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Foreword

This issue continues with the biography of pioneer journalist and aviator Mary (Goodrich) Jenson, including an illustrated description of Goodrich Island (near the 1920s summer home of parents James-8 and Ella (Reed) Goodrich in Roseland on the mainland) owned by the Audubon Society of Florida, which is known for its bird sanctuary and quiet contemplation, and is off-limits to human visitors. Repeated is the detailed outlined list of Goodrich Family Association past officers, including the first officers installed in 1885 to publish *The Goodrich Family in America* (1889).¹ Two familiar names can be found in the list of the predeceased siblings of Mary (Goodrich) Jenson in her obituary (page 22), and one familiar name is seen in the interview transcript on page 31.

¹ Lafayette Wallace Case, *The Goodrich Family in America*, (Chicago-Fergus Printing; 1889), pages iii-iv: <https://archive.org/details/goodrichfamilyin00good/page/n14/mode/1up>

Pioneer Journalist and Aviator Mary (Goodrich) Jenson (1907-2004) (Part I-Review)²

~Contributed by William Judd Goodrich III

Mary Hanmer Goodrich; daughter of James Raymond Goodrich and his second wife Ella Reed, was born on 06 Nov 1907 in Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut, and she was raised in Wethersfield:³

Mary-9 Goodrich (James-8, Elizur-7, LWC942 Elizur-6, Simeon-5, Nathaniel-4, Joseph-3, William-2, William-1)

Mary attributed her interest in journalism to a grandfather who frequently read to her a wide variety of literature ranging from fairy tales to Shakespeare to current events and newspapers.

By the age of 5, Mary was reading newspapers by herself. By the time she was age 20, when Mary applied to the *Hartford Courant* for a job as a reporter, Mary was also taking flying lessons, and she was able to convince the city editor to let her write about aviation. Mary became the first female with a publishing byline in the *Hartford Courant*. Work-related exposure further intensified her passion for aviation, and led to Mary becoming:

- 1) One of the 99 charter members of the women's aviation group, the Ninety Nines, of which Amelia Earhart was also a charter member,
- 2) The only female passenger of the Hindenburg zeppelin airship on 09 Oct 1936 when it flew over Hartford (*before its fiery crash at Lakehurst, New Jersey on 06 May 1937*;⁴ *earlier in the same year that Amelia Earhart disappeared during a segment of a planned round-the-world flight from Lae, New Guinea to Howland Island in the Pacific Ocean on 02 Jul 1937*),⁵
- 3) Director of the Betsy Ross Corps; a group of female pilots organized to assist in national defense during emergencies,
- 4) And on the eve of World War II, Mary was a promoter of the Women Flyers of America; a unit of female pilots that transported supplies from factories to airfields, so male pilots could be reserved for wartime military service.

When declining visual depth perception caused Mary to halt her flying career in the early 1930s, Mary moved to Los Angeles, California and took a job working for Walt Disney Studios, where Mary started the Disney story research department. In this capacity at Walt Disney Studios, Mary said in a 2000 interview that when she found a children's book titled: *Dumbo the Flying Elephant* (1939), she had suggested to Walt Disney that he make a movie out of it (*the Walt Disney Studios movie Dumbo was released in the USA 23/31 Oct 1941*).^{2, 6}

(Continued in this issue).

² Erik Ofgang, "Mary Goodrich Jenson was the first woman with a pilot's license in CT. That was just the beginning." *Connecticut Magazine*, 07 Mar 2022.

³ Find-a-Grave memorial for Mary Hanmer Goodrich Jenson: https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/57039401/mary_hanmer_jenson

⁴ Britannica online, "Hindenburg German Airship": <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Hindenburg>

⁵ Britannica online, "The Disappearance of Amelia Earhart": <https://www.britannica.com/story/the-disappearance-of-amelia-earhart>

⁶ Disney Wiki: *Dumbo* (1941 film): [https://disney.fandom.com/wiki/Dumbo_\(1941_film\)](https://disney.fandom.com/wiki/Dumbo_(1941_film))



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⁷ Photo provided to the *Hartford Courant* courtesy of the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame.²

⁸ Find-a-Grave memorial for Mary Hanmer Goodrich Jensen: https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/57039401/mary_hanmer_jenson

Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame Induction

Mary Goodrich Jenson (Inducted in 2000)⁹

~Contributed by William Judd Goodrich III

The Wright Brothers made aviation history on December 17, 1903, when their powered aircraft was the first to successfully take flight with a pilot on board. Over the course of the next decades, the aviation industry continued to develop and many other men would earn the title of pilot.

Women would also begin to involve themselves in aviation matters by building their own planes and even flying solo. By 1910, a handful of American women had earned pilot's licenses. In 1927, at the age of 20, Mary Goodrich Jenson joined their ranks, becoming the first woman in Connecticut to earn a pilot's license.

The daughter of James Goodrich and Ella Reed, Mary Goodrich was born in Hartford in 1907. She was educated at the Collegio Gazzola in Verona, Italy, the Katherine Gibbs School, and Columbia University. From a young age, she had cultivated a love of words. Raised on fairytales, as she grew up she developed a strong taste for journalism.

Even while pursuing her pilot's license, she decided she wanted to be a writer. The Hartford Courant, impressed by the young woman's perseverance, hired her as its first aviation editor and the "Girl Pilot," as she was affectionately dubbed, later became the first woman to have a bylined column. She wrote a variety of pieces on notable air stories, including pieces highlighting visits from Amelia Earhart.

The "Girl Pilot" also had a career in advertising and promotion. For a short while, in the late 1930s, she even took a position with Walt Disney Productions in Hollywood, California. It was here that she met her husband, Carl Jenson, with whom she had two children. However, the couple did not stay in California for long. In 1941, they returned to Wethersfield where Jenson served on the Board of Education, the Republican Town Committee, the Council of Social Agencies of Greater Hartford, and as President of the Women's Association, an organization she also founded.

Throughout her life, Jenson remained a large piece of aviation history. In 1929, a group of women pilots gathered at Curtiss Airport in Vally Stream, N.Y. with the intention of forming an organization that would fight and provide support for women in aviation. This group was named the Ninety-Nines because of its ninety-nine charter members, of which Jenson was one. In 1936, when the Hindenburg flew low over Hartford, Jenson was the only female passenger. She also piloted her own Fairchild KR-21 bi-plane around Connecticut and made history as the first woman to fly solo to Cuba. She was director of the Betsy Ross Corps, a group of female pilots organized to assist in national defense during emergencies. In 1940, she promoted the Women Flyers of America (WFA), a unit of female pilots trained to relieve male pilots for wartime service by ferrying planes from the factories to the airfields and transporting supplies. The WFA motto was, "Airmindedness—for Sport, Profession and Emergency!"

