	NJ	PA	CT		

April 11, 1930 US Census for Beverly, Burlington, NJ as follows:

Kirk, William T.	Head	69	29	PA	MD	PA	President Grocery
Kirk, Harriet W.	Wife	72	30	CT	CT	TN	

William died June 28, 1938 and was buried in Monument Cemetery, Beverly, Burlington, NJ. Per gravestone in *Find A Grave*, William was born July 1, 1860. Harriet Goodrich Kirk was born February 27, 1858, died December 9, 1935 and was buried in the same cemetery.

Alan Goodrich Kirk was born October 30, 1888 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA and died October 15, 1963 in Washington, DC. He was a US Navy Admiral and US Diplomat. Per *Find A Grave*, he had a distinguished military career and married Lydia Chapin who was born September 19, 1896 and died December 2, 1984. Both are buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

The Goodrich ages and spelling of names varied throughout the census records. Other records provided verification of birth dates and names.

Seaman James Hamer's experience on the USS *Goodrich*, DDR 831

As told to John David Scherling

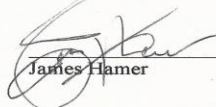
In the late 1950s the *Goodrich* was a "picket ship" patrolling the Atlantic Ocean. During a routine patrol off the coast of France, in very thick fog, the *Goodrich* was rammed by a Dutch freighter and severely damaged. Hamer recalls that the CO instructed the Dutch freighter – through a crewman that could speak a little Dutch – to not back off because the *Goodrich* would sink. After some emergency repairs, the *Goodrich* was able to limp across the Atlantic to Guantanamo Bay and from there to the Boston Naval Shipyard where the *Goodrich* underwent repairs.

During the time the *Goodrich* was in dry dock, a memorable event occurred. The CO was a very religious man, who ran the ship 'by the book' and neither smoked or drank alcoholic beverages, but embraced the crew's desire for a ship's party at the halfway point in the dry dock time. At the evening of the party, Hamer was on shore patrol duty and the XO asked that he allow himself, the XO, to "spike" the CO's drink. Hamer told him he could not do that, but somehow the CO's drinks were "spiked" and the CO had the time of his life.

During Hamer's duty on the *Goodrich*, the ship was involved in the "Bay of Pigs" operation at which time they escorted Russian ships removing missiles from Cuba.

To Whom It May Concern:

I, James Hamer, the undersigned, do gladly give my permission to have the above experiences published in the *Goodrich Gospel*, the newsletter of the Goodrich family on the date and place of their choosing.



James Hamer

2014-11-18
Date

Who was Erastus Goodrich?

Sophia Goodrich, wife of Alexander MacDonald, was born in Plattsburgh, NY.¹ the daughter of Erastus Goodrich. In the nearby Cemetery at East Beekmantown, the grave marker of her mother has this inscription: In memory of Eweretta, consort of Erastus Goodrich, who died 1 Oct. 1808, in the 23 year of her age.²

Erastus Goodrich was born in October 1779,³ son of Asa Goodrich⁴ and Lois Rowley of Sharon, CT.; they removed to West Haven, VT⁵ at an early time with their three sons, Erastus, Anselm and Alvin. Erastus was apprenticed to General Jonathan Orms, Ansel was a tanner at nearby Fair Haven, VT. and Alvin drowned at seven years of age near Carver's Falls about 1799.

After his wife's death, Erastus left Plattsburg and returned home to West Haven where he married Betsey Parker on January 1, 1809.⁶ About this time Anselm moved to Chazy, NY, a short distance from Plattsburg, where he remained for the duration. He saw service in the War of 1812, served as Sergeant with the 36th Regiment of the New York Militia.⁷ Anselm Goodrich died on March 21, 1856 and is buried at Douglass Cemetery, Clinton, NY.⁸

After his second marriage, Erastus can be found in Vergennes, VT.⁹ where he stayed but a short time before moving to Manlius, Onondaga County, NY. Here he enlisted in the War of 1812 as a Private in Captain Daniel Mulholland's Artillery Company (muster roll, May 23, 1812) and his occupation was a cordwainer,¹⁰ or shoemaker. It was at this time that tragedy struck again when son Ansel died in 1813 and is buried at Christ Church Cemetery, Manlius, aged about one year.¹¹

From here, he went to Geneva, NY where his fortunes improved; he opened a shoe and leather store,¹² took on apprentices,¹³ was named as the County Inspector of Leather,¹⁴ served as Constable and collector of Fees¹⁵ and entered into partnership with local businessman, Augustus Moody.¹⁶ As his health declined in 1830 he dissolved his business partnership, in January 1831 resigned as Inspector of Leather¹⁷ and returned to Manlius where he died on December 6, 1831 aged 52 and is buried at Pine Plains Cemetery, Sullivan, Madison County, NY.¹⁸