(After her husband Lt-Colonel Carl Daniels Jenson, United States Air Force, died in Rocky Hill on 14 Nov 1993^{10, 11}) Mary Goodrich Jenson died in Hartford on 04 Jan 2004 at the age of 96.¹²

⁹ Quoted from: Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame: "Mary Goodrich Jenson": <https://www.cwhf.org/inductees/mary-goodrich-jenson>

¹⁰ Newspapers.com: *The Hartford Daily Courant*, 28 Nov 1993, page 22 (see page 21): <https://www.newspapers.com/image/257090122/>

¹¹ Newspapers.com: *The Hartford Daily Courant*, 28 Nov 1993, page 17 (see page 21): <https://www.newspapers.com/image/175807390/>

¹² Newspapers.com: *The Hartford Daily Courant*, 05 Jan 2004, page 12 (see page 22): <https://www.newspapers.com/image/257090122/>

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JENSON. Lt. Col. Carl Daniels Jenson, USAF Ret., 86, of 45 Highland St., Wethersfield, died Thursday (Nov. 25) at the Connecticut Veterans Hospital in Rocky Hill. He was the husband of Mary Goodrich Jenson. The son of William Carl and Maude Daniels Jenson, he was born August 23, 1907 in River Falls, Wisconsin. His secondary school years were spent in Pasadena, California, where the family lived after his father's retirement. He attended Dartmouth College, Class of 1930. He met and married his wife of 53 years when both were associated with the Walt Disney Studio in Burbank, California. Returning to Goodrich homestead in Wethersfield to live with Mrs. Jenson's invalid mother in 1942, Mr. Jenson joined the Hartford Courant staff that year. In 1943, he entered military service, and graduated from Officers Candidate School as a First Lieutenant. He served with the Army Air Corps in France and Italy to the end of World War II. Joining the Connecticut Air National Guard on his return, his Courant career was again interrupted when the State unit was called to serve in the Korean War. He was active in the Guard, a past president of the Flying Yankee Officers Club, until his retirement in 1966 as a State Colonel. Some years later, he was chosen to write the 50-year history of the Guard, "Flying Yankees, 1923-1973". Returning from Korea,

he resumed work at the Courant, and had been Real Estate Editor for several years before his 1968 retirement. He was awarded "Best Home Selection" by the National Association of Real Estate Editors and "Award for Superior Journalism" by the National Association of Home Builders, among a number of citations. He was a member of the Courant's 25-year retirees Thomas Green Club. Besides his wife, he leaves a son and daughter-in-law, William Goodrich and Sandra Perry Jenson of Arlington, Va.; a daughter and son-in-law, Ann Jenson and Lynn Anthony White of North Haven; and four grandchildren, Carl F. and Kristin P. Jenson, and Daniels G. and Dean B. White. Burial will be private. There are no calling hours. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, November 30, 2 p.m., at the First Church of Christ, Congregational, in Wethersfield, with Reverend Donald Morgan officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made as the donor wishes. Arrangements are being handled by the James T. Pratt Funeral Service, Wethersfield.

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Obituary

Carl D. Jenson, 86; former Courant editor

Carl Daniels Jenson of Wethersfield, a retired, award-winning editor at The Courant, died Thursday at the Connecticut Veterans Hospital in Rocky Hill. He was 86.

Mr. Jenson began his writing career with Disney Studios after graduating from Dartmouth College in 1930.

As promotion and publicity director for the newly emerging company, Mr. Jenson was on hand during the creation of some of the studio's most famous animated films, including "Pinocchio" and "Alice in Wonderland".

While working at the studio in

California, Mr. Jenson, a Wisconsin native, met and married Mary Goodrich of Wethersfield, Conn., a researcher at the studio.

Soon after moving to Connecticut in the early '40s, Mr. Jenson took a reporting job at The Courant. He soon left the paper to serve during the war with the Army Air Corps.

Upon his return, Mr. Jenson resumed work at The Courant and became a member of the Connecticut Air National Guard. He was called to active duty again during the Korean Conflict.

During that time, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Mr. Jenson became editor of the Sunday Real Estate and Home Section in 1957 after having covered Hartford City Hall for several years.

Mr. Jenson told a Courant reporter for a July 1971 article — shortly before his retirement — that he covered Hartford politics during a historic time, citing the city's transition to a council-manager form of government.

During Mr. Jenson's years as an editor, he was recognized by his peers and other professional groups for his accomplishments in journalism.

In addition, Mr. Jenson was a member of The Courant's Thomas Green Club for 25-year retirees and a past president of the Yankee Flying Club.

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JENSON, Mary (Goodrich)

Mary (Goodrich) Jenson, 96, of Wethersfield, loving wife of the late Carl D. Jenson, died Sunday, (January 4, 2004) at Hartford Hospital. Born in Hartford, a daughter of the late James Raymond and Ella (Reed) Goodrich, she had resided in Wethersfield for most of her life. Mary met her late husband in the late 1930's while she was working for the Walt Disney Corporation in Southern California. In 1999, Mary was inducted into the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame for being the first female pilot from Connecticut to receive her license in 1928, and also for being the first female aviation editor and reporter for The Hartford Courant newspaper. She was a long-time member of the First Church of Christ Congregational, Wethersfield and of the Wethersfield Board of Education. Mary was also a member of The Hartford Golf Club, the Town & County Club of Hartford, The Ninety Nines, Wethersfield Historical Society, Wethersfield Republican Town Committee, Wadsworth Atheneum, the Connecticut Historical Society, the Motor Corps during World War II, and the MAD Money Investment Club. Although being very active with these organizations, Mary still found time to volunteer for the Salvation Army, reading books, playing bridge, and bowl-

ing. Besides her beloved husband and parents, Mary was predeceased by two brothers, William Judd Goodrich of West Hartford and James Stillman Goodrich of Wethersfield; two nieces, Elizabeth Haefs of Wethersfield and Judith Byers of Glastonbury. Mrs. Jenson is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, William G. and Sandra Jenson of Arlington, VA; a daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Lynn Anthony White of North Haven; four grandchildren, Carl F. Jenson of Arlington, VA, Kristin P. Jenson of San Diego, CA, Daniels G. White of Quincy, MA, Dean B. White of North Haven; a niece, Mary Budd and her husband, Edward of Glastonbury; and a nephew, William J. Goodrich Jr. and his wife, Laura of Simsbury. A memorial service will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 7 at 2 p.m. at the First Church of Christ Congregational, 250 Main Street, Wethersfield with the Rev. Dr. J. Jey Deifell, Jr. officiating. Private burial will be at the convenience of the family at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Mary's name may be made to the Salvation Army, 855 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, 06105. The James T. Pratt Funeral Service of Wethersfield is entrusted with the arrangements.

Goodrich Island: Florida Audubon Society Bird Sanctuary near Vero Beach

~Contributed by William Judd Goodrich III



Goodrich Island in the St. Sebastian River was donated by the Goodrich family to the Florida Audubon Society, now Audubon of Florida. The island's history and status as a bird sanctuary was apparently a surprise to Pam Cooper, the Director of the Archive Center at the Indian River County Main Library in Vero Beach (as well as the rest of us), when she stumbled upon information about the island. It was our surprise when an article about what she uncovered appeared in the September 2022 issue of Space Coast Living magazine.

That story is available to read online at <https://spacecoastliving.com/x-marks-the-spot> (Editor – also Janie Gould version at: <https://indianrivermagazine.com/x-marks-the-spot/>).

Pam, with the assistance of the Goodrich home current owners, was able to locate descendants of the Goodrichs who provided a wealth of information and historic photos of the property in Roseland, FL.

We thank them for the use of those photos here in this presentation. Additional aerial photos were provided thanks to Jeff Howe.

“X Marks the Spot” (paraphrased from Janie Gould in: *Indian River Magazine*, May 2023)

<https://indianrivermagazine.com/x-marks-the-spot/>



Boaters and kayakers can look for birds and other wildlife on Goodrich Island in the Sebastian River, but only from the water or a dock. The Audubon Society of Florida owns the 4.7-acre island, which is off limits to humans. (Jason Hook).

A little-known island sanctuary for birds in Brevard County, Florida is finally getting some recognition, thanks to the efforts of a history researcher who learned about it recently by accident.



Pam Cooper was doing research about the Roseland community just south of the Brevard County line, when she happened upon a mention of a 4.7-acre spot of land in the Sebastian River called Goodrich Island, which is owned by the Audubon Society of Florida.

Cooper learned that unlike the iconic Pelican Island bird preserve in the Indian River Lagoon, Goodrich Island used to be privately owned. It was part of a grand estate built near the river in the late 1920s by Connecticut residents **James and Ella Goodrich** (photo-left).

James and Ella Goodrich, who came from Wethersfield, Connecticut, first visited Roseland in 1919 and were so captivated by the abundance of birds that they built their winter home, a few years later, on the southern banks of the Sebastian River.

Attracted to Roseland because of its abundance of birds, the Goodrichs first visited in 1919, the Orlando Sentinel noted in a 1966 report. They stayed at the Bay View Hotel on the north side of the river, which gave them a magnificent view of the waterway and of the land on the south side, where they would eventually build. The property they bought in 1925 included the 4.7-acre island. Ella Goodrich, described by the newspaper as an ardent conservationist, wanted to set the island aside as a wildlife preserve.

Their two-story house had a cellar as well as a “most inviting swimming pool,” the Press Journal noted on March 5, 1929. The pool, about 20 by 50 feet in size, was 10 feet deep and had a diving board with platform. Well water flowed into it from the mouths of four lion statues at each corner of the pool. The Goodrichs allowed churches to use it for full-immersion baptisms.



Statues of lions stand at each corner of the Art Deco style swimming pool built in the late 1920s by James and Ella Goodrich. (Jason Hook)

The Rev. J. C. DuBose, founding pastor of First Baptist Church in Vero Beach, conducted at least one baptism there, the Press Journal reported on March 19, 1929. “Immediately after services a candidate for baptism was immersed by Brother DuBose in the concrete swimming pool at Roseland, on the beautiful estate of Mr. and Mrs. James Goodrich,” the newspaper said.

CIVIC MINDED

Ella Goodrich also immersed herself in civic activities, and by 1929 was president of the Roseland Women’s Club. The local newspaper also took note of that, reporting on May 7, 1929, that she

gave an interesting account of the club's activities: "...the amounts raised and spent, and most interesting of all, the amount remaining in the treasury, being the magnificent sum of five cents. However, they are clear of all debt, and have their club insured for three years."



This early view shows the river from the back of the property.



The Goodrich couple allowed churches to use the pool for full-immersion baptisms.

James Goodrich died Oct. 10, 1929, at the age of 69,¹³ just two years after building the Florida house. His obituary in the Hartford Courant noted that he was a former state senator and head of the Hartford and New York Transportation Co. and of the Hartford Street Railway Co. His family had settled in Wethersfield, Connecticut, in the 17th century.

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J. R. Goodrich Dies Following Long Illness

**Well-Known Member of
Prominent Wethersfield
Family Victim of Heart
Trouble**

James R. Goodrich, former representative from Wethersfield in the General Assembly, and a well-known member of one of the oldest families in that town, died early Friday morning at the Goodrich homestead, 212 Jordan Lane. He had been ill of heart trouble for the past two years.

The funeral will be held at his home, Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Warren S. Archibald, pastor of the South Congregational Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Goodrich was born in Hartford, August 20, 1860, and was the son of the late Elizur S. Goodrich, former state senator and for many years head of the Hartford and New York Transportation Company and the Hartford Street Railway Company. He was descended from William Goodrich of Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk County, England, who settled in Wethersfield in 1635, and who built the homestead in which Mr. Goodrich died.

During the past two years he had confined his activities to the administration of his father's estate. He was connected with his father for some time with the transportation company, operators of the New York boat line, and later with the Connecticut Company. Both companies were taken over later by the Consolidated Railroad Company.

Following his father's death, at the age of 92, in 1926, Mr. Goodrich succeeded him in some of his business interests and was president of the Middletown Coal Company and a director of the Hartford Battery Company.

Mr. Goodrich attended the Wadsworth Street School (Chauncey Harris) and was a prominent member of the South School Association of the Seventies. He was also a member of the Mayflower Society, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Hartford Club, the City Club and the Wethersfield Golf Club.

An active Republican in town politics, Mr. Goodrich served as representative from Wethersfield in the General Assembly, and while there was a member of the cities and boroughs committee.