Erastus Goodrich was the father of 5 known children and was married 3 times (Eweretta, Betsey and Cynthia).¹⁹ From the Monument Inscription and the Death Record for Sophia, it is calculated that she was born in 1805. The Census data for brother James indicates that he was born 1805 which is the birth date found in the Case book, The Goodrich Family in America. Oral family history indicates that these children were raised outside of the family unit which may explain why Sophia settled in distant Belleville, Ontario, Canada and James removed to Akron, Summit County, OH. Of the other three, Asa, Ansel and Chauncey, the best documented is Asa, named after his grandfather. He is located in the 1840 census at Manlius and his descendants are mostly buried at the Kirkville Cemetery, Kirkville, Onondaga County, NY. These three Cemeteries (Christ Church, Pine Plains and Kirkville) are all located close to Manlius.

Analysis of the 1810 and 1820 Census proves to be difficult because of the probable absence of Sophia and James, the presence of one or more apprentices, and the marriage to widows who may have brought their own children into the household.

Ancestors: Erastus, son of Asa and Lois Goodrich,²⁰ son of David and Martha (Mudge) Goodrich,²¹ son of William and Margaret (Orvis) Goodrich of Sharon, CT.²²

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Descendants of Erastus Goodrich

~ Dr. Don Brearley

- 1 Erastus Goodrich b: October 1779 in Sharon, Litchfield County, Ct. d: December 6, 1831 in Manlius, Onondaga County, N.Y.
 - +Eweretta Frazier b: 1785 m: March 13, 1802 d: October 1, 1808 in East Beekmantown, Clinton County, N.Y.
 - 2 Sophia Furetta Goodrich b: December 17, 1805 in Plattsburgh, Clinton County, N.Y. d: January 2, 1882 in Durham, Ontario
 - +Alexander MacDonald b: July 10 1786 in Inverness, Inverness-shire, Scotland m: 1823 in Ontario, Canada d: October 15, 1867 in Durham, Ontario, Canada
 - 3 John MacDonald b: 1824 in Belleville, Thurlow Township, Ontario d: October 11, 1897 in Cheboygan, Michigan, USA
 - +Amelia Calista Jones b: October 6, 1835 in Picton, Ontario, Canada m: 1856 in Belleville, Thurlow Township, Ontario d: May 18, 1908 in Cheboygan, Michigan, USA
 - 3 Alexander Fraser MacDonald b: 1829 in Belleville, Thurlow Township, Ontario d: April 23, 1873 in Growlers Creek, Victoria County, Australia
 - +Jane Kay b: March 8, 1847 in Chirton, Northumberland County, England m: June 15, 1862 in Barkly, Victoria County, Australia d: March 20, 1903 in Melbourne, Victoria County, Australia
 - 3 Eweretta MacDonald b: 1830 in Belleville, Thurlow Township, Ontario d: October 1, 1869 in Teeswater, Bruce County, Ontario
 - +James Barker b: 1821 in Belleville, Thurlow Township, Ontario m: 1852 in Belleville, Thurlow Township, Ontario d: 1862 in Nottawasaga, Simcoe County, Ontario, Canada
 - *2nd Husband of Eweretta MacDonald
 - +Thomas Fairhair b: September 4, 1828 in Brockville, Ontario, Canada m: October 27, 1865 in Teeswater, Bruce County, Ontario d: November 1, 1893 in Buffalo, Erie County, N.Y.
 - 3 Allan MacDonald b: 1834 in Belleville, Thurlow Township, Ontario d: June 5, 1867 in Durham, Ontario, Canada
 - +Mary Ann McDonnell b: October 10, 1835 in Belleville, Thurlow Township, Ontario m: March 29, 1854 in Ontario
 - 3 Charles MacDonald b: 1835 in Belleville, Thurlow Township, Ontario d: 1870 in Belleville, Thurlow Township, Ontario
 - +Elizabeth b: 1832 in England m: 1859 in Belleville, Thurlow Township, Ontario
 - 3 Ann MacDonald b: 1838 in Belleville, Thurlow Township, Ontario d: April 19, 1884 in London, Ontario, Canada
 - +Reverend William Henry Shaw b: June 21, 1827 in Rathdrum, County Wicklow, Ireland m: September 13, 1853 in Belleville, Thurlow Township, Ontario d: November 30, 1912 in Watford, Lambton County, Ontario, Canada