Besides his wife, Mr. Goodrich leaves two sons, James Stillman Goodrich and William Judd Goodrich; a daughter, Mary Hammer Goodrich, a member of the editorial staff of The Courant; all of whom live in Wethersfield, and a sister, Mrs. George H. Gilman of Hartford.

Widow Ella (Reed) Goodrich continued to spend winters in Roseland, buying, in 1939, the old Sebastian Mercantile Co. building on North Main Street and continuing to enhance the family's winter home. "The Waldren Landscape Service is greatly improving the home of Mrs. James Goodrich," the paper reported on May 10, 1940. "They are planting shrubs and flowers of all kinds and building a tennis court and a lily pond; Mrs. Goodrich will also have palm trees planted on the main streets of town as a gift to Roseland".

¹³ Newspapers.com: The Hartford Daily Courant, 12 Oct 1929, page 17: <https://www.newspapers.com/image/369194244/>



The diving board had been removed by the time this aerial photo was made, but the platform remained. The new owners use it as a decorative touch, positioning a large vase on the top step.

DOLPHINETTES PRACTICE POOL

Ella also opened her pool to Red Cross water safety classes in the late 1940s. Students who completed the course of instruction included Mildred Carter Bunnell, who later ran the Dolphinettes, a synchronized swimming team that brought national attention to Vero Beach in the 1950s. The team of girls from Vero Beach High School performed at the Cypress Gardens attraction in Winter Haven, swam for a Red Cross benefit in Vero Beach and even appeared on Jack Parr's late-night TV talk show in New York City.

When Ella (Reed) Goodrich died on 10 Apr 1963 at the age of 91,¹⁴ the Hartford Courant noted she was a founder of the Women's Association of Wethersfield and supported the Wethersfield Public Library through the Ella R. Goodrich Library Fund. She also was a past president of the American Legion Auxiliary in her Connecticut hometown.

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**NEWS
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Governor-General Stricken in Canada

OTTAWA (AP) — Canada's Governor-General George P. Vanier suffered a slight heart attack Tuesday and has canceled official engagements for the next six weeks, Government House announced Wednesday.

The governor-general is the representative of Queen Elizabeth II in Canada and thus a central figure by protocol in the controversial transition of power from Prime Minister John Diefenbaker's Conservatives to the newly triumphant Liberal Party of Lester B. Pearson.

General Vanier has been governor-general since Sept. 15, 1958. He will be 73 on April 23.

Thresher Rammed By Tug Last June

GROTON (AP) — The nuclear submarine Thresher, apparently lost in the Atlantic Wednesday, suffered minor damage in Florida last June.

The sub was backing at Port Canaveral when it was rammed by a tug. A three-foot gash was ripped in the hull over the ballast tanks.

However, the damage was so slight that Thresher was able to make it all the way to the Electric Boat shipyard here for repairs.

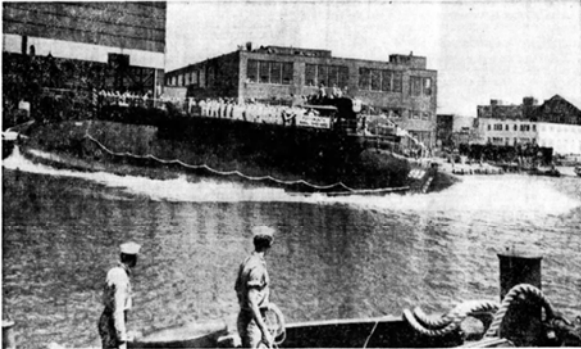
Navy Says Oil Sighted After Dive by Thresher

WASHINGTON (AP) — The atomic submarine Thresher, carrying 129 men, vanished Wednesday after a steep test dive in the Atlantic. The Navy said it "appears to be lost." The Navy said an oil slick had been sighted—the traditional sign that a submarine has met disaster. A flicker of hope remained that the Thresher may have surfaced in rough waters and was having communications trouble.

An attack sub designed for use against other submarines and surface vessels, the Thresher last was heard from at 9:17 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on Wednesday. There was no word from her 12 hours later—when the Navy reported the sighting of the oil slick.

Other Details, List Of Crew on Page 11

The sub was in a deep test dive and apparently failed to come up. The craft was missing some 220 miles east of Boston—in an area



ATOMIC SUBMARINE THERESHER REPORTED MISSING: The atomic submarine Thresher, shown being launched here first at Portsmouth, N.H., Navy Yard July 9, 1960, is missing in the Atlantic (AP Wirephotos).



SUB TEST SITE: Cross location

Mrs. Ella R. Goodrich, 91, Dies, Civic Leader

Mrs. Ella Reed Goodrich, 91, of 212 Jordan La., Wethersfield, widow of James R. Goodrich, a leader in Wethersfield's social and community life for many years, died Wednesday at her home.

Born in Worcester, Mass., Sept. 3, 1871, she lived much of her life in Wethersfield. She was a founder of the Women's Assn. of Wethersfield in 1921, and was first president and honorary life president of the association. In her honor, the association established the Ella R. Goodrich Library Fund, which was used to furnish and equip the Wethersfield Room in the Wethersfield Public Library. She was past president of the American Legion Auxiliary, Bourne-Keeney Post, and was active in the community and civic affairs of the town until about 10 years ago.



(From early photo)
MRS. ELLA R. GOODRICH

Husband Died in 1929

Her late husband, who died in 1929, was a descendant of the Goodriches who settled Wethersfield in 1634. He was associated with his father in the Hartford and Wethersfield Horse Railway Co. and the Hartford and New York Transportation Co., which operated a steamship between Hartford and New York.

Mrs. Goodrich, the dowager of the Goodrich family, lived in the family home on Jordan Lane, the center of what was once a large farm, Goodwin Park, the New

Labor Department building and the Hartford Electric Light Co. are on what was part of the Goodrich farm.

She leaves two sons, William J. Goodrich of West Hartford and James G. Goodrich of Wethersfield; a daughter, Mrs. Mary G. Jensen of Wethersfield; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services and burial will be private. The James T. Pratt Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

¹⁴ Newspapers.com: The Hartford Daily Courant, 11 Apr 1963, page 30: <https://www.newspapers.com/image/370635853/>
Coverage of the loss of the nuclear-powered US Navy submarine Thresher the day before on 10 Apr 1963 also appears on page 1.

Ella (Reed) Goodrich had sold the Florida property, including Goodrich Island, to her daughter, Mary (Goodrich) Jenson, in 1944. In the 1960s, the members of the Roseland Garden Club were startled to learn that the Florida Flood Control District, the precursor to today's water management districts, had planned to destroy the island by dumping spoilage on it from a dredging project, as reported by the Orlando Sentinel.

Officials apparently didn't realize the island was privately owned. Jenson acted quickly to protect the island by donating it to the Florida Audubon Society, which still owns it. Like Pelican Island, Goodrich Island is off limits to humans, who can view birds from boats or kayaks. Signs will be posted to mark the island as an Audubon-protected bird sanctuary.



An ancient live oak dripping with Spanish moss gives an old-Florida look to the property. (Jason Hook)



Fountain in the patio gives a Mediterranean look in keeping with the Moorish architecture of the original house.



The poolside Victrola provided early 20th century entertainment for family-visitors enjoying a respite from the heat.

AVIATION, JOURNALISM PIONEER

Mary Goodrich Jenson, who died in 2004 at the age of 96, accomplished a great deal during her long life. In 1928 she became the first woman in Connecticut to earn a pilot's license. She was the first woman to fly solo to Cuba, presumably from Florida, said William Goodrich III, her nephew two generations removed.

"I knew her well and loved all her stories," Goodrich said. "Her license was signed by one of the Wright brothers. I saw it once. She was friends with Amelia Earhart and helped to start the 99ers [pilots], a group still active today. She also was the first woman hired as a byline writer for the Hartford Courant."

She also became the Courant's first aviation editor. In the 1930s, while she was employed by the Walt Disney Corporation in Southern California, Mary wrote the script for the original Dumbo movie and drafted the first treatment for what would much later become the movie Frozen. She was inducted into the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame in 1999.

"My favorite story she used to tell was when back in the 1920s she was writing for the Courant and flying around the Hartford area in her Fairchild plane, she would fly low by the family house on Jordan Lane and yell to the family that she'd be home for dinner soon," Goodrich said. "It was an open cockpit plane, so I guess that was possible!"

Goodrich, 41, a businessman and entrepreneur in Boulder, Colorado, never knew his great-grandparents and hasn't visited their old estate, which was sold before he was born.



The new owners of the property are restoring the guest cottage to its original look, with Dade County pine on the floors and bead board on the walls.



The imposing Goodrich home no longer exists. It burned to the ground in the 1930s; another house occupies the site.

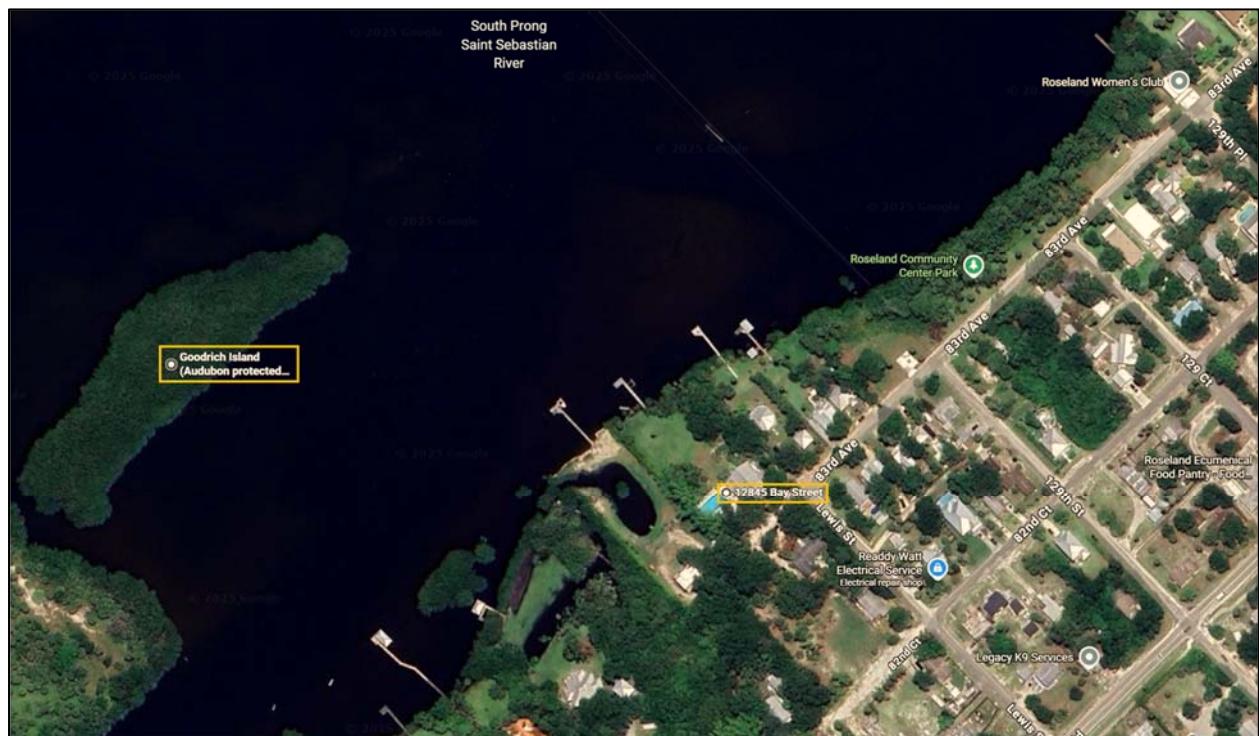
ON THE MAP

Goodrich Island never appeared on a map until Pam Cooper dug into its history and established that it is owned by the Audubon Society of Florida. She and Bill Goodrich were able to get it listed in the U.S. Geological Survey and placed on Google Maps.

“Now we have it on the map,” she said. “Two weeks ago it wasn’t on any map.” Goodrich hopes to visit his great-grandparents’ old estate one of these days. “I’m really eager to make a trip out there soon to see the area, hopefully swim in the old pool, and definitely take a kayak out to and around the island,” he said. He’ll also be able to see Jensen’s initials, MHG, and the date 1-11-28, set in concrete on the diving board platform of the pool she enjoyed so long ago.



The initials of daughter Mary Hanmer Goodrich are set in concrete with the date she was spending time at the pool.