- 3 Jeannette MacDonald b: 1840 in Belleville, Thurlow Township, Ontario d: February 22, 1900 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada
 +Dr. Byron Erastus Ghent b: 1834 in Nelson Township, Halton County, Ontario m: October 30, 1861 in Durham, Ontario, Canada d: September 3, 1892 in Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana, USA
- 3 Katherine MacDonald b: January 10, 1844 in Belleville, Thurlow Township, Ontario d: December 29, 1934 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada
 +James Hill Hunter b: July 29, 1839 in Kilbarchan, Renfrewshire, Scotland m: October 15, 1862 in Durham, Ontario, Canada d: February 22, 1891 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada
 3 Donald Frazer MacDonald b: 1848 in Belleville, Thurlow Township, Ontario d: January 6, 1882 in Durham, Ontario
- 2 James A Goodrich b: December 17, 1805 in Plattsburgh, Clinton County, N.Y. d: April 10, 1867 in Buffalo, Erie County, N.Y. USA
 +Betsey F. b: 1819 d: December 22, 1883 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, USA
- 3 Erastus Rowley Goodrich b: January 7, 1839 in Akron, Summit County, Ohio, USA d: May 17, 1898 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, USA
 +Laura Elizabeth Wills b: 1848 in Ohio, USA m: May 9, 1866 in Summit County, Ohio d: May 1, 1880 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, USA
- 4 Frank Wills Goodrich b: February 21, 1867 in Akron, Summit County, Ohio, USA d: February 5, 1942 in Wilmette, Cook County, Illinois, USA
 +Emma Rummell b: December 1866 m: 1892 d: September 12, 1940 in Wilmette, Cook County, Illinois, USA
 4 James F. Goodrich b: January 27, 1870 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, USA d: July 12, 1936 in Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan, USA
 +Helen G. Haight b: February 1873 in England
- 4 Charles William Goodrich b: December 15, 1871 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, USA d: April 3, 1872 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, USA
- 4 Maud E Goodrich b: January 17, 1874 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, USA d: September 2, 1874 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, USA
 4 Ralph E. Goodrich b: May 24, 1876 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, USA d: September 25, 1876 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, USA
 4 Elizabeth Goodrich b: April 26, 1880 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, USA d: April 26, 1880 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, USA
 *2nd Wife of Erastus Rowley Goodrich:
 +Elva Yeaman b: January 31, 1852 in Clyde, Ohio, USA m: January 7, 1886 in Sandusky County, Ohio d: October 25, 1929 in Akron, Summit County, Ohio, USA
- 3 Julia Ann Goodrich b: April 26, 1841 in Akron, Summit County, Ohio, USA d: February 19, 1893 in Buffalo, Erie County, N.Y.
 +Wallace Chiles b: February 11, 1829 in Madison County, N.Y., USA d: February 13, 1909 in Buffalo, Erie County, N.Y.
- 4 Mary E Hill b: March 2, 1860 in Buffalo, Erie County, N.Y. d: December 21, 1927 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, USA
 +William F. Husted b: December 3, 1864 in Buffalo, Erie County, N.Y. d: March 26, 1921 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, USA
 5 Wallace Hill Husted b: July 12, 1884 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, USA d: November 9, 1938 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, USA
 +Charlotte Elizabeth Herling b: August 1884 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, USA m: June 19, 1909 in Cuyahoga, Ohio d: October 23, 1961 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, USA
- 5 Ralph [Husted b: November 10, 1886 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, USA d: October 9, 1932 in Independence, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, USA
 +Lillian Lydia Schmeling nee Svatos b: April 25, 1884 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, USA m: November 8, 1911 in Cuyahoga, Ohio d: October 12, 1960 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, USA
- 4 Viola M Hill b: September 1863 in Buffalo, Erie County, N.Y. d: 1908 in Buffalo, Erie County, N.Y.
 +William I White b: 1860 in New York, USA m: 1883 in Buffalo, Erie County, N.Y. d: July 18, 1936 in Buffalo, Erie County, N.Y.
- 5 Warner Goodrich White b: September 16, 1884 in Buffalo, Erie County, N.Y. d: July 30, 1981 in Berkeley, Alameda County, California, USA
 +Cecelia Lewis b: September 17, 1889 in Buffalo, Erie County, N.Y. m: March 1, 1924 in Buffalo, Erie County, N.Y. d: May 19, 1977 in Berkeley, Alameda County, California, USA

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