*(William Judd Goodrich III): **Goodrich Island** (offshore); ~800 feet from **12845 Bay Street** site of summer home-pool once owned by James Goodrich (1860-1929) and Ella (Reed) Goodrich (1871-1963) in Roseland, Indian River, FL.*

Goodrich Surname DNA Project: August 2025 Update, Including NGS Y-SNP Summary

~ Editor

The Goodrich Surname DNA Project has: 96 Y-STR kits, 59 mt-DNA kits, 98 Family Finder kits, and 29 Next-Generation Sequencing Y-SNP tests. See: <https://goodrichfamilyassoc.org/dna/dnaresults.pdf>

Felsham Goodrich NGS Y-SNP Testing Developments

Each of the 27 Felsham Goodrich Y-descendant kits currently in the Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) Y-SNP Project, which began in 2012-2013 when the FTDNA Big Y and FGC Y-Elite tests became available after the preliminary Walk-through-the-Y test in 2012, now has a proposed or known Y-ancestry supported by at least one shared Y-SNP mutation, or one shared Y-STR mutation, or as seen most recently for the first time with G-53, a Y-SNP mutation on a Y-STR marker (Figure 1).

Y-SNP mutations on Y-STR markers are normally disregarded, since Y-SNP mutations are permanent, while Y-STR mutations and markers are not permanent and are even reversible. Though a Y-SNP mutation on a Y-STR marker is permanent, it can lose its unique nucleotide environment on the Y-chromosome, which is utilized in its detection on the Y-chromosome, if the Y-STR marker mutates.

The Y-SNP mutation 17.a on the Y-STR marker DYS557 was verified by YFull as acceptable evidence of a closer relation between G-101, G-162 and G-53. No other Y-SNP mutations on Y-STR markers have been found so far. Any kind of Y-SNP mutation, whether in an optimal stable location or not, would be helpful in establishing the Y-ancestry of G-50 and G-121: the two kits in the project who Y-descend from William-1 Goodrich/Goodridge of Watertown, Massachusetts. It remains to be seen if the processing or interpretation of NGS Y-SNP tests can be revised to find and display potentially useful Y-SNP mutations on any of the 700 Y-STR markers in the Big Y-700 NGS Y-SNP test. For now, refinements of ancestral placements shown in Figure 1 relies primarily on finding genealogical records, and using the ancestral placements suggested by Y-SNP mutations to facilitate the focus of the genealogical research.

For now, regarding the Y-ancestry of William-1 Goodridge of Watertown, MA: the DYS390 = 25 mutation (6.9% of *E-Z5018*) that all Y-descendants of William-1 Goodridge share with all Y-descendants of William-1 Goodrich of Wethersfield, CT, not shared with any Y-descendants of Thomas-1 Goodrich of Old Rappahannock, VA, who have DYS390 = 24 (78.2% of *E-Z5018*), appears to support a first cousin relationship between William-1 Goodridge of MA and William-1 Goodrich of Wethersfield, CT, and their second cousin relationship with Thomas-1 Goodrich of Old Rappahannock, VA. Conversely, the odds of two separate DYS390 = 24 to 25 mutations (*without considering the timing requirement of ~1580-1609*), is: $0.069 \times 0.069 = 0.0048$, or 1 in 210. The only possible ancestral placement consistent with first cousin relationship makes William-1 Goodridge of Watertown, MA, the son: _____ *Goodrich*, who was baptized 11 Jun 1609 at Hessel, Suffolk, England, as the eldest son of William Goodrich II of Hessel (1580-1646) and wife Barbara Cole, who married at Hessel 16 May 1608.¹⁵ It is noteworthy that the first name of this eldest son would be William whether his namesake was his father or his paternal grandfather. And *William Goodrich III* of Hessel did name his eldest son, born 04 Oct 1632 in Woolverstone, Suffolk, *William Goodrich IV*; about 7 months before *William Goodrich IV* died in Woolverstone on 30 Apr 1633.¹⁶

E-V13...E-Z16242 and E-V12...E-Y2846 in the Second Punic War (218-202 BCE)?

The Felsham, Suffolk, England Goodrich Y-SNP Y-DNA haplogroup E-V13...E-Z16242...E-L1019 project has recently been diversified in scope to include, in a separate project, Y-descendants of one of my paternal non-Goodrich ancestors, whose Y-DNA haplogroup is E-V12...E-Y2846. Evidence suggests the possibility that the geography of these two Y-descendant lines converged in ancient times (Figures 2-6).

¹⁵ Church of England Records of St. Ethelbert Parish, Hessel, Suffolk, England.

¹⁶ Church of England Records of St. Michael Parish, Woolverstone, Suffolk, England.

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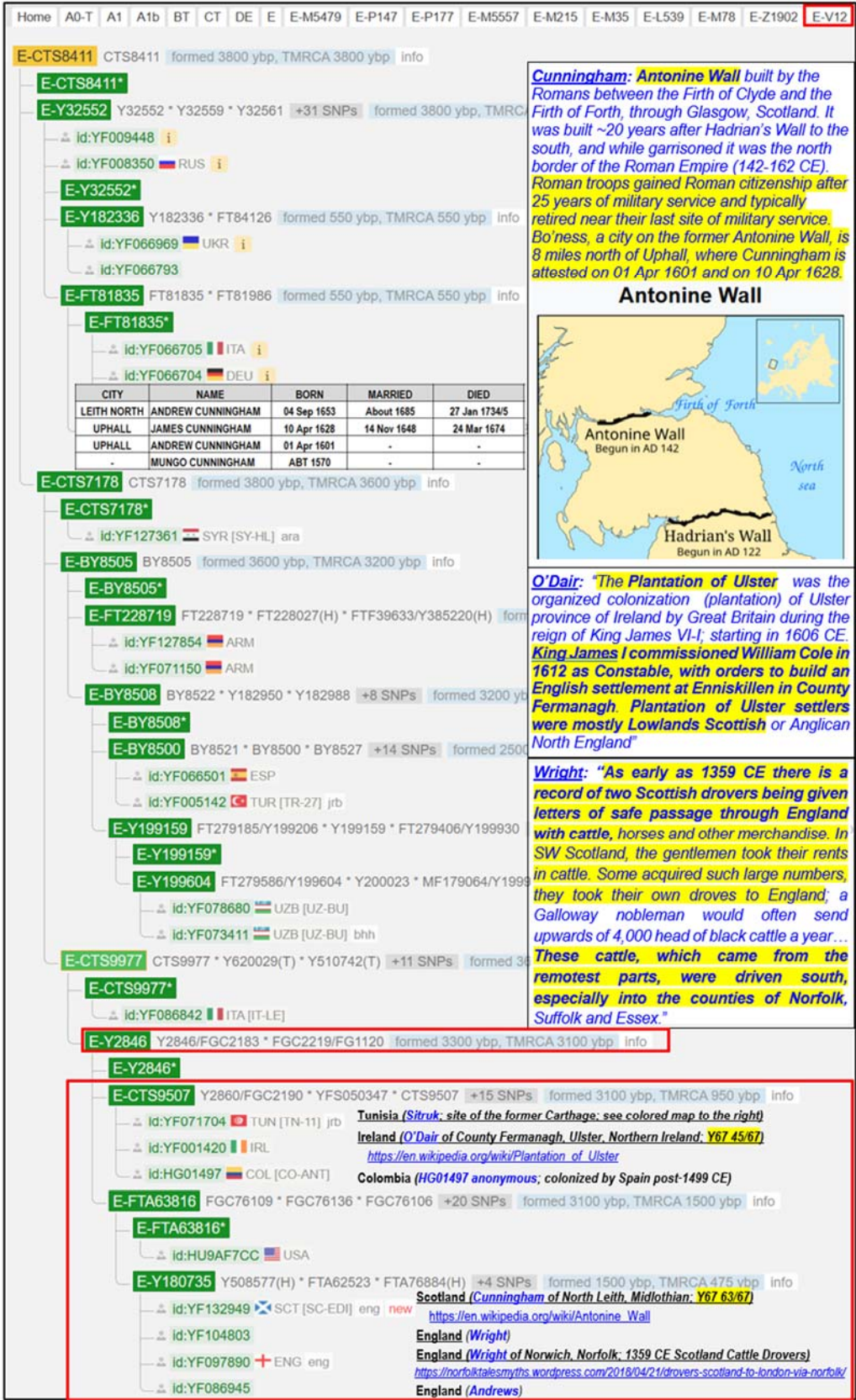


Figure 2. NGS Y-SNP Tests: E-V12...E-Y2846 on YFull Tree with Discussion (active links on page 40)

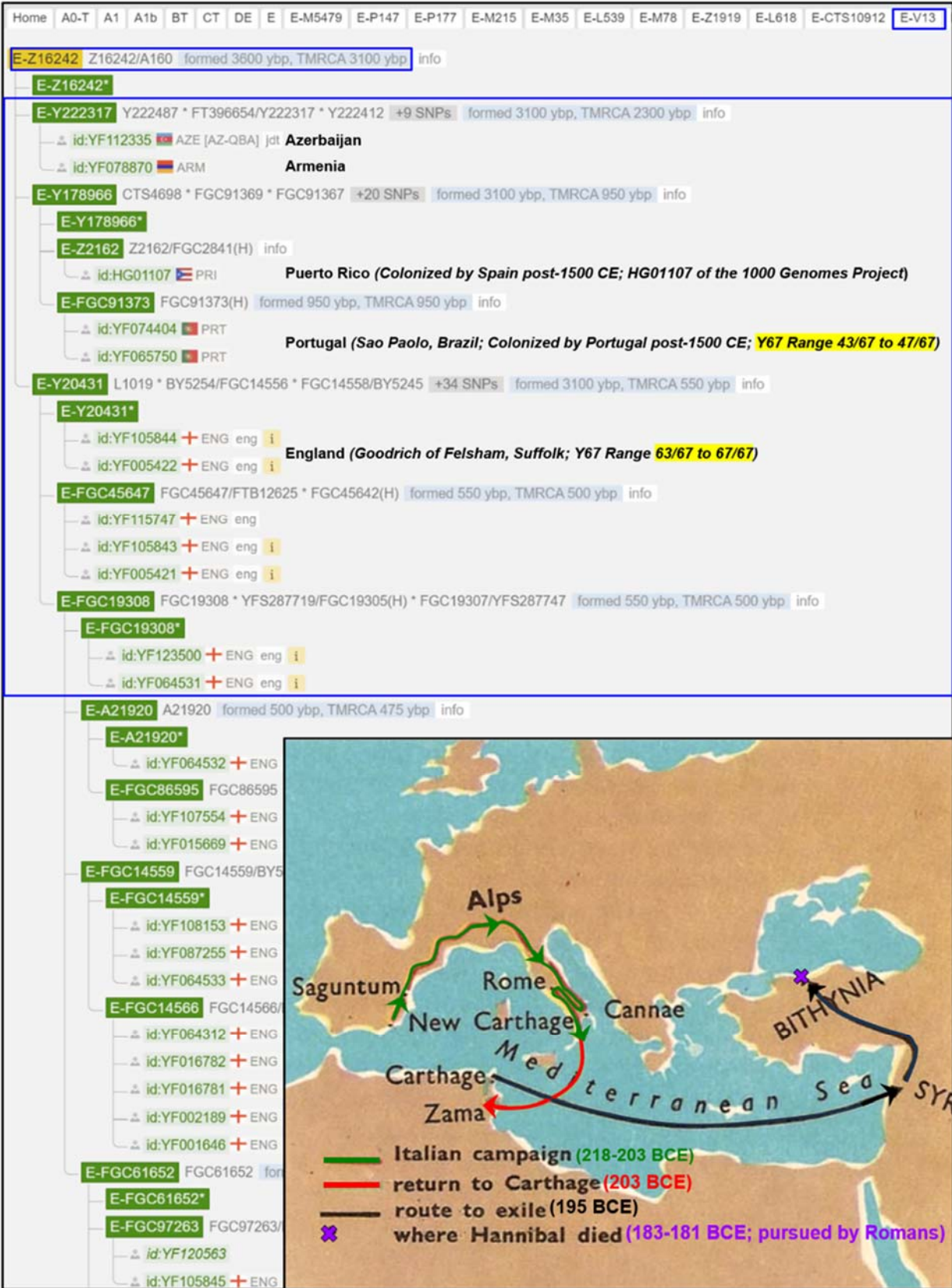


Figure 3. NGS Y-SNP Tests: E-V13...E-Z16242 on the YFull Tree with a Map Discussion



Figure 4. E-V13...BY3880...Z5018...Z16242 and E-V12...CTS8411...CTS9977...Y2846 in the Second Punic War(?)
Carthaginian General Hannibal Crosses the Pyrenees and the Alps with Elephants to Surprise Attack Rome

Second Punic War (218–201 BCE): https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Roman_external_wars_and_battles

Outcome Key (chronological below):

Roman Victory in Italy, **Roman Victory in Hispania**, **Roman Victory in Africa**,
Carthaginian Victory in Italy, **Carthaginian Victory in Hispania**

218 BCE

- **Battle of Lilybaeum** – First naval clash between Carthage and Rome during the Second Punic War; Roman victory.
- **Battle of Cissa** – Romans defeat Carthaginians near **Tarraco** and gain control of the territory north of the **Ebro River**.
- **Battle of the Ticinus** – Hannibal defeats the Romans under **Publius Cornelius Scipio** the elder in a cavalry fight.
- **Battle of the Trebia** – Hannibal defeats the Romans under **Tiberius Sempronius Longus** with the use of an ambush.

217 BCE

- **Battle of Ebro River** – In a surprise attack, Romans defeat and capture the Carthaginian fleet in **Hispania**.
- **Battle of Lake Trasimene** – In another ambush, Hannibal destroys the Roman army of **Gaius Flaminius**, who is killed.
- **Battle of Ager Falernus** – Avoiding destruction with deceit, Hannibal escapes Fabius' trap in this small skirmish.

216 BCE

- **Battle of Cannae** – Hannibal destroys the main Roman army of **Lucius Aemilius Paulus** and **Publius Terentius Varro** in a masterpiece of tactical military warfare.
- **Battle of Silva Litana** – The Boii ambushed and destroyed a Roman army of 25,000 men.
- **First Battle of Nola** – Roman general **Marcus Claudius Marcellus** holds off an attack by Hannibal.
- **Battle of Cornus**, **Battle of Hibera**, **Battle of Cumae**.

215 BCE

- **Second Battle of Nola** – Marcellus again repulses an attack by Hannibal.

214 BCE

- **Third Battle of Nola** – Marcellus fights an inconclusive battle with Hannibal.

212 BCE

- **First Battle of Capua** – Hannibal defeats the consuls **Q. Fulvius Flaccus** and **Appius Claudius**; Roman army escapes.
- **Battle of the Silarus** – Hannibal destroys the army of the Roman praetor **M. Centenius Penula**.
- **Battle of Herdonia** – Hannibal destroys the Roman army of the praetor **Gnaeus Fulvius**.

211 BCE

- **Battle of the Upper Baetis** – **Publius** and **Gnaeus Cornelius Scipio** are killed in battle with the Carthaginians under **Hasdrubal Barca**.
- **Second Battle of Capua** – Hannibal is not able to break the Roman siege of the city.

210 BCE

- **Second Battle of Herdonia** – Hannibal destroys the Roman army of **Fulvius Centumalus**, who is killed.
- **Battle of Numistro** – Hannibal defeats Marcellus once more.

209 BCE

- **Battle of Asculum** – Hannibal once again defeats Marcellus, in an indecisive battle.

208 BCE

- **Battle of Baecula** – Romans in **Hispania (Iberia)** under **P. Cornelius Scipio the Younger** defeat **Hasdrubal Barca**.

207 BCE

- **Battle of Grumentum** – Roman general **Gaius Claudius Nero** fights an indecisive battle with Hannibal.
- **Battle of the Metaurus** – Hasdrubal is defeated and killed by Nero's Roman army.
- **Battle of Carmona** – Romans under **Publius Cornelius Scipio** besiege city of Carmona, taking it from **Hasdrubal Gisco**.

206 BCE

- **Battle of Hipa** – **Scipio** again decisively defeats the remaining Carthaginian forces in **Hispania**.
- **Battle of the Guadalquivir** – Roman army under **Gaius Lucius Marcius Séptimus** defeats a Carthaginian army under **Hannón** at **Guadalquivir**.
- **Battle of Carteia** – Roman fleet under **Gaius Laelius** defeats a Carthaginian fleet under **Adherbal**.

204 BCE

- **Battle of Crotona** – Hannibal fights a drawn battle against the Roman general **Sempronius** in Southern Italy.

203 BCE

- **Battle of Bagradas** – Romans under **Scipio** defeat the Carthaginian army of **Hasdrubal Gisco** and **Syphax**. Hannibal is sent to return to Africa.

202 BCE

- **19 October** – **Battle of Zama** – **Scipio Africanus Major** decisively defeats **Hannibal** in North Africa, ending the Second Punic War.

Figure 5. Battle Timeline in the Second Punic War (218 BCE – 202 BCE) Highlighting Province of Hispania

- Since Y-DNA testing became available in 2000, and especially since next-generation-sequencing Y-SNP testing became available in 2012-2013, the ancient origin of Felsham, Suffolk, England Goodrich is now considered more likely to be associated with soldiers of the ancient Roman Republic and Roman Empire, with a tentative postulated emphasis on Italy/Italia (Roman Republic), Portugal/Hispania (Roman Republic/Empire), and England/Britannia (Roman Empire). It must be noted, however, that a single Y-SNP kit with surname Goodrich who Y-descends from a different Goodrich immigrant ancestor was found to be the typical Anglo-Saxon R-M269...R-U106, yet surprisingly in this case Goodrich E-V13...E-Z16242...E-L1019, which is expected to be the outlier, since Godric is in fact Saxon, is actually the prevalent Goodrich.
- Cunningham is a common surname in Scotland; however, Cunningham in Scotland is overwhelmingly Y-DNA haplogroup R-M269 (as is all of Scotland), while the immigrant glassmaker Andrew Cunningham of North Leith, Midlothian, Scotland is Y-DNA haplogroup E-V12...E-Y2846...E-Y180735.
 - <https://www.familytreedna.com/public/cunningham?iframe=ydna-results-overview>
- Wright is a common surname in England; yet Wright (also Andrews) in England is mainly Y-DNA haplogroup R-M269 vs. Norwich Wright is E-V12...E-Y2846...E-Y180735.
 - <https://www.familytreedna.com/public/Wright?iframe=ydna-results-overview>



Figure 6. E-V12...E-Y2846 Surname Origins in the United Kingdom

E-V12...E-Y2846 Wright - Scotland to 14th Century Norfolk Cattle Drovers Near the Time of the Great Plague:

<https://norfolktalesmyths.wordpress.com/2018/04/21/drovers-scotland-to-london-via-norfolk/>

E-V12...E-Y2846 O'Dair - Plantation of Ulster (Northern Ireland):

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plantation_of_Ulster

E-V12...E-Y2846 Cunningham – Construction of the Antonine Wall by the Roman Empire in 142-160s CE:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antonine_Wall